

**The Nicaragua Ship Canal**

Is a subject upon which a lecture was on Tuesday delivered in New York. The most important feature of the route proposed, according to U. S. Rear Admiral Ammen, is the existence of Lake Nicaragua which when full, is 107.6 feet above the ocean level. The lake has a superficies of 2,800 miles, with a surface drainage falling into it roughly estimated at 9,450 miles, which furnish an outflow of water by the San Juan River twenty times as great as the commerce of the world could require in the lockage of vessels passing through the canal. But even a greater advantage is said to be the fact that the surface level of the lake changes almost imperceptibly from day to day. The engineer's estimated cost of the undertaking is said to be \$52,597,718, though it is believed that \$100,000,000 would more nearly approach it. It is believed, calculating upon trade statistics, that the British and American traffic which would be carried on it would amount to three millions of tons yearly, while the business of other countries would be very large. In all probability the ship canal is a work whose completion will not be very long delayed, and when executed will be a most important connection, upon which there is no need to enlarge.

**A New Cave Discovery in Kentucky**

Another wonderful cave has recently been discovered near Glasgow Junction, Ky. It has already been explored for a distance of twenty-three miles in one direction, called the long route, and sixteen miles in another direction, called the short route. The avenues are very wide; a span of horses can easily be driven through for a distance of eleven miles. Three rivers, wide and very deep, are encountered on the long route. One of them is navigable for fourteen miles, until the passages become too narrow to admit a boat. This forms the third or river route, which has to be explored in a boat. The cave is wonderful beyond description, and far surpasses in grandeur the Mammoth or any cave ever before discovered. Several mummies remain have been discovered in one of the large rooms. They were reposing in stone coffins, rudely constructed, and from appearances may have been in this cave for centuries. They present every appearance of the Egyptian mummies.

**The Fishery Award**

The Marquis of Salisbury's latest despatch on the subject of the Everts Fishery Award letter, in effect, takes similar ground to that which has been advanced in Canada viz, that, if the American case was not properly made out, no additional testimony can now be imported into it. It further says that the course of the Americans is an imputation upon the integrity of the Commissioners, from whose decision Great Britain as one of the litigants cannot stand in the position of a Court of Appeal. On the point raised as to the necessity of unanimity in the award Lord Salisbury having argued the point at length concludes "Had it been known five years ago that an award would be prevented by the dissent of one of the members of the arbitration, though I do not venture to conjecture what the course of the United States Government would have been, I feel confident England would have declined to enter on so unfruitful a litigation. Believing, in the agreement with the majority of the Commission, that they were to be heavy losers, they nevertheless have for five years allowed those concessions to come into force trusting to the compensation which the Commission would give to them. That they have done so is sufficient proof that they did not anticipate the construction of the treaty which would make the delivery of the award almost impossible." However, the matter is now about settled, and on the 23rd instant the money is to be paid. The proceedings in connection with this matter have, however, taught this lesson, that in future negotiations with the Americans, the specifications of the bond cannot be too explicit, though with ourselves and the Mother Country it has been the practice to act up to the spirit of the agreement without any recourse to quibbles as to precise terms.

The first of the Utah polygamy cases was argued before the supreme court at Washington yesterday. Ben Sheeks, of Utah, argued for the defendant, Geo. Reynolds, that polygamy is, in Utah, a religious rite, and that Congress has no constitutional right to prohibit the free exercise of religion. Attorney General Devens replied that polygamy is a crime, and that the constitution cannot be construed as a bar against the punishment of crime committed in the name of religion.

W. J. Riley, a Boston gilder, found a package of \$1300, belonging to the Haverhill national bank, in the street recently, and honestly took the money to its destination.

**The St. Andrews Standard**

Saint Andrews, Nov. 27, 1878.  
TO SUBSCRIBERS.

As we have bills to meet which which must be paid, we urgently request those indebted to us, to remit the amount due, or a portion of it by P. O. order or registered letter by mail, and save legal proceedings. Some are indebted for years, and we shall soon know whether they intend to pay, as all bills due after 1st inst. will be handed to legal authority for collection.

**AFGHANISTAN.**—England has been driven into a resort to arms by the Ameer, and although his soldiers are brave, they will like all the other Eastern races, have to submit to the courage and skill of British soldiers. It is believed the war will be short and decisive, and will also settle a territorial question of some importance to England; whose march and influence in the East, is onward.

**SPECIE PAYMENTS.**—From U. S. exchanges we gather that the resumption of specie has briefly commenced before the time appointed by law. The asking price of gold was 100½, but bids closed at 100, in paper money. Practically, greenbacks are equivalent to gold, while the silver dollar is worth only 88 cents. This has furnished a powerful argument for the greenback cause. The resumption of specie payments will no doubt give a spur to business and industries in the States. It is unlikely that the government will succeed in pushing the silver dollar into general circulation, while it is not worth 100 cents, owing to its alloy.

The south east gale which prevailed for the past week, was the most severe for some time. Several vessels from this port on their voyage to Boston and other ports with produce, were obliged to make a harbor. We have not up to the present heard of any accidents.

From recent intelligence, it appears that the City of Montreal, will not pay the troops, for preserving peace on the 12th of July last. The charge will be paid, nevertheless, as other charges of a similar kind have been paid.

**BURGALARIES** are becoming frequent in St. John, so much as to call for some more vigilance on the part of the police. One merchant Mr. Sheraton has lost some pieces of silk valued at upwards of \$500. Several smaller robberies also took place.

A "General Order" published in the Canada Gazette signed Lieut. Gen. Smythe, directs, according to Queen's Regulations for the Army, that unless dispensed with by authority, whenever Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) is present, the salute if ordered, shall be 21 guns, and the Royal Standard shall be hoisted on the Fort or Battery; the Guard of Honor shall observe the usual military honors of Royalty by drooping the color with the "present." The Royal Standard is also to be hoisted on the Government House, Ottawa, when the Princess Louise is in residence, by Her Majesty's wish.

Telephones are coming into use in the Provinces, and Montreal is shortly to have the Electric Light.

**PURCHASES.**—The Hon. Dr. Tupper has purchased a residence in Ottawa for \$16,000; and the Hon. Mr. Tilley has also purchased a residence in the same city.

The Scientific American, advertised in our columns, is without any exception the best paper of the kind on this continent, and mechanics, farmers and others will find the paper worth ten times the price to them.

**DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES.**—Some papers for a lack of something better to do, are finding fault with Speaker Anglin for filling up appointments, which he is bound to do, as Speaker. It is not probable Mr. Anglin would exercise his authority unless it was necessary for the benefit of Parliament of which he is Speaker until the new House is organized. His ruling and decisions gave general satisfaction.

Another fearful accident is recorded as having taken place on the Great Western

Railway, near Winona, by which several emigrants were killed and maimed.

**Arrival of H. R. H. Princess Louise and His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne.**

The steamship *Sarmatian*, arrived at Halifax on Saturday night last, after a very rough passage, with the Princess Louise and her husband the Marquis of Lorne, Governor General.

A message was immediately sent to the Queen announcing their arrival, and another to the Duke of Argyle, at Cannes, in France, where he is on a visit. During the night messages were received from the Queen, congratulating the Royal party on their arrival. The *Sarmatian* had a very stormy passage, but proved an excellent seaboat.

The vice regal party remained on board the steamship on Sunday, and Sir P. Macdougall, Administrator of the Government, Lady Macdougall, Lt. Gov. Archibald, the Vice Admiral and Sir Hugh Allan, were presented to the Princesses.

Divine service was held on board, and at noon, the Duke of Edinburgh, Captain of the BLACK PRINCE, visited the Princess and Marquis, and lunched with them.

At 10 o'clock on Monday morning, the steamer was brought to the dockyard, the Fleet firing a salute as she passed.

At half past one the official landing took place, the Vice regal party having been received by guards of honor, and amid the most hearty rejoicing by the assembled thousands, the city being filled with visitors from almost all parts of Canada and many from the United States. The ministry, Legislators, Judges, and other dignitaries of Church and State were present, and the City was beautifully decorated for the auspicious occasion.

Her Royal Highness experienced a slight sea sickness, but was recovering and it was hoped would be quite recovered before leaving Halifax.

The Press was largely represented from Canada, England and the United States, and its representatives were to be conveyed to Montreal by special train, and it is averred the Governor General requested the authorities to attach their car to his train, which was complied with.

The addresses were presented and responded to. The Marquis of Lorne, in reply to the address from the Corporation, returned thanks on behalf of the Queen; expressed his gratification at the kind reception he had received, and hoped by generous devotion to the Dominion to merit their esteem and confidence.

The little Council Chamber was crowded to excess by a brilliant assemblage. Sir Patrick Macdougall, administrator, occupied the Governor General's seat, with the Princess Louise on his right, and the Duke of Edinburgh on his left. When the Marquis had been sworn in General Macdougall retired with a courtesy bow. Sir John Macdonald introduced the members of the Cabinet present to the Governor General, and His Excellency shook each by the hand. Sir John and Dr. Tupper, wore the Windsor Uniform, while the remainder appeared in dress suit. Several times during the reading of the address, when particular reference was made to Her Excellency, applause was given, and the Princess bowed in acknowledgment. As soon as the Marquis had been sworn in, a salute was fired, and the Church bells rang out a joyous peal. The procession then reformed, and at this hour is proceeding towards the Admiralty House.

The McCarthy trial is dragging along slowly, with very little new light upon the mystery. Westmorland will have a large bill to pay for the trial. The Osburns have applied for aid to carry on the defence as their funds have been exhausted.

It is reported that Mr. Tilley will ask the Imperial authorities to aid the Canada Pacific Railway with a grant of six millions sterling. This, it would appear, is a proper thing to do, the Home Government being certainly interested in obtaining this additional mode of approach to the East. It is, further, an important part of the Confederation scheme, which has relieved Great Britain of a considerable amount of direct responsibility and expense. One of the papers says that Lord Beaconsfield is not averse to making such a grant, but it further says that it will be conditional on its expenditure beyond the Rockies. If this story were true, no doubt the Columbians would be well satisfied.

The Rev. James Fitzpatrick, officiated in the Presbyterian Church on Sabbath last. His sermons morning and evening were listened to with marked attention by large congregations. The preacher's style and manner is powerful and convincing, his expostions clear, and his abilities of a high order.

Previous to leaving Newfoundland where he was ministering during the past summer, he was presented with an address, in token of the esteem in which he was held by the St. Andrews Church congregation, with a valuable gold watch, chain and lockets. This, to so young a clergyman, must have been as gratifying as it was no doubt merited.

**DOWD'S CONFESSIONS.**—Dowd has made three confessions, the first, which we published on Wednesday to the Jailor and since then one to the Sheriff, Mr. Grimmer and Warden Odell, and the third to his spiritual adviser, the Rev. Mr. Doyle. The latter was rather more lengthy but with this difference, that it was on Ward's attacking him the third time, that he struck the blow, with the axe that killed him. He said:

"While I was returning from picking berries, on the 9th September last, about 4 o'clock, I met a lot of cows, and I was afraid Mr. Mulharris bull was with them, and knowing he was a vicious beast, I went out of the way to avoid him, and came out on the road beyond the gulley, when I met Tom Ward who was carrying an axe and hay fork. I asked Ward how he was getting along haying. Ward replied, 'I haven't been haying, and will never make any more hay.' I said 'I have been berrying.' Ward then said, 'You will never go berrying again; I will kill you,' and he made a pass at me with the pitchfork. I laid hold of him and put him down. We tussled for some time, finally Ward promised to make up friends. We walked along the road together, and when we reached the gully, Ward struck me again with the pitchfork. I ran around the bushes, and he followed me. I then seized the axe and knocked him down. I ran away a short distance. I turned, came back and finished him. I was crazy at the time.

**THE PROGRESS OF CANADA.**—The Dominion of Canada has lately attracted as much attention as any other country on the face of the earth. This is due to a variety of causes, each of which is important in itself, and creditable to the country at large. And probably the more Canada is known in the principal facts of its government, history, and condition, the more thoroughly will it be found to merit the encomiums pronounced upon it. During the last twenty years it has taken immense strides in the path of progress, and with the high vantage ground it occupies at present it may anticipate a more wonderful development and growth in the years to come. In almost every part of the country there are to be found valuable mineral resources, whilst its agricultural products are not surpassed by those of any other land. The fisheries of the Dominion, not including those of Newfoundland, employ 1400 vessels, 22,000 boats, 52,000 men, and over \$3,500,000. In its commercial marine Canada ranks fifth among the nations, and is increasing at the rate of 50,000 tons per year. Her railways now measure 5,700 miles, being one mile of railway for every 690 persons. The lake fleet numbers 3,000 vessels, and her locks are designed to pass vessels of 1500 tons burden. In both exports and imports Canada annually transacts a business amounting to millions of dollars and indeed, in all the essential features of a growing and thriving nation, the Dominion will favorably compare with that of any other country. Well may the Canadians feel proud of their country, and with a well grounded confidence they may anticipate a brighter future.

Sir Albert J. Smith has entered some preliminary objections to the election petition against him. It is likely that these which relate to the validity of the Act, will be sustained in his case as well as the others in this Province.

Some gentlemen left here on Tuesday morning by steamer for St. John, for the purpose it was reported of joining their friends in Moncton in paying their respects to the Marquis.

DR. LAWRENCE, Surgeon Dentist, will thank those who intend calling on him to do so as soon as possible, as his time in Saint Andrews is limited.

**THE FISHERY AWARD** was paid in London on the 23rd inst., by an Agent of the United States Government. The next matter in order will be a fair division among the Maritime Provinces, interested.

A few bbls. Apples at CAMPBELL'S, American Baldwins and Nova Scotian.

**STOPPED.**—The *Woodstock Press* has been discontinued. Woodstock like some other places cannot support two newspapers.

**Buckwheat Flour** at \$2 per hundred or 24 cents per lb, at CAMPBELL'S, with some nice honey to go with it.

**APPOINTMENT.**—We learn that Mr. W. B. Morris has been appointed Station Agent at St. Andrews for the N. B. & C. Railway. Mr. Morris was for several years in the Railway office and is well qualified to discharge the duties from his obliging and attentive disposition.

A lot of cheap White Stone Ware, as also Glass and China at CAMPBELL'S, who will soon have a supply of Christmas Goods.

**A GREAT PAPER.**—On most public matters now a days there are great differences of opinion, but the people of all classes seem to be quite united on one question. Every person who has seen it admits that the *Family Herald and Weekly Star*, of Montreal, is the very best weekly newspaper in the country. It is really a publication that no man can well afford to do without. Take it all in all, it has no equal. The price is only \$1.00 a year, and Canvasers get splendid commissions. It is published by the FAMILY HERALD Publishing Co., Montreal.

**DISMISSALS.**—We are deeply sorry to notice that the American system of removal from office after election, or change of parties and ministers is being carried into practice; it is un-British, and is objectionable for many reasons—it exhibits weakness of judgment in yielding to party pressure and political hostility—is an act of injustice to officials who performed their duties with marked ability and faithfulness without meddling in political matters—and is a precedent which we fear will be adopted and carried into practice at future changes of government. Is it not verifying the doctrine that "to the victors belong the spoils."

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According to Mr. Normand, Secretary to Colonel McLeod of the Canadian Mounted Police, "Sitting Bull's braves are less troublesome than any other tribes on Canadian territory." Mr. Normand reports that everything about the camp is peaceful and orderly, and the best of feeling prevails between the police and the warriors. This would serve to show that anything like decent treatment on the part of the American authorities would have secured the good will and peaceful attitude of these who were driven into hostility. It is understood that in the spring the North West Police will be reinforced by about a hundred recruits.

**A Night Cough** that we are apt to consider a mere annoyance and treat with corresponding neglect, too often proves to be the seed sown for an inevitable *hoarseness*—*Consumption*. Immediate and thorough treatment is our only safeguard. A teaspoonful full of Robinson's Phosphorized Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Lacto-Phosphate of Lime given whenever the Cough is troublesome, will afford immediate relief, and if persevered in will effect a cure even in the most obstinate cases.

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We notice by the *Oakland Radiator*, that our young friend F. M. Campbell is superintendent of schools for that place.

**Printer.**—A steady man of extensive experience, capable taking charge of the mechanical department of a newspaper office, is open for an engagement. He is also a Job Printer, and understands working the modern process. References furnished if required. Address M. D., STANDARD OFFICE, St. Andrews. oct 16

**DEED.**

At Cocobee on the 22nd inst., Elizabeth, relict of the late Turner Brownrigg, aged 84.

At Boston, on the 30th ult., Jane, daughter of Mr. Thomas Madden, aged 24. The remains were brought here and interred in the B. C. Cemetery.

**Ship News**

**PORT OF ST. ANDREWS**  
CLEARED.  
Nov. 20, Brig' Herald, Hanson, St. John, ballast.  
26, Jane, Craig, Eastport, 75 cords wood.

**C. C. Agricultural Society.**

**THE Annual Meeting of the Members of the Charlotte County Agricultural Society** for the election of officers, and the transaction of general business, will be held in PAUL'S HALL on THURSDAY, 28th NOV., inst. at Two o'clock P. M.  
The Annual Dinner will be held at the MERRITT HOTEL, at half-past six o'clock, on the evening of the same day.  
Tickets for dinner, One dollar each, to be had of George Mowat, William Hollis, or the Secretary.  
By order of the President.  
JOHN S. MAGEE.

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