

Maritime Farmer.

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Lord Dufferin has accepted the post of British Ambassador to Italy.

Mowatt's majority in the Ontario Assembly on a division last week was seventeen.

The agricultural laws and regulations demand attention from our local legislators this session.

Rev. Dr. Talmage describes as the ideal newspaper, one that prints vice in nonpareil and virtue in long primer.

It is feared that the life of the German Crown Prince cannot be saved by all the application of scientific discovery.

It is understood that Hon. Mr. Blair's visit to Ottawa this week, is to urge the settlement of certain financial claims of the Province upon the Dominion authorities.

Princess Louise and Lord Lorne are staying in Naples, where they live in a simple unostentatious fashion, dining at the public table and otherwise practicing rigid economy.

Something is the matter. Lawyer Knapp has not written a letter to the newspapers for three weeks. Is there a freight blockade on the Intercolonial that he cannot get his goods to market?

In the House of Commons Friday night, Parnell's amendment condemning coercion in Ireland, was defeated by a majority of eighty-eight, all the liberal-unionists voting with the government.

The City Council, Thursday night, passed a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to take legal measures for the collection of taxes due by estates in the city, an action that will receive the approbation of the citizens generally.

It is reported in legal circles, that another editor, not a hundred miles from St. John, will be brought before the Supreme Court, to answer for certain charges made in his newspaper against the members of that honorable body.

It is reported in Toronto, that Hon. Alexander McKenzie will shortly vacate his seat in Parliament, because of serious illness. The old gentleman has never recovered from the shock he experienced when crowded out of the leadership of his party by Mr. Blake.

The pianoforte is not much more than a century old. In a playbill headed "Convent Garden, May 16, 1767," we find among other announcements the following: "Miss Brinkler will sing a favorite song from Judith, accompanied by Mr. Dibdin on a new instrument called Piano Forte."

Two new members will sit in the Assembly this session, viz., Mr. Phinney of Kent, and Mr. Morrissey of Northumberland. The former takes the seat occupied by Mr. Wheten, now sheriff of Kent, the latter succeeds Mr. Park, recently appointed Collector of Customs at Newcastle.

The people of Westmorland have voted to retain the Scott Act by a large majority, the petition to repeal, it having been negatived by a vote of 1688 to 2448. So large a preponderance of public opinion in support of the law there ought to be little difficulty in its enforcement.

Since the last session of the Legislature, Hon. William Hamilton, a member of the Legislative Council, has died, and the vacancy has not been filled. It is doubtful if another member of the same body will be present this session, so the Council will practically consist of only sixteen members.

The Farmer hears with a sincere feeling of regret of the death of Mr. Robert E. McLeod, a prominent and prosperous Sussex farmer, who for a term represented Kings county in the Assembly. Mr. McLeod was a gentleman of much intelligence, industry and probity, and occupied a leading position as an agriculturist.

The new Manitoba Ministry is faring well at the hands of the electors. Last week, Ministers Martin and Freudenberger were re-elected by large majorities in their respective constituencies. It looks as though Norquay has completely lost his hold on the province—a control he exercised for seventeen long years.

Blaine having declined to be put in nomination for the Presidency, it is alleged that his private reasons for such a course lie in the fact, that while charges affecting his personal character were suppressed by Cleveland in the campaign of 1884, the thing would be impossible in the contest of next year, and that Blaine, conscious of this, declined the exposure.

Evidently that great patriot Blake, does not care whether school keeps or not, in the Opposition ranks of Parliament. It is said he will not take his seat this session, preferring the sunny skies of Italy to the task of fighting Sir John at Ottawa with only a handful of warriors. Possibly the absence of G. G. King from Parliament, and the failure of the York petition, had something to do with Blake's resolve to remain abroad.

Rev. Mr. Mowatt's lecture in the City Hall, Thursday evening, was well worthy of the large and intelligent audience that gathered to hear him describe his visit to the Canadian Pacific coast. The lecture abounded in eloquent passages, the descriptive portion being no exception, and those who heard it, came away with a very favorable idea of our North West, and of the Rev. lecturer's ability to deal with his interesting subject.

An effort is being made to show that Mr. Howe's appointment as Sheriff of the County of York is illegal, on the grounds, we believe, (1) that when appointed he was still a member of the Municipal Council, (2) that the law under which the appointment was made is *ultra vires*. Mr. Rainsford moved in the matter before the Supreme Court Monday, but judgment is reserved.

Our old friend, Mr. Justice E. L. Wolcott, although but a few months on the Supreme Court Bench of the Northwest Territories, has had the disagreeable duty of sentencing two men to death for a brutal murder. The unfortunate were James Gaudet and Moses Rolite, the half-breeds who were convicted of murdering Hector McLeish, a settler of Wolesey. The outlaws are to be hanged at Regina, June 18th.

It is computed that since 1849, when Lord Dufferin began his official life as a Lord-in-waiting, he has received from the public purse over \$1,000,000 in salaries, or an average annually from the beginning of about \$27,500. Yet he is poor as pease porridge. Lord Lansdowne is a millionaire. Lord Stanley of Preston, our new Governor General, will be Earl Derby if he survives his brother, and also vastly wealthy.

Dr. Roope, M. P. for West Middlesex, Ontario, has been unseated on a technicality which crops up for the first time in election trials. The facts are these: A firm of livery stablemen is composed of one Grit and one Conservative. The head of the firm volunteered rigs for election day, and in accordance with the articles of partnership, paid his Grit partner out of his own pocket one half the value of the rigs for that day. This is held to be a corrupt practice, sufficient to void the election.

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Whether or not the Municipality of York has a right to fine under the Scott Act, imposed on violators of the law in the municipality, by the Police Magistrate of Fredericton, was argued in the Supreme Court, Monday, Mr. J. A. Vanwart for the Municipality, and Mr. C. W. Bookwith for the city. This is a test case instituted at the suggestion of the City Council, the members of which believe that if the city provides the machinery by which fines are collected from violators of the law in the county, the fines should be paid into the city and not the county treasury.

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Says the Boston Globe, in noting the absence of Mr. John C. Blaine from his duties in the Massachusetts Legislature last week: "There have been many solicitous inquiries after Representative Blaine of Amesbury during the past week. His absence from the session gave rise to the fear that he was ill. Although a new member and lacking experience, he was not to be seriously misled either upon the floor or in the committee room." The Newburyport Press published where Mr. Blaine lives accounts for his absence. He was quite ill for a few days but is now all right again.

The bitterness engendered by the Queens County election last winter, and the events that followed it, were recalled in the Supreme Court last week, when the Court, after hearing exhaustive arguments, gave judgment ordering an attachment for contempt to issue against Mr. Ellis, M. P. of the St. John Globe, because of an attack he made upon Judge Teak, who made the order prohibiting Judge Steadman from proceeding with the recount in Queens. In the usual course of events, Mr. Ellis would have been compelled to appear before the Court yesterday to answer interrogatories, and to show cause why he should not be imprisoned or fined, but in the meantime his counsel had sought leave to appeal his case to the Supreme Court of Canada, and Mr. Ellis merely appeared in court Monday, to give bail for his appearance in Hilary term next June, the judgment of this court being stayed in the meantime to permit the appeal being argued at Ottawa. The Chief Justice and his brother judges in delivering judgment in the first instance, were quite clear in their denunciation of the attack made on Judge Teak in the Globe, from which the action arose.

OUR ST. JOHN LETTER.

The News and Gossip of the Commercial Metropolis.

From our own Correspondent, St. John, January 20th, 1888. A good many people are trying about this time to define the terms "kleptomaniac" and "thief" without any result satisfactory to themselves. As it appears to the commonly accepted theory is to credit a respectable shopkeeper a "kleptomaniac" and the shabby fingered individual a "thief." The former is given a credit for his stealing, and the latter is given a credit for his pilfering; the latter finds himself before the Police Magistrate, the former before the Judge and finally the Penitentiary Warden. The former with thousands in the bank takes what he likes and goes on his way, the latter with a cent in his pocket and a stolen watch, goes to the penitentiary for a year.

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THE SENTENCE OF DEATH.

And How it was Pronounced.

On Millman the Island Murderer.

Chief Justice Palmer's Touching Address.

At Charlottetown the other day, in passing the sentence of death on Millman, the murderer of Mary Tuplin, Chief Justice Palmer addressed the jury in the following touching words: "You have been tried and convicted of the crime of murder; of a murder of the deepest dye,—one for which a parallel can be found in the criminal annals of British North America." When it was first discovered that the crime was committed, it was for a considerable time, under an impression that the criminal must have been some stranger; some person from another county; from some populous city where vice and crime in their lowest depths are not so unfamiliar to human experience as here; and when I heard of your great trial, I was struck by the fact that a native of this Province, brought up amongst a Christian community, could not be the perpetrator of this terrible crime. But, however, was gradually brought to light by which a strong and daily suspicion, although wavering at times, ultimately rested on you. You had been in the company of the victim, the 28th of June last, Mary Tuplin, a daughter of John Tuplin, a respectable farmer of a large family, residing in the parish of St. John, in the County of Queens, apparently on some very temporary absence, going out in an ordinary indoor dress, without any covering on her head, and without any intention as to what direction she intended to proceed. Between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock she had not returned. 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