

The Prospect.

From all parts of the country we hear gratifying accounts as to the prospect of the electoral contest. It is always very difficult to estimate accurately beforehand the result of a general election, and we shall not pretend to do so now; but this is beyond all doubt, that the Liberal party will have a large majority in Upper Canada. The corrupt and dishonest organs of the Government know this well, and their hope is in Lower Canada. "What if you do have a majority in Upper Canada," is their constant exclamation, "you can do nothing in the lower Province—Mr. Cartier will sweep the polls there!" Now, passing by the miserable character of the comfort thus sought by the corrupt and dishonest organs of the Government, and the miserable indeed it is to find men who ruled their own section of the Province for many years by a Lower Canada majority, willing to resume so despicable a position—we wish to caution our friends against accepting the idea as to the result of the Lower Canadian elections. It is too true that in Lower Canada the corrupt and dishonest organs of the Government have a footing that they never did possess in Upper Canada—but even in Lower Canada Mr. Cartier's party is fast losing out. Mr. Dorian at last election carried a large number of seats, with the Government, and now, with the Government in his hands and with the help of the able men he has gathered around, and the number of new candidates he has succeeded in bringing out, it is not to be doubted that he will greatly increase his following in the new Parliament.

We trust that Mr. Dorian will have a large majority in Lower Canada; but, if there is any doubt on that point, so much the stronger should be the exertions of all true Canadians to send an overpowering Liberal majority from Upper Canada. Never since the Union, has such an opportunity as this presented itself of placing the affairs of the Province on a sound and satisfactory basis. The principles to which the Government stand committed may not be all that we in Upper Canada could desire—but assuredly more able men, more upright men, more just men, never sat at the helm of affairs in this country than the representatives of Lower Canada in the present Cabinet. They are honestly and cordially with the Upper Canadian Liberals in all matters of financial economy, and beyond suspicion of a job. In all general questions of State policy, they are infinitely better accord with the people of Upper Canada than the only other possible party in Lower Canada—Mr. Cartier and his followers. And if the Upper Canadians, in pressing their demands for consideration in the matter of Parliamentary representation, cannot obtain justice at their hands, there is no other party from whom it can be got. We are then, to the Liberals of Upper Canada—now is your opportunity! Let a strong and united body be sent down from Upper Canada to support the Government heartily in the good measures they have promised, and to insist on a frank recognition of the constitutional relations between the Provinces—and our word for it, a new light will soon break in on our political prospects. Had the Upper Canadian Conservatives the right feeling of patriotism, instead of weakening the strength of Upper Canada by divisions, they would consent to give the new Government a fair and honest trial, and let the Upper Canadian supporters of the Ministry in their efforts to obtain a satisfactory solution of the great sectional question. "Now's the time and now's the hour," if ever in the history of Canada!

Townsend.

We are to have another Townsend trial. The authorities in England have been notified of the arrest, in Michigan, of a man said to be William Townsend, the notorious outlaw and murderer, for whose apprehension a large reward has been offered. The Herald-Tribune states that the County Attorney, with Mr. P. Schuyler, on Monday night for Michigan, to take the necessary steps for bringing the prisoner to Cayuga for trial. The trial of McHenry, whom a host of witnesses swore to be Townsend, while as many more swore that he was not Townsend, will long be remembered as a trial of the century. It is the veritable Townsend, who is now in custody, the proceedings against him will excite much public interest.

TO TAKE THE SCENT OUT OF CLOTHING.—Sitting on the piazza of a house was a young boy, with his garments highly scented with musk and cologne. A solemn, old-looking man, after passing by the dandy several times, with a look of aversion which drew general notice, suddenly stopped, and in a confidential tone said: "Stranger, I know what'll take that scent out of your clothes; you—"

"What! what do you mean, sir?" said the exquisite, fired with indignation, starting from his chair.

"Oh, get mad, now—swear, pitch round, fight, just because a man wants to do you a kindness!" coolly replied the stranger.

"But I tell you I do know what will take that smell—plew! You just bury your clothes—bury 'em a day or two, Uncle Josh got aful of a skunk, and he—"

At this moment there went up from the crowd a simultaneous roar of merriment, and the dandy vanished up stairs.

THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT'S CRUSADE AGAINST THE WOLVES.—Accounts from Poitou state that the Duke of Beaufort's hounds have made fresh attempts against the wolves, which, though unattended with any positive result, are beginning to excite the interest of the people. A few days since, gave chase to a wolf, which they followed with great spirit for some time, and at length, on arriving at a spot of dry ground, completely lost the scent, and were tempted to make a day another at, where a sheep had been killed in the morning by two wolves. The wood was beaten for some time by the dogs of M. Guichard, who resides in the neighborhood, but without success, and the persons assembled were about to disperse, when one of the animals was seen leaving the corner of a wood which had not been tried, and not far from where the English pack were standing. The dogs started off in full cry and followed up the scent for some time, but again, owing to the dryness of the ground, lost it, and the wolf escaped.

FIRE IN HALIMAND.—We have just learned of the total destruction of Mr. Massey's flouring and grist mill, in the Township of Halimand, by fire, which occurred on Thursday night last. The fire was not discovered until it had made considerable progress, and consequently nothing could be saved. There was in the mill about one thousand bushels of wheat which belonged to Mr. Massey, and several grists belonging to neighboring farmers. The origin of the fire is a mystery, as there was no fire in the mill on the previous day. The mill was a valuable building, and the loss heavy, with, we understand, but small insurance.

What is the difference between your great coat and a baby? One you wear and the other you was.

SHOPLIFTING.—A lady (?) has displayed a new method of shoplifting. "She went into one of the great silk-mongers on the Boulevard des Italiens, and going up to a sheepish-looking young man behind a deserted counter, told him she had had the misfortune to drop her garter, and that, in consequence, her stocking was falling over her foot; she requested him to accommodate her with a piece of tape, and to allow her to put it on behind the counter. The young man, blushing crimson, instantly gave her the tape, and, in a most respectful manner, venerated the dark side of the counter, and left the lady, who at once helped herself to a silk dress, which she tied under her crinoline with the tape. She then came forward and thanked the civil shopman, and when he returned to his quarters he found the dress gone, and instantly knew he had been robbed, but too late—the garterless lady was out of sight."

Small pox is raging at present with terrible violence in London and in various parts of the country, notwithstanding the great discovery of Jenner, this scourge of the human race, owing to the negligence of the public and the apathy of the Government, is daily sweeping immense numbers to the grave, and disfiguring for life those whose lives the malady spares. In the metropolitan hospitals, so crowded with cases that no more can be received, and it is now proposed to erect wooden sheds in the open air for the reception of the afflicted, as was done when cholera was epidemic. In some instances private houses have been applied for with a view to the transformation into temporary hospitals, but, fearing the personal infection of their property in consequence, the owners, in almost every instance, have refused.

STEARNS FOR THE CONFEDERATES.—We learn that another batch of our swift river steamer have been purchased during the past week on account of the Confederate Government. We believe the steamer Mail plying on the Kilman station, will shortly be withdrawn, having been sold for \$7000. The favorite steamer Jupiter, so long known on the large Millport and Arran route, has also been purchased for something like the sum of \$6000. We have also been informed that the steamer Eagle, which was being built for our coast traffic, has likewise been sold to the Confederate Government for upwards of \$8000. Other vessels now being built in several of our shipbuilding yards are reported as being pushed rapidly forward to meet the growing wants of the South.—Glasgow Herald.

DESTRUCTION OF AUCKLAND.—We have to-day been favored with the perusal of a private letter, dated Auckland, Jan. 31, in which the writer (a native of the country of Longford) says:—We had Auckland burned down to the ground. Such a sight you never saw in your life. The damage done is said to be about £1,000,000. The fire lasted for ten days, notwithstanding fire-engines and all that could be done. But it is a good thing for there is an act passed so that no more wooden houses are to be up. So people are compelled to put up brick and stone, which will make it quite a different place.—Dublin Freeman.

SUDDEN ACQUISITION OF WEALTH.—By the death of William Dunlop, Esq., of Sutton House, near Malton, Mrs. Wightman, the housekeeper at the mansion-house, Doncaster, under the Town Council of that borough, came into possession of at least £20,000 in landed property, together with Sutton house and valuable personal property. Mrs. Wightman informed the Town Council of her great good fortune, with a request that she might be liberated from her duties as soon as possible. The application has been accepted to, and Mr. Wightman has now taken possession of the property.

"I know I am a perfect bear in manner," said a young farmer to his sweetheart.

"No, indeed you are not, John; for you know you never hugged me. You are more sheep than bear."

A good man who has seen much of this world, and is now tired of it, says: "The grand essentials to happiness in this life are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."

LITTLE TROUBLES.—It is little troubles that wear the heart out. It is easier to throw a bomb shell a mile than a feather—even with artillery.

The price of common paper in Richmond is \$1 a pound. The subscription price of the Richmond Examiner is \$2.40 a month, or about \$30 a year. Foolscap writing paper sells for \$100 a ream, and common paper at \$75.

EVEN SEW.—The merchant-tailors of Manchester, England, have not an address of confidence, and are oppressed. That's right. The needle has ever been true to the pole.

All places of public resorts in New Orleans, except the churches, are ordered to display the Federal flag, and all places of amusement to commence and close their performances with a Federal air.

A deaf and dumb gentleman, named De Castellan, has just been received Bachelor of Sciences in Paris. The examination was carried on in writing.

Bolton is about to be adorned with a statue of James, the seventh Earl of Derby who was executed in that place during the Parliamentary war. A committee has been formed composed of influential persons for the purpose of carrying out the project; and Mr. Calder Marshall has placed his design for the statue before them.

The Hants Advertiser states that an earthen vessel, containing nearly 300 ancient silver and copper coins, has been dug up in a field at Farringford, the seat of Mr. Tennyson, the poet laureate.

The tea plant—said to be declared genuine by a Chinaman, the Williamsport Bulletin—states—found upon wild lands in Clinton county, Pennsylvania. Several persons skilled in the taste of tea, declare this native sort as good as the imported.

It is announced that English ships taking refuge in French ports are longer to be charged with a duty of one franc per ton if on their passage from one port to another they do not engage in any trade during their stay.

A parliamentary return states that the total number of accidents in London in consequence of the railway procession and marriage festivities was 23, of which nine resulted fatally.

The indications are indubitable, that Mr. Vallandigham will be nominated for governor by the Democratic State Convention of Ohio, next month.

The Rev. Dr. Hodge, of Richmond, Virginia, is in England to obtain supplies of Bibles for the Southern Club of Liverpool, on Thursday last, he stated that the British and Foreign Bible Society had resolved to make a grant of 10,000 Bibles and 25,000 Testaments—rather a superfluous act of liberality, seeing that the reverend doctor offered to purchase them.

The Clyde shipbuilding trade is described as unusually brisk.

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