

Patriotism of the French.

Nine-tenths of the thousand million dollars which France borrowed of English bankers in order to pay Germany, are now held in the shape of national bonds by Frenchmen at home.

Don't Smoke Where the Canary is.

A city gentleman has a beautiful canary bird, which has been kept for some time in his reading-room, as the gentleman was very fond of hearing the bird sing.

New War-Ship.

A new steel-clad man-of-war called the "Conqueror" has just been commenced at Chatham.

Miscellaneous News.

It is proposed to construct a tunnel under the Mersey. The cost is estimated at from £300,000 to £400,000.

Business in Alsace and Lorraine has nearly come to a stand-still, and misery meets the eye everywhere.

The total yield of precious metals in the United States during the past year is estimated at \$70,000,000.

The death is announced of Sir James Matheson, Bart. He was the sole proprietor of the Island of Lewis, containing 25,000 inhabitants.

A great meeting of German Catholics will shortly be held at Fulda, to consider the position of affairs in the struggle between Church and State.

Amongst parliamentary papers is a Bill for the better auditing of Scotch banks, brought in by Mr. McLarn, Alex. Gordon, George Dalfoor and Mr. Whitehall.

Domestic visits have been paid by the German police at Sarreguemines for the purpose of seizing busts of the French Republic executed in 1873 by the workmen of Schneider's porcelain factory.

It appears from a return issued that there are 5,783 English, 1,386 Irish and 785 Scotch officers in the British army.

Of non-commissioned officers and men the numbers are, 124,709 English, 33,121 Irish, and 11,235 Scotch.

The Grand Trunk and Temperance.

A manifesto has been issued to the employees on the Grand Trunk that any of them seen going or coming out of a saloon, on or off duty, will at once be discharged.

Hard Times in England.

The evil days of "blood or bread" are only in abeyance in England, and London may again see what Paris has seen.

St. Patrick's Catholic and Literary Institute, Quebec.

The annual general meeting of this association called for the election of new council, and reception of reports was held in their rooms last week.

St. Gabriel's Literary and Benefit Society.

A large meeting of the young men of St. Gabriel's parish was convened and held on Sunday, 19th instant, in one of the rooms of their large and commodious school.

Translation of an Indian Warrior's Oration.

Blaze with your serried columns! Injun no more bend the knee and white man's shackle shall no more bind Injun's arm.

A Parrot's Piety.

Captain James Fitchberger vouches for the following bird story. About thirty years ago, when in Honduras, in command of the bark "Eldorado," his wife, then accompanying him, was presented with a parrot, a sprightly bird and a fluent discourses in the Spanish language.

Raw-Hide Horse Shoes.

A method of shoeing horses with raw-hide has long been in use on the plains and found so serviceable and convenient that it might doubtless be found useful in many places where there are long periods of hot weather.

Desertion in England.

I happen to be connected with one of the Relief Committees, and every week I meet with cases of desertion which are harrowing.

Protection.

We take the following from the Ottawa Free Press. The Free Press is a Reform paper, and its opinions will, of course, be taken for what they are worth.

Steam for Heating Cities.

As an instance of the economy to be effected in the matter of heating houses, it is said that, whereas it now costs six hundred thousand dollars a year to warm the public buildings in New York, it can be done by steam for four hundred thousand dollars.

The Episcopal Church in Ireland.

If a true history of the late Episcopal State Church of Ireland could be written, it would present a picture of ecclesiastical corruption only paralleled by the annals of the worst period of the papacy.

Destruction of Smelt.

The reckless destruction of smelt in the Miramichi must soon render the fishery worthless. Meantime the price has fallen so low in the American markets, because of the enormous quantities forced upon them, that in several instances the proceeds of the sales were not sufficient to pay the cost of forwarding.

Wine From Oranges.

The orange growers of Florida are turning their attention to the making of wine from oranges, and several experiments have indicated a possibility of success in that direction.

The Snowdon Iron Ore.

The following paragraph refers to some iron ore that has been found at Snowdon, Ont. The paragraph is taken from the Whitby Chronicle, but we would rather hear of Canadians working the mine themselves:

The Snowdon iron ore sent, some time ago to the States for testing, turns out to be of the very best quality—much superior to what was expected—and of the right kind to produce Bessemer steel.

The Cause of the Wealth of the French.

Much of the success of France has been ascribed to the subdivision of the country into small farms, which, thoroughly tilled, support a large population.

Home Reading.

RICE PANCAKES. Two large cups of rice well washed; boil in a quart of water; when the water boils off, add one quart of milk, one cup of wheat flour and one egg.

FRIED OYSTERS.

Select the largest; take them out of their liquor with a fork and endeavor in doing so to rinse off all the particles of shell which may adhere to them.

THE USE OF THE LEMON.

A piece of lemon bound upon a corn will relieve it in a day or so. It should be renewed night and morning. The free use of lemon juice and sugar will always relieve a cough.

LEMON PADDING SAUCE.

One lemon—the juice and half of the grated peel; one heaping tea-cup of sugar; one-third of a cup of butter; one egg; then the lemon (and a little nutmeg, if you choose).

LEMONADE.

Pare off the yellow peel, unless the lemonade is to be used immediately, because the peel, by standing with the sugar, imparts a bitter taste to the drink.

SUGAR BEET.

A correspondent of the St. John, N. B., Telegraph, writing from Madawaska, says—"I have talked to a great many of our farmers with reference to raising the sugar beet, and they are all willing to try it, provided they can get from four to five dollars per ton, and the Government or Agricultural department will place the seed for sale with the different agricultural societies.

AMERICAN POULTRY IN ENGLAND.

Speaking editorially of turkeys in the English market, the Daily Telegraph observes—"From Canada and the United States extensive and systematic arrivals of poultry are likewise reported, and the birds have reached our shores in excellent condition.

USEFUL CEMENT.

Dissolve five or six bits of gum mastic each the size of a large pea, in as much spirits of wine as will suffice to render it liquid.

AGRICULTURAL.

Farm Hints.

YORK MAN.—Do not waste your time about the corner grocery.

POULTRY.—Have you provided a clean, warm place for your hens and turkeys this winter? If so, your hens will lay early, when eggs sell high.

SHEEP.—Take care that your sheep are not exposed to cold rain-storms during the winter.

MODE OF FEEDING LIVE STOCK.—Hay and grains should be used together in wintering cattle, horses and sheep, as it is more economical than hay and straw with corn-fodder without grain.

Pigs.—Have a good warm place for your pigs to eat and sleep, during the winter season. Some farmers are very remiss in regard to this, seeming to act as if a mud-hole was a good place to keep hogs.

FARMERS' CLUBS.—We often refer to this subject, because Club meetings tend to diffuse knowledge, and promote agricultural progress among farmers.

ASPARAGUS.—An English horticulturist, on a visit of inspection into the French methods of gardening, tells us that nearly every head of asparagus is grown to the regulation size, and that is a circumference of 2 1/2 to 3 inches.

PROTECTING TREES IN WINTER.—Many fruit-trees are lost every year for want of a little care at the proper time.

CLEAN YOUR POULTRY-HOUSES.—Do not let the cold weather come upon you, until you have first attended to your autumn cleaning for the hens.

CATTLE DISEASE.—A peculiar disease has broken out in a herd of cattle at Victoria, B.C., carrying off nine, four of them in one day.

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