

Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1888. THE SINATY'S SPEAKERS DRAD.

Others of the most distinguished orators of the United States. The work has been published by Messrs. J. & M. McKim, of St. John, N. H., in a manner which does credit to the printing firm—being beautifully printed in large clear type on tinted paper, with wide margins, and neatly bound. The subject, as the author states in his preface, "is to bring together the names of all the birds that have been discovered in Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and north to the Arctic." The system of nomenclature adopted is that in vogue among the masters of the science on this continent. Mr. Chamberlain's opinion of the lack of attention which Canadian ornithology has hitherto attracted, indeed, in introducing his New Brunswick catalogue, he pointed out the only complete list previously given to the world had been from the pen of Dr. Adams, staff surgeon-major, who had gained his knowledge while stationed in Canada with his regiment (the 22nd) in 1827 and 1828. He also charges our Geological and Natural History society, as American scientists glady testify, has neglected results in botany, and in neglecting the ornithological branch of its work. The consequence is that dependence has had to be placed in records of distribution, on the testimony of observers who have necessarily had a comparatively limited experience. All possible care has, however, been taken to have each testimony verified, and Mr. Chamberlain trusts that "with all its faults and errors, the work may prove of some advantage to all who take an interest in our birds, and be of some service to students." This work, so far as we have no reason to doubt, and we are happy to congratulate the author on the completion of a work to which he has devoted so much well-directed energy and enlightened zeal. To Mr. John Fannin, curator of our provincial museum, he acknowledges his indebtedness for "valuable information concerning the birds of British Columbia, and especially so. Mr. Fannin's name appears, we might almost say, on every page in connection with the different species, and in every case he is accurate. Mr. Fannin's great powers of observation and deep scientific knowledge have assisted Mr. Chamberlain very largely in making his work invaluable to all students of ornithology.

IS THE TREATY DOOMED?

It is not at all unlikely that the question as to whether the new Washington treaty is one that it was wise to make or the reverse will prove to be of little consequence, as the chances of its ratification by the United States senate are remote. In answer to the question whether the treaty is doomed at Washington, the New York Journal of Commerce, which may be taken upon to take an unbiased view of the situation, answers, in general terms, that it is to be trusted. "Yes," this opinion is based, not upon the idea that the treaty is not an advantageous one for the United States, but the fact that while the treaty has few warm supporters outside the state department, its enemies are numerous and active. "The attitude of the American people towards it seems, generally, to be one of indifference. They do not much care whether the long standing fishery trouble is settled at last or kept open indefinitely. The people who are in favor of the treaty take advantage of this apathy to assail it with effect. Foremost comes the fishery interest, which is simply implacable. The Gloucester fishermen would be satisfied with nothing short of a complete surrender of all that the Dominion has ever claimed, and full indemnity for all losses, real or constructive, sustained by them from Canadian interference in the past. They are equally unwilling to let in Canadian fish and oil free of duty, as conditionally provided in the treaty, and to pay the tollage tax which would give them access for certain necessary purposes to the Canadian bays and harbors. "They want something for nothing. They require that the Dominion shall yield all for which she has contended without return in "kind" or in "cash." This is a clear and distinct statement of the intentions of the political section controlling this matter for a reliable source. Upon the Gloucester "fish pirates," as they are called, concessions are thrown away. According to the Journal of Commerce, the Yankee fishermen are not the only enemies of the treaty. In addition to those there are the Protectionists, who will resist any such relaxation of the tariff as is implied in the free admission of Canadian fish, and Republicans who will oppose anything that appears to be of conservative origin, Senators of anti-English proclivities who want to see the treaty, and lastly the American Irish, "which is practically united in denunciation of any treaty which promises to lead to a cessation of hostilities between the United States and England," and which is especially opposed to this treaty on account of the part taken in its negotiation by Mr. Chamberlain, an upholder of the coercion policy and "one of its pet aversions."

CANADIAN BIRDS.

If, as has been said, flowers mark the footsteps of angels, it may also be said that many of our birds echo and re-echo their voices. No place in the world is more musical than a country orchard or patch of alders, where the yellow throats, the robins, and the early spring morning, and it is somewhat curious that the sweetest of our singing birds sing loudest and longest in the immediate neighborhood of the dwellings of man. Mr. Montague Chamberlain, of St. John, N. B., has long been known as one of the most enthusiastic ornithologists in Canada. He was for many years one of the associate editors of The Auk, which is the official organ of the American Ornithological Union, and he also contributed constantly to the Bulletin of the National History Society of New Brunswick. The Bulletin for 1887 (No. 1) contained his "Catalogue of the Birds of New Brunswick," with notes based on his own experience. In No. 11 these notes were continued. He has of late been engaged in a similar project, not of a single province, merely, but of the whole Dominion—a work in which he was encouraged by Prof. Allen, of the Museum of Natural History of New York, Dr. Hart Merriam and

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