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Has the duty on ink anything to do with the ink-come tax?

An angler's book should have fly-leaves.

Can a man who dies barefooted, be said to die without issue (his shoe)? See?

While the St. Felix Sisters were dancing in the Halifax Academy of Music, a bucket fell and struck Lenore St. Felix on the face. She turned pale, but fortunately didn't "kick the bucket."

The backers of Warren Smith have challenged Wallace Ross to row him on Bedford Basin for \$500 a side, at any time between the 10th and 20th of July. They must surely know that Ross and Hanlan are matched to row on the 20th, and, consequently, that Ross could not possibly make a match for any intermediate time, but if they want to "talk business" for a race after that event, they can probably be accommodated.

WHY A NEWSPAPER FAILED.

George E. Thorne, a St. John boy, endowed with extraordinary journalistic ability, was for some time on the N. Y. Herald staff, afterwards one of the best reporters on the Chicago Tribune, which paper he left to take charge of the Omaha Republican, where, after a short, but brilliant career, he was suddenly called to join the grim procession which is constantly crossing the stream of death.

After leaving the Herald, Ned, who was a thorough Bohemian in his tastes, accepted the editorial chair of a paper, started in the New York Corn Exchange interests, which ran about six months and collapsed. When asked the cause of its failure, he replied "It failed from one of three causes, viz:—Want of ability on the part of the editor—want of funds on the part of the proprietor, or want of appreciation on the part of the public." Either of these or a happy combination of the whole is liable to "bust" any paper.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT died on Wednesday last, aged eighty five years. Mr. Bryant commenced life as a lawyer, but after ten years of successful practice left the law courts for the fields of literature.

His best remembered poem is "Thanatopsis," but many of his other pieces are characterized by great beauty, both of language and thought. His love of nature is so apparent in his practical writings that he has been aptly called the "Wordsworth of America."

Mr. Bryant won fame by his translations of the Iliad and Odyssey of Homer, and is held in kindly remembrance by many, for his admirable "Library of Poetry and Song."

The position in which he swayed the widest influence, however, was in the editorial chair of the New York Evening Post, with which he became connected in 1825, and which in his hands has been a model of honorable journalism. Notwithstanding Mr. Bryant's advanced age, he has, like many other busy men, left behind him a great unfinished work—"The History of the United States."

Jas. McMillan, Esq., has the sympathy of the entire community in his unfortunate accident, on Wednesday last. It is believed Mr. McMillan is not dangerously injured.

THE ELECTIONS.

The nomination and election of representatives for this constituency, in the Legislature of the Province, passed off quietly and good naturedly. The nomination speeches were listened to by a fair number of the electors, and were of average ability. The speeches taking their tone from Mr. Willis's, were moderate in their character—each of the candidates seeming inclined to say as little as possible that could be in any way offensive to any of the others. The graceful way in which the Hon. G. E. King, said "good-bye" to the County electors was not the least pleasing feature of the day's entertainment.

The voting on Wednesday was a most perplexing piece of cross firing—all the possible variations of the eight names having been cast at a single polling place. There was some grumbling on the part of some of Mr. Ritchie's supporters, when the votes were counted, at the large number of "plumpers" received by him. And in St. Martins it is said that Mr. Rourke's friends "plumped" him to a large extent. In view of the result of the election, it is not surprising that the various candidates were so certain of success, for Mr. Clark received a hundred more votes than when he ran before, and Mr. Fellow's large vote was such as to justify him in being confident. The returns on Wednesday indicate that this constituency is inclined to give the new Government a fair trial.

The complete returns for the County are as follows:

McLellan	2674
Elder	2029
Willis	1875
Ritchie	1863
Fellow's	1690
Clark	1689
Rourke	1289
Blakeslee	525

The election for the city on Thursday was, as between Messrs. Marshall and Everett, a hard fought battle. The Hon. Mr. Wedderburn, the

new Provincial Secretary, received support from both sides, and has much reason to be proud of his vote. Mr. Ferguson probably suffered to some extent from the "plumpers" which Mr. Ritchie's too enthusiastic friends voted on the previous day. Any way Mr. Ferguson, although a good speaker, and quite familiar with city affairs, was too late in entering the field to expect to do much against such formidable opponents as Messrs. Marshall, Wedderburn and Everett.

The election of Messrs. Wedderburn and Marshall may be fairly claimed as a triumph for the Government—Mr. Wedderburn holding one the chief portfolios in it, and Mr. Marshall having declared his intention to give it a "generous support." The Provincial Secretary, in his speech of thanks to the electors, at the close of the election, expressed his belief, from information he had received, that the new Government would have the confidence of the new House.

The returns in the city election were

Wards.	Wedderburn.	Marshall.	Everett.	Ferguson.
Kings	167	175	199	116
Queens 1	187	167	135	37
Queens 2	179	134	132	22
Dukes	243	215	131	44
Sydney	64	68	62	52
Prince	174	172	216	132
Wellington	202	172	224	69
Guy's	151	111	76	18
Albert	78	68	61	35
Brooks	61	46	41	44
Total	1507	1328	1267	569

The election for Charlotte County took place Thursday, and resulted in the return of the Surveyor-General, Hon. B. R. Stevenson, with Messrs Hill, Cotterell and Lynott.

The other elected representatives so far are for Victoria, Mr. Theriault; for Madawaska, Mr. Beveridge; for Northumberland, Messrs. Adams, Gillespie, Hutchinson; and for Gloucester, Messrs. Ryan and McManus.

CLIPPINGS CRITICISED.

What wood would be most appropriate for a prize-fighter's coffin? "Box" wood.—*Norristown Herald.*

Wooden's lignum-fite-y be better?

Arnold, the ink man, is said to make \$10,000 per year off of ink. A very nice ink-come, indeed.—*Whitehall Times.*

Write you are. We wouldn't mind retiring on a pension-size of that size.

What kind of a bottle is the most appropriate for holding Bass ale? A Bass vial.—*Thirsty Torch.*

"Enrique" you are a base vile fellow for calling us such names.

Is base drum music sold by the pound?—*Dexter Smith.* Yes; and tenor drum music by the roll.—*Kingwood Journal.* And harp music by the c'ord.—*Norristown Herald.* And hand organ music by the pennywait.—*Graphic.* And horn music by the d'ram.—*Cin. Sat. Night.* And cat music by the yard—in the rear.—*Whitehall Times.* Church music is sometimes by the quart-ette.—*Geneva Gazette.* And bag-pipe music is always by the pipe.—*Ballston Journal.*—And chain music by the y'ell.—*Fulton County Republican.*

And piano music by the gall-on the piano.