

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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The Ottawa Times.

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For interesting reading matter see First Page.

Lady Liger will hold a reception this evening.

Mr. Jardine, Canal Commissioner from New Brunswick, is expected here to-day.

Mr. Cyrille Graham, agent of the Hudson Bay Company, arrived yesterday.

Mr. John O'Connor, M.P., Essex, will arrive in town this morning.

Small boats to the north of Ottawa are generally open over.

Sailing craft are beginning to take up winter quarters.

The Canal Commissioners will probably hold their meetings in a room in the Parliament buildings.

Major Arthur Taschereau, Aide de Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, arrived here yesterday, bringing with him the address passed by both branches of the Quebec Legislature, congratulating Lord Liger on his elevation to the peerage.

The tenders for the construction of the Ontario harbor of refuge will be opened to-day, but it is probable that the result will not be known for some days. The tenders are based upon a schedule of items, and some little time is necessarily required for the calculation of each item.

We are glad to hear that our neighbor Dr. Church, of Aylmer, formed one of the deputation that waited upon the Quebec Government in reference to the upper section of the North Shore Railroad. We are not only pleased to hear that he is manifesting an interest in this enterprise, but also to understand that the influence that he exercised was considerable.

The first meeting of the Canal Commissioners was held yesterday in Sir John A. Macdonald's private office. The following Members were present: Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir George E. Cartier, Sir Francis Langens, Hon. Dr. Tupper, Hon. Messrs. Langevin, Dunkin and Morris. The following Commissioners were also there: Messrs. Allan, Laflamme, Gassan, and Carlin, together with Mr. Keefer, the Secretary.

Some of the cable despatches sent to this continent almost daily, are so obviously and absurdly incorrect as those sent from Ottawa by the Toronto Globe's correspondent. Everything done at a meeting of the Privy Council in London during the afternoon, is assumed to be known by the telegraph reporter a few hours afterwards. In fact one is almost led to suppose that Mr. Gladstone, or some other of the Queen's storm advisers, is in the habit, so soon as the meeting is over, of rushing off to the American news compiler, and informing him of all that has transpired. In no other way could information be obtained so quick as that the Foreign Minister said, or who were inclined to resign rather than to go to war with Russia. It may be safely computed that three-fourths of the cable news received is entirely unreliable.

Last summer when the city was nearly destroyed by fire, the members of the City Council vowed and protested they would have a steam fire engine for Ottawa if their lives and properties were spared. No sooner, however, had the danger passed away than they forgot all about the matter, and even refused to unite with the Chaudiere mill owners in purchasing one.

The last named gentlemen who on that memorable occasion worked harder, and with more effect than any other body of men, realized the necessity of providing some means for arresting such a conflagration, and determined to prepare themselves against any future emergency of the kind. In prosecution of this resolution they purchased a steam fire engine, which arrived by the St. Lawrence and Ottawa R. R. yesterday. This is commendable enterprise. Every provision of course is due to those who are pushing forward the construction of the Water Works, but one can assure us that Ottawa will not experience a destructive conflagration before they can be completed.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE.

RECOUNTING THE LOSSES.

The "unpleasantness" as the Tory papers have it—at Red River last fall and winter resulted in serious losses to the Hudson Bay Company, Monsieur Riel making their free with their goods, provisions and liquors, as well as all the money to be found. The Canadian Government have taken very prompt action in the way of repaying that debt, by awarding the cost of the supplies of the troops to the Company at such prices as will enable it to make up the amount stolen by Riel in a short order. For instance, the beef supplied to the troops is bought from the U. S. Company at 10 cents per pound—all round. At the Company rates which are paid for cattle, it is estimated that the profits will amount to 10c per pound. Everything else is said to be in the same proportion. The Company should never have been allowed to figure a penny of Canadian money, for it was as much owing to its influence at any other time, that the late rebellion was raised. It seems that there is little use in complaining. Ontario is bound hand and heel in this business, through the necessity of too many of her representatives in the House of Commons to submit to be robbed and plundered, just as much as Sir John A. and Cartier see fit—being completely powerless to offer resistance.—Admission Deceit.

NO MAN MADE AN ERROR OF THE BANNER thinks the loss made an exceedingly good point. There is one fact, however, which puts rather a different phase on the whole matter. The Canadian Government had no more to do with buying the best than the Canadian Government had. The purchase question were made by the Imperial authorities.

AN UTTERLY UNFOUNDED CHARGE.

There are few tasks which a public journalist discharges with so much reluctance and regret, as the exposure of a public man's iniquity and untruthfulness. More especially does it become a melancholy and unpleasant duty, when the man whose character has thus to be unveiled and exposed to public gaze in all its naked deformity, is one who was once a leading Canadian statesman and member of the Government. But in the course of his late attacks upon the Premier, the Hon. George Brown has so entirely overstepped the limits, not only of respectable journalism but of decency and truth, that forbearance ceases any longer to be a virtue, and it becomes the duty of every respectable journalist in Canada, whatever his political views may be, to enter a protest against the system of personal persecution, falsehood and slander, which Mr. Brown has inaugurated. Not satisfied with advocating the cause of the American railroad, he seeks also to introduce American customs into our political differences, and assails his opponents in a manner which, for baseness and baseness, has never been surpassed by the N. Y. Herald itself.

The Globe of Wednesday last reiterates a statement to the effect that the business of the country is suffering in consequence of Sir John A. Macdonald's indulging too freely in drink. Goaded to madness by the knowledge of his own utter failure and the success of his great political rival, rendered furious by the fact that men of all parties in all sections of the country are uniting together to present the Premier with a testimonial of their appreciation of his long services and public worth, Mr. George Brown, unable to bring a single truthful charge against him, is deliberately guilty of what he knows to be an utterly baseless untruth and slander, and with this coward's weapon hopes to break his vengeance upon his hated foe. "Drowning men catch at straws;" drowning politicians evidently do the same. Were it not so, Mr. Brown would never have imagined that this miserable trumped up charge would do himself any good, or do Sir John A. Macdonald any injury. It is of course painful to the Premier's personal friends, painful to the hundreds of thousands who admire and esteem him throughout the length and breadth of the land, to see him thus maligned just as he has escaped from the jaws of death, but we have no hesitation in saying that every such article as that which appeared in the Globe of Wednesday, does more to strengthen the Government and to disgust people with Mr. Brown, than anything else well could do.

The people of Canada like a good square political fight, but they prize British fair play and justice even more. They do not mind how many sledges-bumper blows, in the shape of knock-down arguments are administered, so long as only legitimate weapons are used. But they have no liking for the coward, who, envious of his rival's success, envious even as it would seem, of his escape from sickness and death, invents and publishes a falsehood concerning him, which not only has not a shadow of foundation, but is in reality a wedge of the truth as it possibly can be. Cannot Mr. Brown ever learn to fight with the weapons that honest men use, or to base his arguments on facts instead of on wretched fictions like this?

We venture to say that there is no man who works harder or more incessantly in the public service of any country, than Sir John A. Macdonald, and those who have opportunities of meeting and conversing with him can testify as to his shrewdness, and his ability to deal with public affairs. Every man who loves Canada will rejoice in the knowledge, that notwithstanding the terrible suffering which the Premier has undergone, he is still possessed of the same keenness of perception and statesmanlike foresight which have on so many occasions rendered the country good service. It is a pity that the fact of Mr. Brown having been excluded by the force of public opinion from taking any part in Parliamentary affairs, renders it impossible that he and his great rival can ever again meet upon the floor of Parliament. If they did, Mr. Brown would find it his cost that the astute statesman and debater who has so often discomfited him, is as much his superior ever.

In conclusion we once more declare the charge made by the Globe against the Premier to be utterly false and unfounded, nor have we any hesitation in saying that the Globe has been concocted either in the Globe's editorial room, or by the Globe's Ottawa correspondent, its great object being to prevent the success of the proposed testimonial to the Premier. The effect will be exactly contrary to that which Mr. Brown expects, for while we feel bound to expose the falsehood of his assertions and the motive which inspires them, we must admit that he is doing good service to the Government, by showing himself and his "policy" to the world in their true light.

COLONIAL LOYALTY.

It is rather a singular fact that at the very moment, when in accordance with Lord Granville's Colonial policy the list of the Imperial troops quartered in our sister colony of Australia were being embarked for home, the colonists, having heard of the war in Europe and imagining it probable that England might become involved, were devising means to defend themselves against a possible enemy. The volunteers were called out, the old guard ship Nelson was prepared for service, batteries were being thrown up and mounted with guns. The volunteers of Victoria consist of 3,750 men. Of war material the colonists possess six 300 pounders of the latest Imperial ordnance pattern, and 24 80-pounders; of the Armstrong pattern, 6 40-pounders, 6 12-pounders, and 6 6-pounders; of the Whitworth pattern, 23 6-pounders; of the Palliser pattern, 30 6-pounders; and 27 3-pounders; smooth bore, 30 6-pounders, 33 32-pounders, and 2 6-pounders; howitzers, one 24 pounder and 15 12 pounders, with the proper ammunition and stores.

The stores with which our fellow subjects at the antipodes have sprung to arms is well illustrated by a comic paper called the Tactician. In one of its cartoons we are shown the sovereigns of France and Prussia engaged in a personal combat. John Bull is standing by, and getting ready

FOR CONTINGENCIES.

Near him is one of his sons—a Victorian volunteer—who leans against a heavy gun. "Now, then, youngster," is the parental warning of old Bull, "if I'm drawn into this row, you'll have to look out for yourself—a contingency which the youth appears to contemplate with entire confidence in his own ability to take care of himself.

We notice that many leading English journals appear to be perfectly astounded at this display of love and loyalty for the old Mother Land on the part of colonists. They seem to imagine that the outbreak of a war, would gladly have been seized upon by the Victorians as an opportunity for picking the treasures of all connection with Great Britain, and the idea of their ever willingly accepting risks and sacrifices in an Imperial cause, never seems to have crossed the minds of some of the more ultra journalists of the *Standard* and *Manchester* papers. There are two reasons why this should be the case. First, because the journals to which we principally refer, represent a certain school of modern politics, the disciples of which, apparently think, that by studiously ignoring every generous sentiment and regarding all things from a pecuniary point of view, they attain to the highest position of human excellence. Secondly, instead of reading colonial newspapers and judging of colonial public feeling from them, they derive their opinions from American newspapers which are constantly misrepresenting the sentiments not only of Canadian colonists but of the Australians also.

Still to those true hearted Englishmen who regard the honour of the Mother Country and the love of her far off children as worth cherishing and keeping, there is something highly gratifying and encouraging in the generous and unhesitating devotion, with which the colonists of the Empire in all parts of the world cling to their grand old "nursing mother." Cling to her—not for the sake of what she can make out of her, as many Americans, and we regret to say, some Englishmen have asserted, but with an unselfish love, which on more than one occasion, in this country at all events, has stood the fiery test of war and suffering resulting from our connection with the Empire.

In one respect our fellow subjects in Australia are more fortunately situated than ourselves. Like the dear old land which forms the centre of our imperial system, they are girt around by "the silver sea," and have not, as we have, thirty-five millions of aggressive and not over friendly foreigners upon their immediate frontier. Still, whatever may be our relative positions, or whatever the peculiar dangers which threaten us, the people of Great Britain may rely upon it, that the colonists of the Empire all the world over, will ever be found willing to cast their lot with the Mother Country for weal or woe, and to stand by the old flag in sunshine or in shade.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Chinese division of human life is interesting. The age is called the opening degree; 20, youth expired; 30 strength and marriage; 40 officially apt; 50, error knowing; 60, eyes closing; 70, rare bird of fortune; 80, the rustling of clouds; 90, life's extremity. Flora's division is more scientific: 1-10 years, infancy; 10-20 adolescence; 20-30, first youth; 30-40, second youth; 40-45, first manhood; 45-50, second manhood; 50-55, old age; 55-100, second and last old age.

Prince Gortschakoff, who is again about to open a leading part in connection with the Eastern Question, has attained the age of 67 years, and has for nearly 40 years been engaged in diplomatic duties. In 1832 he was an attaché of the Russian Legation at Vienna, and during the succeeding twenty years, principally in the capacity of minister, he has been engaged in the German and Austrian courts. During the important period of the Crimean war he was Ambassador to Austria, and next succeeded Count Schuvaloff as Minister of Foreign Affairs. In that position he has represented his Government in dealing with the international questions arising out of the reconstruction of Italy, the South Sea Islands, the Polish question, and the German war of 1866. Alexander II. has recognised his ability and success at settling those matters by several proofs of Imperial favor.

About 4000 vessels, having a tonnage of 70,000,000, entered and cleared from the ports of Great Britain, during the year 1869. For the same year there were 2,114 ships, of 2,000,000 tons, cleared from the ports of the United Kingdom, with a loss of 933 lives. By the use of life-boats, rockets and other apparatus, 5,125 lives were saved from those wrecks.

The English papers announce the marriage of Mr. Robert Brassey, the third son of the great railway contractor, with the daughter of Lord Clamrope, an Irish peer. Mr. Brassey's two elder sons are already in the service of the British Government, and he is the "man for Galway," in which county his father-in-law resides. At one time the great contractor was known to be worth a clean 500,000, and as very well known as much more than he is now.

CURRENT TOPICS.

A series of experiments has recently been made at Tours to calculate the height at which a balloon would be raised from an enemy's fire. A small balloon, of seven feet in diameter, and attached to a long cord, was sent up in a meadow, and at an elevation of 3,202 feet, the most practical height was ascertained to be 3,381 feet. At elevations of 3,937 and 4,381 feet the balloon was repeatedly pierced, but the gas escaped so rapidly that the balloon might travel several miles before falling.

Another Atlantic Cable to connect Rhode Island with Wales is about to be laid. Before the company is allowed to lay a single foot of cable they ought to be bound by heavy penalties against either selling out to the other companies, or combining in any way to prevent fair and natural competition.

The Italian soldiers picked the lock of the old Quirinal Palace at Rome; so the old depository of Papal archives and sacred relics passed from the Pope's possession. The excitement over the Nathan murder has caused several disinterested parties to become lunatics. Several "loony" individuals have been known to be laid low by the murderer discovered that they have delivered themselves up and made affidavits that they were the murderers. The last candidate for the gallows has turned up in Boston.

Switzerland is a kind of refuge for all the political offenders of the world, and her cities are crowded with exiles and the descendants of exiles. Now Napoleon is going to Aremberg, in the Canton of Thurgau, the same old place in which he dwelt from 1832 until he fled from it in 1838, to avoid involving Switzerland in a war with France. It was the home of his mother for a long time. Perhaps he goes back to plot as before; and it may be that he will be equally successful. The refugees of France who in 1836, 1830 and 1848 took refuge in Switzerland, seem to have been repaid by the hills, and with very few exceptions have at one time and another been restored to power.

The condition of the French army is gradually improving and numbers are present as follows: General Faure, 75,000; General Canrobert, 100,000; General Bourbaki, 50,000; General Trepoire, 50,000; General Michel, 110,000; General Cambriels, 45,000; General Trochu, 50,000; and General Garibaldi, 30,000. The only feature in which they are deficient is artillery. If all the armies were handled with the skill which Paladins displayed, the Germans would be captured instead of captors.

One of the strongest fortresses in France must yet be taken before the Germans held the territory which they demand from France, viz: Biche, Phalsbourg and Belfort. They are of great importance just at this time, when the victory at Or-

ARMY AND NAVY.

The expenses of English fortifications to date last is given as follows in a Parliamentary return recently issued: At Portsmouth, £2,290,470. 16s.; Plymouth, 1,416,957. 13s.; Pembroke, 228,772. 2s.; Devonport, 1,236,428. 10s.; Chatham, 232,115. 11s. 10d.; Sheerness, 230,173. 15s. 9d.; Dover, £284,324. 18s. 3d.; Cork, £89,462. 2s. 6d.; providing armaments, including the ill-fated *Confiance*, £1,000,000. 0s. 0d.; expenditure, £1,613,643. 17s. 9d.; expenditure, £14,670. 2s.; survey, £30,813. 19s. 4d.; clearance works, £46,666. 14s. 3d.; legal and other incidental charges, £1,000,000. 0s. 0d.; total, £6,554,643. 12s. 1d.

An Admiralty return has been issued, dated 4th August, giving a list of vessels building or ordered to be built, for Her Majesty's Navy in the year 1870. It includes the following: *Confiance*, completed last April at a cost of £235,518. The list of ships building, completely iron-plated up to the main deck and partially (the wooden wholly) were, included as follows: *The Repulse*, 12 guns, at Chatham, completed, cost £223,370; *Devastation*, at Portsmouth, 4 guns, marked "with turret"; *The Gladiolus*, at Chatham, 2 guns, turret; *The Captain*, at Devonport, 12 guns, turret; *The Sultan*, Chatham, 12 guns, turret; *The Swiftsure*, Palmer's Company, 14 guns; *The Triumph*, at Devonport, 12 guns, turret; *The Pembroke*, 14 guns; *The Audacious* and *The Invincible*, at Napier's, both 14 guns; *The Vanguard*, Laird, 14 guns. These last six are all broadsides, not turrets, and the *Victory*, 12 guns, turret, and the *Volage*, 8 guns, completed; *The Dido*, 6 guns, completed; *The Druid*, 10 guns, completed; *The Bittern*, 3 guns, completed; *The Vulture*, 3 guns, completed; *The Comet*, 3 guns, turret; *The Blazer*, 1; *The Thetis*, 1; *The Tenacious*, 6 guns; *The Briton*, 100 guns; the last four were all to be completed this year. *The Woodcock*, 3 guns, is marked for completion in March, 1871. The following are the vessels under construction: *The Osborne*, the *Plucky*, 1 gun; *The Siskie*, 1 gun; *The Scourge*, 1; *The Comet*, 1; *The Blazer*, 1; *The Thetis*, 1; *The Tenacious*, 6 guns, marked "not commenced." All but two of these 21 vessels not armor-plated are building or to be built in Her Majesty's dock-yards; the *Confiance*, *The Repulse*, *The Sultan*, *The Swiftsure*, *The Triumph*, *The Pembroke*, *The Audacious*, and *The Invincible*, are completed at Portsmouth.

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QUEBEC.

Quebec, November 24.

Mr. Joly informed the House that the Gosford Railroad would be inaugurated on Saturday, and invited the attendance of members.

Mr. Chateau presented the report of the Inspector of Prisons, which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

The House again went into Committee on the Municipal Code.

In the evening session the House was still in Committee.

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