

The Gleaner.

AS A GLEANER. EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.
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THE INTERCOLONIAL AND THE TEMISCOUATA.

Now that the Temiscouata road, which the New Brunswick railway finds connection at Quebec with the Intercolonial, is about to be opened, and the distance between Montreal and Fredericton and St. John considerably shortened, the question of cheaper freight and passenger rates has come up for discussion. Our returned editor, the Gleaner, is of the opinion that the rates to St. John by way of the new route will not be, to any appreciable extent, less than by the Intercolonial; that the rates from Quebec to Riviere du Loup will be increased so as to preclude the possibility of cheaper freight by way of the new road, and to retain the trade now held by the Intercolonial. The Gleaner does not take the same view. It regards the Gleaner's argument as a most extraordinary assumption and based on the belief that the government will deliberately do a great injustice to St. John and all the river countries. And it adds, "if that sort of thing is attempted, it will be vigorously resisted, and we trust that the occasion may not arise." We are very much inclined to the belief that the Gleaner's view is correct. The Intercolonial, though operated by the government, is controlled, as other lines of railway are, with the view of securing and retaining for itself all the business it can command, and we think it would be unreasonable to assume that the management, or the government, would in the case now up for consideration, adopt any other principle regarding traffic than that which regulates all railway freight rates throughout the length and breadth of Canada. We do not claim that that principle is altogether a correct one, or that the general interests are invariably served by its adoption. That matter might be discussed at some other time. But it does strike us as being very late in the day for the Gleaner to condemn the principle. It has not in the past raised its voice against it. We do not mean to imply that purely local selfish motives guide its course, but it will appear strange that a St. John journal which could consult rather provincial than local interests, should attempt to attack a principle only when and where it seems that its continuance will not operate in the interests of its immediate locality. The most striking feature too of the Gleaner's attack is in the fact that it does not include condemnation of the principle generally, but only applies to the Intercolonial in dealing with the Temiscouata. The distance by the Temiscouata to St. John, says our contemporary, is no shorter than by the Intercolonial, that freight by way of the former road should be very much cheaper. Now why does not our contemporary make general application of this principle, and why did it not do so before? The distance from Boston to St. John via the N. B. R., is considerably greater than from Boston to Fredericton via the same route. Yet the minimum rate of freight to St. John is twenty-five cents; whereas, in the case of Fredericton the rate is sixty-one cents. And yet the Telegraph has not condemned this discrimination in the interests of St. John. The present through rate on the Intercolonial to St. John is entirely in the interests of that city, to the detriment of the business interests of other towns along the road, yet the Telegraph has not a word of condemnation for that. St. John can secure more advantageous rates on the New Brunswick than can Fredericton business men, yet on this the Telegraph is silent. Do the Telegraph's interests lie merely in the promotion of the interests of the New Brunswick railway? and are the interests of the N. B. R. wrapped up merely in the interests of St. John? If the Telegraph will support the position that the rates of freight on all Canadian lines of railway should be governed solely by the mileage, and that the shortest possible route be taken by roads having more than one route from a given point, we will gladly give it our support, but as the matter now stands, we would not be contenting the interests of our own city, nor yet the river countries, were we to applaud our contemporary's present attitude. The day has come when other than mere St. John interests must have consideration.

STANLEY.
The British world is concerned more than a little as to the whereabouts of the late Henry Stanley, who was sent out to find Emin Pasha, and the government is being pressed to despatch an expedition to find him. Stanley was not commissioned by the British government to go to Africa, through its unexplored, peculiar and dangerous sections; it was the London exploration society which sent him thither; and in this fact the British government finds ground, not strictly to object to the sending out of an expedition, but to hesitate. It would seem, however, that British interests demand of the government immediate action. Stanley's past labors have not been without fruit to the world, and more particularly to Britain. He has opened up for colonization tracks of the dark continent not long since unknown to the world, and British interests have profited thereby. Missionaries have followed, introduced the Bible, and been successful in civilizing the inhabitants; and trade, enlarging yearly, has followed the efforts of the missionaries. England, always on the watch for new markets for its produce and its manufactures, has reaped

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

PERSONAL, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS NEWS OF THE DAY.

Cable, American, Canadian and General Topics.

Advices from Samoa say that the parliament of the island had not yet been convened, and that the government was in a state of confusion.

There was a marked reduction in the number of cases and deaths at Jacksonville yesterday.

Canada.
There is terrible starvation and destitution among the Indians in Arctabaska and the Peace River country.

The writ for habeas corpus has been issued. It will take place on the 8th October, polling a week later.

Word has been received of the drowning at Cape Race, of the second mate, Robert McKenna, and seaman Turner of the government steamer Newfish, which was the subject of a boat loaded with coal.

Near Washington Centre, Ont., Edward Chambers accidentally stepped into the cylinder of a threshing machine and one of his legs was made mince meat of. He died.

The lifeless body of Joseph Acton was found Thursday in a ditch at Springfield, N. S. The coroner's inquest has adjourned.

An hotel proprietor at Mattawa, named Gilmore, got into a dispute with his wife concerning a young man, who, he asserted, was too intimate with Mrs. Gilmore. The latter threw a ginger ale bottle at her husband's head, which caused his death. Mrs. Gilmore has been arrested on a charge of manslaughter.

FROM THE COUNTRY.

News from the Districts About Us.

As Reported by Our Active Correspondents.

Accidents, Personal Intelligence, and Things in General.

CANTERBURY STATION.

A fine Budget of Food from this section. Canterbury Station, Sept. 28. The German menues are prevalent here now. Twenty pupils in Miss Darling's school were taken sick with them in one week. None of the cases have as yet proved fatal.

In last week's issue it should have been Mr. Ames Dickinson with whom the bear had the dispute instead of Arnold Dickson.

Mr. Levi Dow, of Waterville, Maine, is visiting his parents here.

Mr. James Ferguson, a former resident in the States for a short time, and we fear when he leaves that he will not be a Maine's gain. "Such is life."

God in his infinite wisdom has again visited our land and removed by death Mr. Dow's wife. She was a devoted wife and mother, and her loss is a great one.

Monday morning and evening were very fast and warm, and in less than ten minutes the snow was piled up to the roof of the house.

Mrs. E. D. N. Southworth's migration in a sensational novel writing does seem unlimited. Now 70 years of age, she is about to publish her forty-fourth novel. From a pecuniary standpoint her work has certainly paid her richly.

The important marriage of the Prince of Wales and the czar of Russia are no mean performers on the banjo in communication to a going world.

The prince, it is added, can, after returning from opera or opera buffa, pick out the times on the banjo with remarkable facility.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes says that he usually replies to the request for his autograph when a card for the signature is stamped envelope or folded.

Among the requests that he did refuse was one addressed to "Miss W. Holmes." He thought the writer of that knew too little about him to be a genuine longing for his handwriting.

Mrs. Senator Brown, of Georgia, knits all her husband's socks and knits also the socks of the members of the Georgia legislature, recalling the least that every American ought to "see his gold and silver shining through the holes of his socks."

The widow of President Polk is in her 87th year. She is feeble and rather forgetful, but she maintains her cheerfulness and her interest in the world.

Of late she has been taking her meals in her own room, and leaves it once a day to take an airing on the porch. Here she sits and receives her friends.

A few years ago a well dressed, fine looking stranger called on Professor Packard of Bowdoin college and asked permission to look over the college buildings. The professor courteously showed him all about the institution, and when the stranger went away by left hand, he was the name Henry Winkley.

A short time afterward the college received Mr. Winkley's check for \$40,000 with which to found a professorship of Latin, and now upon the death of the college receives \$20,000 more.

Mrs. W. M. Dills, of Springfield, Mo., is said to be the best judge of horsemanship in that valley. Mrs. Dills is a southern woman, and comes from the blue grass region of Kentucky.

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PARAGRAPHS OF INTEREST.

The "Tropic of Cancer" has been planted in Kansas this year.

An order for 100,000 pairs of wigwag repeaters is being filled by a Bangor (Me.) firm.

A cat, which its owner asserts has been in his family since 1818, died at West Baltimore recently.

There is talk of a half penny morning paper, independent and unshaking in London. It is also said that hourly editions all day will be a feature of the new paper.

Natural gas was used to inflate a balloon at Memphis, Tenn., a few days ago, and it was so effective that the balloonist was borne out of sight to the southeast and had not been heard of at last accounts.

There is a granite house in Rowan county, Va., built in 1766, and is still owned and occupied by the descendants of the man who built it. The fireplace is 8 feet wide, 3 feet high and 3 feet deep; the house is in a good state of preservation.

At Denison, Tex., a negro took laughing gas before having a tooth pulled and administered the dentist, who was sitting in the chair through the window, carrying ash and all to the pavement twenty feet below, yet, strange to say, was only a little shaken when he came to himself.

Eleven Englishmen recently played an cricket match with eleven Americans. The match being the men should use lemons for bats and should have a little shaken when he came to himself.

There is one man in Cornwall who thinks an animal may know too much. While he was admiring the beauty of his favorite cow, he imagined his surprise to see her fasten her horns into the limbs of an apple tree, shake it, and then pick up the apples. These proceedings were continued until she had satisfied her appetite.

An English carter fell asleep on a hay, tumbled under the wheels, and was killed. At the inquest it was developed that he had been kept at work for a week with an average of only about three hours sleep a night, and that this was a usual thing with men in his line of work. The coroner, at the request of the jury, directed the attention of the authorities to the matter.

A Paris hackman was recently garrotted by two men who were riding in his hack. They tied him to the seat with the horse blindfolded about his head and left him helpless, and escaped with his money and watch and chain. The police are looking for the men who were riding in his hack.

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