

For the Monk Wags.

THE IRISH.
The same sedate gentleman is still a parishioner with the rest of us. He was a good judge, and of numerous virtues; it's a loss to us all, but a good "loss" goes when into the ring, which was to him a kind of sacred circle, in estimation of his profession, being now dead, from having very foolishly put up in his hat, his handkerchief, or "mangled" or something of that sort; from the effects which he died. His body was thrown into the same urn which time the waters of that river have been in great repute with the medical powers of Puter, which was a favorite beverage of ours.

Who didn't care a single straw
For any new cold-water bath?
But drink as fast as ten could draw!
—Big Tom.

Who made the ale in London town,
Forsooth that, not a soul would know;
In what was left of pale ale home?
—Big Tom.

Who drank six beers out and out
Of small beer, and the best known stout,
And wasn't troubled with the gout?
—Big Tom.

Who sold his breeches for a gall,
And walked barefooted from the stall,
A living butt, filled up with all?
—Big Tom.

Who was born drunk, as we insist,
With a black bottle in each fist,
A butt of ale hung to his wrist?
—Big Tom.

Whom ribs were getting as unwell,
He'd be forced home to the ground,
For fear they'd tumble to the ground?
—Big Tom.

Who's drinking yet, whether he's
Nectar or brimstone, whom you please,
From Vulcan's Forge, or Pluto's Seat?
—Big Tom.

A SMART D'HOY.
TEMPERANCE HALL,
Barrie, 30th May, 1848.

THE ROADS OF THE UPPER PROVINCE.

The Anti-Ministerial papers of Canada West are attempting to make political capital out of the recent change in the management of the Plank and Macadamized Roads in this section of the Province. Instead of putting up the less of the Toll-gates to public auction, the Government will in future employ keepers to collect the tolls. The reason for the change of policy is simply that the Government believe they were receiving money from the roads under the new system than under the old. This is the result that springs from the Government roads of the Upper Province, and does not little more than keep the roads in repair, while Joint Stock Companies have drawn from their roads sufficient to pay a very handsome return for the investment of their money, after paying all expenses of repair. The truth is, that the contractors on Government roads alone knew what the expense of the gates was worth, that consequently there was little competition, and that year after year the same men took the same contracts, and though it was undoubtedly well done, yet it leaked out that these contractors had received large amounts of public moneys—
"No other competitor has there been; but these relatively smaller sums have been paid in particular years in those preceding them, though the traffic was known to have largely increased." The Government determined to see what the roads really would produce—the result of the trial will of course be published, and should it be thought advisable to return to the old system of selling the leases by auction, any one desirous of bidding will have data on which to found his offer.

Toronto Globe.

HOME DISTRICT JUDGESHIP.
The Hon. S. B. Harrison has received his appointment as Judge of the Home District Court, and has entered on duties of his office. We shall not affect to say, that we are pleased with the appointment; our opinion of Mr. Harrison's talents and character are now so well known, that we have no cause to alter it; and it certainly must deplore that one who acted so improperly should ever again be placed in a situation of high public trust. At the same time, it is but justice to Mr. Harrison to say, that the moral effect of the appointment is the only objection, which can be made to it, as he is admitted on all hands, to be highly competent to discharge the duties of his office with efficiency and ability.

We cannot blame the Administration for their course in this matter; we believe they acted from a high sense of duty in the choice they made—and perhaps they were right in suspending (in a measure) the consistency of their own principles to secure the efficiency of a very important public department. They certainly did all they could to fill the office from the legal gentlemen of high standing on this Liberal side of politics. And it is a strong argument in favor of a Reform Law Court, that there was the utmost difficulty in finding one Barrister of sufficient standing to take the office, although a salary of some £25 per annum is attached to it.—
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RECOLLECTIVE FREE TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES.—We have been favored with the personal—and with permission to extend the favor to our readers,—of the following letter from one of our most influential and enterprising merchants, to a friend in Montreal.—Most sincerely do we trust that the writer's expectation, with respect to the measure mentioned by him, may prove well founded; and if so, we cannot anticipate any opposition to the immediate repeal of our Agricultural protection act—a measure which was mainly wrought on the ground of the protective duties, by which the Canadian producer was, in a great measure, excluded from the United States market.

WASHINGTON, 18th May, 1848.

MY DEAR Sir.—I write you from New York which I left on Saturday last and reached this city on Tuesday, where I found our friend Merrill who has been doing good service, a Bill having been introduced and with every probability of becoming a Law,—having already been reported upon the part of both Houses, by which authorizes the President to issue an Executive Order, after a similar measure is adopted in Canada, to proclaim the admission of Canada Product, free of all duty, into the United States. It will now rest with ourselves whether we are to advance in commercial prosperity or not, by a total repeal of the Agricultural Protection Act.

I have been introduced to several members of Congress, with whom I have had a good deal of conversation; they appear all to be impressed with one idea that this new project will prove to be one vast success, and that it will be of great benefit to the United States. I explained to them that all Differential Duties in Canada had been repealed, and that American manufacturers were now admissible on the same terms with British goods, which they admitted was a most generous course and worthy of imitation. On mentioning to them the desire which existed in Canada, that the Navigation of the St. Lawrence should be opened to the world, and the prospect we had of that desire being accomplished. They said, the knowledge of that circumstance would advance our object in establishing a free intercourse between the United States and Canada, and

from all I can learn I think your favorite object will in all likelihood be accomplished.

Yours &c.,—Montreal Herald.

ANOTHER POOR OWNER APPEALS.—Charles appears to be blessed with a radical pauperism, and this gentleman has recently thought proper to transfer the "List of Letters," from the old-established "Globe" to the "Freeman," a journal commenced immediately prior to the late elections. The proprietor of the "Globe" has done well by the sale of his paper. Mr. Sharpened has an opportunity with him to be the truly Patriotic General of distinctly showing that he does not permit party political influence to interfere with the administration of the duties in his office.—None.

N.B.—The Deputy Post Master General will reply, that he allows all subordinate Post Masters to do what they like with the little patronage of their offices.

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METEOROLOGICAL TABLE, KINGSTON, FROM MAY 15, TO MAY 25.

DATE.	KINGSTON.											
	SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.
May 15.	65	W.	66	W.								
16.	75	W.	70	N.	65	E.	62	E.	63	E.	64	E.
17.	75	W.	70	N.	65	E.	62	E.	63	E.	64	E.
18.	75	W.	70	N.	65	E.	62	E.	63	E.	64	E.
19.	75	W.	70	N.	65	E.	62	E.	63	E.	64	E.
20.	75	W.	70	N.	65	E.	62	E.	63	E.	64	E.
21.	75	W.	70	N.	65	E.	62	E.	63	E.	64	E.
22.	75	W.	70	N.	65	E.	62	E.	63	E.	64	E.
23.	75	W.	70	N.	65	E.	62	E.	63	E.	64	E.
24.	75	W.	70	N.	65	E.	62	E.	63	E.	64	E.
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There will be some salt fish among her cargo, of which we understand a large quantity is consumed in Michigan and the neighboring States, which has hitherto been sent by way of New Orleans, and the Mississippi. It is unnecessary to point out the advantage of the St. Lawrence route over the southern one for that species of merchandise. There can be no doubt, that with the forwarding community, now possessed by our mercantile community, the whole of this branch of trade will flourish. The hand of the unskilled laborer, and other articles on board.

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