

OLD CANADA.

The frantic attempts of some Toronto Politicians to silence the Pulpit and the Religious Press on all Political Questions that do not help their party, have drawn attention to the following Resolution of the General Assembly of 1884 (Union), urging its Ministers not to be "dumb dogs" even in Politics:—

"That the Assembly receive the overture, recognize the evil complained of therein, and urge upon the ministers and members of the Church the duty of fostering in the community a judicial, patriotic and charitable spirit, with regard to all matters affecting the politics and government of the country."

BEAVERTON, ONT.—THE REV. DR. WATSON delivered a very able lecture before a large and appreciative audience in the School and Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church, on Friday, March 18. The subject was an interesting one, "The Moon." The lecturer treated the subject most ably, bringing out many novel ideas and facts, which would not have been suggested or unfolded to ordinary minds, without the aid of such researches as has been given the subject by diligent students like Dr. Watson. To attempt even a brief summary of the very comprehensive treatise of the general subject of astronomy as touched upon by the Reverend Doctor, would simply be doing an injustice to the lecture. The Reverend Doctor announced his intention to deliver a lecture on "Ornithology" at an early day, which is also to be followed in due course by another upon "Geology." We would advise our readers to make a point to attend these intellectual treats.

THE CYCLONE PULVERIZER.—Mr. Wiman of New York has examined at Montreal a new principle in mechanics, namely, a process of pulverizing by attrition which for some months had been in constant operation at the paint works of Messrs. McDougall, Logie & Co., and which is called the Cyclone Pulverizer. The process consists of the introduction of the principle involved in a cyclone confined within a small chamber of iron not larger than an ordinary house furnace. Its power is very remarkable; iron slag, flint rock, granite, and all other hard substances are reduced to impalpable powder; while soft substances, such as mace, rice hulls, asbestos and mica are ground with equal facility. The almost innumerable products which in the United States need to be ground in this way induced Mr. Wiman to think that by getting hold of the patent for that country a chance existed for making a great deal of

money. The project has been broached in this country by Mr. M. Lee Ross, resulting in the formation of a company here, called the Canadian Cyclone Pulverizing Company, with works located at Messrs. McDougall, Logie & Co.'s.

The greatest interest has been manifested in it in New York, and Mr. Wiman is likely to offer shortly the stock of a company which will control the device.

It has recently been said by Senator Fair, of Nevada, one of the most successful miners on the Pacific Coast, that this little machine, costing with attachments less than \$750, is able to perform the work of a stamping machine costing \$75,000; that with even less power and less facilities it could perform the work of the larger machine, and what is better, could be carried to any part where such mining could be done.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The people of Vancouver, British Columbia, have taken to persecuting the Chinese. We are glad they are to be taught that this will not do. The Provincial authorities have suspended the city's charter, and the local Executive have sent a strong force of special constables to Vancouver to see that the laws of national hospitality and of the province are respected as far as Chinamen are concerned. This may appear to some to be severe, but it must be remembered that the Chinamen who were driven out of Vancouver City with such violence are citizens of a powerful and friendly State with which Great Britain is a large and profitable dealer, and that not the City of Vancouver, but the Government of Great Britain is held responsible for any indignities that are offered to Chinamen in British Columbia.

CANADA PACIFIC STEAMERS.

THROUGH COMMUNICATION WITH CHINA AND JAPAN—THREE STEAMERS CHARTERED FOR THE TEA AND EASTERN TRADE.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have completed arrangements for the running of a line of steamers from Vancouver, B. C., to Japan and Hong Kong. They have chartered three steamers, the "Parthia," "Abyssinia," and "Batavia," formerly in the Cunard service. The vessels have lately received new triple-expansion engines, securing increased speed, with good accommodation for 60 passengers, and a freight capacity of 3000 tons of 40 feet.

The first steamer of the line, the "Parthia," is intended to leave Hong Kong early in May,