

The Halifax Concert Company, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Doering, Miss Lane and Herr Klüggenfeld, started on a tour of the Provinces on Monday. A rich treat is in store for all who hear them. The *Bridgewater Enterprise* says, "Herr Doering and Miss Frau have but recently come to this country from their native Germany and as yet only Haligonians have had the pleasure of hearing them." Does the *Enterprise* not know what Frau is German for?

A Montreal dispatch states that Mr. Lawrence, Consul for Venezuela at that port, has received word that the British gunboat *Reudy*, from Demerara, arrived at Barima, at the mouth of the Orinoco, and ordered the Captain of the *Faro*, a Venezuelan man-of-war, to haul down her colors. He submitted to the superior force. A dispute has existed for some time between England and Venezuela as to a portion of territory lying between British Guiana and the mouth of the Orinoco River, which is the natural outlet for the produce of the country.

The attention of the Directors of the St. John Exhibition Association, having been called to the omission of Cleveland Bays, from the list of horses for which prizes are offered, have notified the parties interested, that the omission was entirely unintentional, and that the same amount in prizes will be awarded for that class as all others enumerated in the horse section. The "Lodgings and Refreshment Committee" of the Association are making most complete arrangements for billeting visitors during the Exhibition. Persons wishing to obtain rooms in advance should communicate with Mr. Ward C. Pitfield, Chairman of that Committee.

The *Dominion Illustrated* for August 23rd is one of the best we have yet seen—the engravings being all of seasonable scenes or of points in the route of the summer tourist. The St. Lambert Regatta, The Montreal Field Battery at the annual inspection, the Templars Encampment, the Cote St. Luc Ranges, are all timely and disclose a fresh impulse of enterprise on the part of the management. The views of the Old Chambly Fort and the Gaspé Coast will be appreciated alike by lovers of the picturesque and by students of Canadian history. The letter press also reveals some new and attractive features—including a military column, specially prepared. The *Dominion Illustrated* is published by the Sabiston Company, (J. P. Edwards, manager) and the office is still at 73 St. James street, Montreal.

General Middleton has made a farewell address to the people of Canada, in which he explains his position with regard to the appropriation of the Bremner furs. The General claims that only about one-eighth of the furs were actually apportioned among his officers, and that the balance were for safe keeping placed in charge of the Mounted Police. The General's statement is frank and soldierly; he admits that the seizure of the furs was an error of judgment, but he disavows any participation in the booty or desire to benefit from such appropriation. General Middleton has been wise too late. Had he been equally frank when the matter was before a committee of the House of Commons he might have saved himself much adverse criticism and held his place in public estimation.

The second Leary raft has arrived at Portland, Maine.

White frost in Minnesota has somewhat injured the crops.

They have had the first snow fall of the season at Milton, Pa.

At Fall River, Mass., mill men are talking of a cut down in wages and an extensive strike is probable.

The railway strikes in the United States are still unsettled. Some few Knights of Labor have returned to work at Albany. The switchmen on the Chicago and Alton road have struck.

The will of John Boyle O'Reilly, executed in 1876, gives all his property real and personal to his wife, Mary A. S. O'Reilly and her heirs, and appoints her executrix of the will, with full powers without bonds or sureties.

The September number of the *New England Magazine* will contain an article by W. Blackburn Harte, dealing with the literary leaders of Canada. Besides this article the number will contain poems by Campbell and Lampman.

The recent terrible railway disaster at Quincy, Mass., which resulted in such a loss of life, was caused by a "railway jack" being left attached to one of the rails, the workingman who was using it having been unable to dislodge it soon enough, though he worked until the train was almost upon him.

The bakers of Cork have struck for higher wages.

A genuine case of Asiatic cholera is said to have appeared in London.

The Queen has pardoned Dhuleep Singh, who has apologized for his hostility.

Cholera is spreading in Japan. The number of victims has increased to 100 per day.

At a socialist meeting in Berlin on Monday night serious collisions occurred with the police. Many were injured on both sides.

The great dock strike in London commenced on August 14th last year, and the anniversary was celebrated this year by a partial holiday at the docks, followed by a demonstration on Sunday in Hyde Park. The initiative was taken by the South-West India dockers, who commenced the strike.

The outlook for peace in Central America is still gloomy. The terms of peace presented by the diplomatic corps from Guatemala have been rejected by the Salvador government as not advantageous in the least to the latter country. Salvador, which is the victorious and aggrieved party, will submit to no dictation from Guatemala.

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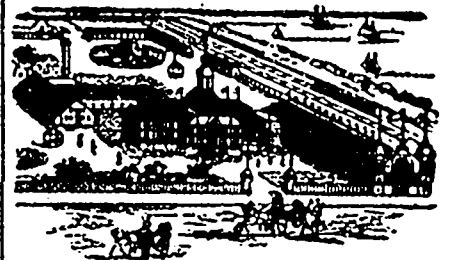
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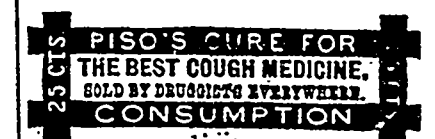
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