

CIVIL SERVICE SERVANTS.

No doubt it takes some little time to enable the newly appointed Cabinet Ministers to become acquainted with all the details pertaining to their respective departments. Until they do become familiar with these we cannot expect them to undertake to carry out the measures they advocated...

The melancholy accident that occurred on the New Brunswick Railway, on Thursday evening last, was one of the greatest shocks our citizens have for a long time received. Fortunately it is seldom our mournful duty to record a railway accident in this Province which is attended with loss of life.

They have different methods of treating stupidly drunk persons in different places. In Detroit they take him to the police station. Over in Windsor they carry him home on a shutter. In Denver they pour kerosene on his clothes and set it on fire.

Germany is making rapid progress towards a protective tariff. An increase of duties is contemplated on wine, hides, grain and other articles.

Messrs. Blair and Thompson were elected in York County, on Thursday last, to the seat recently vacant by them in consequence of Dr. Dow's protest.

There is a report in New York that the officers of the Manhattan Savings Bank are negotiating with the thieves for the return of the stolen property of that institution.

Hon. Mr. Tully says from New York to-day for England to borrow sufficient money to meet the debts of the late Government and other liabilities which will shortly fall due.

About one o'clock on Sunday morning last, some eight or ten young men engaged in a free and easy fight near the corner of Broad and Richmond streets. Although they made a great deal of noise it evidently was not sufficient to arouse any of the policemen from their slumbers as none of them put in an appearance.

Some unknown kind persons, some weeks ago, presented the much respected Rev. Mr. Ouellete with a set of sacerdotal robes, very similar to those awarded to the Rev. Mr. McDevitt on the vote taken at the Bazaar. "Le Monsieur Aesthet" is an item referring to the gift, making a funny mistake and says the Rev. gentleman was given a full suit of clothes.

The Scientific American is not over sanguine about the success of Prof. Edison's latest reported discovery in electric lighting. It pretends to know very well what the nature of the discovery is, and does not think the mission of burning gas is ended with even the successful introduction of the electric light.

TEMPERANCE.

The Temperance rally held in St. Peter's hall, Portland, on Wednesday evening last, under the auspices of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of New Brunswick was a great success. Notwithstanding the disagreeable wet weather, long before the hour of opening the meeting a large number of people sought admission to the hall, and when the members of the Board arrived there was scarcely a vacant seat in the building.

The friends of the administration are anxiously waiting to see a reformation inaugurated in the service, and we would strongly advise the Government to give this matter their immediate attention.

THE "NEWS" The wrathful News called, became evasive and prevaricating, and now, as regards our questions touching Mr. Willis's legislative career and political consistency, it for such a garrulous journal remarkably reticent.

The News is silent as to Mr. Willis being in opposition to a Government to-day, a member of the same Government to-morrow, and the next morning in open and fierce opposition again to his free school colleagues of yesterday.

The News is silent as to Mr. Willis's personal opposition to Mr. King. He made an attempt once to say something near the point, but kept wide of the mark.

The News is silent about Messrs. Willis and Covert's disposition and desire to join the Fraser-Wedderburn Government, and equally silent concerning that famous "Willis circular" penned to members elect, preparatory to his forming the Willis-Covert Government.

The other day the Free Press contained an account of a peculiarly strange and horrible accident that occurred in Pittsburg, by which Z. E. Fisher lost his life. A red-hot wire pierced him through the body.

Among the steers passengers on the Egypt, from Liverpool, which arrived at New York on Sunday, was Mary Cronin, a native of County Cork, Ireland. The emigrants had been landed at Castle Garden it was discovered that Mary was about to become a mother.

The city of Paris gets \$20,000 a year or the rent of its flower stalls. Australia has carried off the highest diploma for wheat at the Paris Exhibition.

A large reward has been offered for the recovery of the body of the late Mr. A. T. Stewart the New York millionaire which was stolen from St. Mark's Churchyard in that city one night last week.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The elections are over and we trust the country is again safe. When wily, ambitious, and somewhat unscrupulous men like Ben Butler are candidates for high office, and go into the contest to win at all hazards, we do not always feel assured of our national safety until after the election, for there is no coalition or fraud or other political device that will not be resorted to in order to reap success.

The people in the vicinity were surprised to see our lawmakers and their officers halt in front of Mrs. Rooney's shanty. Surely, said they, they do not mean to sell her, but the reply: "That cannot be, said a lady spectator, 'for I see the benevolent features of the philanthropic Alderman for Albert in the crowd. He will interpose his good offices on behalf of poor suffering humanity and will prevent such a harsh act if attempted.'

I will now relate what has taken place on the track in front of the cot. When Samuel said that he would give \$10 for the lot, the Alderman for Albert rubbed his hands and said, "we had better sell it."

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS. Lord Justice Christian, of the Court of Appeal in Ireland, has resigned.

The Paris exhibition was closed at five o'clock Monday afternoon. The receipts are 12,853,740 francs.

The Spanish brig Guadalupe, from New York, arrived at Cadiz on the 15th inst. She lost the captain and many are only running on short time.

Several journals state that Premier Canovas del Castell's intention to give the crisis after the discussion of the Press Law and if the King again entrusts to him the formation of the ministry he will select for the post of Minister of Colonies, and General Jovellar as his colleague.

The prosecution showed from Manca's own confession that the crime was premeditated since 1877. He then intended to attempt when the King visited Tarra to make the improvements of the maniac, but the defence urged that the whole proceedings be recommenced.

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THE HISTORY OF A CORPORATION SALE IN CARLETON AN INHUMANE ACT.

Our worthy Representatives on this side of the harbour—or at least one of them—was instrumental in performing an act, a few days ago, in which man's inhumanity to man was painfully verified. Thanks for this enlightened age and the introduction of the Telephone, I am in a position to give the matter verbatim to the public, which is as follows:—

On the first inst., a portion of our city fathers proceeded to sell some corporation lots, which they had advertised for sale, in various parts of Carleton. When they started from Sand Point for the scene of their operations, the party consisted of Auctioneer Ferguson, G. F. Harding, land agent, the Aldermen for Guys, Albert and Brooks, Constable Forbes (or "Baillif" as he is commonly called) and Policeman Ross.

They were about to start on their journey again, when Mr. Samuel K. Wilson said, "what about this lot—why not sell this!" meaning the lot next to that bought by Mr. Ring. "I will give \$10 for it," said he. This lot was not advertised for sale, and that for a very good reason, which was that the circumstances of the poor family that occupied the dilapidated hut which stood upon it, were too well and painfully known. The family consisted of Mrs. Wm. Rooney, his wife and several small, helpless children. This family is very destitute; they are sustained by the kindness of their clergy and neighbours.

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