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tion of Ireland, unhappily, has not im-

proved much. The words and acts, the

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ing the year now closing the FREEMAN

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know what actually took place, to form a

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acts of the Land League, and of all con-

nected with it, and to judge fairly of the

Land Act, its scope and effect, and of the

general policy of Mr. Gladstone and his

colleagues. We believe that this is re-

garded by all who feel an interest in Ir-

ish land, and especially by all the Irishmen

in this Province who retain a love of the

old land, as a work of no small impor-

tance. It has, we know, done much to

alleviate the prejudice and the feelings of

hostility which the falsehoods of the

cablegrams and the violent inventions of

the anti-Irish press did much to excite,

and so contributed materially to the con-

tinuance of those feelings of mutual re-

spect and goodwill, the maintenance of

which is so desirable.

During the coming year it will not be

less necessary that this work should be

The Weekly Freeman.

Saturday, February 18, 1882.

The Speech from the Throne at the

opening of the Canadian Parliament was

remarkable rather for what was omitted

than for what was said. It is not prob-

able that it does not contain a single

paragraph or sentence or line or

word that shows the conditions or the

requirements of the Maritime Provinces

were thought worthy of a moment's con-

sideration. It is not surprising, there-

fore, that no allusion was made to the

Irish boundary question which now agi-

tates that Province so greatly, but it is

quite to say the least, that nothing was

said of the abolition of duties on tea and

coffee which has been promised from so

many platforms. Mr. Blake suggested

that perhaps this was a new mode of

showing respect to the dignity of Parlia-

ment, and that nothing was said of the

probable immigration of next year or

the actual immigration during the year

past.

The speech congratulates Parliament

on the peace and prosperity which its

author says "has been realized." They

try the changes on the property in sev-

eral paragraphs. In one they say that

"Canada has been favored with a year

of great prosperity." In another that her

farmers have enjoyed a plentiful harvest

and remunerative prices; in another that

"her manufacturing and other industries

have been and continue to be the devel-

oped under favorable auspices."—The grammar

is good enough, perhaps, but the speech

is another that her "trade and commerce

have been steadily increasing," and then

they wind up with a paragraph in which,

contrary to all their own precedents, and

with remarkable inconsistency, they

say, "It is not without reason that we

claim the greater share of the thankful-

ness for Sir John or Sir Samuel or any

of the other Tory knights, their associ-

ates, and the N. P. Not very good, per-

haps, but wherever they spoke they

were wont to assert that the property of

the country—as it was due also to

themselves and their N. P. It is gratifying

to find that the Opposition have suc-

ceeded in changing them into an acknowl-

edgment that for all the blessings Canada

enjoys it should be thankful to the bene-

dict of Providence from whom, indeed, they

have all come directly.

No less than seven paragraphs are de-

voted to Manitoba, the North West and

the Indians of the North West. The

Governor General visited that country

last year when he was looking at the

land and speaking in glowing terms of the

The Woodstock Press.

The excitement over the contest which

is to take place on Thursday next has

increased very much during the past

few days. Meetings are held nightly, and

the whole community seems to have been

worked up to take an interest in the

election.

The "Citizens Committee," as they call

themselves, opened the campaign this

evening with two meetings at the Institute

on Sunday, which large numbers were

induced to attend with the idea that they

would hear Prof. Foster. At the after-

noon meeting it was announced that the

Professor was absent, but was on his way

to St. John—just think of it, actually

travelling on the Sabbath, and by rail too!

—and would address a meeting to be held

in the evening; but in the evening

another large audience was disappointed

and another apology had to be made.

The fact, we believe, being that there was

no prospect of the Professor being able to

reach the city that day. His place was

occupied by Rev. Mr. Betts, of Sussex,

and one or two others, who talked in the

usual strain of the many but undefined

benefits which would follow the adoption

of the Scott Act. Singing and prayer

varied the proceedings, and the managers,

with an eye to the main chance, did not

forget to send around the plates.

Mr. E. King Doda has addressed a

number of meetings in relation to the

adoption of the Scott Act. He is a plain,

frank speaker, and his moderation and

the strong common sense which charac-

terized all his utterances have made a

favorable impression wherever he has

been. Prof. Foster, however, arrived on

Monday, and the two met on Monday

evening in Charlottetown, at a meeting

called by the opponents of the Act. At this

meeting was held last night in Charlottetown

at which resolutions were passed, calling

on the immigration to fulfill the obli-

gation to maintain satisfactory commu-

nication between P. E. Island and the main-

land. The speaker could not quite

agree as to what should be done, but

he was the warmest supporter of the Gov-

ernment declared that faith had not been

kept with the Island by the Dominion.

It was especially worthy of notice that

he was a prominent supporter of the Gov-

ernment, and there is room for suspicion

that the meeting had some object which

was not stated. We see that Messrs.

Ing and Owen, of Charlottetown, have

been in Ottawa to make on behalf of the

