

THE BRITISH PACIFIC SQUADRON.

In view of the probability of extensive privations on this coast under Russian auspices, should war break out between that nation and England, the strength of the British Pacific Squadron on the Pacific becomes an interesting subject. The British Pacific Squadron is commanded by Rear Admiral ALGERNON F. R. DE ROUSE, aboard the flagship *Shah*, carrying twenty-six guns and of 6040 tons. The *Shah* visited this port last year and lay for some weeks close upon the route of the Oakland and San Francisco ferry boats, so that thousands of our citizens had a fine opportunity of seeing her. She is not an ironclad, as many suppose, but a first-class cruiser, with a full crew of officers and men, and is said to be swift as the *Alabama*, and a splendid fighter. While off the coast of Peru en route to this port, she had a brush with a Peruvian ram and very soon put that vessel upon her running metal. There are nine other vessels—all steamers—belonging to this squadron, though they are scattered from Chile to Alaska and from this coast to the Sonoran Islands. Their names, guns and tonnage are as follows:

Allies.	Guns.	Tonnage.
<i>Amethyst</i>	14	1934
<i>Turquoise</i>	12	1864
<i>Rocket</i>	4	584
<i>Daring</i>	4	894
<i>Fantome</i>	4	894
<i>Opal</i>	14	1864
<i>Osprey</i>	6	1124
<i>Penguin</i>	6	1124
<i>Shah</i>	26	6040

The whole number of guns is 94; but the *Amethyst* (14 guns) is ordered home. This squadron can be recruited from the China seas, in thirty or forty days, by several vessels of the *Amethyst* class, and by ten or a dozen, such as the *Egeria*, *Lapwing*, *Lily*, *Frolic*, *Growler*, *Hart* and *Hornet*, of the class of the *Fantome*, carrying each four guns. In short, if the privations go into business, as is threatened, the British Pacific Squadron can in a few weeks make it very lively for them.

There is little, if any, change in the aspect of affairs in the manufacturing districts of England. The strike is extending in Lancashire, and the distress is rapidly increasing. In other places notices of a reduction of wages have been given and these are met with a determination to strike. On each side a spirit of resolution, not to say defiance, is manifesting itself. The employers plead that they are compelled to take this step; the laborers reply that it is impossible to live upon the proffered wages. Hence a feeling of bitter antagonism is springing up, and the prospects for the country are not very alluring. Already much poverty prevails; and if the strike continues, starvation must ensue.

MORE COLLEGE TROUBLES.—Last week the students of Williams College distinguished themselves by a flagrant rebellion against the College discipline. A Junior, who acted as janitor of the Chapel, was reprimanded by President Chadbourne for not lighting the lamps on a dark evening, and revenged himself by afterwards flooding the building with artificial light at an unreasonable hour. For this offence he was promptly suspended. His classmates placed him in a carriage and drew him to the station, disregarding the efforts of a professor to prevent the riotous proceedings. At the station inflammatory speeches were made against the College authorities, the "spirit" of the suspended student eloquized, and insulting epithets applied to "old Chad." Other suspensions are likely to follow.

The state politics in Washington cannot be regarded as either creditable or satisfactory by those who desire the progress of legislation, and the business prosperity of the country. Unusually wrangling is the prevailing order among the Members of Congress. The reputed frauds in the Florida election have still continued to agitate the minds of both Senators and Representatives, and by the Democratic party a resolution has been avowed to make them the subject of official investigation. By the Judiciary Committee of the House it has been wisely resolved not to press the matter to such investigation.

The Dominion Government would seem to be making active preparations for the defence of the country in case of attack from the Fenians, or of a war between Great Britain and Russia. Report says that this action was taken on receipt of a cablegram from the Colonial Office, and of telegrams from Washington probably from the British Minister. Of course we can have no knowledge of the precise nature of these communications, but it is obvious they must have some relation to the pro-Russian and pro-Fenian movements which have been observed in the United States. In consequence of this information, the Government have given instructions to the colonel of a western battalion to have his men in readiness, and preparations have been ordered in Nova Scotia. Whatever the threatened danger may be, it is satisfactory to know that the Government are forewarned.

Advices from Santo Domingo represent that affairs in that Republic are very unsettled. Both claimants to the temporary Presidency, Guillermo at the capital, and Gonzalez at Santiago, are in hostile attitude, each claiming the legal right to the office. The party favoring Guillermo are styled the Blues, and the party of Gonzalez the Greens. The Chamber in session at the capital have appointed May 24 as the day for the election of a President.

The London Times publishes a letter, dated March 28, from a gentleman in New South Wales, stating positively that Trickett has no intention of visiting the United States to row Courtney.

Some more heirs of the late A. T. Stewart have appeared, and a new contest over his will has been begun. Though his will was long since admitted to probate, it is not too late to have the decision reversed.

The St. Andrews Standard.

Saint Andrews, May 22, 1878.

THE ELECTION.—The writs are returnable on the 29th June, not the 30th as stated in last issue; and from appearances every seat will be contested, owing to the number of Candidates seeking election, and surely when so many are offering themselves upon the altar of their country, for political honors, a selection can be made which will be satisfactory to the Constituency. The record of the three former members is before the electors, the new candidates are untried men, nevertheless among them are men of undoubted ability, whose talents and general knowledge of the requirements of the Province, and unblemished reputation, qualify them for legislators. The constituency of this County has been recognised for its independence and intelligence, and cannot be humbugged by blatant demagogues, who arrogate to themselves superior intelligence, but whose stock of political knowledge is a reproduction of stale arguments used by men in the legislatures who had an axe to grind. Charlotte County it is pleasant to be assured is no "rotten borough," and cannot be controlled by Dominion magnates or any other. The people are the masters of the situation, and will remain so.

QUEEN'S BIRTH DAY.—Our exchanges state, that preparations are being made to celebrate the Birth Day of our beloved Queen, in a becoming and loyal style. Military parades, inspections, and Royal Salutes are to take place. We hope to see the good old flag floating in the breeze from Fort Tipperary, and that some of our gallant volunteers will man the guns, as heretofore, and fire a royal salute. Her Most Gracious Majesty has no more attached subjects to her person and government than Canadians. Such demonstrations at the present juncture, when there are rumors of war, will have a good moral effect, and show, that the hearts of Britain's sons in the Dominion of Canada, beat in unison with those of their sires in the tight little isle, and that they are "Ready—aye ready."

The Circuit Court.—Was opened yesterday, His Honor Mr. Justice WELMOR, presiding. His Honor complimented the Grand Jury upon the absence of crime in the County. He had received a telegram the previous evening announcing the sudden death of Ex-Governor Wilnot, and referred in very feeling and eloquent terms to the deceased in his capacity as a legislator, a judge, a governor, and a citizen. Space will not permit of a full report of His Honor's able charge.

Only two cases were entered for trial: Marks vs. Love, for slander. G. S. Grimmer Q. C. for Piff. Stevens & Mitchell, for Def't. McDermott vs. Bonness, replevin. Stevens & Mitchell, Piffs. atty. L. A. Mills, Def't. atty. G. S. Grimmer, Q. C., Counsel.

Mr. MITCHELL has decided not to offer as a candidate. We are informed upon reliable authority that Mr. MAY of the *Courier*, will issue his card to the Electors.

THE BLUE RIBBON CLUBS are on the increase in the Dominion, and have assumed such proportions that it is reported, a gentleman is to be sent during the summer from Montreal to England, in connection with the Blue Ribbon Temperance movement, to give it an impetus in the Mother Country. The Good Templars have been greatly successful there.

ST. ANDREWS TOURISTS.—Our friend J. R. Bradford, Esq. writes us, that he and his fellow traveller Dr. Gove, expected to leave for home, on the 15th but not later than the 22nd inst. (to-day.) From his letter we learn that their tour has been very agreeable, and they worked night and day to see as much as possible in the short time allotted to make the tour. While in London they heard Cannon Lydden in St. Pauls, Dean Stanley in Westminster, and Mr. Spurgeon in the Tabernacle.

While in Paris they visited the great Exposition, and write in terms of praise of Dr. May, Canadian Commissioner, and Mr. Anand, who is in charge of the "Canadian Agency" in London. Both gentlemen are connected with the Exposition, and their attention and kindness to Mr. Bradford and the Doctor will not soon be forgotten. He writes in glowing terms of France, its climate, soil and agriculture. They have visited several places of note.

To attempt a description of what they saw in England and France would be quite out of the question, want of space compels our giving this very brief extract.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

Improvements.—His worship the Warden, has had some improvements made at the Court House; the Venetian blinds have been removed from the back of the building and placed on the front windows, a decided improvement to the appearance of the building, as well as one much required to shade the rays of the sun from those employed in that temple of justice. The fences have also been repaired, and a neat, cheap wire fence will be erected in front of the grounds.

On Leave.—Rev. W. Richardson, the esteemed pastor of the Presbyterian Church, left here on Monday morning last with his family, for a few weeks rest and vacation, and to recuperate his health. We believe Mr. Richardson will visit Bermuda and ascertain whether climate would benefit his health, which we regret, has been impaired for some months. At the conclusion of divine service on Sunday evening, the congregation took a most affectionate leave of their beloved pastor, wishing him an agreeable tour, renewed health, and safe return to his charge.

Accident.—On Saturday last a small boy about four years old, son of Wm. Harris, fell off the pier adjoining the old Whitlock wharf, and would have been drowned, had not his brother a lad of only nine years of age, heroically put off in a boat and rescued him; as it was, the child had a narrow escape.

Rev. Mr. Foley.—Was here last week, superintending the removal of his furniture to his present Parish, Moncton. We learn that the rev. gentleman is well pleased with his new charge.

Advanced.—It is a pleasant and agreeable duty to record the welfare and prospects of natives of the Province, and particularly so of the young men of St. Andrews. Our young friend Mr. George Clarke, having obtained a first class License from the Board of Education, has secured employment at St. Stephens, and thereby his native County will retain his services.

Auction.—Mr. Hatheway on Saturday last, disposed of a large part of the stock in trade of the late Wm. Whitlock, at fair prices.

Fresh Fish.—An abundant supply of fine fish can be purchased at the slips, prices from three to ten cents, and lobsters at the same rate.

Cows at sea.—On Friday last, a number of cows while regaling themselves with rockweed on the western bar, remained rather too long, and were surrounded by the flood tide. The animals at once struck out for the shore, they were picked up by boats, and one taken in tow by the steamer to the landing, a wetter if not a wiser cow.

Summer Visitors.—We are informed that many of the private boarding houses are already engaged for summer visitors. The hotels have also prepared for the reception of their summer guests.

Thomas Hauford, Esq., Inspector of Internal Revenue, and the venerable Rev. James Quinn, were here on Monday last.

Already a large area of land is under cultivation; agriculturists are putting in their crops, and the gardens in the town plot present an improved appearance. The trees are assuming their summer garb, and the grass promises well; the frequent showers and the genial rays of the sun, are bringing things forward. The season is more forward than was anticipated.

Fredericton News.

The Ladies of the Baptist Church in this city intend holding a monster bazaar in the Skating Rink on Thursday and Friday, the 23rd and 24th. No pains have been spared to make it a success.

Anticipating that the hotels will be crowded by a large number of visitors on the Queen's Birthday, they will provide dinner and tea on that day, for all comers. In addition to other attractions, there will be a telephone and a phonograph in operation.

A grand temperance demonstration will take place on the 24th. Representatives from nearly all the Reform Clubs throughout the Province are expected to take part. A base ball match will also come off on that day between the "Mutuals" of this city and the "Resolute" of St. Stephen. The challenge came from the latter.

In addition to the above there is some talk of a boat race between two of our crews, so that we will be pretty well provided with amusements.

The many friends of Julius L. Inches Esq. Sec. for Agriculture, will be glad to hear of his recovery from his late illness.

Hon. Judge Wilnot died suddenly yesterday afternoon while driving out in his carriage.

Old Mr. George Roberts, who lived some time in St. Andrews, a few summers ago, also died yesterday; he had been confined to the house for a long time.

BALLOU'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR JUNE.—The June number of Ballou's Magazine is as fresh and fragrant of good things as the roses of the month. There is not a single dull article in the whole book; and, as people want something to occupy their time and minds, we can do no better than commend them to buy or subscribe for Ballou's. Published by Thomas & Talbot, 23 Hawley Street, Boston.

Supplement No. 5, to the Tenth Annual Report of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries for the year 1877—containing the Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries, is a blue book of 462 pages, and is brim full of information upon the fisheries of the inland waters of the Dominion. We notice that Overseer Cunningham reports a decrease in the catch of herring in the Inner Bay of Passamaquoddy; he also states that the smaller herrings formerly used for pumice, are now being cured as *Sardines*. We will refer more fully to this report in a future issue.

Sitting Bull on the War Path.

Charles Lewis, a frontiersman, and two Indians have returned to Sioux City from a visit to Sitting Bull's camp. Bill has no more than 1,500 warriors, having recently been reinforced from Spotted Tail's and Red Cloud's tribes. Sitting Bull swears that, as soon as the proper season arrives, he will return to his former haunts, and regain his former possessions and hunting grounds or die in the attempt. He expressed his intention to strike Tongue River by the most expeditious route from his present location, and then operate through the country in which he became famous during the Custer expedition of 1876. He has an abundance of ammunition, and his entire force is supplied with the best and most improved patterns of guns. He obtained these supplies from Canadian half-breeds and traders in the British possessions. Sitting Bull has unbounded faith in the skill and power of his warriors, and expresses his confidence in his ability to vanquish any force the Government may send against him.

The venerable Dr. McCulloch arrived home from G. B., on Monday evening last, very much improved in health and strength. His people of the First Presbyterian Church in this town, will hold a welcome meeting in the Church this evening—*Truro Sun*.

The Vitalizing Nutrient qualities of Robinson's Phosphorized Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Lacto-phosphate of Lime would indicate its great value as a *Restorative and Invigorant*; in that low condition of the System prevailing in patients recovering from *Diphtheria* as well as *Fever*, especially those of a *Typhoid* character; while, if taken when the premonitory signs of *asthma* and *weakness* appear, it would have a tendency to *prevent* the attack, or lighten and shorten its duration. The cases in which it has been used fully bear out this hypothesis. It stimulates the enfeebled powers and builds up and gives fresh life and vitality to the whole system.

For sale by Druggists and General Dealers Price \$1.00 per bottle for \$3.

Prepared by J. H. Robinson, St. John, N. B.

Calais had an escape from a serious fire Friday night. The store of Messrs. Cushing & Gould, on Main street, caught fire after it was closed for the night; but the flames were fortunately detected and extinguished before they had gained serious headway.

A number of the mills at Milltown have exhausted their old stock of logs and have been shut down until the logs arrive. So many logs have been hung up, owing to low water this spring, that the stock of logs will probably remain short at most of the mills.

Property in America is mortgaged to the amount of one-half of its asserted value.

The German Government has decided to decline the invitation from the United States to attend the International Coinage Congress.

BIRTH.—The wife of Wm. H. Harris of a son.

DEED.

On the Commons, Monday last, 20th inst., Sarah, relict of the late Mr. George McRoberts, in the 68th year of her age, deservedly regretted by all who knew her.

Ship News.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

ARRIVED.

May 13, Evergreen, Chase, Boston, gen. cargo.

16 Matilda, Stinson, St. Stephen sundries.

20, Rockland, Fuller, Eastport, flour.

CLEARED.

May 14, Evergreen, Chase, Dorchester, gen. car.

20, Esther, Maloney, Boston, 300 sleepers, J. S. Leighton.

Civilian, Guphill, St. Stephen, 20 bbls. pumice.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE.

GENTLEMEN:—At the approaching Election of members for the representatives of the County, in the House of Assembly, I shall be a candidate for your suffrages.

As your representative, and a member of the Government, I have faithfully endeavored to discharge the varied duties of these positions, as to justify the confidence heretofore so generally accorded to me; and in asking another expression of that confidence, I have to assure you of the continuance of my zeal and industry in promoting your welfare, as far as within the influence of the Local Legislature.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

BENJ. R. STEVENS ON.

St. Andrews, May 22, 1878.

To the Electors of Charlotte County.

GENTLEMEN.

You are again called upon to exercise your elective franchise in electing four men to represent your interests in the Local Legislature of this Province. Having served as one of your Representatives for the past four years, my acts and views upon public matters are before you, and being assured that the course I have pursued meets with the approval of a large majority of the electors of this County, I shall be a Candidate for your suffrages and solicit your support.

Should I again share your confidence and be returned as one of your Representatives, I shall be in the past use my utmost energies and ability in assisting to promote the best interests of the County.

As the intermediate Fisheries and Farming interests of the County, claim a Representative, I should, if returned, feel it my duty to devote a large share of my mind and time to the advancement of this most important matter, and keep a sharp watch over the expenditure of the Public Revenue of the Province, as it requires the strictest economy to sustain our present financial position and ward off direct taxation.

I remain your obedient servant

THOMAS COTTRELL.

Oak Bay, May 21st, 1878.

To the Electors of Charlotte County.

GENTLEMEN:

In compliance with the wishes of a great number, I shall be a Candidate for a seat in the Local Legislature at the forthcoming Election.

The support I received on a former occasion under adverse circumstances, and the encouragement voluntarily offered now, from nearly every section of Charlotte, lead me to the conclusion that I may be one of your choice.

Our present financial condition, impending liabilities, and limited income, should prompt a keen supervision of public expenditure, in order to avoid increased taxation.

Fully imbued with the importance of the situation—familiar with our wants and resources—and deeply interested in the progress and welfare of our Province, I trust you will find me worthy of your confidence.

Hoping to address you more at length on the hustings,

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours,

J. E. LYNOTT.

St. George, Charlotte Co., May 20, 1878.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

GENTLEMEN.—As the time is fast approaching when you will be called upon to choose Four Members to represent you in the Local Legislature, I respectfully beg to announce that I will again be a Candidate for your suffrages.

I am thankful for the honor you conferred on me, at the last general election, in selecting me as one of your Representatives, and I trust that the course pursued by me, in the Legislature, during the past four years, has been such as you can approve of, and if you deem it expedient to further honor me with a renewal of your confidence, I shall, in the future as in the past, try to legislate wisely and impartially for the best interests of the Province in general and this County in particular, and at all times endeavor to carry out the wishes of the majority of my constituents.

I hope to be able to meet most of you before election, and shall be pleased to let you know my views on all questions of political importance.

I have the honor to remain,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MCKAY.

Pennfield, May 14, 1878.

To the Electors of the County of Charlotte.

GENTLEMEN.—On the earnest solicitation of a large number of the electors of this section of the County, I have consented to be a Candidate at the coming election for representatives to the General Assembly of this Province.

Should I be favored with a majority of your votes, I will endeavor to legislate for the best interests of the Province in general, and Charlotte County in particular.

Respectfully,

C. F. COLE.

St. George, May 22, 1878.

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