

Making-Believe.

One of the secrets of happiness is what most as good as actual possession...

A PICTURE AND A PARABLE.

As a picture and a parable, the text discusses the nature of life and the human condition.

Shepherds All and Maidens Fair.

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The Old and the New.

In these earnest days it is not easy to come, as representative of the old and new.

The Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise.

The son of the Duke of Argyll bears a close resemblance to his father.

The Principality of Play.

Monaco and its Gaming-Tables—Charming Sojourn and Disreputable Crowd.

A Remarkable Marriage.

The marriage of the Duke of Cumberland to the Danish Princess Thyra may seem for the moment to have no political importance.

A Chinese Wedding.

The interesting ceremony of a Chinese wedding was performed in the presence of a large number of foreigners...

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LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1879.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Reformers of South Grey have selected Mr. Jas. H. Hunter as their candidate for the Local Parliament.

The petition against the election of Mr. Arkell, member for East Tynagh, has been dismissed by Vice-Chancellor Blake, each party to say their own costs.

ENGLAND is now the virtual owner of Cyprus; the purchase of the state domains of the island was concluded with Turkey a few days ago.

The Orange Incorporation Bills were thrown out by the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature on Tuesday, by a vote of 25 to 16. Mr. Hays voted with his party and against the Bills.

A special dispatch to the STANDARD per Dominion Line, received just previous to going to press, states that Carling's brewery, at London, has been closed (Thursday) morning, loss about \$400,000; insurance about \$400,000.

A STRIKE of very serious proportions was made by the sailors and crew members of Liverpool last week. Rioting was apprehended, but so far the strikers have not been alarmingly destructive, however strong the inclination might have been.

RUSSIA is adopting a protective policy. The ministry has approved of the import duty on grain, cattle and horses. The free-trade experience of the Prussians has been the reverse of satisfactory, and they are now resolved to protect their trade interests.

HON. MR. DE BOUCHERVILLE, late Premier of Quebec, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the Senate created by the death of Senator Lacoste. Mr. De Boucherville is said to be possessed of excellent qualities for the dignified position to which he had just been called.

It would seem that Councilors must learn to "strange a natural eath," their exalted position not warranting a "freedom of speech" such as is sometimes indulged in by the "vulgar laity." An illustration comes from Sandusky, Ohio, where a member of the City Council was expelled the other day for using profane language.

The appointment of a successor to the late Bishop of Toronto is likely to renew the old battle between the High and Low Church parties in that diocese. Bishop Lanigan of Algona, and Provost Whittaker are mentioned as the probable candidates. The representatives of the Synod have been summoned to meet for the election of a Bishop on Thursday, 27th inst.

There is every reason to believe that Dr. Blanchet, member for Levis, will be elected Speaker of the House of Commons. The choice of Dr. Blanchet should meet with general approval. He is a gentleman of large Parliamentary experience, and having been Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Quebec for eight years, he is thoroughly conversant with the functions attaching to the Speakership.

The cattle disease in the United States is spreading. Pneumonia pneumonia has broken out among the distillery feed cattle in Brooklyn; it has also made its appearance in other parts of the Eastern States. No trace of the disease has been discovered in Canada. The British Privy Council has passed an order prohibiting the importation, and ordering for slaughter, all American cattle either from American or Canadian ports, but exempting Canadian cattle shipped from a Canadian port only.

Lord DUFFERIN has been appointed Ambassador to St. Petersburg. The choice of His Excellency as representative of Great Britain at the Russian Court is viewed with satisfaction by the London Press. The Times comments are expressive of the universal sentiment which exists in regard to our late Government's executive abilities. "It is unnecessary to rehearse Lord Dufferin's praises, which are in all men's mouths. Few public men have been covered with eulogies so unhesitatingly and so gratefully as he. His fame has grown to remarkable proportions during the later years of his viceregency in Canada, chiefly by the vicacity of his tongue. No doubt, Lord Dufferin's tact is as perfect as his temper. Nature has endowed him with quick perceptions, and he will now be guided to results by a tried and enlarged knowledge of men and affairs. In Russia Lord Dufferin will have much to do, and will do it well. Beyond the circle of Imperial and Ministerial authority, there are elements now in Russia which, peacefully or violently, must exert an influence upon his policy. Lord Dufferin will not miss the meaning of the pregnant events which will happen in Russia, and the value of his observations on the government which will be able to use them will thus be multiplied many times."

REVENUE.—As an ironing in the "Queen City" for a short time, I thought a few lines from me might prove interesting to your citizens and the readers of your excellent journal generally. It is very pleasing to me to hear, in the many places I have been, the enthusiastic manner with which the speakers of "Liberty, Equality and Justice" are received, and how the people grow, notwithstanding the hard times and general expression all over the country. The question is often asked me: why does it prosper so, while other places go back? My answer invariably is: because they have live men there, and when the interest of the town is considered, they all work together, and live men working together will keep a structure up, even though big blocks do fall out, and that brings to your remembrance the fact that you have had your annual blaze, and the old hammer block is gone—gone at last. Only to be replaced, no doubt, by a handsome structure like the many others gracing your beautiful town.

Toronto appears very lively and continues to grow and prosper, although business men say they never saw business so quiet, and yet there are very few failures; but there are those who predict a general closing out during the next few weeks; let us hope not. I have no fear in saying that men can take over the first session of the Dominion Parliament will see prosperity coming gradually back and times mending. It must be amusing to the eyes prevalent in the vicinity of Ekaterin, in Asia, and during the last few months spread to twenty-seven neighboring localities. Two thousand dead were at Ekaterin, half of which perished. It is reported that the plague appeared at a village on the Kiok Railway, and from there spread to other villages. An epidemic has appeared in two villages of the Government of Tambov. Four persons died at Rostov. A large number of Cossacks who fled from Wladivank were found frozen to death on the banks of the Volga.

ONTARIO EXPENDITURE.

An increase in the Controllable Expenditure of 63 per cent. since 1871—Whether we are drifting?

Hon. D. L. Macpherson, Senator, communicates the following statement to the Toronto Mail:

Statement showing the Increase of Annual Controllable Departmental Expenditure and of Revenue in 1877 over 1871.

Total Expenditure.....	\$3,177,471
Total Revenue.....	\$2,022,097
Deficit.....	\$1,155,374
Expenditure on account of Public Works.....	\$222,105
Deficit on account of Special Funds.....	\$79,943
Total Expenditure.....	\$1,868,967
Total Revenue.....	\$1,233,105
Deficit.....	\$635,862
Total increase of annual controllable expenditure in 1877 over 1871.....	\$779,862
Total increase of annual controllable revenue in 1877 over 1871.....	\$118,899
Total increase of annual controllable expenditure over revenue.....	\$660,963

INCREASE OF ANNUAL CONTROLLABLE EXPENDITURE SINCE 1871.

Increase in Civil Government of 1877	\$48,547
Legislation.....	11,294
Education.....	109,913
Agriculture, Arts, &c.....	41,958
Maintenance of Asylums.....	256,812
Total increase.....	\$388,064
Less decrease.....	4,202
Total net increase of annual controllable expenditure.....	\$779,862

THE ZULU WAR. A British Column Annihilated—Arms, Ammunition, and Colors Captured by the Natives.

Cape Town, Jan. 27.—On the 21st ult. a British column consisting of a portion of the 11th Regiment, the Natal Artillery, and 600 native auxiliaries, was utterly annihilated near Tugela River, 200 miles inland, who captured a valuable convoy of 102 wagons, leaving 2,000 men, 400 shot and shell, 1,000 rounds of ammunition, 60,000 pounds weight of provisions, and the colors of the 11th Regiment, and an estimated 2,000 Zulus were killed and wounded in the battle.

Among the killed on the British side were two majors, four captains, twelve lieutenants and a quartermaster of the 24th Regiment, two captains of the Royal Artillery, four lieutenants and a sergeant of Engineers, besides twenty-one other British officers commanding native tribes. Seven captains subsequently fell by the hands of the Zulus who, it is estimated, are now somewhat recovering from the utter destruction which fell upon them.

General Buller has issued an appeal for reinforcements. The mail steamer for England was despatched a day earlier than usual with a request of six regiments of infantry, six regiments of cavalry, and one regiment of engineers. The Times has seriously inquired and obliged to go into dock at Southampton.

London, Feb. 10.—A despatch from Cape Town says:—The British force which was annihilated was attacked by a great army of Zulus. The British quarters were at Insandana, during the absence of Lord Chelmsford with a strong force reconnoitering. Details of the disaster of the British force show that the guns were spiked before they were captured. The Times says, editorially, the reinforcements were bound to arrive with reinforcements without an hour's delay, and spare no expense or effort.

THE ZULU WAR. The Zulus, or Amantuzi, are a portion of the Kafir race inhabiting Natal and the region north of it. They are far more warlike and rapacious, more industrious, more inclined to the ways of peace and civilization. They are naturally cruel, and distant from their allegiance, constant but very passionate as aroused, and extremely fierce in battle. As a rule, they are remarkably peaceful, and are remarkable for the vicacity of their tongue. No doubt, Lord Dufferin's tact is as perfect as his temper. Nature has endowed him with quick perceptions, and he will now be guided to results by a tried and enlarged knowledge of men and affairs. In Russia Lord Dufferin will have much to do, and will do it well.

REINFORCEMENTS TO BE SENT AT ONCE. London, Feb. 11.—The Cabinet Council today decided to send six battalions of the 1st Regiment of Foot Guards, two batteries of artillery, a company of engineers, three companies of the army service corps and a company of the military police to reinforce Lord Chelmsford in South Africa. The reinforcements for Cape Colony ordered from England numbered 7,000 men. The First Lord of the Admiralty tonight stated that troops sufficient to end the struggle with the Zulus would be on their way to the Cape within a week.

THE INTERIOR OF RUSSIA. Unhealthy State of the Country—Typhus, Small-pox, and Plague Claiming Victims.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—Advices from the interior of Russia state that general unhealthiness and predisposition to epidemic exist. The reports from the Government of Saratov complain of typhus, cholera, and small-pox in the town of Kamshin. Typhus fever and small-pox are increasing in an alarming manner in the Government of Yekaterinburg. In the vicinity of Ekaterin, in Asia, and during the last few months spread to twenty-seven neighboring localities. Two thousand dead were at Ekaterin, half of which perished. It is reported that the plague appeared at a village on the Kiok Railway, and from there spread to other villages. An epidemic has appeared in two villages of the Government of Tambov. Four persons died at Rostov. A large number of Cossacks who fled from Wladivank were found frozen to death on the banks of the Volga.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Port Dover has had a sensation in the shape of a runaway marriage between a young couple not out of their teens, by the name of Jean Byrnes, and a man in cows. The two had been keeping company for some little time, but fearing that they would not be able to get the consent of her parents, they ran away and were married without their parents' knowledge.

Dr. McEachern, veterinary surgeon, in the employ of the Government, has returned, and says that pneumo-pneumonia is rampant in the Eastern and Middle States. He found it in Orange county, and in connection with the State, through the whole of Long Island, and New Jersey. He visited Saratoga, Woodstock, Hamilton, Toronto, and Kingston, and found no trace of the disease in Canada.

Toronto Mail: The reduction of the indemnity was evidently determined on in a hurry. On Feb. 1st, estimates for 1879, Mr. Macdonald would find the amount asked for legislation. The top line gives the amount as \$11,250,000, with the indemnity at \$6,000,000, with the indemnity at \$11,330,000, with the indemnity at \$11,500,000, with the indemnity at \$11,750,000. It is safe to say that Mr. Macdonald's reduction of "policy" was incited while he was going through the press. He was alarmed, no doubt, by the tone of the debate on Mr. Parkhill's amendment.

Sir James Macdonald.—The London Standard says:—When the newly-elected Premier of Canada presented himself before the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, so marvellous a likeness to our own Prime Minister, that they were seen to start, speak eagerly to each other and smile, evidently at the resemblance. A special correspondent from London in Canada declares that he saw Sir John Macdonald ride down Parliament street, and that those who are familiar with the appearance of the latter.

MAKING MAPLE SCRAP.—In making maple syrup, the first importance in the management of a sugar bush is to preserve the trees from needless injury. The best plan of making the sap is to use an axe must be avoided. Use a half or three-quarter inch auger. There is no need of any further incision for the sap to run. The hole in the auger hole is all sufficient. Sap is best boiled down in large flat, shallow pans, arranged in such a manner that the sap should be poured into the pans, and it is boiled to the sugaring off stage by the time it reaches the end of the course of pans.

DEAFING TREASURES.—The Grand High Treasurer of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Toronto, has been committed for trial on the charge of embezzling the funds to the extent of \$18,000 to \$20,000. The charges are as follows:—He is charged with receiving \$20,000 for the purchase of a plot of land, and is charged with paying up by promissory notes.

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