

DATES TO REMEMBER.

COUNTY OF FRONTENAC

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

City of Kingston Teachers' Association.

A PUBLIC LECTURE

Will be delivered before the above Association on THURSDAY EVENING NEXT, 19th inst., at the Dominion Business College by J. J. HILLEY, Esq., Director of Teachers' Institutes. Subject: "A Plea for National Education."

MARTIN'S OPERA HOUSE, Thursday & Friday, May 19th and 20th.

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TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to 6 P.M. OF SATURDAY, the 21st inst., for the several trades required in the erection of an addition and making certain modern improvements to two houses on Johnson Street.

LECTURES BY WENDLING, CITY HALL.

"VOLTAIRE" - Wednesday, May 18th. "STONEWALL JACKSON" - Thursday, May 19th. "SAUL OF TARSUS" - Friday, May 20th.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.

A MEETING of the above Society will be held in their Hall on WEDNESDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.

DORCAS SOCIETY.

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Dorcas Society will be held on THURSDAY, May 19th, at 3 o'clock. All of the members are requested to attend and to bring in any finished work which they have on hand.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NEW BOOT AND SHOE STORE.

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NOTICE.

I HAVE this day purchased the entire interest of Thomas Wade in the business done under the name of Wade & Anderson and will continue the same at the old premises 35 Brock street.

To the Electors of Ontario Ward.

OWING to the retirement of Alderman McGuire, and at the request of many, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for Alderman for Ontario Ward.

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THE WEEKLY BRITISH WHIG, 8 pages, 56 columns, is published every Thursday morning at \$1 a year.

THE DAILY WHIG.

DANA'S PLAIN TALK.

There is nothing like blunt talk in dealing with a serious question, and the talk of the New York Sun, upon a commercial union of Canada with the United States, has the ring of candour itself.

"It is reported that the leading men of the dominion government, at Ottawa, are seriously considering the project of a commercial union with the United States. Just what the details of that project may be we do not know nor care to inquire, but we tell the Canadian statesmen that nothing short of a political union, under the constitution of the United States, will give them what they want, namely, perfect free trade between Canada and all the states of this republic.

"We assure them with all candour that this is a settled principle with our people of all parties, and the sooner our neighbours across the border recognize it, and sensibly set about considering the advantages which may be secured by its adoption, the sooner they will obtain with us that political happiness and prosperity they so ardently long for, and which, whether it comes peaceably or not, is their manifest destiny.

"The idea of a commercial union or an arrangement like the old German Zollverein, is futile; it has no real place in our ideas and will never be seriously considered by our people. It is equally certain that the course of petty annoyance which seems to have been inaugurated, whether originating in England or in Canada, can have but one conclusion, viz., an absolute back-down on the part of its authors, or their conquest or ours."

The question is just this: Does the New York Sun express, as it presumes to do, the settled principles of the American people? If it does we want to hear no more about commercial union. A death blow has been aimed at an agitation, which, whatever its possibilities, was gaining in popularity.

The *Sun* expresses the annoyance which so many Americans feel at the independence, even impertinence, of the Canadian government on the fishery question. It regards a back-down on the part of some of the interested parties as inevitable, or conquest! If Canada only were concerned in the defence of its rights the language of the *Sun* might have terrifying effects. The British empire, however, is dealing with the United States, and the scream of the eagle has never yet made the lion tremble!

OFFENSIVE AGITATION.

From *The Union*, published in Dublin, and interested in maintaining the union of the British empire, we extract the following, the beginning and close of an article on the O'Brien mission to Canada.

"Since the Fenian raid in Canada in 1866, over the American border there has been nothing like Mr. William O'Brien's and Mr. Kilbride's departure, on the part of the Marquis of Lansdowne's Luggacurran tenants, for the invasion of that same province now under the rule of the marquis as governor-general.

"Let these restless agitators remember that without calling out a soldier the loyalists could make the traitors hide in holes like mice. The volunteers of England and Scotland could march from end to end of Ireland if every traitor took the field. These are disagreeable truths to state, but there are times to speak and times to keep silence, and this seems a time to speak."

1. There has been something like this visit of O'Brien's. Kane and Smith, last year, came to Canada for the purpose of creating a prejudice against home rule, and though they were not, as O'Brien is now, attacking constituted authority, as represented in the person of the governor-general, they were agitators, whose usefulness was more than set off by the example which they left.

2. The press should not encourage the warfare towards which some elements would in Canada, if unchecked, most assuredly drift. The people of Canada should not allow themselves to be influenced by the blustering of professional agitators. "It is time," said a thoughtful correspondent, writing us some days ago, "that the leading papers of this country took the stand that its people should not be worried to death with Irish questions. I am a sympathizer with Ireland, and would like to see her population made contented if legislation can accomplish it.

but I am at the same time a great loyalist, and I want to see nothing happen which can dismember and weaken the empire. I confess that the situation is full of difficulties, and if the statesmen of the old land can not understand it, we in Canada, far removed from the seat of action and but indifferently informed in regard to the facts, cannot hope to do so. I have ever regretted the rioting and rebellion which the Irish difficulties have led to, and I deplore the prospect of their imitation in Canada. To sympathize with the Irish people in their troubles is one thing; to have those troubles transplanted into Canada and made the cause of differences and divisions among the people is another thing. What has the *Wrio* to say about the matter?"

Simply this: That there is great force in the correspondent's brief argument. The *Wrio* thought *The Week* unjust when it said O'Brien was encouraged to enter upon his Canadian crusade by the resolutions passed by our house of commons and local legislatures. But *The Week* was right. Mr. O'Brien has, in his speeches, referred to the sympathy felt by the Canadians in their struggle for home rule, and their protests against the passage of the Coercion bill. If the effect of such resolutions be to start men like O'Brien, clever but misguided, upon the warpath through this country it will be regretted; and in future members of parliament may not wax so eloquent in the discussion of Irish grievances. Mr. O'Brien has an indisputable right to visit Canada, and speak—so long as he is not treasonable—as often as he likes and in as many places as he likes. But half a dozen speeches could not possibly mould opinion as he desires to have it moulded, even under the most auspicious circumstances: as it is he has aroused a hostility which it will take a long time to calm down, and in the meantime the "cause of Ireland" has been most seriously injured.

A VERY SUCCESSFUL BALL.

Given by the Staff and Cadets of the Royal Military College—Decorations.

The brilliantly illuminated Royal military college buildings were the scene of unusual festivity last evening, the occasion being one of the delightful balls given by the commandant, staff and cadets of the institution. The spacious corridors, and several of the class rooms, were most handsomely decorated, reflecting credit on the young gentlemen to whom the department of the ornate was entrusted. Fixed bayonets lined the stairway, and a profusion of flags in tasteful drapery, and clusters of ornaments, gave the reception room the appearance of an elegant boudoir. In the centre of this apartment a fountain of eau-de-cologne, surrounded with fairy lamps gorgeously colored, sent up jets whose delicious perfume was wafted through the air. Seductive alcoves were partitioned off, where the sweetest *tele-a-teles* were indulged in without interruption. The grace, beauty and fashion of our city responded to the invitations, and were graciously received by the popular commandant, Col. Oliver, and Mrs. Oliver. The music was a special element of attraction, being supplied by a detachment of the noted Italian harpists from Toronto, whose delightful strains were highly appreciated. The dancing in every variety of terpsichorean enchantment was kept up till two o'clock in the morning, and only then regretfully abandoned because the programme was concluded. A sumptuous supper was served at midnight in the dining hall. The gallant Major-General, Sir Fred. Middleton, K.C.M.G., resplendent with decorations, graced the ball with his presence. If the universal comments heard are a fair criterion the ball must be pronounced the most enjoyable ever held in the college.

MR. JOHN W. BELL'S CASE.

The Medical Superintendent of the Toronto Asylum Pronounced Upon It.

John W. Bell, M.P. for Addington, has been confined in the Toronto asylum since the 6th inst. It is learned from Dr. Daniel Clarke that Mr. Bell is afflicted with melancholia in its simple form, which is not regarded by the profession as an incurable form of insanity. Since his confinement his condition has improved in a slight degree, but this may be only temporary. Dr. Clarke says Mr. Bell might recover in a few months, but the patient had been under his care too short a time for him to give a positive opinion. Dr. Clarke complained of the erroneous reports which had been published in Kingston, Ottawa and Toronto in regard to the hopelessness of Mr. Bell's recovery, and his (Dr. Clarke's) alleged opinions upon the case. The doctor desired it to be known that he has not passed any opinion on the case beyond his above statement. "I hope for the best in this case," said the doctor, "but do not wish to delude his friends with false hopes as to his recovery. This trouble has been growing on him for six months past. I was acquainted with the nature of the case shortly after the elections the excitement of which aggravated his trouble, and I advised his friends against allowing him to attend the opening of the house, but he would go. He is morbid, depressed and pessimistic, and his monomania is that his friends are conspiring to do him some great harm, which he fears will happen him, and that everything is going wrong. Apart from this monomania, he talks rationally, and when I remarked to him to-day, 'Bell, you've lost your grip,' he replied sadly, 'Yes, doctor, that's it. I've lost my grip.'"

MARINE PARAGRAPHS.

Interesting Items Gathered Along the Harbour—Vessel Movements.

The schr. Emerald is in port with 21,839 bushels of wheat from Detroit. Breck & Booth have chartered the schr. Erie Stewart to carry stone from Howe Island to Toronto at \$4 per ton.

Driven Crazy and Suicides. SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 18.—J. Walter Wells, of Montreal, committed suicide at Mishawaka by shooting himself through the head. He came here a few weeks ago to get the body of his sister, who had poisoned herself, and found she had been dissected by a medical society. This fact, and a sight of the remains, unsettled his mind. Before he committed the act he tried to find and kill the doctor who dissected the body, but failed.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

PROCLAMATION!

WHEREAS it is desirable in the interest of the health of the public, and to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, that all Premises, Yards, Lanes and Alleys should be thoroughly cleaned, the Owners and Occupants of Premises are hereby notified to remove all Rubbish and other nuisances from their Premises.

15th DAY OF JULY.

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