

SUMMARY.

A PROPHECY OF A GREAT FUTURE.—There are about 18,000 square miles of coal in the Province of Nova Scotia, or one-third more than in Great Britain, which contains 11,900 square miles. The deposits probably equal all the coal in Europe, Russia not included.

LIGHTNING CONDUCTORS.—Doctor Mann lately showed, at the Science Conference at South Kensington, how unimportant is the form of lightning conductors, whether rods, ropes, or pipes; and that the real desideratum was that they should be of sufficient size to afford an unobstructed path for the passage of the electric fluid. He insisted on the necessity of a goodly number of points, and above all upon the indispensability of large earth contact, saying that a lightning discharge passing through a large rod, with an ample earth contact is only a gentle stream of low tension; but that, if the size of the rod or the area of its contact with the earth is diminished, the tension is increased, and the fluid has a tendency to discharge itself laterally by chance outlets.

James Hillier, an elderly man, was recently charged at the Thomas Poller Court, London, with the novel offence of hanging his son John, aged five years, out of the window. The mother afraid of Hillier's violence, had run out of the house and sought refuge with a neighbor. Returning soon after, she was horrified to see her child suspended by a line out of the second-floor window. When rescued, the little one was exhausted, and there were red marks on its throat and beneath its armpits, where the cord had been.

There is now authentic information that Generals Crook and Terry have been able to join their forces, and that, upon pursuit, Sitting Bull and his warriors were not anywhere to be found. It is reported that they had been reduced to great privation, and had fled for safety. Upon this an assumption is drawn that the war may soon be brought to a satisfactory close, and that while obtaining proper guarantees for the future, there may be administered a due chastisement for past offences. All this, however, is not so certain. Experience has shown the Indians to be wily and treacherous, and the present move of Sitting Bull may be only a well designed feint to draw the enemy into an ambush, from which they may find it as difficult to escape as did General Crook. According to the present appearance the campaign is more likely to be shortened than it was a month ago; but even in the days of victory for balance towards the Indians should mark the dealings of both the army and the Government.

A LONG LOST FATHER.—A man from a neighboring State, stopping at an Auburn hotel, noticed upon the register the name of his father who had left his home twelve years ago, and of whom hitherto no trace had been discovered. The father had left his wife and family, and the son had since that time honorably maintained his deserted mother. Now that the son had at last found a trace of the renegade father, he followed it up and found him in a neighboring town, pursuing the even tenor of his way, with a young woman for his wife, whom he had recently married, after having buried another wife a few months previously.

The citizens of New York are threatened with two dangers. One is accident by decayed telegraph poles; the other is poisoning by the Croton water. It is time that both were looked after by competent authority. Already one death has occurred and severe injuries have been sustained from the former cause; and the general testimony is that the water now supplied to the public is unfit for use. In such cases a remedy seems practicable. Upon examination all unsound poles should be condemned and removed; and by a thorough system of filtration the water may and should be cleansed from all impurity. There may be expense and trouble connected with such arrangements, but what are these compared to the safety and health of the people?—Scottish American.

HARD ON THE REPUBLICAN LEADERS.—Maguire, who is now serving a sentence of six months in the county jail, for complicity in the whiskey frauds, has published a card in relation to the time of expiration of his sentence. He closes as follows:—"When I again have the privilege of meeting my fellow citizens, which will be before election, I shall have a little vindictive to do; and I may be able to show that some of our public Republican leaders, now engaged in preaching moral reform, ought to have striped suits on, and with their heads shaved, be serving out a term in the Missouri Penitentiary."

DEPARTURE FOR THE PARIS CREW.—A very large crew gathered at Reeds Point this morning to bid adieu to the Paris Crew, who left in the City of Portland, en route for Philadelphia. The men, who looked in capital condition, showed themselves on the upper deck of the steamer as she swung off, and their friends on the wharf gave these rousing cheers, to which the "boys" responded by waving their hats. A few backers accompany the crew but of the St. John people who are going, the majority will delay their departure until next week.—Globe of Friday.

A young gentleman, who moves in the

best society of San Antonio, said the other evening to a young lady, "The foliage is much more exuberant this year than usual." "Yes," she answered thoughtfully, "all them imported fruits is cheaper than they used to was."

THE EDITORSHIP OF THE SCOTSMAN.—The Rev. Dr. Wallace, minister of Old Greyfriars' Church, Edinburgh, and Professor of Divinity and Church History in the University of Edinburgh, has been appointed to the editorship of the Scotsman, in room to the late Mr. Russell. Dr. Wallace began editorial duties on the 1st inst., and resigned his professorship and also his charge of Old Greyfriars'. He was ordained a minister of the Established Church in 1857, and was in 1872 appointed a Professor.—As most of our readers are aware he was for some years minister of Trinity College Church, and succeeded to the professorate of Old Greyfriars' on death of Dr. Lee.—Edinburgh Courier.

The Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, AUGUST 30, 1876.

LAST NOTICE.—Persons indebted to the Standard office by subscriptions, job work, and advertising will please pay the bills when presented. We have managed this far to avoid the unpleasant course of compelling payment by law; but delinquents who are indebted for years, should remember that we cannot live upon air, and that there is a limit to forbearance; wages and material must be paid for, we now appeal to them to pay a portion at all events, and thereby save expense. Those at a distance can remit by Post Office order.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURE.—The Carleton Sentinel, in one of its late issues, complains of the local Executive appointment of Commissioners for the County, and ignoring the recommendations made by the County members of gentlemen named by them for the office. We know nothing more of the matter than represented by our contemporary. Surely the Executive has not forgotten that the Province is under Responsible Government, which has been defined "the well understood wishes of the people as expressed through their representatives in the Legislature." The question is a constitutional one, and while in the present instance, it has a local bearing, still it affects the whole Province and interferes with the rights and privileges of the people. We feel friendly to the present Government, but are outspoken enough to animadvert upon such a stretch of power. How common it has become for Governments to imagine themselves the masters instead of the servants of the people. It is to be hoped that the Executive will be able to justify their appointments, before the Legislature. They may have good reason for their selection. We know of some appointments made by them in the interests of the country, while the parties appointed were politically opposed to them.

Pic-Nic.—One of those social reunions called "pic-nics" was held on Monday last, on the beautiful grounds of Mr. H. O'Neill, near Katie's Cove. The place selected by the many friends of the Rev. F. O'Neill, for whom the Pic-Nic was held, is a charming spot overlooking Pocomagouche Bay. After engaging in games and other amusements usual to such gatherings, the company sat down to the tables, which were filled with the delicacies of the season, accompanied with tea, coffee, a variety of cakes, &c. As the shades of evening drew on, the large company returned to town, highly pleased with the afternoon's enjoyment. The Rev. Mr. O'Neill appears to be as much a favorite in his native town, as he is said to be among his parishioners in New Jersey.

The editor of the Journal records his "trip down the river," and alludes to business being dull in St. Andrews as everywhere else. He also notices the "growing propensities of a monster squash." Unfortunately said squash is de facto nothing more nor less than a carboy painted green and a squash vine trailed around it. Our venerable contemporary will understand how "practical jokers" can play off their humbug on the unwary. The squash alluded to is even a greater sell, than the "the Limerick Caps," "strawberry plants" were growing, but it is impossible for an empty carboy to grow, except by the misrepresentation of—

There is scarcely a newspaper published from one end of the year to the other that will not give offence to some one in the community. The common-sense view is that the newspaper is the history of yesterday written to-day; that it is the mirror of the time, and that those who conduct its care nothing for individuals except to do them justice.

A BLUEJACK IN THE CHINA SEA.

We commence to-day the publication of extracts from the journal of an officer on board one of the magnificent steamships which ply between San Francisco and China, touching at Japan. Our correspondent is a native of St. Andrews, (Mr. F. A. Stevenson), and has kindly undertaken the task for the benefit of the readers of the Standard. The journal is interesting and instructive, and we regret that we have only space to give extracts from the introduction in the present issue, but will continue it in following numbers:—

We left San Francisco for Hong Kong, via Yokohama, on board steamship Beloit, Capt. Metcalf, on Tuesday, 10th May, 1876, at 12 o'clock noon; Registered Tonnage 1916, Fine day. The sail through the harbor, out of the Golden Gate and away out on the ocean was everything that could be wished, our Steamer passed small boats, schooners, ferry boats, barks, ships and ocean steamers, some of them at anchor, and others moving along as though they were alive; there was just enough breeze to make everything look lively. Then we passed the different islands in the harbor. Keeping our eyes turned on the city, we could not help regretting leaving it, if only for a short time; the city looks so much prettier now than at any other season, everything has such a beautiful green appearance, not like in summer, then the hills have nothing but that gray, dry, sandy look. We gave through the Golden Gate take a farewell look at the "Cliff House" and say goodbye "Frisco." We begin to feel the motion of the vessel as she rises and falls in the long ocean swell. Looking away off to the southward we can just see a large steamship heading for the city and we are told it is the new steamship for the Pacific Mail on her way from New York.

Now we come to the Faralayne Islands which have a large light house; they look lonesome. Our Pilot leaves us here carrying with him farewell letters from the passengers, and bidding us good-bye and a pleasant trip we are soon out of his sight.

Towards night the wind increases, the sea commences to rise at midnight it is squally with every appearance of heavy weather.—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday until noon on Monday we had strong winds.

Tuesday 23d was a fine day the air warm, very pleasant on deck, the passengers enjoying themselves in different ways—the Chinese sitting around the deck smoking, and playing their peculiar gambling games—the Europeans smoking reading and talking—the two lady passengers playing the game of Hoop-Joss with two gentlemen. One of the China passengers died last night, the doctor embalmed him; there is not much notice taken of a Chinaman's death as soon as one dies he is forsaken by his countrymen, they won't touch him with their hands, he has to be moved out of his berth placed in his coffin, lashed on top of the wheel house, by the Europeans; some of his friends burn a lot of Joss paper and throw over the side with different colored sheets of Chinese paper and Chinese words on each sheet; this is the only ceremony performed over the body, in the coffin they place packages of food. On the 24th May another Chinaman died, they fire as long as they possibly can in California and come on board of ship, ready to die; they know their bodies must all go back to China, and the fear of being buried in the ocean never enters their head.

What an envious people they are, how much easier they slide through this world than a European; they don't seem to be anxious to make money, but are always ready to make it where they have the slightest chance; they bear pain without a murmur, and in dying make no noise. As long as their bodies get back to China they are contented and ready for death when it comes—their happiness on this earth seem to consist in eating, smoking opium and gambling; they are great imitators, I don't believe there is anything that they can't learn to do that they cannot do. As they soon learn to talk and write English, they are fully able to cope with any European in trade or business as soon as they are bound to have the best of a trade if possible. They have the same idea of right and wrong that we have but pay no attention to it whatever in trading; as a rule, they are clean, it is part of their religion to wash their bodies twice a day. They are good smooth-water sailors but in a storm are cowards. No amount of threats or punishment will make a Chinaman go aloft if he is frightened; you might stick a knife through him and he would not move. When he says no seecy, you may let him alone he will neither say nor do anything after that. Such is the "heathen Chinese."

This is the first Queens birth-day, that I ever saw, that there was not some notice taken of it, not a flag hoisted, not a gun fired, not even her health drunk. Nothing out of the usual course took place to-day. Fine weather, ship under steam and sail but going slow, how I long to get back to San Francisco but what is the use in my fretting no matter how fair the wind we can't get there until the last of July.

Thursday 25th May we are about 1600 miles from Frisco fine day, sails set but not much wind. Nothing to be seen on the ocean unless it is the gulls, they follow us night and day when we first leave port the common white gulls follow us about 400 or 500 miles, they leave us then, and their places are taken by the ocean gulls which are very large and strong;

they are a dark gray or almost steel color, their wings and back shining as though polished—what astonishes me is to see the length of time they will fly or soar over the waves and around the ship and not the slightest movement of their wings, how they propel themselves I can not see, their inclination seems to guide them or carry them along, they will remain with us until we near Japan and then thousands of white gulls will take their place.

Our reporter says that the Rev. F. O'Neill preached an eloquent and impressive sermon, on Sunday last, in the Roman Catholic Church here. He is represented as fluent and pleasing speaker, and close reasoner. We learn that he is to officiate at Milltown, St. Stephen, next Sunday.

LATEST NEWS.

The Turks and Servians are still fighting. Despatches of Aug. 27 state that the battles of the 26th and 27th inst., are claimed as victories for the Turks.

The Porte requires Prince Milan to address demands for peace direct to Turkish authorities. Russian officers however were continuing to arrive in great numbers, and repeated attacks on the Turkish line are rendering the negotiations for peace useless.

The prospects for a good fall trade in the United States is favorable. Gold was 111 1/2. Some heavy fires in New York and Savannah, destroyed much property.

Mr. Wm. Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has returned from England.

The Paris Crew arrived at Philadelphia and created great interest among boating men.

A water spout near St. Paul's Island, Gulf of St. Lawrence destroyed several houses, one man was killed.

Accidents in Montreal and Halifax resulted in the death of two persons.

The Halifax Bank robbers have been sent up for trial, and the Montreal jeweler Miller who decamped with a large amount of jewels is still at large; his sisters have been arrested charged with embezzling about 15,000 worth of jewelry.

The price of flour is still falling.

Captain SYLVANUS HANEY an old and respectable captain died at the Public Hospital, at St. John, on the 22d inst., from injuries received on board his vessel, the "E. J. Glass." He was a native of Deer Island, and aged 64. Capt. Haney was a member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias and other societies. His remains were brought to Eastport on Tuesday last, and from thence taken to the Island for interment.

A Photograph.

The lectures of Professor Smyth, of Cambridge University, England, on modern history have for forty years been the careful study of statesmen. While reading one of his famous lectures the past week the truth of the following extract struck us so forcibly that we copy it for the benefit of our readers:—

"Men who, beginning as petty politicians, become successful office-seekers, and who easily imbibed the notions of office, never afterwards get beyond them. They become familiarized with corruption, accustomed to petty tricks and paltry expedients. Their understandings are narrowed; their feelings blunted; their minds rendered coarse and vulgar; the natural sense of patriotism, and benevolence, and honor, is weakened and debased; they mistake their craft for sagacity, their acquaintance with detail for more profound wisdom; and it is scarcely too much to say that they become, through the remainder of their public life, the secret or avowed friends of servility, the riders of all public spirit, the enemies of all improvement; and if any crisis of human affairs occurs, the most fatal counselors that their country can listen to."

The engineers have located the Grand Southern Railroad to within two miles of St. Stephen, and the construction parties are closely following. Under the able management of Col. Greene, the work is being pushed vigorously all along the line. No difficulty has been found in making contracts for the various sections at terms exceedingly favorable to the Company, and the only drawback encountered has been the inability of the leading corps to lay out the work as fast as required by the contractors. Had the road been located last year, every mile of the road could have been graded this year. As it is, over forty-five miles are in the hands of the contractors, and the entire distance will be graded before fall. Over twenty-five miles are already graded.

A good joke is going the rounds of the western part of this State at the expense of the erudite editor of one of the Michigan dailies, who, on discovering a fire, rushed out into the street, shouting: "Conflagration! conflagration!! conflagration!!!—Approximate hither with the implements of deluge and extinguish this combustion."—Detroit Free Press.

[From the Galas Times.] A Child aged 3 years, son of Mr. Young of No. 14, swallowed several pills out of a box which he found on Tuesday, and in two hours was dead.

Messrs. F. H. Todd & Sons are arranging to rebuild their mill burned at the Union. The timbers for the purpose are now being saved: The Bay of Fundy Red Granite works at St. George have a full force engaged upon orders requiring immediate execution. The business prospects of the Company were never better than at present.

Only a fourth of the lumber mills on the river are now running, and the families of the army of idle millmen are in very reduced circumstances. In some instances there is already suffering for the necessities of life.

The Eastport Sentinel says:—The Rev. Mr. Eugene Vetroville, who has for the last eight years been the egyptian of the Roman Catholic churches at Eastport, Pembroke and the Indian village of Pleasant Point, has resigned his pastoral charge with the intention of making a tour around the world.

The loss of Father Vetroville will be severely felt not only by his church, but by the town in which he lived and the State where he was so well known. Probably no egyptian of his parish ever attended more strictly to his clerical duties; but he will be more widely known by the vast amount of literary labor which he has accomplished.

THE FIGHTING TRICK.—They call it the "fighting trick" in Detroit. A benevolent looking man enters a drinking saloon, followed soon after by a wiry little fellow who invites No. 1 to take a drink and a cigar. The liquor is swallowed, the cigars lighted, when suddenly No. 2 exclaims: "For thirty long years I have followed your trail day and night! You broke up my happy family, will an that you are, but now come out here and fight me like a man!" "I will fight you to the death!" is the determined reply, and they rush into the back yard. The agitated bar-keeper runs to the front door, whistles for a policeman, and hurries to the back door just in time to see a coat tail disappearing over the fence. Then he begins to realize the situation.

If gentlemen desire to commit suicide they might at least do it quietly and in a fitting place. Mr. John P. Saunders seems to have thought differently. He was travelling in a railcar in Minnesota. It was full of ladies. He gave them a brief sketch of his life, and then knelt down and said his prayers—apologizing before he did so, saying it was a custom of his. He then calmly blew out his brains with a revolver. The Tribune Herald says:—There was more excitement than necessary, one lady having the heart disease. At the sight of Mr. Saunders' act she succumbed sick. At the next halt they were buried. The female warden of much account—she'd only twenty-three cents consoling about her person."

The British Government is rapidly increasing its number of Gatling guns in the navy. All the large iron-clads armed with these, and several have lately been sent to Malta for issue to the Mediterranean fleet.

General Selby Smyth, commander of the Canadian Militia force, who is now in England, will sail for Quebec, on his return to Canada, on Sept. 28. The General will pay a visit to Germany to consult with the Duke of Cambridge with regard to the Military affairs of the Dominion, and their relation towards those of the Empire. On his return General Smyth will have for aide-de-camp Lieutenant the Hon. A. H. Greville, 6th Rifles.

DEATH.—On Saturday morning last, 21st instant, after a short illness, Mr. ROBT. COCKBURN, aged 73, leaving a wife and large family to mourn the loss of affectionate husband and parent, and the community a respectable citizen. The funeral took place on Monday last, and was attended by a large number of persons from town and country to their resting place in the cemetery.

Ship News.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS  
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Aug. 21. Linda, Evans, Eastport, Fish, to master.  
Matilda, Stinson, St. Stephen, gen. car., J. R. Bradford, and others.

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