

middle classes, and yet it is, perhaps, on the whole, about the best occupation open to those of average capacity, taking into account the certainty and amount of the remuneration and retirements.—Army and Navy Gazette.

—France has a peace society, which lives, if it does not flourish, and that is a good deal, considering the soil and circumstances. Lately one of the literary gentlemen connected with its interests published an article, in which he declared that, in fifty years of almost constant peace, Europe had sacrificed 50,000 men a year to the idea of permanent armament in consequence of the substitution of a soldier's for a civil life—that is, 50,000 more men died because they were soldiers than would have died had the men been engaged as civilians. This the *Monteur de l'Armee* denies plump. The Minister of War has the facts, and these are in favour of a soldier's life. Between 20 and 30 years of age in civil life, the mortality is 0.779 in 100; in the army it is 0.900 in the 100. The main question, after all, is, how many per cent of these men live the utmost enjoyment of life of which they were capable consistently with the good of their kind, class for class, and which of the classes contributed most to the greatness of the country and to their own happiness?—*Ibid.*

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THE LEADER OF WEDNESDAY enters upon an elaborate defence of the Hon. J. H. and M. C. CAMERON, for having accepted a retainer in the case of WHELAN. There is nothing to be objected to in the argument of our contemporary. These gentlemen have not only the right, but as we understand their obligation, were in duty bound to accept the retainer. The prisoner, like any other prisoner, has the right to secure the best counsel he can; and if Mr. O'Reilly, in his interest, was able to enlist the leading spirits of the Ontario bar on his behalf, then so much the better for him. The point has now been placed beyond dispute, that Mr. O'Reilly did so, and that Mr. CAMERON, with Mr. KENNEDY MCKENZIE, were in Court yesterday, when the prisoner was arraigned, and are ready prepared to assist in his defence. There is nothing to be complained of in this. Of course, it is somewhat unusual to have three leading members of the bar pitted against a solitary Crown Prosecutor. We believe it is customary for the Crown to prepare itself in something like a fair proportion to the array of talent that may be pitted against it; but in this case, we find Mr. O'Reilly left single-handed to prosecute against three of the most eminent members of the Ontario bar, and these backed by Mr. O'FARRELL, who is acknowledged to be one of the most expert lawyers, especially in criminal matters, of whom the western Province can boast. It would seem, therefore, that there are long odds against the Crown. But we have to say, as we have said before, that when cases come into Court they are not to be judged by the array of legal talent, either on one side or the other; but by the naked facts and the fair interpretation of the law bearing on them. As to this particular trial, we have the utmost confidence that on the part of the Crown the case will be fairly presented and ably argued; while on the part of the prisoner one can doubt that all will be done for him that is possible.

THE LEADER'S article is remarkable in that it shows the pit to which public feeling has been worked up regarding this trial. The very fact that our able and argumentative confere has been compelled to enter the lists, and argue, for what under ordinary circumstances is conceded to be the undoubted right, if not the absolute duty, of the lawyer, shows that there is a most unusual state of feeling abroad. It shows that in public estimation Mr. McGEE's life was no ordinary life, and that the man who took it away was no ordinary malefactor. It is folly to argue against such a state of the public mind. There it is. You cannot change it. True, the indictment merely accuses the prisoner with "the murder of one THOMAS D'ARCY MCGEE." But you cannot set limits to the value which the public has fixed upon that "one" life. You may give the prisoner the benefit of the best defence which the law allows;—but we are glad that in this case he has it;—but you cannot change the current of popular thought, or bring the public mind calmly down to the consideration of the slaying of THOMAS D'ARCY MCGEE as merely an ordinary murder.

But though the popular mind will not so regard it, the judicial mind of the country must. The Judge on the Bench, the Jurymen in the box, (there is no box in the Ottawa Court House), the Counsel at the bar, must all be guided by the hard facts brought out in evidence; and even the public mind, which to its own satisfaction nurtures an entirely exceptional idea concerning that murder, will exact from Judge, Counsel and Jurymen, the same hard adherence to facts as if the case had never been invested with the sentiment or sympathy which so widely attaches to it. It was for this reason that we ventured on a former occasion to assert that no array of distinguished Counsel would be permitted to sway the minds of the honest jurymen of Carleton. In

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our remarks upon Mr. O'FARRELL'S extraordinary success in securing Counsel for the prisoner, not one of the considerations which the *Leader* omits ever occurred to us; for we know something of the general rule which is supposed to govern such matters, and, therefore, while taking nothing back of what we have already said upon this topic, we can quite understand that the *Leader* has done the members of the bar in question a signal service by coming to their defence in this particular instance, wherein, if secured at all, they are accused unjustly.

The Montreal *Gazette* gives an amusing account of the picnic which didn't take place at Gulliville's gardens on Wednesday in the interest of the Fenians. It appears that a crowd of a hundred or two gathered at the garden gates; but the police force being there to guard the entrance there was no disturbance, and the affair closed with a complete fiasco. Messrs. LVOY and DOOPY being in to take back the money they had paid for the use of the grounds. Of course the "Loyalists," who were called upon by anonymous proclamation to muster, did not turn out, and happily there was no fight. The "peelers" had all their own way, and so the affair ended.

On Wednesday last the second annual meeting of the Fenian Medical Association assembled at Montreal. The Hon. Dr. TRENKLE, C.B., the President, delivered an able and interesting address. Several reports were submitted from committees, and in the evening a conversation was held, which was largely patronized.

These are thirty-one witnesses for the Crown on the WHELAN trial, and about a dozen for the defence. The case commences on Monday, and it is expected to last about three days.

We are indebted to Mr. GARLAND, of the firm of GARLAND & METCALFE, for late Irish papers, as having just returned from the Continent, which he was to make the usual fall and winter purchases for the firm.

THE FALL ISSUES.

Second Day.

ARRAIGNMENT OF WHELAN.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1868.

Chief Justice Richards took his seat at a few minutes after half-past nine in the morning. There was a considerable number of people waiting around the Court House, and the inside of the hall was about as large as that of yesterday.

The Grand Jury retired, and in a few minutes returned into Court with a "true bill" against Patrick J. Whelan, for murder.

Rodden vs. Martin and Labelle, action of replevin. Scott & Ross for plaintiffs; Mosgrove & Tallon for defendants.

Case of the Queen vs. John McGEE, charged with the murder of Thomas D'Arcy McGEE. The Queen vs. William Richard—larceny.

The Queen vs. Robert Irish—obtaining money under false pretences (two indictments).

During the progress of the cord-wood case, the Hon. J. H. Cameron, Hon. M. C. Cameron, Esq., Messrs. J. H. Cameron, Esq., and Kenneth McKenzie, Esq., entered the court having driven up together about noon, and some little excitement was occasioned among the members of the bar, and the Grand Jury, when the Hon. Mr. McGEE's murder upon the first subsequent opportunity. The general expectation was satisfied by the Hon. Mr. McGEE's appearance, and almost empty of the Sheriff, followed by the prisoner, who was led in "nippers" by two policemen, and closely guarded by a strong police force. Upon his being placed in the dock—when his hands were freed—the attention of the small body of spectators was at once attracted to the prisoner, and he was observed in a complete suit of black, and evidently carefully costumed for the trying moment of his public appearance, having been dressed accordingly in a fine suit of black, and his hair arranged with the greatest precision. His appearance is less agreeable than at this time of his commitment, and he was observed to look somewhat nervous and ill at ease, and his hair arranged with the greatest precision. His appearance is less agreeable than at this time of his commitment, and he was observed to look somewhat nervous and ill at ease, and his hair arranged with the greatest precision.

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METROPOLITAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Metropolitan Rifle Association, as an appropriate notice to their annual prize meeting, distributed the prizes at the Theatre last night to the successful competitors. The steps taken to render the ceremony an occasion of pleasure to a large number of the citizens, were in accordance with their general excellent management in affairs connected with the association. A large number of cards of invitation were sent to patrons of the Association, and to a large number of ladies and gentlemen, and the Theatre was filled with a highly respectable audience. The principal of whom were the Hon. Sir George E. Cartier, Bart., Minister of Militia, Col. Warren and other officers of the Prince Consort's Rifle Brigade, Col. W. H. W. Powell, President of the Association, Col. Coffin, Col. Forrest, Major Grant, and most of the volunteer officers of the city, as well as the officers of the Wakefield and Russell Infantry, and many of the officers being accompanied by their ladies. By the kind permission of Lord Alexander Russell and the officers of the Rifle Brigade the band were in attendance, and executed in a manner that drew forth the greatest applause of the following selections:—The "March of the Riflemen," Overture to Rossini's *Stabat Mater*, Mercadante, Operatic Selection—*Luceria Borgia*, Donizetti, Comic Fantasia, An Evening about Town. [In the Strand, London.]

and afterwards, the overture of *Figaro*, vocal chorus "O hui s'ye Fe, Daeto (vocal and bugle) and others. The music having ceased, the following ladies and gentlemen took seats on the platform, viz: Hon. Sir George E. Cartier, Col. Warren, Lieut. Col. W. H. Powell, and Mrs. Powell, and Mrs. Coffin, of the Rifle Brigade. Col. Fowell, as President of the Association, made one of his happiest speeches. After making some humorous remarks, and complimenting the band for the excellent music they had rendered his sincere and heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Metropolitan Rifle Association to those whose names had been called upon to carry out the match to successful completion, and to assemble that evening under such happy auspices, to distribute so large a number of prizes to the successful competitors. It was highly gratifying to know that the liberality of the citizens had enabled them to offer inducements to a very large number to try and carry out the match, and that they had been at the late match not less than one thousand competitors, and one hundred prizes won. He spoke of the high scores now made in the rifle match, and of the fact that, as compared with those formerly made when shooting was done by the old Brown Boys, and insisted that rifle practice was good, as it gave a young man who is in practice, to take a horn, and he was sorry to say that there were sometimes too many horns taken, he would answer you, "no, thank you, I am glad to see you are so interested in the rifle, and a steady nerve." The speaker also pointed out that it was our duty to acquire a knowledge of arms that we might be prepared to defend our country in the event of a foreign enemy, or to put down a secret foe. Speaking of the patriotism of Canadians and their devotion to British connection, he said that he was glad to see that the rifle was a connection which was justly proud, should ever be assailed, she would find not a 100th regiment only, but an army ambitious to defend the country. At the conclusion of his eloquent and most felicitous speech, the President requested Capt. Perry, Secretary of the Association, to call the names of the successful competitors, and he accordingly called out each one coming on the stage as called, and receiving his prize at the hands of Mr. Powell, who had kindly consented to perform this duty.

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O. U. R. MOONLIGHT EXCURSION.

On Wednesday last the O. U. R. Club gave their friends the last outdoor entertainment of the season, and although the last it was not the least for pleasure and enjoyment, for all seemed to enjoy the moonlight excursion got up under the auspices of the above club, to a degree of pleasure, only manifest when similar gatherings under the same auspices are brought together.

The evening there were evident tokens of something on the tapis, from the general bustle displayed by the members of the O. U. R. Club, and their friends who had been so cordially invited for the occasion. As the shades of night drew around we began to realize the fact that our previous expectations were not to be disappointed. The programme of carriage, and couple after couple, wended their way to the Queen's wharf. About 8 o'clock some two hundred excursionists were on board the O. U. R. Club, and the command of Captain Bowie, who on this occasion, as on all previous occasions, made every endeavour to accommodate and add to the pleasure of his guests, was very properly maintained. The genial warm-heartedness of our friend Captain Bowie on occasions of this kind is always the subject of universal admiration, and it was the pleasure of his acquaintance. Shortly after eight o'clock the *Alexandra* left her moorings, Gowans' band playing some fine and appropriate selections of music, and the excitement of the evening was viewed by a vast concourse of spectators from the wharf and the surrounding cliffs; but in a short time the stately steamer was seen to be coasting along, on her downward trip, the noble Ottawa. This twilight scene was but of short duration, and had to give place to what might be termed a still conflict, and a most vividly described by the poet when he says:—

"But at length the feverish day, Like a passion died away, And the moonlight shone still, Full on village vale and hill, Then the night was all his prize, Like a spirit glorified, Filled and overflowed the night With the music of his strings."

Now that the steamer was fairly under way, each and every one sought out some source of amusement. The principal source, we must say, was that afforded by Gowans' orchestra in the cabin, and it was not long to see the votaries of Terpsichore trip the light fantastic to the fine strains of the quadrille and the waltz. The programme of dancing was entirely