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We have enough of gambling in this country, and more than enough. But we have, as a general thing, little conception of the extent to which it is carried on in Europe. Name idea of it may be formed however from the fact that the towns of Aix, Vichy, Plombières, and Bagnères offer to pay the French Government eight millions of dollars a year for the privilege of licensing gambling establishments. These is at present a law against public gambling, which the persons who make the other wish repealed. There could not be more startling evidence of the necessity of this law than the price offered for its repeal. Homburg and Baden-Baden have long been famous for their gambling houses, but the towns named have had no general reputation of this kind on this side of the Atlantic.

MR. BLAKE AND MR. BROWN.

Our readers are, of course, aware, that one great topic of conversation in political circles of late has been the alleged rupture between the Hon. Mr. Blake and the Hon. George Brown. We notice that the organ of the latter declares that no such breach has occurred, and in reference to the statement about an angry correspondence having taken place between the two gentlemen, says:—

"It so happens that Mr. Brown has had no time to write to Mr. Blake on any subject for several weeks past, nor Mr. Blake to write to him; nor has any variance of opinion on any subject arisen to affect the good personal relations that have always existed between them."

All this may be quite true, but although no correspondence may have taken place, and although the "good personal relations," which have always existed between them, may still continue to exist, we think it is tolerably evident that Mr. Brown is rendered uneasy by the independent tone which Mr. Blake has assumed in the House; that, in fact, he is jealous of him, and very naturally fears that the days of his "one-man power," are drawing to a close. There may not have been any actual quarrel between Mr. Blake and Mr. Brown. It may not be true, as has been reported, that, upon the receipt of a certain letter from the Ontario Premier, the deposed dictator, convulsed with passion and rendered perfectly furious by Mr. Blake's impudence and ingratitude, "drove the latter into a thousand fragments, and began to pace the apartment backwards and forwards, meanwhile giving vent to his wrath in ejaculations such as 'no one but a Hailie Greeley could hope to equal in insanity.' All this we repeat may not be true, and indeed, as Mr. Brown through the columns of his organ has declared that no correspondence has passed between Mr. Blake and himself, we are bound to believe him. But none the less true is it that the entente cordiale which has so long existed between these two gentlemen is at an end. Why is it that the *Globe*, which until a few weeks since, used to devote two or three of its columns daily to praising Mr. Blake and abusing his political opponents, why is it that it is now according to the Blake, Scott condition so lukewarm a support, and devoting itself almost entirely to European politics and book reviews? There must be a reason for this. It is not because Mr. Blake and the Grits do not stand in need of its services. Never was there a time when the latter were so much in want of a little advice and explanation regarding the political position as at present. They want to be informed whether conditions are still the imminent things they used to be, whether they can with propriety support an administration one of the members of which is a "Tory,"—in short they want a considerable amount of information from their oracle, and still,—the oracle is dumb!"

An old rhyme forces itself upon our recollection, which, as it seems to us, applies with great force to the position which Mr. Blake and Mr. Brown hold towards each other just now—

"To teach his grandson draughts,  
His leisure he'd employ;  
Until at last the old man  
Was beaten by the boy!"

Mr. Brown has been teaching Mr. Blake the game of politics for some years past, until the latter finding himself as strong a player as his master, has suddenly cast aside the leading strings, and asserted his right to become the champion of Briton in Ontario. In point of fact, to carry out the metaphor, Mr. Blake has "huffed" Mr. Brown, and cast him off the board.

## LOMINION NOTES.

We are glad to learn that Mr. T. C. Street, M.P., has been nominated by the Conservatives of Welland to serve for another term in the Commons. Mr. Street now sits in Parliament as for a very strengthened period, and his absence from the floor of the house would be seriously felt.

On Saturday last the remains of the late Col. Geo. Chisholm were interred at the Presbyterian Church burying ground, near the village of Nelson. The funeral cortège left O'Keefe at eleven o'clock a.m., and arrived at the burying ground about one o'clock p.m. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Edmondson, of Water-

loo. Mr. Wood objected to the service being so shortly after the death of his wife, and it is believed unvaccinated, died in one day. Mr. Bunting has proceeded thither to see that this last matter and all other practicable prophylactics are at once done.

We learned that there is some possibility of Nitro Glycerine Works being established in the vicinity of Quebec, during the coming spring. The large demand for this compound necessitated its production in Canada. All that is used here at present is brought from the United States, principally from the Hobart Tunnel Works at St. John.

On Sunday last the little girl, daughter of Mr. Hawke-Lucan, who died one of the stages between Lucan and London, died very suddenly, within a few hours of each other. The disease is said to be spotted fever, and seems to be unusually virulent in its nature. The children died within a week of the first appearance of the disease.

Very truly yours,

MARTIN DOWNEY,

JAMES GIBSON,  
Pembroke, 5th Feb., 1872. Contractors.