

THE HONORABLE DOMINICK DALY.



We are glad to perceive that this gentleman has been appointed to a very responsible Office, under the direction of the Lords Commissioners of Woods and Forests.

As we are in possession of some of the circumstances which bear upon this appointment, we have much pleasure in laying them before our numerous readers.

It is, of course, generally believed that the appointment of Mr. Daly is to be ascribed to his long official connexion with Canada; but it is not so well known that, the selection is consequent upon the intimate acquaintance which that Honorable gentleman has formed with the lumber business of this Province.

Much good is likely to follow the appointment: at the first blush the following advantages strike us.

The establishment, on the borders of the New Forest, of a Normal School for choppers; accompanied by useful and practical directions as to the mode of chopping and piling cord-wood.

We may observe, in passing, that the establishment of a school to teach choppers how to chop, may prove abundantly useful in a community where chopping and changing is so prevalent; and its salutary effect upon this colony will be most palpable:—for, instead of being plagued by annual importations of British clods, we shall be blessed with periodical arrivals of cute and accomplished choppers, ready either for life in the forest, or for life in the cabinet,—where some experience in chopping and chiselling is of the greatest advantage.

We fear, however, that Mr. Cobden will be mistaken in this, as in meaner matters to which he has directed his attention. We do not believe, with all Mr. Daly's experience of the Canadas and the wants of the Canadians, that he will be enabled to monopolise for the British Islands, the whole Canada trade in wooden shoes.

It is true that the Honorable gentleman has had to deal with a great many knotty subjects: but still this article of wooden shoes has become so mixed up with the Corn question, that we almost despair, in the present aggravated state of public feeling, of his devising anything which will have the effect of removing from the community the shooting pains which are so awfully prevalent, and which have followed from the operations of the quacks upon corn.

However this may be, Jean Baptist will, we expect, struggle manfully for the Wooden Shoe Trade; and, if we are not much mistaken, it is likely to become the great party watchword at the next general election.

We, therefore, caution the Honorable gentleman, and the Imperial Government to tread softly:—for we doubt whether timber shoes, even of British manufacture, will restore quiet to our streets. They may irritate the Corn question; and certainly they will militate greatly against the cultivation of the finer kinds of Hops;—although it is stated that, His Excellency the Governor General intends so far to give the trade encouragement, as to seize the very first opportunity that offers, of dancing a Highland Fling, in a pair of wooden shoes made expressly for the purpose, out of soft timber carefully selected for their manufacture by the Honorable Commissioner of the New Forest.

PUNCH ON THE STATE OF THE MARKETS

Montreal.

PRAIRIE HENS. No demand.

EGGS. Abundant? demand moderate. Hens are not pressed for eggs so much as formerly;—they can lay at their ease.

HARDWARE. A good many cases; but as they have been spiritualized by exposure to a soaking season, they are found, on examination, to be used up.

TEMPERANCE PLEDGES. A large lot of broken ones in the market, which, though offered at low rates, have no takers.

MUSTACHIOS. In this article a small business is still done among little customers. It will be confined to small traders.

ERMINE. The market is fairly glutted; and although it is of the highest judicial quality, the thing is a drug. Speculation and

over trading have thrown this branch of commerce into bad hands. Holders, however, are not firm; and offers will probably be accepted from parties of doubtful character and solvency.

LAWN. The best Episcopal Lawn is in great demand, but the supply is very small. The only lot in the market was said to have been bought in by a small trader of Hebrew extraction; but, as he seemed only to have flash notes, or doubtful ducats, to offer in payment, the lot was not sold. His references, moreover, were not up to the mark.

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES. At a discount. No confidence in this branch of trade. Importations will doubtless cease.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES. Looking up.

CITY POLICE. Rather flat;—a little below the average.

MOUNTED POLICE. Few in the market:—but the article preserves its character.

Brockville.

SABLE. A brisk demand for black flags has taken place; but as the article will not stand, it is thought that holders will be losers.

FUSTIAN. Some rare lots have been exposed to competition; which, although got up with great care, are found to be of the very worst quality. They will not change hands.

YARNS. The supply in the Yarn market was not good. The long yarns expected from Sherbrooke did not arrive; and those produced in the vicinity of Brockville, have not the glazed and sugary appearance of those which are familiar to the people of the Eastern Townships.

ORANGE LILIES. Those exposed to sale were of a bad class,—strong and rank: but a desirable business is likely to be done in the article of orange-blossoms, both here and elsewhere. This speculation, however, is confined to the fair traders.

FLOWERS OF RHETORIC. Very abundant, but scarcely above the grade of garbage. They will not change hands.

Bytown.

Our advices inform us that there has sprung up a sudden demand for small arms and long legs. RIFLES have been asked for, but those on hand were Canadians, and they were found to be too groggy for service. There is a good deal of unsteadiness in this market; the rates of exchange are very fluctuating; and the determination of many parties to draw at sight, has cast a gloom over many countenances. Teeth are going down, and eyes are disappearing.

Kingston.

SOFT SOAP. In great demand. Purchasers are abundant; but it is thought by good judges that the article is strongly adulterated with the coarsest kind of Soft Sawder.

BRASS. This can be supplied to any amount from Frontenac. It is of an inferior quality of metal, but very brazen.

Toronto.

CASTINGS. Sheep's eyes have been very successfully cast by Mr. Sherwood, at the Judicial Bench; and it is thought that he will be rewarded handsomely. Sheep's eyes have been often cast before, but rarely with the same success. Alderman Denison has also been casting in his mind an address to the Governor General, which, although generally admired, was left on his own hands, as too true to be good. Alderman Duggan has been ineffectually casting sheep's eyes at the Recordership of Toronto, but his efforts have hitherto proved failures. He will probably give up the attempt. Alderman Beard has been casting in his mind the possibility of hiding ideas in words, and he has succeeded.

COMPLIMENTS. Some empty ones have changed hands, but a brisk business in this article is not to be looked for.

POLITICS FOR LITTLE PEOPLE.

Little Boy. What did Sir Allan MacNab go to England for, pa?

Leaguer. For seven hundred pounds, my dear.

Little Boy. What did he come back with, pa?

Leaguer. With a British Coronet for Lord Elgin, my dear.