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THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1888.
NOTES AND COMMENTS.
The deposits in the Government Savings Bank in Canada amount to \$21,000,000.

After the blizzards in the West and the great storm in New York, people on this side of the water are talking about the severity of the winter in Canada. Canadian winters are not so severe as those of the States.

The Government has appointed Hon. G. W. Allan, of Toronto, to the position of Speaker of the House, vacated by the death of Hon. J. H. Plomb. Mr. Allan has been a valued member of the Upper House since Confederation.

The United States Senate has passed the bill for the compulsory education of Indian children. It makes it the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to establish an industrial boarding school on every Indian reservation upon which there may be located five hundred or more adult Indians.

Will not be dearer or cheaper this year than last. The investigation of an English contemporary, after an elaborate weighing of the chances it comes to the sage conclusion that if nothing occurs to bring it down it may go up, or if no disturbance occurs in the market it will probably remain where it is.

It is interesting to carry to the London, Ont., Advertiser, that Canada, from a temperance standpoint, is in advance of any Christian community on the face of the globe. Great Britain annually consumes 1 1/2 gallons of strong drink per head of her population, the United States 1 1/2, and Canada last year only 1 gallon.

Canadian temperance papers consider that one of the most satisfactory reports issued from Ottawa this year comes from the inland revenue department. It shows a decrease in the consumption of spirits and another increase in the consumption of beer. In the earlier year 3,200,000 gallons were consumed. Last year the consumption was 2,834,000. The temperance movement is evidently making itself felt on the border. —Chicago Canadian American.

The best reforms of this earth came through waste and storm and doubt and suspicion: the sun itself when it rises on each day wastes the radiance of the moon and blazes the starlight from the skies, but only to unlock the earth from the clasp of night and plant the stars above in the opening firmament. Behind that fact stands this movement, we may be sure they started the Lord God Almighty, Master and Maker of this universe, from whose hand the spheres are rolled to their orbits, and whose voice has been the harmony of this world since the morning stars sang together. —Henry Grady on Prohibition.

The rate of discount at the Bank of England was last week reduced to 2 per cent. This has been hit upon its lowest rate. The decline has been rapid. At the beginning of the year the rate was 4 per cent. On January 22 it was lowered to 3 1/2 per cent, and then there were successive reductions until February 16 it fell to 2 1/2 per cent. The rate remained at that figure until a week ago when it came down to 2 per cent. Last year the Bank of England rate came down from 1 1/2 to 2 per cent on April 23, and continued at that low figure for fourteen weeks. The specie in the great bank has increased since the beginning of the year very considerably. From January 15 to March 15 it increased from \$102,049,580 to \$115,147,785, being a gain of \$13,100,000. For eight weeks the gold in the Bank of England increased at the rate of \$1,637,748 a week.

The Canadian route is now favored by American cotton manufacturers who export to China and Japan. A New England company recently shipped 8,000 bales of cotton cloth from the Boston and Lowell roads over the Canadian Pacific and thence by the C.P.R. steamer to Yokohama and Hong Kong. The shipment makes a total of 30 cars. The advantages of the Canadian route are that goods can be laid down at any Shanghai in 90 days, whereas the time by the English fleet route is 120 days; the goods can be shipped without the special dressing and packing necessary on the canal route, where provision has to be made against the intense heat; and the freight rates are also somewhat in favor of the Canadian route. Now the question of the Canadian route to China is a question that naturally occurs to Canadian cotton manufacturers. If these conditions are in favor of the Americans, why cannot Canadian cottons be introduced into Japan and China at the same time? —E.

AN ABUSE TO BE CORRECTED.
A professional gentleman in town sends the following paragraph for publication in these columns. There is considerable common sense in the suggestion it contains and possibly to the credit of the Canadian his good wife with reference to her grocery bills, but we would have been most impressed with the originality of the paragraph had we not read it previously in the Montreal Star and again in the Toronto World.

Mr. Editor:—A lady writes to say a few words to the Grocery Merchants and really it is a delicate subject to handle. You know it is not the time when our grocery men can afford to be as liberal as they were in the days of the late Mr. Editor, you must know what I mean to say and if you are the kind of man who will do the public's best, what you want is to let the public know that they are not to be taken in by the "cheap water mark." For the good of the high water mark, and the many lady who are so kind as to patronize our stores, please attach to it. Those wires which they use over baskets and barrels are not water-tight. This is a delicate matter but you know when a lady goes out shopping for cabbage and carrots she doesn't like to be taken in by the "cheap water mark." Please, please, in reply to my article, please say that you will do the public's best.

ANOTHER ELECTION PROTEST IN HALTOUN.
It was generally believed that the recent Dominion and Scott Act elections would put an end to the election business in Hallow for some time and that our people had heard the end of protests, repeal and elections for the present, at least. Such, however, seems not to be Hallow's good fortune if the following paragraph, which appeared in yesterday's Globe, is to be relied upon.

Mr. W. D. Ballou, M.P.P. for South Essex, was here a few days last week. The Press Gallery annual dinner at the Russell House, Saturday evening was a real social affair.

It is generally to be hoped that nothing will come of this protest, for, aside from all other considerations, the people of the County of Hallow are heartily sick of elections and their attendant excitement and interference with all business and social relations. Four Provincial and Dominion elections within about fourteen months is certainly sufficient without busting up another.

THE LEGISLATURE PROLOGUE.

The Ontario Legislature was formally opened last Friday afternoon after a session of nearly two months. During that time a good deal of useful legislation was passed on the statute books. There was the usual number of Bills relating to the Municipal Act, and a liberal amount of Private Bill legislation. The Public Accounts and annual reports of the public institutions were also scrutinized with care by Mr. Meredith and his followers.

The chief debate of the session took place on the later Provincial Conference resolutions. Mr. Mowat's Manhood Suffrage bill has become law, and will be in force after the first of January next. The resolution of the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate into the mineral resources of the Province with a view to their development was simply. The Act to bring young persons employed in stores under regulations in a degree similar to those extended to boys and girls in factories is a good measure, and its companion provision giving local option to merchants in the matter of early closing of stores, if care be taken in carrying it out, will prove highly beneficial.

Though objection was raised to Mr. Ballou's Bill prohibiting municipalities from granting bonuses to manufacturers, the measure as finally passed providing for a two-thirds vote of the ratepayers and not allowing competition with an established industry gets pretty near to being a prohibitory enactment. The result will be to give the natural advantages of location for particular industries their full weight.

The measure for the appointment of a Minister of Agriculture will meet with general approval from the farming community. Ninety-two bills in all were passed at this session.

"FAD" IN THE PRESENT TENSE IS IN THE OBJECTIVE CASE.

To the Editor of the FREE PRESS:
I notice in your last issue a paragraph taken from the Streetville Review, a Provincial Union. To me it appears evident that it was on the construction of the last two lines of the item that the writer expected to make one point. To do justice to myself I think it proper to let your readers know that my opponent on this particular occasion was no less a person than T. J. Bell, editor and proprietor of the Streetville Review. That is a good speaker, but it is not his forte. If he thinks he would be more successful in the "Fact" business I will try, and stay with him a little while and he may possibly wake up to the fact before he gets away with me that he has underestimated his man.

LET A TONN BOOK.

"Tell me not in mournful numbers that the town is full of mourners, for a man's crank that stumbles in these bustling days of boom. Life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal; every dollar that thou earnestly earns to make the old town roll. But enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end or way; if you have no money, sorrow and grief will mark you out. Live that you may live, and leave the chumps behind us and we'll get there just the same. In the world's broad field of battle, in the bivouac of life, let us make the dry bones rattle—let us get up for our wife; let us get up and doing with a heart for any fate; still achieving, still pursuing—booming early in the morning!"

THE ADELPHI BLACKMAILER.

STRAZIMON, March 23.—The trial of Rev. Mr. Strazimon, charged with blackmailing the late Lord Shaftesbury, opened at the Police Magistrate Noble at Stratford today, but, as before, the reverend blackmailer disappointed his friends and failed to appear. A letter from a Port Huron officer, received by the high constable here, states that Strazimon was in Port Huron this week, being detained by the business of getting his effects through the customs. He then expressed the intention of residing permanently in the United States but said he was coming back for trial.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

The Manitoba Question.—Second of the House.—Newfoundland Annexation.—A Story of Two Ministers.
CHART OF THE TERRITORIES.
From our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, March 27.—Death and disease are busy cutting down the members of the Senate of Canada. Senators General, Plumb and Holland have recently died and Senators Todd and Todd have been very sick, the former being in a hospital here with heart disease.

The Government held a conference on Saturday with their supporters in the House in regard to the proposal for settling the Manitoba difficulty. The nature of the proposals are not yet known. Mr. Greenway, who was brought back to Ottawa, was in Montreal yesterday, consulting with the C. P. R. authorities. It is now an open secret that the Government has resolved to terminate the monopoly not only in Manitoba but in the Northwest as well. So far as Manitoba is concerned disallowance of local railway charters has been suggested. The Government has been suggested to the Territories that if they surrender their local rights they should receive compensation. The decision to throw open the entire Northwest to railway competition is tremendous in its effect and already we hear of several projected lines for which charters will be sought. The Canadian Pacific are desirous of making a sale of the Emerson branch, which runs to the boundary to the Manitoba Government.

The debate on Reciprocity is not expected to end in a division till to-morrow night or rather the early hour of Thursday morning. Long speeches have been the rule and the figures used would fill a big book. Our past, present and probable position in regard to the matter has been thoroughly thrashed out. The close of the discussion will be marked by speeches from the Premier and Mr. Laurier.

The fiercest speech was made by Mr. Welsh of Prince Edward Island, a farmer. With both hands in his pockets he would start in with "God bless my soul, Mr. Speaker," and at another point "but law, Mr. Speaker." Once when Mr. Mitchell interrupted he turned to him and said in his quick jumpy manner, "what up?" Dealing with Hon. Mr. Foster's reference to the Minister's mathematical precision of statement Mr. Welsh remarked that a certain removed matrimonial alliance which coming event cast its shadow before would take the mathematical precision out of him. Mr. Foster got it known as a bachelor and this rally under the banner to his cheek and set the House in roars of laughter echoed again and again in which Mr. Foster joined.

Nicholas Flood Davis though not a serious debater is an erudite and eloquent speaker. In the one breath he charged the Opposition with rigging the changes on the old set of bells and fixing a new horse. Some were maliciously and the horse was retained. This alluded to the many speeches given in the Northwest to the members for Assiniboia—"Nicholas Blood Spavin."

In speaking or rising to speak twice on a bill relating to the Upper Ottawa Improvement Co. Hon. Peter Mitchell was out of order and in spite of cries of "order" from Mitchell he was proceeding when the Premier rose quickly and took the point of order. Mr. Mitchell called some one to move the adjournment which Mr. Mitchell did. This put it in order for Mr. Mitchell, who had kept his feet, to go on but before doing so he looked fiercely over at Sir John and said: "If the hon. gentleman thinks to choke me off he will find out his mistake before this session closes." The leader of the "hard party" is almost always irritated when opposed by the leader of the House.

Mr. Jameson's prohibition motion will not be reached until about 10th April. Some 70 members supported it last year but it is expected that the majority against it will be even larger next month. A tremendous effort is being made by Mitchell to get the Government to annote the Lake St. Peter drainage debt and refund to the Harbor Commissioners the \$500,000 paid out in interest on the debt. A record vote in favor of the proposal signed by over 100 members of the House has been handed to the Government and yesterday a petition signed by over 6,000 Montreal citizens in favor of the same proposal was presented to the Government in Council.

THE NEW MEMBER FOR WEST HASTINGS.
During the week Sir John and Hon. Mr. Bowell presented Mr. H. Corby the newly returned member for West Hastings, to the Speaker with whom he shook hands and took his seat. Mr. Corby is a distiller who resides in Belleville. He was chosen a candidate on March 18th and had a seat in Parliament last year. It is an open secret that Dr. Day the Liberal candidate on his arrival in Belleville on nomination day found Mr. Clute, a leading Reformer, and Mr. Carman, the proprietor of the Reform paper, so friendly to the return of Mr. Corby, brother-in-law to both, that he naturally withdrew from the contest with the disapproval of the Reformers of Belleville.

NEWFOUNDLAND ANNEXATION.
The Legislature of Newfoundland is, it is said, favorable to the proposal from Ottawa to send a deputation to the Capital to consider the project of annexation. Hitherto we have known little and cared less about this little colony. It had a population of about 200,000 of which 77,000 are Roman Catholics. The annual revenue was in 1886 \$1,078,000 and the expenditures \$1,786,000. The total trade with the outside world is \$11,000,000, and being the chief export and four the principal import. They are governed by 31 members and two Houses. If a union with Canada is contemplated 30 members and one House will likely be suggested.

A STORY OF TWO MINISTERS.
When it was reported that Hon. J. H. Pope, Minister of Railways was dead, the Premier supposed he was very sick and hastened to see him. On entering Sir John said: "Pope you look devilish but you should have one of the revivifics come and see you. You have heard of the Rev. Dr. J. H. Pope, Minister of Railways, he died, he died, he died." The Premier said: "I don't know what you mean, but I will get one of the revivifics come and see you. You have heard of the Rev. Dr. J. H. Pope, Minister of Railways, he died, he died, he died." The Premier said: "I don't know what you mean, but I will get one of the revivifics come and see you. You have heard of the Rev. Dr. J. H. Pope, Minister of Railways, he died, he died, he died."

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LINEHOUSE NEWS.
From our Own Correspondent.
Mr. John Wheeler, of Roddickville, spent a few days with his parents, who have been ill for some time.
Mr. Duncan Edmondson, formerly of Limehouse, has been spending several weeks at his home. He returned to Spanish River on the 20th inst. Duncan was right at the moment of his brother's wedding.
Old King (Harry) Roddick, recently returned from a trip to England, Ireland and France. He made quite a collection of oddities, including a bundle of cabbage-stalk and blackthorn cases, which, we understand, have been distributed among his most intimate friends. Harry has some interesting "yarns" to tell the boys, some of which are doubtless original. He was pleased, on his return, with the result of the two recent elections held in this county, more especially the former. Among Harry's lucky friends is Squire Hogg, who was the recipient of a fine moerschum pipe, which he appreciates.

The Toronto Line Company are in full blast again, and "King's" bombs can be heard re-echoing among the rocks that surround this hamlet. The residents of "Dock Street" will live in terror for the next six months.
The Antis have it going that the editor of the Free Press has been getting a new steam engine, with the anticipation of business being brisker after the last of May.

Mr. David Coventry had an auction sale on the 22nd inst, and sold off all his stock, etc., at good figures.
Mr. John Merritt has rented the farm recently occupied by Mr. Coventry from P. M. Howe, of Georgetown. He bought the farm (7) team at the sale on Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Sullivan, of Georgetown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Sullivan of this place.

Mrs. Gault, who has been visiting at Mr. Martin's residence home last week.
Tops, Moore, Geo., of Acton, was the guest of his brother, Mr. Jas. Moore, of this place, last week.
Chas. Moore, of Acton, has been home for a few days nursing a bad cold, contracted—best known to himself. You, Yum.
J. Newton & Sons are doing a rushing business in the woolen line at present.

ROCKWOOD NEWS.
From our Own Correspondent.
A very successful basket social was held last Tuesday evening at the residence of Rev. D. Strachan.
We are sorry to notice that Mr. John Orme and family are moving to-day from Rockwood to Grandville.
Mr. Hooper, who bought Dr. L. Schultz stock of dry goods, has sent it to a Mr. Cole from Ottawa.
Nail Strachan having purchased the stock and trade of Farnas & Strachan will carry on business in the store lately occupied by that firm.
Mr. Robt. Pamore, a highly esteemed resident of Rockwood for upwards of forty years, died at the age of seventy-two on Sunday morning. His funeral which took place this afternoon was attended by a very large number of friends and neighbors who assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased.

Christopher Irvine of the town line, Erie, and formerly of Erin, near Rockwood, died very suddenly on heart disease on Wednesday last. He had got up in his usual health and gone out of the house but a very short time when he was found lying unconscious and expired a few minutes afterwards.
Miss Paine organized a W.C.T.U. last Saturday in the Methodist Church and on Sunday afternoon delivered a spirited address on temperance and the evil effects resulting to humanity from the abuse of alcohol to a large audience in the Presbyterian church.
Resolved that woman has equal rights with man politically, socially, etc. formed the subject of a public debate at the Y.E.A. meeting last night. After an interesting discussion it was decided by the chairman, Mr. John Burns, in favor of the negative party.

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