

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The streets are sadly slashed over now.

The Dominion Telegraph office will be in Nealis' building a ter May 1st.

We call particular attention to the "minstrel" advertisement in another column.

Captain Cropleys men, No. 5 Company, will likely have their helmets by 24th May, the time fixed for the first parade.

Our enterprising young citizen, Mr. J. F. McMurray will open a book store in Fisher's Building, now occupied by Mr. M. S. Hall, about the 1st May.

Wild geese go north in large flocks. Saturday evening a large flock in which there must have been many hundreds, winged their way towards Oranocoto.

Mr. Biseen, of this city, has the contract for supplying the window sashes, and doors of the new Dominion building in St. John. The wood used is walnut. He has shipped some already to St. John.

A fire was discovered in Mr. Benj. Atherton's house Sunday, which fortunately was got out before the firemen got to work.

We may have a word on the spectacle presented, in our next.

How Long?—From present appearances the session at Ottawa will be a pretty long one. Should the passage of supply be deferred till the Queen's answer to the Letclier matter is received, it may indeed be a second edition of the Long Parliament.

REMOVAL.—Mr. H. A. Cropley has removed his stock from his store to his new stand corner of Regent & Queen streets. He will remove his presses, &c., this week. Mr. Cropley has built up for himself a creditable trade, and this in the very teeth of hard times. His old stand, while a very good one, did not, he thought, possess the advantages that the present does. We may, therefore, predict for him a good trade while we wish him every success.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—We have received Landry's Music Journal, No. 3, a very excellent issue.

Also, several bundles of papers from Dr. D. S. M. O., who is now taking the benefit of a further medical training in Burlington.

We have on hand several letters, news items, &c., questions from "Student," and so on, which we are obliged to leave over till we have less press of matter on our columns.

The Norristown Herald says that "letyway's" no. 1 is as good as English liquor and his mouth as broad as a Western joke.—N. Y. Herald.

There is little reason to be placed perhaps in either pen or pencil sketches. Some time ago the Educational Journal represented a Normal School official as handsome; and a few days ago the Canadian Illustrated had a cut of Dean Bond's condescension in which Metropolitan Medley is represented as the tallest man in the group.

An informal meeting of the St. John Relief Committee and the Mayor and Council of Fredericton, was held in the Council Chamber, Friday evening relative to the \$5,000 granted to the sufferers of the St. John fire. Mr. J. Reynolds, President of the committee, Sheriff Harding and Andrew Cushing appeared on behalf of the sufferers and gave a full explanation of the amount and condition of the funds in their hands. They wished to know from the Council, whether the sum granted would be available or not.

Mayor Gregory said it was his desire from the first that this amount should be paid, and nothing could induce him to sanction the repudiation of the amount. The Council, he said, on behalf of the city were in honor bound to its payment. In reply to what he argued that it should not be paid because Montreal broke faith, His Worship said: If every city were to do like Montreal what would become of the sufferers. We were at any rate a sister city, from whom first should be expected the fulfillment of promises. It was agreed to set the amount apart, and the President set it down in his list of assets. He said he cared not for its payment then, wishing only that the amount could be counted on.

A LIVERY TIME.—Our readers perhaps have little idea of the compliments Hon. members of the Dominion Commons shower on each other. We quote a specimen of a discussion between Mr. Donville and Gillmor. Gillmor denounces the tariff and says: "Business men are giving up in despair. I felt more like weeping than anything else. We would not have been seduced into Confederation but for the Fenians having been brought here. The Finance Minister laughed, but he knew who brought the Fenians here and for what purpose. They were used for the purpose of frightening the people. The member for Kings laughed and brought to his mind the time when he tried to stab him with a dagger to the mouth by making a cowardly attack on him in the House, calling him a bankrupt when he was able to pay twenty shillings on the pound. It was cowardly.

Mr. Donville said he hoped the hon. gentleman would disguise himself by acting like a gentleman.

Mr. Gillmor said he was like Donville, liberal with other people's money. A liberal financial fraud never existed. Cries of "Shame!" put him out.

Mr. Gillmor—You can't put me out. I am sorry the member from Kings came in while I was speaking, and appeared like a spectre, reminding me of his cowardly attack. He threatened to take his coat off. Let him do it now and he may have the other arm in a sling. Cries of "Shame, You're no gentleman!" "You're disgracing Parliament!"

This scene almost rivaled that of Banster and Cheval last winter.

HOAXING.—There have been some funny rumors afloat of late. Some have had it Friday that a new Government was formed, being as follows:

Davidson, Attorney General; Ryan, Surveyor General; Covert, Chief Comm. of Public Works; Elder, Financial Secretary. Telegrams were received from Newcastle, and it was reported there the following was the formation:

Blair, Attorney General; Elder, Minister of Education; Davidson, Financial Secretary; Ryan, Surveyor General; Covert, Chief Commissioner. It is not a little surprising that the name of Mr. Sayre, who, if report speak correctly, only supported the Government till the Keat Northern Contract was signed, does not appear here. Is it that the "new party" would take but little stock in a man who could stoop to such trickery as he is said to have imposed upon the Government, or is it they do not take much stock in him any way? It is also strange that poor Willis, who for years have borne the heat and the cold of opposition, should be ignored. But among all the Tomfoery we see one sensible idea, namely, the appointment of a Commissioner of Education. And for that post, with all the buncombe surrounding the story, it is surprising that such a capital idea should have occurred as to appoint Mr. Elder to it.

However we think the Opposition should stop their capers and act like men instead of like a pack of silly loons. We have heard of school boys forming themselves into armies, and one of our own little scholars in days gone by, who was dubbed by the archness Wellington, would break out in the class soliloquising over his title and rank. It is the same with the Opposition. Jokes and humbug are good in their way, but while the business of the Province is in hand Mr. Blair, Mr. Butler, Mr. Covert and Mr. Sayre should stop such boyish, may we say silly, capers.

Going West. The far West with its fields, always green, seem to offer much inducement to some of our Fredericton young men. Messrs Daniel Hennessy, George Broderick and John Scully leaves this City to seek their fortunes away in that far region. It was to do honor to these young men that the Sibley Company under its esteemed Captain F. McPike, gave a supper in St. Dunstan's Hall Saturday evening.

Captain Mac, presided; and after the company and the guests had partook of the good things set, the toast of the Queen was proposed. The three young men were next drank—in water—to which Mr. Hennessy replied in a speech, which showed much care and taste in preparation. Mr. Broderick also responded, but as his speech was ex tempore, it could not boast of the rounded periods of Mr. Hennessy's. Mr. Scully followed indorsing what the others had said. Several other toasts were proposed and drunk. The corporation by Ald. Simons, the press by Mr. Quinn in his usual Demosthenes like style, also by Mr. McNutt, who supplemented his short address with a song: "I'm going back to Dixie." Mac is becoming a favorite all around, and his song received much applause. Mr. Lipsett responded also to the press. Mr. Gordon Kelly sang a Scotch song, happy as usual, and Mr. Meagher and others gave addresses.

Those young men have reason to be proud of this entertainment, and will carry the memories of the occasion as well as the good wishes of all present, with them wherever Fortune may allot their place. There is no truer test of our good conduct, than the admiration and love of our associates; and if this be true, the three young men who enthusiastically but perhaps unwisely, do not "rather bear those ills they have, than fly to others that they know not of," leave a bright record behind them. That the sun of prosperity may ever shine upon them, is our earnest wish.

AN ARROW ESCAPE.—EXASPERATING INDIFFERENCE. It is startling to think what a low estimate some people have of a human's life. A newspaper man of this city, on Sunday last, drove up the St. John river with Beecher and Mr. Mac, attracted by the summer like warmth of the day, and the wide panorama with its wide and long expanse of ice covered river, the green hills contrasting charmingly with the spotless white of peak and hollow—a soft warm flush of sunshine melting all in a mellow, lazy picture.

As our readers are aware a week or so ago we had heavy rains, which swelled rivulets and rivers almost to overflowing. The ice on the main river was raised several feet by it, in consequence of which it is difficult to land from many portions of the river. This explanation will help to show why it was that Mr Mac held Beecher, that as he said he might not run away, while his companion ventured to get on shore at Springhill. A small plank was laid across the slush, the only passage, and this Mr. Mac strongly recommended the

other to depend upon. The latter started, and as he got two paces ahead, the plank, which now turned out to be an inch board, began to buckle. The other had approached the edge in the mean time, and with a look of the most provoking carelessness, began to stroke his beard. "Go ahead man," he shouted, "it can't be very deep." The other was too late; he had gone through had nought remained above water but a head and a hat. "For— for God's sake take me out."

But not a response, the only sound that came from the rigid form on the ice was: "Hold on, I have to go and fix Beecher that he may not get away." Prospects began to look blue. There was the newspaper man in a hole 12 feet deep—as afterwards demonstrated by Mr. Segge—hanging on to a board, there was the other trying Beecher to a bush on a little island beyond. After this operation was ended he walked over to where the unfortunate struggled. "Why, ain't you out yet? Oughtn't I get a plank to see what can be done for you." The humor added to the piercing cold of the water was too icy to provoke other than an inward vow of revenge. The kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Segge, and the strict attention from Beecher's master,—after the danger was over,—make it after all only a little sample of what pious christians, nearly every Sabbath now, undergo for the sake of their religion.

St. John Notes.

Police Magistrate Tapley gave his decision in the Abell case yesterday. This case, which could be settled during an afternoon, has been before the court about three months. The magistrate imposed a fine on the defendants which is to stand against them for their future good conduct, a result which everybody expected, seeing that the plaintiff was not hurt and the defendants were deaf mutes. This the lawyers knew from the first, but once they got it in their hands it was wonderful to see how exaggerated, enlarged upon and magnified this trifling case of assault became from day to day. Lawyer Equity quoted statutes and precedents from Solon, Blackstone, Coke, Bacon, Kent, Story, and a score of others, to show that in the domestic relation the husband and wife were one, and that the husband was the one—that the wife must come and go, fetch and carry, just as she is bid by her lord and master. Quite different was the opinion held by lawyer Pleaswell, who maintained and produced authorities in support of his assertions that the marriage tie does not prevent a woman from going to Moncton, Fredericton or anywhere she thinks fit. Thus they kept it up all winter, with the result above stated. It is very probable they would fight it out all spring too, were it not that they are in the position of Sergeant Davy, who when upbraided by his brother lawyers for taking a small fee, replied "that he took every farthing the fellow had in the world."

It is now nearly a week since the Baptist Church was burned in Carleton. It is well known that the fire was of incendiary origin, yet the arsonist has not been arrested, nor is there any prospect of arresting him. But when it is known that there were internal dissensions in the church, I can only say with the immortal William "Thereby hangs a tale."

Deacon "Dan" Clark, has offered \$500 reward for the arrest of the parties who burnt the Baptist Church in Carleton. St. John, April 6, 1879.

TELEGRAPHIC! HALIFAX.

Four Men Drowned at Ketch Harbor.

GOVERNOR ARCHIBALD.—THE MARQUIS OF LORNE, —THE PERUVIAN'S ARRIVAL.

(Special to Star.)

April 7. Four men named James Connor, Chris Mackay, his son Simon L. Mackay, and Stephen J. Chesshire were drowned off Ketch Harbor at 6 o'clock this morning. Chesshire was a bombardier of the Royal Artillery, in charge of the signal station at Sambre light house, and while being rowed to the landing place at Ketch Harbor, in going through a dangerous passage between Morris Point and a reef, it is supposed a heavy sea struck the boat, three young men and Connor out, Chesshire, who was sitting in the stern under the boat, and filled the boat with water. The three were drowned, while Mackay, senior, perished from exhaustion and exposure. Chesshire was Grand Worthy Chief Templar, I. O. G. T., of Bermuda.

Governor Archibald leaves on the 18th for a three months leave of absence in England.

It is rumored here that the Marquis of Lorne will take up his summer residence here, and that about August, Queen Victoria will pay a visit to her daughter and to Canada. The Peruvian, from England, arrived Saturday evening with 1000 tons freight and 293 passengers, most of them going out West.

CABLE BRIEFS.

LONDON, April 5. Garibaldi has arrived at Rome. The Pope has sent an autograph letter to Queen Victoria, welcoming her to Italy and expressing good wishes for her welfare. MADRID, April 5. The Princess Christina's health continues to improve. Work on St. Gothard Tunnel has been suspended for want of funds.

NEW BRUNSWICK LEGISLATURE! HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

SATURDAY, April 5. After routine, the following bills were read for a third time: "an act to amend chap. 63 of consolidated statutes," "An act to incorporate the Resigouche Boom company," "An act to continue chap. 113 of consolidated statutes," "An act to exempt the Carleton Municipal Council from taxation in the erection of beet sugar factories."

Willis moved the house into committee of the whole to consider a bill entitled "an act to authorise the Lancaster school district No. 1, to issue debentures." Sayer in the chair. The bill was passed without any amendment except in the title which is to read the same with "County of St. John" inserted after parish of Lancaster.

McLellan moved the house into committee to consider a bill entitled "an act to incorporate the Shear Boom Improvement company." Retiche in the chair. After a short debate on minor points the bill was passed with few amendments. The house then took recess until 2.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON. The house went into committee of the whole on supply. Davidson in the chair.

Moved by Provincial Secretary seconded by Attorney General, that blank dollars be granted for steam navigation. There was some lively discussion.

Mr. Hill gave a description of the route of the steamer "Strand," noting that it was the means of bringing a great many American tourists to the islands of the Bay, and that they would be the cause of increasing the trade of these islands. The merits of the "Andover" and other steamers were discussed.

The Attorney General described the way in which the Bye-Road grant was distributed, stating that it is done on the same basis as it was 25 years ago. What the origin of that basis was he did not know.

Sayer said that he thought the distribution of the Bye-Road Grant was almost as unjust as it could possibly be, and that York received the largest grant of both the Great and Bye-Roads in proportion to its population and length of roads. That he felt himself justified in introducing the bill which he did relating to the representation of some of the Counties as those Counties which were large and which sent four members to the House, received the most share of these grants. That the money is never heard of in the several Counties until the month of August or September, and last year, not until October; that the grant should be distributed at the latest in June, for when it was later than that the roads had not a chance to get laid before the Fall rains and so part of the money was wasted.

Mr. Willis thought there should be a re-adjustment of the distribution of this grant as there had been a great many changes since 1854 and that this house was just as competent to adjust and distribute as the house that sat at that time. He thought that it was the duty of the Government to furnish such information as would enable the house to make the re-adjustment which is so much required.

MONDAY, April 7, a. m.

After routine the order of the day was resumed and Mr. Blair arose to kill time. He began at the beginning of the Chatham Branch correspondence, and after he had read the minutes, &c., for an hour, less than half a dozen members were in their seats. He went over the ground that has been already gone over half a dozen times. His object was to prolong the discussion, during which time he hoped to be bringing strength to his party. It seemed a little strange that Mr. Blair should expect the support of Mr. Elder on a matter which that gentleman had justified in the columns of his paper.

[When Mr. Elder arrived and saw Blair reading this document, he turned to a colleague sympathetically. "It were better he had kept that in his pocket. It is only another blunder—that's all."—Ed.]

Blair moved his resolution of want of confidence in the Chatham Branch matter, &c., in an exhaustive document purporting to show that the Government had shown nothing before the house, to assure members that the litigation in the Chatham Branch matter would lead to any satisfactory result, and therefore moved that the house view with disapprobation the action of the Government in the matter.

To this resolution Mr. Fraser replied in a clear and honest way, that the Government had done all that could be done in the matter, which was to put an injunction upon the stock, &c., and had put the matter in the courts. He moved an amendment that the resolution do not pass.

Covert went over the old ground. He Huntington reviewed the matter at much length and to the satisfaction of members not fully acquainted with the matter.

The discussion continued in a spirited manner till 6.30 o'clock, when, as the matter was adjourned till to-day, at 2 p. m.

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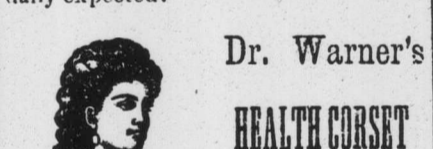
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