

From the Manitoba Free Press.

BEFIRE was liberated from the Provincial gaol at twelve o'clock Thursday night. The event was celebrated the following night at the ex-prisoner's residence, a few miles up the river.

James Sinclair of Greenwood gathered 262 lbs. of Snowflake potatoes from one point planted.

A stage line has been started between this city (Winnipeg) and Selkirk.

The wheat market is now more fully supplied than formerly, a number of loads coming in every day. Prices range from sixty to eighty cents—the latter quotation being paid for the very best and cleanest grain.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY.—The following is the winter time table on the Northern Pacific, which went into operation recently. Trains for the east leave Fargo at 8 a. m., arriving at Brainerd next morning at 6 o'clock, connecting at N. P. Junction at 10:15 a. m. with trains on the Lake Superior and Mississippi road for St. Paul, and arriving at Duluth at 12:35 p. m. Going west the train leaves Duluth at 12:55 p. m., arriving at Brainerd at 7:50 p. m. Leaves Brainerd next morning at 8 o'clock, arriving at Fargo at 5:45 p. m. Trains on the Dakota Division leave Fargo Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a. m. Leave Bismarck Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7 a. m. arriving at Fargo at 7 p. m.

What Russia wants is now known. She wants the absolute independence of Serbia, the recognized independence of Montenegro, with an extension of territory and the port of Spizza, and the political administrative autonomy of Bosnia, Herzegovina and Bulgaria as far as the line of the Balkans—that is, to the ancient vilayet of the Danube. Russia wants more. She claims the strip of Bessarabia taken from her in 1866 and the liberty of the Danubian and Bosphorus. This is what Russia asks to-day, and the question is who will oppose her wishes?

A menagerie was sold at auction in San Francisco ten days ago. A laughing hyena brought \$6, and a big elephant \$4,000. The auctioneer made a great hit with the parrot. "Now, gents, here is one of the finest parrots on the American Continent," swears like a Barbary Coast pirate, knows the whole first Testament and can sing the "Trol-a-lou" like Jenny Lind, how much "mollered" from five cents guess you don't know what's buyin', gents, ten do I hear, if he talks better'n some of your Congressmen, two bits "mollered" why gents he knows Tenyson all by heart and'll out-swear any man in the crowd just the thing for the children, "only two bits bid." He stopped to take breath and looked reproachfully at the crowd. The accomplished bird was finally knocked down to a Methodist preacher who came in just in time to hear that the parrot could sing all of Watt's hymns. The old gentleman started out highly elated with his prize; but when the disreputable bird told him to pull down his vest and go to—heaven—he went to the auctioneer and wanted to swap for a camel or something that didn't talk.

A committee of the National Fire Underwriters has ascertained by careful figures the amount of destruction caused by fireworks on the last Fourth of July. Fires occurred in 101 cities and towns in the country, and the amount of damage from fires occasioned by fireworks, firecrackers, and gun-wads was \$154,571. On eighty premises out of 230, the fire broke out when the tenants were absent. Nobody has yet counted the number of fatal accidents, of extinguished eyes broken limbs and mutilated bodies, which were offered up as sacrifices to the national Juggernaut.

English merchants and shipowners are becoming much alarmed at the increasing crime of breaching cargoes at sea by sailors. Many instances are on record where sailors, obtained at low wages, and consequently untrustworthy, have broken into the cargoes, helped themselves to wines, spirits, and provisions, and were mutinous, through using lights and matches in their search, have set ships on fire. The only practical remedy as yet suggested, consists in having the bulkheads lined with sheet iron.

Recently the Polish citizens of Posen petitioned the Emperor William that Polish might be retained as the official language in that province concurrently with German. The German Parliament had forbidden its use, and the Emperor declined to interfere with its decision.

Some six months ago a citizen of the east end of London died rather suddenly, and in a short time thereafter the widow was married to a man who was reported to have been a clandestine visitor at her house. There is a great deal of talk, and it is proposed to hold an inquest and have the body of the deceased exhumed.

ROCK CRYSTAL.—Since rock crystal has become so much employed in optics, the search for it has grown very active. The Alps are the chief field for this country. The searchers generally prosecute their work alone, in order to avoid having to divide the spoil. It involves great labor and risk. An extraordinary haul has lately been made by a Bernese physician, who when on the mountains a year ago with a guide, discovered a vein of crystal quartz sixty by twelve feet. It was too late in the season for them to do anything last year, but when the warm weather came,

they repaired to the spot and procured an immense number of splendid stones. The large pieces went to museums and the fragments to opticians.

The Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, NOV. 13, 1876.

LATEST NEWS.

Hon. Mr. Laflamme has been gazetted Minister of Inland Revenue.

Hon. Chief Justice Dorion of Quebec, has been appointed Administrator during the illness of Lieut. Governor Carron.

The Centennial was closed on Friday last.

Russia has formally accepted the English proposal for Conference at Constantinople, on the basis of integrity and independence of Turkey. Still Russia continues warlike preparations although her exchequer is at a very low ebb.

Mr. LEWIS, President of the Bank of New Brunswick, has been appointed Senator for St. John, vice Mr. Robertson deceased.

The Fenians are reported to be preparing for an invasion of Canada. We do not forget the *humber* of 1866, and its glorious termination at the close of the election.

Turkey is reported to have raised objections to the proposed conference. The Emperor of Russia's speech at Moscow has had a depressing effect upon the Stock Exchange. He says that he has striven "to obtain a real improvement of Christians by peaceful means," and that his ardent wish is that we may arrive at a general agreement? Should this not be achieved, he has "firmly determined to act independently." Which means probably that he will subjugate Turkey—if permitted.

The United States papers disagree upon the result of the Presidential election. Florida returns are said to give Gov. Tilden a majority.

Wallace Ross, the St. John carman has left for England, to study the style of the best carmen at the great English regatta, next month.

The Fredericton Roman Catholic Bazaar was closed on Saturday evening and was very successful.

Nomination took place yesterday at St. John, and no doubt there were stirring speeches.

EXPLANATORY.—We much regret having given currency to what we have since learned was not true. It has been generally understood, that newspapers which have a large circulation are to be supposed to wield an influence in the community where they are published, and that when in pointed terms, they publish statements affecting the standing of politicians or others, that they do so upon reliable information, having a regard to truth, we acknowledge our incredulity in supposing untruths would be written in leading editorials—in our simplicity believing that no gentleman who controls a paper would be guilty of writing a false statement about any one, during a political campaign or on any other occasion. We have been too long connected with the press, to admit that an article or leading editorial can be inserted, where the editor-in-chief is daily at his post, without his knowledge or sanction, and even were it surreptitiously inserted, without his consent, he would be held responsible, unless indeed he made the *article honorable*, by taking the earliest opportunity to disavow its authorship and contradict the statement. From the apparent intimate relations existing between the source from which we gained the information and the leader of the government we naturally supposed that there might probably be some such intention as requesting "Mr. Willis to resign," but the *Daily News* of the 10th inst. kindly undeceived us, and exposed the error into which we were unwittingly entangled, and we are pleased to know that Mr. Willis is not to be requested to resign.

We have no desire to shield ourselves, although the statement was published by other newspapers before it appeared in these columns, and respectfully apologise to Mr. Willis, for our "lack of sharpness" in discovering the falsity of the report, and thereby giving it currency. We are slow to believe that the election in St. John, will result unfavorably to the Free School candidate, Mr. Everett; but, even if it should, the true friends of the School Law, know that Mr. Willis labored to prevent such an untoward event, and will place the blame on the right shoulders. We have been, and still are, favorable to the Government, principally for their adherence to the School Act; at the same time candidly admit, we would support a staunch and able Free School candidate possessing necessary qualifications for a useful legislator whether he was a supporter or opponent of the Government for the time being. It is a principle not open with us. A tried friend of our present school system, should not be pledged either to support or oppose the Government. He should go to the legislature, not a mere automaton, but as a man capable of forming an opinion of the

measures which may be introduced—free to act, according to the dictates of his judgement; unless he does, he is a tame follower of a party and not a representative.

The fall term of the Circuit Court was opened yesterday. His Honor Mr. Justice Fisher, presiding.

His Honor's charge was lengthy and able; we regret that we cannot this morning, even give a synopsis of it. He spoke of the absence of crime in the County—he also referred to the abundant harvest, the Presidential contest in the United States, the Centennial and the grand display of British and Colonial exhibits—the hearty reception the British Commissioners received on entering the building; and the looming up in the near future of the revival of trade. The Sheriff presented His Honor with a pair of white kid gloves, according to ancient custom, there being no criminal enenlar.

Only two cases were entered for trial: Henry Haney vs. J. O. Fontaine et al. Mr. Palmer for Plaintiff; Mr. Grimmer for Defendants. Luke Byron vs. Thad. Stimpson. Mr. Palmer.

WET WEATHER.—Why no one admits they ever experienced here or elsewhere such a long continued spell of wet weather, rain fell from Tuesday morning 7th inst. until Monday evening 13th, relieved occasionally by way of variety, by showers. It is probable that the next change will be a cold snap. Well it is relief after the past very dry and warm summer.

THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN in St. John, is conducted with much acrimony and bitterness in the journals which have taken sides with the candidates, we will not say free school candidates for there is really and truly but one, Mr. Everett, that can be honestly and truthfully denominated as such. His opponents, (it is to be hoped they are few) appear to be annoyed with him, principally because if elected he will at the honorable and manly part of approving or disapproving of the acts of the Government. With his opponents' prejudice and passion have deepened reason. Dogmatism takes the place of argument—victory, not truth, becomes the object in the discussion. We admit the notion of others may be different from our own, and it may matter little what our views are, nevertheless we will express them, and are sufficiently candid to say that it is not the safest or wisest method to judge our opponents by appearances. Saturday next will decide the question—whether the claims of the non-Sectarian Free School candidate or the Government candidate are most popular. Surely if Free School men are true to the cause, true to themselves, the solution can be anticipated.

The grading in the schools was finished a few days ago, and the diligent scholars were moved out and up. We really believe that there are not better graded schools, outside of St. John and Fredericton in the province.

The question whether Tilden or Hayes is elected has not yet been decided. Prominent men Democrats and Republicans have gone to Louisiana "to secure a fair and honest return of votes." Florida which was doubtful has gone Democratic, and there is no question that Gov. Tilden will be elected President.

Mr. Dow of the *St. Stephen Journal*, has returned from a visit to the Centennial, and gave in his paper last week a lengthy description of the Grand Exhibition, principally the Main Building and its contents, which is to be continued.

LIVERY STABLE.—Mr. Mallory, stage contractor has enlarged and improved his Livery Stable, which enables him to conduct his business with greater facility. His horses, carriages, are all good, and he has pluck enough to commend success.

Mrs. Maguire opening of Fall and Winter goods still attracts purchasers, already large lots have been disposed of, and the ladies who desire goods new and fashionable can obtain them at her warehouse.

BALLOON'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR DECEMBER.—The December number of Balloon's Monthly Magazine is issued, and contains the conclusion of M. Quail's great story, "That Taylor Boy," and which ends most happily for all concerned. In addition, there are some remarkable good stories, poems and engravings, and no one can read single number of this cheap and popular monthly without being profoundly impressed with the conviction that it is the best popular magazine in the country, and has the most variety in it. Published by Thomas & Talbot, 23 Hawley Street, Boston, at \$1.50 per annum, which is cheap enough for any one.

A committee of twelve citizens on Tuesday last presented a petition of 8,000 business men in Chicago asking Judge McAlister to resign on account of his conduct in the Sullivan-Hanford murder trial. After the chairman had made his address presenting the petition, the Judge remarked, "Leave it with the clerk; it is a matter to go on file. I have nothing to say," and dismissed the matter. It is not expected that he will comply with the request.

GOV. TILDEN ON THE REBEL CLAIMS.

It was urged by Republicans that if Gov. Tilden was elected President, the rebel claims would be paid by his administration. He repudiates the statement, and explicitly says:—"Should I be elected President, the provisions of the Fourteenth Amendment will, as far as depends on me be maintained, executed and enforced in perfect, and absolute good faith. No rebel debt will be assumed or paid. No claim for the loss of emancipation of any slave will be allowed. No claim for any loss or damage incurred by disloyal persons arising from the late war, whether covered by the Fourteenth Amendment or not, will be recognized or paid. The cotton Tax will not be refunded. I shall deem it my duty veto every bill providing for the assumption or payment of any such debts, losses, damages, claims, or for the refunding of any such tax."

THAT BARLEY BUG BEAR.—"But a Prohibitory Liquor Law means no demand for Barley, Corn, Rye, Hops, and, to a great extent, Wheat." Let us see.

In 1870 (see census) the entire Barley crop of the Dominion was 1,493,028 bushels; of this amount 915,678 bushels were consumed by Breweries and Distilleries, being only eight per cent of the entire yield one year. Will any man say that the farmer who finds a market for 92 bushels out of every 100 raised, (92 per cent) independent of the breweries, could not find a market for the other 8 bushels the same way. It surely cannot be part of the Divine arrangement in placing man upon this world, that one class of the human race, in order to live, must prey upon the lives and wealth of another portion.

THE ADVANCE IN SILKS.—The destruction of mulberry trees in Spain, France and Italy, and the consequent destruction of the silk worms, causing a remarkable deficiency in the European crop, sent the price of manufactured silk with a rush in July, August and the fall months. The advance was almost unprecedented. Durant & Co. reported up to August 1 an advance of "fully fifty per cent. on Betsee China, and 70 to 80 per cent. on Japan and flature Bengal," and this "without any appearance of checking the disposition to purchase, transactions being only limited by the absence of more silk to buy." The Chinese have held being reluctant to sell even at the great advance.

CHINESE THIEVES.—John Chinaman may be caught stealing, but nothing short of a surgical operation will extract the goods from his person and raiment. A San Francisco correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune* gives a case in point: A Chinaman entered a cigar store, and while asking his way to a certain street, slipped a box of cigars up his sleeve. A mirror betrayed him; and a policeman was called in. "The honest boy—allice same—belly good—no cigallice." The box was in neither right nor left sleeve, nor in either trousers leg. The left elbow suddenly moved; the policeman squeezed the bone; John smiled; no box. The right shoulder was agitated; the policeman made a dash in that direction; another smile; no box. Suddenly the cigar dealer saw something creeping across the Chinaman's back, and clapped his hand upon it; another smile; lo! the cigars! At the police station the officers found two more boxes—one under each armpit.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

The new loan of ten millions of dollars, placed on the London market by Mr. Cartwright, the Minister of Finance, has been placed satisfactory, that is to say, at such a figure as will not add materially to existing burdens. Still something will be added. The debt grows on increasing, and the burden, of course, does not grow lighter. We are building railroads and telegraphs to the West, we are carrying on a most extensive and heavy work on the enlargement of the Welland Canal, and there are quite enough local works being constructed. Then, there is much to bear from past extravagance. We feel, however, that the rate at which our debt increases will bring us trouble yet. Practically there is no limit to what the debt may be. No man can say where it will end; and it is just as likely before the end of another quarter of a century to be \$300,000,000 as any other sum. Our country certainly has a great spirit of enterprise. It is providing the means of intercommunication for many millions of people to come. If, however, our population in the next ten years does not increase more rapidly than it has in the past ten our great works will be a vast expense. The neighboring country is rapidly reducing its debt, ours is increasing. In the keen competition between us this is very unfortunate. As the population of the United States increases and its debt decreases, the rate per head materially lessens. Unfortunately it is not so with us. We wish we could impress upon people and rulers the spirit of economy—Globe.

A FIGHT WITH A CATAMOUNT.—Geo. Gillespie of Scott, Wayne County, Pa., while a sing through the woods in that township one day last week, on his way to hunt pigeons, saw crouching on the limb of a maple tree, about ten feet from the ground, a large catamount, and thoughtless fired a load of shot at the animal. It dropped to the ground and glared savagely at the hunter. Gillespie eluded it, and quickly put the contents of the other barrel into its

face and eyes. This blinded the infuriated beast, but it was not inclined to surrender, and sprang about wildly after its assailant guided by the sound of his feet. He clubbed it with his gun, and cut its throat with a knife. The catamount was three feet 4 inches long, and weighed sixty pounds.

SETTING BULL WHIPPED.

St. Paul, Oct. 31.—A *Pioneer Press* Bismarck special says: General Miles had a successful fight after an unsuccessful council, with Sitting Bull, on the 21st and 22d, on Cedar Creek, killing a number of Indians and wounding many, Miles' loss being two wounded. He chased the Indians about 60 miles, when they decided one portion going toward the agency and Sitting Bull toward Fort Peck, General Hazen has gone to Fort Peck, with four companies of infantry and rations for Miles. Sitting Bull crossed the river below Peck on the 24th, and had sent word to the agent that he was coming in and would be friendly but wanted a munition.

A physician named Keene, the other day, was killed by another physician named Austin, at Hallsville, Mo., for the circulation, as is alleged, of circulars derogatory to the character of Austin. The singular part of the story is that in 1869 Keene assassinated an aged man named Peters, on the spot on which he (Keene lately fell, and thus the assassin has in turn been assassinated.

A young lady, 18 years old, "enslaved and of sound morals," has been kidnapped from her relatives in New York city.

The Boston Methodist Ministers voted, forty to eight, "that we hereby disapprove of the policy of holding conference on the Sabbath."

A druggist at Bradford in England was discovered the other day by his wife living lead on his bedroom floor. The body of his son, aged four years, was found underneath the corpse. It is believed that the man, seized by an apoplectic fit, fell on his son who was thus suffocated.

VALUABLE LANDS

AUCTION!

ON SATURDAY
THE 25TH INST., AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.,
ON THE PREMISES,

THE following property situate in the Town and Parish of St. Andrews:
ONE WATER LOT fronting on Princess Royal Street, in the rear of property at present occupied by Mrs. Melcor.
One Lot fronting on Douglas Street, 63x62 ft., situate between the premises at present in the occupation of P. Donahoe and Robt. Shaw.
Three Building Lots 25x24 ft., fronting on King and Parris Street.
Two Lots about 40x60 in rear of premises occupied by Mr. James Stevenson.

Eight Acres of Land on St. Andrews Island.
One Lot about 40x40 on Church Street in rear of property occupied by Geo. E. Lat.
TERMS AT SALE.
C. E. O. HATHWAY,
Nov. 10 1876. Auctioneer.

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CIRCUIT COURT!

The Circuit Court of the County of Charlotte will sit at St. Andrews, on THURSDAY, the 14th inst., at 12 o'clock, noon.
At which time and place all officers of the law, and other persons required to be at this Court, are publicly notified to give their attendance.
ALEX. T. PAUL,
Sheriff of Charlotte.
Nov 11, 1876.