

venue and expenditure of Canada; and four separate accounts with as many Provinces had to be kept, which were still further complicated by the accounts of the old Province of Canada. Beyond this, three different tariffs had to be dealt with and assimilated, and as many systems of inland revenue to be reduced to one; the effects of unrestricted free trade between the Provinces had not then been developed; and the exceptional currency and political discontent of Nova Scotia added further to the difficulties of the position. Mr. Rose had, therefore, no easy task before him, but he undertook it with even more than his usual energy and application, and before the session was many weeks old he made a budget speech which surprised Parliament and the public by its perspicuity and fullness of detail. During the second part of the first session of the Dominion Parliament (March 16—May 22, '68), Mr. Rose carried through several measures of a financial character besides a readjustment of the tariff; and in July last year he went to England and successfully floated one-half the Intercolonial Railway Loan. The session of '69 (April 15—June 22) passed without any change in the tariff, Mr. Rose laying down the principle that the expenditure should be adjusted to the income. The announcement was received with satisfaction, and experience has since proved that Mr. Rose's very moderate calculations were under the amount the current year's revenue is likely to produce. He introduced at this session a series of resolutions on currency and banking, but as the policy therein laid down appeared to be unsatisfactory to a very large majority of Western members, and distasteful to bankers generally, the resolutions were withdrawn.

About a year ago it was Mr. Rose's intention to have retired from the Government and also from public life in Canada; but he consented to remain at the instance of his colleagues, who did not then see their way clearly to find his successor. The following extract from a circular dated New York, Oct. 1, and signed Morton, Bliss & Co., will show that having withdrawn from public life in Canada, Mr. Rose has entered on a new field of enterprise in the great Metropolis of the Empire:

"We have the pleasure to inform you that the Hon. John Rose (late Minister of Finance for the Dominion of Canada) this day joins our London firm, which will be continued under the style of Morton, Rose & Co."

When it became known that Mr. Rose was about to withdraw from the Government, a public dinner was tendered him on behalf of the citizens of Montreal. This tribute of respect was tendered and accepted irrespective of political or party considerations, Mr. Rose's old political opponents joining in the demonstration as heartily as his friends. The dinner took place at the St. Lawrence Hall on the evening of Tuesday, the 28th of September, and was not merely a complete success, but a magnificent ovation. The high character which the Hon. John Rose has always maintained for personal and political integrity had gained for him many warm friends among men of all creeds and parties; and when, on Saturday, Oct. 2, he sailed for England, he carried with him their best wishes for his success in the new enterprise upon which he has entered.

GENERAL NEWS.

CANADA.

The third session of the Ontario Legislature was opened on the 3rd inst.

The Quebec Legislature will meet for the transaction of business, on the 23rd November.

Mr. J. G. Robertson, M. P. P. for Sherbrooke, has been sworn in as Treasurer of the Province, in place of the Hon. C. Dunkin, resigned.

Le Journal de Québec says the French Canadians are pouring into the Province from every direction, on their return from the United States.

Mr. Alexander Gordon, of the city of Toronto, has been appointed Queen's Printer for the Province of Ontario, in the room of Henry Jarvis Hartney, resigned.

The general elections in Newfoundland take place in November. Nomination on the 8th; polling on the 13th. Test issue—Confederation.

Mr. Charles Foy has been appointed, by the Canadian Government, Emigration Commissioner to the North of Ireland. He will leave for the scene of his labours this month.

The distillery of Messrs. Gooderham & Worts, of Toronto, has been consumed by fire. Loss \$160,000. No insurance. The firm is rich and will rebuild immediately.

Mr. Potter, President of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and Mr. Brydges, are at present on a trip to San Francisco via the Pacific Railway, and are expected to return in about ten days.

The *London Canadian News* says that the recent award of the International Arbitrators with regard to the Hudson's Bay Company possessions in Oregon, will be equal to a bonus of £1 4s. per share.

The *Hamilton Times* says the charter of the Southern Railway has been sold by Wm. A. Thompson to Hon. Isaac Buchanan for \$160,000, and that he has gone to England to raise the money to build the road with in the interest of himself and an American Company.

The Act for the registration of births, marriages, and deaths, passed at the last Session of the Legislature of Ontario, and which came into force on the 1st July last, has been so imperfectly carried out, as to make the records attained under it almost entirely worthless.

Hon. C. Dunkin, M. P. for Bromo, has been appointed a Member of the Privy Council and Minister of Inland Revenue. Mr. Alex. Morris, M. P. for South Lanark, and the Hon. Mr. Benson, Senator, are also expected to join the Dominion Cabinet.

The nomination for North Renfrew took place at Pembroke, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. Sir Francis Hincks was proposed by Mr. John Crawford, seconded by Mr. Archibald Foster; and Mr. Findlay by Mr. Thomas Carswell, seconded by Mr. Thomas Deacon. Both sides, as usual, claim to have had the sympathy of the audience.

Mr. Murray, who entered the field against Sir Francis Hincks, in North Renfrew, has withdrawn in favour of Sir Francis. Mr. Findlay opposes the Finance Minister. Mr. Supple, having resigned the representation of the riding in the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Murray is a candidate for the vacancy with every prospect of success, although Mr. Deacon is in the field against him. The election of Sir Francis Hincks is considered certain.

The Council of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell has voted a bonus or stock subscription of \$200,000 to the Canada Central Railway on completion of the road between Ottawa and Montreal. The rate-payers must of course vote a by-law authorizing the appropriation before the vote of the Council will have legal effect; but this we think they will do, when called upon, by a large majority.

The rate-payers of the County of Bruce have adopted, by a majority of nearly three hundred, the by-law granting a bonus of \$250,000 to the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway. This line, part of which is already under contract, will extend from Guelph, (where it connects with the Great Western and Grand Trunk lines,) through North Wellington, South Grey, and Bruce, terminating on the Lake Huron shore.

The *Belleveille Intelligencer* has reason to know that extra precautions have been taken along the line of the Grand Trunk Railway against incendiarism, and that in some places arms have been distributed, and orders for the Grand Trunk volunteers to hold themselves in readiness have been issued. Extra watchmen have been placed on duty.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The return of the Court to Windsor Castle for the winter season is fixed for the first Thursday in November.

The *Dublin Express* says that amongst the first contributions paid to the Irish Church Sustentation Fund were £2,000 each from Earl Derby and Mr. H. W. Peck, M. P.

Mr. George Peabody, the eminent banker and great Philanthropist, died in London, on the 4th inst. His health had long been failing.

It is asserted that the contemplated interview between the Emperor Francis Joseph and King Victor Emmanuel will take place at Brindisi, in Italy, some time in the latter part of November.

The Secretary of State has authorized the grant of an allowance of 600l. per annum, or 500 rupees per month, for the maintenance and education in India of Alamy, Theodore's son.

The Baden papers tell us of a dinner given with very cordial hospitality by the Crown Princess Victoria of Prussia to Count Beust at Baden, and infer from it that Prussia and Austria are getting better friends.

The special correspondents who are to chronicle the opening of the Suez Canal are beginning to think about preparing themselves for their trip. Dr. Russell is to represent the *Times*, Mr. Edward Dicy the *Daily Telegraph*, and Mr. W. H. W. the *Standard*.—*Court Journal*.

Bilboa, in Spain, in order to transform itself into a watering-place, has decided on the establishment of a casino, to be erected at a cost of one million of reals (250,000fr.). It is to be composed of two grand pavilions, a restaurant, rooms for card-playing, &c., and to afford accommodation for 250 persons.

The *Patrie* asserts that a wide-spread conspiracy has been discovered in the Turkish provinces of Albania and Herzegovina, in connection with the revolt at Callaro, in the Austrian province of Dalmatia. Several arrests of persons implicated have been made by the authorities, and a large amount of arms and ammunition seized. It is reported that the Governments of Austria and Turkey have come to an understanding whereby they will act jointly in the suppression of the insurrection.

A despatch dated London, 4th, says:—The correspondent of the *Post* writes as follows from Rome concerning the expected action of the Council:—"The dogmatic definition of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary will encounter no obstacles. The Pope earnestly desires the consolidation of the dogma. The erection into a dogma of the necessity of temporal power is not considered possible by its most ardent champions. The foundation and preservation of that power do not offend the elements of a dogma, and belief in its necessity is not even *proxima fides*, but only of high importance. Probably the protests 1862 and 1867 will be received. It is suggested that the liberal bishops will advise that terms be made with Italy so that all appointments, even Popedom, may be conferred without distinction of nationality; but such change of policy, although desirable, is improbable at present, and must be left to time and the force of events. It would be absurd to think that the Syllabus will be abrogated. It is more probable that the bishops will be asked to sanction it by open and unanimous adoption, and to explain such portions as are obscurely worded or erroneously interpreted. Beyond these points the Council will only be occupied with questions of internal discipline such as reform missions, the reunion of schismatics and heretics with the Church, modification of the religious orders, the amelioration of instructions to the clergy, and the adaptation of the judicial powers of bishops to the condition of society. It is important to observe that the initiative in exempting belongs to the Pope alone. As the Roman Catholic hierarchy is strongly and judiciously constituted, it is improbable that any serious opposition will be manifested.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Verdi is to be the editor of a new Italian Musical Journal, the *Melody*, to be published at Padua.

Alboni will retire permanently from the stage as soon as she has completed her present engagements.

Brignoli begins an opera season in San Francisco early in November.

A valuable discovery of bismuth ore has been made near Balbannah, South Australia.

A quicksilver mine which was discovered near Satuwak, Borneo, in 1867, promises to prove one of the richest in the world.

The mean rate of discharge of the Mississippi into the Gulf of Mexico is upwards of thirty-eight million six hundred thousand pounds of water per second.

Professor Lane has introduced the continental pronunciation of Latin and Greek at Harvard, and it is to be used hereafter in the instruction of all the classes.

The *Scientific American* says the broad gauge railways are good for the passengers, but hard on the companies who own them.

Father Kline, who died in Henry, Illinois, last month, at the age of eighty-three, served in the famous Spanish campaign under Joseph Bonaparte.

A suicidal mania is raging in the Prussian army, and in a few weeks, at the camp of Borna, near Leipzig, 51 soldiers have put an end to their existence.

It appears from statistics that madness is increasing in France at a rate out of all proportion with the growth in the population.

Heavy shocks of earthquake were felt on the evening of November 1 throughout Germany, and particularly in Darmstadt, Wiesbaden, Mayence, and Frankfurt.

The revenue of Victoria in the year ending June 30, 1869, amounted to £3,201,505, as compared with £2,671,815 in the year ending June 30, 1868, showing an increase of £529,790 in 1868-9.

A new granite quarry has been opened in Jamaica, Washington county, Maine. The stone has a beautiful pink color, which, if durable, will render the stone very valuable for building purposes.

At Carisbrook Castle, in the Isle of Wight, is a well 219 feet deep and 12 wide. The interior is lined by smooth masonry, and, if a pin is dropped into it, the sound produced, when it strikes the water, is distinctly heard.

Crime in Scotland is decreasing. For the past six months only five cases have come before the courts north of the Grampians—including the whole range of northern counties from Morayshire to the Shetland Islands.

Twenty-five North German scholars and artists of distinction have been invited by the Viceroy of Egypt to be present at the opening of the Suez Canal. They will travel to Egypt with other guests at the expense of the Viceroy.

A mechanical school for women has been opened at Warsaw, under the immediate superintendence of Government, its object being to train the young women of the lower classes in all the lighter kinds of handicraft which may be pursued without injury to health.

A Dutch Jewish paper reports that a Jewish lady in her hundredth year recently visited the Amsterdam Exhibition, accompanied by her grandson, who was himself a grandfather. She inspected a sewing-machine, and threaded a needle without the aid of spectacles.

M. Bagier has acquired, with a view to early representation, the right to produce in Paris "Marta Stuarda," an unpublished opera of Donizetti's, written in 1833 for the theatre San Carlo of Naples, but placed under an interdiction by the Government of the day on account of the legend.

A Wisconsin paper alleges that the secret of the success of Chicago newspapers lies in the fact that every man and woman in the town takes every paper, for every divorce notice, in which they are interested, may be published, and they net find it out.

In the year 1868 there were 3,600 applications for letters patent filed in the British Patent Office. The stamp duties received in respect of patents amounted to 119,271 pounds. After deducting expenditure, there is a considerable yearly surplus income; and the aggregate surplus from 1852 to the end of last year exceeds 725,000 pounds.

A scheme has been brought forward for the construction of a railway between Nelson and Cobden, in the Province of Nelson (New Zealand). Various gentlemen of influence in London are stated to have given their approval to the enterprise. The capital proposed is no less than £2,000,000, as it is considered desirable that two thousand labourers and artisans, with their families, should be sent out to the province from England.

A scimitar or curved sword, that has evidently lain a long time in the bed of the Firth of Forth, has been brought up in an oyster dredge, from the scalps in the vicinity of Leith Roads. The weapon is either of French or Turkish manufacture. The hilt is brass, with some figures and letters on it. The scabbard is leather. This relic is in possession of Mr. George Dempster, New Haven. Some antiquarians who have seen it think it may have been embedded among the mud since the siege of Leith, in the time of the regency of Mary of Lorraine, by the English forces.

At Berlin the Prussians are to employ tricycles, or three-wheeled velocipedes, instead of their drachshen or cabs. Everybody who has visited Berlin in the hot weather has had his olfactory nerves offended by the dirty gutters that run on each side of many of the streets; it is now proposed to cover these with strong deal boards, and along this wooden road the tricycles are to ply for hire. Cabby is to sit in front and propel his fare, who is to be perched up on a seat behind him.

The autobiography of Flora Macdonald, the preserver of Prince Charles Stuart, will shortly be published in Edinburgh. The MS. has till now been carefully kept in the family record chest. The volume, which is being edited by the last surviving granddaughter of the heroine, will contain some interesting anecdotes hitherto unpublished, regarding the memorable escape of the Prince.