

time for its unveiling at the celebration of the same society next year.

La Verandry was the first white man to set foot on the site of the present metropolis of the Northwest. That was in 1722. In 1728 he and his four sons went west with another expedition. A portion of it was surprised at the Lake of the Woods by the Sioux, and every member of it, including a son of La Verandry's, massacred. In 1749 he pushed out again and reached the Saskatchewan where he died.

COUNTY Liberal Association.

A MEETING OF THE

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Thursday, 24th June, instant at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Z. R. EVERETT, JAMES E. SIMMONS, GEO. F. GREGORY, Fredericton, N. B., June 11th, 1886.

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W. F. GREGORY, President, N. B., June 11th, 1886.

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THE PROSPECTS OF A DISSOLUTION.

Some of the Ontario papers have stated upon what they call "good authority" that there will be an autumn session of parliament, and one of them at least goes so far as to say that the object of the session will be to pass legislation giving effect to the arrangements which will be made with the United States regarding the fisheries. Another journal says that a dissolution will immediately follow the session, and that the general elections will be held in December. It is not probable that this is anything more than a rumor, although the idea may have been thrown out by some one in the confidence of the government as a course likely to be adopted. We cannot think that anything definite has been determined upon. The fisheries dispute has not been settled yet, and it may be that when it is finally arranged there will be neither any object to be served or advantage to be gained by an early session. If a comprehensive treaty can be made with the United States Sir John Macdonald would, no doubt, hasten to that subject all unsettled, but the Nova Scotia and Quebec elections pending, for the rumor of a fall session was advanced before the elections in the neighboring province, it is by no means likely that the premier has committed himself to any course of action. He is probably watching events, and when he thinks the outlook is as favorable as it is likely to be, he will appeal to the people. He is to go out west as far as the Pacific coast, and after that he is set down for a trip to England. Of course these plans could be easily altered, but the fact that they have been formed does not favor the idea of an early dissolution. It is known that the Tory members in Ontario do not favor a dissolution this year.

REPEAL IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Sun misrepresents the references as to the effect which the Repeal movement in Nova Scotia will have upon New Brunswick, and its alleged quotations from our article on the subject are such as imply a deliberate intention to misrepresent. What our contemporary calls our prediction that "the question of secession will soon be introduced into our local politics" was expressly stated to be based upon Mr. Fielding's despatch to the Young Men's

Liberal Club of Fredericton, in which he stated that Nova Scotia "desires the cooperation of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island in a movement for separation from Canada." In view of this despatch we said that we regarded it as probable that Mr. Fielding will "not delay very long in making overtures" to the provinces named, and added, "We therefore may expect to see the question of secession introduced into our local politics." With all this Mr. Blair, as local premier, has nothing whatever to do. He cannot prevent Mr. Fielding from making such overtures, and he will be in duty bound, when they are made, to let the public know their nature. And we repeat that the degree to which they will be entertained by the people of New Brunswick will depend very much upon the outcome of the next Dominion elections, for if these result in a renewal of the Tory lease of power, with all the misgovernment and destructive commercial policy implied in it, the demand for repeal will spread through this province with irresistible force. We hope this result will be avoided. We see indications that it may be in the power of the Nova Scotia elections that there is in Canada "a grand public opinion" which cannot be bought by bribes or intimidated by threats. All men who hope that Canada may have a future worthy of the name must rejoice at this, for in it alone is there safety for the state. It was in this spirit that we discussed the effect upon this province of the Nova Scotia elections, and for the Sun to pretend, by making garbled quotations, to show that our remarks were capable of the construction that Mr. Blair would adopt the platform of repeal if the liberals are not successful at the next general election is very dishonest. But the Sun need not trouble itself as to what Mr. Blair will do in such an event, for it will never occur. Toryism is doomed, and the future of Canada will be redeemed.

WHO WROTE SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS?

Every now and then some one starts the proposition that William Shakespeare did not write the plays generally attributed to him, but that Lord Bacon or some other person did so and allowed the player Shakespeare to claim the authorship. The last person to discuss this subject is Ignatius Donnelly, the author of Atlantis and Ragnarok. Now it may be that Bacon wrote these plays, and let Shakespeare have the credit of them, but this is not just the way of the world at present, and for that reason, for no other, the idea does not find very general acceptance. If Bacon had all along been represented as the author and it were discovered that Shakespeare wrote them, it would be more in consonance with the experience of the ordinary run of newspaper scribes. In an experience extending over many years, the average newspaper man will not have discovered any large number of the modern Lord Bacon anxious to give the credit for a good thing, attributed to the unknown fellow who wrote it. In fact, things rather go the other way. When the Honorable A. B. C. reads his two column speech in the papers he will usually gravely assure the reporter that he spoke them very words, and it beats all how you fellows can get them down so; and the modest reporter hides his blushes behind his note-book and sighs that he dare not publish the matter just as it was delivered. The thought that Bacon may have written those magnificent plays and yet let poor Shakespeare wear the unperishable crown which will always envenom his brow, is enough to make a newspaper reporter wish that he had been his own great-great-grandfather, so that he might have basked in the sunlight of the Baconian benediction. We do not know who wrote the Shakespeare plays and we don't know that we care: but we will be a big apple that we could have put some of the choicest passages from them in the mouth of some politicians we have known, and he would solemnly have asserted the next day that they were his own. There was once a very worthy politician not a hundred miles from Fredericton, who made a lengthy speech. The reporter was just from college and he introduced into his report several lines of Latin from Juvenal. Next day the speaker, who did not know the difference between Latin and Mohawk, actually claimed that he had used the quotation. Such experiences don't strengthen one's belief in the Baconian theory.

PARTY ORGANIZATION.

The liberal meeting held last night to organize an association for this city was well attended and in every respect successful. The plan of enrollment has been adopted, all persons who join the association subscribing a paper by which they

declare their intention of advancing the interests and principles of the liberal party of Canada. This very simple plan of organization has its advantages and has been found to work well wherever tried. In selecting its officers the association has named practical working politicians. Mr. G. F. Gregory, the president, has had great experience as a presiding officer and in political organization generally, and the vice-presidents, Mr. Z. R. Everett and the Hon. F. P. Thompson are about upon a par with him in these respects. The secretary, Mr. W. T. Whitehead, has long been regarded as one of our best political workers, while the executive committee will be found to be composed of gentlemen who will not leave any stone unturned in their efforts to make the association a success. It will be understood that this is a city organization, although pending the formation of a similar body in the neighboring parishes all liberals are invited to meet with it. An effort is being made to have like associations established in every parish in the county.

AN INSTANCE IN REAL LIFE.

An old man in the winter of his life. A curious story has leaked out in connection with a venerable government employee of humble station in Ottawa. Nearly ninety winters have passed over his head, upwards of seventy of which have been Canadian, as he emigrated from the old land in his youth. Among other vicissitudes through which he has passed is that of having two wives, not at once by any means, but consecutively. It is now some eight years since he married his second wife, who at present is a buxom dame of fifty, while he is much further advanced in the winter of his life. This latter fact has become extremely realistic to the pair lately, and although the old man was still able to maintain a home for himself and spouse, still it was evident that he could not see many more summers, after which his good lady would have to provide for herself. This has also been unpleasantly conspicuous to the couple of late, and so the worthy man determined on a novel expedient by which he could see his wife settled while he himself remained in the flesh. One night he benched the subject to her to the effect that it could not be much longer before he would be gathered to his fathers, and as it would be impossible for him to leave her a fortune, she would have to look after herself. He then suggested that she should leave him, take her departure for her home in Scotland, and he would give her £50, the money he could spare. She had the right to think the matter over, and next morning expressed her determination to go. The old man paid her fare, gave her the stipulated amount and in a few days his spouse departed leaving him to toil unaided until he died and then sink unwept for to his rest.

THE ST. JOHN EXPRESS.

The management of the New Brunswick railway both as regards passengers and freight has been very satisfactory to the people of this city, who have found in Mr. Cram a gentleman disposed in every reasonable way to consult their wishes. The trains are run with promptness and regularity, while the improved rolling stock adds greatly to the comfort of passengers. It is understood that a special train is being prepared for the Fredericton express which in all its appointments will be better than any thing that has been put upon this service. In regard to this particular train the general opinion is that it will leave here too early under the new time table and arrive here too late. Our business men say it is no advantage to them to be in St. John at nine o'clock a.m. because no business to speak of can be transacted before ten. Neither do they consider it an advantage to have until 5.15 local time in St. John. The present hours they find to be quite long enough. If the morning train to St. John reached that city at 9.30 local time it would suit all the requirements of this city, and we presume it would not interfere with the other trains. The Flying Yankee does not leave St. John until forty minutes after the morning train leaves here. Why could not these trains cross at Fredericton Junction?

SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKES.

The Capital City of Nicaragua Partly Destroyed. ALBANY, June 16.—Mr. John Hotchkiss, a prominent manufacturer of Birmingham, England, arrived here to-day from Reaño, Nicaragua. He says that the day before he sailed (May 22) there was a terrible eruption from the volcano Mount Mombouco. Telegraphic information was received at Reaño on the 23rd to the effect that the city of Managua, the capital of the country, had been practically destroyed by the violent earthquakes which accompanied the eruption. The earth upon which the city was built suddenly sank, soon after the convulsions began, three feet below its former level. All buildings of any considerable value were completely wrecked. It was reported that there was loss of life, but how great was not known when the Pacific mail steamer sailed. Telegraphic intelligence from a town at the terminus of a railroad forty miles from Reaño was even more startling. That place was being fast buried beneath hot volcanic ashes, and many lives had been lost. In response to the appeal for help from the survivors, a train was made

up at Reaño and sent out about two hours before the Pacific mail steamer left the port. The situation in Reaño began to grow somewhat threatening, and the departure of the steamer was somewhat hastened on that account. The sky became dark and of a strange gray tint. Fine volcanic ashes began to fall, and the atmosphere became oppressive and breathing painful. Mr. Hotchkiss says the fall of ashes increased as the ship left the harbor, and they continued to sift down upon the decks until the vessel was fully forty miles out. Over the interior of the country toward the volcano there appeared to hang a dense dark cloud. The decks of the ship received a coating about half an inch deep of the volcanic ashes before getting beyond reach of the shower. Mr. Hotchkiss brought with him a specimen. The ashes are a dry gray dust or powder.

There was great excitement in Reaño when the steamer sailed, and details of the calamity could not be obtained. Full information will doubtless come by the next steamer, which reaches San Francisco in a few days. Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, which is said to be destroyed, is a city of about 10,000 inhabitants. It has a national palace, several churches, city hall and other large buildings.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

The services in St. Luke's church, Woodstock, on Sunday, when His Lordship the Metropolitan officiated, were attended by unusually large congregations, the numbers being so great in the morning that all could not procure seats. At the morning service the rite of Confirmation was administered to thirty candidates. The number of communicants was the largest since before known in the Parish.

On Wednesday morning one Laura King was arrested at St. Leonard, Madawaska, charged by the N. B. Railway Co. with obstructing the track by placing sleepers on it. He was examined and committed for trial. King did not deny, but owned up to the act, and appeared indifferent as to the result.

The Carleton Sentinel remarks that a peculiar circumstance took place at Lakeville on Monday. Mr. Henry Wilson noticed one of the pillars supporting the verandah in front of his store on fire and at once applied water; shortly after extinguishing the flames he discovered flames again running up the post; this was repeated once or twice when supposing that the fire had in some way got under the casing of the post, he was about to cut it down, when he observed some new tin milk pails setting in front of his building, on which the sun's rays fell directly and the reflection from which fell upon the burning post. Removing the pails the difficulty with the fire at once ceased.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE!

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Associated Alumni of the University of New Brunswick will be held in the University Library on the evening of Wednesday, 23rd June instant, at 8 o'clock.

BELTING.

500 FEET BEST LEATHER BELTING for 750 CORDS WOOD, SHAW'S, selected sizes. Also CARBIDE VARNISH in one gallon tins.

1 BARREL JAPAN. 1 BARREL WHITE STAIN. 1 BARREL PUMPER VARNISH. 1 BARREL WHITE STAIN. 1 BARREL WHITE STAIN. 1 BARREL WHITE STAIN.

5,000 BARRELS OF BEER.

A Railroad Declines to Carry Them Into Iowa and is Bound for Chicago. CHICAGO, June 15.—Suit for \$10,000 damages was begun to-day by George A. and Frederick W. Bowman, beer sellers of Marshalltown, Iowa, against the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad for its refusal to transport 5,000 barrels of beer for the plaintiffs, from Chicago to Marshalltown.

The railroad declines to carry the beverage for fear of the Iowa statute making it penal offence to take liquor into the State. Bowman Bros. bought 5,000 barrels at \$6.50 per barrel, the payment being conditional on their getting it into Iowa. The Northwestern road refused to take it. Bowman Bros. assert that beer is sold all over Iowa, and if once they succeeded in getting into the State they could sell it for \$8 per barrel and not to be molested.

The refusal of the company to transport it is to be made the occasion of a test of the validity of the Iowa law.

A WONDERFUL ESCAPE.

A Men Carried Several Hundred Rods on a Cow-Catcher. PORTYPOOK, June 15.—A loaded wagon was struck by the evening express coming west on the C. P. Ry. yesterday, some distance east of Portyppook. The engine struck the vehicle in the centre, completely cutting it in two and scattering the contents on either side of the line. Careful search along the track having failed to discover the body of the driver, the train was examined and the unfortunate man was found hanging head downward on the cow-catcher of the engine.

He had been carried for several hundred rods in this way. It was subsequently ascertained that he had received only slight injuries. The horses which were attached to the wagon escaped unharmed.

SPORTING NOTES.

Base Ball. The Infantry School base ball club have received a challenge from the Young Imperials of Carleton, St. John, to play them a match game here on Dominion day. As the Infantry School will be in camp at that time the challenge has not been accepted. The Fredericton club may possibly arrange a match with this club.

The Infantry School club expect to have a crush with the Moncton team while in camp at Sussex.

The following premiums will be offered for the races at the Woodstock driving park on Dominion day:—

Purse No. 1.—\$200 for 4-year-old colts. No. 2.—\$100.00 for 3-minute class. No. 3.—\$150.00 for free for all.

The management have the promise of horses from Fredericton, St. Stephen, Sussex, Piquette Lake and Houlton.

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The will commence on Friday from 6 till 1 o'clock. Tickets only 25 cents. Admission Free. Gates open at 2 o'clock. Admission 10 cents. Fredericton, June 16, 1886.

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DINGMAN'S Electric Soap!

It is the Best Laundry Soap in the market. You do not need to boil your clothes. It will not injure the finest fabric. You can do your washing in half the time. It will wash better than any soap you can make. It was awarded the gold and silver medals for the best laundry soap at the Toronto Exhibition held last fall. A trial will easily satisfy you that it does what is claimed for it.

Ask your grocer for it. JAMES HODGE, Wholesale Agent. Fredericton, June 17, 1886.

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LILIAN, THE HEIRESS.

"There is no occasion for all this nervousness," he says, half-sarcastically, as he lays her head against his shoulder, and cries as though her heart would break. At this supreme moment she scarcely remembers Guy's presence, and would have cried just as comfortably with her head upon old Parkin's shoulder. Perhaps he understands this, and therefore fails to realize the rupture he should know at having her so unreservedly within his arms. As it is, his expression is bored to the last degree; his eyebrows are drawn upwards until all his forehead lies in little wrinkles. With a determination worthy of a better cause, he has fixed his eyes upon the lovely golden head of her who is weeping so confiding upon his breast.

It is a touching scene, but fails to impress Guy, who cannot blind himself to what he believes to be the fact, that all these pearly tears are flowing for another—and that a rival. With his tall figure drawn to its fullest height, so as to preclude all idea of tenderness, he says, sharply:

"One would imagine I had brought you bad news. You could not possibly appear more inconsolable if you had heard of his death. Do try to rouse yourself and be reasonable; he is all right, and as likely to live as you are."

At this he gives her a mild but undeniable shake that has the desired effect of reducing her to calmness. She checks her sobs, and, moving away from him, prepares to wipe away all remaining signs of her agitation.

"You certainly are not very sympathetic," she says with a last faint sob, casting a reproachful glance at him out of two drowned but still beautiful eyes. "I certainly am not," stiffs; "I can't weep any spirit from my eyes because I have a fellow to better, if you mean that. You seem to me shockingly grieved at his chance of recovery," viciously.

"I have no doubt I seem to you all that is vile and wicked. I learned your opinion of me long ago."

"Well," scornfully—"I think you need scarcely choose either this time, or place, for one of your stand-up fights. When you remember what you have just said—that you are actually sorry poor Archie is alive—I think you ought to go away and feel very much ashamed of yourself."

"Did I say that?" indignantly.

"Oh, I don't know," indifferently—"as though his death now cannot possibly alter the original fact, 'something very like it,' all events."

"How can you so malign me, Lilian?" angrily. "No one can be more uncharitably sorry for poor Chesney than I am, or more pleased at his escape from death. You willfully misunderstand every word I utter. For the future—as all I say seems to annoy you—I beg you will not trouble yourself to attend to me at all."

"I shall speak to you just whenever I choose," replies Miss Chesney, with superb defiance.

At this thrilling instant Chesney's door is again opened wide, and Dr. Bland comes out, looking sooty and looking sootier.

"You, my dear Miss Chesney?" he says, approaching her lightly, and the very young lady of all others most wished to see. Not that there is anything very curious about that fact, with his coy chuckle; out your cousin is asking for you, and really, you know, upon my word, he is so excited, I think, perhaps—oh!—under the circumstances, you know, it would be well to gratify his pardonable desire to see you—ah!"

"The circumstance," refers to the rooted conviction, that for weeks he has been planted in the doctor's breast, of Miss Chesney's engagement to her cousin.

"I don't think,"—smiling good-naturedly—"I know you must not stay with him longer than five minutes."

"Good doctor, make it three," is on the point of Lillian's tongue, but ashamed to refuse this small request of poor wounded Archibald, she follows Dr. Bland into his room.

On the bed, lying pale and exhausted, is Archibald, his lips white, his eyes supernaturally large and dark. They grow even larger and brighter as they rest on Lilian, who slowly, but—now that the again sees him so weak and prostrate—full of pity, approaches his side.

"You have come, Lilian," he says, faintly, "it is very good of you—more than I deserve. I vied you terribly this morning, did I not? But you will forgive me now I have come to grief!"—with a wan smile.

"I have nothing to forgive," says Lilian, tremulously, going down upon him plying through two big violet eyes so overcharged with tears as makes one wonder how they can keep the kindly drops from running down her cheeks.

"But you have. Oh, Archie, let me tell you now how deeply I deplore having spoken so harshly to you to-day. It"—with a shudder—"you had indeed been killed, I should never have been happy again."

"I was unmanly," says Chesney, holding out his hand feebly for hers, which is instantly given. "You have kindly threatened me. I am thoroughly ashamed of myself."

"Oh, hush! I am sure you are speaking too much, and Dr. Bland says you must not excite yourself. Are you suffering much pain?" very tenderly.

"Not much," but the drawn expression of his face betrays his assertion. "To look at you"—softly—"gives me ease."

"I wonder you don't hate me," says Lilian, in a distressed tone, fighting hard to suppress the nervous sob that is rising so rebelliously in her throat. Almost at this moment—so sorry is she for his hopeless infatuation for her—she wishes he did hate her. "Yet, I am not altogether to blame, and I have suffered more than I can tell you since you got that terrible fall!" This assurance is very sweet to him. "When I saw you lying motionless—when I laid your head upon my knees and tried to call you back to life, and you never answered me, I thought—"

"You!" interrupts he, hastily; "did your hands succor me?"

"Yes," coloring warmly; "though it was very little good I could do you, I was so frightened. You looked so cold—so still. I thought then, 'suppose it was my cross words had induced him to take that fence? But'—nervously—"it wasn't that was foolish, if I conceded though, with no truth in it."

"Some little truth, I think," sadly. "When you told me 'never to speak to you again'—you recollect?—there came a strange hard look into your usually kind eyes—pressing her hand gently to take somewhat from the sting of his words—"that cut me to the heart. Your indifference seemed to me that moment to have turned to hatred, and I think I lost my head a little. Forgive me, sweetheart, if I could not then help thinking that death could not be much worse than life."

"Archie!"—gravely—"promise me you will never think that again."

"I promise."

There is a short pause. It is growing almost dark. The rainy day, and so weakly from its birth, is dying fast. All the house is silent, hushed, full of expectancy; only a little irrepressible clock in the next room ticks its loudest, as though defying pain or sorrow to affect it in any way.

"Is it your arm?" asks Lilian, gently, his other hand being hidden beneath the sheet, "or—"

"No, no," eagerly; "I tell you it makes me easier to see you; it dulls the pain." Slowly, painfully, he draws her hand upwards to his lips, and kisses it softly.

"We are friends again?" he whispers.

"Yes—always friends," tightening her fingers sympathetically over his. "If—very earnestly—"you would only try to make up your mind never to speak to me again as you did—last night, I believe another unpleasant word would never pass between us."

"Do not fear," he says, slowly; "I have quite made up my mind. I rather than risk bringing again into your eyes the look I saw there to-day. I would keep silence forever."

Here Dr. Bland puts his head inside the door, and beckons Lilian to withdraw. "The five minutes are up," he says, warningly, consulting the golden turnip he usually keeps concealed somewhere about his person, though where, so large is it, has been for years a store of speculation with his numerous patients.

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