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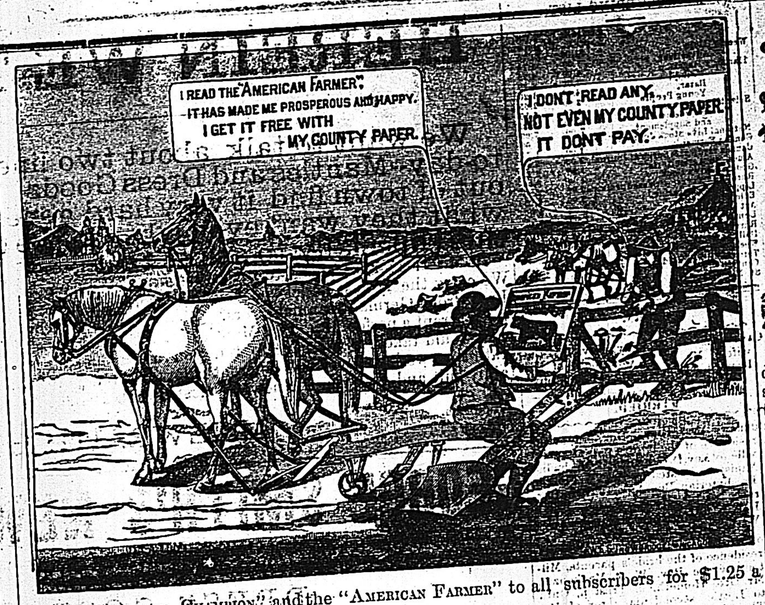

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A woman's Liberal Association is to be formed in England.

Compulsory military service is to be introduced in Belgium.

A train has been wrecked between Nicolaieff and Odessa and forty soldiers were killed.

China will send a high personage in December to the Pope to announce the majority of the Emperor.

Many complaints are made in England regarding the working of the parcel post with Canada. The Customs charges are lighter than the postage rates.

The legacy of $150,000 to Henry Bergh, for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals, by Mrs. Carrie J. Wolton, of New Haven, Conn., has been confirmed.

The Frankfort Zeitung announces that Prince Bismarck, despite the objections of the Berlin City Council, intends to promise Germany's support to the Paris Exposition, regarding it as a guarantee of peace.

Mr. Biggar in a speech in Bath denied that Ireland wanted separation. He said Ireland was unable to afford an army and navy, and desired to pay her proportion of the expenses of England in order to get England's protection in return.

Fire early on Thursday morning destroyed upwards of thirty buildings in the village of Southampton, causing a loss of $50,000, and rendering thirty families homeless. The insurance is only about $12,000.

A Decree nisi has been granted in the suit of Lady Anna Aylmer against Sir Arthur Aylmer, 28 years of age, who deserted his wife and ran off to America with a pretty flower girl known by the pseudonym of Rocky.

The total Customs and Excise revenue of the Dominion for October amounted to $2,356 057, an increase of $233,131 over the revenue for the four months ending October 31st was $11,460,084, an excess of $2,705,409 over the expenditure for the same period.

The North West Council has completed the redistribution of seats in the Territories, Assiniboia being allotted thirteen members, Saskatchewan four, and Alberta eight. The Dominion Government will be petitioned immediately to recognize the territory as a province and admit it into Confederation.

Professor Saunders, superintendent of the Dominion experimental farm stations, will visit Manitoba, the North-West and British Columbia, if time permits before the winter, to elect sites for the proposed farms in those districts. Work on the Central Farm will be commenced immediately.

At the Bruce Assizes at Walkerton last week a unique case was brought before the court, being an application by a blacksmith for an injunction to restrain a neighbour from keeping bees, on the ground that the bees were an intolerable nuisance. The jury found in favour of the injunction, but Judge O'Connor refused to grant it, and reserved the case for argument before the full court.

Here is a good Irish story—we fancy it has not been in print before—says the Whitehall Review. A pair of "victims" are waiting at a hedge for their landlord—guns loaded, cocked and ready for action. It is past the time at which he is expected to go by. Still they wait, until at last they become uneasy. "Bo dad, Pat," says Tim, "I hope nothin' has happened to the poor ould gintleman!"

The following monstrosities were shown at the Edmonton Agricultural show:—Cabbages, 4 ft. 1 in. in circumference; cauliflower, 3 ft. 1½ in.; pumpkins (perfectly ripe), 4 ft. 1 in.; turnips, 2 ft. 4 in. (weighing 23 lbs); squash, 4 ft. 3 in.; vegetable marrow, 2 ft. 1 in. by 3 ft. 7 in.; beets, 1 ft. 8 in.; potatoes, 1 ft. by 1 ft. 8 in.; white onions, 1 ft. 2 in.; red onions, 1 ft. 1½ in.; celery, 3 ft. 2½ in. in length; parsnip, 3 ft. 7 in.; and beets, 1 ft 4½ in. The North West seems to be a country of big things.

Marshal Bazaine fell while walking in the Retiro at Madrid one day last week, fractured his leg, and had to be carried to his house by the police and bystanders. He is old, poverty-stricken, and broken-spirited, and he wanders about the streets of Madrid shabbily dressed and wearing a long grey beard. He lives entirely alone, his wife having gone to Mexico last April, with the hope of getting some money from certain family interests there. His son is a volunteer in a Spanish regiment of chasseurs.

The Buffalo Courier tells the following story of Sam Small:—He is an expert stenographer, but for all that is nothing loth to lay hold of a manuscript when it comes in his way. It is recorded of him that after a famous speech by Jeff Davis at Houston, Texas, and while the Southern orator was bowing his compliments to the large assemblage, Sam coolly helped himself to the manuscript which was seen peeping from the coat tails. Once possessed of the valuable document which was much sought after by newspaper representatives from all parts of the country, Sam rode on horseback to the railway junction, a distance of five miles, where he reached the telegraph wires and forestalled all of his contemporaries. It is but just to add that this happened during Sam's unregenerate days.

Oatmeal for the Complexion.

It would not be easy to find handsomer women anywhere than the oatmeal eaters of Edinburgh, and the only ladies that equal them in roseate health and classic beauty of figure, so far as I have observed, are found in the interior districts of Ireland. Oatmeal would seem to have something to do with it, and every one may remember the reply of the Scotchman to the taunt of Dr. Johnson that the horses in England ate the same kind of meal as the men in Scotland:—"Ah!" said Scotchie, "but such horses and such men!"—Edinburgh Letter.

The Canadian Pacific authorities have made a shipment of choice cattle to Liverpool from Winnipeg as an experiment towards opening up trade in that direction.

It is announced in London that Sir Edward Watkins, the railway king, who has just returned from Canada, is preparing a scheme for the formation of a line of steamers between Hull and this Dominion in connection with the Canadian Pacific railway.

And they say that Manager Bunting, of the Mail, no longer breaks bread with the ungodly at the Albany club, but lunches at Coleman's where prohibition is the general practice, and the cynical sneer of the whisky-soaked politician is not heard.—Toronto News.

A great slaughter of geese is reported from Beaver Lake in the North-west. Two men named Frazer have killed 1,000 and are having them cured as dry meat for winter use. Many other persons have killed from 50 to 100 each, and a local merchant named John Brown is reported to have killed 500 in four days.

It is intended next year to issue a new series of British coins. This is a practical form of commemorating Her Majesty's jubilee which cannot fail to be appreciated if the new coins bear a faithful impression of the Sovereign. The same may be said in regard to the issue of new postage stamps, which is also to take place next year. The authorities at the Mint are busily engaged in preparing the dies for the coins.

At the last sitting of the Huron County Court a case was tried in which a merchant of Clinton sued a resident of that town for goods purchased by his wife. The ground of defence was that the wife was not the agent of the husband, and he, therefore, should not be held responsible for debts contracted without his consent. Judge Toms gave his decision last week in favor of the merchant for the full amount claimed, which establishes the fact that the wife is the agent of the husband where a published notice to the contrary is not given.

Although the Edinburgh Scotsman bolted from Mr. Gladstone on the Irish Home Rule question it has come to the conclusion that a federal system "of some sort" would be a good thing for Great Britain and Ireland, certainly for Scotland. It would have local legislative bodies known as conventions, whose legislation would in every instance be subject to ratification by the Imperial Parliament. This central supervision of local legislation would hardly prove satisfactory to those concerned, nor would it greatly relieve the glut of business now so much complained of by members of the Imperial Parliament, but the suggestion serves to show that the idea of Home Rule for Scotland is growing and making itself felt in unlikely quarters.

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