

LISTWELL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1881.

EARL BRACONFIELD is suffering from a severe attack of cold and asthma. His condition is considered critical, and much alarm is felt. Latest accounts convey more hopeful intelligence.

The Opposition are happy. Mr. Crozier, the East candidate, has been returned for Kent Northumberland by a majority of 174. Victory has at last crowned the efforts of the party. Truly, it is the first constituency that has been gained since the disaster of 1878; but what of that? It's a victory, and Grits are happy, and make much of it. And why not? Don't it recall the destruction of that terrible monster the N. P., the dissolution of the Syndicate and the abandonment of the Pacific Railway, the extinction of Sir John and his party, and a' that? Why shouldn't the Grit press shout itself hoarse, now that a real victory has been gained, even if it is the first in three years? We don't begrudge them their one little triumph. In fact, it was becoming more and more monotonous to see the Tories gobbling up every constituency that became vacant. If there was to be an Opposition at all, it was absolutely necessary that a change should take place. We believe that an Opposition is a necessity, therefore we are not disposed to murmur at the prospect of its being saved from utter annihilation. The Conservative party could spare several seats and in reality be none the weaker.

THE APPROACHING CENSUS.

On Monday the fourth day of April the taking of the census for the Dominion will commence. It is highly desirable that all heads of families should make themselves familiar with the various questions that are asked so that as little time as possible will be lost to the enumerators and themselves. It should be thoroughly understood that the information furnished will have no effect whatever on the taxes of the person who may be questioned. The information is the property of the Government, and will be used for no other purpose. The enumerators are sworn to keep secret from all save the commissioners, any information which may be gained while taking the census. The schedule will be shown to nobody but the enumerators, and cannot be used as an advertisement or in any way to the advantage or detriment of any person whatever. The census returns of population and property are to consist of a statement of facts as they actually exist on the 4th of April, 1881, and the returns are to be made for the population of the Dominion, including all persons who are temporarily absent from their abodes. In other words, all living members of a family are to be registered as residing with the family, unless they are settled in homes of their own or have left the country with the intention not to return. "Family" is understood, for the purposes of the census, to mean one person living living alone or any number of persons living under one roof and having their food provided together. Servants come under three categories: 1. Those having or belonging to families having homes of their own within the Dominion are to be taken with their own families. 2. Those who are settled in families or homes of their own within the Dominion are to be taken as a family or home of their own. Persons having no family abode, and no domicile of any kind are to be registered wherever they meet. Orphans in public institutions or private families are accordingly to be taken with their families or institutions. Homeless, sick or destitute persons, in asylums, hospitals, and prisons without family abode, or sentenced for life, are to be taken in institutions or prisons where they may happen to be. The returns which are to embrace a yearly period, such as the number of births, deaths, marriages, emigration of products, etc., are to be counted for the twelve months immediately preceding the 4th of April. There are, however, several special returns to be made, and the popular watering place of Nice was never crowded with a greater number of people than on the 4th of April. There are, however, several special returns to be made, and the popular watering place of Nice was never crowded with a greater number of people than on the 4th of April.

BURNING OF THE NICE OPERA HOUSE.

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THE DOERS.

Why they Endeavor to Maintain their Independence—Their desire to keep slaves. The Boers have earned a great deal of praise for the persistent manner in which they have endeavored to maintain their independence in South Africa. Rather than submit to any form of British domination, they have chosen to keep slaves without question or interruption. Like other white men who have encountered colored races, they have had a feeling of contempt for all who possessed another kind of skin than their own. When the Boers opened up territory they have endeavored to maintain their independence by the means of keeping slaves without question or interruption. Like other white men who have encountered colored races, they have had a feeling of contempt for all who possessed another kind of skin than their own. When the Boers opened up territory they have endeavored to maintain their independence by the means of keeping slaves without question or interruption.

A WAIL FROM NEBRASKA.

The Platte River Overflows its Banks. People Who Escaped Freezing to Death in Danger of Being Swept Away by the Flood.

A GREAT METHODIST COUNCIL.

Arrangements for the Wesleyan Centennial Conference. A meeting of the different Wesleyan bodies in Great Britain and Ireland was held in London on the 27th of March. The object of the meeting was to consider the report of the Executive Committee and to make final arrangements for the forthcoming Centennial Conference. The conference is to be held in London in the month of August, and will consist of representatives from all Wesleyan churches in the world.

HOWICK.

Hugh Carruthers sold his farm to Wm. D. Gorr, for the sum of \$4,600. Mr. Carruthers intends casting his lot in the far North West. The contract for the carpenter work in the new Presbyterian church in this village, was let to Wiles & Silverthorn, and the mason work to James W. Gorr. The building is to cost about \$1,500.

MILLBANK.

Grice (Anglican) church is to have a bell. Mr. R. Munro, principal of the Milverton school, conducted the competitive examination here on Friday last, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

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THE WINTER IN DAKOTA.

Terrible Period of Suffering and Death—The Pleasures of a Fuel Furnace. Dubuque, Iowa, March 25.—Mr. Stenette, who has arrived here to visit friends, tells a horrible story of his experience during the winter at Big Lake, Dakota. He homesteaded 160 acres two years ago, and last year harvested 60 acres of wheat, yielding 25 bushels per acre, for a total of \$1,200. This year he had in a supply of fuel and fixed up his house for the winter, otherwise the family would have perished. Two neighboring families, one fixed, came to live with them, and the three families in one house had hard work to keep from freezing. Their fuel ran out, and they used up all the ways and telegraph poles they could dig out of the snow. Then the houses were blown down by the wind, and the families were left to perish. A German neighbor named Becker, with a few horses, took them to a station for a supply of coal. He was caught in a snowdrift and two days afterward was found frozen stiff in a sleigh. His faithful dog lay on his breast all dead. The five horses were frozen stiff, and were taken home to be buried. Another family had lived for a time on a piece of land near Big Lake. Stenette, however, says the people are not discouraged. They like the country, which has a deep, fertile soil, and they will hereafter prepare for hard winters.

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ON THE VERGE OF THE GRAVE.

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It is asserted that Mr. Parnell has been invited to marry an American heiress. Matthew Morrison and Theo. English are the census enumerators for the township of Grey.

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The funeral of the late Emperor of Russia took place on Saturday, and was witnessed by thousands of people. The Emperor was buried in the Peter and Paul Cathedral in St. Petersburg.

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It is stated that over 2,000 applications have already been received for the position of compiler in the Census Department. The position is a highly desirable one, and is expected to be filled by a young man of high ability.

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A telegram from Almonte conveys the sad intelligence of the death by drowning of Dr. Mostyn, formerly member of the Ontario Assembly for North Lanark. Dr. Mostyn was a highly respected man, and his death is a great loss to the community.

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