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TRI-WEEKLY CIRCULATION
FOR WEEK ENDING
January 12 h, 1889.
Thursday.....1,109
Friday.....882
Saturday.....1,626
Total.....3,717
Average.....1,239

The Gleaner.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1889.

A TORY CANDIDATE.

It is more than probable that there is

no truth in the telegraphic statement in

the paper yesterday that the Hon.

and leader had issued a confidential cir-

cular to each of his parliamentary rep-

resentatives, informing them that "owing to

the growing tendency toward annexa-

tion, aroused by the discussion of unre-

stricted reciprocity, he has decided to

abandon the advocacy of the latter, and

during the approaching session will re-

vert to the anti-protectionist policy which

the party adhered to in 1879." This im-

plies the adoption of a course not in

keeping with Mr. Laurier's style of doing

things. Whatever his personal convic-

tions may be on any question of policy

we do not mean to imply by this that

the substance of the Tory despatch above

quoted defines his views on the effect of

the unrestricted reciprocity discussion.

he does not arrogate to himself the ex-

clusive right to fix or settle upon the

policy of his party. His position has

been the practice of all successful lead-

ers, first to commit with his followers as

to the advisability of this or that step,

and not to proceed further until there

has been some unanimity of feeling on

the subject on which opinion was sought;

and we feel assured that his supporters

in parliament have, as a party, not been

consulted, and that even if they were,

there could possibly be any unanimity

of feeling in favor of the abandonment

of the unrestricted reciprocity plank in

the liberal platform.

The reasons assigned for Mr. Laurier's

alleged change of base are, it seems to

us, sufficient to explain the change, and

the statement telegraphed to the press as

a canon. The liberals hold, and Mr.

Laurier, in his speeches last season and

also, has shown pretty conclusively, we

think, that unrestricted reciprocity, re-

ther than encouraging a feeling in favor

of annexation, would ally the discontent

through which the annexation element

found its principal support, and

relegate the question of political union

from the front to the rear of the distant

future. And there has been no argu-

ment as yet put forward which would as-

sert any reasonably independent man to

arrive at any other conclusion. Nay

yet can it be truthfully said that the ad-

vocacy of unrestricted reciprocity is re-

sponsible for the growing tendency to-

ward annexation.

The step which Mr. Laurier is credited

with taking would clearly be to the de-

triment of the best interests of the

country, and a move in the best interests

of the party. Would any reasonable

person be warranted in assuming that

Mr. Laurier would take any such step?

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The world's fair to be held in Paris in

1889 has as yet not excited very much

interest throughout the world. What

the reason is cannot be with certainty

said, but it is not improbable that

France's European neighbors at least are

not so sure as they would like to be that

she will be in that year in even as stable

a position as she is at present. They

would like to be certain that they can

send their exhibits to the French capital

without minglings as to their fate.

When they find wealthy Parisians re-

moving their valuable art collections to

places of safety there cannot be said to

be much to stimulate them to forward

their exhibits to France. The move-

ments of Bonaparte have added to the

general unrest of the nation and have

carried her neighbors to watch her with

very close eyes. The vision of Aliesce-

urians is continually held out to them

by the would-be Napoleon, and however

much they feel that it is impossible for

them in their present state to acquire

their old possessions, their longing

after these provinces but adds to their

unrest. When to this is added that

the present year is the centenary of the

Revolution it cannot be wondered at

that a general impression prevails that

France will not get through the year

without internal trouble, sufficient

to prevent those most anxious to send

exhibits to her capital from taking part

in her fair.

Captain Howe has resigned his position

as Scott Art Inspector for the county.

His resignation seems to have met with

the approval of almost every member

of the county council. We ourselves, while

we very much regret the resignation, we

nevertheless feel that it is necessary to

resign his hands in his work, do not regret

that he has felt it necessary to resign.

Mr. Howe possesses some of the quali-

fications of a good inspector, but is also

rather too partisan a man for the posi-

tion which he has found it necessary to

vacate.

M. Nereau, liberal, has been elected

to the commons for Joliette. The con-

test arose out of the unmaking of a toy

for bribery and corruption. Every effort

was made to secure the seat for the late

toy maker, but, notwithstanding, the

liberals won the day. Reciprocity was

the chief point at issue—a good indica-

tion of the hold which the question is

taking upon the people.

The election in Haldimand takes

place January 20th. Mr. Collier and Dr.

Montague are again the candidates.

A case of Wind.

One Collier made himself very much

noticed in the press last morning. He did not

like the paper's reference to the little report

concerning him, and he was given to work

at it with some good results. He was

very much surprised to find that the

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NEWS OF THE WORLD CONDENSED.

From Our Own Telegraphic Re-

ports and Our Exchanges.

Personal, Political and Reli-

gious News of the Day.

Cable, American, Canadian and

General Topics.

Cable.

Archbishop Crooke has donated £50 to the

fund for the relief of the Irish famine.

John O'Connor, M. P. for South Tipper-

ary, against whom a warrant was issued

for offences under the Crimes Act, has been

arrested at Cheltenham.

The court has granted a decree in favor of

plaintiff in the suit for divorce brought by

Mrs. Bonfield (Lagan Robertson) against

One Bonfield, who has been charged with

adultery.

It is reported that the court has granted

the plaintiff a decree nisi.

The police at Tunis have captured a gang

of robbers and assassins. Among the

gang was a man who is believed to have

perpetrated the recent revolting murders of

a number of men in the Whitehall district

of London. The British consul has

forwarded to his government all the details

connected with the case.

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