

The British Parliament consists of 670 members, of whom a late estimate gives 245 Conservatives and 95 discontented Liberals, against 245 Liberals faithful to Gladstone and 85 Parnellites.

Mr. Wm. HOYLE calculates that to grow the grain to manufacture the £134,000,000 worth of liquor which has been consumed yearly would take a cornfield of more than 2,000,000 acres, or it would cover the entire counties of Kent, Surrey, Middlesex, and Berkshire! Yet we lament over dull trade, while we have more than one million paupers, and as large a number more on the verge of starvation! And all this in a civilized, free, and Christian country!

THE CANADIAN GOVERNOR-GENERAL received a cablegram from Lord Granville, the British Colonial Secretary, expressing the regret of the Queen at Sir John Macdonald's illness, and her hope of his speedy improvement. During Sir John's illness the Governor-General made a point of visiting his residence when there was business requiring transaction. This was unusual, and is taken as a proof of his Excellency's accommodating disposition.

It is a financial triumph for the C. P. R. to be able to raise \$20,000,000 in London, and to pay back the loan received from the Canadian Government. Many thought that loan was virtually a gift.

DISASTROUS floods, caused by the ice jam in the River St. Lawrence, have overtaken the fair city of Montreal. The greater part of the business district was under water, while in some streets the water was five and six feet deep, and fields and all low-lying grounds were covered for miles around. It is said to have been the most destructive flood that ever visited Montreal, the loss of goods in wholesale houses and damage to real estate being estimated at a million and a half of dollars.

THE SENATE of the United States has refused to co-operate with Canada for a new Fishery Treaty. This is likely to cause mutual jealousies.

OBITUARY.



THE death of JOHN A. McDONALD, only son of Mr. John McDonald and Margaret M. McDonald of Hopewell, has caused intense sympathy and profound regret, far and near. He was an eminently steady youth, so gentle, modest, orderly, and dutiful in every way, that he was not only loved and trusted by all, but also honored and admired by those who knew him best as a special favorite whose rising talents were steady and enduring, and whose unfeigned piety was a deep and abiding principle of life from his SAVIOUR, all the better because it was quiet and unostentatious. Such was the beloved and only son, who, in his sixteenth year, has been torn away by death from tender parent hearts that bleed and break beneath the stroke!

Nothing can heal the lifelong wound, except the sure hope of the eternal happiness of their departed darling, and the everlasting consolation of God's WORD that saith: "Refrain thy voice from weeping and thine eye from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border." (Jer. 31: 16, 17.)

Say, why should friendship grieve those
Who safe arrive on Canaan's shore?
Released from all their hurtful foes,
They are not lost—but gone before.

Secure from ev'ry mortal care,
By sin and sorrow vex'd no more,
Eternal happiness they share,
Who are not lost—but gone before.

To Zion's peaceful courts above
In faith triumphant may we soar,
Embracing in the arms of love
The friends not lost—but gone before.

On Jordan's banks whenever we come,
And hear the swelling waters roar,
Jesus, convey us safely home,
To friends not lost—but gone before.

MR. WILLIAM GILLIS, father of the Rev. John Gillis of Eldon, Ontario, died in peace on April 5th, in his quiet home at Lyndale, P. E. I., aged 85 years. He was born in the Isle of Skye, Scotland, in the year 1800, and came to P. E. Island about 1832, with his worthy wife, Mary McPhee, and two children. They had nine children more, born in P. E. I., of whom three have died; so that his surviving family now numbers eight children, thirty grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, of good hope. He was a devoted member of the Rev. Donald McDonald's church from an early period, and adhered to it faithfully and consistently till the end of his life. He died in joyful hope of blissful immortality through JESUS CHRIST, and leaves a good name which is better than riches, and a bright example of Christian faith and virtue. His devoted wife was a true helpmeet, and made her life very useful at home, and among the afflicted all around her. She died in peace and good hope about one year before the death of her husband. "The righteous is taken away from the evil to come." Isa. 57: 1.

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