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NOTICE. 1880.

With the first number in January we begin the XXI. Volume of the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS, and have the pleasure to inform our numerous friends that we have resolved to increase our efforts toward making it more acceptable than ever.

OUR NEW STORY.

Our readers will doubtless give us credit for our efforts to continue presenting them with original serial stories, in pursuance of the course we have followed till now.

CLARA CHILLINGTON,

THE PRIDE OF THE CLIFF.

A STORY OF 100 YEARS AGO,

BY THE REV. JAMES LANGHORNE BOXER.

Rector of La Porte, Ind., U. S., formerly of Editor with Charles Dickens of All Year Round,

EDITED BY THE REV. WILLIAM SMITHETT, D.D., of Lindsay, Ont.

The scene of this very interesting story is laid on the Kentish coast, and the characters are representative of English life at the beginning of the century.

TEMPERATURE,

As observed by HEARN & HARRISON, Thermometer and Barometer Makers, Notre Dame Street, Montreal.

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CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.

Montreal, Saturday, December 13, 1879.

THERE seems to be no truth whatever in the rumours of changes in the Dominion Cabinet. Mr. MASSON has recovered his health, and all the other Ministers are busy in their Departments.

MINISTERIAL crises are the order of the day on the Continent—Spain, France and Italy are suffering from them. The late attempt on the Czar's life has put an end to all hopes of political reform for a long time to come.

THERE is every prospect of a regular trade between Canada and the West Indies. A pioneer steamer set out from Yarmouth, N.S., to Bermuda lately.

THE indications are that the clergy of the United States and Canada will not countenance any Irish agitation, if it assumes a merely political complexion.

As was to be expected from such an invalid, the recent attempt on the life of the Czar has had a terribly depressing influence on the mental and physical condition of that potentate.

Our cartoon this week, referring to the mission of Sir Alexander Galt to the Mother Country in connection with Canadian interests, and supplementing what we have so often written upon this subject of late, will doubtless be appreciated by our readers.

COMPETITION WITH CANADA.

The best proof that there is really some vitality in the new trade policy of the Dominion lies in the fact that our American neighbours are awakening to a sense of the necessity of starting competition with us.

approving of it, while the Protectionist journals faintly congratulated us on our imitation of the American system. But eight months have scarcely elapsed when we find that all these papers are beginning to realize the effect of the new policy on American exports to Canada.

RELIGIOUS UNBELIEF.

It has been frequently remarked that one of the chief characteristics of the present generation is the keen interest it takes in every phase of religious discussion.

able paper, lately contributed to the Atlantic Monthly, he announces a collapse of religious belief of a most complete and tremendous kind. He holds that, in the views of society at large, belief in Christianity as a revealed and supernatural religion is entirely giving way.

NEXT week we will give a description of the celebrated New York Weber Piano, which is now acknowledged the finest instrument in the world and used by all great musicians.

ANOTHER new lyric theatre has been added to the number of those which already attract the music lovers of Paris. The Theatre Taitbout has been rechristened the Nouveau Lyrique, and, to do honor to the new venture, the house has been entirely redecorated de fond en comble.