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CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.

Montreal Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1876.

PROSPECTUS FOR 1876.

ON THE OPENING OF A NEW YEAR we feel justified in calling upon the public in every part of the Dominion to aid us in making the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS second to no journal of its class in the world. We have accomplished much in the way of improvements, and we think we have fulfilled the promises we made twelve months ago. *But we feel that there still remains much to be done*, and we call upon our friends to assist us in doing it. This is the only illustrated newspaper in the Dominion. As such it has special claims upon the patronage of Canadians. It is a national undertaking, designed to reflect PICTORIALY and EDITORIALY the life, the sentiments, and the daily history of Canada. No other paper can do this in the same way, and hence the ILLUSTRATED NEWS has an intrinsic value quite distinct from any other publication.

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much it can still be improved, and we warrant that if we receive the patronage which we solicit, no effort on our part will be left untried to introduce a number of the most desirable improvements. Let the public throughout the country come forward generously with their support and we guarantee to furnish them a paper which shall be a real credit to the Dominion. We will supply the material if our friends will only furnish the patronage. Our terms are very moderate:—

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PACIFIC RAILWAY FALCONRY

On our front page there will be found a cartoon representing the Premier of the Dominion taking lessons in falconry by flying a bird which is to dally with a gyrfalcon. The falcon himself is kept out of sight for obvious reasons. In the background stands the Leader of the Opposition who is an old hand at falconry, and who seems to enjoy the exhibition made by his rival. He warns him good humoredly that, unless he have a care, the bird will escape him altogether. The trainer replies as good naturedly that that is precisely what he would like to see accomplished.

This pleasant little sketch does not inaptly figure the present position of the Government in regard to the Pacific Railway. They are trying to carry on the scheme, but they foresee all manner of difficulties in the way, and would be delighted to see it go out of their hands altogether. If the road could be built, within the period specified by contract, they would be only too glad to construct it, and thus connect their name in the history of the country with an enterprise of such national magnitude and importance. But the appearances are that they do not believe in the feasibility of the project, and that they are gradually preparing the public mind to share their views.

The question is a vital one and must be maturely considered in all its phases before a definite conclusion is arrived at. Theoretically we are all in favor of the Pacific Railway. Our minds have been schooled to it for the last five years; our imaginations have been fired by it, and we have based many of our plans of future greatness on its realization. It has come to be considered a necessary bond of our Union, the ligament of our nationality. Our confederation was rounded off by it. British Columbia joined, and would join us, on no other terms. Manitoba was incorporated with the view of making it the first relay. It has been instrumental in increasing the volume of our immigration. Our agents abroad were instructed to put forward the Pacific Railway, as among our chief inducements, to settlers and pioneers. All these are facts and not one of them can be gainsaid. Furthermore, we have founded many of our pretensions upon it. Our name has gone forth as a rising, thriving people, our commerce has extended, our industry has multiplied and Canada has taken a sudden rise, not principally indeed, but in great measure, because of the Pacific Railway.

In view of all these facts, the very possibility of an abandonment of the Pacific Railway is a matter of the most serious moment. The people at large have not yet awakened to this possibility, but when they do we shall be mistaken if they do not manifest their astonishment and chagrin in effective terms. There is only one argument which will reconcile them to the abandonment, and that is the proof in black and white that the road cannot be built without enormous taxation, and the assumption of such burdens of credit as the country is plainly unable to bear. Before the hard logic of figures they will have, of course, to bow and renounce their

dreams of national consolidation and aggrandisement. But these figures are precisely what the Government are obliged to show. The matter is and ought to be a non-partisan one, but, unfortunately, the two parties will take hold of it and make confusion doubly confounded. The wise patriotic cause would be to ascertain first whether the plan of the present Government is really impossible of fulfilment. If so, then whether the plan of the late Government is also impossible. We admit neither, but allowing the facts to tend that way, we should advise, as a final resort, a direct appeal to the people. They are to pay the money, and they ought to be the ultimate arbiters.

THE RIFLE AT THE CENTENNIAL

We beg to call the attention of volunteers and others interested in rifle shooting to the following letter received by Lieutenant-Colonel Fletcher, Secretary of the Quebec Provincial Rifle Association, from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association, New York, making known the fact that it is intended to hold a "World's Competition" during the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, and inviting the co-operation of Canada. The Dominion Rifle Association will, no doubt, take the matter up at the annual meeting in February. The matter is of such importance and so pressing that although the document comes to us at the last moment, we make room for it, in the only space left us, the editorial columns. We may add that, owing to our removal from our present offices to our new building on Bleury street, the strain for time on the present and following numbers of the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS is unusually great.

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

OFFICE, 93 Nassau Street.

GEN. ALEX. SHALER.....President.
GEN. JOHN B. WOODWARD....Vice-President.
COL. HY. A. GILDERSLEEVE....Secretary.
GEN. MARTIN T. McMAHON....Treasurer.

NEW YORK, December 6, 1875.

*The Province of Quebec Rifle Association,
Montreal, Canada:*

By authority of the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association of America, we have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of resolutions passed at their last meeting, and we cordially invite your attention to the same.

It is the desire of our association that your country should be represented in the matches contemplated in honor of the Centennial anniversary of American Independence. These matches will constitute one of the features of the Centennial exhibition, and will be conducted under the auspices of the Centennial Commission.

The principal match will be for the "championship of the world," open to teams of eight from each country; distances, 800, 900 and 1000 yards; Creedmore rules; prize a "Trophy" presented by the citizens of the United States.

A programme will be prepared as soon as possible, which will embrace other matches for shorter distances, and for military and other rifles, and copies will be furnished you for distribution among your riflemen.

Permit me to add that it is the intention of our Association to make the American Rifle Tournament of 1876 one of great interest to all who participate, and we take much pride in being the medium of announcing to your countrymen the earnest wish of the American people to meet you on that interesting occasion.

With high regard,

Your most obedient servants,

(Signed) ALEXANDER SHALER,
President.H. A. GILDERSLEEVE,
Secretary.

Resolved.—That in furtherance of the steps already taken for a grand international competition on the occasion of the Centennial anniversary of American Independence, and for a proper observance of such anniversary on the part of this asso-

ciation, a series of rifle matches be inaugurated to take place during the summer or autumn of 1876, and a general invitation be—and hereby is—extended to riflemen of all countries to participate.

Resolved.—That the President and Secretary be authorized and requested to notify, in the name of this association, riflemen of England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, France, Austria, the Dominion of Canada, the South American States and all countries having rifle associations or clubs, of the opportunity presented to them to participate in the competitions instituted.

The St. John Board of Trade have resolved to memorialize the Dominion Government to procure the necessary legislation for placing St. John Harbour in commission, by introducing at the approaching session of Parliament an Act to define the limits of the harbour of St. John; to vest the management thereof in a Board of Commissioners; to authorize the Government to lend to such Board such amounts from time to time as may be necessary to acquire a title to rights and properties in said harbour. The Board also passed the following resolution in reference to the Baie Verte Canal—"That we view with satisfaction the attitude of the Government in seeking full information as to the practicability of the building of the Baie Verte Canal, and trust our delegates will take an opportunity to interview the Minister of Public Works, pressing upon him the utility of opening a canal or water way between the waters of the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of St. Lawrence; this Board fully agreeing in the report of a former Canal Commissioner, who designated the Baie Verte Canal as of primary importance."

There has been a conference of members of the House of Commons who belong to the Home Rule party, in order to agree upon the course to be pursued during the present session of Parliament. They decided to support the Land Bill which is to be introduced by ISAAC BUTT, the member for Limerick City. The basis of this bill will be fixity of tenure and fair rent. Mr. BUTT will also ask leave of the House to introduce a bill making better provision for universal education in Ireland. The question of Home Rule will be raised in the Commons at the close of the recess invariably taken at Easter, when the attention of the House will be called to the severity of the coercion act, the questions of taxation, cattle trade, and the amnesty bill.

A reply has been received from Secretary Fish to the protest sent to Washington by the Dominion Government against the refusal of the United States authorities to allow Canadian vessels to navigate the United States canals under the terms of the Washington Treaty. The document is simply an acknowledgment of the protest, but conveys no intimation as to what are the intentions of the United States Government in the matter.

Private telegrams received in Berlin assert that France and other Powers have adhered to the proposals of Austria. The *Golos* insists that the Montenegrin loan is an accomplished fact, and asserts that 10,000 rifles and sixty cannon are to be delivered from America by March. It adds that in consequence of the threatening attitude of Turkey 3,000 Montenegrin guards have been armed with breechloaders and sent to the frontier.

A royal decree has been issued creating a Commissioner charged with installing exhibits from the Spanish colonies at the Philadelphia Exhibition. The Commission will draw up a memorandum relative to the exhibition. The Governors of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Phillipine Islands will appoint members.