

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The local legislature opens to-day at 2.30 p. m.

Shere Ali is at "death's door," at Ashland.

We welcome Mr. Willis of the News to the Celestial.

Not a case of intoxication noticeable among our members.

A letter on Vegetable raising &c., will appear Saturday.

Mr. BYRNE, has hands now in his excellent office in the Parliament buildings.

SEVERAL matters, among which is an I. O. G. T. notice, held over till our next.

WITANAGEMENT.—Most of the M. P.'s have arrived in town and taken lodgings.

Compiled from the STAR, six items in yesterday's Telegraph without credit. O you thieves!

English politicians look upon Canada as a mere paradise for sportsmen.—N. Y. Herald.

Dr. McAlpine, it is said, will temporarily take Dr. Moore's place in Stanley.

Our Presbyterian "brothers" will have Rev. Mr. Simms, of Ontario, the next two Sabbaths.

H. A. CONNELL will run for the Mayoralty in Woodstock in opposition to Mr. Fisher. Where is friend Charles?

A horse belonging to Wm. Richards, with blanket on, ran out of Bayley House stable yesterday, and went pell mell across the river, flitting the blanket.

CAN'T SEE THE USE.—What do our dry goods merchants mean by keeping their stores open just now? Do they do anything?

THERE was a social dance, and other fun at Mr. Stealing's, Mangerville, on Tuesday evening, a party from town going there.

TO THE POOR INDIANS!—Two or three of our enterprising Indians, among whom is Xavier Francis, have gone to Halifax to sell snow shoes.

It is said that Hon. Mr. Stephenson will be the only candidate proposed for the Speakership.—Sun.

Quite likely; the News to the contrary not taking into account.

GRAND CONCERT.—The St. John Philharmonic Club, assisted by Miss Fannie Richards and Prof. Miss DeVine will give a grand concert in the Institute on Monday evening next.—Eve.

NEW OFFICE.—Mr. Cox, of the Dominion Telegraph Company has established a very comfortable office in the Parliament buildings. Mr. Cox, the pushing manager, is now the white-headed boy with the Co.

JUSTICE WORTMAN has sent Annie Parker up for trial. He does so with hesitation. The papers of the evidence were submitted to the Attorney General, who directed the Magistrate to use his own judgment in the matter.

DISGUSTING.—Dr. Wiggins, may be a very finished scholar, but it is difficult to say whether flunkeyism or foolishness makes up his correspondence to the Telegraph. Mr. W. well knows what paper to go to with his nauseating, shallow, pandering, pedantry. Sickening!

Ralph Disraeli, brother of Lord Beaconsfield, is an old man, living in obscurity. He strolls about old gardens with a book in his hand. He goes into no society, and is never among the list of guests at Beaconsfield's house. He has a small public office but will give no information about himself or his marriage.

BROWN TRAGEDY.—The jury at Woodstock, recently gave their verdict after an inquest held on the body of A. Jackson, that in their opinion, the evidence given and the marks on the head, that deceased came to his death by blows so inflicted. James Jackson, the accused, is up for trial at Hamilton, Me.

CREDITABLE.—Notwithstanding the hard times Messrs. McFarlane, Thompson & Anderson's Foundry is in full blast and giving much employment. We want to see the time come when our manufacturers will be patronized, when our hardware merchants will purchase our own wares, &c., anything that is going in their line. It is well at the present time that they are doing them to do this, but not so as to clash with their interests.

A MASQUE OF WELCOME, was the performance in the Opera House, Ottawa, Monday evening. Over 1000 people were present. The Masque and Princess were among those who were present. The scene was grandly conducted. The scene represented an Indian Chief standing on a log, made way for the Masque, represented the blackwoods men, and the Princess, who were early set.

at the close of the entertainment, the Louise Dragons and the Foot Guards mounted the stage.

CONCERT, &c.—The members of St. Anne's Temperance Society gave an entertainment in Kingsclear Hall, Wednesday evening. The musical and literary part of the performance was highly creditable indeed. Several songs, among which were "Nancy Lee" and "The Minstrel Boy" were sung with very pleasing effect. Miss M. McGarrigle presiding with good taste at the organ. Mr. McGarrigle, Misses Goodine and Keebler sang in chorus, some in duets, &c., in a manner that might rival far more pretensions performances. Some of the dialogues were very good, Miss L. Goodine and Master Morris taking part. Miss Goodine's recitation brought great applause. Mr. Morris' negro personations and stump speeches were quite amusing. The little Goodine boys' "spelling" was impressive. Mr. Meagher's speech was a capital piece of rhetoric.

After the concert, Mr. J. Meagher read a lecture on Temperance. Mr. Meagher's subject was treated in a very intelligent and very interesting manner, and people who had driven through the cold and through the snow for many miles, did not grudge their pains, for some of the practical wisdom of Mr. M.'s lecture. Several people from town were present. It was an enjoyable performance.

BECOMING A NUISANCE.—The whole front of Queen Street, is fast becoming decorated with swinging signs. To-day it is clear say, to-morrow some man hangs out a respectable sign, when immediately follows every one, from the veriest shoe man to the respectable merchant with a clout of netting or a square fathom of rusty sheet iron. If a storm comes, these traps blow down, endangering passengers' heads. It is not long since a ton weight of rusty iron hung out before a certain huxter shop on Queen Street, tumbled in ruins and rust on the street. We had the extreme pleasure ourselves on a dark stormy night, returning from the office to fall flat over the mass of ruins. We did not especially recommend the law-breaking owner to Providence, but we now recommend his and all similar cases to the Police Magistrate, whom we shall hold accountable from this day forth for carrying out whatever laws relate to such a nuisance.

Just take a stand on Beverly's corner and look up the street. You would think the whole range was given over to a lot of rag men to see the array of new and old signs. The fault is not with the merchants who hang out these nets, spider like, to catch the passers, but it is due to the lack of a firm hand to keep these things always in order. There is no use in carrying out a law to-day and to-morrow breaking it. The duty of the Magistrate in this case is plain.

Mr. Hanney's History of Scutia.

He who writes a work of any kind, and gives that work in his name to the public, becomes at once public property—and falls into the hands of the critic. And if the critic detects flaws, and mercilessly hold them up to the public gaze, there is little or no excuse for the author, but his confusion is the punishment of his temerity.

But works differing in kind, do not require the same kind of treatment. In a dime novel extravagant flights of fancy, blood and thunder, as well as vulgar phrase and poorly jointed sentences are admissible. But if it be a history, the very publication of which implies the hope that one day it will be a prescribed school book, there is no excuse for such discrepancies.

We do not yet know what the general character of Mr. Hanney's book is, but we have a long drawn out description of a comparatively obscure character, Charisnay, taken from the book, published by the Telegraph, which, to our mind, does not come up to the standard we have set for a "history book." Thus: The author goes on to show an attack made on Fort La Tour by Charisnay, and the latter is "filled with high hopes of triumph," in his expectations to see the flag "hurled down at his sun moon;" but, says the historian, "he was grievously disappointed;" and he goes on to show rather elaborately why. But after disposing of a "paragraph which showed the "high hopes of triumph" and the grievous disappointment already too fully, he winds up with a sentence, the first half of which was necessary, but the latter half of which was inexcusably tautological. He says:—

Twenty of the besiegers were killed and thirteen wounded in this affair, which terminated in a manner so different from Charisnay's expectations.

This repetition is tame and indefensible.

But we are a little more surprised when we find a scholar of Mr. Hanney's critical attainments say:—

"When she witnessed the capture of her fort."

Witness in this connexion would be justifiable use for a penny-a-liner, but certainly not for one who so keenly criticized history essays in "Harper." Still this only shows a limitation of knowledge of the proper use of words, but when Mr. Hanney writes:—

"If Charisnay had any friends when living, none of them were to be found after his death,"

we are actually astonished. The very first rule of syntax is here violated. The word "none," if we know anything, is a contraction of no one made by eliding one o. It is, therefore, singular, and to put the plural verb "were" after it, is quite contrary to

Mr. Hanney. If the whole work be like this it will not certainly be up to Mr. Archer's. But there are many excellent passages too in what we have read, one of which we cannot forbear quoting. Take this where he speaks of Charisnay drowning:—

"But if it is true, as some say, that a man who goes down to death through the dark water sees before him in an instantaneous mental vision a panorama of his only life, then surely deep anguish must have smitten the soul of the dying Charisnay—for he had been hard and cruel and revengeful."

Mr. Hanney's book perhaps could be made an excellent one through careful revision.

Border Echoes.

In consequence of the St. John train failing to connect with the St. Stephen train at McAdam Junction, on Friday, 21st inst., no mails were received at St. Stephen from Fredericton and St. John on that day.

A heavy gale of wind, accompanied with snow began on Thursday night and continued all day Friday. It blocked up the roads and caused some delay to the trains on the N. B. & C. Railway. It is said to have been the most severe storm we have had this winter.

A party of ladies and gentlemen started in a mammoth sleigh, drawn by four horses, for a visit to one of the lumber camps, situated on the St. Cerva, on Friday the 14th inst., where they remained until Monday following, when they returned home evidently well pleased with their excursion.

It is said that the election for the Permissive Bill will shortly be held in this County. There is little doubt that the Bill will be carried with a large majority.

Rumour says that the men employed in Messrs. Shaw Bros. tannery, Vancouver, have threatened to strike on account of reduction of wages.

A concert in the course of the W. C. T. U. and S. S. R. C., was given in Chipman's Hall, last Monday evening, before a very crowded house. The Howard Quartette of Calais, and others of the best musical talent on the river, made it a very successful affair. The next entertainment of the course is a lecture in Chipman's Hall, next Monday evening, by Rev. Mr. Ackman. Subject not yet announced.

The Town Council met on Friday evening, the 14th inst. The committee appointed to see what improvements could be made on Water Street, said that they had concluded to run the lower line of the street from Cullen's store to a point ten feet from the end of the bridge. Several other matters were attended to and the Council adjourned.

St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 22.

Gibson Notes.

On Thursday, Mr. George Sherwood, while bringing a quarter of beef into his house fell, his head coming on the ground. He was stunned to insensibility.

The Gibson Union Sabbath School folk gave an entertainment in Logan's Hall, which was quite a success, this week.

There is excellent sleighing here now.

Communications.

(For the Star.)

Grand Rally of the I. O. G. T.s

A company from the Celestial city, who styled themselves "hard tickets" (and I must say, their looks did not belie them in the least) came over to plant an order of I. O. G. T.s in St. Mary's, Saturday evening, in Estabrooks' hall.

Mr. — called the meeting to order by stating, oil was burning out very fast, and he did not know who was going to pay the bills. Meagher says, "I'll pay for the oil and other running expenses with the exception of the cold water."

Some of the Templars made some very interesting statements of their former character, one stated he had been taken out of the ditch by the niggers, and initiated into their lodge, and they were very nice fellows and good associates.

Mr. E. says, I want you to understand you can't have this hall again, as it is only used for godly purposes, and I don't like noise.

The Squire did not come, strange to say; he wants run banished out of the place. He sends his boys. Boys under 12 don't "jine," and boys over 12 like cigars, oysters, and (what do you take to settle them?)

Moved that meeting proceed to business. Boys moved that a committee be appointed. Mr. V. moves boys be that committee. Boys want Mr. V. on committee for a back bone, to procure Haines' hall.

R— offers to be third security in '99 cases out of 1, if E. and V. are not good and sound.

The committee appointed was considered to be sufficient to transact boy's business.

Mr. —, who resides near Gillpoke-point, have been announced, a gentleman who would furnish hall and not charge for the oil.

With plenty of temperance men to form a lodge it was decided to proceed there Monday or Tuesday evening.

Mr. E. explains that he did not wish throw cold water on the meeting, but he could not help it as the pump was so near at hand.

Meeting adjourned, after having been a grand success of the temperance element of the place.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA

Bills, Petitions, McKenzie's fears, and other Matters.

OTTAWA.

(Special to "Star.")

The House met at 4 o'clock. Mr. DE. COSMOS (B. C.) introduced an act for better collection of taxes from Chinese.

DE. TUPPER said such an act was under consideration.

MR. ROBERTSON (N. S.) asked if the Government were going to build a grain elevator at Halifax.

DR. TUPPER said this matter was also considering.

Several resolutions were moved and carried relative to amount expended on settling boundary lines, on repairing Quebec walls, for correspondence between the Minister of Public Works, and railroad agents, relative to shipping grain over the I. C. R. R., and making Halifax the winter port, &c.

MR. MACKENZIE asked Sir John if he could say when the Estimates would be brought down. Sir John could not say when.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

MR. DOMVILLE—For copies of papers respecting purchase of deal ends and other refuse lumber in Northumberland, N. B., from 1st January, 1873, to 1st January, 1879, for the Intercolonial Railway, showing from whom purchased, price paid, for what purpose used, &c.

MR. BORDEN (King's, N. S.)—Enquiry whether the Government intended to take steps to settle the dispute with reference to Windsor Branch Railway.

MR. CASGRAIN (L'Isle)—Whether the Government intend to acquire possession of the Railway between Riviere du Loup and Quebec.

MR. COCKBURN (Muskoka)—Bill to amend the Intercolonial Railway Act.

MR. DOMVILLE—Whether the Government have taken steps to receive from public officials any moneys due by them to the Government.

MR. DOMVILLE—For a return respecting the purchase of refuse lumber for Intercolonial Railway.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD—Bill to amend and consolidate the Mounted Police Act.

MR. CASEY (West Elgin)—Bill respecting the Civil Service.

MR. IVES (Richmond)—Return of names, &c., of veterans of the war 1812-15.

BY TELEGRAPH

(Special to Star.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.

Mr. Masson, it is thought, from declining health, will be constrained to retire to private life. This would be much regretted by his colleagues, who appreciate his fine ability.

Hon. Mr. Langevin is yet in Montreal, but his daughter reported dead is recovering.

(Special to Star.)

MONTREAL, Feb. 26.

Messrs. Call, Tweedie and Sadler, arrived here this morning from Ottawa, where they had a most satisfactory interview with the Government on County matters. They are well pleased with the result of their mission.

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