

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. Mackenzie continues to improve. He will not likely take any active part in the present session by the advice of his physician.

We quite agree with a Barrie contemporary that Mr. H. C. Cox has had experience in syndicates. He raised several, single-handed, in North Simcoe.

Mr. Blake claims that he represents the wealthy classes of the country, but next election we shall see him posing as the friend of the majority—the poor man. Of course by that time "circumstances" will have changed.

There were giants in the Local Legislature from 1867 to 1875, and there are many good men there yet, but on the whole there has been a sad falling off in the personnel. The abolition of dual representation was not an unmitigated blessing.

The fact that Mr. Mackenzie offered better terms for the construction of the road than those now agreed upon by Sir William P. Howland and his associates made no bid, is a pretty good evidence of the bogus character of their present scheme.

The rumor that Mr. Faxon, M.P.P., will be appointed to the vacant chieftainship in the county of Ontario is probably correct. If he has not been a brilliant or over-scrupulous politician, he has at least been a faithful one, and deserves his reward.

It will not be good news for the opponents of the Deceased Wife's Sister bill in this country that Mr. Gladstone has pledged himself to the promotion of a similar bill in England, although it is not out of hope in the present state of public business in immediate legislation.

It is rumored that Mr. Pattullo's petition against the return of Mr. Sutherland for North Oxford will be withdrawn, because counter charges of corruption against the great disorganizer have been prepared. Tiger hunting is exciting fun until the tiger tames and hunts the huntsman.

In a letter from Hon. Peter Mitchell on the Hind chagrins, Sir Albert Smith is called upon to do simply his duty, viz., to take the earliest opportunity of defending his honour against Mr. Hind's imputations. Nobody can meet him with a fairer hand, and that does not warrant Sir Albert's silence.

The Bradford Telegram avers that there is in that city a justice of the peace who is unable to write his own name. This is a disgrace to the province. As the member for South Brant appears to have nothing to do in his department, he might open a night-school for the benefit of his fellow citizens in penmanship.

United States papers upon the Canada Pacific railway scheme with remarkable unanimity. Our opponents are unfortunate, to say the least, in always having the sympathy of those whose interests are naturally not Canada's interests. It was so at the time of the Pacific scheme during the N. P. agitation, and it is so now.

The St. Mary's Argus in it a bad way about the Pattullo-Sutherland election case. It says that "a number of the best known men in the riding are involved in this matter, and some dirty revelations will no doubt be made before the trial is settled." The fact that three revelations should be made in a contest between two Reformers in a Reform riding does not say much for the purity of the party.

If, as the Globe argues, no bargain that the present Parliament makes with the original syndicate can be binding upon the country, it follows that the syndicate which the present Parliament makes with the present syndicate can be binding. Yet Mr. Blake and the chief organ are in favour of making a bargain with the present syndicate, as Col. Walker & Co. The mere statement of the contention exposes its dishonesty.

Like all sensible men, Mr. Scott, M. P. for Selkirk, has no respect for petitions that are gotten up to order, and for a purpose. He says that thousands of signatures could be obtained to a petition praying for the execution of the honourable gentlemen of the Opposition. There is no necessity for doing this. Politically, those gentlemen only need to be given rope enough and they will finish themselves.

The Opposition press persists in saying that the syndicate is composed of "Sir John's friends." There is not a Conservative in the company so far as we know, a fact which shows that partisanship was not a factor in the bargain. But the members of the syndicate which the Opposition supports are all Reformers with one or two exceptions, a fact which does not relieve the Opposition from the suspicion that it is a political device.

The challenge of the Opposition to the Government on the syndicate agreement should be admitted to the people as absurd as the leader of the second syndicate—each know that its offer is impossible of acceptance. But if a test is deemed advisable, Reformers cannot do better than prevail on Sir Richard Cartwright to pick up the gauntlet. Mr. Kirkpatrick threw down the gauntlet first. If these gentlemen are Kingstons, as Sir Richard's chances are in Sir Richard's favour.

The Montreal Spectator has not a very high opinion of syndicate No. 2. "The new syndicate for building the Pacific railway is in no way a credit to itself nor to the country. Its inception was due to the exigency of the Opposition in the House, and it is intended to strengthen Mr. Blake's position, and for that purpose the unparliamentary dismemberment of the syndicate and the naming of sitting names of gentlemen on the list who had never been consulted, and who at once assumed any complicity in the worst non-union business. That stamped it as a mere political device, got up to take capital out of."

The Chief members of the Ontario Legislature are devoting most of their time to the discussion of the N. P., the boundary question, and the railway syndicate. Of course they have the excuse that there is a dearth of provincial business, but they have the alternative of admitting that they are going home. They might as well consider the boundary question or the Boer instruction as matters appertaining to the province of the Federal Administration. In what is called Reform, a homely expressive Westernism, those worthy gentlemen should not "blaze off more than they can chew."

The commercial papers take no stock in the new syndicate. The Journal of Commerce says: "Whatever may be the respective merits of the old and new propositions, it is clear that the Government, which took the responsibility of signing the contract with the syndicate, had no option to procure its dissolution by Parliament or to resign office, if it had no desire to smother the motives of the subscribers to the new syndicate, but our conviction is that there are few people in Canada so credulous as to believe that if the Government had advertised for tenders in Canada, they would have received the offer which has been just made. On the other hand, it must be evident that the obvious policy of obtaining offers in answer to a formal advertisement, the Government would have seriously weakened its hands."

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

FOURTH PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, JAN. 17.

THE ADDRESS.

The debate on the address was resumed. Hon. Mr. MORRIS said he had listened with a great deal of pleasure to the speech of the mover and seconder of the reply to the address, as they afforded a satisfactory answer to the cry most made in Canada.

He thought it unfortunate that the leader of the Government should charge the Opposition with being hostile to the existence of the Local Legislatures, for when challenged to mention any of the Conservative members who had taken such a position, he took refuge in the statement that Sir John Macdonald had once advocated the abolition of the Local Legislatures. He said that after years of struggles between Upper and Lower Canada, Sir John Macdonald had favoured a scheme for one Legislature in order to bring the two provinces into a more conservative policy, finally adopted and carried to a successful issue, was a combination of all the provinces of the Dominion, the local autonomy of each being preserved, and the Legislature of the Dominion to be elected by the people of each province.

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Mr. D. ROBERTSON said he had been informed that the new territory included a large tract of excellent land. Were the boundary question settled, four hundred families would be able to settle on the land. An early settlement of the matter would be to the interest of the Dominion, and of immigration. In advertising to the school law, he considered that the power of the Inspectors had been curtailed by recent legislation.

Mr. McLAUGHLIN said that gentlemen opposite argued that it would be injudicious to destroy the autonomy of the Local Legislatures, and was a check upon wrongful legislation, and upon some similar grounds he objected to the reduction of the membership of the Local Legislatures. He said that a reduction would have a bad effect.

Mr. MEREDITH, referring to the state-ment of the hon. member for the province of Ontario, said that the hon. member was responsible for this non-population of the territory west of Thunder Bay, said the blame should rest upon the Ontario Government.

Mr. MEREDITH said that he had no particular information on the subject, but his impression was that the number was very few. The return would, however, give the information.

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HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

CANADA.

Diphtheria is very prevalent at Brockville. Smallpox is reported amongst the Betsamis in the north-western part of the Province. It is now reported that the Quebec Legislature will assemble in March.

Examples of huts and other wooden staffs being sent over to Germany by a London firm. Captain Cuthbert, the well-known yacht builder, is erecting a new shipyard at Belleville. A copper mine has been discovered at the mouth of the river of Wycomagh, Cape Breton.

The Canada Cotton Company, of Cornwall, Ont., has declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent. The amount of money lent to the city of Belleville last year by exemptions from taxation was \$68,100.

The commission to try the Biddulph murder cases will consist of Justices O'Connell and Cameron. The trial commences this week. The Canada Temperance Act has gone into operation in Westmorland county, N.B. It will shortly be put into operation in Kings.

The house was lighted by gas last week for the first time since the fire. The celebration was celebrated by the residents with great enthusiasm. A post-office is about to be established in the County of Charlotte by S. X. C. Gilmour, who intends shipping pulp to England for the manufacture of paper.

At the annual meeting of the London Life Insurance Co. on Monday night Mr. S. B. Ballwill was appointed president, and Mr. E. Gibbons secretary. Eight hundred and twelve persons were arrested by the Belleville police in the past year, the largest number yet known in the history of the place.

Information has been received at Halifax, N. S., that the Government have declined to accept the resignation of the Hon. J. M. B. S. Ballwill was appointed president, and Mr. E. Gibbons secretary. Eight hundred and twelve persons were arrested by the Belleville police in the past year, the largest number yet known in the history of the place.

The only case of general interest so far in the Supreme Court is that of Schultz v. Wood, the parties being Dr. Schultz, M.P., and Olive Schultz Wood, of Manitoba. The case is being argued by Mr. J. M. B. S. Ballwill was appointed president, and Mr. E. Gibbons secretary. Eight hundred and twelve persons were arrested by the Belleville police in the past year, the largest number yet known in the history of the place.

The members of the Belleville Women's Christian Association have resolved to process a banner to the Legislature, and erect a home for the friends and general hospital. The site will be selected by the Ontario Government. Mr. C. Duquet, of Quebec, has just completed the construction of a magnificent yacht, and is probably intended as a gift to some yacht club.

Chief of Police Griffiths, of Brantford, has just returned from Michigan after finding the remains of a man who was killed in a collision with a train. The chief traced Sargis from Port Huron to Detroit, thence to Sargis, where all traces were lost. At last accounts he was in Georgia. At the recent races of the ice at London, it was complained that a gentleman from California was roughly handled by the crowd. Mr. J. M. B. S. Ballwill was appointed president, and Mr. E. Gibbons secretary. Eight hundred and twelve persons were arrested by the Belleville police in the past year, the largest number yet known in the history of the place.

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HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

CANADA.

Diphtheria is very prevalent at Brockville. Smallpox is reported amongst the Betsamis in the north-western part of the Province. It is now reported that the Quebec Legislature will assemble in March.

Examples of huts and other wooden staffs being sent over to Germany by a London firm. Captain Cuthbert, the well-known yacht builder, is erecting a new shipyard at Belleville. A copper mine has been discovered at the mouth of the river of Wycomagh, Cape Breton.

BY MRS. HENRY WOOD.

The day was drawing toward its close...

"First class, come up and spell out the governors from behind her head..."

"There ain't no time, Miss," replied the girls, with the family apperance...

"The governess, a fair, pleasant young woman, dressed in mourning..."

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The Liverpool City Council has accepted...

Many years ago George Elliot wrote a work...

A courier's jury returned a verdict of wilful...

Sir Alexander Galt will read a paper at the...

Prince William of Prussia's marriage is...

It is interesting that Ezeriel Hall shall be...

The Rev. Frederick James Johnson, D.D., a...

The Birmingham Post understands that the...

The briefs in the appeal of Castro, the...

The Conservatives are trying to win back...

Mr. Samuel Pimlott has written from Madeira...

Miss Evans, of Darley House, Derby, lately...

An sad accident has taken place at Fenton...

While two children, a boy and girl, named...

One of the most painful results attendant...

The death is announced of Mr. Cottrell...

A DISSENTING OPINION.

Death of a young man in the Thames...

For many years the inhabitants of Finland...

The City of London companies are considered...

The Irish hope of American aid is not...

At the meeting of the Kildare board of...

AN IRISH WAKE.

A stranger's description of the ceremony...

I had often heard of an Irish wake, but...

The Irish wake is a very curious and...

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A letter from his Holiness the Pope...

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ECCHOS FROM ENGLAND.

At Sheffield a child four years old rolled off a sofa on which she was lying, and died from compression of the brain, caused by the fall.

The record has reason to believe that the revised version of the New Testament will be before the public in the early part of this year.

If any nineteenth century Sam Zepps is keeping a diary, this initiation of the Thames ought to furnish material for an interesting entry.

The Liverpool City Council has accepted the tender of the Electric Light Company for the illumination of some of the principal streets of Liverpool with the electric light.

Many years ago George Elliot wrote a work on the "History of the Idea of Immortality." This work was never given to the public, but it is hoped that it will now see the light.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict of willful murder against Charles Henry Sampson, fire forger, Cumberland street, Sheffield, who in the "Liverpool Times," dashed his child's brains out.

Sir Alexander Galt will read a paper at the next meeting of the Colonial Institute, on January 26th. The future of the Dominion of Canada. "Viscount Bury" will take the chair.

At Birmingham a man employed in a menagerie was attacked by a lion while cleaning the cage and several of his fingers have been killed but for the lion tamer, who beat off the animal.

Prince William of Prussia's marriage is now definitely arranged. The wedding will be on the 27th of February. The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will be among the guests.

It is intended that the Earl shall be transferred to the Young Men's Christian Association on the occasion of his jubilee, March 29 next, at which date all the improvements and alterations in his connection with the Rev. Frederick James Johnson, D.D., a distinguished Wesleyan minister, died of paralysis on the 20th ult. in his 69th year.

His house in Highbury place was born in Lincoln, and entered the ministry in 1834.

The Birmingham Post understands that the English Watch Company of Lonsdale has this year carried off in fair competition. It constructs watches for the Indian States railways, which has hitherto fallen to American manufacturers.

The title in the House of Castro, the "Claimant," to the House of Lords has been delivered to Mr. J. P. Benjamin, Q.C., as leader, and also to Mr. Atherton Jones, Mr. Heddinger and Mr. Spratt, on behalf of the appellant.

The Conservatives are trying to win back Lord Derby to their ranks. Some communications have passed on the subject, and it is said that Lord Derby has absolutely declined again to place himself under the leadership of Lord Beaconsfield.

Mr. Samuel Pimmsall has written from Macedonia to the owners of the Penyragg relief fund a cheque for £20, sent him by the editor of the "Northampton Mercury," for his article on colliery explosions.

Miss Evans, of Darley House, Derby, lately died at the age of 94. She was the owner of Boscobel, near Wolverhampton, where the Fendall family resided for many years, and by her order a strong iron fence was put round King Charles' oak.

A sad ice accident has taken place at Fenelon, North Staffordshire. The children of a family ventured on a pool, the ice being thin at the time. They had not been on long before it gave way, and seven of the children were drowned. Three of the deceased were little girls.

While two children, a boy and girl, named Williamson, were playing on the ice at a tidal lock at Gell, in Shetland, the ice gave way, and both were drowned. The accident was unobserved by anyone, but a dog which was in the water, and saw the children, barked and ran with it to the parents' house, thus giving information of the accident. Both bodies were recovered and buried in their honor.

One of the most painful results attendant upon the incarceration of the refractory clergymen of the Church of England is the introduction of a new fashion for ladies' dresses. A recent article in the "Illustration" of the mode, "the surprise or casket mantle" is now fairly introduced. Women—all synonymously with "fashionable" have assumed the mantle of the imprudent priest in their honor.

Myfair was agitated recently by a rumour that Lord Beaconsfield had been "boycotted" by his own subjects. The rumour was founded on an inquiry, that the report originated in the peculiar performance of a presumable and insignificant. This, after taking his stand in front of the "Illustration," he followed by a certain melodious utterance which the bystanders interpreted as a "boycott" of the "Illustration," because the performer had been with him to show the nature of his calling.

An association is about to be formed for the supply of hot food to the poorer classes of labourers at the docks and large markets. The object is to provide a hot meal for the labourer at a low price, and to supply the apparatus, and move from place to place, supplying soup, meat, &c., at the lowest possible price. The Lord Mayor has promised his support to the movement.

Gambling has been and still is very greatly on the increase in London. Two new betting-clubs have been formed, where individuals have been consulted by thousands, in one case by fifteen thousand—and the prohibited game has found its way into clubs here by the route of the "Illustration." Difficulties about the settlement of accounts have already resulted from this, and if it continues, less of scandals similar to the Pageot one are expected.

The death is announced of Mr. Cotterill-Dorner, a great English squire, whose ancestor was appointed by Charles I. hereditary Master of the Ceremonies to the King. At his seat, Boscobel, he was a great favorite among his tenants, a model landlord, and placed among the neck of Sir Charles Cotterill by Charles II. at his restoration. Another ancestor, Robert Cotterill, was a great favorite among his tenants, a model landlord, and placed among the neck of Sir Charles Cotterill by Charles II. at his restoration.

"Highly ridiculous," snarped Mrs. Beld. "What can such girls want with spending? If it were not for reading, the Bible, I should never have had time to read at all."

A very domineering widow was this aunt of the clergyman. Upon his appointment to the vicarage, she had a long and established herself in asserting him the house would never get on without someone to manage it. Mr. Lewis had a dim perception that he and his household would be before long under her, but he never said so, and she remained.

Miss Winter went to the manse, and turned her hour-glass. It was five o'clock and the children had been locked out of school. The Vicar, Mrs. Budd, and Miss Richkurst followed.

"John Lewis," began the young lady, in a confidential tone, "do you think your schoolmistress is getting above her business?"

"In what way?" he asked, looking surprised.

"There is such a tone of superiority about the young woman—I mean implied superiority," added Miss Richkurst, correcting herself.

"I have always thought there is much real superiority about her," replied the Vicar. "But I have never thought of your manner and conversation gave one less the idea of implying it. And she gets the children on astonishingly—on a night, think you, when they are tired and hungry?"

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THE PARSONS' OATH.

BY MR. HENRY WOOD.

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