

Mr. Gladstone is described by a writer in the Paris *Liberte* as a thin, pale old man, with two curly locks of gray hair enfaming his forehead. His countenance, says this observing scribe, expresses "not only the absolutism of thought, but the authority of command."

Quebec is hopeful of once again becoming a military station, and is looking forward with a sort of confident expectancy to the arrival of the famous "Black Watch" to garrison the old Citadel.

Writs for both South Oxford and Provencher are in preparation, and will be issued immediately. Riel's friends do not advise him to run for Provencher, but to put up a man who will make way for him when it will be safe for him to run.

Tupper's friends in the Nova Scotia Legislature made an effort to pass a resolution for condemning the new tariff announced for the Dominion. A motion declaring that the subject did not belong to the Local Legislature was carried, two to one, and the doctor's little game was thus effectually checkmated.

The Ottawa correspondent of the P. E. I. *Islander*, who witnessed the proceedings at the opening of the session, remarks that if Sir John Macdonald "did not know, at the dinner given in his honour at the Russell House, last fall, whether he was defeated or victorious, he had no difficulty in deciding the question yesterday, when, leaving out those who sat on the right of the Speaker, enough Government supporters sat on the left to out-vote the Opposition."

Parliamentary Humbug.

(From the *Stratford Beacon*.)
Dr. Orton, of Fergus, got returned at last election for Centre Wellington by a pure accident. His seat is contested, and in all probability his political life will be short and his political death sudden. In the meantime, however, the Doctor tries to make hay while the sun shines. Centre Wellington is an agricultural constituency, nine-tenths of the electors being farmers, and the Doctor, naturally enough, wishes to stand well in their estimation. In order to please the "horny handed sons of toil" who have voted in the Centre Riding, he has made the following motion in the Commons: "That a select committee be appointed to enquire as to what will best conduce to the prosperity of the agricultural interest." As the Doctor no doubt wishes all the information he can get for his committee we take the liberty of mentioning a few things that have "conducted to the prosperity of the agricultural interest" in our neighborhood. Manure has been found to do admirably here. About forty years ago the entire county of Perth was a wilderness. Through severe muscular exertion the land has been cleared and well cultivated. We recommend manure, industry also "conducted" powerfully to the prosperity of farmers. We recommend industry too. Common sense benefits the "agricultural interest," and would not injure a certain M. P. we know. Rain is a very good thing when it falls in proper quantities, and at regular intervals. Sunshine has been known to greatly benefit agriculture in this country. Manure is a very good thing, good ploughing and underdraining. A moderate amount of brains in a farmer's head helps him wonderfully, and possibly might be of some service to Dr. Orton too. There are a number of other things which we will suggest if Dr. Orton promises to put the member for North Perth on his committee. On the whole we think Dr. Orton's motion for a select committee to assist farmers, is just about the smallest and meanest attempt to manufacture a little cheap popularity that we have heard of for a long time. The committee as struck by Dr. Orton himself consisted of thirteen members, and only one of the number is a farmer, and he refuses to act! The day for such transparent humbug is past. There was a time when politicians could make political capital in a small way by moving for committees to inquire into things, but that game is played out. What in the name of common sense could a committee composed of men like Hillyard Cameron and D. B. Chisholm do for the agricultural interests of Canada if it sat for a generation? The farmers of Canada know how to take care of themselves quite as well as any class of men in the world. They can also see through such budding politicians as Dr. Orton.

Palmerston Correspondence.

Our village progresses since last writing. A large number of new buildings have already been commenced. The contract for the stone work of the new Presbyterian Church has been awarded to Mr. William Bent. The materials are now on the ground and operations will shortly be commenced. Mr. A. Campbell has the contract for the wood-work. Mr. Josiah Evans has received the contract for building the Wesleyan Church and has commenced operations. The frame of the Bible Christian Church is up and partly enclosed. The corner stone of the Church of England was laid on the 31st March. The Ladies' Aid Society of the W. M. Church still keep up their socials. Two have been held since last report, one at Mr. McDowell's and one in the Church. Both were successful. A concert was given by the employees of the G. W. R. in the station last Thursday evening. Those who were present pronounce it a grand success. There were over 300 tickets sold. Prof. Maitland, of Guelph, Mrs. Potts and Mrs. McLennan, of Palmerston, and Messrs. Risson, Carey and Snyder, of Fergus, were the singers, and the Fergus Brass Band furnished instrumental music. The proceeds go to building a sidewalk from the station to the village.

Does it pay?—The Brantford *Expositor* seriously argues this question with reference to the police force organized in that town a year ago. The total cost of operation—the staff consisting of Police Magistrate, Chief, and four ordinaries—was \$4,225. The sum of \$800 is allowed for revenue, which leaves the net expense at \$3,425. The *Expositor* isn't at all satisfied with the new order of things, and does not think that "life and prosperity" have been any more secure than they were before.

Mr. Devlin has made a motion for a new trial in the *Winnipeg* libel case. It is thought the application will be argued before Judges Ramsay and Sanborn. The new Toronto Post-office was opened on Saturday.



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