

## BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.—If we may judge by what has already become known, Russia feels herself to be checkmated by the boldness of the policy pursued by the British Government. She feels that Britain is ready to go to war to defend the Berlin Treaty as she was to gain it in the first instance, and she knows that the odds against herself in such a contest are even greater now than they were six months ago. One of her own masterstrokes, is recoiling upon herself. When it became evident that Britain would go to war to save Constantinople Russia undertook to plant a thorn in her probable antagonist's side. With that view she made such overtures to the Amir of Afghanistan as would, in the event of war breaking out, have embarrassed Britain by forcing her to look to her Eastern possessions at the time when she wanted all her strength for the European campaign. But war did not ensue. The Russian movements in Asia, however, were so threatening that England felt herself bound to cut with her sword the Gordian knot which has been the puzzle of the Viceroy's these forty years. Russia pushed forward Shere Ali as a chess-player pushes forward a pawn of no great consequence, to draw off the opponent's attention from the more important play elsewhere. But England took the hint, and addressed herself to securing her frontier from all further aggression in that quarter. The Russian demonstration opened the eyes of the British Government to the fact that the time for the solution of the long-sketched Afghan problem was at hand.

Mr. Cross, Home Secretary stated in the House of Commons, last week, that reports of distress among the laboring classes were greatly exaggerated. But from the reports of what is being done to relieve this suffering, the outlook would not seem to be encouraging. The Mayor of Birmingham recently called a meeting to consider the increasing want of the laboring classes. At Sheffield 2,000 children and 3,000 adults received aid week before last. Hundreds of the families of iron-workers at Stockton are destitute, and at Stoke-on-Trent the Distress Committee are unable to keep pace with the demands. The Edinburgh authorities are furnishing work to the unemployed, but at Glasgow the streets are reported as "swarming with idle and starving men, women and children." In North Staffordshire, at Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, Dundee, and elsewhere the condition of things is little better.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 28.

The vote in the County to-day on the Permissive Bill was not as large as expected, but the Bill was carried by a good majority.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.

P. McKeogh's grocery was gutted this morning from fire. Loss \$1,100. Insured in Royal Canadian for \$1,000.

The funeral of the late Dwight P. Jones took place to-day and was largely attended. In a sermon to-day Rev. Dr. Wilkes alluded to deceased as founder of American Presbyterian Church in Montreal on Christmas Eve, 1822.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.

An order has been obtained for the examination of the Premier in a Kingston election case, and it will come off shortly—most likely in Ottawa.

Briston, post office clerk, has been superannuated with a gratuity of one year's pay. The services of two other employees of the same department have been dispensed with.

Parliament is further prorogued to the 8th of February, and is not then called for to dispatch business.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The Standard's correspondent with Kuram column, telegraphs Gen. Roberts who convoked the principal inhabitants of Kuram Valley at Peshawar and Ali Khayt, and informed them that the Amir's rule had passed away forever, and henceforth they must look to the Empress of India.

Lord Beaconsfield received on the 19th a deputation from the Pacific Coast which presented a testimonial from the British residents of California. In his speech to the deputation, the Premier expressed belief in the success of the Berlin Treaty, and said that Cyprus, as a station, was not second in value to Malta.

The great strike in the Oldham Mills, England, has continued for over a month at a loss in wages of \$300,000, and there is no evidence yet of a surrender on the part of the workmen.

Accounts have been made out and will be presented for payment for amounts due the Standard office up to Dec. 31, 1878, and we trust those indebted for one year and upwards will respond cheerfully and promptly.

## The St. Andrews Standard.

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WITH HOLIDAY SUPPLEMENT.

The present issue of the STANDARD, commences its Forty-sixth Volume. Having in the last number, taken a brief glance at its past course, we only add that the work is given to our patrons—and that we begin the year with good wishes.

### THE PAST YEAR.

Good-bye old 1878—a year the most memorable and notable for the last quarter of a century, and one long to be remembered for its terrific storms, inundations, fires, accidents, political changes, and wars, all of which will be briefly noticed.

We begin with this Canada of ours. During the year that's awa', Local and General Elections have been held in the Provinces, and the results have been changes, but the Dominion election certainly took all parties by surprise. The issue was—Free Trade versus Protection, and the Conservatives gained the day by an overwhelming majority—the Mackenzie Government resigned, and Sir John A. Macdonald formed a new Government—our present rulers. The Earl of Dufferin, the most popular and able Governor General, our Canada ever had, has returned to his native country, his term of office having expired. The appreciation in which he was held in the Dominion, may be understood from the numerous receptions and addresses he received prior to leaving Canada. The office has been accepted by the MARQUIS OF LORNE, who with his illustrious wife, Her Royal Highness, PRINCESS LOUISE, arrived at Halifax last month; and from their landing until their arrival at Ottawa, had the most magnificent receptions, addresses and ovations ever offered to Royalty, so much so, that Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, telegraphed Her pleasure at the reception, and requested it to be made known to the people.

The Russo-Turkish war was closed during the early part of the year, and resulted as was anticipated, Russia being victorious. A treaty of peace was entered into at San Stefano, which was afterwards amended by the Berlin Congress, known as the Berlin Treaty. Towards the latter end of the year, the Amir of Afghanistan prevented a British Commission passing through his territory and otherwise showed an unfriendly disposition, which resulted in old England using military force to bring him to terms; but, the Amir took to flight and in every encounter the British have been victorious, and will be, as they will not permit the approaches to their Indian Empire to be blocked up by any power.

The debates in the British Parliament were at times bitter, the Liberals failed in their opposition, as on every vote the Government were sustained by large majorities.

In the United States, the attempts to amuse President Hayes, have invariably failed. They paid the Fishery Award, after many objections, and have resumed specie payments, and put into circulation a silver trade dollar, which is only worth 93 cents, but which is to be made by legislative enactment of full value.

The harvests in the Dominion and the United States have been most bountiful, and in the "mother country" they were better than for some years, rendering the necessities of life much cheaper than for some time.

The commercial depression has been wide spread, every country has felt it, and in Great Britain it has stopped the wheels of business. Banks have failed bringing ruin upon hitherto wealthy houses. As a consequence laborers wages have been reduced, and many mercantile firms have failed there as well as in the Dominion.

In the United States too, many have gone into insolvency—notwithstanding the great sum of \$260,000,000 balance of trade in its favor.

Then with reference to accidents and storms, the colliery explosions in Great Britain—the railway accidents there, and on this continent, the disasters to shipping and the consequent loss of life, and latterly, the devastating influence of the yellow fever in the Southern States, make up a list of an appalling description.

We hope that with the advent of 1879, a more cheering picture will be presented, and that at its close, a record of peace, prosperity, and advancement, may be painted. With these aspirations, we close our volume for the year—wishing our readers and friends generally, "A Happy New Year."

Our friend of the *Courier* is a "wise" man, mistaken, with reference to the paternity of the article "The Government in Session," which was simply our own. We cannot imagine the *Courier* was intentionally mistaken, as the tone of the remark is friendly. The information it seeks for is within its own office, and by calculating the number of miles graded on the G. S. Railway line will obtain one part; and by glancing over the brief article again, his keen eye will see our usual view of pleasure running through it. We have never regarded any government as perfect, nor do we believe they can carry through every measure introduced nor please every one—neither do we entertain the idea that they should hold office for many years, but we do hold that they are entitled to be judged by their measures, and their general management of the affairs of the country. We may add that our contemporary would not knowingly publish an erroneous statement.

THE DEATHS during the past year were numerous, from palace to hovel—many distinguished men and women were removed from this sordid sphere. Our own community has not been an exception. Only a couple of weeks ago a beloved daughter of Queen Victoria, the Princess Alice of Hesse, was suddenly carried off by diphtheria; Prince Mercedes of Spain, Victor Emmanuel, Prince Murat, Marquis of Aylesbury, Earl Bathurst, Duchess of Argyll, Lord Chelmsford, Sir W. G. Craig, The Church too, has lost heavily, Pope Pius IX, Cardinal Fanchi, Cardinal Cullen, Bishops Selwyn and McKenzie, Rev. Dr. Duff, Rev. J. Guthrie, W. A. Thomson, Genl. Sir John Campbell and hosts of others.

THE NORTH WEST.—A friend has sent us copies of "Saskatchewan Herald," published fortnightly at Battleford, North West Territory, Canada, by P. G. Laurie & Co. It is neatly printed from small type on a sheet 10x15—price \$2 per annum. We are also in receipt of the Manitoba "Free Press," and from it we learn they are making rapid strides in that distant part of the Dominion. Winnipeg has several fine churches, school-houses and public buildings, large mercantile establishments, Lyceums, reading rooms, places of amusement, good roads, and many large farms. The population has increased within three years from hundreds to thousands in the Province, which is destined in a few years to be a rich country and an inviting field for immigrants.

THE HON. S. L. TILLEY, Minister of Finance, arrived safely at Ottawa, where a public reception was given him by the Temperance Association. His reply in answer to the address was conceived in a happy spirit and couched in felicitous terms. Mr. Tilley it is well known in his native Province, has been, from early youth, a consistent advocate of total abstinence. The Hon. Dr. Tupper made a pleasing speech on the occasion, in which he made complimentary allusion to Mr. Tilley, and also stated that his honored father, the Rev. Mr. Tupper, (a gentleman known here to many of the older inhabitants) was one of the founders of the temperance cause in New Brunswick.

Time marches on—the old volume has been closed and a new one opened—let us hope with a brighter future, and that prosperity may rapidly follow the long night of business disarrangements, and that the bad times and lack of employment, may speedily give place to a demand for labor and national prosperity, and the errors of the past be avoided in the future. Let us profit by the hard lessons, and improve the opportunities presented.

CHRISTMAS DAY was observed becomingly, in some of the churches appropriate services were held; All Saint's Church and the Roman Catholic Church were handsomely decorated with evergreens and appropriate mottoes.

LARGE PIG.—Mr. William Morrison had one of his pigs killed on Monday last, which weighed 475 pounds, dressed. The pork is without exception the whitest and fattest we ever remember to have seen.

MISREPRESENTATION.—Is it not as reprehensible as it is undignified to publish misstatements about public men or public business? Such conduct is calculated to injure the country's credit, as well to damage a man holding an official position, were it correct. But in the present case, it appears to be without foundation. In fact, we should have been contented by journals which assert that "Half the Canadian population still remains untaken by the public." Why publish such an incorrect statement a few days ago, when the whole issue was taken up on the 24th inst. The adage holds good, "honesty is the best policy."

ANOTHER MYSTERY!—For want of some thing more marvellous to record, there are Amherst and Halifax "mysteries." These strange manifestations are attributed to electric influences—and are unlike "spirit rappings," and are said to be good "times" as they beat in unison with tunes played or sung. What next?

THE SNOWFLAKE is a new candidate for public favor, published at Miramichi, on toned paper. It is a small, but with considerable ability by 25 cents for six consecutive numbers. The object is a charitable one, and we hope that proper encouragement will be given, and a large circulation secured.

THE NEW DOMINION MONTHLY for December contains the following articles:—Mr. Krell's Million, a Christmas story, by John Popham; Life in Glenzie, (continued), by the author of My Young Master; Sam and I, by Camp; Oka and its Inhabitants (Illus.) by G. H. F.; How to become Intelligent; The Deserted House, by Margaret Sutherland; John Greenwood (a ballad), by Rev. William Wye Smith. YOUNG FOLKS:—Winnie's Day, by Louise Marsh; Holiday Games, by M.; Parlor Magic (reprint, Illus.); Puzzles (Illustrated). THE HOUR:—A Mistake, by Nell Gwynne; Foods in Season (Illus.), by Giuseppe Ronnani, Chef de Cuisine.

LITERARY NOTICES:—Mag: a Story of To-day; Literary Notes; Chess, conducted by J. G. Ascher, Montreal; Draughts, conducted by Mr. Andrew Whyte, Bolton Forest, Que. FRONTSPIECE.

### URANINE.

This is the most recently discovered, and perhaps the most remarkable, of all the color tar or aniline group of coloring substances, now so extensively used for the adornment of the finest fabrics. Uranine is said, by chemists to be the most highly fluorescent body known to science. Its coloring power is astonishing; a single grain will impart a marked color to nearly five hundred gallons of water.

A most interesting experiment, which anybody may try, consists in sprinkling a few atoms of Uranine upon the surface of water in a glass tumbler. Each atom immediately sends down, through the water what appears to be a bright green rootlet; and the tumbler soon looks, as if it were crowded full of beautiful plants. The rootlets now begin to enlarge, spread and combine, until we have a mass of soft green-colored liquor. Viewed by transmitted light, the color changes to a bright golden or amber hue; while a combination of green and gold will be realized, according to the way the glass is held. For day or evening experiment nothing can be prettier than these trials of Uranine, which are especially entertaining for the young folks. We are indebted for examples of the color to the editors of the *Scientific American*, who are sending out specimens, free of charge, to all their readers. The subscription to the paper is \$3.20 for a year, or \$1.60 half year; and a better investment for the money could hardly be named.

The *Railroad Gazette* report of railroad accidents in this country for October shows that in six cases two trains under took to pass each other on the same track; and in seven others they ran into trains ahead of them going the same way. No wonder accident policies are in request among the travelling public.

Mr. Russell, who opposes Edison's application for a patent on his electric light, has failed thus far, the Solicitor-General deciding against him on the 30th.

A colored man 110 years old, died in South Carolina a week ago. He left a widow who is nearly 100 years old and infant son of 80 and a wax-bit of a grandson of 50.

The wealthy Stewart dead and turned to clay is so much "swag" for thieves to lug away.

WANTED AGENTS to canvass for Withrow's "Popular History of the Dominion of Canada" including the Maritime Provinces, from the earliest discovery to the close Louis Dufferin's administration, in one volume, full, complete, accurate, and copiously illustrated; a splendid opportunity for energetic Agents. For particulars address W. H. Russell, care T. S. Simms & Co., corner Union & Carmarthen sts., St. John.

Cheese.—A choice article of Cheese at T. BLACK'S.

## TO SUBSCRIBER.

As we have bills to meet which must be paid, we urgently request that you, to remit the amount due, or a P. O. order or registered letter to our legal proceedings. Some subscribers for years, and we shall not be able to collect.

Visitors to St. Andrews can obtain comfortable and pleasant quarters at Kennedy's Hotel, one of the best houses in the Province. The rooms are large, well ventilated and nicely furnished, and command a view of beautiful scenery of the surrounding country, diversified by land and water, and fitted with all modern conveniences. The larder is always supplied with the best from the town and surrounding markets, while every thing in season may be found at the table, with obliging and polite waiters. The location is within a short distance of the Railway, and Steamboat landing, and near the bathing places. Connected with the establishment, is a large livery stable, a word, the house is a favorite resort of business, and visitors generally.

Eminent Physician of large experience who has made pulmonary consumption a specialty, says that although the disease is most rapid of the disease is almost incurable, in those less advanced, and in those more chronic, which is fully consistent with the greater number of cases, we have been able to adduce many proofs that such may be done to mitigate, to prevent, to retard, and even to cure this most distressing of human maladies. His experience of fifty years leads him to assert that the "great remedy," mentioned in our advertisement, is far more essential and more effective than any other. Cod Liver Oil, No. 1000 CAN TAKE ROBINSON'S "The Standard Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil," which is the most reliable of all the emulsions of Cod Liver Oil in the market, and is most desirable to obtain. It is sold by J. A. ROBINSON, 111, St. John Street, St. John N. B., and far as Druggists and General Dealers. Price per bottle, six for \$2.00.

Backbone Flour at \$2 per 25 cents per lb., at CAMPBELL'S, with 1 lb. 1 lb.

Dr. Lawrence, Surgeon-Dentist, who has been attending calling on him to consult as possible, as his time in Saint is limited.

Printer.—A steady man of experience, capable taking charge of the printing department of a newspaper for an engagement. He is also a most efficient workman, and thoroughly References furnished if required. J. D., STANDARD OFFICE, St. Andrews.

A large cheap White Stone Ware, as Glass and China at CAMPBELL'S, who will have a supply of Christmas Goods.

A few bids, Apples at Campbell's, American Baldwin and Nova Scotia.

Some rare and choice articles suitable for holiday gifts, useful and ornamental, at ODELL & YOUNGER.

### MARRIED.

At St. Stephen on the 24th Dec., at the residence of Mr. Frank Smith, by the Rev. J. H. Rushton, CHAS. A. ROSE, of the "Chais Times" to Miss Emma L. Macintosh, of St. Stephen. [We extend our congratulations to the happy pair.]

### New Advertisements.

### Notice.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Saint Andrews Steamboat Wharf Co., will be held in PAUL'S HALL, on THURSDAY EVENING, the 14th prox., at half past seven o'clock. By order, E. S. POLLEY'S, Secretary.

Jan. 1st, 1879.

### STATIONERY.

JUST RECEIVED:—A new supply of.

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LADIES', MISSES AND GENTLEMEN'S Boots and Shoes.

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St. Andrews, 1879.