

Daily British Whig.

"Opifer per Ordem Dicere."

The offer of \$1,000 for the capture of the murderer of Wheeler, who was recently shot near Cork in Ireland. The prosecution offering no evidence to increase the jeopardy of the assassin as much as the peasants who may be cognizant of them would rather starve than give circumstantial evidence against the perpetrators of the deed. We think the offering of the reward, tempting as the large amount may be, will not be likely to result in the discovery and capture of the offenders.

Several charitable entertainments are on the tapis, and we take the opportunity of suggesting the propriety of the remission of the City Hall rent, less, of course, the actual cost of gas, to the institutions under whose auspices these "benefits" will be given. We are aware that, on petition, the rent is frequently remitted for such purposes, but this object has to be attained by means of petition to the City Council, and it is hardly the "thing" for the promoters of these benevolent movements to have to get on their knees and "ever pray" to the local authorities who have this matter in charge. We think the citizens should have a right to the free use of their own hall for purely charitable purposes, especially at this season of the year when the wants of the poor are so numerous and so pressing, and that a provision to this effect should be entered in the schedule of prices in the hands of the City Chamberlain.

A certain Western Conservative journal, becoming somewhat alarmed at the extent of the exodus from Canada to the United States, despatched a reporter to the reputed point of exit with instructions to send back for publication his impressions of the exodus if he couldn't see it. Of course the Tory newspaper man didn't see any exodus at Sarnia, and wrote back to his paper to that effect. On this high authority our contemporary denied the fact of what he terms the "alleged exodus" and devotes an editorial to the disproof of it. In the same column in which this fact is thus written out of existence appeared a paragraph asserting that the people who had left Canada for the United States are already rising their resolution of deserting the country and are contemplating a speedy return to Canada. In other words our contemporary, in one place, labours to prove that there has been no exodus at all, that the people have not as alleged by the wicked Grit journals left the country, and yet the very same fact is expressly admitted in the paragraph that asserts the intention of those who have left the country to return to it again! We submit that here is a discrepancy requiring some explanation. For our own part we cannot understand if people did not leave the country how they can be contemplating a return to it, but on the authority of our esteemed contemporary we are asked to believe, first that there has been no exodus whatever, and secondly that there has been one, 'tis true, but that those who have gone away are all aching to come back again.

ANNEXATION.

The party at present in power in Canada has repeatedly plumed itself upon its superiority. This lip-loyalty has frequently served their temporary turn as a catch-cry at election times, although it has been repeatedly proven that when it served their turn or suited their feelings they could offer insult to representative Royalty and pursue a policy which had a decided leaning towards annexation. Against this view our Tory friends have not failed to make all possible capital out of their national policy, which, so far from looking in the direction of annexation, has been claimed to be a policy of retaliation, and with this stalwart cry the pride of the electors was not unsuccessfully appealed to two years ago by the designing demagogues who by this means obtained a whitewashing for their political crimes and a fresh hold upon the helm of power.

Some American journals, so far from regarding this national policy of ours as being inimical to annexation, are decidedly of opinion that it will prove an effective first step in that direction. According to the two important matters of the Canada Pacific Railway and the national policy the *American*, while strongly depreciating the first of these as a false step which will "involve great losses and greater disappointments," yet applauds our protective tariff, which will favour ultimately closer relations between Canada and the United States. Not in the sense of reciprocity, however. This, we are told, has been tried and found to be unsatisfactory; that it has involved "an interminable haggling over mutual concessions, and constant dissatisfaction on both sides with the terms of the bargain." But the close union which our N.P. is hark to favour is one of ultimate annexation, and accordingly the protection adopted by our present Government is regarded as a means to that end. We are told that the great obstacle of a "Customs' union with the United States has been removed by the present Canadian Administration. "Canada," says the *American*, "has adopted in principle the same great commercial principle of the United States." Nothing more is needed than a common protection tariff for both countries, more moderate than that now in force in America, more protective than that recently enacted in Canada, and the coast line as the only Custom House line for the whole western continent." This would be annexation in principle and it would soon be annexation in realized political fact, and thus our neighbours are seen to be nursing expectation that the Canadian protection policy, so far from keeping the two countries apart, may yet prove a means to the consummation of the Monroe doctrine, when the Dominion of Canada shall be brought up to the level of the American republic.

BENEFITS OF SKATING.

To the Editor of the British Whig.
Sir,—I shall preface the few remarks I propose to make on the above interesting subject with the following question from one of the greatest American physiologists:

"Muscular exercise is indispensable, but it must be judicious. By way of all things, all parts must be exercised in about equal proportions. When the brain is worked more than the muscles it becomes partially congested, loses its sap, leaves the mind dull, the memory indefinite, and thought obtuse, which exercise cures."

"None need ever think of becoming great, intellectually, however splendid their heads; temperament may be, without a world of vigorous exercise, fit for it, as indispensable greatness as the intellectual organs themselves; and one principal reason why so many men, having all the phenomenal indications of greatness, are not distinguished themselves, is a want of that exercise, and why so many women, who in childhood gave such indications of future beauty fall short of expectations as they advance to womanhood, without physical exercise, there can be no real health, and when health disappears beauty cannot long remain."

How is it that so many bright hopes, ambitions and joys are too easily blashed by common care? Why do so many young lives cut short? Why do so many young people of both sexes lead a life which may not inaptly be designated a living death? Poor mortals! Landgut of eye, hectic of cheek, unsteady of nerve, irresolute of manner, aching of head, easily chilled, more easily fatigued and most easily excited? Why all this, and, yes, more than all this? Want of exercise. This, to any perceiving mind, is the obvious reason, for without exercise there can be no real health.

"Health consists in the normal and vigorous action of the physical functions. Health is pleasurable, disease is painful. Health is life, life consists in health. Health is the quintessence of every earthly good, disease of every earthly evil."

The experience of the wisest and greatest men has invariably been that quaint aphorism, *sens sana in corpore sano*—a sound mind in a healthy body—is an expression of true wisdom. Too many persons (ladies especially) disregard this experience, never even thinking what a mighty influence it may possibly exert on what good results could accrue from the practice of the opinions and teachings of so many of the greatest of the great who have adorned this world. Out-door exercise especially seems to speak of them; they bring in to grocers, who have proper refrigerators and other appurtenances to preserve the articles in proper condition, and what house-keeper should grudge a cent more per week on fine hard butter, than to have home swimming mass of every earthly good, disease of every earthly evil."

Who can imitate the enlightened example in those places a farmer does not come in on a blazing hot summer's morning and await the leisurely arrival at 9 a.m. of the citizens to satter around for an hour, by which time his butter is reduced to an oleaginous compound, his other produce vitiated in the sun, and himself and his horses nearly played out with the heat?

No, in those places there is no farmers' market to speak of; they are permitted to dispose of everything they bring in to grocers, who have proper refrigerators and other appurtenances to preserve the articles in proper condition, and what house-keeper should grudge a cent more per week on fine hard butter, than to have home swimming mass of every earthly good, disease of every earthly evil."

Again the farmer and his horses are exposed to the inclement blasts and winter snows, that he must dole out his chickens and meat one by one to dietary purchasers, when he could dispose of all his stock, attend to his business and reach his home in time for dinner.

I have long considered this as a grievance, and should perhaps not have inflicted this long communication on you were it not for two flagrant cases of injustice. It would seem that the butchers in the market shambles have lately been made the victims of a persecution from which other parties are exempt. There is a discrimination practised which makes death of one and foul of another, and I verily believe old they purchase of the same butchers.

This is especially true in the case of the Queen's Own Rifles. Such a fitting, hideous, and short, such a crimson and reverberating of ladies and gentlemen and gentleman and ladies, here and there and everywhere, such a waving of kerchiefs, such a brightening of eyes, such a profusion of smiles and soft speeches, such a battery of coquettish glances, and a shower of rippling laughter, in a word such a carnival of delight is here that it may be conceived, indeed, but not properly described.

When will Kingston have such a place of out door amusement? Surely it is not impossible to have a skating rink here, also land on land not the lake, for many persons who are now prejudiced against a lake rink on account of possible dangers would, with a judicious support one end stand. The latter would also possess the advantage of having skated from the first frost to the last, so that the skating season need not be measured by the time of the freezing of the lake.

Now, Mr. William McCann, perfectly tired of a surfeit of beef and mutton, desires to vary his diet with a little poultry, not intended for any one else, for re-sale, and another of these wretched informers "peaches" on him.

Good heavens! Is a butcher to wait

on the folks on the market, even were any left, and other parties, who have no more right than they, to grease the cots on the fat of the land?

Just try the abrogation of the fare stalling law for one year. One hundred stores, yielding rent and revenue, would start up on every corner of the city, and you stoned a serious grievance to the last, so that the skating season need not be measured by the time of the freezing of the lake.

Yours faithfully,

A FARMER.
Dec. 3, 1880.

ENTERTAINMENT.

First Division—Alice Henstridge, Fannie Baden, Sarah Adams, Eliza Payne, Agnes Lyon.

Second Division—William Kennedy, Margaret McWatters, Sarah McConnell, Clara Watts, Helen Wishart, Francis Henstridge.

Third Division—Eliza Forsythe, Francis Evans, George Little, Mary McCraig, Matilda McDermott, Charles Lindsay.

Fourth Division—Mary Forsythe, Mand Van Order, Hannah Norris, Mary Jane Bell, Alice Fisher, Lily Fisher.

Fifth Division—Robt. Gillespie, John McCraig, Joseph Fish, Isabella Convery, Sixth Division—Frederick Van Orden, Andrew Smith, Mary Williams, William C. Bell, Joseph Forsythe, Charles Baker.

Seventh Division—Letitia Gillespie, Annie Putter, William Smith, John Dobbs, Frank Milne, Alexander Mills, William Halfday.

Eighth Division—David Porter, Dora Hartwick, Robert Floddy, Sarah J. Gillespie, Ruth Porter, William C. Porter, Thomas Domelly.

The Second Vessel.

To the Editor of the Statesman.
DEAR SIR.—May attention has been called to an editorial in your last week's paper concerning letters sent from Bowmanville to a Kingston paper, in which comparisons were made disparaging to the Public Schools of this town. From remarks I have heard made there seems to be an impression in many quarters that I was the writer of the letter spoken of, having but lately taken up a residence and having moved here from Kingston. Now, Mr. Editor, as I did write any such letter, nor have any written or sent, I should feel much obliged if you will give this space in your valuable paper in order that such impression may be removed.

While I have but speak in the high terms of the Kingston schools, and most particularly of their guiding spirit, the Inspector Mr. W. G. Kidd, my residence here has not been long enough for me to attempt any comparison, but as far as I know or can foresee I think that I shall have equal reason to be satisfied with the schools of Bowmanville and their management under the able care of Mr. Oliver.

Respectfully yours,
CHARLES E. WRENTHAM,
Bowmanville, Nov. 24th, 1880.

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EUROPEAN TELEGRAMS.

Latest Occurrences across the Ocean.

GOLD FOR AMERICA.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—\$75,000 in gold were purchased in the open market yesterday for transmission to America.

CHINESE QUESTION.

London, Dec. 3.—A correspondent at St. Petersburg says the chances of a favorable settlement of the Chinese question diminish as the negotiations are prolonged.

FIFTUL POWER.

Cambridge, Dec. 3.—The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred in the Senate House yesterday upon Dr. Littlejohn, Bishop of Long Island, in recognition of his late discourses in the University pulpit.

A TREATY'S PROVISION.

Baltimore, Dec. 3.—A Shanghai correspondent telegraphs that the second treaty drawn up by the United States Commissioners and the Government at Pekin, provides that the Americans shall not import opium or carry the products out now available.

REGULAR COMBINATION.

New York, Dec. 3.—The Catholics of Spain are making common cause with the Bitterites in England in regard to the arrest and the prosecution of Rev. Mr. Dall.

EVACUATION OF CANADA.

London, Dec. 3.—It is reported that the speedy evacuation of Canada has been ordered.

HARVEST FAILED.

SALONIC, Dec. 3.—The harvest at Macedonia was entirely failed. Wheat coming from America.

Market Day.

To the Editor of the British Whig.

SIR.—As a farmer usually bringing a great deal of poultry, vegetables and other produce on the market for consumption by the citizens I think that a good many of the members of the community would like to mitigate against the interests of the city and country. In fact the bazaar is the greatest market, except to the extent of the annual fair, in the city.

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