

**LISTOWEL STANDARD.**  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1880.

The wreck of the ill-fated steamer *Alpena* has been placed beyond conjecture by the finding of several "messages" from the vessel. One of these was a piece of shingle, on which was written the following: "The *Alpena* is going to pieces. We will all be lost. (Signed) 'Capt. Napier.'" It is now thought that fully eighty persons were engulfed in a watery grave by this terrible lake disaster.

Use of the aërial signs of the better times which are being brought about under a protective policy is the large increase which is taking place in the traffic of Canadian railways. From the half-yearly report of the Directors of the Great Western Railway we learn that the gross receipts of the road for the first half of 1880 were £437,433, being an increase over the corresponding period of last year of £71,692. After deducting the working expenses of the road, interest on bonds, etc., the reserve account for the first half of 1879 showed a deficiency of £2,290; this year there was an amount of £26,290, and a surplus of \$34,847 is announced. This is exclusive of dividends received on shares of the company. When it is taken into account that the expenditure has exceeded the corresponding half of 1879 by £24,238, it will be seen that the Great Western road has reached a much more satisfactory state than for several years past.

ALBUQUERQUE contemplated changes in the Cabinet, *the Mail* says. Since the resignation of M. Masson some months ago, there have been a whole host of rumors current as to the changes likely to take place in the Cabinet. There was but one feeling among the people regarding M. Masson, and that was a feeling of regret that the country was likely to lose the services of a gentleman who combined ability, integrity, and an ambition in an unusually high degree. Circumstances which all regret, personal to M. Masson, have made it impossible for him to remain in the Cabinet, and he has been more than reluctantly accepted by his colleagues. We have reason to believe that more than one change would take place in the Cabinet, and that more gentlemen will retire. There are not in a position to mention the names of the gentlemen who go out, or those who will take their places. We are informed that the Cabinet will secure in place of those who retire gentlemen of placed ability and high standing in the political world, and that the Government will at once proceed energetically with the preparation of the business of the session.

HAMILTON, the "ambitious city," is rapidly developing into a very important industrial center, and the fostering policy of the present Government. We notice that another industry is about to be added to the many which have been started in that city since the N. P. came into operation. Notice has been given of intended application for letters patent to incorporate a Fruit Stock Company, to be called "The Hamilton Fruit Growers' Co.," with a capital of \$20,000. The operations of the company, says the *Advertiser*, are to be presented on a most extensive scale, and the fostering policy of the kind which has hitherto been promoted in the Dominion. It is intended during the first year to employ more than three hundred men, and to employ young women, boys and girls, but there will be a number of men, skilled in the several branches of the business, advertised for, for the erection of large and commodious buildings suitable for a factory, to be ready to receive the fruit and work when the early fruit crop commences to mature. The canning of tomatoes, sweet corn, peas, beans, etc., will be exclusively engaged in. Hitherto Canadians have been almost entirely dependent on our American neighbors for the supplies of canned fruits and vegetables; but, thanks to the fiscal policy of the present paternal and patriotic Government, the time is at hand when, through the exertions of our business ability, these goods will be produced in our midst at least equal in quality to those imported at a lower price.

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The importance of the early completion of the Fort William and Selkirk sections has been recognized by both the past and the present Governments, and the work upon the same has been vigorously pushed forward, and the line is expected to be in running order by the latter part of next summer. As soon as this section is completed the other provinces will have direct communication with Manitoba via Lake Superior. It is but reasonable to suppose, therefore, that Manitoba's next season's crops will find an outlet to the ocean via the lakes and Montreal. About a hundred and fifty miles of railway leading west from Selkirk right into one of the most fertile portions of Manitoba will be completed about the same time, so that the main opening up of the western country will at once act as a feeder to this section of the railway. Mr. Sandford Fleming says that particular care was taken to section the line in this section of the road, so that cheap transportation is assured for all time to come. He says, "The engine which would transport 10 cars with a loading of 100 tons over a line with ordinary gradients, would take 37 cars with 370 tons over the Pacific Railway with the gradients stated."

It will be of interest to know that the distance from Montreal to the Pacific Ocean will be, and how it will compare with the New York and San Francisco route. The distance will compare as follows:

Montreal to Pembroke.....	Miles, 220
Pembroke to Lake Nipissing.....	160
Lake Nipissing to Fort William.....	100
Fort William to Selkirk.....	420
Selkirk to Port Moody, Pacific Ocean.....	1,200
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>2,100</b>

AGAINST..... 961  
New York to California..... 2,000  
Chicago to San Francisco..... 3,571  
Or 637 miles in favor of our route. The highest elevations above the level

of the sea reached by the different roads projected are as follows:

Union Pacific at Sherman.....	Feet, 7,320
Atlantic and Pacific at Campbell's Pass, 7,320	
Northern Pacific at Grand Coulee, 7,320	
Rocky Mountain at Grand Coulee, 7,320	
Canada Pacific at Fort Steele, 7,320	

The saving in distance by the water route from Chicago to the ocean via Lake Superior, and the Canada Pacific Railway, is also very great. It compares as follows:—

Chicago to Montreal via Lake Superior to Lake Nipissing, thence by rail, 979 miles.
Chicago to New York, via Lakes to Buffalo, thence by rail to New York, 1,347 miles—distance in favor of Montreal 368 miles.

The distance from China to Montreal is fully 1,000 miles less than it is from China to New York.

United States Railways already extend on the south shores of Lake Superior to Escanaba, which is only 150 miles from Sault Ste. Marie; others are also under construction, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that these roads will drain the whole of Northern Michigan, Minnesota, Dakota, and the great Western States. The estimated cost of the Canada Pacific is as follows:

Lake Superior to Fort William.....	\$20,000,000
Fort William to Selkirk.....	17,000,000
Selkirk to Jasper Valley.....	15,000,000
Jasper Valley to Moody.....	20,000,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$72,000,000</b>

These estimates include light equipment. Reports has it that the Pacific Syndicate, which they will have the road completed from Fort William to the base of the Rocky Mountains within three years, and appropos of the apprehensions concerning the land on the count of the supposed intention of the Government to grant the Syndicate 25,000,000 acres, Monsieur Macoun in his report on the subject of agriculture and stock raising between Selkirk and the base of the Rocky Mountains.

**THE IRISH QUESTION.**  
**ARRIVED AT A CRITICAL STAGE.**  
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**A Change of Venue to England Proposed.**

Dublin, Oct. 23.—I am informed on the best authority that Mr. Foster, Chief Secretary for Ireland, swore an information against the Land League, and that the prominent members of the League were named in the indictment. The following are the gentlemen selected for prosecution:—Mr. Joseph Stewart Parnell, M. P., Mr. Joseph Biggar, M. P., Mr. Arthur O'Connell, M. P., Mr. J. P. Kelly, M. P., Mr. O'Sullivan, M. P., Mr. J. D. Sullivan, M. P., Mr. Egan, Treasurer of the Land League, Mr. Brennan, its secretary, Mr. James Joyce, Mr. Ketter, Mr. Boyton, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Daly, a journalist, Mr. Harrington a journalist, and Mr. Tully, a farmer. In view of the fact that obtaining a verdict from an Irish jury is said to be the intention to apply to the Queen's Bench for a change of venue and to bring the accused to England. The Government claims to have this power under the Judicature Act. Its exercise would be regarded as an act of revulsion to the public mind, and would put the agitator at the mercy of the English Government. The leaders of the Land League think that if they are tried in England, they will be treated as political prisoners, and the passing of the same over to the tender and taking up the old note, which he no longer got into his hands than he tore up and scattered to the winds. The matter proceeded to examine the renewal, and found that it had only the signature of Mr. T. D. Ronald, the Irish valuer, and that the other names having been omitted. This was pointed out at once to Mr. Ronald, who was asked to complete the renewal note. This, however, he refused to do, upon which the matter was referred to the Queen's Bench, and the matter was settled on the 21st inst. Mr. Parnell, but Ronald persisted in his foolish course, and finally left the banking office without signing his name to the note. The matter was allowed to pass, and the next day, when Mr. Ronald was apprehended, and remanded. The villagers are excited over the affair, and are very angry, and the fact that Mr. Ronald was bonussed to the extent of £20,000 to start his factory, agreeing on his part, to employ 30 men employed in the construction of three years only six steam fire engines have been manufactured, and no more than seven men have at any one time been employed.

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as a unit, is utterly opposed to the removal of the Land Leaguers to London for trial. Should the prosecution fall through, a retaliatory effect on the Irish disorders, Parliament will be summoned and asked to

**SUSPEND THE HABEAS CORPUS ACT**

In Ireland. Seven justices will sit on the 21st inst. to hear the habeas corpus applications of the Land Leaguers. The officials have asked for authority to lodge a large building in which to lodge over a hundred witnesses for the Crown on the south shores of Lake Superior to the Land League have decided to call upon the members of the League to reimburse their efforts. It is said that the first blow struck by the Government at them will be

**THE SIGNAL FOR TREMENDOUS MEETINGS**

of Irishmen throughout America. The prosecution of Land Leaguers will also be followed by the same in England, Scotland and other parts of the Land League on a basis similar to that of the Home Rule movement in Ireland, and a concerted effort will be made for the confederation of the three kingdoms in the place of the existing union.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AMERICA.**

New York, Oct. 27.—The *World's* cable special says:—Mr. Parnell intends sending a new delegation to the United States to raise men and means for the outbreak that seems impending. The *Evening Mail's* London cable special says:—The American branch of the Irish Land League in the United States is sending weekly remittances of money to the representatives of the League in Dublin. Between three and four hundred pounds have already been received.

**MORE INTIMIDATION.**

A notice has been posted on the Balla court house, three miles from Duleek, one who shall visit the rent office of the estate of the late Lord Montagu in the next three months for the purpose of making any payment.

**ANOTHER ARREST.**

A Cork correspondent reports an interview with Walsh, who strongly denied that Manning, the farmer who was arrested on a charge of intimidation, was in the county, and remanded on bail.

**ANARCHY IN CABUL.**  
**The Ameer Murdered and the City in a State of the Utmost Disorder.**

A Lahore despatch says:—It is reported from Peshawar that anarchy reigns in Cabul, and the Ameer has been murdered. There has been no news by post from Cabul for several days. The report, however, is probably correct.

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**The Dominion Churchman**, in his life of Canon Gwynne, states that he died at the house of Dr. Willoughby Cole. He was sitting in a chair apparently as he had ever been, and was engaged in conversation. Suddenly a lady, who was leaning over him, and his lips quivered. The surface becoming discoloured she rushed to him and tried to breathe life into him, but he had expired. Dr. Willoughby Cole died almost without his knowing it, so quietly and peacefully did he pass away, not a feature of his face being distorted.

The news from South Africa is of the most gloomy character. The worst apprehensions regarding the native risings have been confirmed. A Great Chicago Enterprise.

The Laboratory for the manufacture of Electric Bells is one of Chicago's greatest enterprises, giving employment to a large number of hands. The extensive sale ready made of a large number of bells, and charged accordingly. Casual advertisements and notices, each contract accounts rendered quarterly.

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A man named Gilbert had his arm shattered by a bullet from the muzzle of a rifle hammer at Delhi on Thursday.

The new church recently erected on Waterloo st. by the Primitive Methodists of Stratford, will be opened on a dedicated Thanksgiving day.

The Bishop of Huron was among the passengers of the mail steamer which left on Saturday morning for Liverpool. It is understood his Lordship goes in the interest of the western empire, and will probably be absent for an extended period.

The Ontario Agricultural Commission concluded its labors Wednesday and adjourned until the 11th inst. The Commissioners' investigations will be embodied in a report or appendix, which will be distributed to members of the Legislature.

A CUNY JONAS REMOVED.—The *Ontario Gazette* contains a Government notice, dated October 23, intimating that Justice Macdonald, of the County Court of Wellington, has been removed from his office on account of the death of his wife, and that the duties of his office as Judge.

**The Dominion Churchman**, in his life of Canon Gwynne, states that he died at the house of Dr. Willoughby Cole. He was sitting in a chair apparently as he had ever been, and was engaged in conversation. Suddenly a lady, who was leaning over him, and his lips quivered. The surface becoming discoloured she rushed to him and tried to breathe life into him, but he had expired. Dr. Willoughby Cole died almost without his knowing it, so quietly and peacefully did he pass away, not a feature of his face being distorted.

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