

Pereira, well-known for several years as the night editor of the *Gazette* of this city. This year as well as last he obtained the highest prize, presented by Alex. Buntin, Esq., of this city, through the Victoria Skating Club.

THE NEW MAYOR OF MONTREAL.—We present to-day the portrait of Sévère Rivard, Esq., the newly elected Mayor of this city, who was returned over Hon. J. L. Beaudry, by a majority of 290. Mr. Rivard was born at Yamachiche in 1834, and educated at Nicolet College where he greatly distinguished himself. He then removed to Montreal and entered the law office of MM. Laflamme and Barnard. He was admitted to the Bar in 1859, and at once took a front rank. For several years he served in the Council. On more occasions than one he has been spoken of for Parliamentary honours, but as often declined. Mr. Rivard is the type of a French gentleman, bearing the traditions of an ancient and honourable family, and much is expected both of his spirit of fairness and his large municipal experience.

THE MONTREAL WATER-WORKS.—A separate article will be found giving full particulars of this great and interesting work. We particularly recommend it and the illustrations to our fellow citizens as well as to all strangers who take an interest in this vital subject.

THE CARTOON.—This picture will sufficiently explain itself to our readers. Mr. Mousseau, M.P. for Bagot, is represented as a waiter serving up the head of Lieut.-Governor Letellier to Messrs. Church, Chapleau and Angers, the three ex-Provincial Ministers who drew up the papers against His Honor. Mr. Chapleau occupies the middle place at table, Mr. Church is on his right and Mr. Angers on his left.

SLEIGHING SCENES IN MONTREAL.—The first will give the outside world an idea of what difficulties a street car has to encounter on a stormy day. The second depicts the appearance of Place d'Armes on a Saturday afternoon when the gay and fashionable world turns out with its equipages. We published some time ago a lively paper by "Mufti" describing the incidents of this varied promenade on Saturday afternoon.

THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

OTTAWA, March 8, 1879.—The case of Lieut.-Governor Letellier did not come up this week, but it is promised for Tuesday. The feeling of the French Conservatives against His Honor is of bitterest bitterness. They say he must go. And I may state it is quite understood the Ministerial party will vote in solid mass for Mr. Mousseau's resolution, to declare that His Honor's act was subversive of the rights of Ministers under the system of Responsible Government. I have already pointed out that this motion is in the identical words of that moved by Sir John Macdonald before the elections, and it is therefore plain that he cannot easily avoid voting for it. If, then, in Sir John's opinion, Mr. Letellier has done an act which strikes at our constitutional system, it is sufficient reason for his removal. Why, then, has not Sir John advised this, as he has clearly the power by the terms of the Union Act? And why, when the question comes before the House of Commons, is the duty of moving the resolution left to a private member, instead of being taken in hand by the leader of the House? Neither of these questions can be answered except by the assumption that Sir John has found a great difficulty in his way, of a nature quite different from fear of his majority. Even the Grits have no sympathy with the act of Mr. Letellier. They do not hesitate, in private, to declare it to be "high handed." But this is not all the question. High handed, and very far from frank, the act undoubtedly was. It may, however, be asked, and the point fairly debated, whether it was not within the limits of the Lieut.-Governor's constitutional authority, even if grossly abusive of that authority?

Another great question conspicuous for its absence this week in the House of Commons, is the National Policy. Mr. Tilley has been unwell, and no wonder. The pressure upon him has been simply tremendous; enough, in fact, to break down the strongest. Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Cartwright have been disposed to twit the Government with this delay. But that is worse than useless. It is clearly in the highest interest of the country that ample time should be taken to mature as perfect a measure as possible. And it is now announced by Mr. Tilley that the Estimates will come on early next week, and the Budget speech be delivered on Friday next.

It may be mentioned that one of the newspapers here stated that Mr. Blake had definitely retired from public life; but this is very pointedly denied by the chief organ of his party in Toronto.

The matter of appointing Mr. T. C. Patteson, late manager of the *Toronto Mail*, to the position of Postmaster of Toronto, *vice* Mr. James Leslie, superannuated, was brought up in the House on Monday, and it brought out a good deal of feeling. Mr. Langevin stated that Mr. Leslie asked for his superannuation. But to this it was reported that he was told to do so, and did not think it prudent to decline. He is, however, over 65 years. Mr. Patteson is appointed at a

salary of \$3,000. Mr. Leslie had \$3,500. His superannuation allowance is \$2,450.

We had next day a regular superannuation debate and exhibition of personal feeling. There was mutual recrimination. The points were that Mr. Mackenzie's Government had superannuated Mr. L. Sœur to make room for Mr. Forsyth; Mr. Meredith, to make room for Mr. Buckingham; and Mr. Langton, to make room for the present Auditor, Mr. D. L. McDougall. The reprisal on the other side was Mr. Leslie's case, to which I have just referred. There were many words, but this was the point. Mr. Cartwright, who was the Chairman of the Board, stated that law provided that a civil servant must be superannuated at 65, unless the head of the Department reports that he is competent to do his duties. In the case of Mr. LeSœur, it was intimated by the late Postmaster-General that there were reasons why he should be superannuated. This insinuation was promptly met by Sir John and Mr. Rochester, by the allegation that Mr. LeSœur challenged investigation. The short of the whole matter really amounts to this: 1st, the old men, generally speaking, don't like to go; 2nd, that new brooms are more efficient than men who have been touched by the hand of time in the public service; 3rd, that the power of superannuation is sometimes convenient for the Ministers; and 4th, that it is expensive. The result of the debate was a motion passed for papers.

The following day, on Thursday, Sir John Macdonald gave a marked point to all this talk by giving notice that he will move for a Committee, to which shall be referred the whole question, and have for duty to enquire into and report on every case of superannuation. It is pleasant, after a great deal of wild, general talk, to see a little prompt action of this sort.

The Manitoba Colonization Railway Bills were advanced a stage, and referred to the Railway Committee. It is understood that one or more of these railways is to be immediately constructed.

A large number of returns of all sorts contrive to be moved for, some of them of no public interest whatever. This is a mode in which wretched members of Parliament make a show of doing something. But it is a very expensive luxury.

There was another personal question up on Wednesday, which led to a very long and personal debate, namely, the dismissal of Captain Purdy, of the Government steamer "Newfield." The multitude of words may be reduced to a very brief, namely, the Opposition charged the Government with being moved by political considerations. The answer was the crushing one that Captain Purdy had not a certificate; that he was incompetent to manage his vessel; and that he had, in fact, run her ashore in circumstances which were unjustifiable. No sufficient answer was, or, therefore, it may be presumed, could, be given to these charges. It is certainly in the public interest that there cannot be too much strictness observed as respects the fitness of men for positions in which the lives and property of others are confided to their care; and the position of the Government in matters of this kind is certainly one of very great responsibility.

The Hon. James Macdonald, of Picton, whose presence was so much missed in the third Parliament by those who had heard him speak in the second, and who appreciably adds to the character of the debates, by his clear, concise, and able speaking, has moved for a committee of 13 members to take into consideration the greatly important but vexed question of the Insolvent Law. This is a course which favours deliberation and the obtaining of the fullest information. The Government deserve great credit for the step. The motion, of course, was carried.

The Hon. J. H. Pope, the Minister of Agriculture, is about to introduce a bill to make important amendments of the law as relates to contagious diseases of animals. It is understood that the scope of the bill will be to clothe the Government with power to deal promptly with contagious diseases, and enable compensation to be given to the owners of cattle should it be found necessary to order any to be slaughtered.

The Standing Committees are beginning their active work. That on Immigration examined Mr. Lowe, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, and Col. Laurie, of Nova Scotia. The former stated that according to the reports of the agents, the total number of immigrants who came to the Dominion in 1878 was 40,032, of whom 29,807 settled in Canada, and the remainder went on to the United States, as passengers, they having simply chosen the St. Lawrence route as the shortest and best to reach the Western States. Over eleven thousand went to the Province of Manitoba. Immigration was more active last year than the previous year, with a probability of its so continuing, especially as respects the class of agriculturists with sufficient means to establish themselves in Canada. It was stated that all the agricultural labourers who had come had found employment. But the witness declined to go the length of saying that there was no limit to the demand. The evidence of Col. Laurie was very interesting. It established that the conditions of Nova Scotia were very favourable for stock-raising, but that large numbers of cattle for export could not now be purchased there.

There was debate on Mr. McCarthy's bill to amend the Controverted Elections Act. He proposes that three judges shall preside in cases of trials, instead of one, to obviate suspicion of unfairness. Such a measure, if there were many election cases, would make it hard for the judges.

Mr. Kirkpatrick contended that two judges would be sufficient to obtain the end desired. There was no vote. The debate was adjourned.

The House now is getting into working trim, and the very large number of new members are beginning to rub off their greenness. His Excellency and Her Royal Highness continue to give dinners at Rideau, and the Ministers also are severally doing their parts in dining their personal friends. Next week the really serious business of the session begins.

THE FREAKS OF SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Editor of the ILLUSTRATED NEWS:—

SIR,—With the arrival of the new Governor-General and his loyal consort, we have had to chronicle the arrival of the special artists and special correspondents of the London press. Mr. Sydney Hall has become a celebrity in Canada through his picture of the triumphal arch of the Montreal Snow-Shoe Club, wherein he incorporated the Bank of Montreal, Victoria Square and Beaver Hall. A Londoner will appreciate this when he is informed that there is as much accuracy in the picture as if one were drawn representing the Marble Arch opposite St. Paul's and next to the Monument. The London *Illustrated News* has distinguished itself by giving us a picture of the reception at the Convent of St. Maria, Montreal. Old Montrealers have been looking for this institution ever since. This paper has, however, capped the climax with the drawing contained in its number of Feb. 15th, purporting to represent their Excellencies at Niagara Falls. The Governor-General, Her Royal Highness and suite are dressed in winter costume, but the view is a summer one; no ice, no beautiful snow. However, we must be indulgent, as it is not said to emanate from the pencil of "our special artist." Amherst, N.S., which takes its name from Lord Amherst, probably unknown to most "specials," is spelt Amhurst by these gentlemen. The *Court Journal*, that Jenkins of the English Court, that "puffer" of Bond street tailors and jewellers and Regent street milliners, is under the impression that the capital of Canada is Halifax, N.S., that their Excellencies still reside there, and that they are guarded by the "Governor-General's Foot Guards, whose dress resembles that of the Scots' Fusiliers, whereat H.R.H. is much pleased." I am quoting from memory. It is unnecessary to recall here how Lord Dufferin embarked on an Allan steamer at Ottawa, a thing about as likely to happen as for the "Thunderer" to be towed through Moulsey Lock, nor to recur to Mr. Sydney Hall's picture, or rather its accompanying text, wherein our snow-shoers are said to be clad in Neapolitan costume. Awaiting more information of this kind, I remain

Yours faithfully,
OLRAC.

THE QUEBEC SKATING CLUB.

Last Monday evening the annual races and sports of the Quebec Skating Club took place at the rink on the Grande Allée. Some 1,200 spectators were present, who appeared to be intensely interested in the proceedings, which were enlivened by the musical strains of "B" Battery Band. Thanks to the exertions of the energetic Secretary of the Club, M. E. Holloway, all the arrangements were perfect, and everything combined to bring about a successful issue. The ice was in splendid condition, notwithstanding the rapid thaw which had taken place out of doors during the day. The prizes distributed were very choice, and all of them the gift of the Club, with the exception of a handsome desk, which was presented by Mr. G. Seffert. The judges appointed were Messrs. G. R. White, C. F. Smith, U. Tessier, and Jules Lemoine.

The following is the list of races, results, and prizes:—

- Snow-shoe Race—1st, W. B. Scott; 2nd, E. Partridge. Prizes, a desk and a drinking cup.
- Barrel Race—1st, O. Fletcher. Prize, dressing case.
- One-legged Race—1st, Harcourt Smith. Prize, biscuit box.
- Flat Race (a mile)—1st, E. Stevenson; 2nd, O. Fletcher. Prizes, silver cup and scent bottle.
- Wheelbarrow Race—Partridge and Swift (tie). Prize, a pair of silver studs to each.
- Hurdle Race—O. Fletcher. Prize, napkin ring.
- Boys' Race (under 14 years)—1st, Norris; 2nd, M. Limont. Prizes, silver mug and scarf pin.
- All-fours Race—O. Fletcher. Prize, an alarm clock.
- Dash, in heats (3 out of 5)—W. B. Scott—in three straight heats. Prize, a syrup jug.
- Backward Race—1st, A. Scott; 2nd, C. Partridge. Prizes, gold sleeve links and gold pencil.
- Pair Race—O. Fletcher and H. Ashe. Prizes, silver lockets.
- Boys' Backward Race—1st, A. Scott; 2nd, E. Stevenson. Prizes, silver cup and inkstand.
- Blindfold Race—1st, A. Peters. Prize, gold scarf pin.

At the conclusion of the races the prizes were gracefully distributed to the successful contestants by Madame H. G. Joly, and subsequently dancing was indulged in to a late hour, to the invigorating strains of the band, and thus closed an evening of high enjoyment.

HUMOROUS.

VOICES OF THE NIGHT.

When bed-time comes and curtains fall,
And round I go the doors to lock,
Ere lamps go out my wife doth call,
"Remember, dear, to wind the clock."

When boots are off, and for the day
All irksome cares seem put to rout,
I hear wife's voice from dreamland say,
"Be sure you put the kitten out."

When stretched between the sheets I lie,
And heavy lids have ceased to wink,
From trundle-bed there comes a cry,
"I want a drink! I want a drink!"

A SANTA FE paper gives twelve years' subscription for a mule and two for a dog.

POVERTY is a bully if you are afraid of it, but is good-natured enough if you meet it half-way.

LET a man sit for two years on a barrel at a political corner grocery, and he is apt to think himself good enough to be appointed judge.

"SCIENCE," says Dr. Holmes, "is a good piece of furniture for a man to have in an upper chamber, provided he has common sense on the ground floor."

WITH eggs at thirty-three cents a dozen, three hens who attend to their business can now earn more in a day than a man can, and not be eight hours about it, either.

TALK about the missing link as much as you will, the world at large will keep both eyes fixed on the young man who makes his first appearance in society in a claw-hammer coat.

He wished his manuscript returned,
But failed in time to ask it,
And left indignant when he learned
It had climbed the golden basket.

A MARVELLOUS change came over the feelings of the sneak who quietly accepted five quarters for a dollar, and when at a safe distance from the store discovered to his disgust that they were all twenty-cent pieces.

"Now, there abideth these things which every man can do better than any one else: Poke a fire, put on his own hat, edit a newspaper, tell a story after another man has begun it, examine a railway time-table."

WHAT makes the average small boy howl is, after cleaning off the sidewalk in the evening, to wake up the next morning and find it covered with snow, especially if it's a legal holiday.

ARTFUL YOUTH.—One of our female teachers threatened to keep an unruly boy fifteen minutes after school. "I wish you'd make it half an hour," said the appreciative youth, "for you're the prettiest teacher in this town."

ELI PERKINS, it is announced, has been engaged to tell twenty-seven hundred lies in twenty-seven hundred quarters of a minute. It will be safe to wager heavy odds that he will perform the feat and have twenty-six hundred quarters of a minute to spare.

THE man whose pantaloons bag most at the knees isn't necessarily the man who prays the most. Sleeping in a day coach with your knees propped up against the seat in front of you will wear the knees of a straight pair of pants quicker and more successfully than two hours of prayer meetings.

The English language is wonderful for its aptness of expression. When a number of men and women get together and look at each other from the sides of a room, that's called a social. When a hungry crowd calls upon a poor minister and eats him out of house and home, that's called a donation party.

THE other day an Irishman was passing the graveyard, where he saw two men, friends of a country man who had just died. They were seeking for a burial lot. "Who's dead?" he asked. "John Leary," was the reply. "When did he die?" "Yesterday." "Well, badad, he had a fine day for it."

IF G. Washington had had any idea that his birthday would be observed as a national holiday by forty-four millions of people, with the exception of a few editors and printers and such, he would have got himself born some time in the summer, or he isn't the man we take him for.

AN awkward waiter, in attempting to place on the table the soup-tureen filled with chicken broth, spilled its contents on a lady's white satin dress. The lady screamed, and was seized with hysterics. The waiter stopped and shouted in her ear: "Don't despair, madam, there's plenty of broth yet left in the kitchen. I am going for it now."

A good coloured man once said in a class-meeting: "Brethren, when I was a boy I took a hatchet and went into de woods. When I found a tree that was straight, big and solid, I didn't touch dat tree; but when I found one leaning a little and hollow inside, I soon had him down. So when de debil goes after Christians, he don't touch dem dat stand straight and true, but dem dat lean a little and are hollow inside."

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

A NEW soprano, Bianca Bianchi, who is called the "Badeu Nightingale," has made a great success in Vienna this winter, and is said to be equal to any of the famous singers now on the stage.

THE Theatre Royal, in Glasgow, which was burned recently, was the largest theatre in Great Britain. It could seat 4,000 people, which is 400 more than La Scala, of Milan, and 300 more than the Great Pavilion at Whitechapel. The size of the stage was next to that of the celebrated Grand Opera.

MARIE ROZE does not meet with unqualified approbation in the rural districts. A Wisconsin critic, writing to the *Oshkosh Northwestern*, complains that her Italian has a French brogue about it. "This," he observes with severe derision, "would prevent her ever becoming a favourite in Oshkosh."

MESSRS. SULLIVAN and GILBERT, the authors of the amusing operetta "H. M. S. Pinafore," get nothing for the performance of the piece in America beyond the compliment implied in the fact that it is now the attraction at five theatres in New York, and is being produced by half a dozen troupes in various parts of the continent.

A FOOLISH young Buffalonian, wealthy, talented and a graduate of Princeton, follows Miss Anderson, the actress, around from place to place, watches her hotel window, and on "first nights" presents her with elegant baskets of flowers. Occasionally Miss Anderson will give him an audience on the cars, when she tells him he is making a fool of himself.

BOOTH, Sothorn and Boucicault get \$500 a night. Owens is said to be the wealthiest actor in the profession, and is estimated to be worth \$2,000,000. Adelaide Neilson is worth \$500,000; she has played for \$1,000 a night. Jefferson gets from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a week. Lotta is worth \$25,000. Edwin Booth refused an engagement of 100 nights at Booth's Theatre at \$1,000 a night. Fanny Davenport is good for \$1,000 a week.