

Mr. Blake's Address.

The speech of Mr. Blake at Teeswater is in marked contrast with the brilliant effort which startled the world of Canadian politics at Aurora. Compared with that masterly analysis of the political situation and of patriotic speculation as to the future of the Dominion, it is tame and almost pointless. He seemed to have descended from that lofty eminence whose summit towers so far above the plain that it afforded him glimpses into the far, indistinct future, and to have spoken the ordinary words of a plain man. During two long hours, with the exception of the allusion he made to the franchise and to Imperial Confederation, he defended himself and the Administration, of Mr. Mackenzie from the numberless charges that have been made in the press and in Parliament—from the steel rails purchase to the appointment of Mr. Cartwright as brother-in-law of a penitentiary. It is sad to reflect that the discussion of jobs and suspicious of jobs enters so largely into our politics; these violent contentions may possess a peculiar charm for extreme party politicians eager for the spoils, but to men of moderate views and the great mass of the public they are far from attractive. The few words that fell from Mr. Blake with reference to the franchise are, however, well worthy of attention. He is in favor of an enlarged and more popular suffrage, to be made uniform in all the provinces; and in this he is quite right as the disabilities which in several provinces weigh upon many persons who ought not to be deprived of a voice in the selection of their representatives in Parliament, is little less than an infringement of a personal right.—*Star*.

DEATH OF A GREAT ASTRONOMER.—The science of astronomy loses its most eminent disciple in the present century, by the death of M. Le Verrier. He died at Paris, on Sunday, Sept. 23d, in the 67th year of his age. As a rule, astronomers are long lived; there is no science and no profession in which so many eminent men have attained serene old age. Anxiety and overwork have cut short the years of M. Le Verrier before reaching the extreme limit, but not before the fulfillment of many great undertakings. His popular and world-wide fame rests chiefly and justly upon his prediction of the discovery of the outermost planet of the solar system—a feat that has no parallel in the history of the exact sciences. But many of other works, especially of later years, such as his determination of the solar parallax from three distinct sources, have, no doubt, called for a heavier and more prolonged strain upon his energies than the calculation which resulted in the discovery of Neptune.

James Labrugh, a stoker on the Grand Trunk railway, a resident of St. Johns and an Irishman by birth, heroically saved the life of a child a few days ago. Shortly after the train left Bonaventure depot, Labrugh perceived, only a short distance ahead of the engine, a little child only three or four years of age, sitting innocently on the track. As there was no time to stop the train, he rushed out to the front of the engine, and just as the train reached the unsuspecting infant, he lifted it with his foot and shoved it to one side of the track. The child escaped with a few bruises and Labrugh without a scratch. The railroad company voted him \$5. [This shows the generosity of railway companies.]

A Colorado correspondent gives a description of the Maine Lode, which is described as the biggest bonanza in that great mining region. It is owned by Mr. E. C. Bassick, a native of Waldo county, who is the discoverer. It is of fabulous richness. It begins at the surface, plying as high as eighty-seven ounces of silver to the ton. At twenty feet it pays through out the ten and one-third acres at the rate of 100 to 600 in silver, and 11,000 dollars in fine gold. It is estimated that there is ore enough from the surface to twenty feet in depth to yield from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 in money. Mr. Bassick has written to his relatives, inviting them to come as he has enough for all.

A TRUANT TORPEDO.—A "truant torpedo" has been fished up in Portsmouth harbour. An inventor, who was experimenting with a patent leg, hauled up a torpedo, which was forthwith conveyed to the Vernon torpedo vessel; but the officers disclaimed any knowledge of the missile. The account of the incident states that the torpedo had evidently been in the water some considerable time. In the present state of our navy it is fortunate that none of our iron-clads had contrived to run foul of the dangerous "truant."

BOAT RACE.—M. F. Davis of Portland, and Ten Eyck of New York, have arranged for a three-mile scull race, to come off at Peekskill, New York, October 10th, for \$300 a side, Davis to have \$100 for expenses.

Orson Pratt and Joseph F. Smith, the two prominent Mormon chiefs, arrived in New York city Saturday. They report a cargo of Mormons coming on the steamer next week from Europe.

The treasury department had 300,000 ounces of silver bullion on the Union Pacific train recently attacked by robbers in Wyoming. The bars were so heavy that the robbers were unable to carry it away and not an ounce was lost. The bullion was purchased in Nevada for the Philadelphia mint.

The St. Andrews Standard.

Saint Andrews, October 3d, 1877.

THE WAR NEWS

From the East, as reported, is scarcely to be relied on, the reports are so contradictory. The despatches of the 1st instant state that the campaign in Armenia and Bulgaria is over for the season; this is hardly probable, and yet the losses on the Russian side are immense—the large number of wounded at Plevna having filled the hospitals, and their removal to Russia is attended by much suffering; and it is said that the commanding General Todleben, has intimated to the Grand Duke Nicolas, that siege operations of the most extended scale are required to take the place. From all that can be gathered, there is a possibility of the campaign being near its end, and it is probable diplomatic efforts will be used to prevent a renewal of hostilities. From these reports it is plain that the Czar will not eat his New Year's dinner in Constantinople, nor indeed that he will ever do so, unless by invitation of the Sultan at some future time. From what over-courtesy, the Christian nations are in sympathy with Turkey.

Rifle Competition.

The annual competition of the Charlotte County Rifle Association was held at the range Indian Point, last week, and Maj. Stickney, secretary, kindly placed at our disposal, the result of the firing, from which it will be seen that St. Andrews men carried off the highest prizes. The following is the score in each competition:

Range 200 and 300 yards—7 rounds each range.	Points
Gunner L. Chase, the County Silver Challenge Cup and cash	\$10.....76
Pt. George Chase.....	72
Major G. F. Stickney.....	70
Pt. H. Wilson.....	67
Capt. J. P. Bixby.....	67
Far. J. Denley.....	65
Serjt. J. McKinnay.....	62
Pt. D. McFarlane.....	49
Pt. J. Linton.....	48
Major C. McGee.....	38
Pt. Thomas McCann.....	36
Pt. D. Rollins.....	36
Capt. M. McGowan.....	36
Gunner E. Andrews.....	35
Gunner A. Chase.....	35
Gunner G. Treadwell.....	33
Gunner G. Polleys.....	31
Pt. A. Rollins.....	29
Pt. A. Rigby.....	26
Gunner E. Denley.....	26

Second Competition.

Ranges 500 and 600 yards—5 rounds each.

Gunner G. Polleys, Silver Cake Basket gift of A. H. Gillmor, M. P., and cash \$5.....	Points
Gunner E. Andrews.....	36
Capt. J. P. Bixby.....	32
Capt. M. McGowan.....	29
Major G. F. Stickney.....	29
Pt. Thomas McCann.....	29
Pt. D. Rollins.....	28
Gunner A. Chase.....	28
Serjt. J. McKinnay.....	26
Serjt. J. McMillin.....	24
Pt. A. Rollins.....	23
Pt. J. Linton.....	23
Gunner L. Chase.....	23
Pt. H. Wilson.....	23
Pt. D. McFarlane.....	22
Major Charles McGee.....	22
Pt. H. Gove.....	22
Pt. John Wren.....	21

UNITED STATES.—During the past week, several large fires have occurred in the United States, which destroyed an enormous amount of property. Several accidents have taken place on Railways, and many robberies have occurred, still the country thrives and is moving forward, with a degree of prosperity unparalleled. It will be but a very short time before specie payments will be the standard of the Republic, whose notes are now generally taken at par value.

The Montreal Herald is of opinion that there will be no dissolution of Parliament. A few months ago, argues our contemporary, commercial stagnation and depressed industries were the best cards in the hand of the Opposition; now, with returning prosperity they are being dropped out of the pack and the subject of depressed manufactures has scarcely been mentioned at the autumn picnics. With a full revival of trade Mr. Mackenzie's supporters will go to the country with better chances of success and the policy of the administration is not to be precipitate the contest.

LOCAL MATTER.

The Charlotte County Agricultural Show and Fair, will be held on Wednesday next, the 10th inst. at Bay Side.

Mr. Rich, the celebrated Ocellist is at the "Meganthe." He has some fine spectacles for sale.

Thomas Wheelock, Esq. of Shanghai, China, is visiting his relatives here at present.

We notice by Montreal papers that the Hon. J. J. Fraser, the Hon. B. R. Stevenson, were in Montreal last week. Wm. Whitlock and Robert Watson, Esq's, visited Quebec a few days ago doing Chatham, Newcastle, and Campbellton. They returned on Thursday last much gratified, and invigorated by the pleasant trip.

Lieut-Col. and Mrs. THURGAR returned to St. John on Tuesday. They expressed themselves delighted with their visit, and also spoke in commendatory terms of Miss Sprague's kindness and attention, and will recommend their friends who may intend visiting St. Andrews, to stop at her house, which is so situated as to command one of the finest views of the surrounding country. During their short visit they made many friends, and our friend the Colonel's health is completely restored.

The Semi Annual public examination of Schools for District No. 1 will take place on Thursday and Friday next the 4th and 5th instant.

THURSDAY.

Miss Wade's School at 9 A.M.
Mr. Vroom's School at 10 A.M.
Miss Aigat's School at 2.30 P.M.

FRIDAY.

Miss Roger's School at 9 A.M.
Mr. Gove's Grammar at 10 A.M.
Miss Foye's School at 2.30 P.M.

The parents and the public generally are invited to attend.

A fire occurred on Sunday morning last, between one and two o'clock, in front of the Roman Catholic Church, which destroyed the building formerly known as the Catholic Schoolhouse, but for some time occupied by James Connolly and his family as a private residence. The flames were seen issuing from the porch, and the family awakened from their slumbers by a person who lived near. The bells were rung and the engines and populace were early at the spot, but owing to everything being so dry, it was impossible to save the building, which was consumed; the family however, saved their furniture. For a time, there was danger of the fire spreading, as the eumbers and sparks were blown down the streets, but happily, neither the Catholic Church or Parsonage which were in close proximity, nor the other buildings at a distance were injured. The building was insured.

From a Blue Book printed by order of Parliament, entitled "Return of Persons appointed to office between 1st January and 7th Nov. 1873; showing Increases and Decreases of Salary during the same period and Cancellations of appointments," much information can be had. A cursory glance at the Statistics shows the large saving made in "reductions of salaries," by the Mackenzie Government, which appears to be reasonable, and speak in unmistakable terms of their apparent desire to conduct the Departments with as little expense as is consistent with the nature of the offices and the public interest. In the County of Charlotte alone a saving of upwards \$600 has been effected, by simply placing the salaries at the original amount, the officials took office under. The increase was made just before the late Government resigned. We also notice that two of the Collectors in this County are omitted in the list of employees in the Customs Department.

The following pleasing paragraph with reference to the return of our friend Col. DENISON, is copied from the Toronto Mail. The Colonel and Mrs. Denison, made several friends during their stay here; and their return next season would be gratifying to their many friends in St. Andrews and vicinity.

WALTON HOWE.—On the return home on Friday evening of Colonel and Mrs. Denison after an absence of two months in the Lower Provinces, their residence in the west end of this city presented a very lively appearance. An evergreen arch, decorated with the fruits of the season and Chinese lanterns, had been erected at the main entrance to the grounds, which were brilliantly lighted. Over the arch the motto "Welcome Home" was placed. The front verandah and door were also decorated. A large number of friends and neighbors assembled to congratulate the Colonel and his lady on their safe arrival at Dover Court.

LOCAL MATTER.

The St. Patrick Central Agricultural Society Show and Fair, will be held on Friday next, 12th inst. at the Agricultural Hall, Bocabee.

We are informed that the party who picked up the watch and chain advertised by Mr. T. Armstrong is known, it will save a trip to the Penitentiary by their returning it, and also receiving the reward offered.

In another column an old respected correspondent calls attention to disgraceful conduct on the streets at night, which should be put a stop to. It is to be regretted that any of the young men should be guilty of such reprehensible conduct, which, from its being attested to, is undeniable. The majesty of the law must be upheld, and order kept on the streets, at any cost.

CHARADE AND MELODY.—On Tuesday evening an entertainment was given by members of the Reform Club, in Stevenson's Hall—consisting of a Charade and Negro Melodies. The hall was well filled, and the entertainment gave great satisfaction, particularly the negro melodies given in character which called forth frequent plaudits.

Fredericton Brevities.

Partridges are very plentiful this season. Sportsmen may daily be seen winding their way to the country to try their luck.

The delightful weather which we have had for the past month still continues. The thermometer on Monday was 80° in the shade.

A Fredericton Company is about starting a tannery at Gibson. Tenders are asked for the erection of a suitable building.

As an indication of reviving business several factories in the city are working over their usual time, and the river steamers are carrying large freights each trip.

The Fredericton Curling Club held its annual meeting on Monday night when the following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, A. F. Street; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. R. Howie, and Wm. Grievous; Secretary, T. W. P. Flewelling, Esq. The club is in a flourishing condition.

Correspondence.

[FOR THE STANDARD.]

Mr. Editor—I am reluctantly compelled to notice the disorderly conduct of young men on the street almost every night; the shouting and blasphemous language would disgrace the parlours of any town. Monday night a gang of these rowdies paraded the street, among whom was a notorious fellow whose foul language was disgusting, and whose pugnacious disposition was exhibited by his striking the High Sheriff and knocking down Wm. Whitlock, Esq. one of the oldest and most respected Magistrates in the County. No constable could be found to take the fellow to prison, and his chums aided his escape by rowing him over the river. Complaints were lodged with Justice Hatheway who issued warrants for his arrest, but he had escaped for the present. Is it not time that a night watch was appointed, and quiet preserved on the streets. The fact of young men getting drunk, is no excuse for their disturbing the community and breaking the peace.

Hon. Messrs. Fraser and Stenerson, members of the New Brunswick Executive, Mr. Elder, M. P. P., W. E. Perley, and W. Beveridge, Esqrs., on their return from Restigouche and Gloucester, arrived in town yesterday, and put up at Bowser's Hotel. To-day they go up river in the "Andover" on a complimentary excursion, accompanied by quite a number of ladies and gentlemen of Miramichi.—*Gleaner*, Chatham, Sept. 29.

WILLIAM HENRY FOX TALBOT.—A cable despatch from London announces the death of William Henry Fox Talbot, the chief discoverer of photography. He was the son of the late William D. Talbot, of Looeock Abby, Wilts, and was born in 1800. He was educated at Harrow and at Trinity College, Cambridge, and represented Chippenham in the first reformed Parliament. In his "Pencil of Nature," published in 1844, he related the steps by which he was led to the discovery of photography, for which he received the medal of the Royal Society. Although he patented the process he generously left it open to the public. He was the author of several works, among which are "Hermes; or, Classical and Antiquarian Researches," "Illustrations of the Antiquity of the Book of Genesis" and "English Etymologies." Of late years he had devoted himself to deciphering the cuneiform inscriptions obtained from the East.

The Egg Trade.

The Allen steamer Sarmatian, which arrived on Tuesday morning, says the Liverpool Mercury, brought 280 barrels of eggs from Canada. This promises to become a great trade. From the Market report of the Hamilton (Ontario) Spectator of the 6th August, we learn that eggs were very quiet, there being really no wholesale trade in them at present. In Ottawa fresh eggs were selling at 12c (6) per dozen. Eggs to the value of £2,610,231 were imported into England last year, and still the market is not well supplied, as the present high prices will prove. The future extension of this trade between Canada and England cannot fail to be of interest to every household.

Presbyterian General Assembly.

The general Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, at its annual meeting, held last month at Chicago, adopted the following:

Resolved, That we earnestly call upon the members of our beloved Zion to set an example of total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and especially to discourage social wine-drinking wherever it prevails in the church.

Resolved, That we call upon the sessions of our churches to guard carefully the purity of the church by refusing to admit to membership or to retain those within her pale who are engaged in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, or who derive their livelihood from this sinful traffic.

EXTRAORDINARY CHARGE AGAINST A SHIP CAPTAIN.—Captain Robert Cochran, of the ship Crown Prince, of St. John, New Brunswick, was placed in the dock accused of culpable homicide or neglect of duty. The indictment stated that the accused was master of the ship, which partly belonged to him, from January 1875 to June 1877. During that period she sailed from London to Melbourne, thence to Callan, thence to Huamillio, thence to Stanley, thence to Queenstown, thence to Glasgow. It was the duty of the accused, it was stated, to provide for the use of the crew "a proper supply of food and drink of a sound and wholesome quality." On Monday the 20th November last, when the ship was sailing between Huamillio and Falkland Islands, he gave them putrid pork to eat. The result was said to have been a serious illness, the result of blood poisoning, which ended fatally for six of the men, while several others had their lives endangered. Of those who died the names were William Williams, Gustav Anderson, Thomas Balmforth, William Sullivan, Henry Beckholt, and Edward Harris. The indictment, in conclusion, accused him of having culpably bereaved these of life, and placed the lives of the others in danger. On the part of the accused, Mr. Balfour, advocate, who was assisted by Mr. Lang, advocate, advanced a plea of not guilty.—*Glasgow paper*.

RECEPTION OF THE INDIAN CHIEFS.—Washington, Sept. 27.—The President today received the Sioux and Arapaho delegations from the Red Cloud and Spotted Tail agencies, at the executive mansion. There were present Secretaries Evans and Schurz, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Smith, General Crook, Lieut. Clark, who commanded the Indian scouts at Red Cloud, and Spotted Tail agencies, Dr. Irving agent of the Red Cloud reservations, Mr. Hoyt the recently appointed commissioner of Indian affairs, who succeeded Smith, Mr. Welch formerly the Indian commissioner, Bishop Whipple and several ladies, including Mrs. Crook, wife of General Crook.

A number of seven pounder field guns are being despatched to the Gold Coast, the defenceless nature of the settlements, as regards ordnance having been brought prominently to the notice of the War Office.

London, Sept. 17th.—General Grant was presented with the Freedom of the burgh of Ayr, Scotland on Friday.

DIED.

On the 1st inst., Rev. Warren Bailey, aged 59, leaving a sorrowing widow and relatives to mourn their loss. Mr. Bailey was much respected by all who knew him, and has left an unblemished character as an example to his friends. He suffered much for twelve months from cancer, which he bore with christian resignation, and looked forward to the time when he would exchange his sufferings for a state of bliss.

Ship News.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS

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Sept. 25—Julia Clinch, Maloney, New York, ballast.

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Sept. 27—Mary Ellen, Ross, Portland, 25000 sleepers, 45 tons car wheels, R. Ross
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Oct. 1—Daisy, Waddell, St. George, ballast.

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