

## CHIGNECTO POST AND BORDERER.

SACKVILLE, N. B., MAY 1, 1884.

—The Quebec Government propose to do away with the Council of Agriculture and with societies, and establish in each county a model farm, by a small subsidy of from \$300 to \$500.

—Crop reports from England and the continent of Europe are favorable. Wheat, barley and flour have been dropping in price throughout the season, to the disgust of the farmers. The dreaded hop aphid has again appeared in the Kent plantations.

—Sir Charles Tupper is endeavoring to effect an arrangement for the payment of the debts of the Short Line Railway Company. He has recently been to New York in connection with the matter.

—The Quebec Government proposes to raise revenue by means of a Provincial lottery. How many hours would a New Brunswick Government stand to gain by such a scheme? The fifth annual deficit has occurred; this year it is about \$250,000.

—The Government Board of Agriculture have under consideration the advisability of changing the location of the Government Stock Farm. Dr. Steeves proposes instead of erecting an additional wing to the Lunatic Asylum, to locate the insane in cottages on the Government Stock Farm where their labor could be made profitable.

—The doctrine that protection can and does reduce the cost of production and is an advantage to the consumer, received a striking proof a few days ago at Halifax, Germany has been for years endeavoring to put up by protection the native beet root sugar industry; and so successful has it been and so cheaply is the article now made, that 9,000 sacks of that article were landed at Halifax, cheapening (notwithstanding the exceedingly low price of sugar) with all others it the market.

—Dr. E. Stone Wiggins claims the recent earthquake in England. At least he asserts that about the middle of March he predicted that the storm to begin on the 28th of that month would be one of great danger and would be accompanied by earthquakes both in Europe and America, and that in April the volcanoes of Europe and Asia would be in full play. The earthquake of last week he claims is a fulfillment of the latter part of his prediction, and he adds the comforting assurance that there is a probability that the earthquake in England will return with increased violence about the 20th of May.

—The only weather prophet of the Maritime Provinces who has to look to his laurels. According to the New York Sun he has a formidable rival in the person of O'Donovan Rossa. That distinguished individual was expecting the convulsion every day, and regards the application of the word "earthquake" to the disturbance as a natural desire on the part of England to prevaricate about the fact. Worse than that, Mr. Rossa expects "more and more terrible things to happen to England every day till Ireland is free." As Rossa professes to base his predictions on the exertions of himself and his friends, it is evident that he has a decided advantage in setting up as a prophet.

—Pacific Railway operations in N. Y. market are reported by *Broad Street* as follows:

Canadian Pacific rather startled the stock Thursday by breaking 3 points to 46. It seems that the company is in such desperate straits, despite the extra dividend given by the Canadian government, that one, possibly two, of the directors have sold out their stock. Vice-president McIntyre is also said to have resigned. The road is a frightful burden to carry. Its earnings do not begin to pay its working expenses. It is 2,100 miles long—that is, somewhat longer than from New York to St. Paul, is Minnesota; and one week during the past winter it earned only \$45,000, and for three other weeks it earned less than \$65,000 per week. This does not mean that it is a question of time when the stock will take a break to 10 or 15, and stay there.

Where the two hundred millions of dollars the Syndicate were to net out of their contract?

—The Gladstone Government appear to be in a bad way. According to some of the English papers the continuance of the Ministry in power depends upon the safety of General Gordon, but the *Broad Arrow* goes further and says:—

It has been remarked that if anything befell General Gordon, her majesty's Government would not last twenty-four hours afterwards. But it should also be observed that if ministers decided upon making an advance upon Khartoum and disaster were to overtake the expedition in the desert from natural as distinct from military causes—a thing almost inevitable in the last season—the government would be equally certain of being swept from power. A large section of the community feel unlimited confidence in General Gordon, but there is an equally powerful faction in the country who would oppose the operation of sending him to Khartoum, and the expedition through the desert for his relief. It may be said that the Government stand somewhat between the two extremes; but the attitude of fixed rigidity which they have assumed is, perhaps, under the circumstances, a wise one.

It is claimed that the Government have not abandoned Gordon, but it will amount to the same thing as far as he is concerned if they leave him to take care of himself. The continued safety of General Gordon in rebellion and it seems to be the only chance remaining for the Ministry, for the people will undoubtedly hold them responsible for any disaster that may befall the brave and eccentric General.

—Mr. Gladstone's Franchise Bill, which is at present before the House of Commons, is for England quite a radical measure and marks a very great stride in the direction of universal suffrage. At present there are in round numbers three millions of voters in a population somewhat under thirty-five millions, one voter, that is, to between eleven and twelve persons. The Premier's Bill will add 1,400,000 voters in England, 200,000 in Scotland, and 400,000 in Ireland, making a total addition of 2,000,000 to the present voting population. The proportion between voters and population will then be one to seven, a ratio not so very far removed from that existing under universal suffrage in the United States, where there is one voter for every five inhabitants. The last extension of the franchise took place between fourteen and fifteen years ago when an addition of rather more than a million voters was made to a voting population of 1,364,000. It is probably therefore not too much to assume that before the expiration of the present century the franchise in Great Britain will be based upon universal suffrage. Besides, doing away with the time-honoured difference between the county and borough franchise, the bill renders uniform the franchise between England, Ireland and Scotland, abolishes such voting power of non-residents as is based on what are called "incorporeal hereditaments," and extends the suffrage to certain property-holders which at present do not qualify for voting. It is thought by many to be doubtful whether the bill will become law at this session of Parliament. The prospects in the Commons are dubious unless strenuously pushed by Mr. Gladstone who is reported as far from well, and Lord Salisbury has publicly declared his intention of throwing it out in the Lords unless there shall be very strong indications on the part of the public at large that its passage is desired.

—The action recently taken by the Board of Managers of the Presbyterian Hospital, of Philadelphia, is deserving of the warmest commendation. They were consistent enough to refuse a donation of \$2,500 for the sole reason that the money had been raised by a public ball. Presbyterians have been in the habit of denouncing dancing as a moral evil, and they have always said that ball-rooms cannot be consistently frequented by members of their denomination. Whatever may be thought with regard to the views of Presbyterians on this matter, it is certainly refreshing to find that men holding influential positions in their church have enough respect for their principles to refuse a handsome contribution for the sake of consistency. Practice is worth more than precept, and this act of the Board has done more to promote the cause of Christianity than a large amount of preaching. The injury that is done to religion through lack of consistency is incalculable. For instance, ministers of all denominations denounce gambling as a sin, and yet the fruitless parent of untold evils; but many of them tolerate lotteries, grab-bags and wheels of fortune when they are introduced as adjuncts of a church fair. What effect can they expect to have upon the unregenerate, under such circumstances, by their public condemnation of the sin of gambling? Even from a pecuniary point of view it is doubtful whether it pays to be inconsistent, for the action of the Board in the case above mentioned induced many persons to subscribe liberally to the funds of the Hospital—one gentleman sending his cheque for \$3,000.

—The St. John Sun of Monday last has the following information in reference to the above Act:—A mistaken notion is abroad in relation to the provisions of the Dominion License Act and its penalties. These are neither imperative nor suspended, but one exception. The whole force of the act is operative and all penalties enforceable against all who sell in violation of the provisions of the act. The Temperance Act wherever it is in force. Nor is there the least doubt of its constitutionality in this respect, for the Federal Government has an undoubted right to provide for the enforcement of its own provisions, and the penalties are in full force and effect with regard to all persons who have taken out license under the Dominion License Act and they will be strictly and rigidly put into execution. So likewise, with reference to any persons, who, after the act went into force, attempt to sell without license from either Federal or Provincial authority. The only suspension of the penalties is this: No prosecutions or penalties, by virtue of the Dominion Act will be undertaken or imposed against, or upon, persons who sell by virtue of a license granted in a regularly authorized way upon Provincial authority in accordance with existing Provincial legislation. And this will be so until the constitutionality of the act be determined. In Scott Act counties, therefore, in all cases, where licenses have been taken out under the Dominion Act, and in all cases of attempted sale without license the act and all its penalties are in full force and effect.

Meeting of the Grand Division. Owing to the washouts on the I. C. R. last week the members of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick were unable to meet at Sackville last Wednesday, as announced, and an invitation to meet at the Provincial Division, at Moncton, was accepted. The first meeting was held in Pythian Hall on Wednesday evening. Committees on credentials, and the State of the Order were appointed. The reports of G. W. P. G. Treasurer and G. Scribe were read, the latter showing 5 new Divisions organized and 2 reconstituted during the half year, the increase of membership being 333. The Audit committee reported financial accounts of Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe correct. Report adopted. On Thursday the committee on the state of the order reported on reports of officers, and their report was taken up and discussed section by section, and was finally on motion adopted as a whole. On Thursday afternoon the Grand Division adjourned its annual session at St. John in October.

Earthquake in England. An earthquake shock of considerable force was felt in the eastern counties of England last week. At Colchester, in Essex, the shock lasted half a minute, and did considerable damage. Factory chimneys fell to the ground and other lofty structures were destroyed. Church bells rang without human agency, and the spire of one of the largest churches in the city crashed to the ground with an awful crash. A large amount of damage was done in private houses. The parish church at Langenhoe was demolished and the place looked as if it had been bombed. An invalid Mr. Wivenhoe died from terror. At Colchester a child was killed and a woman's skull was fractured. At Coggeshall a number of school girls rushed panic stricken into the streets and were crushed. It is impossible to estimate the damage to property. The shock has caused a general feeling of alarm and insecurity throughout England.

—The cattle exporters of Canada have invited Sir Charles Tupper and Hon. J. H. Poirer to a grand banquet at Montreal, in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the cattle trade of the Dominion, by the High Commissioner and the Minister of Agriculture. The invitation has been accepted, and the date of the banquet has not yet been fixed.

—A despatch from Cairo, dated April 28, says:—The report of the surrender of Berber is premature. The British agent at Berber telegraphed to-day that the position of the town is desperate, but did not mention its surrender. Subsequently, however, he announced that all troops were entering houses in the outskirts. The agent left Berber for Kovekko.

—Advice from Berber says that Husein Pasha has proclaimed the evacuation of the town. The inhabitants have fled and the troops have marched out to join the rebels. —A telegram from Berber says it is impossible to communicate with Gen. Gordon. The country is in rebellion and the tribes threaten Berber, and everyone is starting for Cairo. —The bounty system in sugar is drawing the refining business from England to the United States. Great distress is reported among the sugar employees in London.

## Model Dairyman.

Mr. W. H. Lynch, of model dairy farm, Quebec, was in town yesterday. He arrived from Quebec on Thursday, attended the Dairyman's Convention at Truro, delivered an address before the farmers of Pictou, at New Glasgow, on Monday night, lectured at Amherst last evening, and proposes before returning home to lecture at Fredericton—probably tomorrow evening—and at Moncton on Saturday evening. He stated to a Post reporter that Mr. R. K. Bruce, of Charlottetown, who has purchased the right of Mr. Lynch's dairy utensils for the three provinces, has commenced manufacturing with the intention of ultimately supplying the demand for the complete outfit comprising skimmers, milking pails, (including cleanliness in milk) scientific creamers in several styles, cream holders, churns, butter holder—the latter being an important feature in Lynch's system—butter workers and air-tight tubs.

REPORTER:—Are leading farmers interested in these in the movement? Mr. LYNCH:—In Nova Scotia, they are becoming very enthusiastic. I was invited down and was present at a two days' convention, the outcome of which was the formation of an association with the following officers: President, Rev. A. C. MacDonald, Vice-President, Gen. Louis Oakfield, C. R. H. Starr, Port Williams, E. B. Snow, Yarmouth, Col. Blair, Antigonish, A. C. Bell, New Glasgow, S. H. Hart, Whycosmag, Secretary, J. B. Calkins.

It was proposed to form county associations to aid and develop the dairy interest. Some of the gentlemen proposed that these associations work in the adoption of improved appliances. A number of leading agriculturists have secured the outfit for the benefit of their own districts. The meetings were well attended and very enthusiastic.

REPORTER:—What are your movements? Mr. LYNCH:—I leave for Washington in a few days. The United States is far ahead of Canada in dairying matters and there are very excellent prospects there for the introduction of my apparatus. Afterwards, I propose going to Europe.

REPORTER:—With what success did your work on "Scientific Butter Making" meet?

Mr. LYNCH:—The Government of Ontario published an edition of 10,000 copies, which has long since been exhausted. The Province of Quebec has also issued an edition for free distribution. I expect to be connected with the publication of a Canadian journal for dairymen. The first number will be out probably in five or six weeks.

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## Fancy Sale and Refreshment.

The ladies of St. Paul's Church Sewing Guild intend holding a sale of useful and fancy articles at Chignecto Hall, on Wednesday next, 7th May. The only suspension of the penalties is this: No prosecutions or penalties, by virtue of the Dominion Act will be undertaken or imposed against, or upon, persons who sell by virtue of a license granted in a regularly authorized way upon Provincial authority in accordance with existing Provincial legislation. And this will be so until the constitutionality of the act be determined. In Scott Act counties, therefore, in all cases, where licenses have been taken out under the Dominion Act, and in all cases of attempted sale without license the act and all its penalties are in full force and effect.

## The Late Freshets.

—Mr. G. W. Milton is repairing his dam. The Morris dam and also the Calhoun dam are being repaired. —The statement in our last issue that Geo. N. Bulmer's mill dams had gone out was incorrect. The dams were saved by cutting away the flumes. Our informant, usually well informed, was mistaken.

—The I. C. R. authorities would do well to recognize the efforts of Messrs. Bulmer to save public property and trains. Geo. N. Bulmer, accompanied by Mr. St. John Bulmer, and Mr. Turner Bulmer, left his house at 12.30 to go to the culvert. When they reached there the water had reached the top of the arch and the embankment was already beginning to give way and Mr. Bulmer at once sent Turner with a signal up the track to warn the Halifax express, and a lad named Teed, in his employ, was sent in the other direction to notify the recently arrived train. Mr. Turner met the train near the station, where he stopped it. The Halifax Chronicle has been hoaxed with a report as to a "lady heroine."

## Foot-Light Flash.

—Toronto is envious of Sackville and also wants a Music Hall. The new scenery is a great addition to the Hall. Let us now have Henry Irvine. —Sackville has a \$10,000 Music Hall and a \$15 second hand melodeon for music. This is Chopin the opera pretty fine. —Better order amongst the gods is needed at the Music Hall. Some of the stalwart directors would do well to mop the floor with the heads of the deities when the yelling and thumping again commences. Let us have peace.

—Unless the Music Hall directors have a generator of pure air in the vacant chamber above the auditorium connected with the hall grating, it might aid the ventilation if the said grating were connected with the outside atmosphere. —In the Mighty Dollar, Charley Brood's diffidence and bashfulness, under "Libby Dean's" attentions, became so exaggerated that a young woman in the back seats, tho' in a moment of indignant self-forgetfulness, she shouted "I'd push him out the seat," to the intense enjoyment of the stage as well as the house.

—Music Hall is as yet an experiment. It will prove a good one, beneficial alike to the morals and manners of Sackville, and tending to improve the tastes of the people, if the Directors are careful to admit only a refined and elevated class of amusement. The mere admission to the Hall of any travelling company, ought to be a guarantee to the public of the character of the music and acting. Let the public be satisfied that the character of the best operatic and dramatic companies, rather than suiting the performances to the commonest tastes. The good house that greeted the Taverney Company on Saturday evening proved that a good company is best, even in the matter of cash profits.

Notice.—The residents on the Street leading from Crane's Corner past Dr. Pickard's and the Cemetery agree to give it the name of York Street, in memory of the first residents who emigrated from York-shire, England.

What's in a Name. Scrofula is so called from the Latin *scrofa*, a pig, from the supposition that the disease is as filthy as a pig's flesh. It is often inherited from parents, and leads to abscesses, ulcers, sores, debility, king's evil, consumption. The case of Rev. Wm. Stout, of Warton, who suffered 23 years from scrofulous abscesses, is one of the most remarkable on record. Harlock Blood Bitters cured him after the best medical skill had failed.

—The valuable space of the Halifax daily papers is still taken up with the drivelling inanities and balderdash of the late session of the local legislature. —Olivier, ex-Premier of France, died last week, aged fifty-nine years.

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H. N. BELLEW. CHIGNECTO HALL. Wednesday, 7th May. I AM COMING. And purpose Exhibiting for One Night only my Royal and Imperial Pinacothek

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Parents, do not miss this Treat. Four children may never again have a chance to view this stupendous Collection of all that is best in the way of *divine art* and "bigotry and virtue," chiefly the last. As a contrast to which is also on exhibition our absolutely unrivalled

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