

ice takes to wearing her old shoes, she can soon lay the whole world under contribution." It would seem that the saying is in the way of being fulfilled.

The Incorporation of the Counties is the great political event of the season in this Province.

The Emperor of Russia was shot at in St. Petersburg by a supposed Nihilist, but escaped unhurt. The business of being a monarch is getting to be nearly as dangerous, as that of a soldier in the Zulu campaign, or of a citizen of Montreal on the twelfth of July.

The English papers are discussing the Euphrates valley railway. Were this road opened up the journey to India would be shortened by one third, and could be made in 12 or 13 days. In the case of munny in India this would be worth millions of money to Britain. The length of the proposed road from the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf is 934 miles. It would pass through the oldest historical regions of the earth. Gen. Chesney in his report speaks as follows: "The soil, the climate, the natural productions of this ancient cradle of mankind are such as to yield to the cultivator a return that can rarely be obtained elsewhere. All that is requisite is the protection of an orderly government. The slight amount of labour needed to derive irrigation from the river is all that would be further required. The wheat and barley according to General Chesney are particularly fine, nor is it very uncommon to have three successive crops of grain in some places. The gardens yield grapes in abundance, also oranges, peaches, nectarines, figs, apples, pomgranates and other fruits. Honey manna, and gall nuts are found on the slopes of the hills. Timber of all kinds clothes them. On the less elevated soil grow cotten; hemp, and tobacco; and raw silk may be produced in abundance. Sheep-cattle and fine horses abound, 500 high-priced horses being annually exported to India from the Persian Gulf. Wherever the soil of Mesopotamia is supplied with water it is rich and fertile in the extreme. Under the Persian, Babylonia, which was separated from the rest of Mesopotamia extended westward of the Median wall as far as the latitude of

Samara and Anah. This region is well adapted for the growth of cotton, indigo, sugar and many other productions of a warm climate, especially dates which in the opinion of most judges equal those of Talifat, and are decidedly finer than any produced along the Nile. The bustard, the stork, the flamingo, the sigrette, the parrot haunt the surface of the river. The *Twilus Selucus* feeds on the locust.

The Rev. G. Roddick of Durham, and about eighty settlers started last month for Manitoba and the North-west. Among the number were four young men from Toney River and neighbourhood.

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George Sutherland,	1.50
Hugh McLeod,	1.50
G. Gordon Matheson,	1.00
William Gunn,	1.00
William McBeath,	1.00
Kenneth Gunn,	.40
Gordon Ritchie,	.50
David Ritchie,	.50
William Sutherland Tan.	.50
William Sutherland Ban,	.35
William R. McKenzie,	.75
John A. Grant,	.50
William Sutherland Sawyer,	.50
Alex. McKenzie,	.50
Kenneth Innes,	.40
John Innes.	.25
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RECORD FOR 1879

D. McDougall, C. B.	2.50
A. Fraser, Toney River.	2.00
D. McMillan, S. Hill.	1.50
John Sutherland 3 mile house.	3.75
A. McKay, Plainfield,	25

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