

well as its healthy financial state, through which it has been enabled to furnish and decorate the new Hall in a very chaste and beautiful manner. At the close of the business, the brethren retired to a large banqueting room adjoining Kick's Hotel, where an excellent supper, with plenty of tea and coffee, was in waiting, to which it is needless to state ample justice was done. Appropriate speeches and songs followed from several brethren, and at 11.30 p. m. all retired for their homes, well pleased with participating in the ceremonies and conviviality of the evening. On the Monday evening previous the D. D. G. M. visited Merritt Lodge, at Welland, which is also in a thriving condition and steadily pursuing the even tenor of its way to perfection.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, in and for the city and district of Quebec, and Three Rivers and Dependencies, by command of the R. W. the Provincial Grand Master, Brother James Dean, assembled at the Masonic Chambers, St. Lewis street, Quebec, at eight o'clock on Monday evening, the 6th inst., when the following officers were installed for the ensuing year:—

R. W. Bro.	James Dean, District Grand Master.
" "	Joseph White, Deputy District Grand Master.
" "	P. Belanger, Senior Grand Warden.
" "	H. P. Leggatt, Junior Grand Warden.
V. " "	W. A. Adamson, Grand Chaplain.
" "	Westou Hunt, Grand Treasurer.
" "	George Veasey, Grand Registrar.
" "	Alexander Frew, Grand Secretary.
" "	John Shaw, Assistant Grand Secretary.
" "	C. E. Montizambert, Senior Grand Deacon.
" "	John Dawe, Junior Grand Deacon.
" "	Chris. Stavely, Grand Superintendent of Works.
" "	C. H. E. Tilstone, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" "	Chs. Hamilton, Grand Sword Bearer.
" "	W. M. McLaren, Grand Organist.
" "	Charles McKenzie, Grand Pursuivant.
" "	Wm. Crawford, Grand Standard Bearer.
" "	H. Beer, Grand Tyler.

GRAND STEWARDS.

Bro. B. Jacobs	Albion, 17, E. R.
" J. Alexander	do.
" Wm. J. Brady	St. John, 127, E. R.
" Thomas McGinnis	do.
" C. R. Coker	Alma, 648, E. R.
" Dr. Hunt	do.

COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

W. Bro. George Thompson and W. Miller, and D. D. G. M., S. and J. G. W., Registrar and Secretary.

MONTHLY RECORD OF CURRENT EVENTS.

- Imprisonment for debt has been abolished in France.
- The Fenian prisoners Burke, Doran and McCafferty, have been convicted of high treason, and sentenced to be hanged.
- It is reported at Berlin that the Danish Government has announced its intention to remain neutral in case of war between France and Prussia.
- The Grand Trunk Company have erected sheds at the Lachine Junction and tanneries, for immigrants, with the means of washing and personal cleanliness.
- Mr. Gladstone has resigned the leadership of the Liberal party in the House of Commons, in consequence of divisions on the subject of the Government Reform Bill.
- The Intercolonial Railway Guarantee Bill has passed the Imperial Parliament. There was some show of opposition to it, and of course some ill-natured remarks were made by some of the anti-colonial men.

—The Grand Jury in the case of ex-Governor Eyre, of Jamaica, has ignored the indictment framed against that officer, growing out of his official conduct during the revolt in that island.

—At various ports of entry doubts having arisen as to the proper rate of duty to be levied on Bay Rum and Florida Water; it has been decided by the Customs Department at \$1.20 per gallon.

—Sir. S. H. Walpole, has resigned his seat in the English Cabinet as Home Secretary, and the Hon. G. Hardy has assumed the position. The Earl of Devonshire replaces Mr. Hardy as chairman of the Poor Law Board.

—The National Constitution which has been so long under debate in the Prussian Chambers, has at length been adopted. The Polish members protest against the action of the Parliament, and the result being made known, unanimously resigned.

—The *Minerve* states that the delegates of the Provinces recently in London are to form the future Privy Council of the Confederation, and they have already come to an understanding among themselves upon many points of organization and patronage.

—The protracted investigation into the conduct of Admiral Persano, who commanded the Italian fleet in the battle of Lissa, has been concluded in accordance with the verdict of the court. He has been sentenced to be cashiered for incapacity and disobedience.

—Her Majesty's portrait, which was presented to Mr. Peabody, is on exhibition in New York, and is spoken of as a beautiful work of art and an excellent likeness. It is said to have cost £15,000 sterling. We are glad to hear that it is Mr. Peabody's intention to exhibit it publicly in Canada.

—The Prussian Diet was opened on the 29th April by the King in person. In the speech from the throne King William said, the unity of Germany was an assurance of peace to Europe, and urged the speedy adoption of the Constitution. The King was silent in regard to the Luxemburg question.

—The Provincial delegates to England on the subject of Confederation have all returned except Mr. Cartier. The Queen's proclamation is expected to issue during this month, the new Cabinet to be formed early in July, when the writs will be issued, and the elections will probably take place in August.

—The Customs Department has decided that mill and factory machinery should be admitted free only when forming part of a mill or factory as fixtures, and when of complicated workmanship. No such machinery as circular or upright saws, spindles, bobbins, &c., which are liable to fifteen per cent. duty. It is also decided that iron chain cables may be imported, duty free when over a half inch in diameter; chains under half an inch with or without shackles, 15 per cent duty ad valorem.

—The tonnage duty of the Great Eastern on entering the port of New York amounted to \$6,045, which with the addition of the harbor masters, health officers and pilot fees, and charges on stamps, permits, &c., bring altogether only the expenses of entering the port to \$7000. She left on the 14th April for France, carrying 191 passengers, paying \$100 each, which amounts \$19,100, leaving a surplus of \$12,000, out of which the expenses of her voyage and the salaries of her officers, crew and attendants, cost of painting and repairing, and other incidental items are to be liquidated. It is estimated the deficiency on this trip will amount to from \$80,000 to \$100,000.

—A conference of the European Powers for the settlement of the disputes which have arisen between France and Prussia, in regard to the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, met in London on the 7th inst. At a second session held on May 9th, the following basis for the deliberations of the Conference was agreed upon:—

First—The territory of Luxemburg is to remain in the possession of the King of Holland as Grand Duke of Luxemburg.

Second—The neutralization of the Grand Duchy is to be guaranteed by all the European Powers participating in the Conference.

Third—The fortress of Luxemburg, is to be razed. Earl Derby stated in his place in Parliament on the evening of the 9th, that he considered the preservation of the peace of Europe no longer a question of doubt.

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