

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Rink Music Hall—Prof J. H. Pepper. Annual Clearing Sale—Allan, McKinnons & McMoran.

Rink Music Hall—Lindley's Combination. Special Notice—Dr. Courroy. Ottawa Literary and Scientific Society—P. Hill.

The Ottawa Times

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1873.

The Intercolonial Railway Commissioners held a meeting yesterday.

Ministers are very busily engaged in looking after departmental matters, and in framing the measures to be laid before Parliament at the coming session.

Mr. McLennan, C. E., who has been engaged on the Pacific Railway survey, has arrived in the city. He speaks very favorably of the country through which he passed, and reports that Mr. Marcus Smith, C. E., engaged on the same survey, is also in his way to Ottawa.

The Globe has made a curious discovery about the letting of a five hundred mile contract on the Pacific Railway. One would imagine that the required stock would be raised and the provisional bond replaced by a permanent one before the contracts were entered into.

We deeply regret to announce the sudden death, at Cornwall, of Mr. J. R. McLennan, formerly law partner with the Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald. The deceased took place yesterday morning at his residence in Cornwall, and from what we have heard we suppose the immediate cause of death was disease of the heart.

The rapid progress made in the construction of the Intercolonial railway must, no doubt, have surprised many who thought that in the hands of Government Commissioners its completion was next to an impossibility. Yet, affairs are now being very satisfactorily wound up.

It is too soon yet to freshen the measures which the Government intend to submit to Parliament before it rises. It really does seem a little too soon, especially if one does not understand anything about them.

A further perusal of the article somewhat spoils this idea, however, for it speaks of "exciting discussions" on the Pacific Railway question; of that novel idea, the establishment of a Court of Appeal, which the government either will, or will not, attempt; of changes in the tariff which are only to be "what are imperatively required" (amount and direction not stated); of the "law" relating to bankruptcy which will "probably engage the attention of the Government, since it expires in September"; of the bringing in of Prince Edward Island, as "it is quite obvious that the sense of the feeling of the people of the Island is at last favorable to a closer connection with the Dominion"; and of some other matters equally original, but, as the actionaries say, "too numerous to mention."

It was a pity to have forestalled Lord Dufferin by more than a month, especially in the matter of the Queen's speech. The topics alluded to are remarkably fresh, never having been heard of or seen except within the last eight or ten years, and doubtless may be mentioned, at least incidentally, for the next eight or ten years to come.

While the Government are considering their measures, would it not be advisable for them to amend the laws relating to the trial of contested elections? We think not. It would be far better and more in accordance with constitutional practice for the Government to consider the measure suggested, and if they deem it advisable, recommend that the Legislature should amend the law by bringing in harmony their views.

A small discussion took place the other day on the bill introduced by the member for South Leeds (Minto) to prevent betting at elections. The measure did not receive a very great deal of countenance, having been opposed by Ministers and some members of the Opposition. It was last by a vote of seventeen to forty.

of the poll would be rejected. But a mere bait, such as men will make, in all degrees of value, from a "pinch of snuff" upwards, should not disqualify a voter for the reasons that use and wont have sanctioned the custom and no possible law can be framed to prevent its indulgence.

Suppose that Sergeant Bates, who triumphantly carried the Stars and Stripes through England, thereby won the prize of \$100,000, and had been visited with pains and penalties because of his having made a bet, would the public be any the better for it? Had he lost, he would have injured his own pocket; but having won, he drew upon that of the other party, and both of them had agreed to run the risk of losing. If Chaucer be right in his assertion, "That every man is free to lose his own," then every man who voluntarily undertakes to accept the hazard must be left to the consequences.

The proper condition which the law should, and we believe, according to the ruling of most judges, does impose, is that there should be no legal remedy for the recovery of money won by betting. It also does little further and permits the loser to recover from the stake-holder should he be so inclined. A still better safeguard against betting would be that in all cases stake holders should be allowed to keep the money; or at least that no legal redress against them should be granted to either party to the bet.

When, however, a man stakes a bet, or an entertainment to his friends, or some other trifling affair upon the result of an election, though which his own action would not be affected, it is rather absurd to propose to deprive him of his vote. These election bets are very common, and they may be very wrong, but they are not worse than, so to say, the betting usually attended on horse races, regattas, &c.

It is, besides, no punishment to a man to be deprived of his vote. It is not a privilege that he may use to his personal advantage, otherwise betting, bribery and "corruption" would be declared legitimate. On the contrary it is a part of the duty he owes to the State, and though "compulsory voting" is not yet on the advanced "reform" card, we may expect to see it there in the near future.

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\$29.50 net. If we sold \$40,000 at \$55 per \$100 net, we would realize \$35,000, and in the course of twenty years we would pay for interest on \$40,000.

By paying 6 per cent, we shall get \$28,400, and pay \$40,000 interest! Deduct the \$48,000 of the \$61,000, and you have \$16,000 to the good, from which, however, you must take \$1,400 the amount of the interest on the \$16,000 per cent, transaction, and \$1,650 interest on the \$16,000 for twenty years, making together \$3,050 to come off the \$16,000, and you are left with a gain of \$12,950. Now, surely, if we can borrow any money, we want at 95 net, paying 6 per cent, interest, it must be some reason why we should throw away 12,950 dollars in a special loan against the \$16,000.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE COUNTY OF CARLETON PROTESTANT HOSPITAL.

This, the twenty-second annual meeting was held in the Director's Hall, yesterday, at two p.m.; H. V. Noel, Esq., was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read, and the Treasurer's account was presented and read.

The last office of several of the Directors having expired, orders to fill their places were allotted.

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Congregational. 3

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Russell. 2  
Templeton. 2  
The Falls. 2  
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The Board of Directors have now under revision the By-Laws of this institution, in order to make them applicable to the change made in the controlling power of the Hospital by the special Act of Parliament passed during the last session of the Legislature, and referred to in last Report.

Your Board, under the existing circumstances and events of the past year, have been anxious to enlarge our present accommodation. We have now the gratification of presenting to you the result of a vigorous effort made during the past year, and which, we trust, will be carried into effect by the next meeting.

In the month of March last the following gentlemen were named as a committee to arrange the calling of a public meeting of the citizens, viz. Messrs. Hay, Featherston and Patterson, and a public meeting was held in the City Hall on the evening of the 14th ult.

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Director of the Royal Polytechnic Institute, London; Fellow of the Chemical Society, Associate of Institute of Engineers, etc., etc. Fellow of the Society of Telegraphic Engineers, etc., etc.

THREE BRILLIANT AND SCIENTIFIC LECTURES. ON THE EVENINGS OF TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY February 11, 12 & 13, 1873.

APPARENT CONTRADICTION OF SCIENCE. Illustrated by numerous, curious and startling experiments in CHEMISTRY AND NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.

The Ancient Ordeal by Fire. THE ORDEAL OF BOILING WATER. The Handling of Red Hot Metals. Modern Experiments with Flame and Fire.

Annual Clearing Sale OF SURPLUS STOCK COTTONS AND REMNANTS, TO COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY.

At great Reductions. Below Cost. Choice Fast Colors. Grey Cottons. Fast Colors. 10s to 12s.

Remnants of all kinds offered at prices that will insure their immediate sale.

Concert and Scaptoic Views AT THE ST. PATRICK'S HALL.

On THURSDAY evening, 6th inst., under the auspices of the Literary Association of Ottawa, the proceeds to go to the Building Fund of the St. Patrick's Church.

Canada Central Brockville and Ottawa Railway.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICE. HOUSE OF COMMONS. THE CLERK'S OFFICE. Ottawa, July 30th, 1872.

RECEIVING PETITIONS FOR Private Bills.

OUR GREAT CHEAP SALE FOR TEN DAYS. A discount of 10 per cent allowed on every purchase of FELT AND WINTER BOOTS AND SHOES.

JARDINES' MAMMOTH GOLDEN BOOT STORE, 83 SPARKS STREET, Ottawa, Feb. 4, 1873.

Freight and Cartage Agency. Office: Elgin Street, opposite Russell House.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Bulkhead" will be received at the office of the Superintendent of the construction of a Bulkhead at the outlet of the Hull Slide, opposite this city.

POST OFFICE, OTTAWA. Arrival and Departure. 1873. Winter. Arrivals. All Mails arrive from Montreal and Quebec on Wednesdays.

BRITISH MAIL. The New York, which departs for New York on Wednesdays, is a weekly mail.

MONEY ORDER. Money Order Office, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Money orders payable to order, and on demand, in any part of the world.

LOCAL NEWS. Money Order Office, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Money orders payable to order, and on demand, in any part of the world.

HOUSEHOLD LINDSEY, 28, St. Patrick's Hall, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Household Linens, St. Patrick's Hall, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

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