

SUMMARY.

THE ENGLISH STRIKES.—There is apparently no abatement in the antagonistic feeling at present prevailing between the Lancashire cotton spinners and their work people. In anything, indeed, the feeling is daily growing in intensity, and the strike already begun threatens to be one of the widest and most disastrous from which England, or any other country, has suffered. The masters contend it is impossible for them to continue to run their mills at the recent rate of wages and expenses; whilst the men reply that they cannot subsist upon reduced wages, and will not submit to the proposed ten per cent reduction. It is evidently the old story. There is a necessity for an alteration of some kind, and in making that alteration there is a manifest want of accommodation. The tendency to strike seems to be manifesting itself throughout the whole of Lancashire, and at the present rate of proceeding every mill will soon cease running. In Blackburn only about 5,000 looms are at work out of 52,000, and there is the same restricted employment in other places. The consequence is a state of almost unparalleled distress. Many of the people are starving; a state of general pauperism is impending. It is certainly anything but a bright and encouraging prospect; and now is the time for some disinterested party to seek to apply the principle of arbitration. Surely the differences are not irreconcilable; and surely both masters and men will open their eyes to reason. In its present phase the strike is nothing less than a public calamity.

An improbable story has reached Washington that 5,000 Irishmen are enrolled and ready to leave New York city at a moment's notice, in a transport, to attack some point in New Brunswick or Nova Scotia, under the Russian and German flags, in case war is declared between England and Russia. Another improbable story is that several thousand Irish have been partly engaged to go to Russia as laborers on public works but really to enlist in the Russian army. A statement comes from Philadelphia that a joint stock company is forming there to purchase a fast steamer and fit her out as a privateer under the Russian flag; also that a letter of marque has arrived from the Russian government authorizing such movement.

AN ANNUAL OKE PRESBYTERY.—Brooklyn is the "City of Churches," and the Presbyterians have a good representation there, as these facts show:—The Presbytery numbers 22 churches, 20 pastors, 47 ministers, 6 licentiates, and 10,800 members. Of the six largest and most prosperous churches the following is told: 1. Tabernacle (Dr. Talmage), 1,607 members, 1,592 Sunday school pupils. 2. Lafayette Avenue (Dr. Cuyler's), 1,606 members, 1,230 scholars and 125 officers in home and mission Sunday schools; contributions, \$12,000. 3. The Classon Avenue church (Dr. Duryea) has 826 members, 950 scholars and 127 teachers in the Sunday-school, with 350 in a mission school; years contributions to the Church Board \$4,910. 4. First church (Rev. C. C. Hall), 730 members, 732 scholars and teachers in home and mission school. 5. Clinton street (Dr. Van Dyke's), 571 members. 6. Westminster (Dr. Ludlow) has 306 active members, 240 scholars and 20 teachers in Sunday school. The churches of the Presbytery report 947 additions within the past year; 372 on examination, 450 by letter, and 125 not classified.

LIQUOR LICENSES.—A desperate effort is being made by prominent members of the Reform Club to induce the City Council to rescind their vote placing tavern licenses at \$50 and to have the amount doubled, and the license to extend for three months only. The Women's Union and the Club passed resolutions to the above effect and the latter appointed two delegates from each ward to confer with the Council on this end. The Conference was held on Friday last, but nothing definite was determined upon.—Fredericton Reporter.

ROYALTY has had an opportunity of discussing the merits of Canadian beef. According to *Lloyd's Weekly News*—A truly royal surloin of beef was lately presented to the Prince of Wales. It was cut from the Canadian prize ox, which Mr. Levesque (of Toronto) exhibited during the summer at Marlborough House, and afterward at the Surrey Gardens. The animal was killed this week (7th April) and after removal of the head, hide, etc., the carcass weighed a ton and a quarter, or about 450 stones 8 lbs. each. This splendid specimen of the bovine race was bred in Golph, Ont.

SAN FRANCISCO AGITATORS AND CHINA-MEN.—I went to-day, writes a San Francisco correspondent, and engaged a passage on the next steamer leaving here, and will prefer to live in Central America rather than in such a place as this. To my certain knowledge these labor agitators are well armed; in fact you can see plenty of them in the streets daily carrying guns and muskets, having probably bought them with money begged in the name of charity. On the other hand, the China-men are also well armed and will fight like devils if forced to. The militia may be able to take a hand in, so that altogether there will be a terrible time when the word is given. This is a city of wooden buildings, wooden streets, and wooden sidewalks, so that if a series of fires were started in different sections of the city when the wind was high, it would be a

second Chicago fire.—Things look pretty blue for San Francisco, and the sober-minded people are very anxious, and when the fire alarm bell peals out at night, more than half the population rouse up at once. Y. Y. Mail.

By a vote of 206 to 39, the U. S. House of Representatives has passed the bill repealing the present Bankruptcy Law. On the whole this action is just, and will be endorsed by the general sentiment of the country. As it now stands the Bankrupt Law is merely a premium on fraud, as it affords practically unlimited facilities for dishonest men to conceal property and obtain from creditors a release to which they are not entitled. Present appearance are that no substitute for the present law will be enacted during this session of Congress.

The St. Andrews Standard.

Saint Andrews, May 8, 1878.

Canvassing is being carried on briskly, and there is the usual amount of hand-shaking, enquiries for the health of the family, etc. Our past record in election matters, has met, it is pleasant to know, the approval of the people, whose judgment in political affairs we have respected, even when they differed from our own, which has rarely occurred. The electors are competent to select "discreet men" to represent them, without being dictated to by any journalist, and while pointing to the acts of representatives, who were seeking re-election, we have not in any instance presumed to set up our own views, unless they reflected the well understood wishes of the majority of the electors. The qualification of new candidates can be set forth, without bias, and the constituency will choose for themselves. Candidates should be required to state their political views at the hustings, and to answer any question put to them.

The Hon. Mr. Kelly has resigned the office of Commissioner of Public Works, and been appointed a member of the Legislative Council, his successor is not named, and the Surveyor-General remains in office, for the excellent reason, that the administration of the Department under his regime has never been equalled, and there is no man in the Government or Opposition ranks who could discharge the duties of office as well. It is rumored that Hon. Mr. McKee is to be appointed Commissioner of Works.

In a few weeks the electors will be called to perform a dual duty, viz to elect representatives to the Local Legislature and Dominion Parliament and with them rests the power of selecting men of capacity for these important positions, as they each require men of ability, influence, and intelligence. The duties attaching to each are not precisely similar. In the Local, the principal business is making laws with reference to roads and bridges, education, municipalities, and other matters of interest; while in the Dominion Parliament, the duties are more complicated, they are national, and the questions which arise necessitate a larger political knowledge, experience, and an acquaintance with the trade and resources of the Dominion; these matters require men who are ready in debate, and who can express themselves in a concise and forcible manner—men who should remember that they are acting for others, and not sent to the Legislature for personal rewards, office or titles.

THE SCHOLASTIC NEWS.—No 3 of this excellent journal is on our table. Among many articles of interest, it has a copy of the petition of Mr. Patrick Bennett, an old school teacher, now in the 80th year of his age, for pecuniary aid from the Government, all he asks is an allowance to enable him to obtain food and raiment. We trust the old man's request will be granted. We well remember the day he landed in St. Andrews from the Mother Country forty-six years ago. He was the first stenographic reporter in the Province and afterwards editor of a paper published in St. John.

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The St. John Globe says that Hon. Mr. King has resigned the office of Attorney General, and that the Hon. John J. Fraser was sworn in Attorney General on the 4th inst., and the Hon. Mr. Wedderburn, (late Speaker of the Assembly) Provincial Secretary.

A TIE.—At the election in Rimouski, last week, a tie took place owing to the two candidates obtaining an equal number of votes. The Quebec Election Act however provides for such cases; on the final addition of votes should an equality exist between any of the candidates, it shall be the duty of the Returning Officer, to give in presence of the Election Clerk and witness a casting vote by declaring in writing, signed by himself, for whom he votes. It is probable then that Mr. Chauveau will be elected, as the returning officer is friendly to the Government.

D. Main, Esq., of the Courier was in town on Monday last, and paid us a visit; we were pleased to hear of our contemporary's success; also his kindly remarks upon other matters, and heartily enjoy such editorial courtesies.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

Notwithstanding the great moral temperance reform in Fredericton, there are some who still adhere to the "blue-ribbon bottle" as it is facetiously termed, for want of a better name we suppose. Only a few nights ago, some of those who had enjoyed "the rosy" indulged themselves ripping up platforms, and demolishing things. They will do it, until they are truly reformed.

THE ELECTION PEN is a new patent, of which Mr. Emerson is the patentee. It is an ingenious device, and is connected with a small battery, and after one impression, others can be struck off in any quantity. It will probably interfere to some extent with printing, when in the hands of any one who writes a pretty and distinct hand, and will be particularly useful to those who require a large number of circulars.

WANTED A GOVERNOR.—It is reported that the present Lieut. Governor declines serving another term, and that gentlemen who have the offer of the high office, decline accepting it. It is probable that nothing definite will be known until the elections are over, then some people will be taken by surprise.

Some of the leading newspapers in the United States assert that there is a growth of communism in that country, but it is principally among foreigners who brought it with them, and that it is confined wholly to large cities. They admit however, that a communistic spirit is growing among the people with startling rapidity, as may be witnessed by the increasing disregard of property rights &c. This is not a pleasant reflection for the law-abiding portion of the people. The continent of Europe is suffering from the communistic element which has assumed such large proportions and has led to so much trouble.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

We are pleased to learn, that Mr. Brown's son, who shot himself in the hand last week, is improving.

A rare and beautiful display of Geraniums and other flowers tastefully arranged may be seen at the residence of Mrs. Henry Whitlock; the collection is one of the finest in the town.

Among the new comers who have taken up a residence here, are Mr. Harper, Watch and clock repairer, from Chatham Northumberland. He has commenced business in the MacStay Building, Water Street.

ELBAGT GOES.—There is a tempting display of rich and fashionable goods in the windows, and on the counters of the Manchester House.

J. M. HANSON has introduced some new and handsome styles of Ladies and Gentlemen's boots and walking shoes, made at his factory from the best stock, finished in good style and from his own designs, all of which he can warrant. Mr. Hanson looks for encouragement to home industry.

MR. BRALE will remain for a short time longer; he is prepared to take views of public buildings, residences, &c. and also photographs in the best style.

SHADE TREES.—John Kelley has been supplying shade trees to several persons in town for some years. Those around the School buildings were furnished by him. He refers to Robert Stevenson and A. T. Paul, Esqs., by their permission.

The Quebec Elections resulted in favor of the Liberals, by small majorities, and Mr. Joly, premier of the Quebec Government, will no doubt hold his policy so as to strengthen the victory he has won. Still his majority is so small, that the Opposition can give much trouble, their influence which they wielded since 1867, cannot be set aside in one session, and it is probable a number of the seats will be contested. The dismissal of the DeBoucherville Ministry by Lieut. Gov. Letellier, was generally condemned, but the electors have apparently endorsed the act by returning men who will sustain him.

Some of the pupils attending the public schools have been suffering from hooping cough; there has been only one fatal case in the town, an infant of Capt. Stinson's. In Toronto, many of the pupils of the schools have suffered from throat diseases, so much so, as to lessen the attendance; in the girls' house, the teacher and forty of the inmates had contracted it.

A RELIC OF ISAAC WALTON.—The editor of the "Independent" of Port Dover, Ont., mentions a relic he has of the celebrated fisherman, Isaac Walton, who flourished 200 years ago. The relic is in the shape of a box, which, it is said, undoubtedly belongs to Walton. The initials of his name, and the date, 1623, are cut on the lid. It is a very ancient looking piece of mechanism. The hinge is strong, being riveted to the side of the box. It is oval shaped, the composition being bronze.—This is the identical box in which Isaac Walton carried his fishing bait or flies while on his fishing excursions to the North. On one of these excursions he reached as far as the Tweed, at Malrose, where he was entertained by the then head of the House of Douglass. At this

place this veritable old box was left, perhaps forgotten. It may, therefore, be called an ancient relic, having been manufactured 255 years ago.

His Honor the Lieut. Governor, was in town on Tuesday, and returned to Fredericton this morning. His Honor's many friends here, were pleased to meet him.

Two of the ragged street-children that Miss Ivey brought over to Canada from England in 1876 have, by the death of a distant and previously unknown relative, fallen heirs to \$125,000. The younger, Samuel Gill, a new-boy on the Great Western Railroad, has gone home to England, but his elder brother, John, has remained over to help the farmer who gave him a home to finish his spring work.

A man eighty years of age, named McNeill, who died in Buckingham county, Quebec, a few days ago, confessed a few moments before his death that he had murdered three persons on the upper Ottawa River, for which he had never been suspected. In addition to these he committed two other murders for which he was tried and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment.

One of Brigham Young's daughters has just married a former hostler in her father's stables, who already has one wife. She is homely, but brings her groom \$20,000.

The Rev. P. B. Morgan, of St. John's Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, on Sunday night, formally announced his withdrawal from fellowship in that Church, on account of its "Romish" tendencies, and his intention to unite with the Reformed Episcopal Church.

A lot of fresh GARDEN SEEDS, of most all kinds in bulk at

CAMPBELL'S

"Dying in poverty," says a modern moralist, "is nothing; it is living in poverty that comes hard on a fellow."

Another puzzle for scientists a baby-recently born near New Bremen, Ohio, with three eyes and but one ear. Most children, we are told, are to "be seen and not heard." This little chap is doubtless intended to see and not hear.

Some cynic reading of the successful working of the telephonic wire from the editorial rooms of the Brooklyn Union to the city hall, remarks that it is not the first time that the working of wires from the city hall has been of benefit to New York papers.

Milk Pans and Crocks very cheap at

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Rather "fishy" stories are told of the wonderful feats of shooting by Dr. W. F. Carves of California, as this, for instance; A glass ball is thrown into the air about twenty feet high. He fires and misses it with the first shot. He then reloads the rifle with a cartridge, fires and breaks the ball before it reaches the ground.

SITTING BELL AGAIN.—General Sheridan has received a report from Gen. Miles, at Fort Keogh, informing him that Sitting Bull and 144 men, all head soldiers and chiefs, sent a half-breed to Gen. Miles, inquiring what kind of peace the United States would make with them, and saying that their Great Father was, of course, too rich to expect the Indians to give up their ponies and old guns.

HECKER'S SELF RASING Griddle cake Flour, Italian Maccaroni & Tapioca at CAMPBELL'S. Also Flower Pots of all sizes.

Lord Leitrim did not bid for popularity a few years ago, he advertised for some one to fill up the vacancy in his Donegal agency. Three hundred applicants wrote to him, and in answer to one of them he said that he wished to appoint a military gentleman used to shooting natives in Australia and New Zealand, as he wanted a wholesome lesson given to the tenants on his estate. The shooting was not all from his side, however.

WHAT THEY SMOKE IN GERMANY.

In connection with Bismarck's tobacco project, a celebrated botanist, Herr Schleiden, has published some statistics in regard to the manufacture and sale of cigars in Germany. It appears that in Thuringia alone about 450 tons of bestroot leaves, are annually transformed into tobacco. In Magdeburg and the Palatinato the cigar makers employ large quantities, not only of bestroot leaves, but also of the leaves of endive, and even of the potato plant. The cigars sold in South Germany as coming from Veray, at a price of from one mark to one mark and a half per hundred, do not, according to Herr Schleiden, contain any tobacco, "except that made with cabbage or turnip leaves which have been deprived of their specific odor by various manipulations, and subsequently steeped for some time in an extract of tobacco." Herr Schleiden adds with an air of conscious pride, "that in no country in the world are cigars sold so cheap as in Germany."

A. B. ROBESON of New York can hold a hen convention in his yard any day. He has 6000 ducks, 4000 turkeys and 1200 hens, and they consume sixty bushels of corn, two barrels of potatoes, and other food daily.

Mrs. Eliza Peck, who died at Schenectady, N. Y., on the 1st of February, has bequeathed to the various Catholic charities of New York City \$21,600. The residue of her property is left in trust for her son-in-law, after whose death the property reverts to Cardinal McCloskey.

The pigeon business is just now the great industry at Potoskey, Mich. Pigeons are there in uncounted millions, and all the available men and teams are engaged in

catching and shipping them. From fifty to sixty barrels per day are shipped, each barrel containing twenty-five dozen. Trappers are paid thirty-five cents per dozen, and one man with net will take from fifty to sixty dozen per day. One haul of a net the other day produced 111 dozen. There are not far from 200 trappers there.

The telephone is fast being brought into general use throughout Japan.

Our thanks are due to J. R. Bradford, Esq. at present in Europe for late London papers. He was to leave for Paris on the 26th ult.

LATEST NEWS.

The War News continue to be so contradictory that it is not possible to give definite information. The negotiations with Russia "continue to be disadvantageous to the public," Sir Stafford Northcote says.

England and Russia are energetically pushing forward military preparations. Fighting is carried on between the Bulgarians and Russians.

An enormous fire was raging in Manchester, on the 5th inst. A large amount of property was destroyed.

Fredericton News.

The examination of candidates for admission to the Training school was held last week. Nearly one hundred and fifty succeeded in entering, representing all parts of the Province. The term begins this week.

Politics is becoming a topic of increasing interest in view of the approaching elections. Already eight names in York are spoken of as candidates for the Local Legislature, including the old members. As regards the Dominion, there will probably be not more than three in the field. The names of that number are now mentioned.

Bishop Madley leaves this week for an absence of several months in England, where he will visit his relatives and attend the Anglican Synod. He was waited on a few days ago and presented with a beautiful signet ring by his friends.

The Opera is the musical event of the season, and affords a rare opportunity of hearing real artistic singing. "Martha" was present last night to a highly appreciative audience; many however were disappointed at seeing only a part of the company, though it doubtless embraces its best talent. To-night the beautiful "Il Trovatore" will be given.

A large fleet of schooners and woodboats are in port loading with lumber &c.

Smelts are being caught in large numbers at the wharves.

Hand-organs have made their appearance to the delight of theurchins and annoyance of older people.

May flowers are about done.

Tuesday, May 7.

M. Flotow himself attended the rehearsal of his new opera, "Alma," and modified some melodious passages to suit Mile. Albiani's voice. The work has been brought out brilliantly, and is successful. M. Flotow, who is a venerable man, with finely-marked features and German simplicity of manners, was hardly able to speak from sheer joy when the performance was over. He said that Mile. Albiani's perfect representation of "Alma" made this opera "the crowning glory of his life."

[FOR THE STANDARD.]

Mr. Editor.—A question has arisen among some of us as to the meaning of the word "forgery," which has been applied to a transaction which took place a short time ago. I contend that it applies to an act of fraudulently making any instrument, and that any one guilty of such base conduct, should be held up to public scorn, and shunned by all honest citizens. Am I right in the definition. Yours, St. Andrews May 3. HONESTY.

Advertisements received after the paper was put to press, will be published next week.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, St. George, on the 2nd inst., by Rev. William H. Stewart, Captain Charles S. Smith, of Albert County, to Adelia, youngest daughter of James Dick, Esq.

Ship News.

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6, Civilian, Guphill, St. John, ballast.

REMOVAL.

MR. BRADLEY respectfully intimates to the public, that he has removed his store, to the premises at the head of Parr Street, lately occupied by Mrs. Fitzgerald; where he will continue to keep for sale, a general stock of groceries and provisions.

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