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**VITAL STATISTICS** tell us that in Canada there are 106 boys born to every 100 girls, and yet there are those who wonder why there is a preponderance of bachelors in many communities.

**REV. DR. POTTS** says there is not a Methodist in the Dominion Cabinet. There used to be two—John Carling and Mackenzie Bowell—but the preacher of the church they attended one Sunday held up Edward Blake as an ideal of a Christian politician, and the brewer and the bootler withdrew from the church.

The Tory papers used to have a lot to say about the "bald-headed young Lib-erals," but if the representations from other points average as many years as those that attended from Goderich, there are none of them spring chickens, but all are tough old roosters. Messrs Johnston and Campion are both between forty and fifty years of age.

The office of High Commissioner to England from Canada is still vacant—that is to say, no one has been appointed since the resignation of Sir Charles Tupper, nearly a year ago. But the doughty doctor from Cumberland is now doing business at the old stand in London, and it would not surprise us if he puts in his regular bill for salary and incidentals—not forgetting the glassware, gas bill, taxes and parochial dues—at the close of the year. Sir Charles Tupper is too old a dog to change his bark.

**DURING** the last Dominion election the Reform speakers contended that the debt of Canada for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1886, was over \$20,000,000, but Robert Porter, the Tory candidate, on every platform denied the contention. By the "Statistical Abstract and Record," recently issued by the Department of Agriculture we find that the gross debt of Canada at the time mentioned was \$273,164,341, the assets \$60,005,234, and the net debt \$223,159,107. What does Robert Porter say to these figures now?

**THE** Ottawa county election for the Legislature, which was held Wednesday last, is another evidence of the death of Toryism in the Province of Quebec. At the last general election Cormier, the Tory candidate, was elected by some 350 of a majority. The election was protested on account of corrupt practices, and rather than face the courts Cormier resigned, and a new election was held. At the election on Wednesday the previous result was reversed, Rochon, the Liberal candidate, being returned by over 1100 of a majority. This is the first time in thirty years that Ottawa county has returned a Liberal candidate, and it looks as if he has come to stay.

## PRISON WARDEN'S MEETING.

Saturday last the annual congress of the United States Warden's Association for the registration of criminals was held in the theatre of the Normal School, Toronto. The principal matter before the gathering was the identification of criminals. Heretofore identification has been confined to photographs, color of eyes and hair, height, weight, and, perhaps, the "strawberry mark," but the results were not always satisfactory. The new Bertillon method, which has been successfully operated in France for the past four years, and which has recently been adopted in Germany, Spain, Italy and Denmark, was thoroughly explained to the gathering. The identification of a prisoner by this system rests upon the knowledge of the following indications: The length and width of the head, the length of the left middle and little fingers, the length of the left foot, the length of the left forearm, the length of the right ear, the height of the figure, the measurement of the outstretched arms, the measurement of the trunk from the bench to the top of the head of a person seated. In addition to these particulars the method provides for a description of the scars and peculiar marks that every individual more or less exhibits, and for a collection of cards of description without photographs, the notation, according to a special vocabulary, of the color of the hair and beard, as well as the form and dimensions of the nose and ear. These different operations necessitate the use of special instruments such as caliper compasses and sliding compasses, and of three graduated measures or rules. The process of measuring does not take more than four or five minutes per subject. By following the instructions the probability of identity becomes almost particular to a certainty. The photographs when taken are classified and kept on files for reference. The "heads" and other measurements are tabulated, and particulars entered on back of photograph. The facility with which a criminal might be identified by this method was shown by the distribution of a number of cards bearing measurements of certain criminals. The figures in two or three cases were read off. In one instance the record was searched and the name of the prisoner given in thirty-five seconds. It was possible, a speaker said, to search the record of one hundred thousand names and arrive at the identification of a prisoner within ten minutes.

In ancient times the highest type of human knowledge was summed up by one of the philosophers in the phrase, "Know thyself." If the Bertillon system for the identification of criminals were adopted in America, the authorities would soon know more about the criminals of this continent than the latter now know about themselves.

This thing of running down young men's political clubs, sometimes works after the fashion of a boomerang. About a year ago F. W. Johnston was sneering at young men's political gatherings as meetings of "prodigal sons," and this week he has been doing the "prodigal" act in connection with the "Young Men's Liberal-Conservative Convention," in Toronto.

SOME weeks ago we proved that "Bill" Davis, of the Mitchell Advocate, had published a falsehood about THE SIGNAL in the matter of the alleged libel suit of a person called Brown. Since that time "Bill" has been frothing at the mouth against THE SIGNAL, like a cur suffering from hydrophobia, and weekly spews forth venom against the editor of this paper. Those who know him best will pay little heed to the vapors of the "Twice Rejected of South Perth"—once at the polls and again at the Tory convention. Long ago the Recorder showed that he was feather-brained, and now THE SIGNAL has proved that he lied worse than a gas-meter. The family of the stricken Mitchell editor has our deepest sympathy in their affliction. It's a sad thing to have bereavement in a family, but it is better to have crabs on the door than the head of the house both demented and a falsifier—as is the case with William R. Davis. If the fellow has not published a falsehood about THE SIGNAL why does he not produce his proof? We have already given this inquiry more space than his limited intelligence deserves, and now we drop him back into the oblivion from which we dragged him to exhibit him to our readers as the champion liar of Mitchell and adjacent townships.

## RUBBING IT IN.

According to the Hamilton Spectator the Nationalists control the telegraph wires in Great Britain and Ireland, and color the dispatches to suit themselves. The statement is about as true as anything the Spectator says of the Nationalists usually is.—Goderich Signal.

And that paragraph is about as true as anything the Spectator prints. What the Spectator did say was that the Irish news received in this country, by way of New York, is colored in the interests of the Nationalists. And so it is.—Spectator.

As the Spectator did not say "the Irish news received in this country, by way of New York, is colored in the interests of the Nationalists," its defence in this case falls to the ground. What the Spectator said was that the cable dispatches "are from Nationalist sources and colored for the American Market." "By way of New York" was neither mentioned nor implied. The impression sought to be created was that the Nationalists controlled the wires and sent only what news suited them.

Forty "Young Lib-Cos." met in Toronto Wednesday to establish a Provincial organization, and every one wanted a Government position, if they were like the delegates from Goderich. The fact that there were no more or no less than forty is suggestive of a tale in the Arabian Nights, wherein a gentleman by the name of Ali Baba figured.

The Hamilton Spectator has just discovered that the reason why coal has gone up in price is because there is a wicked combination of coal producers in the United States. We are glad the Spectator has at last got the right idea on this subject. Heretofore it has endeavored to prove that the increase in the price was owing to the fact that the Canadian duty had been taken off. Hindsight is better than no sight at all.

There is one member of Parliament in Huron county who is not afraid to come out flat-footed for commercial union, and that one is John McMillan, M.P. for the South riding. At a recent meeting in Tuckersmith he placed himself on record in an unequivocal manner. He had taken a good deal of trouble to go through the Trade and Navigation Returns to get facts and figures bearing on the subject and proved conclusively that not only would the farmers of Canada be benefited by commercial union but the majority of our manufacturers need have nothing to fear. He also took up the arguments of those opposed to it, and showed that they did not have much weight. The loyalty cry he answered by stating that he came to this country to better his condition in life, and meant to use all fair and honorable means to do so, though at the same time he could not see how Britain was going to be injured to any extent by the adoption of the change by Canada. Mr. McMillan also stated that when an attempt was made to renew the reciprocity treaty with the United States, a sketch was drawn up and assented to by Sir Edward Thornton, British Minister at Washington, with the knowledge and consent of the British Government, whereby certain manufactured goods were to be admitted free of duty between Canada and the United States, and although the treaty was never finally arranged, yet it proves conclusively that England would not object to Canada making any commercial treaty with the United States that she thought fit. So strong is Mr. McMillan's faith in commercial union that he states positively that if it was advocated in the House of Parliament, he is ready to support it no matter which party brought it forward.

## WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

The Little Engineer's Big Bill.—The Water Works Cannot Be Proceeded With This Year—About the Free Site.—The Election Trial.

—There isn't much moving these times, and everything at the back-stoop convention is worn threadbare, even to the cushions on the benches. I was told, however, by way of no harm, that the little engineer, with the mild manner and grey Garibaldi, who came up some time ago and examined into the water-works scheme, sent in his bill at the last meeting of the council, and flatbergasted—if I may be permitted to use an expression of the late Washington Irving—that august and economic body of municipal legislators by claiming \$75 for services rendered during a two and a half day's sojourn in our invigorating town during the midsummer. His worship the mayor, I understand, had calculated that \$25 or \$30 would cover the bill, but it hasn't done so, by a large majority. The engineer was apparently conscious that he was making a big call, for I am told that he stated in the letter that accompanied his bill of charges, that anytime between now and New Year's would do in which to pay him, that is to say, he was willing to have the taxes collected before the town treasury would be operated against. The matter has been referred to the finance committee, and it will be in order for that section of our "most potent, grave and reverend" to cite the little gentleman from Brockville before them, and if he fails to attend, then it shall be their bounden duty to bring in a report stating "that the charge is more than they had imagined it would be, but as the claimant failed to appear before them when summoned to make explanations, and as no previous arrangement had been made with him, they had no alternative, and therefore recommend that the account be paid. But, whereas, in accordance with the bylaw carried on the 12th of May last, it will be necessary to lay the pipes for the projected works, we, your committee, do hereby recommend that the laborers be hired by tender, Chinamen preferred. All of which is respectfully submitted," &c. That's the way they acted when the town printers submitted legitimate advertising accounts, and I am anxious to see if they have progressed in wisdom since that time.

—Talking about the construction of the works I might say that Engineer Chipman in his seventy-five dollar report stated in effect that, as there was no workable project before the council, and as it would be impossible to perfect a workable project that any engineer would be willing to risk his reputation on, without tests being made which might incur an expenditure of some thousands of dollars more, and as the necessary pipes for the scheme could not be procured until next year, so much of the working season having passed, it would not be wisdom on the part of the council to proceed with the work. It seems to me, under the circumstances, that the \$75 asked for by Engineer Chipman is well worth the sage suggestions many times over.

—Talking about sage suggestions, that idea of Fred W. Johnston's, asking that the town of Goderich offer a site for the erection of public buildings in Goderich is about as absurd a thing as I have heard of lately. Goderich pays as much in proportion to its population towards the finances of the Government as any other place in Canada, and if the town is worthy of having public buildings erected why doesn't the Government get through with the job at once and forever. This thing of a Government asking for a bonus of land, just as a tin-kettle, narrow-gauge railway would go begging for a right of way, puts my pipe out every time. Any man who would vote for a site to be furnished under existing circumstances, has an axe to grind, and should be sat upon next New Year's.

—I see the cross petition against M. C. C. is coming on for trial on Nov. 16th. It isn't withdrawn by that time. You see, M. C. got tired waiting for the petitioner to bring on the trial, and as he courts investigation, so far as his conduct is concerned, he applied to have the trial brought on. I called up to see him a week or two ago, and he gave me to

understand that the fellows who were trying to disqualify him had bit off more than they could chew. AJAX.

During the year ending 31st December, 1886, there were shipped from the depot, Blyth, 6,132 tons, or 511 carloads of salt, manufactured at the Blyth salt works. The local sales to farmers and others were also large.

Hon. Oliver Mowat returned Wednesday from England, looking well and feeling much benefited by his trip. The hon. gentleman was met at the Union Station by his son, Mr. Arthur Mowat. Mr. Mowat stated that he would return to England to conclude the argument in the St. Catharines Milling & Lumber Company appeal, the hearing of which, however, will not be resumed this year.

## FROM WASHINGTON

What Has Transpired at the United States Capital.

Class of the Medical Conference—An \$8,000,000 University—Proposed Tariff Changes—Figures from the Departments.

From our Special Correspondent.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
Sept. 12th, 1887.

The big crowds around the hotels have dispersed, the blue rosettes have disappeared from the streets of the Capital, and the greeting of "Doctor" is heard about ten thousand times less than usual, for the past week, which means that the International Medical Congress, after a most satisfactory and successful session, has closed its labors, to be resumed in Berlin in 1889. It is impossible to even approximate the good results following this meeting, but that they are great and many there is no reason to doubt, for a large portion of the medical wisdom of the world, having assembled for the purpose of a mutual interchange of experience and opinion, the conclusion is inevitable that mankind will be largely the gainer by the development of scientific methods in the improved treatment of the ills that afflict humanity.

In our opinion the doctors were practically unanimous that Cleveland did not have a healthy appearance, and that he needed a rigorous course of outdoor exercise. The President, as he faced the four or five thousand doctors, seemed to wince uneasily under their critical gaze. I suppose I may with propriety turn from the medical to the religious world—the one devoted to preserving the body—the other to saving the soul of man. Washington has been selected as the site of a great Catholic University, which will be one of the most important and imposing religious institutions of the world. The location was chosen by a meeting of prelates in Baltimore, their decision having been approved by the Pope. It is said that \$8,000,000 will be required to construct and place the University on a solid business basis—of which sum \$700,000 has been secured, inclusive of the \$30,000 donated by Miss Caldwell—one of the generous faithful.

The celebrated tariff conference at Oak View has ended, and the distinguished conferees are naturally very reticent regarding the results of their protracted deliberations, the public are confident that a measure was framed, looking to a liberal reduction of Government revenues, both in customs duties and internal taxation, and that all of the powerful influence of the Administration will be exerted in favor of the adoption of the act by the Fiftyth Congress. Mr. Randall was not consulted in this momentous matter, and hence his probable course of action is a theme of much speculative interest to politicians of all parties.

For the present the purchase of bonds by the Secretary of the Treasury has practically ceased, owing to the refusal of the bond holders to sell at acceptable prices, and so it is probable that the amount the Government will be able to buy at its own prices will be much smaller than was anticipated.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has prepared a statement showing that the estimated number of acres restored to the public domain under the Interior, revoking indemnity withdrawals, is 1,323,690 acres within the limits of Indian reservations. This includes the railroads, in which orders of restoration have up to the present been issued. The statistical report of the Agricultural Department for the month of September shows a great reduction in the condition of the growing crops as compared with the August report, especially in corn, cotton, and potatoes, with little if any change in the small grain crops, due to an excess of rain on the Atlantic coast and a long continued drouth in the Gulf States. Compared with last year there is a decline of ten points in cotton and of four in maize.

The celebration of the Constitutional Centennial at Philadelphia the latter part of the present week is anticipated with general interest by patriots everywhere, for even Gladstone has sent a noble letter, regretting his inability to attend. President Cleveland, the Governors of the Revolutionary States, and others prominent in state and church will be present on this momentous anniversary of American nationality.

## COUNTY CURRENCY.

Pencilings and Scissoring from Exchanges.

Items from all over Huron County, Collected and Condensed—Pith and Point—The Pick of the Grist from our Exchanges.

G. A. Deadman, Brussels, bought a Jersey cow at Fuller's sale, near Hamilton, for \$215.

R. M. Counter, of Seaford, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Regent of the Royal Arcanum for Huron and Perth.

W. H. Verity & Son, Exeter, had their safe blown open on Sunday night last. The burglars only succeeded in getting a few dollars for their trouble.

Rev. Mr. Tonge resumed his duties as pastor of the Methodist church, Blyth, on Sunday last, having recently returned from a visit to his native land.

Dr. Muckid, of Seaford, formerly of Goderich, intends leaving shortly for Germany, and will spend a couple of years in the schools and hospitals of the old world perfecting himself in his profession. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Mackid.

The gate receipts on Caledonian day, at Seaford amounted to \$341, and were made up in part as follows:—\$20 in 10 cent pieces; \$70 in five dollar bills; \$12 in two and four dollar bills; \$97 in one dollar bills; and \$103 in twenty-five cent pieces.

Morris Branch Agricultural Society have purchased a piece of ground next to the show grounds, for the purpose of showing cattle, &c., to better advantage. A course has been added this year, and trials of speed can be made by driving the carriage horses.

H. Joyner of Clinton, pulled a sunflower in his garden the other day that measured eighteen inches across the seed surface, or about twenty-four inches from the outer end of the frills. He says he has lots more just as large.

Dr. and Mrs. Sloan, of Blyth, have gone to Washington, where the doctor is now attending the International Medical Congress. They intend visiting other American cities before their return.

James Mahaffy, Port Albert, is pushing his new flouring mill through. The roller machinery will soon be completed. Mahaffy is a pushing fellow, and the mills in question will be a great benefit to the farmers of that neighborhood.

Harry Knapp, a young Wingham barber, has eloped with a "sweet sixteen," Miss A. Halstead, who eluded her father's watchful eye by pretending to go to Sunday school. They tried once before to set away, but failed. This time they reached Buffalo in safety.

W. Holt, Khiva, Joseph Bonner, Grand Bend; Wm. Hodgins, Hensall; Greb & Smith, Zurich, and Mrs. Portice, Exeter, were fined on Monday last \$50 and costs by Police Magistrate Williams, of Clinton, for violation of the second part of the Canada Temperance Act.

SCOTT ACT.—On Wednesday last week, Inspector Paisley was in Blyth, and summoned five hotel keepers to appear before Police Magistrate Williams on Friday, to answer to the charge of the violation of the Scott Act. There were in the neighborhood of one hundred witnesses to be examined.

During a recent visit of Grand Trunk Railway officials to Clinton, it was decided to extend the present freight shed accommodation by the erection of 90 feet to the east end, provided the town authorities would allow the building to be erected over a street that runs across the track at that point.

On Thursday afternoon last as a little boy of Mr. John Ross, wheat buyer, Exeter, was playing in his father's warehouse at the depot, he caught hold of the tumbling shaft whilst the elevator was in motion. The child's clothes wound around the shaft and were torn off his body. The manager happened to be close at hand and removed the child from its perilous position or it might have been a fatal accident.

Blyth raises this year for school rates, \$1,200, \$940 for ordinary rates and the balance, \$240 for special rates. It will amount to 6 1/2 mills on the dollar on the last assessment. For county rates the village raises \$22 1/2, and for municipal purposes \$1,977.77, the rate being 1 1/2 mills in the dollar for county rates and 9 1/2 mills for village.

Building is lively in Exeter this season. Already completed, partly finished and under contract, building to the value of about sixty thousand dollars. The principal buildings being the new town hall, the Oddfellows' hall, Snell Bros' butcher shop, Messrs. W. H. Parsons and John Crocker each a two-story dwelling house, which are all of white brick, besides several other private residences.

The two young ladies who were driven out into the lake at Toronto by the storm Wednesday, while boating at Lorne Park, were Agnes McCormick, who lived with her brother-in-law, Mr. Sale, Ontario street, and whose widowed mother resides in Chicago, and Bella Lander, sister of R. V. Lander, grocer, Queen street East. They were both members of Jarvis street Baptist church. All hope of seeing them alive has been abandoned.