

Literature and Art.

The plate of Miss Thompson's picture, "The Roll Call," engraved by Mr. Stackpole, was destroyed recently in the interest of the subscribers.

A great literary treat is in store for those who attend Dr. PECK's lecture on "Young Blood," at the Metropolitan Church, next Monday evening.

It appears that Mr. ZOLA's *Nana* is a great commercial success, and that it will bring several thousand pounds into the hands of the man of letters, henceforward dishonored, who has had the sad courage to write it.

STONEY ROSENFELD has accepted an offer from M. B. LEAVITT to write a one-act satire on the satire of the "Pirates of Penzance" for \$500. The piece will be called *Penn's Aunt* Among the *Pirates*, and will be entirely original both in text and music.

MR. CARLYLE has not been so well of late. He sees no society beyond his own home circle and two or three literary friends, including Mr. FRORE and Mr. LEEKY. Though Mr. CARLYLE is eighty-four years of age, an occasional failure of memory is the only sign of mental weakness.

VICTOR HUGO is still an indefatigable worker in spite of his great age. Early next month he will publish a poem of about four thousand verses, entitled *Religion et Religions*; then will appear *Toute la Lyre*, two volumes of verse, the *Vision de Dante* the *Quatre de l'Esprit*, the *Fin de Satan*, and the third part of the *Legende des Siecles*. Besides these works there are also ready for publication *Torquemada*, a drama in five acts, in verse, *L'Epec*, a piece in verse, and two comedies in verse, *La Grandmere* and *La Forêt Mouillee*.

MR. JOHN LEMOINE, the new life Senator is a personality dear to the Parisian correspondents of London newspapers. Every morning, for years, these industrious and much culminated gentlemen have turned with anxiety to the *Journal des Debates* to see if there was an article by Mr. JOHN LEMOINE; if there was one, they went to breakfast happily and sat long over their cups, for, said they, "there is an article of JOHN LEMOINE, therefore we need not trouble to hunt for news." For some reason or another the British public conceived the idea that JOHN LEMOINE was the most sensible and judicious of Frenchmen, and the Parisian correspondents above referred to have hitherto found it convenient to keep up the legend. In France, Mr. JOHN LEMOINE cultivates an English appearance which is very droll; he likes to be mistaken for an English manufacturer. The biographical notices say that Mr. LEMOINE was born in 1815, and that he studied partly in France and partly in England, and that he is equally master of the two languages and the two literatures. This statement may have been true in the days of old; at present Mr. LEMOINE can hardly be said to speak English. He once afforded us an opportunity of listening to his English, but we failed to understand. Apart from these little weaknesses, which have been imposed on him by his friends, Mr. LEMOINE is an able political writer, whose opinions change with the times: during the last twelve years he has been in turn for and against almost any political opinion in France. He was elected to the *Academie-Francaise* to succeed the critic JULES JANIN. Mr. LEMOINE, we may add, is a great dinner-out. His presence at dinner-parties is as much sought after as any man in Paris. His manners are courteous, his conversation charming, and after dinner, in the drawing-room, he has a delightful way of speechifying, but his discourses are often more witty than just, and his arguments more subtle than victorious.



WELLAND CANAL.

NOTICE TO

Machinist-Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned (Secretary of Railways and Canals) and endorsed "Tender for Lock Gates, Welland Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the Eastern and Western Mails on THURSDAY the 3rd day of JUNE, next, for the construction of gates, and the necessary machinery connected with them, for the new locks on the Welland Canal.

Plans, Specifications, and General Conditions can be seen at this office on and after THURSDAY the 26th day of MAY, next, where forms of tender can also be obtained.

Parties tendering are expected to provide the special tools necessary for, and to have a practical knowledge of, works of this class, and are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and—in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same; and, further, an accepted bank cheque for a sum equal to \$250, for the gates of each lock, must accompany each tender, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into the contract for the works at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

For the due fulfilment of the contract the party or parties whose tender it is proposed to accept will be notified that their tender is accepted subject to a deposit of five per cent. of the bulk sum of the contract—of which the sum sent in with the tender will be considered a part—to be deposited to the credit of the Receiver-General within eight days after the date of the notice.

Ninety per cent. only of the progress estimates will be paid until the completion of the work.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Order,

F. BRAUN, Secretary.

DEPT. OF RAILWAYS & CANALS, Ottawa, 26th March, 1880.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

TENDERS for a second 100 miles section West of Red River will be received by the undersigned until noon on MONDAY, the 29th of March, next.

The section will extend from the end of the 48th Contract—near the western boundary of Manitoba—to a point on the west side of the valley of the Bird-Tail Creek.

Tenders must be on the printed form, which, with all other information, may be had at the Pacific Railway Engineer's Offices, in Ottawa and Winnipeg, on and after the 1st day of March, next.

By Order,

F. BRAUN, Secretary.

DEPT. OF RAILWAYS & CANALS, Ottawa, 11th February, 1880.

The reception of the above Tenders is postponed until noon on FRIDAY, 9th April, next.

By Order,

F. BRAUN, Secretary.

DEPT. OF RAILWAYS & CANALS, Ottawa, 22nd March, 1880.

BALDNESS!

Neither gasoline, vasoline, carboline, or Allens, Ayer's or Hall's hair restorers have produced luxuriant hair on bald heads. That great discovery is due to Mr. Winter-cornby, 144 King-street, West, opposite Revere Block, as can be testified to by hundreds of living witnesses in this city and Province. He challenges all the so-called restorers to produce a like result.

Send for circulars.

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Stage Whispers.

SOME time since BUFFALO BILL offered MARIE WELLSLEY \$5000 for her two dogs, or \$3000 for one of them. The offer was declined.

In dressing for the stage SARAH BERNHARDT wears a false neck, covered with wax and stuffed with gauze—gauze she's too thin.

Actors are often superstitious. JAMES LEWIS objects to having an umbrella held over his head in the "Wedding March." Then shut it.

MINNIE PALMER will play a summer season of indefinite length at an up town (New York) theatre. She will travel next season under MARCUS MAYER'S management.

Before leaving Madrid, CHRISTINE NILSSON received the autograph photographs of the King and Queen of Spain, together with a large pearl, set in a shell all of diamonds as a neck-lace.

Both the Boston Theatre and the Boston Museum announce that their stock companies will be retained next season. The managers of each house had at one time abandoned the idea.

The next attraction offered by the managers of the Grand is the Criterion Comedy Company, whose former visit to the city will be pleasantly remembered. They appear in a new piece entitled *Frecks*.

SIGNOR OPERATI was ejected from DALY'S Theatre for taking notes of MOLLENAUER'S orchestration of the "Royal Middy." He threatens a suit against Mr. DALY in consequence of being forcibly put out, having paid for his ticket.

The sale to speculators of nearly all the seats for NEILSON'S engagement, soon to occur at the Globe Theatre, Boston, has created wide-spread dissatisfaction in that city. Complaints are numerous, and the manager is loudly denounced.

Monday 12th has been chosen as the date for a complimentary benefit to Messrs. PROU and SHEPHERD, Manager and Treasurer of the Grand. If all the friends of these gentlemen turn out on this occasion the house will be very comfortably filled.

Mrs. SCOTT-SIDDONS will return to the stage next season. She goes to England in May to engage a company, and will return in September to produce a new play called "Queen and Cardinal." The principal characters are *Annie Boleyn* and *Cardinal Wolsey*.

Miss NETTIE HOLBROOK, who made a complete success as *Hamlet*, in San Francisco, a few weeks back, has arrived in New York. She is negotiating with the Boston Theatre management for an early appearance there, and also has a personal letter from President HAYES requesting her to play in Washington.

Our genial and well-known citizen Mr. J. L. MORRISON, who made a successful debut on the lecture platform some time ago, is announced to give his illustrated art lecture on "Ireland" in Shaftesbury Hall, next Monday evening. Those who enjoy a rare melange of song, story, pictures and fun will have an opportunity of having their tastes gratified. The entertainment is given in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home.

H. C. HUSTED, who represents GILBERT and SULLIVAN with the New York "Pirates" company, caught a man in the act of taking a short-hand report of the opera in the Globe Theatre, Boston. The man explained that he was doing it for his own amusement, but his note-book was taken away, and he was obliged to leave the theatre. His name proved to be WRIGHT and, he is employed as a reporter on the Boston *Herald*.

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