

never adds strength to debate. It may be asked whether it could be said that the Ministers were responsible for the despatch Lord Dufferin wrote on the Pacific scandal affair.

There was another long debate during the week on the Insolvent Bill. It only served to show how bitterly hostile was the great majority of the House to continuing the law under which all the assignments and bankruptcies that have recently taken place have been made. The friends of our insolvent law resorted to every device to endeavour to get some modification or a simple form of bankrupt law passed, but it was all in vain. The great majority of the House would not listen to them. The repealing bill was finally passed on a vote of 130 to 55.

There has been a telegram going the rounds that the Washington Government intended to declare Sitting Bull a British subject, and so hold Canada responsible for any raids that he might make, and this was brought up in the House by Dr. Schultz. Sir John Macdonald declared the whole thing was nonsense, as it was not in the power of a minister at Washington to decide who should or should not be a British subject.

Mr. Holton tried to galvanize a little life into the notice of motion Mr. Mousseau had given, known as the want of confidence motion, in reference to the Letellier affair, on the occasion of that gentleman allowing it to drop on the request of Sir John Macdonald. But whatever may have been the warmth of former passions, it is always impossible to put life into a dead issue, and every body knew that such was the fact as respected the matter of Mr. Mousseau's motion. As I, in the first place, told you, whatever may be the merits of the Letellier question itself, the vote of the House of Commons cannot be got over, and the political decapitation of His Honour must sooner or later come. Whether he will have a resurrection, or what will be the questions that will afterwards come, it is scarcely worth while now to discuss. There will be plenty of time for those things.

Lord Elphinstone and Col. McNeill arrived at the Government House on Thursday. They are the bearers of important messages for the Governor-General, in the sense, I have not the slightest doubt, I indicated in my last letter.

Members have continued to go away, and measures to be rapidly passed and dropped, all marking the immediate close of the session, which is now expected to be on the 13th—but no day is yet fixed. I may mention the Coteau Railway Bill has passed the Senate, leaving, as I before explained, to the Government the responsibility of decision respecting the bridge.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

RIGHT REV. DR. SWEATMAN, who at the time of his election was Archdeacon of Brant, Diocese of Huron, was born in London, England; graduated B.A. (senior optime) at Christ's College, Cambridge, in 1859, having obtained a scholarship and M.A. in 1862; was ordained Deacon in 1859, at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and Priest, in 1860, at Chapel Royal, Whitehall. He held successively the Curacies of Holy Trinity, Islington, and St. Stephen's, Canonbury. He was also Master in Islington College, and is now about 45 years of age. He came to Canada in 1865 to take charge of the Hellmuth Boys' College. Having for several years filled the office of Head Master of that institution with marked success, he removed to Toronto, and for a short time was connected with the Upper Canada College in that city. He subsequently returned to the Diocese of Huron, and was for some time Rector of Grace Church, Brantford. From the latter place he was transferred to Woodstock, accepting the assistant ministry of the place and the Archdeanery of Brant.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION AT STRATFORD.—At 9.30 o'clock a car of dynamite, consigned to Port Colborne, for use in the harbor works there, exploded in the Grand Trunk yard at Stratford. Fully one hundred cars were damaged more or less, and fifty were a total wreck, their contents being scattered over a space of several acres. The cars were reduced to match wood. Where the exploded car was standing a hole ten feet deep and twenty feet in diameter was cut into the ground. The freight shed was wrecked, as were fully fifty houses in the vicinity. Two men were killed outright, Pigeon and Dolan, and burned and shattered out of all resemblance to human forms. The shock was felt all over the town, and smashed glass in almost every window in the town. It was also felt at Shakespeare, Hamburg, Berlin, St. Mary's, Mitchell and other towns within a radius of twenty miles. G. Hawkins, a car sealer, was struck on the head by a splinter, and both eyes destroyed; he died later. Joseph Humphrey was badly cut about the head; Alfred Lamb, cut about the face; Andrew Porter, freight clerk, cut about the face; Jas. Drysdale, bruised on the face and neck, James Miller, call boy, was covered with debris, but not injured. In the adjoining houses several children were badly cut with broken glass. Car wheels and rails were sent with terrible force in all directions. The explosion was caused, it is supposed, by a package falling down when the car was being coupled. Hardly a house in town escaped without some of the glass in windows being broken.

HON. SIR WILLIAM YOUNG, CHIEF JUSTICE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PROVINCE.—This distinguished man is the eldest

son of the late Hon. John Young, the well-known author of "Agricola," who for many years occupied a seat in the Nova Scotia Assembly, by Agnes, daughter of Geo. Renny, Esq., of Falkirk, Scotland. He was born at Falkirk on the 29th July, 1799, and educated at Glasgow University. In 1830 he married Annie, daughter of the late Hon. Michael Tobin, M.L.C. He studied law with the late Charles Rufus Fairbanks, K.C., afterwards Solicitor-General, and was called to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1826. In 1835 he was called to the Bar of Prince Edward Island. He was created a Queen's Counsel in 1843. He was in partnership for some years with his brother, the late Hon. George R. Young, M.P.P., author of the well-known work on "Colonial Literature, Science and Education," and Hon. Charles Young, L.L.D., now a judge in Prince Edward Island. He was a Commissioner with others for consolidating the Statutes of Nova Scotia. In 1832 he entered the Nova Scotia Assembly as one of the representatives of Cape Breton, and while a member of that body sat successively for that Island, for Inverness and for Cumberland. He was Speaker of the Nova Scotia Assembly from 1843 to 1854, when he became Attorney-General and leader of the Government, and so continued till 1857, when he resigned, retaining his rank as an ex-councillor, by special permission of Her Majesty. In 1859 he became President of the Council, and in 1860 was appointed Chief-Justice of Nova Scotia, and Judge of the Admiralty, *ex officio*, in 1864. Was delegate from the Province in 1838 to the Earl of Durham at Quebec; in 1839 to the Home Government, and in 1850 to the Minister at Washington. Since 1868 has been President of the Dalhousie College. Founded the Citizens Free Library in 1866. Knighted by Her Majesty in 1868.

THE WORLD ILLUSTRATED.

On Monday last, Professor Cromwell, who has been on a lecturing tour through the Dominion, delivered his first address to a large audience, which had assembled in the Mechanics' Hall to hear and see him illustrate the City of the Grand Monarque, Versailles. Professor Cromwell, who is not only an artist, but, moreover, a philosopher, has the peculiar gift of rendering interesting his description of the places which appear before the audience in panoramic view. He has travelled, and brings his own experience to bear upon his subject. The lecture was highly interesting, and was followed during the week by others on Rome, Paris, London and Ireland.

THE QUEEN CITY.

TORONTO PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S CONCERT.

The second performance of the seventh season (1878-9), of the above society was given on Friday evening, the 2nd inst., at Shaftesbury Hall, on which occasion Mendelssohn's *Elijah* was performed by a combined orchestra and chorus of about two hundred, under the direction of Mr. F. W. Torrington, the conductor of the society. The tickets for non-subscribers were placed at 50c. and \$1, and many availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing this sublime oratorio, so that all, or very near all the available space in the house was occupied.

The principal vocalists were as follows:—Soprano—Mrs. Bradley, and Misses Reid, McCallum, Bulmer and Ada Torrington. Alto—Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Perlin, and Misses Corlett, Scott and Upton. Tenor—Messrs. Mockridge, C. Beckh and C. Pearson. Bass—Messrs. Macdonough, Warrington, Mitchell, Blight and Jones.

The orchestra, augmented for the occasion by a few musicians from Buffalo and Hamilton, was composed of the following gentlemen, with one or two others, whose names I did not learn:—

1st violins—Messrs. Cowan, Warwood, Eldridge, Arnold, Zhior, Corlett and Dr. Alt—7. 2nd violins—Messrs. Timson, Campbell, Frisby, Aikenhead, Paul and Armstrong—6. Violas—Messrs. Suckling, Kuhn, sr., and Emile Boeckh—3. Cellos—Messrs. F. Thomas, A. Thomas, Chas. Kuhn—4. Contra Basses—Messrs. Claxton, Littlehail and Clements—3. Flute, —1. Clarinets—Messrs. W. Carey and P. Hassard—2. Fagotto—Mr. Chas. Boeckh, sr.—1. Trumpet.—Messrs. Hogan and Cull—2. Horns—Messrs. Pirrie and Kidd—2. Trombones—Messrs. McKenzie and Young—2. Bombardier—Mr. F. Williams—1. Tympan—Mr. C. Riddy—1.

The Pianist, Miss Kerr, deserves special mention, not alone for the skill with which she renders the music, but for the modest, unassuming manner in which she performs her difficult duties.

The direction of the performance by Mr. Torrington was all that could be desired, and, although, of course, the rendition of such a work as this by a body of amateurs with their limited opportunities for study and rehearsal, must, of necessity, be far from perfect, yet the faults were comparative few, and such only as are inseparable from a performance under such conditions. In attack, tone and expression, the chorus gave evidence of patient training and hard work. The best rendered numbers of the chorus were, "The fire descends," "Thanks be to God," and "Behold the Lord passeth by."

The vocalists mentioned above all acquitted themselves with credit, and their efforts in the various solos, duets, trios and quartets called down frequent and deserved applause. It would be invidious in me to particularize without mentioning all, and the space at my disposal for-

bids that. The very difficult instrumental music, from the overture throughout, was performed with care and smoothness by the body of instrumentalists, though individual varieties of phrasing would occasionally assert themselves, and the Jomsonian "coincidences of the fiddlers' elbows" was not always observable.

On the whole the performance was one of which the city of Toronto may be proud, as proving the possession of talent of sufficient quantity and quality for the rendering of the highest musical works. I understand that the society has secured the new pavilion now in course of erection in the Horticultural Gardens, and which is expected to be completed about the Queen's Birthday, when they will give three grand public performances at popular prices. The works produced will probably be Mendelssohn's *Lobgesang*, or Hymn of Praise, *Elijah* and the *Messiah*.

At the annual meeting Mr. S. Nordheimer was re-elected president, as also Mr. J. B. Boustead 1st vice-president, and Mr. Ph. Jacobi treasurer. The success of the society is largely attributable to the energy of these gentlemen, and their unceasing watchfulness of its interests.

DRAMATIC.

Mr. John McCullough closed an engagement at the Grand Opera House on Saturday evening, which commenced on Wednesday. During his stay he appeared in the following roles, viz.:—*Virginius*, *Othello*, *Julius Caesar* and *Spartacus*, in all of which he sustained his high reputation as a tragedian. He received valuable support from Mr. Chas. Barron as Iago in *Othello*, Phasarius in *The Gladiator*, etc., and also from Miss Emma Stockton in *Desdemona*, *Senona*, etc.

Miss Mary Anderson opens a brief engagement on Monday evening, May 5th, and as she comes heralded by the American press as an actress of rare beauty and power, will doubtless draw large houses. The support accorded the "Grand" of late has not been proportionate to the excellence of the fare provided by the energetic lessee and manager, Mr. Pitou, and it is to be hoped that his efforts to provide entertainments of the highest order will not be allowed to relax for want of a proper appreciation.

At the "Royal" Mr. and Mrs. Williamson commence a three days engagement on Thursday, May 5th, in "Struck Oil."

POLITICAL.

Hon. C. F. Frazer, Commissioner of Public Works for Ontario, was dined at the Rossin House on the evening of May-day by his friends. The principal speeches were those of the Guest and Hon. Mr. Mowat, dealing with Ontario politics from the government point of view. The attendance was large. On the following evening a mass meeting of Reform electors nominated Hon. Mr. Mowat for East Toronto.

RELIGIOUS.

The lately elected Bishop of Toronto, Rev. A. Sweatman, M.A., was consecrated on Thursday at St. James' Cathedral with the usual imposing ceremonies. In the evening a reception was tendered him at Trinity College, at which more than a thousand people were present.

The very handsome new Congregational Church on Bond street, (Mr. Handford, pastor,) was opened on Thursday, when the Rev. A. J. Bray, of Montreal, preached the dedicatory sermon.

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AN EXPLANATION.

In reference to a short paragraph which appeared in this journal, a fortnight ago, respecting a legal case between Dame Coleman and Mr. T. F. Miller, we beg to declare that the statement was presented to us by Mr. E. Globensky, husband of the plaintiff, and published without examination of the record. Hence there was not, on our part, any intention to reflect in the least upon Mr. Miller, or to prejudice the case in any way. We may add, furthermore, that our columns are not open to the usual reports of legal affairs.

THE sight of a man wheeling a baby-carriage in the street is a sign, not that the infant is weak, but that the man's wife is strong. And yet, if we were to judge from the amiable grin with which the fond father, under these circumstances, salutes every passing acquaintance, we might erroneously suppose that he was really doing it just for the fun of the thing.

RIDING in a railroad car.—Husband: You are quite comfortable, dear? Wife: Yes, love. Husband: The cushions are easy and soft, ducky? Wife: Yes, darling. Husband: You don't feel any jolts, pet? Wife: No, sweetest. Husband: And there is no draught on my lamb, is there, angel? Wife: No, my ownest own. Husband: Then change seats with me!

"SETH," said Mrs. Spicer, "plants are very fashionable for hall ornaments now, and I wish you would get me one for ours," and when Spicer replied that he would have a hat tree hauled home for her, she further remarked that he would keep his stupid jokes for his club dinners, and not bring them home to contaminate the minds of the children. But then wives are rarely grateful.

"NO MAN shall ever kiss me except my future husband," she said, as he was about leaving her at the gate. "Suppose I agree to be

your future?"—"Why, then I'll kiss you," she replied eagerly, and she did. Her mother was informed that he had proposed, and the old lady called around next day to fasten matters, and before he knew it he was eternally hooked. It was mean advantage, but a bird in the hand is worth two on a front gate.

GEORGE ELIOT says that girls are "delicate vessels." They are the sort of vessels that young men frequently put to their lips; but they are not so delicate as their pallor often implies. Did George never hear of a girl walking 3,000 quarter miles in 3,000 quarter hours? It is the girl who dances until 2 A.M., and who sits at the piano two hours in the afternoon and sings "Mother Dear is Growing Old," while her maternal parent is frying slappacks for supper, who is a "delicate vessel."

In a late German story the hero gives a rap-sodical description of the "first kiss" in these ebullient words: "Am I really dear to you, Sophia?" I whispered, and pressed my burning lips to her rosy mouth. She did not say yes; she did not say no; but she returned my kiss and my soul was no longer in my body; I touched the stars; the earth went from under my feet." All of which is very pretty and very poetic, but very indefinite. What the practical American reader wants to know is, if that is the transcendental German way of saying that he was at that particular moment lifted by a paternal boot-toe?

FASHION NOTES.

NEW white lawn ties have the ends finished with black Breton lace.

WRAPS for the summer are made of India cashmere in the natural color.

NEW parasols have covers of the finest tating made in wheels and crescents.

OLD-FASHIONED changeable silks are again in fashion for dresses and hat trimmings.

WHITE dresses and delicately-tinted organdies and coloured grenadines all show the new striped effects.

AMONG new colours are king-fisher blue, biscuit, café, chemise, carmelian, madder, medlar and egplantine.

A NEW suit material is called "Amazon cloth." It is not necessary to be strong-minded to wear a suit of it.

MOUSQUETAIRE hats will be worn for summer with plumes three-quarters of a yard in length hanging down to the shoulder.

BLACK grenadines are made over silk with the new curtain draperies parting at the waist and forming draped sides with fringe.

THE basques on dresses made for young girls are decidedly longer than those worn last season, and the fastening is usually in front instead of at the back.

THE "Copeau" or shaving fringe is now supplanting grass fringe; it resembles a narrow tape, crimped, and is sometimes curled at the edges like wood shavings.

A POPULAR bonnet of the season will be of black chip trimmed altogether with black satin for the lining, black feather tips, and an addition of the gold embroidered lace.

MISS WORDSWORTH, daughter of the Bishop of Lincoln and grandniece of the poet, is to be lady principal of the college for young ladies, which is to be established at Oxford.

IRISH poplin is seen in light colours, such as silver gray, white and fawn colour. It is likely to become popular again now that pauciers have returned and stiff fabrics are reinstated.

THERE is a great demand for silk painted by hand in bands for trimming dresses. Some strips have guards of flowers, a bee or butterfly here and there on black or white silk.

THE high directoire collar forms an especial feature of many of the new spring costumes. It is generally lined with satin, and has a rolling collar beneath and a wide flap front.

JET is more seen than last year, and is becoming decidedly fashionable; black satin and dark dinner dresses are very much trimmed with tulle and jet, embroidered with jet and gold beads.

COMPARED with silk, woolen fringe has lost its prestige, and been remanded back to the upholstery department, strict fashion not admitting of the use of silk fringe for the trimming of woolen materials.

THE neck ornaments of Breton lace are only double frills, with headings of mall muslin or crepe. They are made more dressy by the addition of ribbon bows or clusters of flowers suiting the costume.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

AN old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy, for the speedy and permanent cure of consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, with full directions for preparing and using, in German, French, or English. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sherar, 149 Powers' Block, Rochester, N.Y.:

THE ZULU WAR.—We are credibly informed by eye-witnesses of the recent disaster at Isandula that, upon the swarming thousands of Zulu warriors not one SHIRT was to be seen. This is scandalous. Common humanity calls on us to send them, *at once*, some of Treble's Perfect-Fitting Shirts. Samples and cards for self-measurement sent free to any address. TREBLE'S, 8 King Street E., Hamilton, Ont.