

nothing beyond maintaining the *status quo*. Should they lose, the fact may involve the question of resignation. Let persons, therefore, who fancy the excitement attending the shifts of politics, keep their eyes fixed on St. Hyacinthe, the beautiful little town on the Yamaska.

Why is it that musicians are such a ticklish set, so morbidly sensitive to criticism? We have few enough of them in this city worthy of the name, and while it were desirable to have them all united, so as to accomplish something above the common for the general public, we find them constantly at loggerheads. Messrs. Maclagan and Couture are very amusing writers, and adepts in the art of bandying amenities; but really, considering the abilities of both, we should much prefer seeing, or rather hearing them combine

"In a concord of sweet sounds"

for the general delectation. Let professional drivers of the quill scribble in the papers—it is their vocation, and not unfrequently their punishment—but when a man can lead an orchestra, such as was heard at the last concert of the Philharmonic, in the exceptional interpretation of "The Creation," or when he has graduated with honours at the Paris Conservatoire, where merit is not merely relative, but absolute, he ought to know that he lowers both himself and his profession by descending into the arena of personal dispute.

THERE is already a great deal of senseless, snobbish writing about the supposed etiquette which is to reign at Ottawa, after the arrival of the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise. The Toronto Woman's Literary Club has needlessly been exercising itself over the subject. We have every reason to believe that our new rulers will change nothing in the admirable procedure laid down and followed by Lord and Lady Dufferin. There will be no affectation of Royalty, and while the birth of the Princess must necessarily more or less affect all those who approach her, we are certain that nothing in her attitude will force other relations than those arising out of her official position, as the consort of the Governor-General of these Provinces. We trust our leaders of fashion, at the Capital and elsewhere, will maintain their dignity, and not render loyalty ridiculous by sinking it in the impossible forms of Court ceremonial.

It is idle further to hold that small-pox rages almost exclusively among the French-Canadian population of the city. As these are in far greater numbers, the ratio of cases is larger with them, but, proportionally, there is as much of the disease among the ignorant, the careless and the filthy of other nationalities, as was found last week in the West End of the city. As the chief remedy, after cleanliness, let this view of vaccination be constantly impressed upon the lower classes—that, although not absolutely a preventive, it is a deterrent, or mitigant of the disease, and, while it can never do harm, it may in the majority of cases do good. The ignorant will come to understand this at last.

THERE is only one feature that is less satisfactory than the others in the result of the trial of the Jacques Cartier ballot stuffers. We mean the lightness of the punishment. The law should not allow the option of a fine in such cases, but decree a term of imprisonment at the discretion of the Judge, within certain limits. Tampering with the ballot is not a mere political offence, but a social and moral crime as well. The Government did only their duty in pressing the investigation, and it was a grateful appreciation of the fitness of things, on the part of the Montreal *Herald*, that it not only urged a full trial, but approved the verdict of the jury. It were more satisfactory to know that other journals had followed this fine example.

THERE is one result which we expect above all others from the recent association or "pooling" of the Montreal and Dominion Telegraph Companies, and that is the establishment of an agency in London for direct transmission of trans-Atlantic news to Canada. The American Associated Press Agency is well enough, so far as it goes, but it is by no means sufficient for Canadian wants. It would require the co-operation of only a few of our large dailies to guarantee this service, and we trust that the matter will be taken into consideration without delay.

WE find that the electoral law in certain States—Missouri, for instance—empowers the Deputy Returning Officer, at each of the polling booths, to open and count the ballots every hour; so that at five o'clock he has to foot up only the votes of the last hour, thus making speed and ensuring the total result within a few minutes after the close of the poll. Of course, his register is kept secret till the last moment.

REALLY, these Scotch people have queer ways in matters of legal procedure. The relatives of JOHN STEWART, one of the directors of the Glasgow Bank, offered \$500,000 bail for his appearance, and offered it in vain. On this enlightened continent, the man commanding such a security might not only defy the law, but continue to hold high his head among "gentlemen of the highest respectability."

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

DR. MILES.—Dr. Miles, who is a native of London, England, came to Canada in 1845, having been appointed Vice-Principal and Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in the then recently founded College of Lennoxville. In the infancy of this institution he held, in conjunction with his professorship, the mastership of its Junior Department and Grammar School, until 1849. During the ensuing 12 years he was busily occupied, along with his clerical colleague, the late Principal Nicholls, Dr. Hellmuth, the Rev. L. Doolittle and the present Bishop of Quebec and others, in putting forward the important work with which they were charged, Bishop's College having been erected into an university by Royal Charter. In 1858 Dr. Miles took part in the course of public lectures which gentlemen from the different collegiate institutions of Upper and Lower Canada were invited to deliver in the Mechanic's Hall, Montreal, and gave a series of two upon Sanitary Science and Ventilation, which were published and widely circulated. He was afterwards, in 1862, associated with the Commission under Sir William Logan, appointed to represent Canada at the London International Exhibition of that year. On that occasion Dr. Miles was deputed more particularly in the interest of the Eastern Townships. He retained his connection with Bishop's College until 1866; and in 1867 at the Confederation of the Provinces, was appointed Secretary of the Department and of the Council of Public Instruction in the interest of the minority. The positions of Protestant Deputy Head of the Department and Joint Secretary of the Council of Public Instruction he has held under the successive administrations of the Hon. Mr. Chauveau, Ouimet and DeBoucherville, and at present, the Hon. Mr. Joly being Premier and the Hon. G. Ouimet Superintendent, he continues to fill the same office. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon Dr. Miles by the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, where he was a medical student, while prosecuting the academical course in the Arts, and subsequently the Universities of McGill College, Montreal, and of Bishops College, Lennoxville, bestowed on him, their Honorary Degree of LL.D. and D.C.L. He is also a corresponding member of the London Royal Horticultural Society, and 1st Vice-President of the lately founded Quebec Geographical Society. Since coming to Canada, in 1845, to the present time, Dr. Miles has manifested much interest in Education, and in addition to his minor productions on Canadian History, he is the author of the "Child's History of Canada," and the "School History of Canada," text books in general use in the public schools, and the larger work, "Canada under French Regime." At the annual meeting of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers, held at Bedford, P. Q., the 25th. Oct., Dr. Miles was elected president for the year 1878-1879.

RED RIVER FARMS.—The celebrated Cass and Cheney farms are situated directly on the Northern Pacific Railroad twenty miles from Fargo, and the Grandin farm is on the Red River, thirty-five miles north of this place. The Cass farm is named after its owner, Mr. G. W. Cass, of New York. This farm comprises 6,000 acres, of which 5,600 acres are under cultivation, and produced this year 70,000 bushels of wheat, 6,500 bushels of barley, 8,000 bushels of oats,

and 700 tons of hay. It has for farming utensils 70 plows, 24 seeders, 70 harrows, 25 harvesters, 5 steam threshers, 5 portable engines. They employ from 50 to 150 men, according to the season. Mr. S.C. Dalrymple, Superintendent of the farm, stated, as an illustration of the richness of the soil, that 2,650 bushels of wheat were raised off just one hundred acres of land. The Cheney farm receives its name from Mr. P.B. Cheney, its owner, a well-known Bostonian. It contains four thousand acres, 3,500 being broken. The crop gathered this season is as follows: 42,000 bushels wheat, 3,000 bushels barley, 6,000 bushels oats.

AFGHAN.—In a former number we published a full description of the geography and topography of Afghanistan.

I. O. ODDFELLOWS.

On the 30th ult., in the afternoon, the R. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec of the Independent Order of Oddfellows was instituted by Bro. Dr. Ch. T. Campbell, Special Deputy Grand Sire, of London, Ontario, assisted by Bro. J. C. Becket, D.D.G.S., Montreal, Brothers Wood and Fulford, of Brockville. The following are announced as the officers elect for the present term:—Wales L. Lee, Montreal, M. W. Grand Master; Wm. Bontelle, Sherbrooke, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Lyon Silverman, Montreal, R. W. Grand Warden; Alex. Allen Murphy, Montreal, R. W. Grand Secretary; J. Hampden Field, Montreal, R. W. Grand Treasurer; J. C. Beckett, Montreal, R. W. Grand Chaplain; Alex. A. Mavor, Montreal, R. W. Grand Marshal; T. H. Christmas, Montreal, R. W. Grand Conductor; H. A. Jackson, Montreal, R. W. Grand Guardian. The lodge room of Mount Royal Lodge No. 1, I.O.O.F., No. 243 St. James Street, was opened in the evening by the officers of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec. There was a very large attendance of Oddfellows and their friends present, Brothers A. D. G. Hazle and William Clark having come from Richmond to be present at the ceremony. The proceedings opened at eight o'clock by the entrance of the officers of the Grand Lodge, a march being played as they entered. After the usual ceremonies of dedication had been gone through with, Dr. Campbell, D. G. S., of London, Ontario, addressed the audience in a very able speech, in the course of which he drew attention to the rapid strides the Order was making in Canada, and the benefits that accrue to those who are members of it. His speech was practical and to the point, and was most interesting, not only to Oddfellows, but also to those who had no connection with the Order, but who for the evening were there as guests. At the conclusion of the address a concert took place, Miss Maltby, Messrs. Armitage and Eichhorn and Mr. Neil Warner contributing to what was a most enjoyable entertainment.

Mr. Wales L. Lee, just elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and whose portrait we give in this number, was born at Cobourg, Ont., and joined the order about seven years ago, when he became a member of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, remaining connected with it for about three years, when he left it to form Albert Lodge, No. 5. He was the first Noble Grand of that Lodge, being twice elected to that position and always maintaining his connection with the Lodge, of which he is still a member. He was one of the six members who went from Montreal to Brockville to be made Encampment Members, in order to establish an encampment in this city. In the Montreal Encampment, he held in succession the position of Senior Warden, High Priest and Chief Patriarch. Last year the Montreal Encampment petitioned the Grand Lodge of the United States to transfer the jurisdiction of the Montreal Encampment to that of Ontario, and on consummation of that, Mr. Wales was elected first Grand Representative, and also received the appointment of Deputy District Grand Patriarch. On the 20th ult., he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, an appointment which has been hailed with great satisfaction by the members of the Order.

The Society of Oddfellows is probably one of the most useful and influential of benevolent organizations. There are two very large institutions bearing this name, quite separate and distinct from each other, viz., the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, and the Independent Order which is found all over the United States, Canada, Australia and Germany. The latter institution numbers about half a million of active members, and has its subordinate Grand Lodges in every State of the Union and every Province of the Dominion, except Manitoba, where there are as yet only a few lodges.

As an evidence of the work of the Society the statistics of 1877 may be taken; they show about 50 Grand Lodges and 700 subordinate Lodges, with a revenue of \$4,500,000 in round numbers. During the year, about 52,000 sick members received assistance; 4000 deceased members were buried by the Order, and \$273,000 expended for that purpose. It has 6000 widows under its care, towards whose support \$165,000 have been contributed, while the total relief granted for all purposes reached nearly \$1,750,000. These figures do not include the operations of that society in Australia or Germany. Since 1830, about \$28,000,000 have been expended for the relief of members.

This Order was introduced into the Province of Quebec in 1853, and became for a time exceedingly popular, many of the leading citizens of Montreal—gentlemen who have since become very prominent in public affairs—connecting themselves with it. From this Province, it

spread West, into what is now called Ontario where it has a present membership of 13,000; and East, into the Maritime Provinces, where it is also in a flourishing condition. Unfortunately, circumstances occurred that had such an injurious effect upon the Society in this locality, that in 1856 there was not a single lodge left in this Province. Subsequently, however, it had a revival, and on December 13, 1870, Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, was organized in Montreal. The growth since that date has been very steady if not very rapid, and there are at the present date five lodges in this city, with one at Point St. Charles, and others in the various cities and towns of the Province. The establishment of the Grand Lodge of Quebec last month, giving the Order complete control of all its own local affairs, will no doubt be followed by as rapid an increase of the organization over the Province as its merits deserve.

SYNOD HALL CONCERTS.

Montreal has of late shown a growing taste for classical music, as exemplified by the hearty reception given to musical clubs when they visit the city, and to its Philharmonic Society. We are glad to notice that a new society of artists is springing up with a view of encouraging and developing this taste, under the able management of Mr. Fred. E. Lucy Barnes, R.A.M., the well-known organist of Christ Church Cathedral. The following ladies and gentlemen, all favorably known to lovers of music, constitute, with Mr. Barnes, a society which intends from time to time giving concerts at the Synod Hall, viz: Messrs. Hare, Maffre, Refehling and Wills, violinists and violacellists; Miss Holmes, Herr Bohrer, and Mr. Barnes, pianists; Mesdames Throver, Tooke, Barnes and Mr. Maillet, vocalists. As is the case at the Monday "Pop," and the London Philharmonic Society's Concerts, an analytical and historical programme of the pieces to be performed will be distributed during the concerts. The first concert of the series took place on the 5th inst., and was well attended. The selections were excellent, and the several artists were warmly applauded. Mrs. Barnes was, on a recent occasion, the recipient of a bouquet; this may be looked on as a signal mark of admiration in Montreal where our *dilettanti* are very slow in recognizing by this small yet graceful courtesy the merits of an artist. Mr. Barnes is as fortunate with the piano as with the organ, although he claims to be more at home with the latter instrument. Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Tooke delighted their audience with a duet of Mendelssohn. We hope this first concert will be followed by others and predict for them a brilliant future.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

ANTON RUBINSTEIN'S opera, "The Demon," was recently given in St. Petersburg for the fiftieth time.

SIGNORA PEZZANO, the great Italian actress, and rival of Ristori, will shortly arrive in America from Havana, with her company, and present in her native language a series of plays.

LA CIGALE, Lotta's new piece, is described by the New York critics as the height of absurdity, dramatically, but immensely amusing in the hands of the spry little kicker.

MR. WM. DAVIDGE, one of the best comedians of the old school, is sadly wandering from place to place, although his experience and reputation entitle him to a permanent position.

HERMANN LINDE, the well-known Shaksperian actor and reciter, has been engaged by Max Strakosch to appear at Booth's Theatre on alternate nights with the Kellogg-Cary Opera Troupe, beginning January 6.

MESSRS. HATHAWAY & POND, of Boston, have engaged Marie Roze and her company, comprising Brignoli, Tom Karl, Carleton, Pease, Kaiser and Colby, for a tour of forty concerts in the United States and Canada for \$34,000.

It is not generally known that Manager Mapleson has himself appeared on the stage. But he did so at the age of five months, when he personated the infant Princess Elizabeth in Henry VIII., and was baptized in that part for a number of nights.

HUMOROUS.

CATARRH cigarettes are only a shade worse than catarrh.

A BOOK is man's best friend, and the only one he can shut up without giving offence.

THACKERAY described the kiss of etiquette as "a kiss which is like the contact of oysters."

THE only reason why we do not see ourselves as others see us is because we can't be looking everywhere at once.

A CELEBRATED philosopher used to say: "The favours of fortune are like steep rock—only eagles and creeping things mount to the summit."

THE winter season, with its rain and slush, is upon us, and the opportunities for sin will be double, as every man will have to bring his umbrella down town so often.

SAID a friend to a bookseller: "The book trade is affected, I suppose, by the general depression. What kind of books feel it most?" "Pocket-books," was the laconic reply.

THE man whose lame back prevents him from splitting a stick of wood or building a fire is the one who leads an attack on a pile of ten cords of wood to help uncover and kill a frightened rabbit.

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