

The Weekly Monitor.

BRIDGETOWN, MAY 15, 1878.

THE PREPARING.

More than a century ago a distinguished British statesman said that "a nation's best means for the preservation of peace is to be at all times in a state of preparedness for war." In the present condition of the world, when national aims and interests are often divergent or conflicting, when jealousies, animosities and strifes actuate monarchs, and when the spirit of conquest ignores the principles of justice and equity, it is wise to scrupulously guard against probable contingencies. If national rulers were all wholly influenced by the spirit of righteousness in their relations and treaties with their neighbors, standing armies might be disbanded - war-ships might be dismantled and laid up in the docks to rot - and defensive fortifications might all be demolished. But the millennial epoch has not yet dawned upon the world. The lion and the lamb do not lie down together. The war-demon has not been driven from the world. There is therefore still a necessity, on the part of the national rulers to be in perpetual readiness to repel aggression, and to have a permanent rampart reared against the tide of threatened invasion.

Approaching war, like any other "coming event," usually "casts its shadow before." It seldom, like the shock of an earthquake, comes without warning. Atmospheric changes and gathering clouds are premonitory signs of an elemental storm. The present troubled state of European affairs, and especially, the spirit of hostility between Russia and Great Britain, portends the possibility of a resort to arms in adjusting a disagreement, which as yet has not yielded to the milder means of diplomacy.

Under these circumstances, Great Britain, for several months, has been putting forth her mighty energies in preparing for the possibility of a bloody encounter with Russia. Military forces are being increased and concentrated - naval power and efficiency are being greatly augmented - the arsenals and dock-yards give evidence of preparations for hostilities on a magnificent scale - and munitions of war are being marvellously multiplied. Perhaps no nation in the world has such inexhaustible means for replenishing its exchequer as Great Britain. Her material wealth probably transcends that of all the other nations of Europe, and her martial spirit, when thoroughly aroused, as it is at present, is unconquerable. We don't say that actual war will arise out of the present difficulties and complications to which we have referred; but we do say that Great Britain is making ample preparations for such a contingency. In a few weeks, she could land half a million of soldiers on the northern shore of the Mediterranean; and in a very brief time (such is the efficiency of her dock-yards) she could quadruple the tonnage and power of her navy.

The past of Great Britain's warlike achievements, on both field and flood, is a guarantee of what she may do in the future. From Cressy to Waterloo - from Agincourt to Sebastopol - through all the intervening centuries, her valor, on many a well-fought field, has invariably triumphed. If her armies have been led by such chieftains as Marlborough and Wellington - if such indomitable sailors as Duncan and Nelson have won for her supremacy on the sea, we may well be proud of her past history. The national naval power a hundred and fifty years ago was "Rule Britannia," and it is still sung with undiminished spirit and energy.

The Island of Great Britain may be regarded as secure from possible successful invasion. "The wooden walls of Old England," have afforded a theme for both orators and poets; but those walls of wood of late years have been transformed into iron. Invincible iron-clads guard her shores. Grandly did Campbell sing -

"Britannia needs no bulwarks,
No towers along the steep;
Her march is o'er the mountain wave,
Her home is on the deep."
It is to be regretted that there is a difference of opinion among the leading statesmen of Great Britain with respect to the expediency of making such ample preparations for war till diplomatic means of reconciliation have been utterly exhausted. We would like to see Gladstone and Bright, at the present crisis, acting in harmony with Lord Beaconsfield. The heart-beat of the nation, however, we doubt not, is in unison with the premier.

But if anything can bring the proud Autocrat of Russia to reasonable terms in the matter at issue, it is the preparation which Great Britain is making to enforce her views by physical force. War cannot be too intensely deprecated; but the national honor forbids that we should tamely succumb to the semi-barbaric pretensions and insulting arrogance of Russia.

BATES' ADVERTISING AGENCY.

Mr. J. H. Bates, lately senior partner in the newspaper advertising firm of Bates & Locke, No. 34, Park Row, having succeeded to the business of the firm, has rented and fitted up rooms in the Times' building, No. 41, Park Row.

Mr. Bates is one of the oldest advertising agents in the city, having been in the business for a great many years. He was for a long time a partner with Mr. S. M. Pettengill, with whom he continued until 1873, at which time he formed a partnership with Mr. D. R. Locke, at that time largely interested in the Toledo Blade newspaper, both as editor and stockholder. The firm was dissolved yesterday, and today enters upon its career under the sole proprietorship and management of Mr. J. H. Bates. - New York Times.

For the past five years he has been doing business with the above firm, now dissolved, and has no hesitation in recommending the present successor of the firm to any party wishing to advertise in any part of the globe. They have always been prompt to pay, obliging, courteous and gentlemanly in all matters of business. - Error Monitor.

THE SCHOLASTIC NEWS. - A monthly paper devoted to the interest of education, school teachers, and the public generally, has been commenced in Montreal. The paper is well calculated to advance the interest of those engaged in teaching and should be obtained by every one of them. We most cheerfully give it a place on our exchange list. Subscription \$1.00 per year. Office, No. 31, St. Urban Street, Montreal.

NEW TIME TABLE. - On and after today, the trains on the Windsor and Annapolis Railway will be run as follows: Express trains, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, arriving at Annapolis at 2 p. m., leaving after the arrival of the steamer from St. John. Freight trains on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. New time table next week.

DIPHTHERIA. - A man named Fiondel, in New Germany, has lost three children out of four, of diphtheria. Also two young men and several other deaths have occurred in the same neighborhood and from the same disease.

ACCIDENT. - A cow of Mr. Alfred Saunders, at Lawrencetown, had a leg broken on Monday. The cow was running at large and strayed into a neighbor's garden, who, in driving her out, threw a stone with the above result. - Com.

SOCIABLE. - The Sociable given at the residence of J. B. Reed, Esq., on Tuesday, the 7th inst., was well patronized. We learn that the amount taken was \$16.00.

DROWNED. - A boy thirteen years of age, son of Mr. Silas Berry, was drowned at Bear River, last week.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

THE CLOSING SPEECH.

OTTAWA, May 10. - Parliament was prorogued this afternoon. His Excellency the Governor General delivered the following speech: -

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons: I am glad to be able to relieve you from further attendance in Parliament, after a somewhat long and laborious session. I shall take the necessary steps as an early day after the close of the financial year to give effect to the measure you have passed for the better auditing of the public accounts.

I shall call the attention of Her Majesty's Government to your address praying that all of British America, except Newfoundland, shall be, by Imperial act, declared to be within the Dominion of Canada. I rejoice that during the term of my administration this final step to consolidate British interests on the continent of America, has been taken with so much unanimity, and that henceforth the Dominion Government will, under Her Majesty, exercise undisputed sway over the Northern half of this continent.

I am happy to be able to state that, pending the final settlement of the question of the boundary, a conventional line has been adopted by my Government and the Government of the United States, between Alaska and British Columbia, on the Stikine River.

The large sums you have appropriated for the great work of internal improvement will be expended with the most rigid regard to economy, and in the expectation that the principal canals under construction may be nearly completed within the next financial year.

The settlement of Manitoba and the North-West territories has been proceeding this year with unexampled rapidity, and if the efforts of my Government to obtain a railway connection with Winnipeg at a very early day should be successful, I anticipate next year a still larger increase to the population. It is especially gratifying to find so many Canadians who had in former years migrated to the United States are now returning to the newly organized territories of their native land.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE OF SIXTY-FOUR MEN ON BOARD A SEALING VESSEL.

The brigantine Eric, one of our sealing fleet, owned by Mr. Boeke, of Carbonate, on the 5th of April, while returning from her voyage, during a heavy gale, made the southern Strait Island, and was only saved from going ashore by letting her both anchors. It was found necessary to cut away the masts to enable the hull to live out the furious gale and the heavy sea that was beating on the doomed vessel. For 38 hours the storm raged. To land the crew, consisting of 64 men was impossible. Those on shore looked on the scene in helpless anxiety, expecting each moment to see the vessel driven from her anchorage or swallowed up in the raging billows, and the unhappy crew flung in the seething cauldron with but a slender hope that they might float ashore. No boat could be launched with any other prospect than that of immediate destruction. While on board and on shore was blank despair, the white glare of ice was seen, and driven before the furious gale a number of fragments of ice were seen approaching the vessel. They were hailed as messengers of mercy and deliverance. Soon they surrounded the ship, but were rapidly hauled off so as not to strike her. Their presence calmed the troubled waters in an instant and prompted by the courage of despair, the men leaped on these white courses as they passed, and were rapidly borne towards the shore. But here death seemed inevitable amid the raging surf, dashing against precipitous rocks. A crowd of men, leaping and rushing to the rescue, scrambled down the rocks, and with a rope managed to reach a small island rock a short distance from the shore. Just as the seemingly large patch of broken ice on their broken ice path, the ropes were skillfully thrown, and all were dragged safely up the beaming crag. The remaining party were very nearly swept away by a huge wave which broke over the rock island. Ten of them were injured more or less, and one man had his leg broken. A similar misfortune overtook one of the crew from the line of a huge wave, as he was being drawn up the precipice. Upwards of forty men were still on board, and more of them were seen to commit themselves to a small string of ice. But at this critical moment a large patch of broken ice was seen approaching, and the men were signalled to return to the vessel. On came the ice-field, quelling the raging billows to windward as it glided around the vessel, and speedily a glittering bridge of ice stretched to the shore, over which the whole remainder of the crew walked safely ashore. Never surely was there a more strikingly providential deliverance. Soon after the vessel went to pieces. - Newfoundland Paper.

A MARVELLOUS STORY.

A VIRGINIAN WHO HAS FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY LINEAL DESCENDANTS.

Owen Atkins, of Pittsylvania county, Va., is the living progenitor of about 550 children. He was married twice and his lawful wives bore him twenty-four children. Believing there is moral law which prohibits him from having so many wives he could support, he took to himself concubines, who bore him forty-six, making in all seventy children, sixty-six of whom are now living. Of his first wife, the number having died. His oldest child, a son by his first wife, is now 71 years old, and lives within a short distance of his father. He also has a daughter who does not agree with his paternal ancestor in regard to polygamy. The old gentleman's second child, a daughter, is nearly 70 years of age. She has been the mother of twelve children only two of whom have died. All his children who are married and settled, except one, have large families, and it is therefore quite certain that old man Atkins, by his polygamy, has had therefore taken the name of Atkinstown, by which it is known through that section of the country.

A shocking tragedy has been enacted at the fashionable boarding-house of Mrs. Baker, Baltimore. Among the servants employed were George H. Spinks, aged seventeen, and Tillie Richards, a year younger. They had quarrelled on several occasions, and some words passed between them about 1 o'clock. The girl struck Spinks in the face, whereupon the latter picked up a dessert knife with a sharp and somewhat pointed blade, and plunged it into her left breast. The blow when withdrawn was blood-stained for three inches. The blood spouted in a stream from the ghastly wound, and the girl fell fainting into the arms of a companion. Being attended in three hours. During the excitement Spinks escaped, but was afterwards arrested and committed for the murder. - Exchange.

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As a preventive of infantile thymy to a Maternity Hospital in Vienna where at any hour of the day or night any woman about to become a mother is admitted under any name she chooses to give. The only condition exacted is that her true name and address shall be written in an envelope which she seals and hands to the matron. If she should die in childbirth the envelope is opened and use is made of the name it incloses in the interest of the child or the family; if not, at her recovery she receives back the envelope intact.

A letter from Australia says Trickett will not leave there for a race, but will go to New York. Thence it was sent to London, to Australia, to the dead-letter office at Sydney, and thence, at the request of the sender, it was forwarded to Demarquillo, New South Wales. Not delivered there, it went to the next dead-letter office at Melbourne, thence to London, thence to the dead letter office at Washington, and finally it came back to New York, more than two years after it started. But the sovereigns were missing. Inquiry at the foreign office elicited the response that the case was closed. It was afterwards found from marks on the envelope that the loss must have occurred between Sydney and Melbourne. The case was again opened, and the result was that the sovereigns were found in the Melbourne office in their buckskin covering. George Wilson, the sender, yesterday received the money from Post-Master James. More than forty letters were sent from the New York Office regarding the matter. - New York Tribune, 27th April.

A LETTER'S REMARKABLE JOURNEY.

A letter was mailed in this New York Post Office on February 4, 1876, containing ten gold sovereigns, and directed to Mary Bolton, Aschueha, Australia. The letter was sent to San Francisco, and was returned to New York. Thence it was sent to London, to Australia, to the dead-letter office at Sydney, and thence, at the request of the sender, it was forwarded to Demarquillo, New South Wales. Not delivered there, it went to the next dead-letter office at Melbourne, thence to London, thence to the dead letter office at Washington, and finally it came back to New York, more than two years after it started. But the sovereigns were missing. Inquiry at the foreign office elicited the response that the case was closed. It was afterwards found from marks on the envelope that the loss must have occurred between Sydney and Melbourne. The case was again opened, and the result was that the sovereigns were found in the Melbourne office in their buckskin covering. George Wilson, the sender, yesterday received the money from Post-Master James. More than forty letters were sent from the New York Office regarding the matter. - New York Tribune, 27th April.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. DENNISON, Queen St., Bridgetown, DRY GOODS, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Ready-made Clothing, &c.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT. In addition to the above I have a stock of Crockeryware, Farming Utensils, Paints, Paint Oil, Flour, Meal, Zinc, Oilcloths, &c.

FOR SALE. To be sold at Public Auction, On Saturday, June 1st, FIVE ACRES OF GOOD LAND, on which is a YOUNG ORCHARD, just commencing to bear, a Comfortable Dwelling House, a good barn, and a never failing well of water.

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JUST RECEIVED AT MURDOCH & CO'S, Granville Street. Timothy, Red and Alsike Clover, and Mangel Wurtzel Seeds, Cow Corn, Beans, Peas, &c., &c.

Casks Raw and Boiled Oil, GRANDAM & BROS LONDON WHITE LEAD, in 12, 25, 50, and 100 lb. packages WHITE & HANDY COLORS in one pound tins.

WINDOW GLASS, 500 POUNDS PUTTY, SHEET ZINC, SHOVELS, SPADES, HOES, RAKES, &c. &c. Carriage Whips from 25cts. to \$2.50. House Furnishing Hardware, in variety.

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ANOTHER CHANCE FOR A BARGAIN. THE Property of the late R. D. BALCOM, situated one mile east of Paradise Station, will be offered at Public Auction, On Saturday, 9th of June, next, at 2 o'clock p. m.

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Card of Thanks. HAVING Sold out my entire stock of Goods to Mr. A. W. D. Parker, I take much pleasure in recommending him to my late customers, and bespeak for him the same patronage so generally bestowed upon me. Mr. Parker will be found in the building on Granville Street, known as Masonic Hall.

In retiring from mercantile life I sincerely thank my many friends and customers for the kind support given me during the seven years that I did business in this town.

Being desirous to settle up my books, I must request all those indebted to me by Book Account or Notes, to call and pay up without further notice, otherwise I shall be compelled to leave their accounts for collection after the first of June.

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AT HOME! MAY 1ST, 1878. I will open in my own store at once, a full assortment of Room Paper, Venetian and Paper Blinds, Whiting, W. W. Brushes, Shoe Findings, Hardware & Earthenware SALT.

LIME TO ORDER VERY LOW. All of which will be sold at the lowest figures FOR CASH. PRODUCE taken at Cash Prices.

Agent for the N. B. PAPER MILLS. A full line of WRAPPING PAPERS on hand at lowest prices. Call and inspect, and satisfy yourselves that bargains are to be had. J. W. WEITMAN.

To the Electors of Annapolis County. As the time is approaching when you will be called upon to deposit your ballots for a Representative to the Local Legislature, I respectfully offer myself a candidate for your suffrages.

Party politics being at the present time a dead issue, it becomes our duty to look more especially to our local interests. I therefore, pledge myself, if elected, to give my strict attention to the Agricultural, Manufacturing and Industrial interests of this Province and County. I further pledge myself not to be a follower of any political intriguer, and will endeavor to the best of my ability to discountenance any combination of merchants in interfering with the free expression of the farmer at the polls or otherwise.

The farmer is the provider; he furnishes the raw material which is at the basis of human progress. Still further, the Agricultural interest pays four-fifths of the taxes of the County, and the Agricultural class, more than any other, must defend our country in case of an invasion. I ask, "why should not the farmers of this Agricultural County demand and have their just rights - in electing an Agriculturist to represent them in the Local Parliament?" I also call upon the voters of this County to stand by their commander.

I have the honor to be, Gentleman, Your obedient servant, W. E. STARRATT.

Middleton Corner CHEAP CASH STORE. Spring Opening. ALL our importations of stock for this season having arrived we take pleasure in announcing to the public our ability to place the same before them this week for inspection and purchase. An early call is solicited. Our stock will be found complete in all departments, and offered for cash only, at a small advance on cost to ensure a living profit. Besides Grey & White Cottons from best English and American Manufacturers, we are opening some new Printed Goods. A full line of NEW DRESS GOODS, including TASSO AND OTHER LINEN FABRICS. Cotton and Linen Costumes, Princess Walking Suits, Mantles, Underskirts, Corsets, Hose, Gloves, Neckties, etc. Scotch and English Cloth, SUITINGS, MANTLE CLOTHS, American Cloth and Duck, Ready-made Clothing, OXFORD AND HARVARD SHIRTINGS, Men's Fine White, and Fancy Cotton Shirts, very low. HOUSEKEEPING GOODS in variety. MENS' AND BOYS' HATS in Straw and Felt. LADIES' & GENTS' UMBRELLAS & SUNSHADES Full line of LADIES' STRAW GOODS, in late Styles. Large assortment of Millinery Goods in Flowers, Feather & Beads, Dress and ante Trimmings, Fancy Goods and Small Wares of all kinds. Boots and Shoes, for Large and Small.

Agent for RUSTIC WINDOW SHADES, Cheap and durable. COUNTRY PRODUCE at CASH VALUE, taken in exchange for any of our goods. TERMS - STRICTLY CASH. J. HENRY SMITH & Co. Middleton, N. S., April 17th, 1878.

VISITING CARDS. Neatly executed at the office of this paper.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Harnesses, BOOTS & LEATHER. 1878. THE subscriber in thanking the public for their liberal patronage during the past 25 years, would respectfully remind them that in the above lines he is ever prepared to offer SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS for cash or approved credit.

Light & Team Harnesses. In SILVER, BRASS, JAPAN, &c. always on hand, and manufactured at short notice to suit the purchaser. Also, just received FROM ENGLAND: 1 CASE RIDING SADDLES. A supply of ENGLISH and AMERICAN HARNESS FURNITURE of the best style and finish.

100 Team and Harness COLLARS. HARNESS, UPPER and SOLE LEATHER, AND CALSKINS ALWAYS IN STOCK. 100 PAIRS BEST MADE COARSE BOOTS & BROGANS. THE HIGHEST PRICES given for Hides and Skins. Wanted - 200 COEDS Herculon Bark. The highest market prices given.

GEORGE MURDOCH. MORE New GOODS From England. For Last Steamer.

1 BALE Prints, a good variety, 2 Cases Dress Materials, figured and plain, 1 Case Cloths for Ladies Summer Saques, 1 Case Cloths for Girls' Summer Coatings, 1 Bale Fancy Trousers, 1 Bale Trenches for Pants, and Boys' Clothing, 1 Case Black Cashmeres and French Merinos, 1 Case Black Lustres, Paramattas, &c., 1 Case Fancy Shirtings, 2 Bales Bleached and Grey Cottons, Shirtings and Sheetings, 500 yds. All-Wool Union and Tapestry Carpets, 300 yds. Hemp Carpets, 100 yds. Stair Carpets.

A good and cheap assortment of CURTAIN NETS and VALENCES. A large assortment of Ready-Made Clothing. The remainder of the Spring Goods to arrive by next steamer. JOHN LOCKETT.

CLARKE, KERR & THORNE, SUCCESSOR TO MESSRS. I. & F. DURPEE & CO. Wholesale Hardware, etc.

WE respectfully invite the attention of Wholesale Buyers to our new assortment of plates stock of HARDWARE, Cutlery, PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, ZINC, ROPE, TAR, PITCH, PUTTY, Mill Saws, FILES, Powder, Shot, SHOVELS, SPADES, Etc., Etc.

We will be prepared in good time with a well selected stock of HAYING TOOLS. NEW GOODS EVERY WEEK.

CLARKE, KERR & THORNE, ST. JOHN, N. B.

P. S. - At the old stand of Messrs. I. & F. DURPEE & Co., Prince William Street, March 27th, 1878.