

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
Electoral Notice—William Mosgrove.
A Small Pocket Book Lost.
Requisition to Amos Rose.
Notice—Wm. F. Powell.



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1870.

For interesting reading matter see
First Page.

Hon. John Young, of Montreal, is in
town.

Mr. Daley, Census Commissioner, left last
night for Toronto.

Sir G. E. Cartier and Hon. Mr. Dunkin
stated leaving town to-day for Quebec.

Mr. Cassels is well versed in municipal
affairs. He was for many years Mayor of
the county of Quebec. Should there be
another vacancy in Victoria Ward, Mr.
Baldwin, of the Chaudiere, would be a good
man, and we think that those gentlemen
who contribute so large an amount to
wards the city treasury ought to have a
voice as to the spending of the money.

The contract let to Mr. John Browne for
the dredging of the mouth of the river
Thames, has been reported on by Mr.
Ross, the Government Engineer, as com-
pleted. This work has been under consid-
eration for a long time by the Board of
Works Department; but through the en-
ergy and perseverance of Mr. Rufus Ste-
phenson, M. P. for Kent, this has been
pushed through and completed, whatever
may be said to the contrary notwithstanding.

The New England Register, a spirited
journal published at Portland, Me., makes
the following graphic comment on our re-
cent election.

"NOVA SCOTIA.—The Anti-Confederate
and Annexation adventures of Nova Scotia
were brought to grief on the 1st inst. It
seems that they proposed to play what will
doubtless be their last political game with
the loyal people of that Province. The
electors of the metropolitan county were
chosen referees. Decision—'Played out.'"

THE FISHERY QUESTION.

We regret to find that in his annual
message, President Grant has dealt
with the question of the Canadian fisheries
after the manner of a narrow minded
politician, rather than like a well informed
statesman of broad and comprehensive
ideas. The opinions which he expresses
on the subject are based upon mistaken
hypotheses and false premises. They may
and no doubt will, find favor with very
many of his countrymen, but will not com-
mend the respect of thinking or fair
minded men anywhere.

President Grant complains that Canada
has pursued a very unfriendly course
towards the Americans; first, in having
taken any steps for the protection of the
fisheries which belong to us by as good
a title as the ground upon which we
stand; secondly, for having enforced the
provisions of the treaty of 1818 and pre-
vented American fishermen from trading
and buying supplies in Canadian ports;
and thirdly, for claiming the right to
exercise control over the navigation of the
waters of the St. Lawrence river.

As regards our excluding American
fishermen from Canadian fishing grounds,
our right to do so was fully recognized in
times past by the United States Govern-
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foreigners from enjoying those privileges,
which, as a matter of fact, had been
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jesty's subjects. In so doing, as we have
often pointed out, we were actuated by no
unfriendly feelings towards the Americans.

The officers in command of the Canadian
vessels were instructed to perform their
duty in a manner which should be in
offensive as possible, to give due warning
to all American fishermen, and to give
them the benefit of any doubt which might
arise as to their wilful violation of the
fishery laws. Officers of the United States
navy have acknowledged that the instruc-
tions thus given to our officials by the
Canadian Government were faithfully car-
ried out. But in justice to ourselves, and
more especially to our fishermen, it is the
manifest duty of our Government to con-
tinue their present line of policy, and pre-
vent Americans from exercising a
right which was only theirs so long as
the Reciprocity Treaty was in force. They were not, and are not,
actuated by any desire to injure the Amer-
icans, or, as President Grant asserts, "with
a view to political effect upon the United
States Government." Their action has
been fully endorsed by all political parties
in the Dominion, and the unanimous feel-
ing of this country is that the course which
they have adopted should be persisted in.

As to the exclusion of American fishing
vessels from Canadian ports, the facts,
briefly stated, are these. The treaty of
1818 provides that American fishing vessels
shall only be allowed to enter our harbours
when forced to do so by stress of weather,
or to obtain supplies of wood and water.

This was done in order that American
vessels might have no excuse for frequent-
ing Canadian waters, as well as to prevent
smuggling. This provision has
never been annulled, although,
of course, so long as the Reciprocity
treaty lasted it remained in abeyance. It
was first put in force during the present
year by an Imperial cruiser, H. M. S.
Furious, in the harbour of Charlottetown,
P. E. I. It must be obvious that, save
under most exceptional circumstances,
American fishermen can have no business
in Canadian waters, and therefore this rule

can only be felt by those who are engaged
in a violation of the fishery laws.

In his remarks concerning the claim of
the Canadian Government to exercise con-
trol over the navigation of the River St.
Lawrence, and the comparison which he
makes between it and the free navigation
of the Rhine, Danube, and other European
rivers, President Grant only exhibits an
amount of ignorance which seems perfectly
astonishing in a man occupying his po-
sition. The truth is that there is no
resemblance between the two cases. The
navigation of the River St. Lawrence means,
in effect, the free navigation
of the Canadian canals, for without
them there is no water communication
between the West and the Atlantic Ocean,
so far as the St. Lawrence route is con-
cerned. Has President Grant, or have the
American people the effrontery to ask us
to allow them the free use of canals built
at great cost with our money, while they
grant us no similar advantages in return?
The idea is a preposterous one, and savors
altogether too much of the "grab" game
which some American politicians seem so
desirous of playing upon this continent.

The effects which our Government,
as regards the fishery question, has had upon
this country have already been of a most beneficial character.

The fishermen of the Maritime provinces
have enjoyed a season of un-
wonted prosperity, and a great stimula-
tion has been given to the fishing and also to
the shipbuilding interest. In this connection
we may mention that Messrs. McEwan &
Warner, the well-known shipbuilders of Quebec,
say they intend to commence
a new business at that port, that is for the
dairy trade. They have just laid down
four vessels, which they intend having
ready by the first of May for the fishing
grounds of the St. Lawrence, and they
trust that the merchants of Quebec will
be induced to build a fleet of such vessels.

The Quebec Chronicle adds:

There can be no doubt but that at least
100 sail of fishermen should leave this port
every spring; this would give employment to
our ship carpenters, riggers, sail-makers,
coopers, etc., in fact every branch of busi-
ness would feel the benefit of such a trade;
it would also give employment to hundreds of
our young men, who would in this
period be seeking a home; during the
fall these men would be on hand to
use the ships required for the fall fleet, re-
turning for the spring fishing. We trust that
the success of this venture in thus opening up what
must prove of vast interest to this city.

What will be our course in the future?
Shall we, in consequence of President
Grant's implied threats of preventing the
transit of bonded goods through the
United States, and of something tant-
amount to non-intercourse, give up our
rights and tamely permit Americans to do
as they like with our property? Shall we,
who have resisted so many threats and
such repeated pressure, shrink from pro-
tecting what belongs to us? To this ques-
tion we are persuaded that the whole
country, without regard to race, race, or
creed, will indignantly answer No! Be-
cause we would not consent to annexation,
and because of our daring to show sympathy
with the South. The Reciprocity Treaty
was abrogated. All kinds of terrible things
were predicted for us then, and ruin was said
to be staring us in the face; yet, spite
of all, we have since then enjoyed pros-
perity such as we never knew before, and
we believe that now, whatever unfriendly
measures our neighbours may think proper
to adopt, we shall still manage to
exist, to prosper and grow.

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The lecturer read "In Memoriam," which
nothing is to be gained by the revi-
sion of the English language approach'd. Edgar Allan, whom it
was a plain old dog, but who was
as nice a cushion kiss as a good-
looking one." The poem was concluded
with a hearty round of applause.

Dr. Tupper then moved a vote of thanks
to the eloquent and learned lecturer; his elo-
quent and touching rendering of the selec-
tions from the poet Tenison, and his
eloquent and inspiring address accom-
panying them. He begged to thank the repre-
sentative for the treat they had enjoyed.

Mr. Stephenson returned thanks for
the compliment, and begged to move a
vote of thanks to the Chairman for his
competent and gentlemanly manner in
which he had discharged his duties.

The Hon. Dr. Tupper thanked the mover
for the motion. He was sure, when it be-
came known that these inter-
esting lectures were to be continued, that the
only difficulty that would be experienced
would be that of finding a room large
enough to contain the people that would
flock to them.

Thanks were then given to the choir,
and the audience dispersed.

WAR ITEMS.

Dr. Russell declared there has never
been so much of seaman engagement as in
the siege of Paris; they take pot shots,
kill and wound all they can at the out-
posts on both sides. They are at it day
and night.

The Paris theatres are by degrees re-
opening again, and the public are again
engaged in the programmes of their enter-
tainments are exceedingly dull. Thus
the Comédie Française bill for the other day
was a speech, a play of Molier's without
costumes, and an ode to Liberty.

Dr. Russell's letters from the theatre
are to be reprinted verbatim by the
German, Russian, and Polish press.

It is officially announced at Tours that
private messages will be sent by pigeon to
Paris at the rate of 50 centimes (five pence)
per word. The message must be on
privately printed paper.

The Parisian brokers, according to *Judy*,
have stopped speculation because "all
their capital is invested."

The Prussian medical staff at Metz con-
sidered that the French connoisseurs of their
craving for horseflesh. They will eat it,
notwithstanding that they are receiving
abundant rations of mutton. The doctors
oppose their eating horseflesh because
they think that the entire change of diet
will operate as much as anything in effect-
ing a cure.

Among the despatches found by the
Prussians in the Palace of St. Cloud was
the following. It is to be presumed, in
view of the details of the war, that the
Emperor did not accept the patriotic offer
embodied in the despatch:

"To Napoleon III, Emperor, St. Cloud:

"Grant me an audience; I place at your

disposal an immediate and infallible

means of conquering the Prussians."

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Canadian volunteers, it would not be a
matter for a moment's regret or considera-
tion to the "hero of New Orleans." So
long as he can only manage to keep out
of the way of the bullets himself, he does
not care how many homes are made des-
olate or how many helpless children are
rendered fatherless. In fact such is the
cruel nature of his disposition that the
sight of human woe is rather agreeable to
him than not. At all events, judging by
his behaviour in New Orleans and else-
where, we are quite justified in believing
such to be the case.

Storms from the West.

From the P. & L. Stats.

The first day of Parliament after its
meeting will probably be occupied by de-
bates on our military and naval resources;
but it will be matter for serious regret if
the discussion is too exclusively influ-
enced by interest in the European war.
Nine men out of ten in this country, if
not more, are given to a patriotic ardor
which is really dangerous, and the
whole nation is in danger of being led into
war by a few unwise men.

Some diplomatic action may, perhaps,

follow, which is regarded as a
more immaterial sacrifice to a patriotic
feeling.

It requires the study and criticism

of more than one age to bring out all the
meaning there is in any great poem or
work of art; and there is abundant ground
for the belief that there are vastly deeper
meanings in "Maud" than can be felt on
this day. Not but that there is no man to
whom, perhaps, all that Tennyson would
be understood on is well known, but the
common meaning, as distinguished from
the common sense, of the civilized
world, is as adequate in the reception of
the interpretation of the poem, as it is to
the perception of Tennyson's subject. One
phrase at least has a significance which, if
not the author's, is at least warranted in
its application to condemn Gortschakoff's
policy for the Russian retraction from
the treaty of 1856:

"Yet God's just wrath shall be wreak'd."

On a giant's lea.

The whole expression of the emotions of
the hero of this queer poem, when the
Crimean war arose upon his disturbed
thought, may be fittingly enough thought
upon now.

It lighted'd my despair

When I thought that war would arise in
defence of the right.

That iron tyranny now should bend or
cease.

The glory of manhood stand in his ancient
height.

For Britain's one sole God be the mil-
lions re;

No more shall commerce by all in all, and
peace

Pipe on her pastoral hillock a languid
note,

And watch her harvest ripen, her head in
crease,

Nor summer bullet rust on a slothful
shore,

And the cold web woven across the canons' throat

Shall thine threads tear in the wind
no more

And so months ran on and rumor of battle
grew,

It is time, it is time, O passionate
hearts," said I

(For I cleaved to a cause that I felt to
be true)

It is time, O passionate heart and mor-
bid eye.

That old, hysterical, work-disease should
die.

And I stood on a giant's deck, and mix'd
my breath

With a loyal people shouting a battle cry,

Till I saw the dreary phantom arise and
fly

Far into the north, and battle, and seas of
death.

Let it go or stay, so I wake to the higher
sins

Of a land that has lost for a little her lust
of gold,

An love of a peace that was full of wrongs
and shames,

Horrible, hateful, monstrous, not to be
told;

And had once more to the banner of battle
I fled!

Though many a light shall darken, and
many shall weep,

For those that are crush'd in the crash of
jarring claims,

Yet God's just wrath shall be break'd on a
giant's lea.

And many a darkness into the light shall
leap,

And shone in the sudden making of splen-
did names.

And none thought to be freer under the sun,

And the heart of the people beat with one
desire;

For the peace, that I dream'd of no peace, is
over and done,

And now by the side of the Black and the
Baltic deep,

And death's grinning mouths of the
fortress, flames

The red blood blossom of war with a heart
of fire.

Terms cash.

H. McLEAN,

Au: lower.

December 6, 1870.