

THE CONCEPTION-BAY MAN

SELECT POETRY.

HUMAN FRAILTY.

BY COWPER.

Weak and irresolute is man,
The purpose of to-day,
Woven with pains into his plan,
To-morrow rends away.

The bow well bent and smart the spring,
Vice seems already slain;
But passion rudely snaps the string,
And it revives again.

Some foe to his upright intent
Finds out his weaker part;
Virtue engages his assent,
But pleasure wins his heart.

'Tis here the folly of the wise,
Through all his art, we view;
And while his tongue the charge denies,
His conscience owns it true.

Bound on a voyage of awful length,
And dangers little known,
A stranger to superior strength,
Man vainly trusts his own.

But oars alone can ne'er prevail
To reach the distant coast;
The breath of heaven must swell the sail,
Or all the toil is lost.

HAPPY DAYS.

Oh! happy were the days,
The gleaming days of old,
When the sun's unclouded rays
Shone o'er the fields of gold;
When the merry harvest laughed
Beneath the reapers' smile;
And the foaming bowl was quaffed
To cheer his heart the while.

And childhood gathered flowers,
While the maiden's jocund song
Told how the sunny hours
So lightly danced along;
And we were blith and gay,
Sweet sister of my youth,
How have they passed away,
Those days of love and truth!

What have they left behind,
But the furrowed brow of age!
But thoughts perchance less kind,
And griefs that none assuage!
Would we not give the gold,
The fame that years have brought,
For the gleaming days of old,
And the happy dreams they brought?

(From the Acadian Recorder.)

A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.—We are glad to learn that our Government is taking active steps towards the promotion of inter-colonial railway. The last *Royal Gazette* contains the following Minute of Council:

At a Council held at Government House, on the twenty-first day of September, 1858.

PRESENT.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor
The Honorable Mr. Johnston,
The Honorable Mr. Tobin,
The Honorable Mr. Brown,
The Honorable Mr. Marshall,
The Honorable Mr. Tupper.

His Excellency communicates to the Council a despatch dated the 10th instant, from the Right Honorable the Governor-General of Canada, inclosing a Minute of the Executive Council of that Province, approved by the Governor-General, conveying a intimation that three members of the Canadian Council are on the eve of departure for England charged with urging on the attention of the Imperial authorities the subject of the construction of the Inter-Colonial Railway to connect Canada with the lower Colonies, and suggesting that fitting occasion is presented for the adoption by the Lower Provinces of such steps as they may think advisable to co-operate with Canada in promoting that object.

On full consideration and discussion of the subject the council concur with His Excellency in opinion that the other Colonial Delegates in again bringing this great question before the Imperial Government; and His Excellency, by the advice of the Council, is pleased to appoint for this purpose, the Hon. Dr. Tupper, Provincial Secretary, and William A. Henry, Esquire, a member of the Provincial Legislature—and to associate with them the Hon. Mr. Dickey, a

member of the Legislative Council now in London.

We understand that Mr. Tupper sailed for England on Thursday evening, in the *Asia*, and Mr. Henry is to follow him in the next steamer. Three members of the Canadian Cabinet, Messrs. Cartier, Ross, and Galt, have recently sailed for England, on it is understood, the same errand. We entertain the most sanguine hopes of the success of this delegation. If it fail of immediate success, it can only be through some croquet of the New Brunswick Government, growing out of the narrow, sectional selfishness which prevails in that province. The Fraser's River discoveries, and the organization of Colonies on extensive and most valuable British territories in that quarter, render a railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific indispensable. British statesmen cannot fail to see this, and we now entertain no doubt whatever that this work will be very soon commenced and will be vigorously urged forward to completion.

(From the Daily News, Oct. 11.)

The facts relative to the dispute between the Governments of France and Portugal, which has led to the despatch of two great French men-of-war to the Tagus for the purpose of supporting the French demands, are clearly very imperfectly known to the Paris journals; and in England we have not as yet any authoritative information on the subject. It is necessary, therefore, to speak with caution and reserve; more especially as it is stated that the Portuguese Government admit that in another controversy with the Cabinet of Paris—that about the French Sisters of Charity—they are not in the right.

Of course all our sympathies in England are with our ancient, and, on the whole, well-beloved ally, Portugal, whom we are bound by treaty to defend against all unjust attacks. Portugal has moreover turned over a new leaf on the subject of the African trade since the accession of Don Pedro; chiefly, no doubt, because by the complete abolition of the traffic in the Empire of Brazil, the Portuguese slave dealers have for the last few years been deprived of what was their great market; but to a large extent also in consequence of the sincere efforts of the Cabinet of Lisbon to convert their great and various possessions on either coast of Africa to better and more useful purposes than the exportation of human beings for sale. Substantially, therefore, Portugal has (by the preliminary policy of Brazil) been converted into an anti-slave-trade power; and the traffic is at present confined in an open manner to the Spaniards and American, and indirectly to the French Government. This is additional reason why the British Public should watch with interest, and the English Government afford all reasonable and proper support to the Government of Portugal in its new career.

Paris, Oct. 11.—The Emperor and Empress arrived at Rheims at three o'clock. *La Presse* regards the question with Portugal as purely one of maritime law. The *Debats* states that M. De Lesseps, having now obtained the necessary power from the Viceroy of Egypt, has come to the determination to proceed at once with the Suez Canal project, in spite of the opposition of England and the Porte. He leaves the political part of the question to by diplomacy, and to his own Government he will look for that protection to which as a French subject he is entitled.

Marshal Pelissier's marriage will take place on Tuesday. The happy pair will soon after start for Dieppe, and spend three days there, and then set out for England.

The two French war ships, intended to support the views of the French Government in reference to the seizure of the emigrant slaver the Charles George, have arrived in the Tagus.

The Paris *Presse* says that the Portuguese Government has offered to submit the difficulty with France to the arbitration of a third Power. Count Walewski has had an interview with the Portuguese Ambassador at Paris, but the result is not known. Having despatched two ships of war to Lisbon, the French Cabinet will not like such a display to be really without a result, and as war is out of the question, the probability is that, in case of Portugal not yielding, the French Ambassador will embark on board one of the ships and return to France.

A letter from Berat, a town in Albania, states that the Governor of Monastir has discovered a conspiracy among the Turks to massacre the Christians. All was ready—arms and ammunition—and it only remains to gain over one Bey, who had information which led to the discovery of the revolt.

Attorney General Fisher arrived in this City on Sunday evening last, from Fredericton, and on Monday morning, accompanied by the Hon. A. J. Smith took passage in the steamer *Admiral*, en route for New York, to meet the Mail Steamer for Liverpool. Those gentlemen leave our shores as Delegates from the Government of New Brunswick. They meet with the Delegates from Canada and Nova Scotia in London, to convey to the Secretary of the Colonies the assent of their respective Governments to the proposed grants of land, and annual payments

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W. L. SOLOMON,
Post Master General.
Post Office department,
St. John's N.B., 25th Aug. 1858.

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