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EDITORIAL NOTES.

REPUDIATION.—It is now generally known that whenever the Reform party are again elected to power, (an event which does not appear probable for some years at least) it is the intention to do away with the Protective policy of the present administration, and in its stead to rear again that monument of Grit stupidity and short-sightedness — the one sided trade policy which for too long a period retarded the development of the industries of the country. The public mind is well informed on this point, and action will be taken accordingly. This, it would seem, is not the only danger to be averted by the return of the Macdonald Government at the coming general election, —the *Globe*, the organ of the Reform party, having recently disclosed another plank in the platform of the Opposition, which is well calculated to create a sensation. That journal has from the beginning violently and bitterly opposed the bargain entered into with the Syndicate for the construction of the Pacific Railway, the party for which it speaks being responsible for its political utterances. But lately its antagonism to this gigantic undertaking has taken a new form. It now advocates the abolition of the Company should the Opposition return to power at an early day, apparently unaware of the fearful loss which would result in consequence of such unprincipled and unprecedented repudiation. Suppose, for the sake of argument, that such a proposition was endorsed and carried into effect, what would be the result? Why, no gentlemen would be willing to enter into public contract for any work under the Govt. if it was found that one Parliament could repudiate the act of a preceding one with reference to any public undertaking. When the public faith has been pledged for the carrying out of contracts between a Government and individuals, no power—not even that of the Parliament—should be permitted to cancel any contract unless its conditions had been wilfully violated by the parties. It is well said by an exchange—"This is strange reasoning indeed. It means that the *Globe* party stands pledged to sacrifice honesty and honour at any moment, when Parliament shall declare it expedient to undo the work of a previous session. Then no contractor will be safe in doing his work —for the country will be in a state of chaos, with the unreliable and bitter *Globe* as mentor, and Mr. Blake as king of misrule." Strange reasoning indeed, but furnishes a correct index to the true character and intentions of the Reform party. Not content with hindering the development of industries suited to the country, by avowing their intention to repeal the N. P. as soon as they return to power, (thereby preventing numbers of capitalists from starting new enterprises) they chalk out a new line which will serve as a political finger-board to warn the electors of danger ahead. *Grip* has cartooned the Reform party as having no policy. It does appear, however, that the party has a policy, the grim outlines of which are gradually appearing to view—grim enough, indeed, to make any well-wisher of his country tremble with apprehension at the thought of the dire consequences that will inevitably follow the return of such a party to power. Powerless to do good they evidence a determination to rush blindly on in the contrary direction. Fortunately they are powerless just now to work the injury their policy would inflict upon the country, and the signs of the times indicate that the period when they shall be re-invested with power is not near at hand. This lack of power forms the silver lining to the very dark and ominous cloud which envelopes the party of "purity." Like the ancient Egyptians when pursuing the Israelites to the borders of the Red Sea, they are groping along in the darkness (while light is shed upon the pathway of their opponents) vainly endeavoring to recover what they have lost, with the same fate awaiting them—overthrow and confusion. With the intentions of the Grit party disclosed to the public, we ask who best deserve the name of "Conspirators!"—the gentlemen who recently met in convention at Toronto, or the party which seeks to uproot the industries of the country, and to damage its credit by dishonorable repudiation? We leave the answer with the people.

THE QUEBEC ELECTIONS.—The sweeping victory won by the Chapleau Government on the 2nd instant must be a source of the greatest satisfaction to the Liberal-Conservative party, as well as to all who admire good and honest government, for it is generally conceded that the administration which has just been endorsed by such an overwhelming majority is the best that Province has had for many years. The connection existing between Local and Dominion politics in that Province—local elections acting as barometers to indicate the position of the people with regard to Dominion affairs—very naturally brought into play the full strength of both parties, who realized that defeat or victory would be indicative of a still greater loss or triumph in the coming Dominion elections. The struggle has resulted in a splendid victory for the Liberal-Conservative party, a satisfactory evidence of the increasing popularity of the Dominion Government. The returns show that out of a House of sixty five members the Government have secured forty eight seats, the Opposition TWELVE, the remaining five being classed as independent, who will doubtless give the administration a fair support.—Our Grit friends have been wont to speak of a "Reaction" in Quebec which would make itself felt when a general election took place. That there has been a reaction is evident, but not of that character calculated to afford comfort to the Reformers in that Province or elsewhere. One of the gratifying features of the contest is the defeat of Mr. Turcotte, the ex-Speaker of the Quebec Assembly, whose casting vote, it will be remembered, kept the Joly administration afloat for some time—a vote given in violation of his pledges to his constituents. It is very amusing to notice the nonchalance assumed by the Reform journals when referring to the overwhelming defeat sustained by the party in the Province of Quebec. They now attach very little importance to the election, which does not correspond with their prophetic utterances prior to the contest. They are a little late in starting the cry.—They have been beaten, wretchedly beaten, and neither their pretended indifference nor their excuses will be sufficient to blind the public, who know that they are simply "whistling to keep their courage up."

Blackville and Derby Agricultural Society.

Blackville, Dec. 1st, 1881.

DEAR ADVOCATE.

I beg to forward to you a brief notice of the Blackville and Derby Agricultural Society's show of farm and dairy produce, manufactures of loom, &c., which was held at the farm of William O'Brien, Esq., Derby, on the 26th day of November. The day was very cold and the roads in a very bad condition for travelling, yet notwithstanding these obstacles there was quite a fair turn out of members who brought forward a display of grains, home manufactures, and dairy produce worthy of the highest commendation. We were also favoured with the presence of our Representative at the Provincial Board of Agriculture, Robert Swim, Esq., Doaktown, to whom we beg to tender our thanks for kind assistance on that day.

Below I give you a list of the articles with the names of the Exhibitors who were successful in obtaining premiums.

I am, yours truly,

W. H. GRINDLEY.

Name of Exhibitor.		Premium.
Edward Burns,	Butter,	1st prize.
B. N. T. Underhill,	do.,	2nd do.
George Cliff.	do.,	3rd do.
Thomas Coughlan,	do.,	4th do.
B. N. T. Underhill,	Cheese,	1st do.
Wm. T. Underhill,	do.,	2nd do.
Thomas Coughlan,	do.,	3rd do.
Isaac Schofield,	Carrot Seed,	1st do.
Francis Parks,	Beet Seed,	1st do.
Isaac Schofield,	do., do.,	2nd do.
Francis Parks,	Swedish Turnip Seed,	1st do.
Isaac Schofield,	do., do., do.,	2nd do.
John Jardine,	Carpeting, all wool,	1st do.
Isaac Schofield,	do., do.,	2nd do.
Edward Burns,	Blanket, all wool,	1st do.
Isaac Schofield.	do., do.,	2nd do.
B.N.T. Underhill,	do., Cotton and Wool,	1st do.
John Jardine,	Satinette,	1st do.
Isaac Schofield,	do.,	2nd do.
Dennis Hogan,	Twilled Homespun, all Wool,	1st do.
Alex. Ferron,	do. Cotton and Wool,	1st do.
Edward Burns,	do., do.,	2nd do.
Wm. O'Brien,	Plain do., Cotton and Wool,	1st do.
B.N.T. Underhill,	do., do.,	2nd do.
B.N.T. Underhill,	Flannel, Cotton and Wool,	1st do.
Edward Burns,	do., do.,	2nd do.
Alex. Ferron,	Plaid, all wool,	1st do.
Isaac Schofield,	Plaid, Homespun, Cotton and Wool.	1st do.
Lindsay Gerrish,	Hooked Mat,	1st do.
George Cliff,	Socks,	1st do.
Francis Parks,	do.,	2nd do.
George Cliff,	Over Socks,	1st do.
Alex. Jardine,	do.,	2nd do.
Francis Parks,	Mittens,	1st do.
Thos. Coughlan.	do.,	2nd do.
George Cliff,	Over Mittens,	1st do.
William O'Brien,	do.,	2nd do.
Francis Parks,	Knit Drawers,	1st do.
Francis Parks,	do.,	2nd do.
William O'Brien,	Quilt,	1st do.
Dennis Hogan,	do.,	2nd do.

		Prem.	Weight per bus. lbs. oz.
Geo. Bryenton,	Red Wheat,	1st	59 00
Dan. Sullivan,	Lost Nation,	1st	62 08
Francis Parks,	do., do.,	2nd	62 08
Fran. Jardine,	Black Oats,	1st	40 00
Fran. Jardine,	do., do.,	2nd	39 08
B.N.T. Underhill,	Buck Wheat, rough,	1st	26 03
Dennis Hogan,	do., do.,	2nd	25 12
Edward Burns,	White Beans,	1st	57 08
Wm. O'Brien,	Colored do.,	1st	60 00
Wm. O'Brien,	do., do.,	2nd	59 10

The Annual meeting of the Blackville & Derby Agricultural Society for the purpose of closing the accounts of the past year was held at the residence of the Treasurer, F. H. Jardine, Esq., Indiantown, Derby, on Thursday, the 1st day of Dec. The accounts having been closed and showing a balance on the right side denoting the healthy state of the Society.

The business of the year having been brought to a satisfactory conclusion the appointment of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, after which the meeting adjourned *sine die*. The following are the names of the officers for the year 1882.

CHRISTOPHER PARKER, President.
W. H. GRINDLEY, Secretary.
FRANCIS H. JARDINE, Treasurer.
B. N. T. UNDERHILL, THOMAS PARKER, } Vice-Presidents.

Com. for Blackville.	Com. for Derby.
Daniel Sullivan,	Geo. Bryenton.
W. T. Underhill,	Francis Parks.
Michael McCarthy,	Alex. Ferron.
Jas. Mountain,	Chris. Crocker.

The Suspended Bank.

An examination of the affairs of the Bank of P. E. Island has been made, and it is now known that the unauthorized advances made by the Cashier to outside parties amount to $300,000, a part of which, it is feared, can never be recovered. The capital of the Bank is only $128,000. How such a large amount of money could have been disposed of in such a manner without the apparent knowledge of the Directors is a problem which is puzzling bankers and everybody else. So far as known, the Cashier's flight was not owing to personal misappropriation of the Bank's funds. One report gives the following statement of assets and liabilities:—

Liabilities.

Overdrawn accounts,	$666,000
Due other banks abroad,	294,000
Notes circulating,	386,000

Assets.

Specie,	$ 36,000
Bills receivable,	160,000

Miscellaneous assets unknown. Liability to local banks small.

The Charlottetown *Examiner* has the following:—"We have been authorized to state that the other banks are fully prepared to meet all the demands which can be made upon them; and, though the shareholders of the Bank of Prince Edward Island will probably be called upon to make up a pretty large balance, it is not likely that their customers will suffer direct loss."

The Directors are—Lieut. Geo. Haviland, Hon. John Longworth, Judge Hensley, Hon. W. W. Lord, Mr. R. Heartz, and Mr. James Peake. Mr. Hensley is its President.

In another place will be found full particulars of the liabilities of this Bank.

Diphtheria at Chatham.

A correspondent, writing from Chatham on Monday, says that the disease has prevailed there of late to an alarming extent, many having fallen victims to its ravages. Mr. Wm. Anderson lost a fine daughter last week, aged 16 years. Five or six of Mr. John Haviland's children are down with the disease, one, the youngest, 18 months old, having died.

One of the saddest cases brought to our notice is the death of MR. D. M. PATERSON, which occurred on Monday last, after a brief illness of five days. The young man held a position in the *Advance* office, and was much respected by his fellow employees and associates. The deceased, who was only 25 years of age, leaves a widow and three children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father, whose sudden removal has created the deepest sympathy. The following letter needs no comment.

Advance Office, Chatham, Dec. 5, 1881.

TO MRS. D. PATERSON, CHATHAM, N. B.

Dear Madam.

As a small expression of sympathy for the sudden death of your late husband, DAVID PATERSON, formerly foreman of this office, we beg to hand you the small amount enclosed for the use of his young children, who have been so sadly bereaved, and subscribe ourselves, with sympathy and respect,

THE EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE.

Diphtheria

Is alarmingly prevalent at Chatham—worse than it has been for some time. In Newcastle and vicinity the cases are sufficiently numerous to cause anxiety, and every precaution ought to be adopted to prevent its spread, through ignorance or carelessness. That caution is necessary is evident from the statement made by a doctor that when visiting a child attacked with this disease a few days ago, he found several of the neighbors' children in the house. Unless stringent measures are put into practice as well as talked about, the number of deaths will be greater in our community, and the disease will linger in our midst much longer than would otherwise be the case. The matter is one which calls for serious consideration. We do not hesitate to say that were small pox in our midst there would be intense excitement among the people; and yet, with a deadly and contagious disease infecting our towns, there are numbers of cases where even ordinary precaution for preventing its spread seems to be lost sight of. A malignant type of diphtheria is raging in some portions of P. E. Island. In one place six children were taken away in one week, all members of the same family.

A Judge Resigns His Position.

The Halifax *Herald* says that on Friday there was a rumor on the streets—which seemed to be very generally credited—to the effect that His Lordship Mr. Justice DesBarres had yesterday mailed to the Department of Justice his resignation of the office of Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court. This action is, we believe, only the fulfilment of a resolution made by his Lordship some months ago,—to which we have before referred—and will not therefor create any surprise in legal circles. Judge DesBarres has reached that period of life when the active duties required of a Judge of our Supreme Court are too great a tax on his energy, and he has, we think, acted wisely in giving place to a younger man. Called to the bar in 1822, and appointed a Judge in November 1848, he may be justly regarded as the father both of the bar and the bench of this Province. Thoroughly honorable and conscientious in all his conduct, both as a citizen and a jurist, he will carry with him in his retirement the kind recollections and best wishes, not only of the profession but of the public generally.

S. G. Rigby, Esq., Q. C., is named as Judge DesBarres' successor. Mr. R. was called to the Bar in 1863 and has been a Q. P. since 1873. He is only 39 years of age, so that if appointed, he will be the youngest member of the Supreme Court of N. S. Possessing great legal ability, and enjoying the confidence of his brethren, such an appointment would be in every respect a popular one.

Personal.

Rev. A. H. McPherson, of Nassagaweya and Campbellville, Ontario, (Presbytery of Guelph) has accepted a call from St. John's Church, Halifax, Professor Forrest's former congregation.

We regret to learn that the friends of Mr. J. S. Cameron, inspector of the Bank of British North America, were obliged, owing to his being attacked with aberration of the mind, to send him to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum on Tuesday evening.—*Sun.*

Mr. Stronach, late Mechanical Superintendent and Storekeeper on the Prince Edward Island Railway, who has accepted a position on the Canada Pacific, has been presented with a complimentary address by a committee of Zion church, Charlottetown. The men in his department and the officials also presented him with an address accompanied by a silver pitcher, goblet and salver.

A correspondent writes to the *Times* from Coatesville, Kent Co., to the effect that the people there recently got up a donation party for the Rev. I. Howie. A sum of money was raised, and thirty dollars worth of produce were given to the Rev. gentleman.

It is rumored that Mr. W. L. Goodwin, the winner of the Gilchrist Scholarship, and who has been pursuing his studies in Edinburgh and Heidelburg for some years, is to succeed Rev. Prof. Burwash in the chair of Natural Science at Mount Allison.

Rev. Canon Carmichael of Toronto has received a call from Calvary church, New York, one of the inducements being the offer of a salary of $8,000.

The following gentlemen have been gazetted as Queen's Counsel for New Brunswick.

Theophilus DesBrisay, Bathurst.
Wm. James Gilbert, Shediac;
George J. Gilbert, St. John;
R. Hutchinson, Richibucto;
Benjamin R. Stevenson, St. Andrews;
Daniel L. Hanington, Dorchester;
Chas. H. B. Fisher, Fredericton;
Edward L. Wetmore, Fredericton;
P. A. Landry, Dorchester.

Mr. J. F. Sherard, of Shediac, was in town the latter part of last week and left for home on Tuesday morning by the express train. He has sold the small building he owned on the Geo. Robinson property to Messrs. Sutherland & Creaghan the owners of the land and store in front.

Mr. Alex. Morton of New Mills was in town last week. He informs us that in addition to the amount of lumber shipped from his mill for Messrs. R. A. & J. Stewart, as published last week, 92,000 sup. ft. deals were sent to Bathurst for shipment, as well as 68,000 sup. ft. cut for another party.

Henry Jackson, an old veteran of the wars of 1812 and 1815, died the other day at his residence in Missouri at the advanced age of 102 years. The deceased was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, in the year 1779, and emigrated to this country in 1805, settling near Niagara. He fought under Gen. Sir Isaac Brook, and was one of those who saw his brave leader fall.

Prof. Erasmus Wilson, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, has received the honor of Knighthood, in consideration of his munificent gifts for the support of hospitals and the encouragement of medical studies. Prof. Wilson brought to London from Egypt at his own expense the obelisk on the Thames embankment.

Campbellton Notes.

Campbellton, Dec. 5, 1881.

Last Monday the Thermometer stood at 7° below Zero; since that time the weather has been milder. Very little snow has fallen yet, and the need of snow is much felt by the travelling public and business men who complain of a lull in trade, on account of it. The river is not yet frozen across which is something unusual, as last year teams were crossing on the 25th of Nov. However teams are crossing 4 miles above.

Our Councillor, Mr. Jardine, has been confined to the house for some time by rheumatism. We hope to see him fully recovered before long.

Mr. Vavasour, who has been telegraph operator at the I. C. R. Station, left on Saturday eveing for Texas where he will fill a position as train despatcher.

Ex. Councillor C. H. Murray, also leaves this evening to fill a position in Chicago. He always took an active interest in the welfare of the place, and the public generally will regret to learn of his departure. He carries with him the best wishes of his many friends.

A public meeting will be held in the Temperance Hall, Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, to transact business in connection with the proposed reading room. All who are interested are requested to attend.

The ladies of the Methodist congregation have decided to hold their apron fair on the 19th January.

The show of Christmas and New Year Cards are fine and in numbers and beauty far surpass other years, such can be found at the store of A. McKendrick, and Parker & Andrew.

The person who removed the lot of wool from the post office lobby had better take warning and return it at once.

Nigadoo Silver Mining Co.

A correspondent informs us that a change has taken place in the Directorate &c., of this Company. J. H. Harding, Esq., has retired from the Board of Directors. Mr. Hickson resigned the position of President, and is now Vice-President, K. F. Burns, Esq., having been appointed President in his stead.

It will be remembered that work was commenced in August last under the superintendence of Mr. Seccombe, and has continued steadily ever since. When in Gloucester recently, one of our staff was informed that the main shaft was then about 50 feet deep, and the Company were about to drive their drift, which it was supposed would be about 100 feet long, extending from the shaft to where the ore was first discovered. The shaft would have been sunk at this spot in the first place, but as it would have been impossible to keep it clear of water, Mr. Seccombe thought it advisable to go to the distance of 100 or 200 feet from the river, sink a main shaft there 8x14, and then drift under the lode. Quite unexpectedly ore was discovered in the shaft, when about ten feet down, but as it was only a small quantity the lead was not followed, the superintendent deciding that it was only a shoot from the main lode. The last assay gave 85 oz. of silver to the ton, so that the question of the quality of the ore is now settled. Should a heavy lode be struck under the river, shares will greatly increase in value. The walls of the vein continued perfect, and there was every indication that a large body of ore would be found very soon. That this favorable result has been reached is evident, the Rev. Wm. Hickson, of Carleton, having received word last week that the workmen had struck a very rich lode of ore. We wish all interested in the mine the fullest measures of success.

Christmas Advertisers.

Messrs. McEwen & Buck, the popular young merchants who are building up a good business, in hardware, groceries, provisions, etc., are making their best bid for a good Christmas trade. They deserve success, and we wish them more of it. See their column advertisement.

Our friend E. Lee Street, of the Newcastle Drug Store, usually secures a pretty full stock of desirable articles for Holiday presents, and this season has branched out more extensively than usual. See his Christmas spread in another place.

Mr. James C. Fairey, who is a thorough believer in advertising, announces a variety of goods in his column advertisement which appears in this issue. He sells at small advances, and parties desiring goods in his line may reckon upon making close purchases for the cash.

Mr. D. Morrison, who carries on a general business in the "Advocate" building, announces the arrival of seasonable goods, a partial list of which will be found in his Christmas Advertisement in this issue, will take pleasure in attending to all who call, whether to buy or only to inspect the stock, which is now complete in every department.

In our last issue we had the column advt. of Mr. J. W. Davidson, and the half column advt. of Messrs. Jardine & Co., St. John. Others will likely follow next week. Business men who advertise are generally the most successful—they want to sell, and people who see by the papers what they have in stock are disposed to give them the preference, In this they are right.

The Guiteau Trial

Is progressing slowly. The cross examination of the assassin by Judge Porter, one of the counsel for the prosecution, gave the prisoner,—who replied excitedly to the questions—much uneasiness. He was neatly tripped on the "inspiration" nonsense. Judge Porter read passages from Guiteau's book, "The Truth," and compared them with Oneida community publications which were identical; clearly showing that Guiteau's so-called inspiration in preparing his work was more specificially plagiarism. The audience smiled and Guiteau was mortified, but made various excuses. The prisoner has acted wildly in Court, interrupting the Judge and lawyers, and in other ways has worked hard to work up the "insanity" idea. The general opinion prevails that he has overshot the mark, and that a discreet silence would have served him better than violent interruption and denunciation. He is evidently "crank," but far from being insane. Should he escape the gallows, the number of "insane" assassins will very rapidly increase.

Landry's Musical Journal

for December has been received. This publication is only 60 cents per year and contains the latest musical items of interest as well as a number of pages of vocal and instrumental music. It is published by Landry & Co., King Street, St. John.

Bears.

Earnest Hutchison, Esq., M. P. P., while looking for game in the upper Bartibog woods one day last week, came upon bear tracks looking quite fresh. He and his attendant, Mr. Kenna followed them until dusk, when they were some ten miles from camp, which they reached at about 9 o'clock in the evening. Mr. Hutchison, accompanied by Mr. James Connel, as axeman, and his cousin Mr. David Hutchison, set out next day, and, after following the tracks until nearly dark, went to a house near the Intercolonial Railway and stayed all night. Next morning they again took the trail and came suddenly on the game. Mr. Hutchison shot the bear. Soon after Mr. Connel had occasion to throw his axe at a much bigger one which passed near him, and this also was brought down by a shot through the head by Mr. Hutchison. Our reporter saw both of the animals on Monday as they were being thawed preparatory to skinning. The largest bear is "a whopper," weighing no less than 464 pounds.—*Advance.*

The Words of a Convert.

Mr. Cowan, of Galt, formerly a Reformer, told at the Liberal Conservative Convention how manufactured articles became cheaper under a protective policy, and yet the manufacturers make more money. The increase of markets not only increases the product, and thereby increases the aggregate profit, but it is specializing our industries, and thereby cheapening the cost of their production. The manufacturer who formerly had to make a number of different articles in order to keep his men and machinery employed, can now confine his attention to one. He gave a number of instances in which manufacturers had reduced their prices since the tariff was passed from this cause. The question with them now, said Mr. Cowan, "is not what number of their products they can sell, but what number they can make?"—*Mitchell (Ont.) Advocate.*

Improvements.

The building and premises recently purchased by Messrs. Sutherland and Creaghan from Mr. George Robinson is to be at once enlarged and improved. The building is a 1½ story one, and it is intended to raise the upper story ten feet, building a new story between the present lower and upper flats, thus making it a three story building. The main store is to be renovated and improved, with more modern windows than those old fashioned ones whose day and generation are past. The upper flats will be fitted up with hall and offices. Messrs. Sutherland & Creaghan have also purchased the building in rear, at present occupied by Mr. Holoban as a butcher's shop and intend raising it a story and fitting it up as a store. Mr. George Stothart is the contractor.

The Ice.

Several teams crossed the ice on Monday, although infront of Newcastle there is quite a large piece of open water, and as on that day the weather again turned soft it may be some time before the crossing may be considered safe for loaded teams. The *Andover* was run out into her winter quarters in the channel in front of the Public Wharf. The skating has been very good for some days past, especially between Derby and Newcastle, several ladies and gentlemen of Derby having taken the opportunity of skating down to Newcastle to morning service on Sunday, returning in the afternoon.

Furniture Sale.

All interested, and who is not interested in the opportunity to get good value at their own prices, should not fail to attend the Auction Sale in the Masonic Hall, Newcastle, to-morrow (Thursday) when there will be offered by Mr. C. C. Watt all the Furniture and Effects of Captain John Bell who intends taking poor old Horace Greeley's advice and going West. The list of effects is worthy of perusal and will be found among our new advertisements As the auctioneer puts it "unprecedented bargains may be expected."

Tenders

for Rebuilding Flett's Cove Bridge and new Covering of Redbank Bridge will be received at the office of A. A. Davidson, Esq., until Saturday next at noon. In reference to the Redbank bridge the time for completion has been extended to on or before the first of June next, the contractor to keep the Bridge safely passable to the travelling public until finished. Tenders are also asked for the Rebuilding of Black Brook Bridge and will be received at the same place up to Saturday, the 17th Dec. at noon. See advs. for full particulars.

A Baptist Pastor Gone.

The funeral of the late Rev. Theodore H. Porter, formerly pastor of the Baptist church, took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. The pallbearers were Messrs. A. F. Randolph, T. H. Rand, H. C. Creed, J. Spurden, William Cooper and David Estabrooks. The remains were interred in the old burial ground, Brunswick street.—*Cor. Globe, 30th ult.*

Recent Publications.

WIDE AWAKE for December is to hand. This general favorite with the little folks is always well filled with interesting reading matter brightly illustrated, and this December number is no exception to the rule, presenting a varied and very readable table of contents. It is published by D. Lothrop & Co., 30 and 32 Franklyn Street, Boston, at $2.50 per year.

LONDON QUARTERLY REVIEW for October has come to hand. Contents as follows:—"New Testament Revision; The Past and the Future of the Conservative Party; Dean Stanley's 'Christian Institutions'; The Development of Electric Lighting; The Works of Alexander Pope; Luxury—Ancient and Modern; Jebb's 'Attic Orators'; Fair Trade, and British Labour."

The periodicals reprinted by THE LEONARD SCOTT PUBLISHING CO. (41 Barclay Street, N. Y.) are as follows: THE LONDON QUARTERLY, EDINBURGH, WESTMINSTER, AND BRITISH QUARTERLY REVIEWS, AND BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE. Price $4 a year for any one, or only $15 for all, and the postage is prepaid by the Publishers.

The Tenders

Asked for for the stock of Goods of Mr. R. Davidson were opened on Saturday last. Two offers of forty cents on the dollar were made but were not accepted by the trustees. We learn that they have since received a better offer which is under consideration.

Meteorological.

On Monday of last week, the 28th Nov. the minimum or lowest temperature registered at Chatham was 3.7 below zero, the first time this season that it has been below the cipher. On Tuesday it was 0.6. Since then the weather has been milder.

Bass Fishing

Has opened with a very successful catch, large quantities having been caught previous to the present bright moonlight nights. Up to the present time some eighty-five licences have been issued by the overseer.

I. C. R. Receipts.

The earnings of this road for October last were $182,786, against $167,045 for the corresponding month last year. As there was also a large increase last year the continued improvement is the more gratifying.

I. S. S. Company.

This Company desire to call attention to their facilities for prompt forwarding of shipments of fish entrusted to them. They call attention to their very low rates of freight which are to be continued through the winter.

Teachers Wanted.

For some time past there has been a demand in country districts for teachers for the winter term. District No. 10½ A, Janeville, is now asking for a third class female teacher.

Increased Banking Facilities.

A branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia has been opened in Chatham for the accommodation of their numerous customers.

General Brevities.

Severe frosts have been experienced in the Southern States.

Workshops of the C. P. Railway are to be placed at Montreal.

A man was frozen to death at New Orleans on the 28th ult.

1500 pairs of rabbits were canned at Liverpool, N. S., in one week.

The telegraph messengers in Rio Janeiro use bicyles in carrying messages.

A despatch from Italy gives the death of Cardinal Borromeo, Prefect of the Congregation.

France and Spain are about to build a tunnel through the Pyrenees, to cost about $2,000,000.

St. Mary's Church School house, St. John, was burned last week. Loss $2600. Insured for $1000.

A very valuable seam of coal, resembling Pennsylvania anthracite, has been found at East Bay, Cape Breton.

The Norwegian barque Charles Northcote, from Bathurst, N. B., Oct. 23, for Bowling has arrived on the other side with decks swept.

During the last month the disasters and loss of life at sea have been greater than usual, owing to the prevalence of very heavy gales.

During a heavy gale in England last week, fifty barges were sunk in the Thames. Extensive floods are reported in the upper Thames Valley.

Two bars of gold, valued at from $1200 to $1300, were stolen from the Provincial Museum, Halifax, last week. The robbers have not been discovered.

In the western islands and on the west coast of Inverness, Ross and Sutherland, over three hundred fishing boats were destroyed by the late gales, and the nets of the fishermen washed away.

British Columbia has had an extraordinary development of her fish exporting industries within the past few years. In 1872 the total was only $34,706, in 1876 $71,238, and in the year ending June last $400,484.

Judge Cox, who is sitting on the Guiteau case, receives letters daily, finding fault with the manner in which the prisoner is being tried, and urging him to charge the jury to convict of murder in the first degree, etc. The Judge thinks he is becoming as unpopular as Guiteau himself.

Wholesale cattle mutilations, outrages on rent-paying farmers, and bitter resentment towards the police officers are reported from Ireland. In a cable despatch to the Irish Convention at Chicago, Egan estimates that the tenants on 5,000 holdings, representing $1,00C,000 of rent, will obey the "no rent" manifesto of the League.

P. Fortin, M. P., is busily engaged in a room of the Parliament Buildings preparing a report upon the Dominion marine telegraph system, which has been very useful in the Gulf and River St. Lawrence and Maritime Provinces. It is understood that he will recommend the extension of the system to the lakes.

The output of coal from the Spring Hill mines has almost doubled during the past two years—the natural result of the National Policy. In 1878 the number of hands employed was 275—at the present time 400. Better pay has also resulted, the men getting 36 cents per box of riddled coal as against 33c. in 1878-9, and the average monthly wages has increased from $30 to $45 per month. The condition of the miners has rapidly improved, and they have no desire to return to the condition of things prior to the general election in 1878. Building lots at Spring Hill are in demand, a proof that the miners anticipate a continuance of the N. P., and the benefits resulting therefrom.

Married.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the evening of Nov. 30th, by Rev. R. W. Weddall, ROBERT HICKSON, to MARY J., daughter of Garrett Hodnett, Esq., all of New Bandon.

At Chatham, Nov. 30th, by Rev. S. T. Teed, MR. GEORGE T. CORNISH, of P. E. Island, to MISS CONSTANCE WALSH, of Chatham.

Died.

At Northesk, on Nov. 16th, JANET ELIZA, wife of Robert W. Whitney, a native of Three Rivers, P. E. I., aged sixty nine years, leaving a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

Her end was peace.

At Chatham, on Monday morning, of diphtheria, DAVID MILLER PATERSON, aged 25 years, leaving a wife and three children to mourn their sad bereavement.

General Intelligence.

The Bank of Prince Edward Island.

The Prince Edward Island papers do not give much information about the Bank, and no reliable statement of its affairs has yet been made public. Nobody appears to know where the cashier has gone, nor does it seem that the Directors have made any special effort to find him. It is pretty clear that the Cashier has to account for $666,000 of overdrawn accounts; the amount that may be realised out of the debts due the Bank no one can tell. It would be absurd to assume that all will be realised, but no doubt many of the creditors are good for the amounts due by them. Among the heavy debtors of the Bank are Michael Foley said to owe $83,000, John Hughes, $56,000; Bourke, Son & Co., $45,000; Longworth and Company, $32,000; Patrick Foley, $27,000, Hyndman Brothers, $16,000; J. T. & W. L. Dean, $13,000; Charles Yates, $10,000; C. H. Stackpole, $8,000; Thomas Foley, $5,500; Charlottetown Pottery Company, $1,900; all of these are Charlottetown houses. Shedd, Moor & Co., of Belfast, P. E. I. are set down at $45,000; John A. Mcleod, of Kensington, $20,000; Peter Givan of Alberton, $18,000; R. B. Ried, of the same place, $3,000; George Howatt, of Crapaud, $10,000; J. G. McDonald, Cardigan, $5,200; J. J. Fletcher, Mount Stewart Bridge, P. E. Island, $7,500; and S. H. Brown & Co., of Stanley Bridge, $18,000. Harper & Webster, of Shediac, are set down at $25,000. These sums foot up somewhere in the vicinity of $440,000 and therefore represent two-thirds of the amount named. Where all the money came from, to cover these large advances, does not yet clearly appear. It is said, however, that the Bank of New Brunswick is due $80,000; and the Bank of Montreal a similar amount, which, if correct would make $160,000 of the $294,000 due other banks; the amount due the Nova Scotia Banks we have not yet ascertained; but, after using the capital, money deposited, etc., there does not appear to have been sufficient to satisfy the eager demands of the Bank's customers, and so many advances were got from other Banks. If the Directors did not know of this state of things it is certainly very surprising. It was their business to know. We presume that these transactions are on the Bank books. Where were the accountant, the auditor? It is currently reported that the Cashier was an enthusiastic admirer of the lobster packing business, and that he was willing to devote a considerable portion of the Bank's money to the advancement of the industry.—*Globe.*

Irish Affairs

London November 28.—Dublin correspondents say some effective means must be found to restore order, unless the government is prepared to let the country drift into absolute anarchy and revolution. Accounts received daily of outrages in various districts do not fully represent the truth. In the county Clare alone seven houses were fired into last week of which outrages no reports have been published. Resistance to payment of rent has not in the least abated but rather increased.

London, November 28.—A Cork correspondent says armed men recently entered the house of a woman named Henled, near Listowell, for the purpose of shooting her because she gave information to the police. The children threw themselves upon the mother in terror and one received a shot in the leg. The mob left after making the mother swear, under the penalty of death, to not divulge the occurrence. Six persons have been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the outrage.

London, Dec. 5.—The *Times* Dublin despatch says the conspiracy against the payment of rent is extending. Intimidating, boycotting, and threats are prevalent throughout a large area of territory.

The Lord Mayor writes to the *Times* stating that the Property Defence Association of Ireland has not failed to come under his notice as Lord Mayor and that the Irish nation may rely on the traditionary sympathies of this city to aid the association. The *Times* reproaches the English nation with apathy in not aiding the efforts to combat the action of the Land League by assisting the association.

Prince Leopold's coming Marriage.

New York, Nov. 27.—The *Tribune's* London cable says: Prince Leopold's betrothal to the Princess Helene of Waldeck causes surprise, as there were whispers of his intention to marry in the British peerage. the *entourage* of the Court were aware that he had gone to the Continent to select a bride. The general public have regarded his health as a bar to matrimony. He suffers frequent attacks of hemorrhage from the pores through defects of the skin, weakening the whole tone of his system. His intellectual taste, culture and geniality, make him popular. The public are glad to regard this step as a sign of improving health, and in his case prefer that he should marry a princess rather than a British subject. If the Prince married a commoner, as her husband he would be compelled to show publicly his wife's inferiority on all occasions of precedence. The Radical press is preparing for the usual attack on the expected Parliamentary grant.

Winnipig.

We frequently see reference to the big wages paid in Winnipeg and other parts of Manitoba, but very seldom anything about the high prices that have to be paid for most articles. Wheat is about the only thing that sells at a low price, and that is because it is produced in large quantities in excess of consumption, and is so far from the markets that the first price is necessarily low. The Winnipeg quotation is 90 cents per bushel, further west 85 cents. Coal is $18.00 per ton; wood, soft, $5.50 to 6.00—tamarac $6 to $6.50; butter, 30 cents; eggs, 30 cents to 35 cents; beef and pork, retail, 20 cents per pound; beef, $9 to $9.50 per cwt; pork, $11 to $12; mutton, $14; veal, $10. Venison is quoted at 20c. to 25. per lb.; chickens and geese, 20c. per lb.; turkey, 25c. per pound.; prairie chicken, 60c. a brace; wild duck, 50c. to 60c.; fish, 6c. to 8c. each; apples, $4 to $5 per bbl. Potatoes are in demand at $1.25 per bushel.

Words of Cheer.

Here and there, in some spots where our numbers are small, the occasional departure of one of that class which floats with the tide may cause brief depression. Let it be remembered that while some go others come. Here are words from the lips of Dr. Douglas, of Montreal, which are worth a place in your scrap-book.

When we go back one hundred and fifty years, and think of the six men met in the University at Oxford; when we think how the influence of their spirit has gone out, and over all the earth; when we think that almost one out of every four of the English-speaking population of this earth writes himself down as Methodist, with a multitude of alien tongues, I think we must rise to the conviction that the grandest spiritual phenomenon whicn any age has ever witnessed stands connected with the Church with which we have the honor to be connected. And this was the testimony of the London press. It came like a new revelation to many of us within, as well as those beyond, the pale of Methodism.—*Wesleyan.*

Scotland Land Agitation.

London, Dec. 2.—The greatest demonstration ever held in Scotland in connection with the land agitation, took place yesterday at Aberdeen. Two thousand delegates, representing 40,000 farmers, were present. Several Scotch members of Parliament attended. Resolutions were passed demanding a general reduction of rents, compensation for improvements, abation of laws of hypattee and entails and other legislation in the interest of tenant farmers. It was urged that the legislative changes