

THE UNION ADVOCATE, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1877.

the direction of Bulgarians and the consequences resulting from this untoward battle are of ominous significance. The Russians have requested leave to bury their dead.

From Correspondence to N. Y. Herald.

A Complete Rout for the Russians.

Simnata, August 1.—Midnight—[I have just reached here after a hard ride from the battle-field at Porlin.—The road from Porlin to Bulgarians was covered with broken and retreating troops, wholly destitute of order; officers without soldiers, soldiers without officers, without cohesion and mostly without arms. The narrow bridge near Bulgarians was well confused and a complete block. Tumblers, ambulance wagons, provision wagons, officers' caissons, led horses and carts filled with wounded, all were jammed in indescribable chaos. There had been wounded all along the road, but the bulk of the wounded began a little way beyond Bulgarians and extended in unbroken line for seven miles along the road to Sistora. They were mostly carried in ox-carts, several cases in ambulances, and many were tramped on foot. Immense numbers of wounded had tramped the whole way from the battle-field to Sistora, already entering Sistora at 6 o'clock yesterday evening. They must have walked forty miles in twenty-four hours, wounded as they were. Nearly all those wounded, however, consisted of men who had somehow managed to walk out of the battle. The bad cases were mostly left where they fell. The staff officer, with whom I estimate I am inclined to agree, thinks the whole force lost between 6000 and 7000 men in killed and wounded. A brigade of the Thirty-second Division has suffered the most heavily. Besides the terrible loss of men it sacrificed the Imperial banner of its regiments.

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NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI, N. B.

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IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.

CONSIDERABLE excitement has been raised among the people of Nova Scotia by the discovery that by the establishment of County Courts in that Province, the barbarous law of life imprisonment for debt has been re-established. Formerly, and until the County Courts were established last year, a debtor could obtain his release when he was clearly shown that neither fraud nor deception was being attempted. But the Act applied only to the Supreme Court and Courts held before Magistrates, but when the new law was established by some oversight the Judges of the County Courts were delegated the power to release debtors imprisoned under its process.

This is startling enough to those who imagined that imprisonment for debt for life was among the things of the past—a buried barbarism never to be resurrected. Of course the Act can be amended, but in the meantime poor debtors will have to lie in prison, no matter how unable they may be to liquidate their debts, until the law comes to their relief. In many instances this will entail much privation on the part of the families of the poor unfortunate. Our exchanges quote the case of the captain of a schooner, who was recently arrested in Halifax County for a trifling debt, and was kept in prison for a month when application was made to Judge Johnston for relief. The Judge has now decided that such relief cannot be given, and that, in the terms of the law, the captain and his family must remain in prison until the debt is paid, or until the court of justice superior and inferior to that of the County Court can obtain relief. The County Court prisoner can not. He must remain in jail until the debt is satisfied, if it be for a lifetime. Judge Johnston, in his judgment, states that he makes this decision with reluctance, but after mature deliberation he is of opinion that the law has not conferred on a judge of the County Court the power of releasing from imprisonment persons imprisoned under process issued out of the County Court, and that, therefore, as to them the common law remains in force; and the not giving such power as a *cassus omnis* consequent on the legislature having failed to express the real meaning. He adds, "But we I to give their language a construction contrary to or different from that which the words import, I should be making, not interpreting, the law, and the office of a judge is *vis dicere* and not *vis dare*."

The Halifax Herald says respecting this matter—

"The effect of the state of things to make the Halifax jail a second Marshfield. Debtors are being crowded into it, and unless able to pay the utmost farthing, will remain incarcerated. Several cases have already come to our knowledge of frightful hardship resulting from this state of affairs. Poor men having large families depending on their daily earnings, have been thrust in jail by some merciless creditors, and being unable to pay the debts, are kept in jail while their families are suffering for want. Men from abroad—men in the case before mentioned—come to Halifax, and find themselves arrested; if not able to pay their debts, are kept in jail, and thus have revived amongst us, in all its inhumanity, a law that was suppressed was forever relegated to the past and distant."

The St. John Fire.

It now transpires that the great fire in St. John, which caused the loss of life and the destruction of much valuable property, was the immediate result of a badly managed fire department and an insufficient water supply. Such a lesson should be received as a warning, and ought to be productive of good. There are towns in this Province which, with respect to a water supply and fire departments, are in a much more lamentable position than was St. John previous to the fire. Newcastle is among the number. True, a meeting has been convened, and a committee appointed to ascertain some necessary information with respect to the introduction of a good water supply for this town, but the time is rapidly passing away, and we do not hear of

any further steps being taken. Our people are certainly amazingly lukewarm in this matter of the respect importance, and it does appear as if they intend to remain indifferent and inactive, while their properties are in danger of being swept away by a conflagration. When that comes, and come it may at any moment, they will then see the result of their suicidal inactivity, while at the same time perhaps will look upon it as a judgment sent from Heaven. People are too prone to call calamity judgments when in many instances they are the result of downright carelessness and an inexplicable stupidity. We hope the Committee will be prepared shortly to submit a report of what they have done in this matter.

The Excursion.

The Excursion and Picnic to-morrow, it is confidently anticipated, will be a very pleasant affair, and the various committees are working energetically to secure the comfort and pleasure of all who shall patronize it. In addition to the attractions mentioned in the advertisement, we have to another which will greatly add to the pleasure of many, and that is—there is good trout and salmon fishing in the Togoche, which runs through the Vale Farm. With respect to the beauty of the spot selected, the writer recently travelled with a Halifax gentleman on one of the trains, who expressed the opinion that for natural beauty the farm has not its equal in the Province. This is a broad statement, and yet we believe the gentleman is fully warranted in making such an opinion. It is of course understood that the object is to raise money, but as all the various amusement and games on the grounds will be free to all, the public will perceive that the persons having the affair in charge do not intend to pursue a "grab" game, but on the contrary to give to all a fair equivalent for favors received. We therefore hope to see the affair generously patronized, and trust that it shall pass off in a most pleasant and agreeable manner.

Complimentary.

We publish below a copy of an address presented to the Rev. Wm. Croden, Rector of St. Peter's, Bentley, with the reply thereto. The gentleman has been connected with Ministerial labour in this section for about twenty years, and has been known as a faithful, hard working servant of God, one whose sympathies have ever been with every good word and work. His new field of labor is in Pictou, where we hope his ministerial duties will be crowned with success, and his residence in that place made pleasant by many warm friendships.

Address.

To REV. WILLIAM CRODEN, P. S. W.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Your Brethren of New Brunswick cannot permit you to sever the relation which has existed between us for the past seven years, without some expression of regret at the circumstances which render such a step necessary on your part.

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Reply.

To CHAS. F. BOURNE, W. M.; WM. A. PARK, S. W.; E. L. STURGEON, S. W.; J. JOHNSON, S. W.; and R. C. CALH, Secy. of NORTHEASTERN LODGE.

Dear Brothers,—While, in common with you, I am grieved at the departure of the last seven years, a union of real Masonic Nature has existed, regretted by me, and I am sure by you, and I shall always look back with feelings of real pleasure to the many happy hours spent in the enjoyment of your fellowship. I feel doubly thankful that my attendance—always a work of pleasure—and my general conduct as a Mason has been such as to have secured for me a place in the roll of the Supreme Chapter of the Universe presided.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge, C. F. BOURNE, W. M.; WM. A. PARK, S. W.; E. L. STURGEON, S. W.; J. JOHNSON, S. W.; and R. C. CALH, Secy.

Newcastle, N. B. 1st Aug. 1877.

Gallant Rescue.

A correspondent sends the following—

Tracadie, Aug. 6, 1877. MR. EDITOR.—I cannot agree with great number of the sages of our age in believing that "the days of chivalry have passed." Among the numerous striking reasons for my opinion in this matter, permit me to mention the following incident, which brings to light in an edifying manner the bravery and particularly the chivalric spirit of this generation. I was visiting a friend in Tracadie, last Saturday, I had the happiness of having, in the evening, a most beautiful and interesting philosophical notions respecting the bravery of the manhood of our age, dispelled by a striking scene, which came under my eyes. A fine vessel, a beautiful schooner, was seen in the distance, and was slowly and majestically wending his way to the shore. On the other side of the globe, my attention was called to the appearance of a fine vessel sailing in the northern part of the bay. Presently I was roused from my pleasant reverie by cries of distress in the distance. As I cast a glance

Trade of Canada.

The following figures show the imports of 1876-7 as compared with the previous year, being an increase of over \$2,000,000.

|            | 1876-7.      | 1875-6.      |
|------------|--------------|--------------|
| July,      | \$8,428,626  | \$8,404,785  |
| August,    | 10,443,383   | 10,438,147   |
| September, | 10,452,247   | 10,015,260   |
| October,   | 9,038,978    | 9,055,274    |
| November,  | 11,681,630   | 11,478,464   |
| December,  | 4,290,282    | 4,831,267    |
| January,   | 5,620,943    | 4,984,951    |
| February,  | 5,447,699    | 6,064,962    |
| March,     | 5,200,285    | 6,010,080    |
| April,     | 8,707,886    | 8,710,224    |
| May,       | 8,671,912    | 8,183,156    |
| June,      | 9,747,549    | 8,184,227    |
| Total,     | \$75,069,046 | \$71,254,694 |

An Outside Opinion of the "Advocate" as an Advertising Medium.

The following letter is received recently from William Rennie, Seedman, and dealer in all kinds of agricultural implements—

Toronto, Canada, July 19, 1877.

Editors "THE UNION ADVOCATE," Miramichi, N. B.

Dear Sirs:—I desire to state that my advertisement in your paper has brought me a large order of reliable turnip seed, and I have just received one from the State of Texas.

Yours very truly, WM. RENNIE.

Fish Shipments.

Memorandum of Fish shipped to the United States from New Brunswick by the C. G. Railway, for week ending 14th August.

|                    | Fresh. | Fresh. |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Salmon,            | 5,328  | 450    |
| Shad,              | 1,233  | 450    |
| Tommy Cod,         | 389    | 450    |
| Joseph Goodfellow, | 140    | 450    |
| Total,             | 8,880  | 450    |

BASE BALL.—The "Resolutions" of Monday came with the Excursion party yesterday.

We shall have to make a new record of the "Autumn Leaf" Club of Newcastle. The result of the game was a tie, the "Resolutions" having won the first innings, the "Autumn Leaf" Club winning the second.

The Clerk read a petition from St. Mark's Church, Base River, asking for a resolution in a Call. The prayer of the petition was granted, and Mr. Anderson was appointed to moderate on an early day.

The Clerk also read a petition from St. Stephen's Church, Black River, asking for a resolution in a Call. As this petition was unopposed it was carried.

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General Intelligence.

War News.

London, Aug. 7.—A despatch from Constantinople says that in a naval engagement on the Sulina river, on the 2nd inst., the Turkish fleet defeated seven Russian gunboats and destroyed two.

PORT OF RICHMOND.

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