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CHIGNECTO POST AND BORDERER.

SACKVILLE, N. B., DEC. 6, 1888.

—The town of Lunenburg, N. S., has been incorporated.

—Seven divorce suits will come before the Dominion Senate next session.

—Dominion Parliament is summoned to meet on the 31st of January for the transaction of business.

—The Dunkin act was sustained in Richmond county, Quebec last Thursday, by over 500 majority.

—The pope has appointed December 31 as a day of general thanksgiving in Roman Catholic Churches.

—The Scott Act Association has been revived in Wellington County, Ont., to organize an anti-repeal campaign.

—Lord Dufferin, ex-Viceroy of India, arrived in Scotland, on Thursday, prior to his return to England. He received an ovation.

—Lord Salisbury in one of his Edinburgh speeches indicated that his Government favored the emigration of Crofters. He also commended the hanging of Kiel by the Canadian Government.

—Mail service received in England from the west coast of Africa says that a rumor has reached London from the Upper Niger that Henry M. Stanley is proceeding at the back of the great oil rivers under the British flag, and that the natives are friendly.

—President Diaz took the oath of office at the City of Mexico Saturday. This is President Diaz's third term and second consecutive term. The Government made a great display with firing of cannon, parade of troops, etc. There was no popular demonstration.

—The London Post, commenting on the President's message, says, "America is really inclined to resume negotiations on the fisheries she will find the English ministers animated only by a sincere desire to promote the satisfactory adjustment which Cleveland mentions, while unable to hold the same opinion as Cleveland as to what the just demands of equity are."

—The anniversary of the natal day of the late Emperor Frederick suggests the curious circumstance that although this year has seen three German Emperors, not one of them has celebrated his birthday as Emperor during 1888. Kaiser Wilhelm died twelve days before his ninety-first birthday; the late monarch with in some four months of the completion of his fifty-seventh year; while the Emperor William II celebrated his twenty-ninth birthday on January 27, when he was yet Prince William of Prussia.

—Sir William C. F. Robinson, Governor of South Australia, has declared that there is no desire in the colonies to lessen England's constitutional responsibility in the appointment of colonial governors. He is of the opinion that when the wishes of the colonies are fully understood by the Home Government an adjustment satisfactory to all parties will not be difficult. He has suggested that the colonies send delegates to England to confer with the Government upon the whole question. The press support the views of the Governor.

—The Herald's Washington correspondent says ex-Senator Swann of New Jersey recently made a journey to Indianapolis, where he had a conference with General Harrison. Shortly after this he wrote a letter to a friend in Washington, from which the following words are taken: "Tell the boys that the old fellows will have to go to the rear. Harrison wants young timber for his cabinet, and we have no chance." The letter further stated that all signs pointed to Congressman Boutelle, of Maine, as President Harrison's selection for secretary of the navy.

—The Commons went into committee Monday night on the Irish estimates. An appropriation of £12,707 was asked to complete the sum of £40,707 for expenses of the Irish secretary's office. John E. Ellis (liberal) moved that the amount asked be reduced to £425, his purpose being to raise a general debate on Balfour's administration. He charged that the government was using coercion to such an extent that 1,500 persons had been imprisoned since the Chester Act was introduced. Balfour was seeking to conceal from the people of England the acts of cruelty perpetrated in Ireland. After speeches by Dillon, Sir G. O. Trevelyan and Mr. Balfour with reference to the Gladstonian government's treatment of political prisoners, the debate was adjourned.

—Taking their own statements, the people of the United States are suffering from a most corrupt political system, the purchase of votes being so generally carried on as to seriously endanger the freedom of the country's institutions. The New York World has been publishing revelations of alleged wholesale bribery, the New York Mail and Express has been lamenting that the votes of certain political factions, which were bought and paid for at a certain figure, were not "delivered" by the leaders controlling these elements, and finally this is what the Right Rev. Bishop Cox, of the diocese of Western New York, is reported as having said in a Thanksgiving sermon at Leekport, N. Y., last week: "The bishop accused both great parties of the bribery of vote-buying, claiming that in no other election was there such a wholesale purchase of votes as in the last one. Whole States, he claimed, were bought up and American politics were fast degenerating."

Cleveland's Last Message.

The closing session of the fiftieth American Congress opened at Washington last Monday. President Cleveland's message follows the same general lines as the one of a year ago, but is far stronger and more pessimistic. The full text of the message has not yet come to hand, but the outline given by the press dispatches is anything but cheerful. No doubt the fact of his defeat, and the knowledge that he was addressing Congress for the last time, affected President Cleveland's view of the situation to some extent, but that alone is not sufficient to account for the gloomy tone which pervades the message or warrant the sweeping charges which it contains. Commencing with the relations between employers and employed, he says the gulf between them is constantly widening and that "trusts and monopolies combine against the citizen who is struggling in the rear entangled by an iron heel." Communism of combined capital which undermines justice and integrity of the intentions is, he says, not less dangerous than the communism of depressed poverty which seeks to overthrow by violence. Leaving abstract theories, he proceeds to direct and specific charges, and asserts that contracts with the Government are broken, and claims against it presented on insufficient evidence, pensions are granted unwisely and large sums are granted for public buildings, crowding out more important matters. The bill to prevent the application of public lands has been neglected, which many private claims have been allowed. The plans for Indian reform have failed while through Indian reservations have multiplied. A just revision of the pension laws has been postponed, while hundreds of private pensions have been passed, which are a source of popular demoralization. Appropriation bills are delayed by provisions to meet private ends. Laws are passed for inferior courts to suit localities and lay the foundation for public buildings, and there is a growing assumption against the Government in favor of private claims and a waiving of business rules in dealing with such claims. Cleveland mentions, while unable to hold the same opinion as Cleveland as to what the just demands of equity are.

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