

The Weekly Monitor.

BRIDGETOWN, JANUARY 2, 1879. THE NEW YEAR.

In many countries of the old world the principal highways and public thoroughfares are studded with milestones, designed for the information of travellers. They are inscribed with the distance of each from some chief town or city. It seems to us that a New Year's day is a milestone to indicate the progress of time. History, pilgrim-like, travelling through the ages, takes special cognizance of these landmarks of passing events as the centuries glide away. Chronology, too, takes exact note of epochs and dates; and to ensure accuracy, the inscriptions on Time's milestones are thoroughly examined. The well-read reader will remember "Old Mortality" in one of Scott's novels, whose life-business it was to visit old churchyards, and remove the moss that was gathering upon the tombstones of martyred puritans. It seems to be the special delight and mission of some men to preserve from oblivion's milky way the records of transient events. T. B. Atkins, Esq., in our own Province has a taste for antiquarian researches and toils. He is never more in his element, or happier, than when he is deciphering the fading ink marks or rusty records, or exulting in the unexpected acquisition of a long ago almanac, to be added to the hoary volumes and half tattered manuscripts in his unique library, which is indeed a "Curiosity Shop" of time worn literature.

To-day, in remarking upon the New Year, as we know nothing of the Future, we are compelled to confine our remarks to the Past. We leave history and chronology to their never-finished work. Nor will we, like Old Mortality and Mr. Atkins, go far from Time's latest milestone by which we are standing to-day. We shall travel no farther back than to its immediate predecessor, which in large arithmetical digits, is inscribed 1878.

The year has not been barren in interesting events, that will be chronicled by abler and more thorough working pens than ours. We can only sketch in mere outline a few prominent occurrences, which have not yet found a permanent place in history. The first thing we shall notice, is the General Election in our Dominion that led to the overthrow of one political party, and the elevation to power and official ascendancy of another. On the same day on which the Dominion Election came off, our Provincial Local Election took place. Both at Ottawa and Halifax, the party complexion of the Administration has been changed, whether "for better or for worse" time will show.

In the Autumn, Lord Dufferin, who had filled our Vice-Royal Chair for several years, bade adieu to our shores. He executed the functions and performed the delicate and difficult duties of his elevated official position to the satisfaction of the Queen—and of the people of Canada. On this side of the Atlantic he was immensely popular. His popularity even extended to the United States, where his brilliant talents and official merits were thoroughly appreciated. Before he became the occupant of Rideau Hall, he had won for himself a respectable literary reputation; but perhaps his extraordinary administrative ability, and his powers of eloquence were never fully displayed till he became our Governor-General. Either with his pen or his voice he excelled, during his sojourn beneath Canadian skies. That he was imbued with all the mental attributes and moral elements of successful statesmanship was made manifest by his firm, yet conciliatory, policy which distinguished his administration. The courtliness of his manner softened the invariable and uncompromising dignity of his official bearing. In his extensive intercourse with the people in each of the confederated provinces, his goodness and his greatness were equally apparent. While his "goodwill to every body" was obvious, his luminous intellectuality was universally recognized. During his term of office, he visited every Province under his jurisdiction, traversing this vast portion of Her Majesty's colonial possessions from "ocean to ocean," despite the pathless ruggedness of the Rocky Mountains and the personal discomforts of travel over uninhabited prairies, and through gloomy forests. His personal industry and activity, as well as his official efficiency, were indeed marvellous. He is now in another hemisphere; but go where he may in after years, he will be favorably remembered by the people of Canada. The arrival of his illustrious successor effected an unwelcome expression, or rather outburst, of loyalty from four millions of Her Majesty's most devoted colonial subjects. The wife of the new Governor-General, being a son of Royalty, has imparted additional lustre to the Vice-Royal palace at Ottawa. The Marquis of Lorne and his Princess lady have received an ovation, of which "crowned heads" might well be proud. Their arrival and reception are so recent, and so familiar to our readers, that we need not say another word at present in reference to these exalted new comers. God bless them!

When 1873 opened, hostile armies confronted each other on "the banks of the dark rolling Danube." The Russian Czar was then confident of achieving the subjugation and national extinction of the Turkish Empire; and he would doubtless have succeeded in doing so, had not the strong arm of Great Britain interposed to frustrate his designs. Our readers are already informed of the design, doings, and results, (already developed or prospective) of the Berlin Congress. In that conclave, if we may so call it, of the European Powers, Lord Beaconsfield, on the part of Great Britain, made it manifest that the Empire which he represented had lost none of its ancient prestige and dauntlessness in defending the rights of feeble nationalities, and in adjusting (what, in diplomatic phraseology is called) "the balance of power." From what transpired at that Congress Russia must have been sternly impressed with the humiliating conviction that distant is the day when she will extend her southern frontier to the Mediterranean.

The intriguing, underground policy of Russia has instigated the Ameer of Afghanistan to send an unfriendly and hostile spirit towards Great Britain. This is causing some trouble to the Viceroy of India and to the Imperial Government; but the Afghan Chief, there is little doubt, will easily be chastised into respect for the Empire, against which he has had the hardihood to raise his puny arm.

1878 has been characterized by great commercial depression, accompanied by consequent financial embarrassment, throughout the world. Manufactures and indeed almost every industrial pursuit and sphere of enterprise have been seriously affected. Strikes among operatives are rendering matters worse. When a more prosperous day may dawn upon the business of the world, it is hard to conjecture.

From our own standpoint, we have had personal cognizance of the adaptability of our own Province for the production of fruit. The immense yield of our orchards has transcended the hopes and expectations of the most sanguine. The apple crop of 1878 will no doubt be talked of in years to come. This article has been drawn out to an unusual length, far beyond what we contemplated when we sat down to say something of the new-born year. The reader will naturally and very properly remark:—"You have said nothing about it." Very true! And the reason is, we know nothing about it. To us 1879 is almost a perfect stranger. With whom our acquaintances is very slight. We have known much of 1878, and have therefore rather spoken of him than of his successor.

In conclusion, we tender to our readers the usual HAPPY NEW YEAR greeting.

PARADISE.

The members of the Paradise Grange with invited-guests, partook of an excellent supper at Capt. Morse's, on Christmas eve. There was a large number of ladies and gentlemen present. The tables were loaded with food, in a style characteristic of our most opulent farmers. After participating in the abundance which had been so kindly prepared, the worthy Master, E. Baughman, Esq., took the chair, and called on the following gentlemen for addresses:—Rev. B. Miller, Rev. John Brown, W. Daniels, J. B. Hall, Hon. A. Longley, and Col. Starratt. The speakers presented the subject of agriculture in its different phases, and many good suggestions were made. As many of the speakers were practical farmers, who manifest a decided interest in the best methods of farming, they could not fail in presenting many useful hints in connection with this subject.

All professions have their guilds and societies for extending and promoting their best interests. The Grange is the farmer's guild or organization, where they can meet and present the claims and relative importance of farm work. It is the intention of the members of the Grange to pay especial attention to everything pertaining to the farmer's interest.—Such as, buying and selling in the best markets—purchasing the best agricultural literature—investigating the best methods of cropping and use of manures—and to encourage a fuller course of study to young men who intend to make agriculture their calling. Especially to inculcate the benefit of such studies as Agriculture proper, Chemistry, Botany and Rural Law—while it is fully conceded that work and perseverance was the beginning, middle and end of successful agriculture. The evening passed very pleasantly, as everything seemed to have been done to make it more than an ordinary occasion. Many thanks are due to the members of Grange (or we should say to their wives and daughters) who did so much to make the evening a decided success. The future success of this Society cannot be over-estimated. It possesses all the conditions of stability and prosperity—the members are the best and most practical of our farmers—it is located in the centre of a valley, which contains scores of orchards that yield from one hundred to one thousand barrels of apples annually. It is true that the soil will not yield large returns spontaneously, but it contains all the elements to make this County one of the first agricultural districts. The country is comparatively new, yet the present generation can make "The Nobility of Agriculture" have as much force with the Nova Scotian, as with the ancient Roman. As the products of the

farm form the basis of our wealth, it would be wise for all interested in the farmer's vocation, to inform themselves with the working of the Grange, and receive the benefits which will certainly be derived from it.

Ohio.—Remember the olio to take place to-night in Victoria Hall. A good programme may be expected.

As will be seen by despatches Parliament is further prorogued to the 8th of February, and is not then called for the despatch of business.

CONCERT.—The children of the Baptist Sunday school intend giving a concert on Sunday evening next. The public are invited to attend.

Look out for the Auction Sale at the Baptist Parsonage, Middleton, on Thursday, the 9th of January, 1879. See lanlibills.

DYING.—The subscriber is agent for the Gilbert's Laid by St. John, N. B. Work sure to give satisfaction! Farmyard path ways!! Orders for Dimes and Gleasons will be promptly sent. A quantity of residence of H. S. PETER, Bridgetown.

Several city papers both in St. John and Halifax issued Christmas Supplements. The St. John "Globe" was a very fine specimen of letter press printing.

FARMERS.—Don't forget that we offer the American Agriculturist and the Monitor for only \$2.30 a year, and both with a beautiful steel engraving, for only \$2.50.

An article taken from the Detroit Record in reference to the "White Earth Indian Agency," which is under the charge of a townsman of ours, Mr. Charles Ruffen, now Major Ruffen, will appear in our next.

The clergy of St. Patrick's church, Quebec, are waging an active war against those novels and trashy literature of that kind. A quantity of books in the possession of their parishioners were recently burned.—E.C.

Well done! pity other churches would not follow in their wake.

A WOMAN CHLOROFORMED AND ROBBED AT THE TREMONT. H. USE, BOSTON.

A room at the Tremont House, Boston, occupied by a lady guest, was broken into on Thursday night, December 12, and the lady chloroformed and robbed of \$150 in money. She arrived from New York in the afternoon, and at the depot was met by a gentleman from St. John, N. B., who paid the money as gift of a bill, which she came to collect for her husband. When the payment was made, she noticed that the gentleman who was carrying the money was a suspicious-looking man. She was followed by him to the hotel, and was so impressed with a sense of fear that she called the attention of a gentleman who was with her to him. About two o'clock on Friday morning she suddenly became conscious of the presence of a man in her room, but before she could make an outcry, he had fastened a padlock on the door and picked up a revolver. He proved to be a native of Jamaica, named Alexander Huges, who had been three days in the water, and was suffering from cold and hunger. He was taken to the hospital, and the money was recovered. Investigation revealed the fact that the door to the room had been forced by a jimmie, and the trunk from which the money was taken had been opened by the same instrument. The lady returned to New York on Saturday accompanied by the housekeeper.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO. One hundred years ago not a pound of coal, not a cubic foot of illuminating gas, had been burned in the United States. No iron was used, and no contrivances for economizing heat were employed until Dr. Franklin invented the iron-frame fireplace which still bears his name. All the cooking in that country was done by the aid of fire kindling in the brick oven on the hearth. Pine knots or tallow candles furnished the light of the long winter nights, and sundries supplied the place of rugs and carpets. The water used for household purposes was drawn from deep wells by the cranking "sweep." No form of pump was used in this country, so far as we can learn, until after the commencement of the present century. There were no friction engines in those early days, but the aid of which a fire could be easily kindled, and if the fire "went out" upon the hearth over night, and the tinder was damp, so that the sparks would not catch, the alternative remained of wading through the snow a mile or so to borrow a brand of fire from a neighbor. Only one room in any house was warm, unless some of the family were ill; in all the rest the temperature was at zero many nights in the winter. The men and women of a hundred years ago undressed and went to their beds in a temperature colder than that of our modern barns and wood-sheds and never complained.

A queer case springs from the failure of the City of Glasgow Bank. A lady died recently leaving no heirs and leaving no will, and her property went to the Crown. Among her possessions was some of the stock and as each shareholder is individually liable for all the debts it is proposed to hold the Queen responsible! One bank which had taken four shares from a customer in its debt has been called upon to put its whole capital, \$150,000, at the order of the directors who are winding up the Glasgow concern. At the last session which Mr. Lewis Pelly, one of the imprisoned directors, attended the hymn was "The hour of my departure's come," and it was sung to the tune of "Daisy Street."

For the first time in seventeen years greenbacks are at a par in Wall street, there being on Tuesday no premium on them. The gold room with its legions of victims—defalcators, fugitives and suicides. What was for long years the greatest conning room in the world is closed, we trust forever. May no flat trace or clipped dollar divide ever re-open it! Will come, John Sherman.—N. Y. Witness.

EXECUTION OF OAKS AND DIGG.

Four Sault, Ark., Dec. 20.—John Post Oaks and James Diggs were hanged today. There have been 22 executions on the same gallows during the past two years, and they are hanged at the same time, in August, 1875. The hanging was performed under the direction of Gen. D. Chapman, United States Marshal of the Western District of Arkansas, which includes the Indian territory. He is opposed to the prevailing system of making the execution public spectacles. The hanging was done inside the garrison, the gallows being surrounded by a high board fence, 20 feet high. Only officials, ministers, physicians, and newspaper correspondents were permitted to be present when the fatal trap sprung.

Contemplated Purchase of Palestine by the Jews.—I can state as a fact (says the London correspondent of the Leeds Mercury) and not as a mere rumor, that a syndicate is actually in process of consolidation, which has for its sole object the purchase of Palestine from the Turkish Government, and its restoration to the Jews in some form. I know, but am not at liberty to mention, the name of the secretary of the body, which already numbers some very influential members, and I can vouch for the confidence with which the secretary, who is not a member of the Jewish race or religion, but a well-known man, regards the future success of the scheme; and his experience of the world and knowledge of men are too important to be ignored.

REWARD! TIMES being stringent, and failures the order of the day, and the subscriber being desirous of paying one hundred cents on the dollar, offers

A Discount of 5 per cent. on all Book Accounts, paid with each in full, on or before the 12th day of January, 1879. All accounts not paid in cash, on rendering at first of New Year, due bills will be expected at thirty days; and all accounts must be settled in full. Yours, &c. C. W. SHAFNER, 91 1/2

WORTHY OF NOTICE!! I take much pleasure in thanking my many friends on this close of 1878, for the very generous support I have received from their hands during the past, and beg to say that I have concluded to change my state of business for the coming four months, making it strictly cash as my books will be closed.

NOW FOR BARGAINS! For the next four months from date, I will give 15 per cent discount on Dry Goods, 10 per cent on Boots and Shoes, 5 per cent on Groceries, and all goods bought for cash.

ALL KINDS OF PRODUCE taken in exchange for goods, which will be sold at usual market prices. Yours, &c. C. W. SHAFNER, 91 1/2

PUBLIC AUCTION. To be sold at Public Auction, on SATURDAY, 4th of Jan. 1879, at 10 o'clock, a.m., on the premises of the following articles, viz:

Six cows, two of which are farrow, 1 yoke of four year old Steers, 1 Yearling, 1 two year old Heifer, 1 Horse, 1 New Mowing Machine, Horse Rake, 1 New Ox Wagon, 1 Cart, 1 Light Riding Wagon, Ploughs, and other farming implements.

A LOT OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, including, Stoves, Sleighs, Buffalo Robes, Twenty Tons of Hay, and numerous other articles. Terms made known on day of Sale. KENNEDY & RUMSEY, Clarence, Dec. 27th, 1878.

NOTICE! Against the estate of William L. Leonard, late of Paradise, in the County of Annapolis, deceased, I have obtained a decree of the court, dated the 18th of December, 1878, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to

JULIA M. LEONARD, Executrix. Paradise, Dec. 19th, 1878.

Cheap Freight FROM GLASGOW TO ANnapolis. THE Bark "George E. Corbett" will carry 200 tons of freight from Glasgow to Annapolis at the rate of Fifty Shillings per Ton. We are also advised by the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company that they will give a special rate to all Stations on the line, on Freight by sea vessel. All parties wishing to ship Apples to Glasgow in March, by the vessel, will please apply immediately as room is limited.

A. W. CORBITT & SON, Annapolis, Dec. 16, 77. Berwick Star, Kentville Chronicle.

GRAND Olio Entertainment ON New Year's Night.

THE Ladies of St. James' Church, assisted by several well-known amateurs, propose giving an entertainment of a novel and very pleasing character, consisting of Exhibitions of Statuary, Pantomimes, Tableau, with musical accompaniment, &c. A pleasant time may be expected. Don't forget the first night of the New Year. Programme and further particulars next week. Doors open at 7.30. Admission, 25c, Children half price.

NOTICE The subscriber offers the remaining stock of his Dry Goods, Hardware and Book-ware, at greatly reduced prices for Cash. I B. BONNETT, 312 1/2

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