

## CHIGNECTO POST AND BORDER.

SACKVILLE, N. B., AUG. 13, 1885.

—Mr. Ruskin is seriously ill.

—The British Parliament will be prorogued to-day.

—Mr. Gladstone has gone on a yachting trip to Norway.

—Chili has had a severe cold snap. How very appropriate!

—Grant memorial services have been held in some of the Canadian cities.

—White Cap, the Indian chief, has arrived in Regina to stand his trial.

—A mass meeting of Riel's sympathizers was held at Montreal last Sunday.

—The eighteenth annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. meets at St. John to-day.

—It is said that the Russians distrust the peaceful protestations of Lord Salisbury.

—A scheme for reorganizing the Mounted Police is being considered by the Government.

—It is believed that hostilities between the Russians and Afghans may begin at any minute.

—There are indications that Lord Salisbury is preparing for the permanent occupation of Egypt.

—The Emperor William is suffering from a fall he received when bidding the Emperor of Austria good-bye on Friday.

—The British Government regards the arbitration of the Penjdeh dispute as dropped by tacit consent of each government.

—Rev. Canon Farrar, the eminent English Anglican divine, intends visiting the Dominion about the middle of next month.

—Earl Chinnilliam, vice admiral in the British navy, has been appointed to the command of the North American and West Indian Squadron.

—Mr. Alfred DeCelles has been gazetted as General Librarian of Parliament, and Mr. M. J. Griffin as Parliamentary Librarian of Parliament.

—It is said that 35,000 persons visited Gen. Grant's tomb at Riverside Park on Sunday. The tomb will be guarded for thirty days by United States troops.

—It requires about 250 lawyers and 200 doctors to prescribe the legal and physical ailments of the people of New Brunswick, and still the harvest grows.

—Ex-President Arthur is a fortunate fisherman. His catch of salmon in one week on the Restigouche was ninety-eight, averaging twenty-four pounds each.

—The English Admirals, Hewitt, Hoskins, and Hopkins, declared at a banquet, that the British navy despite its failings, was equal to those of any other two nations combined.

—The Winnipeg Free Press says that "the half-breeds were in no sense to blame" for the rebellion. The same thing has been applied by other Grit journals nearer home.

—Sir Charles Tupper accompanied by Lady Tupper arrived at Halifax on Sunday morning by Intercolonial. On Tuesday evening Sir Charles started for Ottawa en route to the Rockies.

—The Emperor, Francis Joseph was present at a festival of rifle associations on Sunday, in Innsbruck. A Tyrolean torchlight procession was given in his honor and 12,000 riflemen took part.

—The Salvation Army made a simultaneous attack on Halifax and Fredericton last Sunday. It is quite in accordance with the eternal fitness of things that the Army should assault "wicked Halifax," but why should an onslaught be made on "the celestial city?"

—The Monetary Times thinks there are grounds for the opinion that prices of lumber must advance. It bases its views on the immense reduction in the quantity of lumber produced, and on the strong demand for lumber owing to the great amount of building going on.

—Some of the Grit papers are guilty of a curious exhibition of partiality in the appointment of Mr. Kelly, M. L. C., to the position of Vice-Winter at Grand Manan, but they were not at all disturbed when a clerk of the House of Assembly in Nova Scotia was appointed to a seat in the Senate, under a Grit Government.

—The Fall Mill Gazette, in an article which the Spectator characterizes as an atrocious pollution of prostitution, depicts the age of consent in girls to eighteen on the ground that such a law would destroy the means of livelihood of a host of young girls already launched into immortal life.

—The joint celebration of the silver jubilee of the Bishops of Chatham and Charlottetown, took place at Charlottetown yesterday. Three arch-bishops, half a score of bishops and a large representation of the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church took part in the exercises, which were of a very impressive character.

—Twenty-two New England mills, including nearly all print cloth mills, representing over a million spindles and with a weekly capacity of 138,400 pieces, have shut down. The proposed stoppage for four weeks will lessen production by about 650,000 pieces and will cause a loss in wages amounting to over \$240,000.

—The oldest mason in the United States is dead again. This time it is Judge Jarland who died in Virginia last week in his 95th year, and who, in addition to his claim to be the oldest member of the masonic order, was probably the oldest judge in the world.

—With the opening of the Canadian Pacific Railway the Government can supply the Mounted Police with Canadian-made goods, and by allowing tenders for the supply of hay, potatoes, wood, and so on, to contract to furnish small quantities, it is placing a source of profit in the way of the settlers.

—Mr. Vanderbilt went to Saratoga recently. His outfit included "Mrs. Vanderbilt, his only unmarried son, George Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. George Osgood, two maids, a valet, seven horses, four vehicles, two footmen, two coachmen, two stablemen, three dogs and fifteen trunks, making a grand total of forty-three."

—The Queen's speech at the prorogation of Parliament to-day will refer to the quietude of Ireland without coercion, the successful issue of the Egyptian loan, the revival of peaceful relations and friendly alliances with foreign powers and the activity of legislation since the Tories came into office, as matters for national congratulation.

—Mr. Cleveland's Administration is carrying out its pledge to introduce civil service reform. Nearly every postmaster has been removed. One who remains is in receipt of an income of nine hundred dollars from the sale of stamps in the rural districts. He claims that he should remain in office because he has not shown offensive partisanship by contributing any part of his salary to Republican election funds.

—The Liberal-Conservatives of St. John County and city meet in convention to-day to select a candidate for the seat in the Commons House of Representatives. The Liberal-Conservative ticket is headed by Hon. Isaac Burpee. The Telegraph takes a resigned view of the situation and says "it is not a matter of much concern to the St. John liberals who the opposing candidate may be." It is possible that their interest in the matter may increase before the election is over.

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—General Booth, the leader of the Salvation Army, is accused by Mrs. Armstrong of sending an agent to decoy her daughter from home for the purpose of making the girl a spectacle as a minor actress in the circus. The girl is 13 years old. She has been traced to the Hotel for Fallen Women, started by the Salvation Army, and thence to the town of Lorient in France, where she again disappeared. Gen. Booth refuses to surrender the girl, and the mother has applied to the courts for aid in recovering her child.

—Latest advices from Tongkin report the massacre of ten thousand Christians in two Chinese provinces. This story bears such a strong resemblance to others from the same source that it will do no harm to take it with the proverbial grain of salt. Whenever news has been received during the last year or so it has been the custom to trot out a Christian massacre in China, and judging by the numbers ruthlessly slaughtered in this manner, the great bulk of the population in some of the Chinese provinces must have been Christians, and should have been able to defend themselves.

—The Royal commission has received information that preparation for the Colonial and Indian exhibition are being made in India and the following colonies:—The Dominion of Canada, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia, New Zealand, Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Ceylon, Mauritius, Straits Settlements, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, Leeward Islands, Windward Islands, French Guiana, Guyana, and Fiji. In most of the colonies commissioners and sub-commissioners have long since been appointed to undertake the arrangements for securing the most complete representation of the products and resources of their colonies at the exhibition. The guarantee fund has now reached the sum of £195,320.

—The fall meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers will be held at Halifax about the middle of September. This is one of the most important associations of this kind in the world, and its membership embraces leading scientists and mine owners all over the continent. It is expected that fully two hundred members will be present at the coming meeting, and at the close of the session there will be examinations to the principal points of geological interest in Nova Scotia. Passes over the Government railways will be furnished to visitors, and the Dominion Government has granted \$1,000 towards the expenses of the session. It is thought the Nova Scotia Government will contribute a like sum in view of the great benefits likely to accrue to the Province from a visit of the Association. The credit of originating the visit to Halifax is due to Mr. Leckie, of the Cumberland Coal and Railway Company, who is an energetic member of the Association.

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