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CHIGNECTO POST AND BANNER.

SACKVILLE, N. B., DEC. 4, 1884.

Sir John Macdonald sailed for New York last Saturday on the steamer "Oregon."

The Franchise Bill will come up for its final reading in the House of Lords to-morrow.

The Editors of the Rural New Yorker own and work 2800 acres for experimental purposes, the results of which are reported in their papers.

An application by the promoters of the Nova Scotia short line railway for a further extension of time for forty days has been declined by the Dominion Government.

Supplementary letters patent have been issued to the Nova Scotia Coal Company, by which the shares have been reduced from \$1000 to \$100 and the capital stock increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

Four fifths of the rolling stock purchased by the Canadian Pacific railway during the present year has been manufactured in the Dominion, a gratifying proof of the development of our home industries.

President Arthur delivered his valedictory message on Monday. Speaking of the revenue of the Government for the year he estimated at \$290,620,000, receipts \$330,000,000, leaving a surplus of about \$39,000,000.

The President of the N. S. Fruit Growers' Association advises consumers not to purchase apples except under warrant, and to return the fruit at the sellers' expense if it proves inferior. He thinks that if dealers will give fair prices for warranted fruit, the question of inspection will regulate itself.

The stockholders of the Montreal Implement Manufacturing Co. have granted a lease to J. G. O'Doherty to manufacture implements for the company at reasonable rates. The managing committee are authorized to sell the remaining stock—some \$25,000 worth, at 30 per cent.

An import duty is to be placed on all cereals by the French Government, who find themselves obliged to adopt a protective policy to alleviate the depression in certain lines of business, and to satisfy the desires of the peasantry. In England there is a strong movement in favor of a protective policy, or rather a Fair Trade policy by which classes who are suffering from depression, particularly among the ship-building trade on the Clyde and Wear.

We take pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement in the Rural New Yorker in another column. It is a wide-awake farmer's paper, owned and edited by live, practical working farmers, who own and farm 380 acres experimentally.

On this all new things are carefully tested, and the results faithfully reported in the Rural. Really new and valuable seeds are selected from those tested, and annually from six to eight kinds are given free to its subscribers. In this way it has done much to benefit the farmers and advance their interests.

The season of navigation via the St. Lawrence has closed, and the following figures show the exports of live stock for the season and also for the three preceding years:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Cattle, Sheep. Data for 1884, 1883, 1882, 1881.

There was a decided improvement in the British Stock Market in November, both for cattle and sheep. Prime Canadian steers had a good sale at 15c against 14c last week, 14c two weeks ago, 14c three weeks ago, and 13c four weeks ago. The gain of 1c per lb. within the last month. A similar advance was called from London, and in Glasgow the improvement is not noticeable. The sheep trade too has taken a decided turn; best sheep went at 15c against 14c last week, 14c two weeks ago, and 15c three weeks ago.

The ceremonies at Toronto last week in connection with unveiling the statue erected to the memory of the late Hon. George Brown have brought the life and character of the dead statesman once more prominently before the public.

ANNEXATION IN ST. JOHN.

Quite a furor has been occasioned by some expressions in favor of an annexation having been used at a Board of Trade meeting at St. John last week, drawn out apparently by a despondent feeling at the depression in the wood trade, the poor returns from the shipping business, and the prospect of the new Spanish United States Treaty—dividing all our Spanish West India business to the citizens of the latter country. If the spirited discussion of these matters ultimately results in closer trade relations between Canada and the Spanish and British West Indies, which was, no doubt, the end aimed at by most of the speakers—it will prove of great advantage to the Province. We say most of the speakers, for obviously there was a good deal of politics mixed up in what ought to be a purely commercial and business standpoint. For instance, Mr. Ellis of the Globe, who assumed to speak as to our commercial interests, is not qualified to judge of these matters on their merits and from an independent standpoint. His confederation is political growth suddenly stopped while the country has moved on and expanded and prospered in a marvellous manner, for which modern history affords no parallel. His confederation is limited to the protection of the epoch, or if it does occasionally stray beyond, it is only to pick up and gloat over the misfortunes of the people, to advertise losses in trade or manufacturing, and to shout over every departure of an emigrant. His enemy towards John A. Macdonald, George Brown, S. L. Tilley and Charles Tupper—the authors of Confederation—has deepened with time and if he ever misses a chance to traduce their character and impugn their motives, it is that he may grow madder at the expense of the unfortunate to deal with ill-concealed delirium every trifling reverse in business affairs, and every unfavorable turn in trade. No country is free from such things; no reasonable man would imagine that union would give us an immunity from the ordinary risks and chances of commerce to which all countries are subject; all the same, Mr. Ellis daily struggles to impress the people that Sir Leonard Tilley and his associates are responsible and culpable alike for a Water Street failure, and the price of deals in Liverpool. Efforts continued for so many years to detract the country, her institutions and her leading public men, naturally renders one skeptical as to Mr. Ellis' being capable of giving a fair and unbiased judgment. An eminently fair-minded man in Mr. Simcox Jones, but he looked through local spectacles when he asserted:

New Brunswick has been going down, down, down, and he wished to keep it from going any longer. He hoped the time will come when the Maritime Provinces will be able to do something to bring back prosperity. Whatever the position of St. John, the Province at large has been going ahead, ahead, ahead for years. In fact, some of the causes that have operated against St. John have resulted to the advantage of the rest of the Province. Formerly St. John was the importer and agent for the rest of the Province; it supplied their wants and took their lumber and agricultural products. The leveling of inter-provincial customs duties, the extension of railways since the union has given the people a wide choice of markets, and the people buy and sell direct without the intervention of the St. John middleman. This, while operating to the disadvantage of St. John, has created for a hundred independent centres of trade, elevating the price of all manufactured goods to consumers and enabled producers to secure the best markets. There is scarcely a country village that has not been benefited by the change, and the Province at large has gained immensely. While one may regret the shrinkage of St. John trade, it was skin to a monopoly which the Union and Railways have destroyed. The growth of population, business and wealth in counties such as Westmorland, which will soon rival St. John in every respect, renders the propaganda of annexation or any other political aim, in that city not of paramount consequence to the Province at large.

We are, however, pleased to note that a resolution was carried in the Board of Trade, deprecating the expression of opinion had been made in favor of annexation.

The Transcript deviates somewhat from its policy of detachment towards the N. B. & P. E. Ry. Co., and calls to its aid one "Railway Centre." This party is the one who in May last was shouting that the Company was so poorly stricken it could not purchase rails. To-day it declares the Company is so well to do that a "pile" is to be made in it. It is pleasing to note that this truthful commentator is awakening to the true value of the Cape Railway. It speaks well for the clearer management of Mr. Wood and the Board of Directors that they can in seven months convert a papered scheme into one that promises large financial profits. Large returns will not come amiss to some of the stockholders to "recoup" them for the cash they have dropped by their investment in the "Transcript" and for that paper to indict such persons as guilty of moral if not legal fraud is ungrateful, to say the least. That, however, is none of our business. We commend the Transcript in getting at last on the right track in acknowledging the sound financial position of the Company and its very promising outlook for the future.

PHILODERMA has won public favor in a very short time. Ladies who use it constantly are in the highest delight in saying that every one should have it for removing the roughness that most people are subjected to at all seasons of the year.

Mr. Charles Pritchard, of Liverpool, who claims to have been very extensively engaged in the trans-Atlantic live-stock trade for many years, has just written to the Montreal Gazette his opinions of the future of this trade, and they are not encouraging to Canadian farmers. After speaking of the losses made by many shippers this year, in one instance amounting to thirty dollars per head, he says: "It is not only my opinion, but the opinion of all connected with the trade who are in a position to judge that prices of both cattle and sheep are almost certain to rule very low in England in the immediate future. The reasons given are, first, the low price of wheat and all kinds of grain is causing the farmers to give up raising grain, and very large areas of land formerly in grain are being put into grass for the purpose of raising. Secondly, immense quantities of dressed meat from all parts of the globe are being shipped to this market. The Australian trade has increased ten fold in the last three years, the River Plate trade is being rapidly opened up, and from the United States are coming enormous and increasing quantities, while Russia is sending large weekly consignments with a practically unlimited supply to draw from. It is expected before very long that live cattle and sheep will be exported from Australia. The experiment has already been tried and found quite practicable. Mr. Pritchard warns all cattle shippers to be prepared for low prices next season, and says that unless Canadian dealers can buy for ten dollars per hundred less next season than they did this they must lose heavily again."

For fervid, if not discreet, patriotism commend us to Senator Almon, of Halifax. Last Thursday a meeting of the King's College Alumni was held in the city for the purpose of discussing the difficulties in which the institution is involved, and at that meeting a Herald reporter was present. Now, a morning or two before, that paper had contained an editorial which, commenting on the Senator's remarks, had expressed before the St. John Chamber of Commerce by Mr. Ellis of the Globe, maintained the right of that gentleman to ventilate such views, if he thought fit, without being abused for so doing. This editorial the Senator had marked and read, but not inwardly digested. When, therefore, his eagle eye fell on the reporter aforesaid, he arose in wrath and, dwelling on the conspicuous loyalty through all time of all in any way connected with King's College, moved that the obnoxious newspaper man be "fired out" of the society which they thereby emphatically, if somewhat irrelevantly, place on record its abhorrence of an annexationist. As no one, however, could be found to second this resolution, the Senator had to content himself with requesting the Secretary to be sure and put the substance of his remarks on the minutes, and the reporter was allowed to remain.

After this little bit of by-play there ensued a long and angry discussion which ended in the passing of a resolution urging the Government to notify the Professors that their services would not be needed after the 30th of June, 1885. Prof. Wilson has already resigned upon the condition that the rest of the Faculty shall do likewise, and Prof. Kennedy, the only Professor wholly unconnected with the disturbances, has resigned unconditionally.

The Live-Stock Trade.

Theologians maintain a varying relation to the doctrine of evolution. Dr. McCosh, the eminent Presbyterian divine and President of Princeton College holds that it is all right, provided it is dissociated from the atheism of many of its supporters. Dr. Talmage, however, who belongs to the same sect, is a heated opponent of Darwin and all his works, though his utterances, it may be confessed, do not show that he has any knowledge of that which he opposes. And not long since Dr. Woodworth, President of a Presbyterian Theological Seminary in South Carolina, was severely sat upon by four or five Synods of his church for preaching in too friendly a manner of the obnoxious doctrine. In Bishop Temple's Bampton lectures, on the other hand, recently delivered before the University of Oxford, we have the strongest defence of evolution that has yet emanated from a far from being incompetent Christian. "The doctrine of evolution leaves the argument for an intelligent Creator and Governor of the world stronger than it was before." "The progress of science," he continues, "is steadily and assuredly and in helping men to have with more assurance than ever that the Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth, by understanding hath established the heavens." "It would certainly be a rather singular feat of the imagination to suppose that the bugbear of theologians should be by becoming one of the evidences of Christianity."

Y. M. C. A. Concert.

The promenade concert given by the Y. M. C. A. last Tuesday evening was well attended and a very enjoyable affair. The programme was as follows: 1. Overture: Caliph of Bagdad. Violin and Piano.—Mr. Chapman and Miss Fawcett. 2. Duet: Burial at Sea. Millard. Messrs. Harris and Laid. 3. Trio: Down by the Silvery Stream. Ferrari.—Misses O'Brien, Ackman and Laid. 4. Piano Solo: Tarantelle.—Miss Fawcett. 5. Song:—Mr. Harris. 6. Duet: Cheerfulness. Gumbert.—Misses Ackman and O'Brien. 7. Reading: The Rustic's Account of Rubinstein's Playing.—Mr. Chapman. 8. Song:—Mr. Harris. 9. Quartette: Battle Song. Anderson. Messrs. Harris, Laid, Smith and Chapman. Interval for promenade. 10. Chorus: The Merry Sleigh-Drive. Band.—With accompaniment of sleigh-bells. 11. Song:—Mr. Laid. 12. Chorus:—Mr. Laid. With solo by Miss Cogswell. God Save the Queen.

The Y. M. C. A. has proved quite a successful institution here, and has since its second year with very little exception, been a leading and constant all the current literature, and is well patronized not only by its members, but by many of the ladies of the place.

Our Canadian scientist, Grant Allen, contributes to the Popular Science Monthly a very interesting article, some of what too omniscient, article entitled "Queer Flowers." This begins with a mention of a gigantic East Indian flower which is said to be the size of a water-vault in weight, and forming a cup big enough to hold six quarts of water in its central hollow. It is surrounded with the curious relations between flowers and insects, particularly in the matter of fertilization. Another Canadian, a Glasgow, gives us a very sensible and soundly practical paper on "the school-culture of the observing faculties." Few things are so little studied in our ordinary systems of education as this kind of training, and yet scarcely any is of such supreme importance. It is one of the things which teachers could read this valuable article. The Oil Supply of the World contains some very interesting facts and figures about the petroleum deposits in the vicinity of the Black and Caspian seas. Of these deposits there are no less than 12,000 square miles in which there are only six miles have as yet been developed. But altogether the most unique article in the issue is an aptly entitled "The Cannibalism as being the 'expression of a natural want' and preventable by the introduction of many varied animals that are fit for food." The author says the human flesh is "very tough if not thoroughly cooked, but that it pulls to pieces like a bit of blotting-paper, if well done."

The December Century is an admirable volume in which the author says always, charming, and the letter-press is very far above the average. We have a very interesting installment of Prof. Langley's "New Astronomy," the most interesting parts of which are the prodigious waste of sun-heat that appears to be incessantly being expended in the utilization of a great deal of that which is lavished on the earth, particularly in the tropics, by the agency of the solar rays. The hero gives us a very interesting and exhaustive view in which the Southern chivalry used to kill each other off in their private feuds before the war. John Burroughs contributes another of his charming papers on natural history, in which he displays the most extraordinary power of observation in his description of the life of an animal in which the average man does not see, though they may be right under his nose, and combines with this a fresh and every way delightful style.

While the Christmas number of Harper for this year is not up to that of a year ago, it is yet above the average. Perhaps the first thing the expert in magazine literature would notice in this issue is the little comedy, "The Elevator." This, we think, quite so good as "The Delightful Day of last year, and yet is a very teachable story, and yet is a very delightful piece of humor, which is the monopoly of "Nature's Story," and is especially so in the case of "The Hero gives the heroine a most awakening kiss under the mistletoe, and they live happily ever after." "The Elevator" is a good variety of just about average merit, the best, perhaps, being "A Capital Day." "The Elevator" is a good variety of just about average merit, the best, perhaps, being "A Capital Day." "The Elevator" is a good variety of just about average merit, the best, perhaps, being "A Capital Day."

It is very easy to catch cold, but not so easy to cure it unless you use Haggard's "Federal Balm," the best remedy for all throat, bronchial and lung troubles, coughs, colds and consumptive tendencies.

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Personal and Political.

Senator Murdoch is seriously ill at his home in Chatham. Sir John Macdonald went with the Queen at Windsor last week. Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, has been entered as a law student. A daughter of the Emperor of Austria has written a comedy, and will herself play the leading part. Mr. Justin McCarthy says that three members of the Imperial Cabinet are in favor of Home Rule for Ireland. Fred. Archer, the renowned English jockey, arrived at New York last week, and will visit various parts of the country. Mr. Wm. Cunningham, for thirty-three years superintendent of the St. John Almshouse, died last Monday. Archbishop Trench of Dublin, who has recently resigned his see, declined to accept a pension. He is entitled to receive £2,500 per annum. Mr. Marum, Home Rule member of Parliament for Kilkenny county, has resigned, because he does not enjoy the confidence of Mr. Parnell. Gov. Cleveland has declined to attend a grand banquet at the Academy of Music, which was tendered to him by a number of prominent Democrats in New York. Miss Florence Maryatt, daughter of the famous novelist, and herself a writer of considerable note, has been delighting the people of Toronto by giving a series of entertainments in that city. Dr. Woodworth, Bishop of Salisbury, has resigned, and it is expected that Dr. Wordsworth, Bishop of Lincoln, will resign before the close of the year. Both these prelates are very old men. Sir Chas. E. Neville, Baronet, alias "Foggy" for many years, and also Charles Newbold is on trial at Toledo on the charge of bigamy. It is alleged that he is married to ten women. The Dean of Hereford, Charles Talfer, a canon, has been nominated to the deanery in Hyde Park, in London. The Dean of Hereford, who was admitted to bail, is brother of the Earl of Hereford. Mr. Peter McSweeney, Son, one of the oldest inhabitants of Boston, died in that city on Monday evening. He was a native of Kenmare, Ireland, and came to this country in 1815. He was the father of seventeen children, of whom six sons and eight daughters are living. Five of the sons are actively engaged in business at Montreal, and one at Halifax also. The deceased was seventy years of age. In politics he was a prominent Liberal. Mr. Andrew King, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Halifax, died very suddenly at his residence last night, with a stroke of paralysis. He was the son of King, prior to the opening of the Windsor and Annapolis railway, was proprietor of the stage line between Halifax and Yarmouth, and owned a large interest in the mail contract between Halifax and the Upper Province. He was also interested to some extent in steamboat lines. Deceased was born at Sussex, N. B., in May, 1819. One of the best known and most respected citizens of St. John, Mr. Richard O. Scovill, passed away to the majority of the world, on Monday evening. He was a native of Kenmare, Ireland, and came to this country in 1815. He was the father of seventeen children, of whom six sons and eight daughters are living. Five of the sons are actively engaged in business at Montreal, and one at Halifax also. The deceased was seventy years of age. In politics he was a prominent Liberal. Mr. Andrew King, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Halifax, died very suddenly at his residence last night, with a stroke of paralysis. He was the son of King, prior to the opening of the Windsor and Annapolis railway, was proprietor of the stage line between Halifax and Yarmouth, and owned a large interest in the mail contract between Halifax and the Upper Province. He was also interested to some extent in steamboat lines. Deceased was born at Sussex, N. B., in May, 1819.

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