

New Advertisements.

No Old Advertisements Inserted in this Ed.
Liverpool House—J. S. Branson
Venues Once More—Oldfathers' Moonlight
Excursion
Just Opened—Evening Star Restaurant
Canteen—Café des Grands Hommes
Arrival of Wm. H. G. Branson
Contest for Iron Horse—H. B. Eddy
New Diagonal Clothes—J. Branson
Revolving—Mowers, Hickman & Downes
New Venues—Vernon & Branson
Gowan's Opera House—Stratford Company
Lost—Mr. C. Sinclair



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The work connected with the Parliamentary Library is fast drawing to a close, and it is expected that, in about three weeks, it will be so far completed as to admit of the books being transferred from their present depository. The building at present used for the Library was originally designed for a Picture Gallery; but we believe it is the intention of the Government to adapt it for the use of the Supreme Court.

Partisans under the American system of "to the victors belong the spoils" has evidently run its seed. All public functionaries are simply serfs of party's term of power; and as a consequence are the most active of political partisans. One of the most glaring instances of extreme partisanship which we remember over 15 years ago, is afforded by the Postmaster at Rondout, New York State. The Times' worthy gentleman has adopted a "canceling stamp" bearing the words—"Vote for Hayes," in bold black letters; and all letters passing through his hands are illustrated with the device. Hayes is the Republican candidate for President, and if he be elected Mr. Postmaster of Rondout will be assured his office.

There has been in course of construction for some time past, in Ottawa, a powerful chain, tag, for the purpose of being used in the deepening of the channel at the Galop Rapids, about seven miles below Prentiss. The tag is now in place, being held by a powerful iron cable, seven thousand feet long, which was made expressly for the purpose in England. The cable is one inch and a half in diameter, and has six test of forty-six tons in five lengths, which is a strain equal to one hundred per cent, over the Admiralty test. The tag is lowered to this cable, and is to work four steam drills. The work is of a novel and exceedingly difficult character, as the rapidity with which the river runs at this point of the St. Lawrence is so great—somewhere about eight miles an hour—that it has not even been practicable heretofore to take soundings. The arrangements are now so far complete that the operation of drilling will commence in a few days.

A MARE'S NEST.

The leading ministerial journal makes no opportunity, whether reasonable or otherwise, of claiming the praises of Free Trade, and conversely, of course, of damning Protection, and confounding those who advocate its adoption. On Tuesday it made the following remarks: "Those advocates of protection who are personally complaining that a revenue tariff is ruling Canadian industries and paralysing our manufacturers, will do well to ponder over the following from a recent number of the New York Tribune, and to shew, if they can, wherein it exemplifies the beauties of protection in the neighbouring republic." It then gives the statement respecting the Merrimac manufacturing company, which was published in our columns some days ago. The statement, it will be remembered, shows how wide the price of Merrimac stock has fluctuated in past years; that at one time it sold as high as \$1,000 per share, but that at the present time it is down at the low figure of \$925.50 per share. In view of this great depression of the stock, the Globe triumphantly invites the advocates of protection to shew where in it exemplifies the beauties of protection. If the stability and prosperity of manufacturing industries depended entirely upon free trade or protection as distinctive national policies, it might be a difficult matter to call any beauties in favour of protection from the condition of the Merrimac and other American manufacturing industries. But manufacturing industries are dependent for success and continued prosperity upon a variety of circumstantial and conditions. Good business management is an indispensable condition. Ample capital, skill and experience are necessary. The best constructed and most improved machinery is required, especially when competition is keen and close. Abundant and cheap labor is also an advantageous condition. And, above all, the success and continued prosperity may depend upon the general condition of trade, not only at home but abroad, and upon the laws of supply and demand. The United States are, we believe, behind hand in many of these respects, as compared with England and some of the continental nations. But the Tribune remarks that the position of Merrimac stock "tells a terrible story of prostrated industry." The prostration of industry in the United States has evidently not resulted from the operation of a protective tariff, for it is equally prostrated in Great Britain under the operation of what is known as a Free Trade tariff. Not long ago we had reports of the prostration of one of the largest iron manufacturing firms in the northwest of England, a firm which we know to have employed thousands of hands, and which in 1873 was paying dividends of at least twenty per centum upon its immense capital. Late still we have had reports of the prostration of another iron firm in the Staffordshire district, which, up to the present time, has been a sound concern and successful in its operations. We know, also, that one of the greatest of England's manufacturing industries—that of cotton—in which hundreds of thousands of hands are directly employed and millions of capital invested, is in a prostrate condition. In view of

this state of affairs, following the example of the Globe, we might invite those advocates of Free Trade, who continually harp upon its advantages and boasting to point out wherein it, the state of English trade, exemplifies the beauties of Free Trade.

IN A PHEASANT.

The leading ministerial journal has evidently been driven to the verge of bankruptcy, either exulted or grieved, by the adverse comments of the London Times upon Mr. Macdonald's Pacific Railway policy. It foams, ferments and boils over with passion, and draws freely upon the "base hound" vocabulary for epithets, to express its indignation. The exhibition is pitiable. The Times is not the best authority upon Canadian affairs. Higher through ignorance, malice or interest, probably a combination of the three, it does not give a fair representation of the true Canadian, which from time to time it feels called upon to notice. Its tone and spirit is obviously unfriendly to Canada, as evidenced by its declared hostility to the Northern Colonization Railway law. It is aggravating to "Canada" journalists for the leading English journal to make its unfair and unjust comments upon Canadian public enterprise, and certainly provocative of sharp and bitter retort. But it is not the Times' attack upon our railway lines and other enterprises, that stirs up the gloom of the Globe. The unpardonable sin is committed when the Times finds fault with the policy of the Canadian ministerial party. An effort, if not in the precise words, the Globe shrugs out "hands off" villainy, the policy and doings of this party are not to be handled by the likes of you." We do not say that the criticism of the lines upon Mr. Macdonald's railway policy is just in every particular, but, so far as the Globe is concerned, this is really "inventor's" criticism, whether just or unjust, of anything that the Globe takes under its wing. A portion of the Globe's mistakes are attributable to the hasty and ill-considered nature of the lines he has to do with, and as it will be the main street work of the Sapper's Lodge was read.

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LOCAL NEWS.

CITY COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last night. Present were Mr. John Abbott, Mr. Alexander Macdonald, Mr. Currier, Mr. Lorne, Mr. Ross, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Bogue, and Mr. Hosay.

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