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METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 23, 1869.

DAY.	BAROMETER CORRECTED FOR 32°		THERMOMETER.		MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.
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Sunday	.....	.....	.....	.....	27.5	8.5
Monday	.....	.....	10.0	14.0	15.0	5.0
Tuesday	.....	.....	15.5	30.0	30.0	5.5
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Thursday	.....	.....	9.0	25.0	27.5	7.0
Friday	.....	.....	1.5	11.5	13.0	1.5
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The Daily News.

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 26.

☞ *SEE FIRST PAGE.*

It would really seem as if there were something in the very nature of the American system of trade protection in itself impelling Americans to demands for the annexation of other countries. A few years ago an earnest agitation was got up for the annexation of the Bermudas, to the end that New York might be better supplied with early sweet potatoes! There is no joke about this absurdity. The demand was made in sober earnestness, for in preferring demands of this kind the real Yankee has not a thought of the effrontery of his proceeding—he simply thinks it all right that his selfishness should be gratified in the only way left open to him, since he is bound to maintain an exclusive tariff framed upon the principles of excessive protection. Within the past few weeks demands have been made quite as absurd as that for the annexation of Bermuda, and in the same spirit. A Western editor, controlling one of the most widely circulated newspapers of the West, has enunciated the sentiment that the Americans *need* Canada, and ought to *take* it. The substitution of free trade regulations with Canada on the terms held out by the Reciprocity treaty would confer all the advantages which constitute the pressing *need* of the Americans to annex Canada, and the singularity is that the readier course is is not more thought of and held in better favour. Another instance of the same tendency of extreme protectionist views to interfere with the independence of nations, has occurred within the past few weeks on the Pacific slope of the American Union. Because of the mines of coal and the supplies of valuable timber existing in Vancouver's Island, nothing will satisfy the California mind but the prompt annexation of that colony. Here, again, liberal trade regulations, to which the colonists entertain no objection, could be made to accomplish peacefully and with mutual benefit the ends which the Californians have in view. In fact the Americans, by a judicious application of free trade principles, might *annex*, as Great Britain has done, all the countries of the world having anything of value to contribute in the shape of food or manufacturing material. They cannot hope, however, to attract politically or annex forcibly any of the British American colonies.

THE TROTTING RACES.—These races commenced at three o'clock this afternoon, and attracted a good deal of public attention. The first race for three-year old colts was won by Mr Calvin Shibley's bay colt; there were only three competitors. The second race was not yet decided when the *News* went to press.

KICKED BY A HORSE.—A man by the name of Robert Craig residing near Sunbury Post Office, township of Storrington, was badly kicked in the face by a colt which he was engaged in breaking in on Monday last. Most of the teeth of the upper jaw are knocked out, and the lower portion of the face and jaw is badly lacerated and injured. He came to Kingston for medical treatment and remains under the care of Dr. Fenwick.

THE CITIZENS' SKATING RINK.—A meeting of the committee of 1868 of the Citizens skating rink took place last evening at the library of the Mechanics' Institute, to close the unfinished business of the year. From the books of the treasurer, Mr McKelvey, the receipts appear as $354 81, and the expenditure as $354 24, leaving a small balance of 57 cents in the treasurer's hands. Some conversation ensued respecting the right of the committee to lend the lamps, ploughs, and other portions of the plant of the rink, and it was generally, and very properly decided that the committee had no right whatever to lend any portion of it, its term of office terminating with the end of last year. We have received a flood of questions as to what has been done with the house, lamps, flag, plough, &c., of the rink, and in reply would suggest that a meeting be at once called, when last year's committee will answer all necessary questions, and give over the plant to a committee elected for the purpose for the present year. We are informed that the house was sold for $28 to meet the liabilities of the company, but whether the lamps and plough, &c. have been lent or not we are unable to say. The sooner, therefore, a meeting is called and the matter placed fairly before the public the better.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

FROM GANANOQUE.

Gananoque, Jan. 26—Yesterday John Smith, from St John's Island, came to Gananoque with a load of hay, and sold it about four in the afternoon. He remained in town till about nine o'clock, when he left for home intoxicated. It appears he got off the usual line of road, and drove in an opening near Red Horse Lighthouse. He was discovered about 12 o'clock lying on his sleigh dead. It is supposed he perished, being only partly in the water. Both horses were drowned. The deceased leaves a wife and four children.

FROM MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—An important memorial is in course of signature by Protestant clergymen here in which the necessity for causing radical changes in the laws relating to marriage is urged upon the Executive. The object is to protect ministers from the consequences of illegally uniting parties who have succeeded in obtaining licences.

Yesterday, at Rouse's Point, a young man, who is in delirium tremens, choked himself by pressing his wind-pipe against a carriage wheel.

Burns's birthday was observed last night by the Calidonia Society, who had a dinner.

Dion and Foster are to play a billiard match here on the 28th.

A partial eclipse of the moon is looked for to-morrow evening between 7 and 9 o'clock.

There were 58 deaths last week.

It is said the Bank of Montreal has lost heavily from dealing with speculators in New York who have failed through the recent corner in Erie shares.

The anniversary of the Sabbath school association was held last night, but was not very largely attended.

One hundred and fifty eight persons were confirmed by the Bishop of Toronto last Sunday.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the County Council for the present year was held in the Council Chamber this afternoon. The whole of the members were present with the exception of Mr Calvin, Reeve of Garden Island, Mr McDonald, Deputy Reeve of Wolfe Island, and Mr Playfair, Reeve of Clarendon.

The Clerk stated that he had received the requisite certificates of members with the exception of those absent, and Mr Mills, Reeve of Kennebec.

Mr Mills explained that he had unfortunately left his certificate at the place where he slept last night, about ten miles from Kingston.

It was then moved by Mr Mudie, seconded by Mr Spoor, that the election of Warden be decided by members voting by ballot, and that the rules of the Council be suspended in consequence.

Mr Mudie and Mr Spoor spoke in favour of the method, which they thought would prevent "hard feelings" among members.

Mr Barr considered the ballot a tedious process, and thought members should vote independently, no member having a right to feel offended at the voting of another member.

The motion was then put and carried upon division. Yeas—Messrs Burke, Day, Fair, Lott, Godfrey, Mudie, McRorey, Nichols, Shibley, Spoor, and Toland—11. Nays—Barr, Campbell, Cox, Donaldson, Perry, and Strachan—6.

To allow of the presence of the absent members, on motion of Mr Spoor, seconded by Mr Shibley, the Council adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FROM OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Jan. 25—A meeting of the Privy Council was held this afternoon. Nova Scotia matters are still under consideration. Messrs Howe and McLellan will remain for a few days more. The hon. Mr Campbell has returned. The hon. Mr Chandler and Mr Brydges arrived to-day. The hon. Mr Walsh is expected to-morrow.

The Honourable John H. Cameron has informed the Minister of Justice that he intends applying to have a reprieve granted to Whelan.

A meeting was held this afternoon at which resolutions of sympathy were passed with the sufferers by the burning of Desbarats' block, and a committee was appointed to collect assistance for the workmen rendered destitute by losing their employment.

MAN FOUND DEAD.—We learn from a gentleman living in Gananoque that a man was found dead on the ice of the river St. Lawrence, under the following circumstances. A woman living on the main shore gave the alarm in the village that a man was exposed on the ice, and when parties went out to see it was discovered that a team had broken in near the foot of St. John's Island. The sleigh and horses had evidently gone down, but the driver, John Smith, a farmer of St. John's Island, was found dead lying on the ice at the edge of the opening. The place was quite out of the track of teams, and the motive of the deceased for going thither is not known. It is concluded, however, that he must have missed his way, and was thrown out of the sleigh at the time of the accident, and that he subsequently froze to death. Dr. McCrom, of Gananoque, coroner, has been notified, and at the inquest doubtless the full particulars will as far as possible be elicited.

POLICE COURT, Tuesday.—There was little business before the court this morning. William Graham, and John Campbell, were ordered to pay $2 each for being drunk, and Wretha Beldon a vagrant, was sent to gaol for thirty days. Five boys were charged with disorderly conduct in the streets on Sunday last, by playing marbles and using improper language. They were ordered to the safe keeping of the cells for a few hours and finally discharged with a reprimand.

His Worship the Mayor on Saturday received a telegram from the Governor General's Aide-de-Camp, Col. McNeil, V.C., stating that Sir John Young will accept with pleasure the invitation of the City Council of Montreal, and will accordingly visit the city on Monday, the 1st Feb. 1869.—*Montreal Herald.*

The public dinner in Montreal to Sir John Young is to take place on Tuesday, and the ball to Lady Young on Wednesday following, 2nd and 3rd February.

The Pembroke *Observer* says on the 11th inst., a young man named Alfred White, residing in the vicinity of Beachburg, was killed at one of the Bell & White's shanties Magnisippi. While engaged in hauling timber, the bob sled struck a skid, pitching White off the stick he was hauling, and passing over him caused instant death. His remains were conveyed home. On the same day, a shantyman working in the employment of Hamilton Bros., Desmonies, was killed by the falling of a limb from a tree. He was a French Canadian, from 400 miles below Quebec.

CITY COUNCIL.

The adjourned meeting of the City Council was held on Monday evening last in the Council Chamber. The Mayor occupied the chair, and the following members were present:

Aldermen Allen, Brophy, Chown, H. Cunningham, Davidson, Dillon, Drennan, Gibson, Gildersleeve, Henderson, Kinghorn, A. Livingston, C. Livingston, McMillan, Robinson, Shaw, Sullivan and Tomkins.

The minutes of the last regular and official meetings were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was read from James Agnew, containing a communication to him from M. W. Strange, Esq., M.P.P., relating to the passage of Calvin's bill, intending to have retroactive power in order to react the case of the county's claims against the city. The matter was given into the hands of the City Solicitor, and the following letter will show the result:

"I regret to say Calvin stole a march upon us, and while I was watching for his bill McKellar passed his with a clause inserted to cover his (Calvin's) case. The bill passed a third reading on Saturday, and cannot now be helped. The petition was circulated on Saturday, through which means my attention was drawn to the clause in McKellar's bill after it was passed. I feel greatly annoyed at this, feeling that if Calvin had brought on his bill I stood a good chance of having it thrown out."

No action was taken upon the communication.

A communication was read from John Fraser, reminding the Council that at its first meeting it was usual to appoint the trustees of the Grammar School.

Communications were read from James Durand, County Registrar, and from J. Wilson, of the Water Works Company, containing accounts against the city, and asking for payment of the same.

On motion of Alderman Gildersleeve, seconded by Alderman Kinghorn, the communication of James Durand was referred to the finance committee to report, and that of J. Wilson was referred to the committee on fire, water and gas, with power to act.

On motion of Alderman Davidson, seconded by Alderman Kinghorn, Principal Snodgrass, D.D., and Dr. Lavell, M.D., were appointed trustees for the Grammar School in place of the retiring members.

A communication from John Powers was read, stating that he had examined the premises in the Market Square, lately in the occupation of Mr Savage, and found it in the same condition as when first taken by that person, with the exception of some broken window glass amounting in value to $1 20. Mr Powers suggested the cleaning of the water closets, which were very offensive, and some securities to the cellar windows.

A communication from Mr Minnes, tax collector, asking for an extension of time to collect balance of taxes was read. The time was extended until the first of March, on motion of Ald. Gildersleeve, seconded by Ald. Livingston.

PETITIONS.

Alderman Gibson brought up the petition of Mr Parnell, on behalf of the Printers of the city for the remission of rent for the use of the city hall at their late conversaziones, including gas. The petition was granted, gas excepted.

Alderman Robinson brought up the petition of —— Mitchell, to be allowed to lay down building materials. Granted on the usual terms.

Alderman Henderson complained that he was prevented from occupying his accustomed seat at the Council. He complained, he said, on account of a member holding out the threat that he should "never warm that seat again."

The matter was ruled out of order at the present stage of proceedings.

The election of city auditors resulted in the choice of the Mayor and James Watt.

The appointment of Assessors was postponed until Monday next, at the regular meeting of the Council.

Alderman Gildersleeve brought up the report of the committee to strike the standing committees for the present year. The report appeared to meet the entire approbation of the Council, the only addition to it being the name of Dr. Oliver added to the Board of Health at the suggestion of Alderman Allen, and was unanimously adopted.

It is as follows:—

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1869.

The first name on each committee is that of the chairman.

ON STREETS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Aldermen Allen, Gibson, J. Cunningham, Chown, Brophy, Kinghorn, and Robinson.

ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

The Mayor, Aldermen A. Livingston, Davidson, Kinghorn, and Gildersleeve.

ON SCHOOLS.

Aldermen Davidson, Gibson, A. M. Brown, H. Cunningham, and C. Livingston.

ON THE MARKET.

Aldermen McMillan, Brophy, Tomkins, Dillon and Shaw.

ON FIRE WATER AND GAS.

Aldermen Chown, McMillan, J. Cunningham Drennan, and A. M. Brown.

ON POLICE, WHARVES AND HARBOUR, AND CABS' AND CARTERS.

Aldermen H. Cunningham, Chown, C. Livingston, Dillon and Tomkins.

ON PRINTING.

Aldermen Gibson, Sullivan, Shaw, Davidson, and Robinson.

ON CITY PROPERTY.

Aldermen Henderson, Davidson, Brophy, A. Livingston, and J. Cunningham.

ON TAVERN LICENCES AND RAILROADS, AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Aldermen Robinson, Henderson, Allen, Tomkins, Drennan, Kinghorn, and H. Cunningham.

ON THE PARK.

Aldermen J. Cunningham, Tomkins, Drennan, Gibson and Gildersleeve.

COURT OF REVISION.

Aldermen Gildersleeve, A. Livingston, Brophy, Henderson, and H. Cunningham.

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

The Mayor, Aldermen McMillan, C. Livingston, and Sullivan.

OF VISITATION TO OBSERVATORY.

The Mayor, Aldermen Davidson, and Kinghorn.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Mayor, James O'Reilly, Dr. Strange, W. Ford, jr., Thos. Briggs, John Carruthers, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Fenwick, John Fraser, and Dr. J. K. Oliver.

Alderman Gildersleeve moved, seconded by Alderman Davidson, That all the members who sat at the Council last year should retain the seats usually occupied by them.

Alderman Livingston remarked that the observations made by Alderman Henderson were directed to him [the speaker] as having made the remarks obnoxious to the Alderman. He denied doing so, and also denied occupying Alderman Henderson's seat. [Alderman Livingston occupied the seat formerly occupied by Alderman G. Brown, and Alderman Tomkins was in the seat usually occupied by Alderman Henderson]. He considered that Alderman Henderson should come into that Council as a new member, having sent in his resignation some time since, stating his determination not again to sit in the Council. The speaker repeated what he had then said that, although by the ruling of the Mayor the resignation of the Alderman was not accepted, although it was virtually accepted by a majority of the members present at the time, if he, Alderman Henderson, had any spirit he would withdraw from the Council, a course the speaker would certainly have done himself under similar circumstances.

Ald. Robinson moved in amendment, seconded by Alderman ——, that the members continue to occupy their present seats.

Alderman Drennan thought that the new members should occupy the seats of those members whom they replaced.

Alderman Tomkins said that if that was the rule "I should occupy your position, Mr Mayor," which remark appeared to meet the approbation of the gallery, who greeted it with loud stamping and clapping. Alderman Tomkins replaces Mr Breden, late Mayor, in the Council, Mr Breden having retired from the further representation of the ward.

The amendment was put and lost, and the original motion was put, and upon the show of hands appeared also lost.

Alderman Henderson then rose, and stating his intention to retire from the Council altogether, thanked the members sarcastically, and left the Council Chamber.

Alderman Chown was about to follow when a division was called upon the motion of Alderman Gildersleeve, and he remained to vote—the result carried the resolution.

Alderman Allen refused to vote.

Yeas—Aldermen Brophy, Chown, H. Cunningham, Davidson, Dillon, Drennan, Gibson, Gildersleeve, Kinghorn, McMillan, Shaw and Sullivan—12.

Nays—Aldermen A. Livingston, C. Livingston, Robinson and Tomkins—4.

The Council then adjourned until Monday next, at half-past seven o'clock, which in answer to Alderman H. Cunningham, was understood to be the time in the evening at which the Council were to meet.

BOOK NOTICE.

ABERDEEN AND ITS FOLK, FROM THE 20TH TO THE 50TH YEAR OF THE PRESENT CENTURY. By a Son of Bon-Accord in North America. Montreal: Dawson Brothers: Toronto: James Campbell & Son, 1868.

The little volume, whose title appears above, is one, the perusal of which, we can promise, will afford pleasure to many of our readers especially to those who hail from "the Land o' Cakes and Brither Scots," but still more especially to those who are in any way connected with the Granite City. The book claims notice from us, not merely as bearing the names of Canadian publishers on its title-page, but more particularly because we have good ground for believing that the "Son of Bon-Accord in North America," who announces himself as its author, is one of the most esteemed residents of Kingston.

The style in which the work is written, would not disgrace one who had made literature his profession; but it cannot fail to excite surprise when we consider that the writer betakes himself to composition merely as a recreation after office-hours. Free from those grammatical inaccuracies which often disfigure the pages of even distinguished writers, our author's language is also marked by a certain finish which renders it exceedingly pleasing. We are never shocked by any of those gross inelegancies of expression, or by that harsh ruggedness of construction, which we meet with too often, and which we almost expect to find, in the works of writers who have not given special attention to the art of composition. There is in fact a kind of rounded shape into which our author's sentences are turned, which makes us fear that composition is perhaps too easy to him; for if there is a fault to be found with his style, it lies in an occasional diffuseness, which must detract from the power of composition in general, and especially from the point of a story. This is, however, what we should have expected, for conciseness of thought and conciseness of expression are the very last perfections which a writer acquires.

The style of sentiment, moreover, throughout the book is such as could scarcely ever offend the most fastidious; and the nature of the subjects gives not infrequent occasions for the exercise of fine feeling and affection in chastening the descriptions a little. It is especially pleasing to feel the kindly tone in which the droll side of human nature is pourtrayed, when it is not combined with positive immorality; and one is glad, after enjoying a hearty laugh at some of the characters introduced to us in this book, to find that the author is not unwilling or forgetful to unveil the noble heart or the clear head concealed behind external eccentricities. We have heard and read many anecdotes of the Rev. Dr. Kidd, one of the most celebrated among the Aberdeen clergy in the earlier part of this century; but few bring up to the imagination the real man apart from all his oddities, with the vividness of the following picture: 'My earliest recollections of Dr. Kidd are of an agreeable kind. Though often brusque and overbearing in his intercourse with grown-up people, he was kindly and affectionate in his manner to the young. During the college session, the Grammar-school boys encountered him daily on his way homeward from his Hebrew class in the forenoon. He generally walked deliberately along the middle of the street, and each schoolboy who came within his reach was tenderly patted on the head, the Doctor's face beaming with kindly feeling as he said, 'Be all good. Be all good.' I remember well that for years I never missed a chance of thus getting 'the Doctor's blessing,' as this practice of his was designated." (p. 65.)

The kindliness, which guides our author's reminiscences in the above passage, was absolutely essential for the performance of the task which he has undertaken; a writer would be intolerable, who attempted to sketch the common life of the middle and lower classes in any community, not with the humourist's generous laugh, but with the snarl of the cynic. The work before us is to be classed with those which have been rendered popular by Dean Ramsay; and we are greatly mistaken if it does not contain some valuable additions to the delineation of old types of Scottish character which are fast passing away. The subject is very properly divided into several chapters, corresponding to the several spheres of life in Aberdeen, in connection with which our author records his recollections. The first chapter takes up the *family circle*. Among several pictures in this chapter which we feel tempted to quote, the description of the old servant *Kirsty* strikes us as a peculiarly pleasing representation of a character which was once common, but is now scarcely to be met with even in Scottish families:—

"Not the least prominent character, in the picture which my recollections enable me to draw of the household, is our faithful nurse, Kirsty T——, who was in every respect a worthy type of the old fashioned Scottish domestic servant—a class whose attachment and fidelity Dean Ramsay has so well illustrated. She deserves a grateful notice at my hands, for, as the family quiver became replenished, she had work enough among us, and did it well. In the nursery Kirsty ruled supreme, having a delegated power (which I here testify she never abused) of applying the rod of correction. She laid down the law after the fashion of the Medes and Persians, and her decrees were never called in question by either head of the household. Her custom was to threaten off-enders against her code with what, to us in the nursery, was a fate too awful to be adequately realized—the being 'harled before the judges' by whom clad in cocked hat, ring, and robes, and attended by their gorgeously arrayed trumpeters, the town is visited, in spring and autumn, when they go on circuit. Kirsty had a grandly sounding lyric, where or how picked up I know not, which she used to repeat to us, in illustration of the dread power vested in these dignitaries—

'Doom, doom for the robbers!
Call, call for the judges!
Them that's clear needs not fear
Although the judges do draw near.'

To her 'laddies,' when encouraging them to the fulfilment of her behests, she held out the prospect that, by obeying them, they might some day become either a laird or a minister—these being the two orders in the community whom Kirsty especially honoured. She was very particular in regard to the saying of our 'gweed words,' especially at night, for it often happened that her hands were too full in the morning to allow her to attend so closely to this portion of her duty. Kirsty had not the faculty of tune, and her attempts to sing for our amusement were lamentably deficient in this requisite, but the deficiency was made up by her heartiness.

Kirsty had an extensive collection of Scotch nursery rhymes and stories, some of which, I believe, have not hitherto appeared in print. Besides a number of these simple compositions given by Mr Robert Chambers in his admirable collection, Kirsty had the following, which does not appear to have come under Mr Chambers's notice:

(Said to a child getting a ride on a nurse's knee.)
The carl raid to Aberdeen, to buy white bread,
But lang or he cam' back again the carline she was deid,
Sae, be up wi's muckle stick, an' gae her ov'r the head,
Cryin', Fie! rise carline, an' eat white bread!

Rhymes attached to the Christian name had a great attraction for Kirsty. Thus we had from her many a repetition of

Tam o' the lynn, wi's wife an's mither,
They gaed a' to the Kirk thegither:

as well as—

Peter, my neeper,
Had a wife,
And he couldna' keep her.
He put her i' the wa',
And lat a' the mice eat her:

and other ditties, which the lapse of time has failed to eradicate from our memories" (pp. 2—5).

There is another picture from this family circle, so irresistibly amusing that we cannot forbear introducing it also to our readers.

"In connection with the administration of discipline in the family, I may be allowed to notice an amusing incident. On a certain occasion, some three or four of the laddies had got into trouble in regard to some 'ploy' of a mischievous kind in which they had been engaged, and which, when detected by the parental authorities, was considered of so glaring a character, that, to prove they were determined, in the regulation of the family, to be a 'terror to evil-doers,' the culprits were sentenced to the direst and most extreme punishment known in the household. The sentence was pronounced, as it happened, in the afternoon, but, to render it more impressive, its execution was deferred until the offenders should have undressed for bed. .....At length came the dread moment when the tards was expected. They waited and waited, each moment of suspense seeming more bitter in the endurance; but no sign was given by the administrator of discipline that he intended to execute his sentence. At last they resolved by a *coup de main* to bring their state of suspense to an end, and the boldest of the culprits, leaving the bedroom in which they were expecting their fate, called down stairs in a voice sufficiently loud to be heard by the authorities in the room below, 'Father, come up and gie's our licks, for we winna sleep till ye deed.' This bold appeal averted the threatened punishment, for neither father nor mother could resist giving way to a hearty laugh at the oddity of the request. The fact was, that something had occurred in the course of the evening to occupy my father's attention so closely as to have made him forget all about the sentence which had caused so much disquietude to the offenders." (pp. 10—11.)

The remaining chapters take up severally School and College Days, the Aberdeen Clergy, Notable Citizens, Street Vendors, Mendicants, &c. We should like to have given our readers some specimens of the author's reminiscences under each of these heads; but our quotations have a ready extended to too great a length.

It is not often that we have to notice a work by a Kingston author; and we feel it to be extremely gratifying that we have among us a fellow citizen, who, on retiring from the labours of his office, employs his leisure hours in a manner so agreeable and profitable at once to himself and to others. We cannot forbear referring to the bereavements which the gentleman, to whom we are indebted for this pleasant little book, has been called to suffer since he became a resident in this city. The great sorrow which fell upon him with such dreadful suddenness since the opening of the present year, is one which, we believe, struck every heart in this place with sympathy; and we feel sure that we give utterance to the general feeling of the community, when we express the hope that he may find some solace in those literary recreations, by which he has furnished enjoyment to others.

We have only to add that, in external appearance, the book is a very pretty specimen of workmanship. From our advertising columns it appears that the volume may be obtained at the City Book Store.

An old gentleman in Cincinnati publicly thrashed a young lawyer, who had been writing letters "full of meaning" to his daughter, a school girl.

The high and mighty London Saturday Review, calls the Standard a "newspaper sewer," and the Standard retorts with the epithet of "Saturday Reviler."

A Dublin writer tells that he heard a newsboy crying through the street, "Evening Freeman! glorious news from Tipperary! another landlord shot!"

"Grand Duchess" Schneider has won a suit for libel against a Paris paper. She asks $6,000 damages and received $60, from which it is evident that her character is not quite worthless.

It cost $40,000 last year for "pasting and folding" for the Pennsylvania state legislature.

The planet Jupiter, with his belt and satellites, can now be plainly seen with the aid of a telescope any clear evening.

To celebrate the coming of age recently the Duke of Norfolk spread a ton and a half of plate, worth $300,000, on his tables.

Three new coroners have been created—two for Peterboro', Doctors John O'Sullivan and Robert Kincaid, and one for Huron, Dr. R. J. Sloan.

"Jacob Omnium" Higgins left £70,000, mostly made out of journalism. The lot of Omnium is not the lot of all.

The respectable business men of Springfield, Mass, are trying to put a stop to the insulting of women in the streets at night by young men about town. Several clerks and other employes have been discharged.

The Rev. Joseph Wild reports progress on his tour to raise $10,000 for Victoria College. He got five men in Napanee at $100 each, with a prospect of two or three more there. On the 6th inst. he had $3,000 out of ten.

A great revival is in progress in Madison University, Wisconsin. Four-fifths of the students, it is said, have been converted.

At a Woman's Rights meeting in Boston, Mrs Dr. Hathaway, of Boston, was very severe on the male sex, and declared it would not look half so bad to see women with babies in their arms in the seats of Congress, as it now does to see men nursing bottles of whiskey there.

Gen. Sir Charles Gore, who fought at Waterloo, and served for some time in Canada, is to be Lieutenant Governor of Chelsea Hospital, in place of the late Sir Henry Ross.

Urquiza, ex-Dictator of the Argentine Confederation, is one of the richest men in the world. In his palace are canary bird cages worth thousands of dollars each; and upon his estates there is in progress an artificial lake which has already cost upwards of five millions.

"Spotted Horse," a noted chief of the Cheyennes, is making raids on the settlers of the plains. General Sheridan says he had better look out and behave himself, or he'll be a spotted man before he knows it.

A celebrated wit who, in his old age, got himself elected to the Canadian Parliament as a Liberal, and at a critical moment sold his support to the ministry of that day for a small place, when reproached for his conduct replied, that he had only sold his vote because he was old and poor; and, perhaps, something of the same kind may be seen to-day. History repeats itself.—*Montreal Witness.*

The following *bon-mot* is attributed to the Premier of the Dominion. Some one having written to him as to the *locale* of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, he replied that, as Kingston has all the rogues, and Toronto all the fools, Hamilton is entitled to the deaf and dumb and blind.—*Leader.*

Ploughing in January is something novel to hear of. An English journal says: The first All England match of the year took place at Horsington, Lincolnshire, on Tuesday, January 5, and was won by Mr Goodyear with one of Ransome's ploughs against seven competitors.

Archbishop Spaulding, of Baltimore, (R. C.) has issued an order forbidding the indiscriminate attendance of persons in the churches to witness marriage ceremonies, and hereafter no one will attend excepting by card of invitation from the parties interested. This is deemed necessary on account of the levity and improper conduct of curiosty seekers on recent occasions.

The Annual report of the commissioner of Agriculture and Arts of the Province of Ontario, for the past year, has just been issued. It is a ponderous document, and contains a vast amount of information, including a supplement containing all the correspondence in connection with the recent investigation into the accounts of the Board of Agriculture and the agricultural Association and other matters of interest.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* has an article on how to treat Americans. "A very able article in the *Atlantic Monthly*," it says, "deserves perusal as helping to clear up a matter upon which Englishmen have felt considerable perplexity. How, we have sometimes asked in despair, are we to preserve a decent state of good feeling between ourselves and Brother Jonathan? Many of us, to say the truth, are not specially fond of Americans or of American institutions; others look upon America as the promised land, whose condition foreshadows the blessed future of the world. But, lovers or haters of our cousins, we generally agree upon two things—first, that it is highly undesirable to have any outstanding rancours to embitter every trifling dispute between the two countries; and secondly, that Americans are a singularly ticklish folk to manage. With the best of goodwill we are always treading upon their corns. We are something in the position of a man encountered by a fierce dog, and equally afraid of patting his head or hitting him with a stick. Certainly it is now the general wish in England to be on good terms with our touchy neighbours; and when we find one who will calmly give us his reasons instead of sulkily nursing his wrath, we ought to be sincerely obliged to him. We have no desire to treat Americans as if they were still in a minority, and if they claim the privileges and responsibilities of manhood, we should be only too happy to meet them half way. Neither is there much use in the policy, which is too popular in England just now, of trying to pacify them by a sudden shower of compliment. The little sugar-plums of compliment about our common origin and our perfect identity in language, laws, literature, and right to the glories of Shakespeare and Cromwell are all very well after dinner—if, that is, a wretched orator has nothing more original to say."

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We have in stock a large supply of the different kinds and grades of SUGARS, and notwithstanding the recent advance we have not changed our price list.

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3,000 lbs extra Canadian Cheese
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Scotch Marmalade in pots
Scotch Marmalade in glass jars
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Greengages " "
Cherries " "
Damsons " "
Plums " "
Black Currants " "
Red Currants " "
Red Currant Jelly in pots
Black Currant Jelly "
Raspberry Jam "
Red Currant Jam "
Black Currant Jam "
Strawberry Jam "
Gooseberry Jam "
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Bbls very old Rye Whiskey
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Boxes and catties very fine Old Virginia
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Boxes and catties Canadian Manufacture
And a small lot of Lorillard's Eureka and Golden Bell Brand pure Virginia.

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Jan. 11.

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EVERY
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AT
FERGUSON
PRINCESS STREE
January 16.

NOTICE

ALL Persons INDEBTED are requested to settle THIS MONTH.

FERGUSON
January 16.

CHEAP SA
OF
DRY GOO
AT THE
GLASGOW WARE
Corner of Princess and Wel
MR R. WADDE
HAVING left per Steamer on the 2nd of January MARKETS, to purchase our
SPRING STO
The balance of our
WINTER STOCK OF DR
will be sold off at very great
a speedy clearance, and make
SPRING IMPORTA
We respectfully invite the public call before purchasing elsewhere.
R. WADDELL
N.B.—Remember there will be in every Department.
January 5, 1869.

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AT THE
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WE will, as usual, commence marking down all Staples to take stock on the above date, and to prompt cash customers the
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Special Bargains
BLACK SILKS,
DRESS GOODS,
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MANTLES,
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JAMES DA
MONTREAL
Jan. 4.

RECEIVE
THIS DAY
EX STEAMSHIP PERU
New Garnet French Merino
New Winceys, all shades
New Wool Repps
New Lavender & White
One Bale Red and Blue Yarn
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ALSO
FROM NEW YORK
A splendid stock of New Clouds
Plain Grey Clouds
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Plain White do
Plain Black do
Grey and Scarlet Mixed do
Grey and Purple " do
Macnee & Wadd
PRINCESS STREET
Dec. 18, 1868.

The Daily News
TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 26.
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TELEGRAPH
CABLE NEWS.

, Jan. 25.—Reverdy Johnson and accepted an invitation to corporate authorities of Manc time in February.
Jan. 25.—It is rumoured that leville and Cadiz have proclai of the Duke of Montpensier pain.
town, Jan. 26.—The steame and Aleppo, from New York,
, Jan. 26.—The steamship Per re on the 15th January, for urned to port to-day, badly da precise nature of the accident ired. Six persons were killed ured.
ANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL
January 26, 1:20 p.m.—Consols ; Illinois Central 92¼; Erie 26 ol, January 26, 1:20 p.m.—C nds 11¼d to 11½d; Flour 26s to 2 t 9s 10d to 11s; White whea orn 35s to 35s 3d; new do. 3 arley 5s; Oats 3s 6d; Peas 4 6d; Lard 74s 6d.

York Press Despatche
ork, Jan. 25.—Sailors of ever to the number of 1,200 or uck for $30 per month. in procession to Franklin Sq eeches were made by several p siation of the action of the ship ducing their wages to $16, a ed that no sailor should leav s pay than $30, and any threatened with rough treat then marched down South one firm who expressed willin e advance, and groaning for ed, and finally dispersed.
gton, Jan. 25.—One of the ing out of the Alabama trea osed was brought to the atte te department yesterday. In Owen Thorn, of this city, several steamers in New his vessels to Congress, the rain trade between Chicag Mr Thorn's agreement co elivery of the boat at Buffal ssing Montreal the steam caused the vessel to put i hile engaged in repairs the horities seized the vessel o a Fenian privateer. Evidenc to show that the charge was r a long detention and an ex bout $8,000 in gold, the st sed, the Canadian authorit ging the mistake in the me er then filed with the State d laim, giving evidence of t ure and loss occasioned th e department acknowledge of the claim, and informe the claim could not be cons Alabama cases were broug ys ago the claimant visited t and asked that the case up, but he was gruffly in Seward does not wish to se erk who had charge of the he papers lost. The real posed, is that Secretary S mitted to the F