

THE CAREER OF PIUS IX.

The Pontificate of Pius IX., who was elected Pope as the successor of Gregory XVI., on the 16th of June, 1846, is drawing to a close. The King of Italy is no more, and at the death of the present Pontiff, when it shall occur, the two most prominent actors in the drama of recent Italian history, so fraught with momentous events, will have passed off the stage.

There are many who recall the startling impression made by the liberal measures of Pius IX., on his first accession to power, and the enthusiasm among the friends of Italian liberty which was excited in those days of hope. The intolerable misgovernment in the Papal States imperatively required a radical change in the system of internal administration, and Pius IX., under the influence of a constitutional monarchy in which laymen should have large share of power. The reduction of taxes, the liberation of political prisoners, the charters given to railway and telegraph companies, the improvement of agriculture, the patronage of education, the reform of ecclesiastical institutions, the relaxation of restraints upon the press, and other measures consequent in spirit with these, seemed to usher in an utterly new period of liberty and prosperity in the Roman kingdom. But the Pope had still larger aims. Italy was groaning under the tyranny of Austria, and of the petty sovereigns who were under Austrian influence. That Italy should be emancipated from oppression, and combine into a confederation of which the Pope should be the head—becoming thus once more a nation among the nations—was another design which Pius IX. cherished, and which he hoped to realize. All these fair dreams and bright beginnings were shattered in pieces. The revolution of 1848 was attended with consequences which the Pope had not foreseen. A tempest arose which he could neither quell nor control. On the one hand, there was Austria, which had endeavored to prevent his election to the papacy, which had done what it could to prevent and to baffle his project of reform and his concessions to liberalism, and which stood in mortal hostility to everything that could be called Italian liberty. On the other hand, there were the radicals, the republicans of the Mazzini type, who demanded a democratic system, and were determined to wrest all secular authority from ecclesiastics. The Pope found himself in a place where two seas met. The liberals were bent on driving him to a more advanced position, than he was prepared to take up, and to involve him in an open war with Austria. How a man of greater talents and sagacity might have succeeded in preserving himself and his cause in such a storm, it is not for us to say. On the 24th of August, he fled from Rome to Gaeta. The French occupation of Rome followed. Thereafterward, the idea of liberal and partly lay government for Rome was abandoned by the Pope. The success of France, in alliance with Sardinia, in the war with Austria paved the way for the extension of the rule of Piedmont over all Italy. The Papal States were absorbed in the Italian kingdom, and Victor Emmanuel took possession of the Quirinal.—*Ex. & Chronicle*

BRUTAL MURDER OF A FATHER.

A man named Joseph Charet, of St. Anne de la Perle, was committed to the Three Rivers Jail by Deputy Coroner Beckett, of Three Rivers, for wilful premeditated murder. The facts, as far as known, are as following:—The accused, who is hunchbacked, is short of stature and addicted to liquor, aged 24. His victim, who was his father, was an old man of 69 years, and named Hamer Charet, who was quietly sitting smoking his pipe, some ten days ago, when his son, the prisoner, who had often said his father was too old to live, came quietly behind him with the old man's walking stick and struck him a fearful blow on the head, from the effects of which he died last Friday. The coroner's jury unanimously, on hearing the evidence, returned a verdict of wilful murder.

The Synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church for New York was in session last week. A constitution was adopted which provides among other things that each congregation shall be entitled to two representatives at the Synod, and to one additional lay representative for every thirty communicants, all the representative being communicants. There was a lively discussion over the question of presidency, but it was settled by a compromise which gave the right to preside over the Synod to the Bishop assigned by the General Council of the jurisdiction in which the Synod is held. As the Bishops have no diocese the broadest members contended that they ought not to preside over a representative body. Bishop Fallows said there were now one hundred self-supporting parishes with about ninety clergymen.

At 2,000 yards the rifles used by the "Turks" will bury a bullet a foot and a half deep into hard clay. The great loss of life in the Russian ranks may be ultimately traced to American apocrypha.

Boys don't swear, as you cherish the good opinion of people, don't use profane language. It doesn't make you any more of a man, but it does make you less respected by. Your father may swear, but it makes him shudder when you do it. Your mother may not be a Christian, but pains her to know that you do swear. It corrupts the mind, and lowers your own self-respect. It cannot possibly do you any good—then don't swear. Promise yourself you won't, and keep your covenant. If you don't begin, you will not have any desires to do.

IRELAND.—A considerable amount of snow has fallen in Belfast.

The Duke of Connaught has sent to the Mayor of Cork, a cheque for 100 guineas, to be distributed amongst the local charities of Cork.

The death is recorded of an old man named John McElabb, of Eden, Carrickfergus, at the advanced age of 101 years. Deceased was a native of Glenarm, County Antrim.

Three deaths from excessive drinking have occurred in Dublin within a few days.

Correspondence.

[FOR THE STANDARD.]

MR. EDITOR.—I read in your last paper the proceedings of the county council, and was amazed to see that three of the councillors brought in a report, recommending a handsome sum to be paid to *Revisors*, in other words themselves. A motion "that the Report of the committee on compensation to Revisors be adopted" was decided in the affirmative by 19 yeas to 11 nays, the names being recorded. Ratepayers will remember this at next election. Why not have the decency to wait for the passage of an Act authorising remuneration to Councillors. What a farce to pay \$37 40 to Councillors from the small Parish of Clarendon, where I am informed there is scarcely a corporal's guard of voters. All honor to Odell, Stevenson, Hanson, and the remainder of the noble eleven who voted against such outrageous taxation.

Yours,

Jan. 28. AN OLD RATEPAYER.

The entrance to the STANDARD office is from the side door on the wharf.

The St. Andrews Standard.

Saint Andrews, January 30, 1878.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.—From Telegraph intelligence in another column, it appears that a Peace has been signed by Russia and Turkey, and that there is every probability of the war having ended. The terms are hard, but the Turks have themselves to blame. It is pleasing also to learn that Earl Derby has withdrawn his resignation as a cabinet minister and it is believed Lord Carnarvon will do so likewise.

It is to be regretted that by later dispatches peace is not as yet settled—still appearances are favorable to that much desired end.

RETURNED.—The many friends of our townsman Mr. Andrew Lamb, gave him a hearty greeting on his return this week, after an absence of upwards of fifteen months. In October 1876, Mr. Lamb left here for Kimberly Diamond Fields, South Africa, having received an appointment at the mines. In due time he arrived in England, and after paying a hasty visit to his native country, Scotland, proceeded to Africa, where he remained until his return. Mr. Lamb looks well after his long voyage, and his host of acquaintance here, were pleased to see him again with his amiable family. His eldest son, Mr. Herbert Lamb, has remained at the Diamond Fields. In common with his other friends, we bid him a hearty welcome home.

FIREWARD MEETING.—The Firewards appointed by the County Council held their meeting on Monday evening last in Engine Room No. 1. Present:—Messrs. D. Clark, W. D. Forster, G. Swift, T. T. Odell, T. A. McCurdy, Eber Stinson, J. M. Hanson, John Jones, Angus Stinson, Thomas Hipwell. The oath of office was administered by the Warden. The following officers were elected: Donald Clark, chairman. T. T. Odell, Secy.-Treasurer. W. D. Forster, chief. Committees for Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, hook and ladder, engine, tank, furniture &c., were appointed. The thanks of the Firewards were given to the Secretary-Treasurer for his generous offer to perform the duties free of charge, as it will effect a saving to the ratepayers of five per cent, which last year we observe by the accounts amounted to thirty dollars. This is carrying out his promise at the Municipal election—"that he would use his efforts to lessen taxation," and he is doing so in many ways.

ERRATA.—In publishing the proceedings of the County Council last week, one or two inaccuracies were made, which are now corrected, viz.—the poor assessments for St. Andrews and St. George should be as follows: St. Andrews \$900, St. George \$1000. The total of county contingencies should be \$2,550. The sum voted to T. A. McCurdy for service as night watch was \$150, the balance \$350 was for other services. The errors were not discovered until too late for correction in last edition.

After running a week longer than expected the Belle Brown is hauled up for the winter. The Stroud has taken her place.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.—The last Royal Gazette contains a proclamation convening a meeting of the General Assembly "for the dispatch of business," on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of February next. The assembling of the legislators is rather later than usual, but it is probable our rulers have in view a short session, as it will be the last for the present house, and possibly the last time some of the members will have the privilege of sitting as legislators.

MASQUERADE.—On Friday evening last, a masquerade was held in Stevenson's Hall, which was well conducted under the directions of Mr. G. Harold Stickney. The hall was fairly filled by spectators, and the various Characters well sustained. At 8 o'clock, Mr. Stickney opened the entertainment by playing a grand march on the piano, during which the masquers entered in pairs and marched round the hall. We can only mention a few of the characters represented, and must say all were sustained; the costumes were fanciful and looked well. Among the most prominent characters were an Indian Chief and squaw, a Bey of Tunis and wife, Highland Chief and Lassie, Irish Characters, Volunteer Officers, County Squire, Mariner's Russian Bear, Flower Girls, Goddess of Liberty, Red White and Blue, Faith, Hope, and Charity, Spanish Ladies, &c. After the march a call was made for polkas, quadrilles, waltzes, &c. Mr. Holden performing on the violin and Mr. Stickney on the piano. Then the order "unmask" was given, and there was much amusement in discovering the young people who had impersonated the various characters. Dancing was kept up for a couple of hours, in which several of the spectators joined, and all retired to their homes much pleased with the entertainment. The whole affair passed off creditably to all concerned.

ST. ANDREWS PARISH OFFICERS

Appointed for 1878.

The following is a list of the persons appointed to all the Parish offices for the present year:

Commissioners of Arms House.—E. S. Pollock, A. W. Smith, Thos. Black, Samuel Billings, J. F. Mulligan, D. Rankin, T. Hipwell. Constables.—Mark Hall, L. Chase, W. Henan, T. A. McCurdy, W. Rollins, C. Morrison. Commissioners of Bye Roads & Highways.—T. Hipwell, Andrew Boyd, T. McCulloch. Surveyors of Roads.—Geo. Gibson, E. Hume, John Townsend, F. Dennesson, W. Linton, J. Gallagher, A. McFarlan, J. Denley, J. Lochran, R. Peacock, Angus Chait.

Wardens of Goals & Hay.—E. Lorimer. Collector of Rates.—W. A. Rollins. Parish Clerk.—T. A. McCurdy. Pound Keepers.—T. Finley, A. Markee. Firewards.—T. T. Odell, W. D. Forster, Donald Clark, T. A. McCurdy, Angus Stinson, G. Swift, W. Shaw, J. Jones, J. M. Hanson, Eber Stinson, Thomas Hipwell. Collector Common Rents.—L. Chase. Assessors of Rates.—J. R. Bradford, C. O'Neil, and J. D. Grimmer. Port Wardens.—C. E. O. Hatheway, Sargent Maloney, J. R. Bradford. Wharfingers.—Hayden C. Guptill. Committee on Town Property.—T. T. Odell, R. Stevenson, J. R. Bradford. Surveyors of Dams.—D. Rankin, A. Boyd. Revisors.—T. T. Odell, R. Stevenson, C. E. O. Hatheway.

Inspectors of Fish.—H. C. Guptill, W. Hicks. Collector on School Lands.—J. R. Bradford. Surveyors of Lumber.—Jas Stevenson, Geo. Gunnison, Peter Fitzgerald, James Ross, Alex. Campbell.

An accident took place on the N. B. & C. railway on Saturday last, the engine having run off the rails and was jammed in the Shogmook bridge about two miles this side Canterbury. The trains were delayed for a couple of hours, but all is right again, and the damage not serious.

Ma. Benoit from some cause unknown to us, will not lecture here this evening, where a full house awaited him.

Fredericktown News.

BEXONON, the caricaturist, lectured here on Thursday night last to a moderate house. The lecture was very amusing and his sketches of local men which were rapidly drawn in sight of the audience were very good. Some of the leading members of the Reform Club were made the subjects of his pencil and in most cases the faces were recognized before half finished. Not the least interesting part of the entertainment was the sale of the pictures at its close, some of which created lively competition.

The complimentary address to Mr. Fenety which was very numerously signed was presented on Friday evening in the City Hall before a thousand persons. Mr. Fenety made an appropriate reply. The address was beautifully engrossed on parchment, and was accompanied by a

handsome and costly silver *epergne*, the finest article of its kind ever seen in this city.

Two rinks (eight players) of the Curling Club left here yesterday for Picton to take part in the grand bonspiel to be held there this week. The matches with the St. John Clubs were postponed on account of the soft weather.

Yesterday was election day for Alderman and resulted in the return of all the old Council with one exception.

The skating carnival postponed from last week came off last night (Monday) and despite the unfavorable weather was a great success. Several scores of costumes were on the ice including the usual—courtiers, negroes, indian chiefs, &c. and some hundreds of spectators looked on. Some of the characters were both novel and original and were well represented. Another carnival will probably be held sometime next month.

Yesterday's (Monday) storm brought a foot of snow and now we have good sleighing.

The Legislature is expected to meet about the 26th of January.

London, Jan. 28.

The Standard's Constantinople correspondent says the Porte has received a telegram to the effect that the preliminaries of peace have been signed and the Turkish delegates and Grand Duke Nicholas would reach Adrianople on Saturday.

The same correspondent also states that England had the Porte's permission to enter the Danubian.

The Post publishes the following as the official version of the preliminary condition of peace: First—autonomy for Bulgaria, the boundaries not defined, under governor to be appointed according to stipulations of Constantinople Conference, and the Turkish military forces to be withdrawn to certain localities to be determined upon; Second—Independence of Roumania, with a compensation for territory near the mouth of the Danube, which she will make over to Russia.

Rome, Jan. 27.

The Pope's unfavorable symptoms continue. His Holiness is in very low condition, but it is not believed that there is any serious cause for alarm at present.

The Provincial Treasurer of Ontario on Tuesday submitted the estimates of expenditure for the current year. The current expenditure is placed at \$2,622,653.62, which is an increase of \$4,077.01 over 1877. The expenditure on capital accounts will be \$418,956.66, showing a decrease of \$24,940.58. The amount voted for refunds in 1877 was \$104,319.27, which with a vote of \$19,223.87 to complete the services of 1875 made a total of \$123,543.14, a decrease for this year of \$33,829.38. The total amount of the estimated expenditure for 1877 was \$2,616,046.89; the total amount for 1878 is \$2,542,353.93 a net decrease of \$73,692.95.

New Inventions.

In an improved Trace Hopper devised by Mr. William K. Hardenbrook, of Albia, Iowa, there is a combination of a double hook or holder with the frame that connects the back strap, crupper strap and straps that support the breeching. The traces are securely held in whatever position the horse may be.

Messrs. George H. Thompson and George P. Muldon, of Omaha, Neb., have devised a Wooden Spring for vehicles which is so constructed that it may be adjusted to sustain a greater or less load, and which will quickly recover its shape when pressure upon it is removed.

Mr. Lorenzo Meeker, of Oregon, N. Y., has invented a new lifting jack by which a heavy weight may be lifted either from the ground or from the top of the device. There is a combination of a vertically sliding bar, a peculiarly constructed clutching device, and a lever fulcrumed on the tubular standard, by which the vertically sliding bar is guided.

In a new Car Wheel patented by Messrs. H. Schibel, Jr., George M. Seeley, and John Schibel, of Bridgeport, Conn., annular elastic packing is interposed between the cylindrical faces of the tire and the web, the object being to absorb the jar, deaden the sound, and diminish the force of concussion, thus affording a better riding wheel and reducing the wear on the tire.

St. John Glass Works.—Mr. Richard Davis, who was formerly connected with the Glass Works at St. John, purchased the building and plant of the works, and intends putting the establishment in good order, for an early resumption of manufacturing window and other descriptions of glass. Some of the enterprising merchants of the city are aiding Mr. Davis in his praiseworthy efforts. There is a good opening for the business, and it is to be hoped the enterprise will receive the encouragement which it merits.

Two shocking scandals are reported in the Toronto papers, A Church of England clergyman at Ottawa is charged with seducing a girl, 17 years of age, and Rev. H. E. McMeekin, of Lancaster Townships, (Presbyterian) is being prosecuted for in decent assault.

The Permanent Exhibition at Philadelphia has assets amounting to \$391,602.41, while its liabilities are \$510,904.31. Among the latter is \$171,577 due the Centennial Board of Finance, but it is expected

that it will be settled on payment of \$40,000, which will leave the company all right, as it has got the expenses about down to receipts now.

The Grand Trunk officials here find that instead of decreasing the amount of grain here for shipment to, Europe is constantly increasing. There is now something like 350 car loads in the yard waiting to go into the elevator. In addition to the amount there is a number of loaded cars along the road between here and Island Pond. There are now two ships, loading at the elevator and six more have been chartered in addition to the steamers which leave weekly. The fine iron clipper ship "Lake Michigan," of the Beaver line, will load grain, as will the "Lake Erie" of the same line. These are both large ships and will take good cargoes.—*Portland Press.*

THE MOSCOW MYSTERY.—Public interest in the remarkable case now being investigated at Moncton has deepened during the last day or two.

TERRIBLE DISASTER.—During the storm of Thursday night last the fishing schooner *Little Kate* went ashore at Duxbury, Mass., the entire crew of fishermen were drowned. The crew were all related either by blood or marriage, and belonged to South Boston. The names are as follows:—John A. Hines, captain; Martin Hines, Thomas Hines, Owen Hines, Jr.; Michael Hines, Michael Cosgrove, John King, Patrick King, Martin Fay, Morgan Flaherty, Mich. Flaherty, Thomas Glynn and Michael O'Donnell.

Seven widows and twenty one fatherless children are left by the disaster.—*Freeman*

Pansies and violets were found in bloom in the garden of the Misses Hill at Milltown, N. B., last Saturday.

The disasters and mishaps to Calais vessels have been very numerous the past month.

The weather the past week has been noted for its sudden changes.

There is now an abundance of snow in the woods in most localities.

TEMPERANCE.—It is estimated that through the efforts of Maine Reformers seventy thousand drinking men have been induced to sign the pledge in New York State during the past two months.—*Whig and Courier.*

DIED.

On the 23d inst. J. Elizabeth Ann wife of Mr. Wm. Tatton, aged 54.

On the 25th inst., after a lingering illness, Jane, wife of Mr. John Brown, of the Customs, aged 45, leaving a husband and large family, with many friends, to lament the removal of an affectionate wife and mother, and kind neighbor.

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