

gran utter that they will not. England should send more soldiers to Herat, to Candahar, to Jellalabad — should possess herself of the Kyber Pass, — or she should go out of the country altogether. Lord Ripon was appointed Viceroy of India on Gladstone's Government going into power. This is the same Lord Ripon who was Grand Master of the English Freemasons, who turned Catholic some years ago, and resigned the Grand Mastership of the Masons to the Prince of Wales. The Earl is now ill of jungle fever and it is thought he will have to leave India. Nothing but a change of air can cure this fever. Earl Dufferin will probably be Lord Ripon's successor should the latter resign.

THE AFRICAN QUEST.

Zululand has been quiet the past year, and King Cetshwayo has been in England since learning European civilization. Barnum has offered immense sums for him as a contribution to his curiosities. Last summer Empress Eugenie went to the Zulu wilds to see the spot where her beloved son fell. Towards the autumn the Basutos began to thirst for conquest and troubled the Cape authorities. But they have been whipped several times, and feeling the smart are ready now to come to terms. But another fighting spot has broken out, — this time it is the Boers of the Transvaal against British authority in their province. They have been successful so far against the few Colonial forces, but Imperial troops will soon be sent and the rebels crushed out.

TURKEY.

Turkey stands much the same from year to another. She is pledged, and only pledged to social reforms, and these Mr. Gladstone attempted early in the summer through Mr. Goschen to have carried out. By the Berlin treaty, Turkey was to cede Dulcigno a port on the Adriatic to Montenegro. The Albanians held the port, and Turkey pretended she could not coerce the occupants into cession. It was to effect this little matter that the world's great armadas went up the Adriatic, sailed up and down before the town of Dulcigno, and went away again the laughing stock of Europe. In the end Dulcigno was given up, and the Montenegrins entered it with a howl. The Greek frontier is just as insignificant as ever still.

FRANCE.

France has not forgotten the day when her fallen Emperor signed his warlike terms in the cotton weavers' cottage. She is biding her time, building up her dismantled forts, paying off her debts, casting more modern guns, and quietly but surely sharpening her weapons of war. Germany though sturdy and strong is yet somewhat appalled at France's silence; and when a question between the powers comes up, France and Germany have eyes for nothing or anybody, but one another. Alsace and Lorraine upon the border for the last hundred years had been France's boasted best accession—dependent upon it the Teuton will not hold them without a struggle. Bismarck cannot always live—nor can the army always have Von Moltke to draw the battle in the tent. Germany and France have to fight—than this there is nothing more sure.

GERMANY.

The result of the year in Germany was the marriage of the Princess Frederica of Hanover to a humble Baron. Emperor Wilhelm was shocked, but Queen Victoria proved herself a happy match maker, and the affair managed in the Royal Chapel of Windsor. Germany is now arrayed against the resident Jews—and the Catholics are not molested for the nonce. Germany has a protective policy like Canada.

[To be concluded in next.]

The North Star.

CHATHAM, N. B., JANUARY 5, 1881. J. E. COLLINS, Editor. The County has now mourned Five Days for Deserter Snowball.

A PROPHECY HATH NO HONOUR, ETC.,

What an appreciative City Halifax surely must be to have sent over to St. John for Mr. Anglin to raise a disturbance in Nova Scotia about the Contract. Now in St. John the City in which Mr. Anglin lives, the people are so unappreciative they have persistently refused to elect Mr. Anglin, and would not dream of asking him to make a speech against the Contract or any other measure.

He is so thoroughly satisfied of his uselessness in Ottawa that he has deserted and gone to England.

THE SPIRIT OF LATEST DESPATCHES.

At a Land meeting lately in Youngdale a new feature was 2,000 mounted farmers. Most of the Transvaal has now passed out of British hands. Greece is introducing aims on the mainland from Corfu and other places—contrary to treaty. It is now thought it will be announced in the Queen's speech that proceedings against the Land League will be abandoned.

4,000 Turcomans recently raided Baurna and captured 500 camels. The Russians pursued and retook 250 camels near Gook Tepe, where a severe combat occurred. The garrison made a sortie and captured two camels, which the Russians afterward recaptured and then returned to Rani. A Turcoman general was wounded.

A FABLE.

Long ago when the lower animals possessed the power of speech, and the gift of a certain kind of reason, in a distant corner of the earth, there dwelt in one country the Ass, the Dog, the Fox, and the Wolf, and various other animals as well, which formed one community. The Ass beheld how great a thing it would be if he could become the popular animal of the tribes, and to this end he always spoke on things pertaining to the state, and told the Lion and the Dog, and the Wolf and the Fox what they ought to do. In time the various animals began to live in becoming order, and each subjected himself to the general laws. The Ass still continued to lecture the rest, but his great soul hungered and thirsted after popularity. He wished to be the favorite with the Fox, with the Wolf, with the Lion, and when a vicious wolf sallied forth through against the laws, and tore the bleating ewe, the righteous Ass said, 'The wolf is just; he did no harm—and then he again preached morality. And when the Fox stole out at night and cut the goose's throat, and all the other beasts heard about it, the wise Ass said it was good—the fox did no harm—and then turned away to give another moral lecture. The wolf thanked him and said, 'You are my friend, and the fox said, 'Well done noble Ass, and so said ever other evil doer—and the popularity of the Ass was very great.

It was not a little significant that Mr. Blake refused to hear Sir Charles Tupper confronting him the other evening while he spoke against the contract with the Synchate. His friends thus urged him: Mr. Blake, the enemy will say we are weak if we refuse to face them; we think you ought to invite Sir Charles to the platform. You have facts that no one can confute, and these in the enemy's face will tell with tenfold force before the country. But Mr. Blake will object, said he wanted the entire meeting to himself and he would not be interrupted. He spoke, not indeed a new speech, but the same thing over again which he gave the Commons. It was the usual two-edged sword that cut right and left, but dealt deeper wounds to his own party than to Sir John's. The Minister of Railways was in the audience and he had his note book in his hand. When Mr. Blake reached his loftiest flights, and made his strongest points, Sir Charles smiled. The next evening it was different, for Sir Charles had the platform, and Mr. Blake's speech was his theme. Sir Charles in debate is always a giant, confronting an opponent, especially when an opponent's argument leaks, he is irresistible. In this case he simply annihilated Mr. Blake's whole argument, and so conclusively did his speech carry conviction to the mass of people in the hall, that when he said 'Let my man who would oppose this contract hold up his hand, only three hands were put up.

apparent twenty years hence as now. It is absurd, all things considered, to say the Government needn't fill the seats which now he vacate, for that would be as unconstitutional and as much without their jurisdiction as for their legislation to refuse to sanction their bills up stairs for the a-soff of the chamber. The chamber was established by the act of Union and it can only be disestablished by supreme legislation, or by Provincial legislation which means the concurrence of both branches. It is folly therefore to talk about letting the upper branch 'die out' but it is only talked of by those who know no better. For our part we should be delighted to see it swept away tomorrow, but that is an atom only in the scale. The Government must, therefore appoint, but they should appoint only such men as pledge their word to the abolition of the chamber when the time for action comes: and no honorable man would repudiate his word of honor. It looks quite to ask a man to be *felo de se*; and to ask a gentleman like Hon. T. R. Jones to extinguish himself when the good of his country demands his suppression, would seem perfectly monstrous; but fit for the country's interest that the expensive old tree should go, let no man cry out with unbecoming pity, 'O woodman spare it.'

There are four vacancies now in the Legislative Council we believe, and some people foolishly hint at a fifth. They indulge the foolish fancy that Ex-Hon. W. M. Kelly, having left the Province disfranchised himself, and that his seat will be therefore empty. They are very foolish, indeed if they think Mr. Kelly will allow himself to be snuffed out so easily; because that gentleman for the good of his country has been in many a tight place, and always squeezed through successfully. Why rather than that they should disqualify him because of being a non-resident, and that seems to be the grounds urged by those who want to get him out, he would build a camp somewhere in this side of the line, and sleep two or three nights of the year in it. This would continue his legal qualification.

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Significant.

AY, INDEED. The people of this County will question the efficacy of Jabez Snowball's published howls against the contract when they ask themselves, —Where now is Snowball? If he think the contract such an odious thing, he will stay in Ottawa and oppose it; he will tell the House his objections to it. That is the place to fight iniquitous measures. 'But he!' they say, 'he is not in Ottawa now. While every other Liberal Representative in the Dominion is in Ottawa opposing the contract, our Mr. Jabez is in England attending to his own business. Out on him; he has deceived us. What does the ignorant rant of his newspaper signify? We can have that all the year round, but Parliament meets only once a year. It is there we want him! Yes—but does not serve Northumberland just right to be today the only county in Canada unrepresented at Ottawa, and at the most important time in the history of this country. Suppose every Liberal attacked the deserter and fled away—the tick of the battle as our deserter had done; what then?—but then a speech made up from dead invoices would be no good against the contract, and Jabez has fled away thoroughly appreciating his own uselessness.

Hon Mr Macdougall has spoken on the Pacific contract but his objections are merely matters of detail; though rather than that the contract should not carry he would forego these. Mr Macdougall is the Conservator of the Reformation of the Reformers made such a flourish of trumpets.

We know he is no loss to the county; but that is not the point: his place when the Parliament is sitting, is Ottawa.

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LOCAL MATTERS. Smelt Notes. Seven horse loads of smelt came into town on Monday from Negus. Those belonged to Messrs. Morrison of New-castle. Personal. We regret to say that Senator Muirhead is yet quite unwell, and will from his present appearance, not be able to go to Ottawa. Badly Burnt. Mr. Chas. Johnson the young man who attends the steam fog whistle at Miscou was in town New Years day and fell against a hot stove badly burning his eye. His team whistle engineers stayed home attending to the business for which the Government pays them, they would not meet these accidents.

We have received an excellent letter from W. N. W. on the Irish question; but are obliged to hold it over till there is less of a press of matter upon our columns. We publish a letter from Tabusiac, signed 'Rose,' which is the last letter we will publish on the subject treated of—whatever the subject may be. It is pretty plain however that the matter in dispute is of a personal nature, and as such it cannot edifying, or even entertaining to parties outside the small circle of the parties concerned.

That Judgship. His Honor Judge Williston is not going to resign, so it is now said; though the Judge has not informed any one why. The truth is the pension list is considered large enough, and so long as Judges or others are able to do their duty in a way approaching what may be called tolerable, they will not be added to it. There will therefore be no change made till the other party regains power, and then Mr. Snowball will give the position to a Liberal Q. C.!! What wonderful powers truly, Jabez Snowball will possess!—that is Snowball the Deserter.

What was known as the old Kelly homestead lately occupied by J. Harris, Esq., jeweller, has been purchased by Jas. Nichol, Esq. merchant, from Mr