

these wealthy emigrants who have been successful in banking operations, trust loan companies, etc., etc. These gentlemen are hard on the American floating capital, but otherwise usually highly respectable.

Now that the election petitions are mostly exhausted throughout the country, the Government ought to be considerate enough to appeal to the county again in order to keep up the excitement. We have only had some 19 or 20 bye elections within one year, in addition to a general suspension of common sense and business, for a few weeks during the general elections, about a year ago, so things are growing tame. There is nothing like enthusiasm to make a country grow, especially a youngster like Canada.

WE have been narrowly watching the public press of Europe on the war question, for a long time. The following is the outlook at the present time, as we are able to judge. If there is war within the next six months, there will probably be some men hurt somewhere, if there is no war it will be as we have thought all along. Bismarck winked his right eye three times more than his left last week, and Russia is mobilizing as a consequence. France is preparing to make an alliance with two or three powers, or no powers at all. She will perhaps spring at the throat of Germany some time if she can retain a Government long enough to dictate the order. The Pope actually shook his head in January, and if war doesn't follow, an earthquake will likely do some damage in Italy. Russia will either make war, enter an alliance, present an armed neutrality, do all, or lie out of any, just as suits her interests. England is safe to do nothing, as long as Ireland lasts. On the whole there is a strong possibility of something or nothing within the next five hundred years.

KINGS Co. is Scott Act, and no man can drink anything stronger than liquor with impunity or pleasure.

Isn't it about time the American newspapers began discussing possible presidential candidates for the year 2000? It is only a little space of 112 years now and the Press of that Country is so enterprising.

It is said that all Nova Scotians who have not frozen to death, in the great American blizzard country, contemplate sending on for a supply of our coal during the next season. It is proposed to engage a

moderately long and accommodating blizzard to start near some coal-dumping ground, and blow over several thousand tons. This will save freight and thus annihilate cost.

Has Commercial Union had its day or is it merely slumbering to wake like a giant refreshed, one of those mornings? It made a pretty little newspaper squabble while it lasted, anyway.

It would be refreshing to know just what constitutes a traitor now-a-days. In those ignorant ages of old, it was pretty definitely and strictly understood and a man was hanged or pitched out of the country, when he took the oath of allegiance, and then was discovered as implicated in even underhand treasonableness of any kind. Has that blessed word "Liberty" been so extended in infamy as to allow open oath breathing and impudent advocacy of disloyalty in your own country? Verily this young Canada is growing, if such be the case.

"BEHIND THE SCENES."

TWO ENDS. took a sweat—result, good.

H. W. McKENNA, $\frac{M.D.}{2}$ in attendance.

H. L. DAY likewise essayed the damp—no go.
Do. ministered.

A. B. HOLLY retired a week.

W. B. CRAWLEY somewhat depressed—about tea-time.

SCENE I. Carnival at the "Rink."

SCENE II. Carnival at the "Hall."

H. O. HARRIS lost his hat—or rather his crown.

C. W. EATON still appears "mysterious."

L. J. LOVETT has discovered a new star—Eastern horizon.

KNAPP is about the same—some noise.

GATES still warbles—when he has time.

MR. STARRAT sings in the Church Choir.

ANOTHER dance at Grand Pre—"trio" danced.

"SAM" has been sick, yes, very sick.

J. V. ELLIS, M. P., is advocating annexation. Not our "Joe."

THE recent "cleansc" greatly adds to our comfort. Many thanks.

H. F. WARING absent-minded; nothing serious.

Z. T. HARLOW has had the toothache—left-hand "Cuspid," upper jaw.