





## Maritime Farmer.

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### St. Paul's Church Opening.

The local event of the week has been the opening of the new Presbyterian Church, a noble structure, and said by competent judges, to be the best arranged and most comfortable church in the Lower Provinces. The services on Sunday were particularly grand and impressive. A significant feature was the character of the congregations. All denominations were represented, and all seemed to rejoice in the noteworthy event. The princely sum, over one thousand dollars, gathered on the collection plates for the building fund, is the best proof of the practical sympathy the event evoked. Two of the ablest preachers in the Presbyterian denomination in the Lower Provinces, Rev. Dr. Burns of Fort Macleay Church, Halifax, and Rev. Dr. Macrae, of St. Stephen's Church, St. John, preached the dedicatory sermons, and both were able efforts. The music was very pleasing, and in fact every feature of the services was interesting and impressive. The occasion was auspicious for Presbyterians, and they are receiving the hearty congratulations of sister bodies. To Rev. Mr. Mowatt belongs a large share of the credit for the erection of the new church. May he long be spared to minister to his people in the way of life.

### The Irish Question.

We publish elsewhere an interesting article on the Irish question, in which the writer, an editor of an Irish paper in Canada, very intelligently discusses the three phases of Home Rule in Ireland, a question which, just now, is attracting so much attention on both sides of the Atlantic. We observe that Mr. Robert Griffin, LL. D., the statistician of the London Board of Trade, has come forward with a proposal by which Home Rule may be granted to Ireland without exposing property landowners to plunder, and without imposing a serious burden on the Imperial exchequer. His plan is (1) for the Imperial Government to buy out every landlord in Ireland, giving him consols at par, equal in nominal amount to twenty years' purchase of the present judicial rents; (2) to give the land free to a rent charge of one-half or two-thirds of the present judicial rent, payable to the new local authorities in Ireland; and (3) to relieve the Imperial exchequer of all payments now made out of it in connection with the land government of Ireland. The plan is, in fact, to throw the cost of local government in Ireland upon Irish resources exclusively, and give the Irish people the rent of the country for the purpose of conducting it. The conflict between landlords and people would thus come to an end, and there would no longer be fear that if England gives Ireland Home Rule, the property of the landlords would be confiscated. Taking the rent of Ireland, as settled judicially, at about \$8,000,000, the consols at par to be given in exchange at twenty years' purchase would be \$160,000,000, involving an annual charge \$5,000,000, on the Imperial exchequer. At present the Imperial Government spends annually upon Ireland \$2,400,000, exclusive altogether of the outlay for the army of occupation, for the collection of revenue and other Imperial matters, which would still remain Imperial. The position as regards Irish tenants, would be that where they pay only \$5,000,000 they would have to pay only \$10,000,000 to five and a half million pounds. The emergency is one, the writer thinks, for which the Imperial credit should be used. Much of the present Irish difficulty is due to the fact that events have been fatal to the judicial rents fixed a few years ago. The subsequent fall of prices has upset the whole theory of judicial rents. Under the new scheme it would be possible and necessary to let the new local authorities in Ireland have control of the police which would have to be their own charge. The collectors of the Imperial Government would retain a small police force of their own to enforce the collection of Imperial taxes required for Imperial purposes, the Imperial laws relating to freedom of commerce, transit and the matters which would remain Imperial as long as there was no separation. The Irish representation at Westminster ought to be reduced to something like the proportions of its contribution to the Imperial revenues, that is something less than five per cent, about 36 out of 670 members.

### Truth Stranger than Fiction.

A story is going the rounds of the papers, which if true, and an Australian journal vouches for its authenticity, eclipses the most sensational novel. A short time ago there sailed for England, from Australia, a young man, whose career would furnish materials for a romance of the most stirring nature. His father was a younger son of good family, related to a baronet, living on an estate in a midland county. He was wild in his youth, and a clever amateur actor. A junior clerkship was procured for him in the Treasury, and he spent as many evenings as he could in the theatre, where he fell in love with, and married a pretty ballet girl. Her father was the stage-door keeper, and her mother the wardrobe woman in the theatre. The union gave offence to his friends, who found little difficulty in prevailing upon him to quit England for Australia, accompanied by his wife, and furnished with \$2000 over and above their passage money. During the voyage, a son was born, but serious disaster befell the child's father. He fell down the hold, injured his spine, and was bedridden from that time forth. He lingered for a twelvemonth after landing and died. His protracted illness exhausted his resources, and his young widow found herself in debt after paying the funeral expense. She was a brave little woman, obtained an engagement at the Theatre Royal, under her maiden name, and maintained and gave a tolerable education to her boy. She died of

cancer before he was 17. His life since then—about five years ago—was full of vicissitudes. Lately he acted as waiter at a restaurant, where a certain inherited elegance of manner and refinement of accent often caused speculation as to his history. A few months ago glancing down the columns of the Times, a gentleman noticed an enquiry for a missing heir, and the particulars seemed to tally with those of the waiter. The result was a correspondence with a firm of solicitors in Lincoln's Inn Fields, followed by a remittance from them, and the information that he had succeeded to a baronetcy and \$212,000 a year. Three lives had stood between him and it, when the old possessor of the title died. Those had just all moved by accident in eighteen months. One was drowned while bathing near Mount Orgueil, in Jersey, a second slipped into a crevasse on the Alps, and the third broke his neck while riding to hounds in his own county.

### CURRENT NOTES.

Montreal excited during 1885, new building worth \$2,200,000.  
Bennet Smith, Nova Scotia's only millionaire, died at Windsor on Monday.  
Eight hundred hogs have died in Wabash County, Indiana, since November from cholera.  
Anna Swan, the Nova Scotia giantess, who is at present in the United States, is dying of consumption.  
At Belleville, Ontario, on Monday, ice blocked the river, and the back water flooded two of the principal streets.  
Mr. John Bright's election expenses in Birmingham amounted to \$200, and Lord Roschild Churchill's were \$615.  
The Miramichi section of the Northern Western Railway, from Chatham Junction to Doaktown, was formally opened to traffic last Thursday.  
The statement of the exports of grain from New York to Europe during the year 1885, shows the fact that not a single vessel crossed the ocean last year carrying grain either by rail or steam under the flag of the United States.  
The Carleton Sentinel says that Mr. Costigan, who has been a public meeting at New Brunswick, Victoria, Co., the Toronto Standard, says that the people there are so much encouraged that they would get the branch railway to the Plaster Rocks.  
Prof. Schurman of Dalhousie College, has been appointed to the chair of ethics and philosophy in Cornell University, at a \$3000 salary, and a \$100,000 residence. He is a native of P. E. Island and a few years ago won the Gilchrist Scholarship.  
In a marriage register in the Church of St. James, Bury St. Edmunds, says an English journal, the following curious notice appears: "1832, Nov. 5, Christopher Newman, Charity Morrell, Charity Morrell being entirely without arms, the ring was placed upon the fourth toe of the left foot, and she wrote her name in this register with her right foot."  
The rise of families in the new world, says the West, receives an illustration in the case of the newly appointed Governor of Newfoundland. In 1828, a Mr. Shee practiced law in Windsor, N. S., and being but indigent, finally removed to St. John's, N. B., Newfoundland. His son rose in the political scale of that colony, until now Sir Ambrose Shee, K. C. M. G., the English Governor, has been confirmed on him the Governorship of his adopted country.  
A couple of American detectives have, by digging about in one particular spot on the American boundary line, recovered sixty-five thousand dollars, the deposits of an American bank cashier now visiting Canada. It is a small fortune for an American bank cashier to come to Canada, but it is a small fortune for him to bring in stolen money. This particular cashier, to avoid becoming a criminal in the land of his adoption, buried the money before crossing the line. There must be an immense quantity of that kind of money along the American frontier.

John Swisher, a coal miner and Methodist minister, is holding a series of revival meetings at Danville, Illinois, and has brought forth a large number of converts. Four members of a family named Allen have become insane, and many others are in danger of losing their mental powers. Swisher is a man of massive physique and vocal strength. He froths at the mouth, jumps over the pulpit, walks on the front seats, and says he will shake sinners over an open hell, so that they can appreciate the hell of heaven. Mr. Swisher evidently discounts the Salvation Army.  
The venerable Dr. McCulloch of Truro, Nova Scotia, preached his farewell sermon as pastor of the first Presbyterian church on Sunday, the 29th ult. It was a noteworthy occasion. The venerable pastor was severing a very warm and close connection that had existed between himself and congregation for nearly half a century. Some forty-eight years ago he preached his first sermon as pastor of the church from Psalm 40th and eighth verse, "For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it costeth for ever." On Sunday Dr. McCulloch preached from the same text, the second and third verses, and the sermon and the preacher were the same, but only one member of the congregation present on Sunday, Mrs. William Logan, was there forty-eight years ago.

An Ottawa despatch to the Toronto World says: The liquor question has been the cause of much trouble in Dominion politics. Now that the McCarthy Act has been declared unconstitutional, and even the Scott Act is doubted, there is a desire among members of the Federal Parliament to get rid of this troublesome matter—in other words to untangle the whole business on the Provincial Legislatures. A Cabinet Minister hinted today that Sir John would probably introduce a bill repealing the Scott Act, and not only repeal it, but put a clause in the bill declaring that in view of the recent decision in England, the whole subject be and is within the jurisdiction of the Provinces. That would then leave the way open to the Local Legislatures to pass prohibitory measures, each for itself as it saw fit. These rumors of course must be taken with many grains of allowance.  
Major Bell, of Indian Head, N. W. T., and one of the principals of the Bell farm, in a conversation with an Ottawa reporter the other day, stated that the indications were, that there would not be a repetition of the Indian troubles in the Battledore district next spring. The reason, in his opinion, was not so much the victories of the volunteers at Battledore, Fish Creek and Cut Knife as the fact the Indians were practically disarmed. Of the possibilities of a rising among the Bloods and Blackfeet in the western part of the Territories he had little to say. He felt certain, however, that the Mounted Police were prepared effectively to deal with any trouble that might arise. The Indians on the various reserves in Assiniboia were very quiet just now, and apparently disposed to precipitate a conflict with the whites. Speaking on the same subject Judge Rouleau, of Battledore, stated that he had received several letters from Battledore recently, and reference was made in them with regard to the probable Indian uprising. He said himself did not fear that such an occurrence would take place.

### IRISH HOME RULE.

#### The Progress and Present Position of the Movement.

##### Three Alternative Schemes.

(M. W. Kirwan in the Montreal Gazette.)  
Five years ago, home rule for Ireland was a political vapor; to-day it is a political pillar of fire. Five years ago, the majority of Englishmen only mentioned home rule to sneer at it; to-day they are forced, too often against their will, to accept it as a burning factor in national affairs. Five years ago English politicians said that Irishmen "could not define what home rule meant," while now we see that both the Liberals and Conservatives imply that they cannot do so. Home rule is in the form, they admit, it is likely to be conceded to Ireland, but in what form is the question? Whether it will be the home rule of Grantin, and which was demanded by O'Connell, who was agitated for the repeal of the Union; or of Butt who asked for a federal home rule which would place Ireland on a somewhat similar position towards England as the Province of Quebec occupies towards the Dominion; or of David and the National League, which would place Ireland on the same privileges as a state in the American Republic possesses in its relation to the Union; or of the repeal of the Union; or of Butt who asked for a federal home rule which would place Ireland on a somewhat similar position towards England as the Province of Quebec occupies towards the Dominion; or of David and the National League, which would place Ireland on the same privileges as a state in the American Republic possesses in its relation to the Union; or of the repeal of the Union; or of Butt who asked for a federal home rule which would place Ireland on a somewhat similar position towards England as the Province of Quebec occupies towards the Dominion; 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