

been let loose with the opening of the river, and were now careering wildly in the cruel exultations of recovered freedom.

It was an hour of agony and suspense. The frightened inhabitants stood there waiting for the worst. As yet, they could do nothing.

Ten minutes elapsed—twenty, thirty, forty minutes—an hour passed by, and no change took place. The ice stood firm, though the waters thundered and the winds roared as in mid sea.

There was an old man who watched the catastrophe in all its phases, with more calm than the rest, and, perhaps, with more intelligence. It was the bellman of the church.

"Be on the alert," said he. "I am going to the tower, to sound the tocsin, at that moment. We must arouse the people of the neighbouring ranges, in case their help is needed."

The old bellman had guessed true. Scarcely had the last stroke of the ninth hour sounded, than a crash louder than the first was heard, and the masses of ice in front of Varennes sank into the water, like a tumbling mountain.

"The water rises! The water rises!" Those who were below rushed up the broad road which leads from the water's edge to the front of the church. Those who were above, being pushed back by the retreating crowds, broke into disorderly groups towards the first houses of the village.

To be continued.

At the Belfast Police Court, recently, a man was fined forty shillings and costs for being drunk and cursing the Pope, and a woman mulcted in a similar sum for being drunk and blessing his Holiness.

A rich man died in Maine recently, and his dying speech was—"Plant me as soon as I am cold; don't, please don't, carry me round for a side show. Remember Penbody." He was planted accordingly.

The fly has its use. He serves to keep awake sinners at church on a warm day, so that the preacher's word may be touched by the un-generated hearts of the congregation.

The majesty of the law was fearfully sustained by Lord Esgrave, who, it is related, once sentenced a tailor for murdering a soldier, in these words: "And not only did you murder him, whereby he was deprived of life, but you did thrust, or push, or propel the deadly weapon through his regimental breeches, which were his Majesty's."

The long-promised pieces of 25fr., corresponding in value to the English sovereign, are now in process of fabrication at the French Mint, and will shortly be issued to the public. Their name apparently has not yet been decided, but people seem determined to call them "sterlings," in compliment to the English pound.

STRIVING AGAINST FATE.—Walking one day with a well-dressed man of fashion, the elder Mathews (whose great affliction in life was that he was never able to lose anything) suddenly found out that his gloves were in the shabbiest possible condition. They were torn, soiled, and worse still, they had been mended. Eager to divest himself of such obnoxious "properties," he rolled them up furtively together, and as they were passing over Westminster Bridge at the time, he seized a favourable moment to jerk them into the Thames.



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NOTICE. By an order of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, bearing date the 4th day of February, 1870, and published in the Canada Gazette of the 12th of the same month, certain tolls are imposed and authorized to be levied on all vessels stopping at the following piers, and on goods landed thereon or shipped therefrom, to wit: At Bimowski, Riviere-du-Loup, Riviere-Quelle, Malabar, Eboulements, L'Islet and Berthier.

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The Commissioners appointed to construct the Intercolonial Railway give Public Notice that they are now prepared to receive tenders for four further Sections of the Line.

Section No. 32 will be in the Province of Quebec, and will extend from the Eastern end of Section No. 8 to Station 29, near Malait Lake, about 202 miles in length.

Section No. 33 will be in the Province of Quebec, and will extend from the Eastern end of Section No. 12 to Station 42, a point between the mouth of the River Annapolis and the little Matapedia Lake, about 223 miles in length.

Section No. 34 will be in the Province of New Brunswick, and will extend from the Eastern end of Section No. 19 to Station No. 67, a point fully half a mile Eastward from the crossing of the River Nepisiguit—length, twelve one-tenth miles.

Section No. 35 will be in the Province of New Brunswick, and will extend from the Eastern end of Section No. 3 to the Western end of Section No. 10, about 181 miles in length.

The contracts for the above sections to be completed and ready for laying the track by the 1st day of July, 1872.

The Commissioners also give Public Notice that having annulled the Contracts for Sections Nos. 3 and 4, they are now prepared to receive tenders for re-letting the same.

Section No. 3 is in the Province of New Brunswick, and extends from Station No. 30, about two miles South of the Boston Bay River to Station No. 190, about 2500 feet South of Bel River, near Dalhousie, being a distance of about 24 miles.

Section No. 4 is in the Province of Nova Scotia, and extends from Station No. 220, on the Annapolis Ridge to Station 0, on the Blizze, about a mile North of the River Phillip, a distance of about 27 miles.

The contracts for Sections Nos. 3 and 4 to be completely finished and ready for laying the track by the 1st day of July, 1873.

Plans and Profiles, with Specifications and terms of contract, will be exhibited at the office of the Chief Engineer in Ottawa; and at the office of the Commissioners in Toronto, Quebec, Rimouski, Dalhousie, Newcastle St. John, and Halifax, on and after the 10th March next; and Sealed Tenders addressed to the Commissioners of the Intercolonial Railway, and marked "Tenders" will be received at their office in Ottawa, up to 7 o'clock P.M., on Monday, the 4th day of April, 1870.

Surances for the completion of the contract will be required to sign the Tender.

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- 1. No Officer of the Civil Service shall, under any circumstances, be permitted to act as Attorney for the receipt of public moneys. 2. No power of Attorney will be recognized, received, or acted upon by the Receiver-General, which is not printed, and of the form to be obtained from the Department of the Receiver-General, under which only payment can be made—and such power will operate as to any sum of money due only by the Government at the date of the power of Attorney.

It is, however, optional with the party executing any Power of Attorney to a Bank or Agent of a Bank, prior to the execution, to erase the words "or may hereafter become due."

4. Duplicate Powers of Attorney must be produced in every case, except when there may be General Power of Attorney, as above-mentioned, to a chartered Bank or Agent of a Bank, in which case a duplicate must be lodged with the Finance Department.

5. All Powers of Attorney and duplicates must be signed in the presence of a witness. 6. In case of the death of the person in whose behalf payment is claimed, the probate of Will or other proof that the applicant is entitled to receive the money, must be furnished on application for such payments.

Blank Forms of Powers of Attorney may be obtained from the Department of the Receiver-General and at all Branches of the Bank of Montreal.

By order of the Board, JOHN LANGTON, Secretary. Treasury, Ottawa, 1st Feb. 1870.



J. YOUNG, U.S.A. CANADA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

JOHN A. MACDONALD, WHEREAS, in and by a certain Act of the Parliament of Canada, passed in the Thirty-first year of our said Majesty Queen Victoria, and intitled "An Act respecting Currency," it is amongst other things in effect enacted that our Governor may at any time after the passing of that Act declare by proclamation that all or any of the Silver coins of the United States of America, or of any other foreign nation or State, coined before the passing of the said Act, shall when of weights and dates to be assigned in such proclamation pass current and be a legal tender in the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, and New Brunswick, at rates in currency to be assigned to them respectively in such Proclamation, to such amount in any one payment as may be therein declared.

NOW KNOW YE, and We do hereby declare and proclaim that on and after the FIFTEENTH day of APRIL now next hereafter, the Silver coins namely: half-dollars, quarter-dollars, dimes and half-dimes, of the United States of America, coined before the passing of the hereinbefore in part recited Act of the Parliament of Canada, that is to say subsequent to the First day of July, which was in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and prior to the Twenty-second day of May, which was in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and which are hereinafter mentioned, shall, when of the weights and dates hereinafter assigned in this our Royal Proclamation, pass current and be a legal tender in the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, and New Brunswick, at rates in currency hereinafter assigned to them respectively. In this our Royal Proclamation, to the amount of Ten Dollars in any one payment. And we do hereby further declare and proclaim that the Silver coins of the United States of America aforesaid shall be of the weights and dates hereby assigned, and pass current and be a legal tender as aforesaid, at the rates in currency hereby assigned to them respectively by this our Royal Proclamation, that is to say: half-dollars of the weight of one hundred and ninety-two grains at forty cents—quarter-dollars of the weight of ninety-six grains at twenty cents—dimes of the weight of thirty-eight grains and four-tenths of a grain at eight cents—and half-dimes of the weight of nineteen grains and two-tenths of a grain at four cents.

Of all which our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly. In testimony whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed: Witness Our Trusty and Well Beloved, The Right Honourable Sir JOHN YOUNG, Baronet, one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General of Canada. At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottawa, the FOURTH day of FEBRUARY, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and in the thirty-third year of Our said Majesty Queen Victoria.

By command, J. C. AIKINS, Secretary of State.

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UNTIL further notice the following Banks will receive United States Silver Coin (halves and quarters) for exportation on Government account, at five per cent. discount, viz:

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In making deliveries in Montreal it will be necessary to call at my office for warrants on one of the Banks receiving the Silver.

For further particulars application may be made at the Offices and Agencies of the above-named Banks, or to the undersigned, at his Office, 121, St. Francois Xavier Street, Montreal. W. WEIR, 19a

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