

## The Ingersoll Chronicle.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1878.

## CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY.

We are pleased to learn that the President of the road, Mr. George Laidlaw, has succeeded in his negotiations for the purchase of the iron for the whole line. The Credit Valley has developed into a most important enterprise, and in its successful completion a very large part of the western peninsula is deeply indebted to it. As the track has been to a great extent prepared for the rails, the running of trains from Toronto westward may be confidently expected at no distant date.

## AN EXCELLENT RAILWAY BILL.

The following is the text of Mr. Trow's Bill to provide for the greater convenience and safety of passengers travelling on Canadian Railways:

1. That a regular ticket shall be good until used, any printed or written notice thereon to the contrary notwithstanding.
2. That the holder of such a ticket shall be allowed to stop at any intermediate station, and resume his journey when he pleases.
3. That no passenger shall be required to produce his ticket on board a train unless he has a seat, and that he shall be required to pay for that portion of the journey only during which he has been seated.
4. That no extra charge shall be made where passengers fail to purchase their ticket before entering the cars.
5. That when ordinary passenger cars are so crowded that it is impossible to find seats for all passengers, without extra charge, he permitted to take a seat in any car attached to the train.
6. Any passenger, when furnished with a seat, who refuses to pay his fare shall be liable to arrest by the railway company, and be carried before any Justice of the Peace and be fined \$20 or imprisonment for ten days, or both, and shall be put off or be allowed to leave the train except at a station.
7. Every passenger must stop at a station for at least three minutes.
8. That the railway company shall furnish to any Express passenger, during the fiscal year, 1877-78, there was a considerable decrease in revenue from Customs, and that this was not by any means compensated for by the increase of Internal Revenue.

Grip's last cartoon represents Sir John Mackenzie in a sparsely-furnished room, while he has with him a few books and a piece of straw introduced in the fact that the "refreshment" is found in a jug labelled "cold water." To the refreshment of his followers to tell how the great big chief is getting on in the van and his plain life.

"Terrible news, sir! Blake isn't going to leave after all!"

Following come Howell and Langevin hand-in-hand, the Orange Order and the devout opponent of Orangism jointly murmuring—

"Yes, and our beautiful Clerical Conservative Government in Quebec is as much as to say—"

Mitchell, with the dejected attitude of a school boy caught in the act of chewing gum whimpers—

"Yes, and Dymond has discovered another big scandal against you, Blake!"

With heels high in air, in his efforts to reach the Chief, Palmer breathlessly shouts—

"Yes, and Mackenzie is over, and offers us not to resign, but to stay!"

"Yes! and Plumb has the floor!"

Following in the wake of the Captain, the Vanguard, and the Thunderer, the Eurydice has now to add to the long roll of British naval vessels which have been lost, not by the guns of an enemy, but either owing to the violence of the weather, or to the carelessness of the crew, or both. It is to be feared that in the case of the Eurydice nothing but a well-founded belief will ever be received as to the actual cause of her foundering, as those from whom the true state of affairs could be learned have perished, with upwards of 300 souls known to be on board. But from the testimony of witnesses on shore who had been admiring the graceful vessel passing them on her way to Portsmouth but a few short months earlier, and from the fragmentary evidence of the two survivors, nothing more will have little difficulty in placing the origin on the shoulders of the Eurydice's captain and officers, in carrying too great a press of sail, when barometric and other indications should have warned them of their error. A dozen or so of the men will have little difficulty in placing the origin on the shoulders of the Eurydice's captain and officers, in carrying too great a press of sail, when barometric and other indications should have warned them of their error.

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The gathering cloud. It would appear from to-day's news that the Conference that is now proposed to hold, and at which everybody agreed that the representatives forming it would disagree, is not now to be held. It is just as well that this piece of preliminary evidence should be cleared up, and that the real issue—the formidable advance of Russia in Southern Europe—should be dealt with upon its merits. Accounts, more or less versions, say that Russia is prepared to deal with England and Austria on a basis of equality. The growing activity in military and naval circles, and the accumulation of troops and supplies that have been going on for many months past, cannot have been entered upon without a specific object. It is a single campaign. That a year, at least, would be necessary to the necessary to focus the strength which Great Britain is capable of uniting. But the slower the operations the surer the ultimate results.

At the present moment the Car seems to be pulled up with his successes in Turkey, and the Russian hostilities expressed in Romania against a re-assertion of a portion of Bessarabia as a prelude to a final assault. It has been understood that the necessity laid upon Nicholas, his father, to yield up the much desired control of the mouths of the Danube was the proximate cause of his sudden collapse and death after the close of the Crimean campaign. His son, Alexander II., appears to have set his mind upon restoring the family prestige by the re-conquest of Bessarabia and the Russian dominions in Eastern Europe. As well as Romania, has something to say on this score. At any rate, what with the disintegration of the Russian Empire, and the increasing determination of the latter to stand by valuable interests that have been menaced—point to a condition of fact and feeling that should cause the Car to pause even now that the measure of his success seems to be full.

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The snow storm has stopped work on the Lachine Canal, throwing hundreds of men out of employment.

Major Walsh, who is at present at Ottawa, is disposed to give little credit to the story of Riddell's wife's suicide.

Admiral De Horsey's report, as to the Pacific Railway, is favorable to the Pacific Railway, and the Pacific Railway is favorable to the Pacific Railway.

The Quebec Legislature was on Saturday dissolved by proclamation, and will be re-assembled on the 20th inst.

The Postmaster-General has introduced a measure into Parliament, giving him power to suspend the operation of the Act in relation to the Royal Canadian Lottery at St. Thomas, or anywhere else in the Dominion, if, after the Act is passed, he is permitted to suspend the operation of the Act in relation to the Royal Canadian Lottery at St. Thomas, or anywhere else in the Dominion.

The volunteer officers of Manitoba are about to send a petition to the Minister of Militia, representing the impotence of the Government in the matter of the militia, and to take other advice—and, moreover, was in duty bound to do so—if he believed that they had introduced a measure contrary to the principles of law and justice.

The article, in its striking contrast with those appearing in the columns of the journals favorable to the DeBouché Administration.

U. S. DEPARTMENT.—We find one or two items in the U. S. Departmental reports which are interesting. That of the Secretary of the Navy shows that this department is in debt to the extent of \$8,500,000; and that contracts are now suspended on account of the want of money.

Extensive bush fires are reported in Georgia and South Carolina. Strawberries, from Charleston, are in fair demand at \$1.50 a quart in New York.

The great excitement is reported to exist among the Mohammedans in India in consequence of the threatening situation in Europe.

The Kafir war is believed to be drawing to a close, but a decisive battle with the Kafirs was expected at last advices from Cape Town.

Count Stolberg-Wernigerode has accepted the position of substitute of the Chancellor and Vice-President of the Prussian Ministry.

The Jesuits are said to be negotiating for the purchase of a palace at Rome, with the intention of removing their headquarters from Palermo to the Eternal City.

The new Italian Ministry seems to give promise of a short life, as it is expected that it will not secure a majority in the Chamber of Deputies, and will be compelled to appeal to the country.

An American journalist writing from Bombay states that Nana Sahib, the Rajah of Bithoor, of India, has been reported to believe to be alive in the country north of the Indus.

A rumor is abroad at Washington to the effect that the President will send down a message recommending that the fishery rights in the Gulf of Mexico be given to the United States.

The revolution in San Domingo has been successful, and the country is now under the control of the revolutionaries.

The Lancashire cotton operatives held a meeting at Blackburn on Saturday evening, and the result was a declaration of sympathy with the strike in the United States.

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## Contemporary Opinion.

The Highlanders as a race are no more to be despised than the Scotchmen. Their reference to the "predatory instincts" of the ancestors of Sir John Macdonald and his kindred, is a very good illustration of the fact that these gentlemen exhibited to certain honorable dealings with the Northern Railway Co.—Toronto Telegram.

While we think the assassin of Lincoln was a villain, we do not think that the Government is justified in the use of force to punish him. The Government is justified in the use of force to punish him.

But whatever minor defects it contains, the Temperance Bill in all its provisions gives evidence of an honest effort to the welfare of those who asked the Parliament for an effective local option law. Christian Guardian.

Sir John Macdonald, when speaking at St. John's, N.B., said that there was nothing in the Pacific Seaside business that he would not do over again. He says that he would do it over again.

How now about the Nesting Bird? The bird named to a political friend, when now it transpires that more has lately been offered for one-third of the self-same property than the Government originally paid for the whole! Much stone was set by the Tories in this business of party capital.

The purchase has been fully justified by the facts which have since transpired, and of which alone is sufficient to condemn the Nesting Bird.

Now for another draft on the Tory imagination. It is a very good illustration of the fact that these gentlemen exhibited to certain honorable dealings with the Northern Railway Co.—Toronto Telegram.

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