

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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The Ottawa Times City and County Official Paper.

OTTAWA, FEBRUARY 21, 1887.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held yesterday afternoon, at which all the Ministers now in the Province were present.

Our readers doubtless noticed with satisfaction the brief announcement in the cable despatches published yesterday morning, that the Confederation Bill had been read a first and second time. Such progress betokens its early passage.

With the evidence of the progress of the Confederation Bill, in the Imperial Parliament, before us, and the political movements that are taking place in the West, preparatory to the coming election, it is time that the intending candidates in this neighborhood should be called upon to show themselves, so that the people may have a reasonable opportunity to canvass their merits before election day, which may be here sooner than they people expect it. There is generally supposed to be some advantage attached to the circumstance of being first in the field, and as we believe that in most of the constituencies in this region, aspirants for parliamentary honours have already been feeling their way to a considerable extent, it is time they should make their intentions known.

Those who believe it impossible to reconcile the Irish people to Imperial Parliamentary Government, and think that Ireland is fated to a chronic state of political unrest, varied with periodical insurrectionary outbreaks, do not give due weight to the teachings of what is but a very short period in the history of a nation. National antipathies once firmly engendered, and they certainly have been firmly engendered in a large portion of the Irish population, do not generally die in a single generation. But the contrast between the Fenians of this day and the Young Irelanders of twenty years ago, shows that very great progress in the work of reconciliation has been made. At that time the leaders of the revolutionary party were men of respectability and good social standing, men of their own country, but mistaken in their estimate of their capacity to fulfill their duty. They carried with them the sympathy of the non-active assistance of many who presented some share of the property of the country, and no inconsiderable portion of its intelligence. Their scheme ended in a miserable failure, and with the solitary exception of the venomous "Virtual John" Mitchell, almost every man of mark in the party lived to confess his folly, and warn his countrymen against a repetition of it.

The Fenian conspiracy is a thing of a different type, trading in great part on a different class of subjects, and manipulated by a totally different class of operators. It is to some extent perhaps indigenous to the soil, in so far as it harmonizes with the very worst passions of the very lowest classes of the people, some of whom have for generations indulged in the systems of secret combinations for the purpose of avenging personal or political wrongs, real or fanciful. But even this habit was dying out in Ireland when the Phoenix Society first reared its head, and since that time the modern institution of Fenianism has mainly, if not solely, drawn its inspirations from, and been indebted for its very existence to a foreign source. The recent "rising" in Kerry, the insignificance of which has been made apparent by the latest despatches with reference thereto, shows how contemptible is the hold which Fenianism has upon the body of the people. Even the "colonels" and other officers, if not the men engaged in the petty riot which is imported from America—Irishmen it is true, but Yankeeised, and therefore, de-nationalised Irishmen.

Former revolutionary attempts in Ireland have had hot-headed enthusiasts, sincere in their purpose, at their heads, but this latest appeal to force has been directed exclusively by villains and evildoers. We argue, therefore, that a cause which formerly attracted the devotion of able, honorable and high-minded men, lured them into its embrace and finally lured them into ignominious defeat, from which they arose to confess and even atone for their errors, but which now attracts only a pack of cheating characterless scoundrels, must of necessity be a falling cause. We may argue further that a cause which once awoke the enthusiasm of Irishmen in their own country, but which now seeks to seek on foreign soil the stimulus necessary to maintain its existence, must also of necessity be a falling cause, and both these conditions apply to Fenianism. We do not speak of the cause falling because of its hopelessness against the power of England, for that is a mere calculation of force against force, but of its falling because it is rapidly losing its hold on the minds of those who formerly kept it alive. Irish hostility to English rule has ever flourished, when it flourished at all, upon Irish soil. In England, in Scotland, and in the colonies, that antipathy has seldom endured, and never survived a generation, and the American attempt to incite rebellion in Ireland has proved conclusively that there, too, is the antipathy dying out just as fast as a long fostered feeling of national hatred could reasonably be expected to give place to ideas and sentiments in harmony with the true conditions necessary to Ireland's prosperity.

Among the political rumours from the West is the fact that James Beatty of the Lecky, will be a candidate for the representation of the eastern, and the mayor for the western division of Toronto, in the Local Parliament of Upper Canada.

NIGHT DESPATCHES.

A Royal Birth. London, Feb. 20.—The Princess Alexandra has been confined, and safely delivered of a girl.

The Liberal Triumph in Germany. The Liberal triumph in Germany, as reported from all portions of Northern Germany indicates that the Liberals have carried the elections for the Parliament in their favor.

London Stock Market. London, Feb. 20.—The closing of the market at 4 o'clock, showed a decline of 1/4 on the 4 1/2 per cent. Consols, and 1/4 on the 3 per cent. Consols.

Explosion of the Steamer David White. New York, Feb. 20.—The steamer David White, bound for New York, exploded in the harbor, and was wrecked.

Particulars of the Explosion. The steamer David White, of the New York and London line, exploded in the harbor, and was wrecked.

Per Montreal Lines. The Montreal Lines, via the St. Lawrence, are expected to be completed by the end of the month.

FROM FLORA. The election for Grand Master created great excitement in the city.

FROM TORONTO. A meeting was held yesterday by a number of the business people of Toronto.

FROM MONTREAL. The railroad bridge over the river, near St. Anne's, was destroyed by fire.

VOLUNTEER FESTIVAL AT NORTH GOVERNMENT.

A Grand Gala Day. The first anniversary celebration of the North Government Infantry Company, No. 4, under the auspices of Capt. Johnston, took place at North Government Corners on St. Valentine's day, the 14th inst.

Local News. No business—There was nothing done at the Police Court yesterday, but the dismissal of a trivial case.

Metropolitan Opera House. The Metropolitan Opera House, under the management of Mr. W. H. Wren, opened at Market Drug Store, York-st., last night.

Beating His Tombstone Wife. Yesterday morning Francis Oullette was brought up before the court on a charge of beating his wife.

The Minister's Visit. The Whitmore and Clark troupe of minstrels appear at Her Majesty's theatre this evening.

Fancy Fair. We would call public attention to the fancy fair, to be held in the new wing of the Russell House, on Monday evening.

City Council. The City Council met last night, and discussed various matters.

By-Law No. 242. A by-law was passed regarding the regulation of the streets.

Shooting of a Prisoner. A prisoner was shot during a disturbance in the city.

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