

NOTES FROM QUEBEC.

The Opposition (Traction-Making a Present Responsible for a Past Administration—English, Constitutional Law on the Subject—Financial Situation in Brief.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

Quebec, May 12, 1884.

Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in the House here are waiting a valuable amount of time in enlarging the present Government for the misdeeds of the two past Administrations. The present Government take the ground that they are not responsible for Mr. Chapleau's or Mr. Mousseau's actions, on the principle that prevails in business circles—that a new partnership does not hold a firm responsible for the actions of individual members who may have been in previous firms. The following is the present ministry: Dr. Ross, Messrs. Lynch, Flynn, Talbot, Blanchet, Robertson and Wurtale. Of these gentlemen Dr. Ross and Mr. Robertson, who were in the first administration of Mr. Chapleau, resigned from his second in 1881, and were not connected with the Mousseau Cabinet. Mr. Blanchet was not in Chapleau's, but in Mousseau's, while Mr. Talbot is a new man, not having been in either of these administrations. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Flynn were in the Chapleau and Mr. Flynn was in the Mousseau Cabinet. It would be rather a mixed up arrangement therefore to hold the present government as a body responsible for the past. They can only be censured for their own acts since coming into power about three months ago. This principle Mr. Flynn states is definitely laid down in Todd's Parliamentary Government in England. For instance, in 1855, Mr. Boscawen moved a resolution censuring the government for misadministration of the Crimean campaign and visiting with severe reprehension any member of the cabinet whose conduct led to such disastrous results. These evils had occurred under Lord Aberdeen's administration, who had been succeeded by Lord Palmerston. The latter had held the post of Home Secretary under Lord Aberdeen. The Government met and contended that the present ministry were not responsible for the original disasters which occurred before their acceptance of office. In reply it was urged that, according to the doctrine of ministerial responsibility Lord Palmerston having been a member of Lord Aberdeen's government and having since the recent ministerial changes consented to the inquiry then going on, was in fact still responsible for the past transactions, and that he, in common with the other members of the late Government who could be shown to have been concerned in such misadministration, ought to suffer the penalty of exclusion from office. This view of the position of Lord Palmerston was denied by Lord Russell, the Attorney-General, Sir G. Grey and others, who contended that the responsibility for the acts committed of late with the Ministry of Lord Aberdeen, which having been virtually accepted by the House of Commons and resigned office, and that Lord Palmerston was now the head of an entirely new administration, and could not be held responsible for the conduct of his predecessor. It was admitted by Lord John Russell that, agreeably to the doctrine of Macaulay, the member of an existing cabinet who differs from the rest on a vital point, is bound to resign, but that "while he retains his office he is responsible even for the steps which he has taken to disavow his colleagues from taking." Further than this, he was of opinion the doctrine of ministerial responsibility could not be applied, and it certainly did not justify the condemnation of the head of one Ministry for the acts of a preceding Ministry, because he happened to form part of the same. In this view the House concurred, and after two nights' debate, the motion for the previous question was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Flynn then read the comments of Mr. Todd, who says: "Reviewing the question dispassionately, it is evident that the decision of the House was correct, and that the responsibility of Lord Aberdeen's administration terminated upon their enforced resignation of office. It is the result of parliamentary investigation, further proceedings against any particular member of that Ministry should have appeared to be advisable, they should have taken the shape of a parliamentary impeachment or of a censure of address to the Crown against the offending individual, and not that of an endeavor to affix a continuance of ministerial responsibility for past acts upon a member of a new administration."

THE FINANCES IN A NUT SHELL.

The Hon. Mr. Flynn, Minister of Railroads, in a very able speech on the budget, which has not yet been concluded, says the total receipts amount to \$3,182,022, and the expenditure to \$3,515,021. Deduct from the latter the expenses of the railway and Parliament, and there is a total expenditure of \$3,010,546, leaving a surplus of \$151,476. Included in the receipts there is due by the city of Montreal on expropriation \$124,567. And the treasurer in his recent budget omitted \$65,503 due on account of traffic on the railroad. The receipts of the Crown Lands Department will exceed the \$600,000 given by the treasurer. This increase is due to increase in tariff in 1866 for stampage dues. Mr. Flynn is of opinion that the revenue from the Crown Lands Department will amount next year to \$660,000 or \$700,000. There is a further increase in the subsidy from the ordinary \$1,014,712 per capita of 80 cents according to census of 1861, and an increase in settlement of outstanding claims for the Q. M. O. & C. R. R., and for settlement of claims of Province against Dominion Government for overvaluing of \$247,160 interest. Mr. Flynn was happy to say that it was the Chapleau government which was the first to inaugurate the policy of increased subsidy. The total capital the Province now has in the hands of the Dominion Government is \$4,943,213, made up as follows: Due on the western section of railroad, \$2,394,000; adjustment of interest account, \$2,549,213. The law is passed at Ottawa settling the difficulty, and the province receives annual interest as before stated on this amount of \$247,160. The debt of the province in round numbers is about \$11,000,000, but from this must be deducted the above amount in the hands of the Dominion Government, which amounts to about \$5,000,000, leaving the provincial debt to be \$6,000,000 or about \$5 per capita. The reduction made by the present government for 1884 and 1885 in all the departments amounts to \$411,451.

The Hon. George Irving, the recently appointed judge of the Court of Admiralty, it is expected, will make his last parliamentary speech this week, on the question of the responsibility of the present administration for the acts of their predecessors.

Alex. McDaniel, United States marshal, and brother of Jno. McDaniel, theatrical manager, has committed suicide at Rocky Mount, Va.

THE CHAMPION AMATEUR ATHLETE.

THOMPSON'S TIME.

The New York Herald contains the following account of Thompson's performance at Washington Park on Saturday:—"A large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators were assembled at Washington Park on Saturday afternoon to witness the all round championship games of the Pastime Athletic Club, of this city. These games, to a certain extent, settled the championship of America, as they were open for all who chose to enter, and none but the very best athletes took part in the different events. The contest was virtually between Thompson, of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, of Montreal; Ford, of the New York Athletic Club; Jordan, of the American Athletic Club, and Thornton, of the same club. The original intention of the Pastime Club was to have held their annual spring games, but they changed it to the all round amateur championship contest of America, which is the first of its kind that has ever been held in this vicinity. The competition consisted of nine events. Mr. W. B. Curtis was chosen referee.

The 100 yard run, the standard necessary to qualify for points being eight yards, was won by B. Thompson, of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, in 10.4 seconds; M. W. Ford, of the N. Y. A. C., second; A. A. Jordan, A. O. C., third, and J. P. Thornton, A. O. C., fourth.

Putting the 16 lb shot, standard 30 feet, was won by Thompson, who threw it 37 ft 7 1/2 in; Thornton second, with 31 ft 8 in, and Ford third, 30 ft 11 in.

The running broad jump was won by Ford, who cleared 23 ft 2 1/2 in; Thompson second, 21 ft 2 1/2 in; Jordan third, 20 ft 11 in, and Thornton fourth, 19 ft 4 1/2 in.

In the hundred yard hurdle race, over eight hurdles, standard ten yards, Thompson was the victor in 13.4-5 seconds, Jordan second, Ford was left at the starting point.

In throwing the 16 lb hammer, Jordan was the victor, with 77 ft. 0 1/2 in. Thompson second, with 68 ft. 9 in., and Thornton third, 67 ft. 8 in.

In the running high jump Ford cleared 5 ft. 6 in.; Jordan second, 5 ft. 4 in.; Thornton third, 5 ft. 3 in., and Thompson fourth, 4 ft. 9 in.

Throwing the 56 lb. weight was won by Thompson, who threw it 20 ft. Ford second, with 19 ft., and Thornton third, with 18 ft. 1 1/2 in.

At the pole vaulting Jordan and Thornton each cleared the bar at 7 feet, the others failing.

The hop skip and jump was won by Ford, who got over 44 ft. 1 1/2 in. of ground, Thompson second, 42 ft. 9 1/2 in.; Jordan third, 40 ft. 8 1/2 in., and Thornton last.

The contest was so arranged that first place counted 5 points, second place 3 points and third place 1 point. The championship was awarded to Thompson, who scored 33 points, Ford second, with 22 points, and Jordan third, with 19 points.

Mr. Thompson's success is a subject for general approval and his associates in the Shamrock club and the members of the other city athletic organizations intend to tender him a reception on his return to the city.

ST. JEAN BAPTISTE DAY.

The St. Jean Baptiste Society of Central Falls, Rhode Island, has ordered a magnificent banner and 180 insignia, to be displayed at the celebration of the 24th of June. The insignia will be of gold cloth, and the banner of white silk, with the portrait of St. Jean Baptiste painted upon it in oil, with appropriate inscriptions. The reverse side will be made of red silk, with the picture of the founder, Dr. A. Z. Falcon. The banner will cost \$500, and will be manufactured by Benziger & Bros., New York. The Canadian des Etats Unis thinks that the battalion of the Bochemans Grenadiers will take part in the celebration here. The flag of Carillon, which is in the custody of Mr. L. G. Ballarge, of Quebec, will be brought to town by the President, the Hon. Judge Lorranger, on the 23rd of June.

READ THIS.

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS there is nothing equal to DR. HARVEY'S SOUTHERN REMEDY. Every bottle of it is warranted and can, therefore, be returned if not found satisfactory.

DEATH OF CHARLES O'CONNOR.

NANTUCKET, Mass., May 13.—Chas. O'Connor died yesterday afternoon. His mind was clear to the last. His remains will be taken to New York for interment.

Mr. O'Connor was 80 years old. He was born in New York city, and there he achieved his distinction as one of the greatest American lawyers. He reached the position of the head of the legal profession in New York. Admitted to the bar sixty years ago, in 1824, he seems to belong to another generation. His most famous cases were (1835) the slave Jack case, (1843) the Lispenard will case, (1851) the Forrest divorce case, (1853) the Mason will case, (1856) the Lemmon slave case, (1862) the Parish will case, and the subsequent litigation over the famous Jumel estate. Some of his cases involved millions of dollars. He took a leading part in prosecuting the "ring" thieves of New York. Always a straight-out democrat, he generally refused office, and was justly regarded as one of the purest statesmen of America. He did serve for a year or two as United States district attorney for New York under President Pierce; he also served as a member of the New York State constitutional convention of 1846 and 1864. He was nominated for the Presidency, in 1872, by the "labor reform" convention in Philadelphia, August 28, and also by the "straight-outs" or anti-Greeley democrats, at Louisville, in September of that year.]

FROM THREE RIVERS.

THREE RIVERS, Que., May 13.—A sad drowning accident occurred here yesterday about 7 p.m. Three children who were playing in a pond close to this station with some boards, which they had made into a kind of raft, fell into the water, which in the centre is about seven feet deep and two of them were drowned, Corinne Letellier, aged 9 years, and Henry St. Hilaire, aged 8 years. The other child managed to escape, being near the edge of the pond. He ran home and notified his mother, Madame St. Hilaire, but when they got the children out of the pond both were dead.

Key West is rife with rumors that the Cuban filibustering expeditions contemplate sailing during the night. The excitement here has been increased by five shots fired from the war vessel Galena. Nothing suspicious can be seen attempting to leave the harbor, although two vessels from Havana are entering.

In Germany the retail beer vendor is compelled to give a certain amount of beer—not foam—when a "glass" of beer is called for. To enable a beer drinker to see whether he receives the requisite quantity of beer the public dealer marks every glass at the height to which the beer, exclusive of foam, must go.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

It is said that His Holiness the Pope would shortly appoint a Cardinal in Ireland.

From a report of the Rev. Father Mothon, the French-Canadian population of Lewiston, Me., is 7,602.

Two priests of the Dominican order are in town en route to the States to found a house of their order.

Twenty-four young ladies will make their religious professions at St. Anne's Convent, Leachin, on the 27th inst.

A new French-Canadian Church is to be built at Mauchung. It will be 75 feet long and 45 feet wide. The cost will be \$12,000.

St. Mary's Cathedral congregation, Kingston, held a meeting on Sunday and arranged for a public reception of Bishop Olney.

Rumor has it in Quebec that Mons. Senechal, the apostolic delegate, is to give his decision in the Laval matter on the 15th instant.

The annual retreat of the Rev. Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame will begin at the Mother House, Ville Marie, on the 23rd instant.

The Rev. Father Gratton, formerly cure of St. Henri de Massouche, has been transferred to the cure left vacant by the death of the Rev. Father Desautels.

The Rev. Father Wagner, cure of Windsor, Ont., has undertaken to have a church built at Windsor. It will be constructed near the Detroit river, facing the public park.

Mrs. Farrelly of Belleville, Ont., has recovered from her recent illness. No celebrated Mass on Sunday last and was presented with an address from the congregation.

The Revue Catholique, of New York, announces that the Pope has named Mgr. Salpikier, of Arizona, coadjutor of Archbishop Lang, of Santa Fe, of New Mexico, with the right to succeed to the latter.

The Rev. Sister Marie Angèle, of the Community of the Sisters of St. Anne, Leachin, has returned to this city after a long absence. She left Canada on the 10th of April, 1883, for Vancouver's Island, and at present she is the Superioress of several establishments belonging to her Order in British Columbia.

The Catholic congregation has purchased from Mr. George Ayer, a fine lot of land adjoining that in which the present church is built for the sum of \$2,300. It is intended to construct a new church on this lot.

Le Journal of Waterloo, says: "The Rev. Mr. Gouin, cure of the Parish of Mansonville, is dangerously ill from an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs. The Rev. Mr. Mathieu has arrived to attend to him and look after the spiritual welfare of the parishioners."

The accord between Prussia and the Vatican will be established upon the confirmation of the successors of Cardinal Ledochowski at Posen. Blonow Lydwinski has been nominated to that office. Prussia's relations with the Vatican on other questions are cordial.

The newly appointed bishop of the recently formed diocese of Manchester, U.S., will be consecrated on the 11th of June. The Rev. Father Denis Bradley, late parish priest of St. Joseph's, Manchester, is, we learn, the bishop elect. He is a comparatively young man, being only 35 years of age.

Abbe Gauthier, cure of St. Lazare, county of Bellechasse, was agreeably surprised on the 1st of May last. The parishioners following our old French-Canadian custom, planted a May pole 80 feet high in front of his presbytery as a token of their appreciation of the interest he has taken in their spiritual welfare. He was also the recipient of an address.

The Superioress of the Orders, accompanied by two sisters from Vancouver, who had been away from Canada for over twenty years, visited the St. Cuneogonde convent on Thursday last and the day was made one of general rejoicing in the institution. The pupils presented an address of welcome to their lady mission aries and deposited \$200 in the hands of the Superioress as their contribution to the fund for the erection of a new church at Leachin to be dedicated to St. Anne.

Two Cardinals have recently made a minute inventory of all the objects contained in the Vatican, from the works of art and literature, down to the most ordinary articles; the origin, value and place where every object comes, are mentioned, and the inventory is signed according to legal formalities. A copy has been handed to the accredited ambassadors of the Holy See, to even those who are accredited to the King of Italy, including representatives of powers that have no relation with the Vatican. It is said that this is an undeniable proof that the Pope contemplates quitting Rome.

Bishop O'Mahony, of Toronto, visited Midland on Sunday. After the High Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. Father Lynette, His Lordship administered the sacrament of confirmation to forty-three persons, children and adults. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the new ball for St. Margaret's church was blessed. The sponsors in this most interesting ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. O'Donohue, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Mr. Harpin and Mrs. Marrott. The church was crowded on both occasions. After the ceremonies of the day His Lordship accompanied by the Rev. Fathers Labrosse, McBride and Lynette, and Messrs. McDermott and O'Donohue drove to the "old fort," to see the ruins of the Jesuit mission of 1649.

A meeting of the bishops of the ecclesiastical province of New York was held last week at the Cardinal's residence. The Cardinal presided. The object of the meeting was to consult on the subjects to come up before the national council of Baltimore, which will be attended by all the bishops and archbishops of the United States. The archbishops and their advisers or representatives were summoned to Rome last year to consult with the Pope on the subjects to be discussed at this Council, which is represented as likely to be of vast importance to Catholics in the United States. Other provinces will hold similar meetings to that held in New York preparatory to the Council. The meeting was strictly private, being confined to the Cardinal, Archbishop and Bishop.

We are sorry to learn that in the earthquake at Colchester the Catholic church and presbytery have suffered somewhat considerably. Part of one of the towers of the church was shaken down, and a bad crack is made in the church wall in the organ loft. The chimneys of the house were displaced, one of them falling inwards damaging the roof. The slates of the house and church were much displaced. The children in the school were very much frightened, but no one was hurt. Father Meyer, the parish priest of Colchester, who was very much shaken himself, hopes that the earthquake will shake a few subscriptions out of our readers to help to repair the damages which will amount to about £50.—London Universe.

A healthy reaction against the persecution waged by the Government upon the Catholic Church is decidedly setting in throughout France. The most gratifying symptom of this reaction shows itself in the diocese of Angers. Mgr. Freppel, a stalwart

Alsatian, is the bishop of this diocese, and being at the same time a member of the French Parliament, and knowing how to make himself very disagreeable to the Government, he and his diocese have been visited with rather more than their full share of persecution. Quite recently a sentence of "abuse" was passed upon him by the Council of the State, because he insisted on managing the Priest's Slot and Pension Fund of his diocese himself, instead of handing it over to the Government. We are now informed that M. Davan, the secretary to the prefect of the department of Maine-et-Loire in which Angers is situated, has been dismissed because he refused to sign the indictment against Mgr. Freppel, and M. Vellon de la Garroillaye, mayor of Combric, and M. Baffery, mayor of Avrilly, have been suspended because they refused to have the sentence of the Council of State posted up in the two places named. A subscription has been started for presenting Mgr. Freppel with a golden cross. Altogether it appears that his diocese at any rate do not take sides with the persecutors.

The headquarters of the Papal Zouaves, which are in Montreal, have issued invitations to all their brethren both here and in the States to attend the fete of the St. Jean Baptiste Society. All Zouaves in uniform will be the guests of the Montreal division, and will have board and quarters at the Richelieu Hotel during their stay in this city. It is expected that there will be a good gathering, and many who have not met since they spent sunny days in Italy will have an opportunity to talk of their jovial days in Rome.

SCOTCH NEWS.

MEMORIAL TO THE BLACK WATCH.—A memorial has just been erected in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, by the officers and men of the Black Watch in memory of their comrades who fell in the Egyptian war of 1882. The memorial is in the form of a large brass tablet, affixed to the wall of the north aisle.

GIRL SCALPED AT DUNBLANE.—On Tuesday morning, at the Wool Mill, Mill of Keir, near Dunblane, while a girl was working near the machinery her hair was caught by a carding machine, and her scalp literally torn from her head. The unfortunate girl was otherwise severely injured. She was removed to the Stirling Infirmary.

"FREE BREAKFASTS" IN EDINBURGH.—On Monday, at a meeting in the Free Assembly Hall, Edinburgh, of the friends and subscribers to the fund for providing "free breakfasts" to poor people in the Drail Hall, Forrest Road, on Sabbath mornings, an interesting report of the extensive operations of this society was presented. The receipts last year for the purposes of this useful charity amounted to £795.

The body of the Rev. Robert McKerron, parish minister of Clait, Aberdeenshire, was found on Monday evening in a shallow burn in the neighborhood of the manse. Two circumstances are somewhat mysterious. The reverend gentleman was on his way home from Aberdeen, where he had been that day, and he was in the company of some farmers an hour before the time at which his body was found.

On Monday, at Mr. McDowell's rooms, Edinburgh, a copy of the Edinburgh edition of Burns was sold for \$40. Another volume of Burns published in 1793, with an inscription on the flyleaf in the author's handwriting, brought \$21 2s 6d, and a copy of Collins' poetical works, presented by Burns to Jean Lorimer, realised £16.

The officers of excise last week discovered in the Gairloch district of Ross-shire an illicit distillery, which only, however, contained a few tuns. During their search the officers came upon many evidences that a brisk trade in illicit distillation had been recently carried on in the district.

On Wednesday an inquest was held at Thornehill Hall, near Cuester, the residence of Major Priestly, on the bodies of Mary Ann Llewellyn, a native of Aberystwyth, and her illegitimate son, who had both died the preceding evening. Deceased was born in Major Priestly's service. On Tuesday, Elizabeth Gibson, cook, and Elizabeth James, Miss Priestly's maid, found Llewellyn in bed and looking very ill. The cook questioned her as to her condition, and charged her with having given birth to a child. The girl denied the charge, but upon being further pressed admitted that it was true. She was then evidently dying, and expired before a further reply could be obtained. She was, in fact, in a dying condition when she was discovered. Dr. Harrison, of Okeover, was sent for, but found Llewellyn dead on his arrival. She had given birth to a child, and had died from neglect. He then searched for the body of the child, and discovered it in the bedroom. The child was dead, with a handkerchief twisted twice or three times round its neck. It was his opinion that the child had had a separate existence, and had died from strangulation. The Coroner said the evidence with regard to the death of the mother was quite clear, but it was important that definite evidence should be obtained as to the cause of the death of the child. The jury, therefore, adjourned the inquest upon the body of the child, and returned a verdict, in regard to the mother, in accordance with the medical testimony.

The Upper Breckish crofters have not accepted the summonses of removal forwarded to them in registered letters on Saturday last. There is a post office at Breckish, but the letters in question were taken to the houses at Breckish by the Broadford letter deliverer. Breckish is not his district. He never delivered letters there before, and the crofters thought they were justified in refusing the registered letters in question. This they did before they received the telegram of their law-agent, Mr. Kenneth Macdonald, Inverness, advising them to accept service. In laying their case before Mr. Macdonald for his consideration and advice, the crofters now write:—"Nearly ten years ago Tormore deprived us of our hill grazing, and gave it to our neighbors of Lower Breckish, depriving them of pastures formerly in their possession. Lately they began to clamor about what they lost, and refused to pay their rents. After holding out for some time, Mr. Alexander Macdonald, the factor, promised to give them satisfaction if they paid their rents. He then came and asked the rest of the greater part of our present hill grazing to them, although we paid for it last Martinmas, and asked us to agree to the deprivation. Now, we hold a letter from Tormore, stating that we were not to be deprived of any more hill grazing, dated six years ago. We refused to give up our hill grazing, and now summonses of removal from our houses, lands, and grazings are issued against us." It is not known what further steps Lord Macdonald and his representatives will take in the matter.

Telegraphic Summary.

FOREIGN AND CANADIAN NEWS.

The Northwestern Car Co., of Stillwater, Minn., has suspended.

The remains of the Empress Anna were interred on Saturday at Vienna.

The Fall River cotton operatives' strike has resulted disastrously to the union.

Repairs to the fortification walls, Quebec, have been resumed for the season.

Portevin, secretary to the French Consulate in New York, has been recalled.

Hon. Butler P. Strang, a prominent New York politician, has committed suicide.

Leitch Patten & Co., sugar brokers, Greenock, have suspended; liabilities, £70,000.

A statue of Chief Justice Marshall was unveiled on Saturday afternoon at Washington.

Daly, Egan and McDonnell, the Birmingham dynamiters, have been committed for trial.

John McDougall, of Brussels, Ont., fell or was thrown from a St. Paul train on Friday night and killed.

The governor of Bagdad opposes a British armed garrison being sent to the British Consulate at that place.

Prince Murat was married at Paris on Saturday to Miss Delachien, at the residence of the Papal Nuncio.

Father Hyacinthe has received notification that the French government has formally legalized his church.

The Schaneswan, a band of Persian nomads, have plundered several villages on the right bank of the Kur.

A conference of delegates of the various Swiss cantons is discussing the propriety of suppressing the Salvation Army.

The Journal de St. Petersburg denies the statement that the Shah of Persia has ceded the province of Sarikabs to Russia.

Rainey, Knox & Co., linen manufacturers and merchants, of Glasgow, have suspended, owing to Dunlop & Twaddell's failure.

The May returns to the U. S. Department of Agriculture show the wheat crop to be in a better condition than at this time last year.

The barque George Blinley, from Liverpool for Chitt, came into collision with the ship Tuscara. The latter sank, and three of her crew were drowned.

A carload of twenty thousand pounds of fresh salmon was shipped on Saturday night from Dallas, Oregon, to New York, the first ever shipped from Oregon.

The Dominion arbitrators will re-assemble in Quebec this week and resume the investigation of claims for expropriation for lands for the Intercolonial Railway.

A family named Belanger, of Quebec, had a narrow escape from poisoning from eating pea soup, the peas of which had been kept in a copper vessel since last fall.

The St. Petersburg Echo says that the Czar, the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary, and other sovereigns and leading statesmen will meet at Nice this summer.

The Bishop of Ontario, on receiving an address at Kiltilla, urged resistance to state aided emigration, and requested his hearers to do their utmost in favor of migration.

A warrant was issued by Justice Hailey on Thursday morning for the arrest of Robert McKinn, A. P. P., on a charge of forgery. After examination the charges were dismissed.

The Duke of Marlborough has offered to sell twelve pictures, including Raphael and Rubens' pictures of the Holy Family, to the Government. The price asked is \$2,000,000.

The Greely relief steamer Alert sailed Saturday morning from New York. A salute of 21 guns was fired as she passed Fort Columbus, the British ensign being displayed at the peak.

Land agency districts west of Manitoba have been created and boundaries defined at Prince Albert, Touchwood, Qu'Appelle, Okeana, Swift Current, Battleford, Calgary and Edmonton.

The marriage of the Grand Duke of Hesse caused so much scandal that rumor says that it will be dissolved. Most curious stories are told about Madame Ern, and are not contradicted.

At the next cabinet council the question will be decided with regard to the retention of French troops at Tongata until the Chinese Government pays the indemnity demanded by France.

Warren B. Johnson, aged 65, who left California on foot on June 1, 1882, with a horse, wagon and cow and a dog, arrived at his home in Webster, Mass., last night, all the animals accompanying him.

Michael Dwyll, before leaving for Australia, will make a tour of England. If he realizes a thousand per annum from lectures in Australia and America he will return to Ireland and resume his course in defence of the Irish cause.

The decision of the French foreign affairs disciplinary committee in the case of Portevin, summoned to answer charges of unpatriotic language, is unfavorable to Portevin, who will be recalled from his office of secretary to the French Consulate in New York.

The London Times says the noticeable feature of the loss of the State of Florida was the very large number of the crew as compared with the small number of passengers saved. The panic on board the vessel explains but not creditably the great loss of life.

Mr. Brill solicitor for the Grand Trunk Railway, is in Toronto at present, and says the company do not legally recognize the committee appointed by the Humber disaster sufferers, and that they are not bound to settle claims on the basis adopted by the committee.

The majority of the French newspapers refer to the recent utterances of Prince Jerome in explanation of the position of Prince Victor with contempt. They ridicule his assumption of the role of pretender, and do not consider his professions of Republicanism sincere.

A Peeth merchant named Robert has suddenly disappeared. The police made a search of the premises occupied by him and found between the leaves of a Socialist pamphlet several bonds that were stolen at the time of the robbery and murder of Elser, the Vienna money changer, some months ago.

Complaint is made in Quebec that it is impossible to secure servants from the home for immigrant girls at Levis, and that many girls who would obtain fair wages and comfortable homes are hurried on to Ontario and further west without giving the people of this province any share whatever in the benefits of immigration.

Thompson, the Toronto provision merchant who was recently sent to jail for sixty days for brutally kicking Buckler, one of his employees, has offered the latter \$5,000 and all costs to compromise the civil suit pending in the court arising out of the assault. Buckler has been permanently injured.

OBITUARY.

Giovanni Prati, the Italian poet whose illness was announced a few weeks ago, died in Rome on May 10th.

Mr. Judah P. Benjamin, died on May 7th in Paris. He had been in failing health ever since he fell while alighting from a tramway car several years ago.

Charles Old Goodford, D.D., Provost of Eton College, is dead, aged 72. He succeeded the late Dr. Hawtrey, in 1862, having been for nine years previous head master of the school.

Hon. James Fraser, member of the Nova Scotia Legislative Council, died at his home in New Glasgow on May 9th. He was born at Bolekash, Invernesshire, Scotland, and was 52 years of age. Mr. Fraser was the elected chief of the "Glen Fraser" organization started in Canada some years ago.

Mr. Paul Dumont, formerly manager of L'Opinion Publique, and recently assistant editor of Le Journal de Dimanche, died suddenly on the afternoon of May 7th of pneumonia. The deceased gentleman had been connected with the press for some twelve years. He was about sixty years of age, and leaves a wife and family.

The Traveller, of Worcester, Mass., says: "On last Thursday solemn Mass was chanted in the Church of Notre Dame for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Father Beaudry, S.J., formerly pastor of this church."

"The Rev. Father Harty died last week at Mount St. Vincent Hospital. Deceased completed his course of studies at St. Croix College, Worcester, Mass., and was ordained priest at the Seminary of Montreal. During his short career he acted as assistant priest at Clinton and Pittsfield."

The same paper says: "We are happy to learn that the Rev. Father Dumont, cure of Marlboro, who has been seriously indisposed since Easter, is convalescent, and has left for Canada where he will remain a few weeks to recuperate."

The death is announced at Drom