

## CHIGNECTO POST AND BORDERER.

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The Manitoba local elections take place July 11th.

President Cleveland has signed the bill appropriating \$8,000,000 for pensions.

The writ for the Cumberland election has been issued; nomination July 3, polling July 10.

The Pope will soon issue an important encyclical dealing with the true and false in liberty.

A petition has been filed against the return of Archibald Campbell, Grit M. P. for Kent, Ont., alleging bribery, personal and by agents.

Letters from the Congo confirm the fears that trouble has befallen the Stanley expedition. The Nord has received bad news regarding Stanley.

Addresses of condolence to the Queen, and to the Empress Victoria, on the death of Emperor Frederick, were passed by the British Lords and Commons.

Hon. C. H. Tupper, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, was elected in Pictou on Monday by acclamation. The advocates of the railway route did not seem very anxious to put the matter to the test in that county.

The Detroit Free Press says: "The outrages committed in Canadian waters will certainly lead to reprisals, and then four-fifths of the country will be howling over Canada's 'meanness.' The Yankee fishermen seem to be about as reckless of treaties and rights as any heathen."

Lord Rosebery in a speech at Inverness, said Friday, said he thought a local Government measure ought to precede Home Rule for Scotland, but it was unwise to associate that question with Irish Home Rule. If the Irish had a Parliament in Dublin their contingent in the Imperial Parliament ought to be largely reduced.

The Dominion loan of four millions sterling at three per cent. has resulted most satisfactorily. The tenders opened last Friday numbered about 400 and amounted to twelve million sterling at prices varying from 95½ to 99½, which was the minimum. So numerous were the high priced tenders that those at 95½ received 34 per cent. of the amounts applied for, while those above 95½ received the full amount. The average price obtained is 95½ to 96 per cent.

Rum Rampant in Westmorland! is the heading that Mr. C. E. Knapp places over a letter to the Times in which he shows that the Scott Act victory last February has not produced the results that the advocates of the act anticipated and promised. In the statement Mr. Knapp's letter had been made by an opponent of the Scott Act they might have been disputed in some quarters, but coming from a warm supporter of the measure and an ardent prohibitionist, there seems to be no reason to doubt their accuracy.

The third annual rifle competition by teams from the Maritime Provinces was held at Bedford last Thursday and resulted in a victory for the New Brunswick marksmen by a score of 661, against 646 by the Nova Scotia team and 616 by the P. E. Islanders. The first interprovincial match was fired at Moncton in 1880 and was won by New Brunswick, but last year the Nova Scotians came out ahead at Charlottetown. This season the New Brunswickers have vanquished the Nova Scotians on their own ground, and have thus won two of the three matches fired. The highest individual score this year was by a Nova Scotian, but one man in each of the other teams was only one point behind.

## The Presbyterian Assembly.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada convened in St. Matthew's church, Halifax, on Wednesday evening of last week. Rev. Dr. Burts, the retiring Moderator, occupied the pulpit and delivered an able and eloquent sermon. Rev. T. McMillan, of Woodstock, Ont., was nominated for Moderator for the ensuing year and was elected by acclamation. A large amount of work has been done during the week. The number of Presbyteries under the jurisdiction of the General Assembly is 43, of which 42 are in Canada and one in India. One Presbytery has been added since the last convention. The report of the committee on Statistics shows phenomenal growth during the past year. The number of pastoral charges reported is 783, eight more than last year. The number of ministers' names on the Presbytery roll 845, an increase of 23. Besides these there are 55 ministers in active service whose names are not on the Presbytery rolls. Fifty-two churches were built during the year and 17 manse. The number of families reported as connected with the congregations is 78,646, an increase of 2,423. The number admitted to the fellowship of the church on personal profession of faith was 13,471, and 5,130 were admitted on certificate. There are 746 missionary organizations, 400 of which are connected with the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. In the Sunday schools there are 113,000 scholars and 13,000 teachers. The average stipend of the ministers of the church is \$943. The expenditure during the year for strictly congregational purposes was \$1,303,226, an increase of \$150,000. The amount contributed to Missions was \$226,500, an increase of over \$83,000. The contributions per family averaged \$22, and per communicant \$9.57. The next meeting of the General Assembly will convene at Toronto on the second Wednesday of June, 1889.

## The Farmers' Opportunities.

Dr. G. M. Twitchell's Lecture in Music Hall.

About 250 people, of whom probably one half were farmers and their families, assembled in Music Hall on Tuesday evening to listen to an address by Dr. G. M. Twitchell, of Maine. Mr. A. C. Carter, President of the S. & W. Agricultural Society, presided, and Col. W. M. Blair, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm Station, and Mr. Howard Treuman, Secy. of the S. & W. Agl. Society, occupied seats on the platform.

Dr. Twitchell, on being introduced by the chairman, referred to the pleasant visit he had paid to the Province when engaged by the Local Government, and said he had greater pleasure in returning on the invitation of the farmers of Westmorland. He had not had time to prepare a lecture for use in his present visit, but had brought with him papers which he had read before the Granges and Farmers' Clubs of the State of Maine, and one of these had been selected for the present occasion by the gentlemen who had invited him.

Each farmer has opportunities offered him, the importance of which cannot be overestimated. Opportunity forms the two sides of the ladder by which we climb, and out of skill and genius are of little avail. The strength of a chain is at the weakest link, and the success of the farmer depends on the strength of the chain of co-operation, education and association. In farming the old conditions have completely changed. Formerly the farmer found a market less exacting than at present, and the margin of profit was larger. The channels of trade which afford facilities for carrying our products to the markets of the world, bring back the products of other countries to compete with ours. The owners of Bermuda or South America undersell our own, and the hens of Denmark or France or Germany rob us of the profits of our barnyard fowls. Agriculture is the bed rock of our prosperity, and upon it millions of unborn millions depend for sustenance. Edward Atkinson, the political economist, estimates that the United States, with a present population of sixty millions, is capable, if properly cultivated, of sustaining a thousand million people. Old time methods of farming in agriculture. The farms that once yielded bountifully are through imperfect cultivation comparatively barren. Steam has brought the countless millions of China, India and Russia into direct competition with our own farmers. Farming in the future must be conducted on a different basis to be successful. Farm work must be more intensive. More must be done with horses. One horse can plant ten acres of corn in a day better than can be done by hand. The farmer can get off to sell one ounce of raw material. Farming must be more thorough. We must find what food the crops require and give them that food. The farmer who sells a ten of clover hay robs his farm of \$5 worth of plant food. The market is a hard one to draw upon to pay outstanding bills. The farmer has his bank, but it is of no use. If the merchant continues to draw upon his bank account without making deposits, the time will come when his drafts will be dishonored. Poor crops are dishonored cheques. Co-operation must be an essential element in the farming of the future. Farmers should not be the last to combine for their own interest. Why should not the farmers of New Brunswick combine as well as the milliners? Why should they not pool their potato crop? Why should they not send one of their own number to market their surplus horses, instead of paying profits to the middlemen? If proof were needed of the benefits of co-operation it can well be found in the results of associated dairying in Maine. The lecturer contended that when business methods were carried into farming it was more successful than any other occupation. The lecture abounded with good advice and suggestive hints, and we regret that the pressure on our columns will not permit of a more extended report.

Col. Blair, on being called upon, said that he came to listen and not to speak, but he was glad of the opportunity of mingling the acquaintance of the farmers of Westmorland, and hoped at some future time to have the pleasure of discussing farming matters with them.

Frauds on Farmers. Shoddy cloth swindlers have been getting in their work in Halifax County of late, and the farmers in the section have been deceived by shrewdly shrewd swindlers, who are aggregating several thousand dollars. It is the same old story, without even the merit of novelty. The smooth-tongued swindlers exhibit suit patterns, table cloths, counterpanes, etc., which they quote at less than half the usual price, and then offer the whole lot for a lump sum. If the victim does not bite at once a few more short lengths of cotton or other goods are thrown in, the swindler in the meantime keeping up a steady flow of talk in praise of the goods, and finally the transaction is closed, the poor dupe thinking he has secured a wonderful bargain. When the purchaser has time to investigate the goods he finds, too late, he has paid more than double what the articles are worth. It is really surprising how shrewdly swindlers, who are keen enough in dealing with each other or with their own merchants should be so readily taken in by the shoddy swindlers, but it appears that the prospect of obtaining a great bargain, even in goods that do not need, is quite sufficient to overcome their habitual caution.

Values in San Francisco wool market have dropped to lower levels than ever before known there.

## PERSONAL.

General Sheridan is gradually improving.

Lady Macdonald is staying at her summer cottage at Riviere de Loup.

Walt Whitman, the poet, is dangerously ill. He is an ecotegenarian.

Ex-Senator Tabor, of Colorado, uses in his private office a bar of gold, valued at \$12,000, as a paper weight.

Murray Dodd has been appointed County Court judge for Cape Breton, vice Tremaine, resigned, through ill health.

The young Earl of Derby, who has just reached his majority, has a rent roll of at least \$100,000 a year, and an immense sum of money that had been accumulating during his minority.

Mrs. McMaster, widow of the late Senator McMaster, has by deed relinquished her interest in her magnificent residence on Bloor street, Toronto, which is to be converted into a hospital for the aged.

Geo. W. Barnaby, sub-collector of Customs at Kentville, N. S., has been suspended. There is said to be a shortage of about \$1500 in his accounts, and the matter is being investigated by Inspector Hill.

The civil formalities of the marriage of Miss Flora West, second daughter of Hon. Sir Lionel Scott, of West, British Ambassador to the United States, to M. Salanson, recently third secretary of the French legation in Washington, took place at Paris on Monday.

Says the Halifax Chronicle: John R. Bothwell, who is in New York negotiating for capital with which to purchase control of some of the principal Cape Breton coal mines, is now expected to return to Halifax any day, having completed all arrangements to his satisfaction. The enterprise involves something like \$4,000,000.

The late Rufus Seaman, of Minnie, owned property valued at from \$20,000 to \$30,000 consisting largely of land on the "big marsh."

He left his estate to his brother Ames Seaman, of Boston, and Rufus Hibbert and Mrs. M. S. Stierne, the son and daughter of his sister, Mrs. George Hibbert, the property to be divided equally among the three.

Emperor Frederick, of Germany, died last Friday after reigning a little more than three months. He had secured the love and esteem of his people, and his death is sincerely regretted. His son and successor, Emperor William II., has issued orders to the army and to the people which do not reveal any of the blood-thirstiness which has been attributed to him.

Parricide. Scott Act booming here now. Oats are very scarce here now and high.

There are only 3 deal ships at West Bay at present, but there are several over due.

Potatoes are retailing at 40 cts. per bushel; eggs, 12 cents per doz. and butter, 20 cents per lb.

The rain last few days has had a wonderful effect upon the crops. Grass is looking fine now.

Three engines were disabled on the C. Ry. one day last week and the day before three horses ran away and two threw their respective drivers out, more or less injuring them. Grass is looking fine now.

A young man named Mason was seriously injured at E. D. Langgells mill by a hard wood log rolling over him. One of his ears was completely cut off and his head was considerably bruised; otherwise he received no serious injuries. It was a case of carelessness.

The Hon. J. P. S. John, lectured in the Rink Hall last Wednesday evening to a small but appreciative audience. The committee of management were thirty odd dollars short. High priced temperance orators are at a discount here—nearly fifty per cent.

Coal shipments continue dull. What about that \$3,000, dredging job. I'm afraid the young man who refused to go to work at the mill for fear the coals might come will soon get tired of waiting—perhaps others will also. With the Ship Railway and Short Line at the western end we want a way to help along the cause.

Politics booming—but no Liberal in the field. It is more like a family quarrel than a political contest. It is amusing to hear some of the remarks applied to Mr. Casey by some of the strong party men. However, say what they will, the prohibition candidate will poll a good vote here—should no Liberal offer, he will get an almost solid liberal vote—unless the Chronicle goes back on him like it did on J. T. Bulmer. He will also get a good vote from the Conservatives.

The good prospects of the Northwestern farmers have been further brightened by a copious fall of rain which occurred on Monday and Tuesday. A section stretching from eastern Manitoba as far west as Calgary has been visited. The result is a greatly improved feeling and people look forward with confidence to a repetition of last year's abundant harvest. Crops of all kinds have now obtained a good start, and under ordinary conditions there need be no fear left as to the outcome. The North-West boom in progress and population is safe.

The new Baptist seminary at St. Martins is now ready for occupancy, but will not open until the regular fall academical term; probably in September. Negotiations are still pending to secure a first-class principal for the institution. It is understood that a portion of the teaching staff has been secured.

The annual report of the directors of the St. John Bolt and Nut Company shows a profit for the past year of \$6,000.

## Methodist.

The last quarterly meeting of the Point de Bute circuit was held last Friday evening. The Recording Steward, Martin Treuman, Esq., presented the financial report for the year ending May 31st, which showed the condition of the church to be highly satisfactory. The following resolution was moved by Howard Treuman, Esq., and seconded by Hon. Sherid McQueen, in a way that testified to their high appreciation of their preacher's services, and the whole board gave a unanimous rising vote when Rev. D. Chapman, the chairman, called them up:

Resolved that the members of this quarterly meeting feel it to be their duty and privilege to present their heartfelt thanks to the Rev. Samuel R. Ackman for his very efficient discourses and pulpit ministrations in his labors of love on this circuit and feel deeply grateful that his faithful efforts have been crowned and blessed. They also desire to express their appreciation of the Christian conduct and deportment of his estimable wife and family, and to commend them long be spared to be honored and useful members of the church militant.

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