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Eleven Years Old.

To-day this journal enters upon the twelfth year of its existence. Eleven years old! Not old, and yet old. The BRITISH COLONIST is the oldest institution in the country, with the exception of the Hudson Bay Company. It has witnessed the rise and fall of fourteen newspapers within the colony. It has stood by the deathbed of ten local contemporaries. Yet the shout of jubilation is hushed, the feeling of self-gratulation is toned down by the recollection of many a hard struggle to keep above the turbid waters of early colonial existence. What a history is crowded into these eleven eventful years! Great tides of population have flowed and ebbed. Governors have come and gone—one of them to his 'long home.' Towns have sprang into existence, and have as quickly disappeared. The hopes of the people, how often have they been exalted, only to be cast down lower still. Yet we must not forget that the picture has a light shade as well as a dark. Many have attained a goodly measure of prosperity during these eleven years; and if the colony has not made that progress marked out for it, still it has made considerable progress, and it would now appear to be emerging from a protracted and severe crisis to enter upon a more hopeful period of its existence. But it is about ourselves rather than the colony we proposed to speak. It is a gratifying reflection that through all the vicissitudes, the trials and severes which have characterized the past eleven years, this journal has been enabled steadily to pursue the independent and even tenor of its way. It has never hesitated to expose and denounce wrong-doing, as it has ever been found on the side of political liberty, and moral and religious progress. It may be fairly claimed for the BRITISH COLONIST that it has played no unworthy part, if exerted no little influence for good in the history of the colony. What it has been in the past it promises to be even in a higher degree in the future—the fearless and uncompromising enemy of oppression and wrongdoing, the tribune of the people and the friend of progress. The Colony is rapidly approaching a most critical and important period, an epoch in its history. The crisis is at hand when the services of an independent and powerful press are especially needed. It will hardly be necessary for us to remind the people of *their* duty in order that they may possess such a press in the time of their great need. The publication of the BRITISH COLONIST involves great expense and responsibility; and it should not be forgotten that, although this journal has managed to outlive so many of its contemporaries, even it must rely upon the discriminating patronage of the people for the means of existence. In proportion to the liberality with which that patronage is extended to it shall we be enabled to keep pace with the progress of the age, and make the paper even more worthy in the future than it has been in the past of the confidence of the people.

English Iron and Iron Screw Steamer.

EDITOR LONDON *Times*.—The national—I may almost add, the world's supply of iron, has hitherto been shared by England, Scotland, and France, Germany, Belgium, etc—Scotland doing the hon's share. Now, however, the laurels are fast being wrested from Scotland, and England must inevitably defeat all rival. Imagine! The main Cleveland seam, in Yorkshire, has been estimated to contain 20,000 tons of ore per acre, and at this rate there must be within the limits of the area named close upon five thousand million tons of ironstone! It must be borne in mind that it is not poor ironstone, as it yields in many cases upward of thirty-three per cent. of metallic iron, and in some instances forty-one per cent. It is probable that something like six million tons of Cleveland ore will be required next year to keep all the blast furnaces in the district engaged! At present the annual make of Cleveland pig iron is estimated at 1,429,640 tons, and at this time next year it is assumed that the make will be increased to 1,729,640 tons of pig iron. At this moment Cleveland is making about one-third of our production. The prime requisite in the shape of raw material is raised so cheaply that it can be laid down at the furnaces at a cost of 8s per ton, or, at the present rate of exchange, than $1 per ton of 2,240 lbs. Containing, therefore, from twenty-eight to forty-one per cent. of metallic iron, the ore for a ton of iron costs less than 10s., or $3! Perhaps one of the applications of iron that interests Americans mostly is that for maritime purposes. Twenty years ago, and since, wooden ships, as we all know, were discarded for iron, and a wooden-ship builder of consequence now and then was a thing of the past. But now iron ships—yes! iron shipbuilding is going to decay, so far as sailing vessels are concerned. Those that, at the time referred to, cost $25 say $150 per ton, can now be had at one half, and no takers! What next? Why, iron steamers—long, 300 to 400 feet, iron screw steamers—these are to supersede everything and do the traffic of the world. The ink is scarcely dry on the prospectus of one of our new local companies, who have contracted to build twelve such iron screws. And they are right, apart from the question of capacity; they sail so shallow that they will float almost wherever it is damp; but, if not this, they will, at any rate, save the Cape of Good Hope by the Suez Canal, and, in due time, Cape Horn by the canal of Panama. ALEX. S. MACREA.

Liverpool, England.

A Robber Frightened to Death.

A few weeks ago the members of a household in Rochester, England, were startled one forenoon by a heavy fall on the floor above. Several of the family thereupon rushed upstairs to the principal room on the second floor, from which the noise seemed to come. On opening the door, they found a strange man lying on the carpet. He evidently had just fallen, but was quite dead. His features wore a look of terror awful to gaze upon. Around the room was strewn property which he had removed from the trunks and closets to carry off; but there he lay, stricken dead in the midst of his booty.

It was remembered that just before the noise of the fall some persons of the family had passed the room, in their way further up stairs. The robber must have heard them. Fearful of detection in his crime, the excitement of his position probably hastened the crisis of some fatal affection of the heart or brain, and he dropped, actually frightened to death.

Never was the old fashioned verdict of the Coroner's jury "Died by the visitation of God," more appropriate then in this case, for many persons will believe that the death of the robber was a punishment sent from the hand of the Almighty.

The clergyman of Rochester seems to have thought something of this kind, for he refused to permit the prayers of the English Church to be read over the body of the man; consequently it could not be interred in a cemetery, but was placed in unconsecrated ground.

Canadian Mail Summary.

By the U.S.S. Newbern we have two days' later files from Canada. Respecting the Red River revolt the Ministerial position is thus stated: 'The Territory is still in the hands of the Hudson Bay Company; consequently the insurrection is against their authority, and ought to be quelled by them. Besides, Mr. McDougall is not yet officially appointed Governor, and the sovereignty is still in Great Britain.' The Quebec Legislature was opened by the Lieut. Governor in person on the 22d Nov. In his speech from the Throne he alluded with satisfaction to the operations of the colonization measures of the previous session; to the abundant harvest of this year, and to the proposals for new railways. He alluded in graceful terms to the presence in the Dominion of Prince Arthur, and stated that the expenditure for the year would be considerably within the revenue. The resignation of Sir. W. E. Logan, as Chief of the Geological Survey, has been definitely accepted, and Mr. Selwyn appointed his successor. Mr. Rankin, late M. P. for North Renfrew, and who made way for Sir Francis Hincks, has recieved the appointment of Collector of Customs at the port of Ottawa.

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