

SUMMARY.

The latest news by cable indicates that Prince Bismarck is vigorously pressing upon both England and Russia a programme by which war may be avoided. He proposes that both Powers shall simultaneously withdraw from Constantinople, and consent to a Congress to revise the treaties of 1856 and 1871. This will involve equal concessions on both sides: England will waive her demand for the discussion of the San Stefano treaty, while Russia will practically lay that document before the Congress. It is very uncertain whether England will accept this plan; but if she refuses it, it is generally conceded that she will be completely isolated from the rest of Europe.

The *Herald's* Jacksonville, Fla., special says for several months an agent has been secretly working in Florida securing evidence showing that Tilden carried that State. MacLin, chairman of the returning board, has made affidavit, stating he was convinced he was misled and that Florida went for Tilden by 500 to 600. He says Noyes, of Ohio, offered him all sorts of preferment and reward, adding that he was authorized to speak for Hayes. MacLin says, influenced by this pressure, he gave the State to Hayes. Dennis, the little giant of Alachua, has confessed, in a written statement, to the fraud of Archer, number two, whose 219 votes were added bodily to the Alachua vote.

SOMETHING NEW.—Our enterprising town man, John Babbitt, was the first person to introduce the Telephone in the city and of having fully demonstrated the advantages of transmitting sound by that method, he has made another advanced step, and today he has the Phonograph satisfactorily working at his own residence, the peculiarity of which is the correct representation of any sound. We have not heard of any successful experiment in this particular having been tried before in the Dominion. Mr. Babbitt is making arrangements for an electric connection from the City Hall clock to his store on Queen st. —Reporter.

The hereditary principle in English politics is attended by one advantage:—it gives a certain number of men that permanence in public life which is one condition necessary to the mastery of political problems. The heir to a seat in the House of Lords knows that all his life he is to have a voice in government, and so can set himself to study the principles of government. The various problems which the law-maker must continually meet, he can make subjects of life-long thought. Now politics (in the higher sense) is just as much a science as law or medicine, and no man is fit for a law-maker who has not made statesmanship a special study, any more than one may be fitted by natural common sense to practise law or theology. The statesman must be trained just as much as the lawyer or physician. It hardly pays for the American to study statesmanship, for though he is in Congress this term, there is no certainty that he will be there next term. We need a greater permanence in public office. —N. Y. paper.

The new Pope seems thus far to have fulfilled to a reasonable degree the expectations based on his well-known moderation and prudence. He has made known to the European Powers that he does not regard the temporal power as a dogma, and that he values it no further than as it may prove a security for his spiritual independence. "As supreme head of the Church," he says through Card. Franchi, "he only demands from Italy a firm assurance of such a state of things as might allow of the complete freedom of the Holy See." As Italy has always been quite willing to grant such an assurance, and was only prevented from giving it by the absurd obstinacy of the late Pope, there seems to be nothing to prevent the realization of Leo's wish.

TURKEY'S MILITARY HERO.—Constantinople has only one military hero—the heroic defender of Plevna. When he returned to the city on March 27 the Sultan received him with tears in his eyes, kissing him several times, and saying, "You have shed a lustre over the Ottoman arms; you have raised our already high military honor and glory in the eyes of the world. I swore before God that I would do you high honor the day I should see you. I will perform the oath today, my gallant hero." The Sultan conferred upon him the order of the Osmanli, first class, with star in brilliants, presenting him, at the same time, with an ancient sword which had belonged to Sultan Ibrahim. The words "In memory of" were engraved on the scabbard and the Sultan remarked that this precious sword belonged by right to the defender of Plevna.

A Baltimore despatch says that P. S. Murgindio, the agent of the company formed to work the Morant Gano Keys, under claim of American discovery, has returned. He found the British Government in possession of the Keys, and was obliged to purchase a lease from that government before the Americans could go to work. The vessel sent out by the latter was cleared under the authority of the United States government, and the matter is in the hands of the State Department for adjustment. The lease was purchased under protest, pending investigation by the United States government.

A meeting of miners and laborers in Pottsville, Pa., requested the State author-

ities to legislate for them by making appropriations to purchase iron and withhold it from the market several years, thus enabling the iron interests to resume, and creating a demand for coal.

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THE EASTERN QUESTION is as complicated as it has been for several months. Indeed there appears to be no change, other than the sensational cablegrams published in the daily newspapers. Russia is playing a deep game, which is anxiously watched by England who is prepared for the worst, her arsenals and work shops, and navy yards are filled with skilled artisans, and troops from England and India, are being dispatched to the Mediterranean. Russia's duplicity does not avail her—the Rumanians and Bulgarians are dissatisfied, and Turkey is gradually approaching to England, whose Government adheres to its determination to have the San Stefano treaty submitted to the Congress. Still the prospects of war are distant, and it may be that Russia will have to retract from her intentions, finding that she will have no aid, and cannot afford to go to war without allies and a depleted treasury, even the Bankers being unable to float a Russian loan in any of the money markets of Europe.

A NEW DEPARTURE.—It is reported that there is a prospect of the New Brunswick University opening its academic doors for the examination of women after a curriculum of studies, which has not yet been decided upon. It is not known whether the course of studies for the male students will be adopted, or one better adapted for lady students introduced, at all events there are several clever girls who will present themselves for matriculation, and possibly as in other countries, carry off the highest prizes. But a short time ago, a young lady in Nova Scotia, the daughter of a Presbyterian clergyman bore off the highest prizes in Greek, Latin, French and Mathematics at the class examination. It is to be hoped, that the time is near, when female students will be admitted to the classes in the Provincial University as has been the case in other countries.

CANDIDATES FOR THE LEGISLATURE have commenced their canvass, and as there are two political parties in the Local Legislature, it would be well that the gentlemen seeking political honors, should declare freely and candidly which of the two parties they would support—the Government or the Opposition. The people generally, can judge whether the present Government has administered the affairs of the Province as well as they expected, or failed in doing so. It is desirable at all times, that there should be a healthy Opposition, for the safety of the country, because no Government ever was perfect, and the Opposition while seeking the offices, also jealously watch the conduct of the Government, and as far as in their power, check extravagance. As the people during the past session were made acquainted through the Press with the doings of the Government, and no doubt read the many able speeches for and against them: here is one fact which should not be forgotten; that a large majority of the representatives approved of their policy, having on all test questions voted for them, this at all events may be regarded as a proof that its legislative and administrative ability, was generally approved by the people's representatives. While admitting this to be correct, it by no means follows that the Opposition was "vexatious," they undoubtedly did good service; and it is not improbable that while several new members may be elected, some of them will join the Government while others will attach themselves to the Opposition. The intelligent electors will select such representatives as they believe will carry out their wishes, and as far as in their power promote the prosperity of the Province.

THE DOMINION ELECTIONS, it is probable will be brought on at an early day, and the principal issue will be on the commercial policy of the Dominion—the Macdonald party are in favor of a protective policy, as they assert, "to encourage the development of manufacturing industries." The Mackenzie party at present in power, believe that no legislation could be devised which would help the industries of the Country, and are of opinion that their policy, will make the country prosperous. The issue should be kept prominently before the electors—protection or free trade; the Maritime Provinces favor the latter.

The Local Government will it is said, hold a session this week, when it is probable the dissolution and time for holding the election will be determined on. Rumor says, the election will be over by the 25th June. There is but little time to canvass; we learn that Mr. Murchie will not offer, and that James Mitchell, Esq., is to be the coming man.

Parties run high in the Province of Quebec, and worse still, disgraceful statements are made and published, implicating prominent men in bartering public offices, to obtain money to delude constituents, and secure the election of political favorites. These unworthy acts are termed now-a-days "scandals," and it is to be regretted that communities are yearly becoming diseased by such corrupt practices. It is but a few years ago, the tone of politics was not marred by such unseemly conduct—when men were elected for their ability and moral standing—when votes could not be bought or sold, and there was no difficulty in obtaining gentlemen of education and probity, to accept a nomination for political honors; but the times are sadly changed. It is difficult now to induce men of standing to accept a nomination, and when they do so, and discharge the duties of offices of honor and trust, ably and faithfully, they have all sorts of scandals raised against them by political opponents. Recent instances could be cited to substantiate our remarks.

The Dominion, which has enjoyed a reputation for quietness, prosperity and strict observance of laws, is, we regret to observe, losing its good name, from the unlawful acts of its worst inhabitants. Many of the journals we receive contain a record of crime which would disgrace any country, the latest is that of abduction in our own Province. Drunkenness is reported to be the primary cause of most of the crimes committed, and no doubt the assertion is correct in the main, but several of the worst acts recently noted were committed by men who claimed to be teetotalers; this however is a matter of small moment, nor does it in any shape reflect upon the principle of total abstinence, but it does show that mere profession of any virtue is no indication of principle, and that as the population increases communities are drifting into the evil practices of older countries, and necessitate strict administration of the law, in the punishment of violators. Happily our own Province has thus far, had but rare cases of great crimes committed within its borders.

LOCAL MATTER.—The Surveyor General arrived home last week, and looks well, notwithstanding his double labor during the Session of attending to his Legislative and Executive duties. He must have been kept busy owing to the absence from the Crown Land Office, of Mr. Inches, who met with a severe accident during the winter which confined him for several weeks to his house.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. James Gallagher of Chamecock, while leaving town on Saturday evening, was thrown out of his wagon, and one of the wheels passed over his neck. Although the injuries were severe, they are not, we learn, dangerous. He was taken to his home on Sunday morning.

FASHIONABLE SPRING GOODS.—Our town and country readers will be interested in the Manchester House advertisement in another place in this days issue. The stock is large, varied, and of the newest and richest designs.

Our friend, Jas. Murchie Esq., of Milltown, never behind in enterprise, has a special train hauling logs from Macdonald to the St. Croix, which will be continued for some months, as he has a large quantity ready for market. Good for the Railways at all events.

AUCTION SALE.—Mr. Hatheway drew a large crowd on Saturday last when selling the Stock, produce, and household furniture belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Edward DeWolfe. The prices realized were fair.

EARLY SOWING.—M. J. C. Andrews, Esq., of Ministers Island, had sown on Saturday last seven and a half bushels of wheat. Several farmers are only preparing the soil for tillage, some have a few early potatoes planted.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Among others which are being made, we notice that Kennedy's Hotel, is having a large dormer window in front, from which an extensive view of the Bay, Islands, and Amegern shore can be seen distinctly. The addition is a great improvement.

A meeting of the voters of Deer Island was held according to public notice on the 25th inst., at Bar Island, for the purpose of selecting a Candidate from the Islands, at the coming election for the Local Legislature. J. S. Thompson and Capt. Lloyd were nominated, and a vote being taken, resulted as follows: Lloyd 94. Thompson 75. Capt. Lloyd is consequently the candidate for the Islands, and will receive a general support from the constituency. We learn that the voters of Campobello and Grand Manan will give Capt. Lloyd a united support.

Mr. Eber S. Polleys, succeeds to the business formerly carried on by the late Wm. Whitlock, Esq., and from a thorough knowledge of the business, having been for several years, chief clerk in the establishment, and of attentive obliging manners, we bespeak for him a liberal share of patronage. Mr. Polleys is also agent for the Steamers, Express, the Queen and Liverpool Insurance Companies of London, and has a practical knowledge of the duties connected with each. His advertisement will be seen in another column.

The Haverhill (Mass.) "Bulletin" mentions the social meeting of three old soldiers of 1812, one of them Capt. Spofford is 88 years of age, and writes without spectacles, the other veterans are Chamberlin, 84 and Varnum 82. Spofford related his adventures, and said every town they passed through while on the march treated them to "punch," and he drank whenever it was lawful to. He has used to be since he was 14 years of age. Will total abstinence produce better specimens of vitality and health than the habits of these old gentlemen.

Mr. J. B. MAGURN, Toronto, has secured the copyright for Canada, of Stanley's new book, giving an account of his travels and adventures on his recent perilous journey through Africa. He will publish a Canadian edition, printed from fac-simile plate of the English edition, giving all the illustrations and maps. The book will be issued in May, and its appearance will be looked forward to with great interest by every one.

The "Printer's Miscellany," published by Mr. Hugh Finlay, St. John, is a useful work to the craft, and should be patronized by those interested in the "art preservative."

A most extraordinary request is to be made by P. S. Gilmore, who is about to visit Paris, with his Band. He asks the American Minister in London to make application to the British Government "for a certificate of protection for such members of Gilmore's Band as may be deemed British subjects, and liable to arrest as deserters, upon arrival in London en route to Paris Exposition." It is rare to find a more consummate piece of impudence and impertinence. Good bye to subordination and discipline should the request be granted to perjured men.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for May well befits the month, with its Italian poets, its Western song birds, and its beautiful Easter poem.

The Number opens with a beautifully illustrated paper, entitled "Coast Rumbles in Essex" by S. A. Drake, the author of "Nooks and Corners of the New England Coast." Mr. Drake, in his most charming style, gives us the romances and humors of Lynn, Swampscot, and Nahant.

"The Song Birds of the West" is contributed by ROBERT RIDGEWAY, the great ornithological authority, and is exquisitely illustrated by Gibson and Leard.

An illustrated story "The Story of Jean Macleomb," is by SUSAN ARCHER WEISS, the pictures by Abbey.

The third paper of the series of "Old Flemish Masters" is about Rubens, and contains some beautiful engravings after his most celebrated pictures.

The Emperor William's summer palaces are described in illustrated paper entitled "Along the Havel," by ARTHUR LENNER, who, in the course of his article narrates an interesting adventure of Carl Schurz's younger days.

"The Easy Chair" opens with an article Daniel Webster, and follows with some very interesting glimpses of the old Walton House, in connection with which it quaintly describes a Flemish interior in the publishing house over the way. It introduces us again to a Sassafras Club discussion, and concludes with a notice of the "Tender Recollection of Irene Macgillivuddy." The other Editorial Departments are as entertaining and instructive as usual.

Manchester April 27. The London correspondent of the "Guardian" telegraphed last night, that there was great enthusiasm manifested in military circles here on its becoming known that the whole of the staff and commissioned officers at Aldershot have received stringent orders from the War Office to hold themselves in complete readiness for immediate active service; in addition to this it is stated that the principal officers have received important secret instructions for certain contingencies. A second English army corps is being raised.

It has been discovered at the U. S. Treasury Department that numerous claims for drawbacks on customs at New York are fraudulent. Two millions have already been paid on these claims.

The rains of the past week, have taken the frost out of the ground, but the land is so cold that there is little vegetation.

Our correspondent "X" has our thanks for his letter &c., we note his suggestion, and feel quite easy with reference to the matter.

HECKER'S SELF RAISING Griddle cake Flour Italian Macaroni & Tapioca at Campbell's. Also Flower Pots of all sizes.

ARREST OF A HALIFAX BANK ROBBER.—Albert C. Moore, who is thought to be one of four men who, in 1876, robbed a Halifax bank of \$25,000, has been arrested at Albany, New York, charged with being one of the confederates who robbed the Cambridgeport, Mass. National, in September. He will probably be brought to Boston for trial. When arrested he had on his person two counterfeit National bonds \$1000 each, and check of \$850.

Milk Pans and Crocks very cheap at T. BLACKS.

Who would have thought ten years ago that there would ever be a premium on greenbacks, yet they have been selling in San Francisco, where they are scarce, at fifty cents on a thousand dollars.

A lot of fresh GARDEN SEEDS, of most all kinds in bulk at CAMPBELL'S.

The record of wrecks, casualties, and consequent loss of life during March is a lengthy and disastrous one. 198 vessels—39 steamers and 69 sailers—figure on Lloyd's blank book. Of these 116 were British vessels. By two wrecks alone a loss of over 800 has been involved—the catastrophe of the "Eurydice," in which, at least 300, and the burning of the "Sphinx," of Cyprus, when 500 Cretanians refugees perished.

There are new advertisements in this issue which present attractions.

We regret to learn that Mr. John Brown's second son, while handling a loaded revolver, it accidentally went off, and the ball lodged in the palm of his left hand. The ball was extracted, and the wound is not dangerous.

Letters were received from J. R. Bradford, Esq., last evening; he and Dr. Gore arrived in England on the 17th inst., after a rather boisterous passage of ten days, in the S. S. "Erin," and it is likely, will be at the opening of the Paris Exposition to-day. They were enjoying their usual health. We will publish some of Mr. Bradford "notes" in our next issue.

LATEST NEWS.

The Secretary for India, Mr. Hardy, states that the measures of the Government were not warlike but precautionary. A war party in the ministry in England was an impossibility.

The Paris Exposition is to be opened to-day, and the city is to be illuminated in the evening. Large numbers of Foreigners are arriving.

The principle of simultaneous withdrawal from Constantinople has been accepted.

Gen. Sir A. H. Horsford, 79th foot, has been appointed commander of the 2nd Army corps. Great activity is displayed at Portsmouth in converting merchant ships into armed cruisers.

The East Indian troops are volunteering by whole regiments to be engaged in military service in Europe.

It is rumored that a league is projected between Denmark, Russia and Germany to close the Baltic.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's mother Chamecock on Thursday evening, 17th inst., by the Rev. Wm. Richardson, Miss Martha Florence Gow, to Mr. Thos. McCullough, both of the Parish of St. Andrews.

DIED.

On the 23rd inst., Nestor G. infant daughter of Capt. Harry Stinson, aged 8 months. In Boston of consumption, Miss Elizabeth Donahue, aged 34 years. The remains were brought here and interred in the R. C. Cemetery.

Ship News.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

ARRIVED.
April, 23, Dolphin, Rooney, Calais, plaster, W. Hicks.
24, Matilda, Stinson, St. Stephen, gen. car.
29, Rockland, Fuller, Calais, ballast.

CLEARED.
April, 27, Jane, Craig, Boston, 3,225 sleepers J. S. Leighton.
29, Rockland, Fuller, Calais, pumice.
London, April 15—Arr'd. Brig. Anna P. Odell, Outhouse.

REMOVAL.

MR. BRADLEY respectfully intimates to the public, that he has removed his store, to the premises at the head of Parr Street, lately occupied by Mrs. Fitzgerald; where he will continue to keep for sale, a general stock of groceries and provisions.

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