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The Daily News.

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 24.

The Irish Canadian says: "The Conservative score has been completed, and six out the seven Catholic candidates brought out by the party have been declared duly elected. This speaks well for the liberality and good faith of the Conservatives; and view it as people may, the fact remains that they have done their duty honestly and effectively as party men."

The Grit organs are "livid" and are making a desperate effort to extract sunbeams from cucumbers in order to warm themselves. The Ottawa Free Press takes a great deal of comfort from the downfall of the Conservative Government, which, it says, removes "a strong prop to Macdonaldism in the east." Just think of the Dominion Government as a prop! Sir John must be in rare robust strength in Nova Scotia a month ago, depending for support upon an unpopular and moribund local administration!

Mr Mathew Ryan, of Winnipeg, in order to rebut the statement that the treatment of Irish Catholic candidates by the Conservative party had been cruel because of their treatment by Reformers, goes back to the Family Compact days to show what old Toryism was. The Conservatives of to-day are not responsible for the acts of any party fifty years ago, and governance are scarce when it is necessary to go so far back for a complaint. The public is a fair judge, and should be any distinctions betw en Irish Catholics and others in politics, but of the matter must be discussed thus the lesson of the recent elections is that the class of the community owes more to the Conservative than to the Reform party.

At the recent dinner of the Cobden club Sir Charles Dilke in his speech illustrated that fanatical adherence to free trade doctrines, of which a prejudice is persons of the method of thinking, and which has done so much to discredit those doctrines in the eyes of the world. High protective, Sir Charles declared, was responsible for Nihilism in Russia, socialism in Germany, and anarchism in France, its baneful influence making the many poor at the expense of the many subsequently disenchanted. Sir Charles did not account satisfactorily for the continued and widespread strike causing distress and commercial disarrangement, which befall English industry; nor does he tell why Ireland is the most unhappy country in Europe. There is a strong impression abroad that Ireland would have been in a better condition to-day if she had less free trade.

At the Police Court this morning five little rags under the age of ten years were brought before the Magistrate for burglary and other crimes, and it is thought that more will appear shortly at the same bar to answer for the robbery of Mr Downing's house. During the past couple of years a good deal of juvenile crime has manifested itself, especially in the west end of the city. Whatever may be the cause, whether it be that the Sunday school is not sufficiently active or that the discipline of home in lax a the city, the fact is deplorable, since there is a prospect of these precocious offenders growing up into a crop of hardened criminals. Parents should take care to look sharply after their children, especially those whose sons have already been in court. The police can only arrest such lads when they have been in mischief, and unless their habits are arrested at home they are likely to fail their way to the Reformatory and eventually the prison.

In 1850 the value of wool imported into England amounted to $20 000,000; in 1860 it had increased to $135,000,000, and it is still rising rapidly, yet no part of London is foreign wool so much in demand as the American beef is purchased cheaply and sold at dear rates as the product of British stock. The manager of a large and popular restaurant states confidentially that a great deal of the prime Scotch he put before his customers had come across the Atlantic. Mr said: "We have an arrangement with our meat purveyor. With our consumption price is important, so is quality. The figure is low. Only provided the quality is right, we do not ask the beef is Scotch or American. I never had a complaint. When the beef is cooked you can no more distinguish the American from the English than you can tell whether bread is made from American or English flour." The only manner in which it appears that the difficulty can be surmounted is for the American cattle dealers, including the Canadian, to establish agencies in England for the sale of their own meat.

IRRELIGION IN NEW YORK.

In many, indeed in most, respects the great cities of a country reflect the characteristic traits of national life, and especially is this the case in such a metropolis as New York, which seems to itself the young giant aspiring from every quarter of the continent. It is to be hoped that this opinion does not hold true in regard to religion, for statistics recently published show that the immense effort has a linger field before it in New York city than in Timbuctoo. The statistics in question have been collected by the New York Times, and they are calculated to startle the irreligious as well as to alarm those who are interested in the progress of Christianity. A population of 1,200,000 less than 100,000 are members of Protestant churches, more than a quarter of these being found in the Church of England which a generation ago had less than a sixth of the whole. The membership of Protestant churches is in fact 90,879 or about one fifteenth of the population. In 1845, when the population was 400,000, the Protestant church membership aggregated 51 450. In 1857, when the population a 1,300,000, it amounts to 90,879. That is, the population has increased in that time 225 per cent, while the Protestant communions have only gained 76 per cent, or less than average percentage of growth would be very much less were it not for the great increase of the Episcopalians. According to the tables published in the Times the Dutch Reformed Church has gained 4 per cent, the Methodists 32 per cent, the Presbyterians 34, the Baptists 45, the Congregationalists 126, and the Church of England 215. It will thus be seen that of Protestant communions the Episcopalians alone have in any way approached the rate of growth reached by the population of the city.

The Jewish population has grown very fast and indifferent about their ancestral faith, they are pronounced materialists, and furnish only 2,337 members of the synagogue out of 40,000 persons.

The Roman Catholic population is put at 500,000 upon a loose estimate by Cardinal McCloskey's secretary, but this is thought to be very much larger than the state census of 1875 gave the total number of Roman Catholics in New York as only 162,000. It will thus be seen that the Catholics have a far greater church membership than the Protestants, and the rapidity of their increase is shown by the fact that they have grown from 300 to 1,000 per cent in the quarter of a century during which the population of the city has grown 225 per cent. The cause of this is to be found in the vast immigration which has taken place in that time, and which has been almost entirely composed of Catholics. Adding together both Catholics and Protestants, the Times finds that 1,000,000 people professing some form of Christianity against seven hundred thousand professing none. These non believers are mostly Germans and Americans, and are to be included in the general population of the city of Protestant families.

Leprous Cigarettes

Leprosy, says a physician of San Francisco, has not a few victims among the whites. Especially is it revealing itself about the lips and tongues of boys who smoke cheap cigar stuff made by Chinese lepers. The disease, though fatal, is not always so from the first appearances. The doctor knows of 125 cases among the Mongolians. In them the disease is highly contagious. Sleeping in bunks where lepers have been quartered is hazardous, even sitting on chairs they have occupied. Shaking the same things, etc., is dangerous. The doctor says that the part of the Coast Range, from which they spread the infection, is the Sandwich Islands, where it prevails, and from which they export to lepers. The hospital has six thousand 800 lepers. A watch is kept on the lookout for traces of incipient leprosy. When observed the person is at once sent to the hospital, but a great many are concealed by friends and thus the disease spreads. No case is discharged cured, though for years the appearance of some few recent cases have been cured. Report says they were effected by eucalyptus leaves. the doctor does not credit the unwarranted recent developments by inoculation. The leper does not suffer much pain till his fingers and toes drop off. When the leprous taint has once been fixed in they work in cigar factories and spread the infection. Further statements the doctor is not prepared to make.

THE BALL OPENED.

THE FIRING COMMENCED

ARABI'S FORCES CONCENTRATED.

PREPARING TO FIGHT.

Arabi Has 200 Guns Mounted. A Letter From Arabi Pasha to Gladstone

Alexandria, July 23 Evening. I have just returned from a reconnoissance to Mahalla, on the railway, my route from Alexandria where Arabi is throwing up earthworks having previously set fire to Mahalla and with these views flowing right and left from each sitting and mounts on the earthworks a squadron of Bedouin Arabs. At Mahalla I saw this morning

[illegible] Arabian troops. Two hundred of the soldiers I saw were [illegible] Soudanese, the rest Egyptians. Between Mahalla and Kafr Dawar I saw [illegible] Arabian troops, [illegible] Arabian horse, [illegible] camp, and [illegible] Arabs. Kafr Dawar is a large town.

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The English fleet is a mess that is the word universally applied to it by the Egyptian people. Meanwhile Arabi is working with the Nile and the canals to flood the country between Alexandria and Aboukir. Twelve days ago Arabi ordered all the sluices to be opened, and Abdel Aliim, the Egyptian general, has done as well as the Egyptians could do. Arabi's army is now massed at the Aboukir position, and the Egyptians are entrenching themselves all along the line from the banks of the Nile to the Aboukir.

Last night 3,000 Arabian soldiers with guns reached Aboukir from Cairo, and to-day the Egyptians have been pouring in from the interior. The Egyptian army is now concentrated at Aboukir, and the Egyptians are confident that they will be able to hold the position. The Egyptians are in high spirits, and are determined to fight to the death.

Alexandria, July 24. The rifles and mounted infantry occupied Ramleh yesterday morning. They stationed themselves and one field gun at the bridge over the canal, near the enemy's camp, and pelted the Egyptians with shells. The Egyptians replied with eight guns from Aboukir and Arabi's camp. The Egyptians fired rapidly, but their shells fell short. The Egyptians then moved their guns forward, but the fire was not returned. The Egyptians then withdrew. The Egyptians are said to have lost heavily. The Egyptians are said to have lost heavily. The Egyptians are said to have lost heavily.

Alexandria, July 24. The fighting on the Aboukir position was comparatively unimportant. The British troops remained in Ramleh. Two of the regiments appointed to Aboukir have been withdrawn from Arabi, on learning of the [illegible] of the British troops, made a sudden assault [illegible].

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS

Telegraphic News Condensed into Small Compass

A Cabinet Council was held in Ottawa to-day.

Corn beef poisoning is prevalent at Montreal, N.B.

Haitian peacefully refuses to row any more than year.

A grand volunteer Review is proposed at Montreal during September.

Mr F W. Leggat, missing from Ottawa for several weeks, has returned.

The Montreal stock market was much stronger to-day than on Saturday.

The weather is very hot over the great part of the Continent of America.

William Ross, forest ranger received [illegible] in the Central Prison to-day.

But little progress has yet been made in getting the New Nova Scotia Legislature library is reported as saying "that he was glad that the Court permitted Walsh to testify."

A man named Wallace met his death on Saturday afternoon while buttermilking near Ottawa.

Three men were nearly drowned at Montreal on Saturday by the upsetting of a yacht under the Victoria Bridge.

The Chinese Minister at New York returned yesterday from a visit to the Chinese Legations at London, Paris and Madrid.

London Emigrants to Canada.

Recently, says an English exchange, a large number of emigrants started from St. Pancras terminus of the Midland Railway for Liverpool en route for Canada. At Liverpool they will be joined by a large contingent, so that the whole number of emigrants to sail to-day by the Allan Line mail packet Parisian will exceed 1,000. For the most part these are tenant-farmers, Highlanders, servants, mechanics, laborers, navvies, and humble artizans, whose passage has been paid and other expenses met by the Duke of Argyll, Lord Lorne, Mr Samuelson Sowerby, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and other philanthropic persons, all of whom are in charge of Mr John Service, one of the principal officers of the Scottish Immigration Society, which is in connection with the Canadian Government. The [illegible] pages of a kindred kind of emigration. This gentleman appears to be in constant communication with ministers of religion and others in various parts of the country, and receives applications from families desirous of emigrating, as with the few exceptions of the various parts of the [illegible] who are known as to the class of people to whom emigration can be of benefit. Those who propose emigrating are expected to land at Quebec on or about September 1, and employment upon farms is assured at Montreal, Prescott, Brockville, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Hamilton and other places. Those who are assisted will be expected to repay the amount advanced, but not before eight of by the agent in charge until they are settled in already in [illegible] Mr Service, who is also known as the Canadian Commissioner, will [illegible] at Quebec on the arrival of the emigrants, and will personally inspect the various places to which they are sent. It is expected that the Dukes of Argyll and Buccleuch will have some [illegible] present to bid them farewell, and she was represented by her agent, Mr McLaren.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Chicago, July 24, noon.

Wheat: Long for August, 78½ for September, 1.00½ bid for year, 1.04½ to 1.04¾ for July, 80½ for August, 79½ for September, 71½ for October, 72½ for year. Corn: Long for July, 41½ for August, 41½ for September, 41½ for October, 39½ for year. Oats: Long for July, 30½ for August, 30½ for September, 30½ for October, 30½ for year. Pork: Long for July, 15.50 for August, 15.50 for September, 15.50 for October, 15.50 for year. Lard: Long for July, 9.50 for August, 9.50 for September, 9.50 for October, 9.50 for year. Short Ribs: Long for July, 8.00 for August, 8.00 for September, 8.00 for October, 8.00 for year.

OSWEGO MARKET

Oswego, July 24, 4 p.m.

Wheat, White, white state, 1.30; red state, 1.30; Genesee, 1.30; No 1 spring, 1.30; white spring, No 2, 1.28; No 2 spring, 1.28; No 3 spring, 1.25; No 1 Chicago, 1.30; No 2 Chicago, 1.28; No 3 Chicago, 1.25; No 1 Milwaukee, 1.30; No 2 Milwaukee, 1.28; No 3 Milwaukee, 1.25; No 1 Duluth, 1.30; No 2 Duluth, 1.28; No 3 Duluth, 1.25; No 1 Minnesota, 1.30; No 2 Minnesota, 1.28; No 3 Minnesota, 1.25; No 1 Michigan, 1.30; No 2 Michigan, 1.28; No 3 Michigan, 1.25; No 1 New York, 1.30; No 2 New York, 1.28; No 3 New York, 1.25; No 1 Canada, 1.30; No 2 Canada, 1.28; No 3 Canada