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**The Weekly Freeman.**

Saturday, February 14, 1880.

**Protection and the Working-men.**

Farmers and farm laborers form the bulk of the workmen of Canada, at least in the rural districts. They are not, as is often said, a few cases as high as a dollar, and, in one or two yards, the men are required to take the greater part of their pay in truck. Everything they have to buy, except farm produce, is much dearer because of the N. P.

The N. P. does not enable our farmers to catch more fish, or to get a better price for what they do catch, but it takes enormously more of the articles they require in their business, and the heavy clothing which they must wear.

It has done nothing for the masses of bricklayers, or carpenters, etc., who Mr. Tilley said were at his employment at high wages, building factories and the dwellings which would be required by the increased population; but it has increased the cost of the most necessities of life.

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Of the appointment of Mr. King as Postmaster in place of Mr. Ellis, then whom there is not a more efficient officer in the civil service of the Dominion—little need be said beyond the fact that it is far from pleasing, even to friends of the Government. Whichever of the two Mr. Boyd may have had about accepting the honor conferred upon him, (and there may have been more reasons for refusal than the public in general are aware of), we presume Mr. King will not hesitate long.

The appointment of Mr. Gardner as Minister of the Interior is understood to be a very easy means of getting rid of an important supporter. There are others, equally important, yet to be provided for.

**The Irish Relief Fund.**

The collection taken at the Catholic Churches of the City and Portland on Sunday last exceeded in amount the most sanguine expectations, and does infinite credit to the patriotism, the generosity, the Christian charity of the Irish Catholics of the Province. The sum which has since assumed such large proportions, did last week in its 71st year. He labored arduously and unrelentingly with pen and tongue for the diffusion among the countrymen of a knowledge of Catholicism and the rights of the Irish. In the case of Lord and Lady, Frederick, born Judge Fisher, and a York County Jury, the verdict was for the plaintiffs for \$45,720. The "Harbor of St. John," in going out of the city of Bathurst, on an anchor belonging to the Government dredge, was sunk in consequence of the injury she sustained. The question was whether the anchor of the dredge was in a proper place and properly buoyed, or the loss of the steamer was caused by the incapacity or negligence of those in charge of her.

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Editorial Notes.  
The Queen's speech is very much what was anticipated. Of the foreign relations of the country it only says that they are satisfactory. Of the affairs of the Dominion it says nothing more than that the Government is to withdraw, as soon as possible, from that part of the country which lies beyond the scientific frontier. It speaks of the subjugation of the Zulu and the continued desire of the Government to make representative improvements in the African Colonies. It gives little promise of any attempt to deal effectually with the Irish famine. The attempt to offer relief by advances to Boards of Poor Law Guardians, and to landlords desirous of making improvements, has not been very successful, but the Bills to enlarge the powers of the owners of what are called unsettled lands, and the Bill for simplifying the practice of conveying land by the nominal defendant, will be valuable changes in the land laws. The Marquis of Hartington complained that the Greek boundary question is left in so unsettled a condition.

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