

New Advertisements.

A LITTLE BABY'S SKIN

And Soap Covered with Bore. A Wonderful Remedy for the Children's Diseases.

Itching and Burning Skin. It has been proved that the itching and burning of the skin is caused by the presence of a certain acid...

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FREE FROM RHEUMATISM. In case of Rheumatism, the patient should be treated with a certain medicine...

PAST ALL PRESENT. The GRAND LUMBERMAN'S DRAWINGS take place on the 27th inst. at 10 o'clock...

Louisiana State Lottery Company. The Louisiana State Lottery Company is authorized to sell tickets...

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Miramichi Advance.

CHATHAM, N. B., NOVEMBER 27, 1890.

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The fact that Canada's public debt is steadily increasing, while that of the United States is rapidly diminishing, is interpreted by a very large proportion of the people who are directly interested as indicating that the policy of our government, in that respect, is neither as wise nor as safe as it ought to be.

Many, no doubt, who support the conservative party—while the public debt has been increasing, the public debt of Canada is going at much too fast a pace as a borrower, but few of them seem candid enough, or sufficiently free from party bias, to express their convictions, while their public speakers and press are much too ready to evade fair discussion of the subject on its merits, and resort to abuse of those who criticize the policy, rather than argument in its justification.

There are, of course, a few conservatives who make attempts at fair argument, and most of these do so by presenting as facts things that are not true. They judge with figures, but they judge with false figures.

It follows this declaration by saying: We are, however, fully impressed with the fact that our lumbermen are not as well informed as some of our influential and enterprising citizens, have not been satisfactorily treated in the matter of their leases.

The appointment of gentlemen of such high standing as Messrs. Randolph, Ritchie and Todd as commissioners to enquire into this stampage matter, we hope, lead to the reuniting of the evil to which we allude which is this—in order to obtain a lease of crown lands the lumberman applies to the highest bidder for certain blocks, which after having been duly advertised, are offered for sale at public auction to the highest bidder.

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Opening of Parliament.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—During the illness of his Majesty, the Queen was not present at the opening of Parliament to-day.

The Queen's speech is as follows:— My Lords and Gentlemen. No change has taken place in our foreign relations during the short period which has elapsed since the close of the preceding session. The securities for European peace appear to be unimpaired.

I have commenced negotiations with the King of Italy to determine the boundary which separates the territory under British influence in North East of Africa from that belonging to the protected empire of Abyssinia.

Agreements were signed on 29th August, having for its object the ascertainment of the boundaries between British territory in Central Africa and the Portuguese provinces of Angola, Gama and Mozambique. It has, however, not been possible to ratify the King of Portugal. Pending further negotiations a temporary arrangement has been made in regard to the most important questions between the two countries, which will be left to be settled by the plenipotentiaries.

Negotiations have been commenced in respect of the Newfoundland fisheries question, which is a settlement made in accordance with which will be satisfactory to all parties. Gentlemen of the House of Commons. Estimates for the charges of the ensuing year will be submitted to you at the ordinary time. Strict economy will be observed in the expenditure.

New Lords and Gentlemen: The general condition of Ireland has greatly improved under the operation of the measures which have been applied to it. I have, however, with deep regret, that a serious disease of the potato crop, certain portions of which threaten a recurrence of one of those periods of severe distress to which the population of the island is so liable, has been reported by the industrial and economic conditions of the country. It appears that the measures of my government may mitigate the immediate evil and diminish the probability of its recurrence. It appears that the measures of my government may mitigate the immediate evil and diminish the probability of its recurrence.

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Notes from Kent.

WELFORD STATION, Nov. 20.—A boy named William King, while handling a revolver yesterday, had his left hand injured, and he has since been confined to his bed.

Charles J. Walker, Esq., an ex-warden of Kent, who has been with his family to the United States, has returned to the province, and is now residing in Chatham.

Dr. H. Nicholson, who recently opened an office here, proposes returning to Newcastle in a few days.

Welford is to have a lock up on a small scale, size 10x15 feet.

The employees of the Intercolonial Railway at this station yesterday were paid their salaries for October to-day.