



HURON SIGNAL.

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THE PRESENT CANADIAN MINISTRY.

One of the watch words of the liberal party, both in Britain and America, has been "Measures not Men." Such phrases, like some kinds of metal, sometimes pass current for genuine gold, when a little analytic examination would discover them to be only of the composition of brass.

"For 'tis a law of universal truth, That like should like begot upon the earth." The people of France elected Louis Napoleon to serve them, and now he has served them up in his own style.

Let the present men in power reflect that "like causes produce like effects." We think it will be generally conceded that the present Government possesses more real practical talent, than any that have preceded it.

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CHANGE OF MINISTRY IN ENGLAND.

Lord John Russell has again returned from the helm of State and a protectionist Tory has taken his place. Some may be disposed to regret this. Under certain circumstances we would have been subject to the same feeling—but as things are at present, we do not see much occasion to be alarmed for the cause of political progression.

The tendencies of the people of Britain are steadily, though slowly, becoming more democratic. It was this which brought out the late Reform Bill. The Aristocracy were scarcely prepared for it—hence the apparent reaction. The Whigs, to regain power again, will be compelled to take even more liberal ground than that which they have just occupied.

Our Canadian interests will be affected by the change—especially the Church and State question. It is to be hoped, however, with Lord Elgin as our Governor, that no British Cabinet will interfere with our inalienable right to manage our own affairs.

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The Rev. Alexander McKid delivered a truly interesting and eloquent lecture on the science of Geology, last evening, in the Hall of the Sons of Temperance.

The Rev. Mr. Carron will preach in the United Presbyterian Church, in this Town, on the two coming Sabbaths, 21st and 28th instants.

Communications.

GLENBURNE, 9th March, 1852. TO THE HURON SIGNAL.

DEAR MASTER EDITOR:—I'm muckle obliged for your attention to my letter, ye spell it a' as weel's I could have done myself. But bow man, its gotten me intil a wearie sicht o' trouble wi' my neighbour John Tamsan, an my wife Janet.

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Imperial Parliament.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In the House of Commons, on the 9th ult., on the second reading of the bill for the Local Militia Act to be amended.

Lord Palmerston said it was exceeding necessary that whatever measure introduced should be based upon a right principle, and the amendment which he proposed to move, was intended to make the bill more in accordance with the views of the House.

Mr. M. Gibson contended that no case had been made out for the application of the surplus to an increase of the national debt, instead of using it for the reduction of those taxes which rest upon the humbler classes.

Lord John Russell said he could understand the position which was taken by Mr. Gibson, but he could not understand the opposition which had been made by the noble lord (Palmerston).

Mr. Herbert thought it would be better for the word local to be omitted in the bill, and that the whole question might be open for consideration.

From the Canadian. To.—Sir,—In a conversation which I lately had with you in Goderich, respecting the past and present mode of disposing of the Public Lands in this part of the Province, and the propriety of reducing the present price, or appropriating a portion of the proceeds to the opening of leading roads in the adjacent Townships in which the lands are situated.

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The list of directors of the above company as presented the name of Mr. Hensman, E. whose valuable services at the Great Exhibition, in the control of the passenger department, were so generally admitted, value and genuine character of the proposed undertaking. From using type, the proposed appreciate the benefits offered by the new invention, which must prove highly profitable to the shareholders.

LETTER FROM MR. BROWN.

Late Temperance Missionary in Kirkcaldy. Sir, believing that many of the friends of Temperance and other in Kirkcaldy may be desirous of learning something of the movements of one who laboured among them, beg your insertion of the following brief outline of my Southern tour:—

According to arrangement I proceeded to Melbourne in November, on the 24th Nov. On passing through the metropolis, I learned that the noble elected Lord Provost is an out-and-out Teetotalist, a fact that I had heard of before. I was, therefore, very desirous to see him, and I accordingly called on him, and had the pleasure of seeing him, and he was very kind to see me, and he was very kind to see me, and he was very kind to see me.

On arriving at Melbourne I found that a meeting had been called for that evening in the Free Church, I attended and lectured to a highly respectable audience. The minister (Rev. Mr. Campbell), is a recent addition to the Temperance ranks. He is a pious man, and I do not doubt, turn out a volume of good sense. Although he is every part of Scotland temperance force, better fitted to protect the country from any attempt which might be made upon it. (Cheers.) The noble lord concluded by moving the adoption of the word "local" from the title of the bill.

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