

LOUIS NAPOLEON AND THE FRENCH.

It required but little political sagacity to foresee, that the difficulties of Louis Napoleon would by no means be brought to a termination by his success in the great object of his ambition. It required tact, prudence, courage, and good fortune for such a man to change the temporary Presidency of an unpopular Republic, into the hereditary dignity of an Emperor; but all these high qualities, admirably well as they may have been displayed, will need to be exerted in a far greater degree, together with many others equally essential—if he expect to secure his own happiness, and that of the country, which he has called himself to govern. Many as were his difficulties while merely President—they are all increased a hundred fold now that he is Emperor. "Charity is said to be reached the goal; his foes and his friends know the best and the worst of him; his foes take the measure of his life, and weigh their chances against it; while his friends clamour for the reward of their exertions in his behalf, and for the most part reckon their services at values impossible to admit, and inconvenient, if not dangerous, to deny. And these are, perhaps, the least of the evils he has to confront. Individual foes may possibly be conciliated, and important friends may be put off with instalments; but nothing will satisfy the great bulk of the nation but the realization of hopes which the ablest and most honest of men would find it difficult to fulfil. Finance, that prosaic monster, is greater than Emperors, and more insatiable than their ambition. A fair balance-sheet—the income equal to the expenditure—a well-fed and a well-employed multitude, these are the matters which no Caesar, however haughty, can despise or neglect without the usual penalty—liberty to civil strife and impending revolution.

Already these difficulties have commenced. A commercial crisis, started off from day to day by incredible shifts, manoeuvres, and sacrifices on the part of the Government, threatens to burst over the country. The public securities, kept factitiously at a high nominal price, are finding, like water, their natural level. Their downward tendency—without a panic, but simply from the collapse of the energies and the cunning that kept them at an unnatural rise—betokens the general sense of insecurity. There has no doubt been some increase in the occupations of the people in Paris: builders and house-decorators have been largely employed, and trade has to some considerable extent revived; the advantage of the comparative but forced quietude of the political world during the last few months; but, with a system of taxation which is already oppressive, and in face of a deficit of two millions sterling, with an expenditure estimated to be greater this year, than it was during the year that is past, by nearly 60,000,000 francs, and with the chances of a bad harvest over Europe, it is impossible not to fear that the first year of the French Empire will be an anxious, if not a dangerous one, to France as well as to the Emperor. Upon the question of the Emperor's marriage, it is not premature to express an opinion. The French themselves, who are more interested in the matter than the rest of Europe, do not seem to look upon it with much favour. The downward tendency of the Funds has, in the meantime, been aggravated by it.—Illustrated London News.

EPITOME OF NEWS.

A LONDON CHURCH.—St. Paul's Cathedral, in London, cost \$7,000,000. The clock in the tower has a pendulum 14 feet long, the weight at the end 112 lbs., the minute hands 75 lbs. each, on four diam. and 8 feet long, the hour hands 41 pounds each, and 5 feet long. The dial are 19 feet in diameter. The figures are 2 1/2 feet long. The bell that strikes the hours is heard 30 miles distant on clear days; being 10 feet in diameter and 41 tons in weight. It is tolled on the death of the Dean, the mayor, Bishop of London, or a member of the royal family.

The Earl of Aberdeen is the first prime minister who has not been a member of the Church of England, since the expulsion of James II. from the throne, and the restoration of Protestant ascendancy by the revolution of 1689. His lordship professes the faith of his forefathers, and is a regular member of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

BUSINESS AT AUSTRALIA.—Some time ago, business done at Melbourne, Australia, may be obtained from the fact that the Argus of that place, of Sept. 1, a daily paper, contains over forty-five columns of advertisements, seven of which are auction sales.

FROM BERNEZA AND THE WEST INDIES.—The arrival of the mail steamer at Halifax has put us in possession of Bermuda papers to the 25th ult. On the 23d, a gale was experienced at Hamilton, which drove two or three vessels from their anchorage, unseated a few houses, uprooted several valuable fruit trees, and injured the young potatoes and other growing crops.

The patrol arrived yesterday from St. Thomas, with large files of West India papers. It is lamentable to read the record of the many valuable and notable lives which have fallen by the scourging ravages of the Fever throughout the Antilles.

BOSTON.—The Boston Post says that a large quantity of butter, imported some time ago from England, was sent back again in the steamer which left last week, butter being cheaper there than in England. It is said that large quantities of butter are in hands of speculators in Boston, and the price of the article is higher than in New York or Albany.

By Nassau papers, 47 deaths by Fever, had occurred from the 13th to the 19th Dec., and about 1-5th of the population of New Providence have been taken away by sickness.

RECIPROCIETY.—The New York Journal of Commerce says, it appears that a treaty of reciprocity between the United States and the British West Indian Provinces, has not only been concluded between the British Minister at Washington, and the United States Secretary of the Treasury, but ratified on the part of the British Government. In this shape it was returned to the American Government by the late British minister from London, which explains the success of her despatch. The substance are embraced in the stipulations of the treaty, but precisely what are its provisions, we are not informed.

The objects of this arrangement are unquestionably good, and being approximation towards free trade, its results will be good, if the basis of the arrangement are mutually just and equal.

If the United States Senate should concur in the ratification, an act of Congress will still be necessary, in order to carry into effect such parts of the treaty as refer to revenue.

NEW HANNOVER REVIEW.—We learn from the St. John New Brunswick Review the review of the province of New Brunswick for the year just closed is considerably larger than it has ever been known in one year, and amounts to 2125, 500, being an increase of 230, 500 over the previous year.

NEW WORK ON COLONIAL POLICY.—The London papers announce a new work as forthcoming, on "The Colonial Policy of England from 1647 to 1851, by the Right Honourable Earl Grey." It is supposed that this work will comprise a history of the Lordship's administration of the Colonies, during the period named, and it may be expected to contain much matter not only curious but interesting to Colonists.

HASZARD'S GAZETTE.

Wednesday, February 19, 1853.

—The just, and fair act: Let all the ends that sin's at, be thy country's, Thy God's, and Truth's.—Shakespeare.

TOWN MEETING.

Proposition to procure an Act to enable the Inhabitants of Charlottetown to assess themselves, for objects of local improvement.

In accordance with a notification, published in the newspapers, a meeting of the Inhabitants of Charlottetown, took place on Thursday last, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of endeavouring to procure an Act of Incorporation for Charlottetown. The representatives of Charlottetown, the Hon. EDWARD PALMER and FRANCIS LONGWORTH, Esq. presided. The meeting was a large one, and several questions, arising out of the main one, were discussed with sufficient warmth and freedom—mingled, perhaps, occasionally with too much of the spirit of party and personal prejudice.

The majority of the meeting, we are sorry to say, appeared to be decidedly opposed to an Act of Incorporation, and the original Resolution for the incorporation of the town was superseded by the following amendment, viz:—"That application be made to the Legislature, for an Act to enable the Inhabitants to assess themselves, for objects of local improvement, and that a Committee be appointed to draw up a Bill, to be approved of at a General Meeting of the Town, before it is submitted to the Legislature; and that it be an instruction to such Committee, that all officers employed in the expenditure of such assessments should be elected by the rate-payers, by ballot."

That the Town to be divided into wards, and each ward to elect an Assessor." Committee to prepare the Bill.—Mr. John Longworth, John Williams, D. Brennan, L. W. Gall, R. Hutchinson, J. Gainsford, G. Beer, H. Haszard, J. N. Harris.

By a vote of such an Act as that contemplated by the above Resolution, many very desirable improvements may be effected, and many important advantages may be secured by the inhabitants of Charlottetown; but altogether they will certainly fall very far short of the many public improvements and advantages, material, moral and judicial, what might be secured to the people of Charlottetown by an Act of Incorporation.

The extension and preservation of good order, greater security to life and property, summary redress for offences, the immediate removal of nuisances, the suppression of nurseries or hot-beds for the growth and encouragement of every species of infamy and villany, together with many other social and moral improvements, either necessarily implied in the above, or which, it is obvious, would naturally arise out of them, are, we repeat it, the great objects to be obtained by an Act of Incorporation, and in fact, the only objects which are sought to be attained, through its agency, by all, we believe, who most eagerly desire its accomplishment.

It is very true that an Act of Incorporation would not be productive of unearned wealth. It would here, as well as elsewhere, have its attendant evils; but they would be found light in comparison with its many substantially beneficial results. Amongst many of "the friends of order," as amongst many who covet the immediate removal of benefits which arise from virtuous friendship, the case appears frequently to be pretty much the same: "All like the purchase,—few the price will pay."

The Incorporation of Charlottetown would certainly entail upon the inhabitants a certain annual amount of expenditure—varying with circumstances for its support, and the constant, vigilant, and efficient working of its machinery. But apprehensions of excess in that respect, guarded against, in the first place, by most jealous and stringent provisions in the Act itself, as it ought to be,—and, in the next, subjected, as it would be, to the most scrupulous public investigation, and, in the next, indeed, we do not, much alarm the many zealous and enlightened friends of the measure amongst our fellow townsmen.

Although, by the determination of the Public Meeting, the desire to have the Town incorporated, appears to be suppressed for a time; we do not think it ought yet to be abandoned as entirely hopeless. We are of opinion, that, if a Petition to the Legislature, praying an Act for the Incorporation of the Town, were to be prepared, and due diligence taken, by the friends of the measure, to procure signatures to it, the result would prove that incorporation is earnestly desired by the great majority of those on whom the burden of its support would, in a direct pecuniary point of view, fall most heavily; and, therefore, we cannot think it would be wise to allow the present movement in its favor to subside without another effort for its accomplishment.

And, further, we beg to hint, to the friends of the measure, that, whatever opposition they may now have to contend with, delay will not strengthen them, and enfeeble their adversaries; but will positively have a contrary tendency.

In connection with this subject, we beg leave, both for ourselves and fellow-townsmen, to thank our intelligent and practical correspondent "A Friend to Improvement," for his valuable communication, which we enjoy; and to which we cordially invite the attention of our Town subscribers, and, generally, of every "friend to improvement" in the place, into whose hands it may fall.

to dry or cure fish, without previous agreement, for such purpose, with the Inhabitants, Proprietors or possessors of the ground."

I apprehend that similar stipulations would be required in this or any other Colony, where similar privileges are granted. In several Townships in Prince Edward Island, Fishery Stations are reserved for the free use of Her Majesty's subjects. Such, I imagine, cannot be otherwise appropriated. In other reserves and a much more numerous class the soil remains in the Crown, and in receiving post Civil List Act of 1851 to be amended, the Colonial Minister wisely pointed out, that "the maintenance of the Crown over the soil itself is essential, if it were only for the purpose of the various legal proceedings which it may be necessary to take, in reference to such lands." Nor did Lord Grey understand in what manner the Legislature intended to supply that deficiency. It has been since rectified by the amended Civil List Bill, which recently received the Royal Assent.

There were merely pointed out to Her Majesty's Government, the position in which the Colony now stands, and the various questions, which, in my opinion, it presents for an amicable and easy settlement of the Fishing question, in so far as its interest are concerned; I again thank you for your Address.

On their return, the Hon. Mr. Lord presented to the House the petition of Philip MacFadyen of Charlottetown, Trader, praying to be refunded the amount of certain duties paid by him on the importation into this Island, last Fall, of 19 Barrels of Herrings, and 100 lbs. of salt, to have been purchased at Louisbourg, Cape Breton, and a motion being made to lay the same on the table.

The Hon. the TREASURER opposed the motion, on the ground that the Petitioner had not complied with the requirements of the Law. It would appear that he had not cleared out his vessel at the Custom House, and he no petitioned the House to grant him a permission for violating the law. The authorities here had no means of knowing where these Fish were caught, or where they came from, and therefore, were very properly treated as a foreign article.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a Petition of John MacNaughton, of Carleton, in Lower Canada, addressed to His Excellency in Council, praying to be refunded the sum of \$6 1/2. The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, in the month of November last, on certain articles intended to have been landed here, but which owing to the sudden approach of winter, were taken back to Canada and sailed, were afterwards at the Port of New Carlisle, as appeared by the certificate of the Coast Officer at that Port, attached to the said Petition. Laid on the table.

Mr. SPEAKER presented to the House a communication from the chairman of the Board of Justice appointed to superintend the expenditure on Roads and Bridges within Charlottetown and Royalty, together with an Account of Receipts and expenditure for the year ending Feb. 1852.

[We have been furnished by the Reporter with the proceedings of the House up to Friday last, we are unable to insert them in to-day's paper.—ED. GAZ.]

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

GEORGETOWN, 26th January. PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION.—On Wednesday afternoon the Sons of Temperance Brass Band arrived from Charlottetown; and the weather being exceedingly good for such a display, it was resolved to have a Public Procession and Demonstration. Accordingly, at Four p. m., the Brethren assembled at the Division Room, and having clothed themselves in Regalia, from thence proceeded, in good marching order, to the old street, headed by the Band, who caused the welkin to resound with their spirit-stirring and enlivening strains. The Banner of Crystal Stream (Vernon River) Division led the van. Having in this way sufficiently prepared the legs of the Brethren for the subsequent proceedings, at about Five o'clock the procession returned to the Hall, and dispersed.

TEA SOIREE AND PUBLIC MEETING.—About half-past Six in the evening, a large party assembled at the Division Room, for the purpose of a tea-soiree, which had been beautifully and tastefully decorated with evergreens, flags, portraits, &c. for the occasion. At the lower end of the room were displayed, in graceful and friendly juxtaposition, on one side, the "Union Jack," on the other, the "star-spangled banner" of America; and in the centre, the beautiful Banner of the "Diamond of the Desert"; whilst over the President's chair, at the other extremity of the room, appeared, in a handsome frame, a portrait of the late General Sir John A. Macdonald, which had been presented to the Sons of Temperance by the late General Sir John A. Macdonald, and was supported by Mr. W. McEwen, Esq. The tea and cake were of the best and most varied description, and the whole was served up in the best style, and to the entire satisfaction of all present.—A Grace having previously been sung by the vocalists, and the Band, at intervals, "discussing sweet music" during the feast. The tables having been removed, and the doors thrown open to the public, the more serious part of the business now commenced. The Chair was taken by the G. W. P. about 8 o'clock, who called the meeting to order, and briefly stated the objects for which they were assembled, viz, the discussion of the applicability of the Maine Law to Prince Edward Island, and the propriety of petitioning the Legislature for such a Law at its approaching Session. He concluded by inviting all parties present to come forward and state their views on these interesting topics, whether they were pro or con.

The following Resolutions were then severally moved, seconded, and adopted by the meeting, viz:— 1. Moved by Mr. Archibald McNeill, seconded by Mr. J. J. Rice.— "That while we duly appreciate moral suasion in the cause of Temperance, it is found not sufficient to produce that reformation that the present state of society demands."

2. Moved by Dr. McEwen, seconded by Mr. Robertson, Esq.— "That a Law prohibiting the manufacture, importation, and Sale of Ardent Spirits in this Island, would materially benefit its Inhabitants."

3. Moved by Wm. Sanderson, Esq., seconded by John Frost, Esq.— "That it is the duty of all Temperance men to use all constitutional means in their power to procure the enactment of a Law prohibiting the manufacture, importation, and sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Island, except for medicinal or medicinal purposes."

The foregoing Resolutions were ably supported by their several movers, seconders and supporters, and were carried without a dissentient voice—the Band performing one of their pleasing and much-admired airs after the passage of each Resolution. The Maine Law Resolution was then adopted, and adopted, after which a large number of signatures was appended thereto; and at a late hour the Meeting broke up, apparently highly delighted with the proceedings of the evening.

EXERCISES TO GRACEY RIVER.—On the following day (Thursday) a large party of the members of the Band—headed by the Banner of the "Diamond of the Desert," proceeded, in consequence of a special invitation from the friends of the Cause, to Gracey River, to perform a grand and magnificent Temperance Tea Party to be held in the evening. The distance of the place of meeting was about 12 miles, and although the day was one of the coldest we have had this winter, it was, nevertheless, exceedingly pleasant and interesting. The party arrived at Gracey River about 4 o'clock, where they were very hospitably received and entertained at the house of John Frost, Esq., a noble-hearted and most amiable friend of the Cause. In a short time guests were making in every direction, to make ready for the inhabitants the arrival of the party. About half-past

five, the party marched in procession, clothed in Regalia, from Brother Frost's to the Meeting-house, where the necessary preparations had been made for the reception of the guests, and in a short time after their arrival, the spacious building was crowded to excess by a very respectable and intelligent assembly of persons, of all ages and of both sexes. An equal number of singing and happy faces has seldom been assembled together in so small a space of time, and from such distances, on any previous occasion, in any part of the Island. On entering, we found the tables liberally laden with the richest viands which the District could produce, which, together with Tea and Coffee, were partaken of, by us, should think, at least 200 persons. After tea, the tables were removed, and the Meeting was called to order by D. G. W. P. Sanderson, of Georgetown, who moved "that the G. W. P. do take the chair," which, being seconded, was carried by acclamation. Resolutions similar to those adopted at Georgetown, on the evening previous, were then severally moved, seconded, and adopted by the meeting with the utmost enthusiasm. To do anything for justice to the several speeches on the occasion, to the able and spirited performance of the Band, and the talent displayed by the Grand River Choir, and other vocalists present on this interesting occasion, would require more time than the writer can possibly devote to the subject, at present; but we must say, that nothing could exceed the innocent delight, and heart-felt enjoyment of all present at that happy meeting; and we only wish that some of the varieties of the singing and the piano, which so happily affect to enter at such gatherings, had been present, that they might judge for themselves, how far intoxicating liquors of any description are necessary to true and rational enjoyment, and intellectual and innocent recreation. After the Resolutions had been presented, and in a short time one hundred signatures were appended thereto. About Ten o'clock, tea and cake were again served round, and at a late hour the meeting broke up—well especially delighted with the evening's entertainment.

This was of the most joyous and unappreciated entertainments, and, on the whole, one of the most interesting and encouraging that it has ever fallen to our lot to witness, and will, doubtless, be long remembered by all who had the pleasure of being present at it.

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