

THE BRITISH WHIG.

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STICK TO THE FARM. Many of the unemployed in cities this winter have within a few years migrated from the country...

HOW THEY FELT. It is clear that the conservative cabinet were aware of the critical illness of Sir John Thompson...

BEST THING TO DO. F. W. Glen, ex-M.P., now on the New York Advertiser, says a resolution will shortly be moved in the houses of congress...

CREATING NATIONALITY. The country at large will approve of the erection of historical monuments at Lundy's Lane, Grysler's Farm and Chateaugay...

TOO LOP-SIDED. The "Farmers' Sin" produces a comparison of bank stock quotations and compares that with the political world of Canada...

A NOBLE WOMAN. The touching sight of the queen of a great realm being wheeled in a chair to the side of a dead premier...

THE OTTAWA "FREE PRESS" pictures the scenes at Windsor as sadly romantic. The aged sovereign, in the famous castle...

CURRENT TALK. Sir Donald Smith is to be made a peer of the realm. This is a greater distinction than Sir John Macdonald once accorded him...

ried to his grave. The youngest does not live half an hour to give the crown the value of his great ability...

KINDLINESS INDEED. The liberals of the country must be proud of the way their leaders and the press in sympathy with the party...

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KINGSTON IS MEMBERLESS.

It looked on Tuesday as if the conservative member-elect for Kingston had the proverbial nine lives like the traditional cat. Four charges had been heard; the narrowest of escapes had occurred on two and two were quite critical enough to be reserved for judgment...

Of the result there can but be one opinion. The liberals charged that the election was won in the late hours of the day by corrupt use of means, and they have been sustained. The right of appeal for a fair verdict of the people has been upheld, and a purer election will be the result next month...

Victoria Valleys. VICTORIA, Dec. 17.—Canada Hay Co. at W. H. Smith's pressing hay. Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Snider, Farmers' Friend cheese factory, are stopping at her mother's...

Guilty Of Petit Larceny. In the court of sessions at Watertown, N.Y., Duane Shipman, Rockport, came up for trial on a charge of grand larceny in the second degree...

pany promised twenty years ago. The population of London is said to be 5,948,300, and increasing at the rate of 105,000 a year...

Sir John Thompson used to be a newspaper reporter, and for many years MacKenzie Bowell edited and owned the Belleville "Intelligencer."

Rev. Mr. Mullally has become famous by causing a resolution expressing formal approval of Dr. Parkhurst's work as a reformer to be tabled by the New York presbytery...

The Bank of Montreal and two Halifax banks have gone to the rescue of St John's, Nfld., financially. Canada's trade with Newfoundland is \$3,000,000 per year...

The Ohio grand jury has held that the sending of scriptural quotations through the mails on the outside of envelopes or post cards is libellous.

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South Leeds Sayings. SOUTH LEEDS, Dec. 18.—The river is as clear of ice as in July. Some farmers are ploughing yet. Alex. Sliter spent a few days in Brockville last week as a jurymen...

All the patrons from here attended E. W. Jackson's chess meeting on Wednesday evening last. Miss C. Lindsay, seriously ill for a while, is slowly recovering. Thomas Leake has moved to Gananoque for the winter...

Plevna Pointers. PLEVNA, Dec. 14.—There is not much prospect of much winter here. Our good sleighing of last week is nearly all gone. The cheese factory business is prospering under the able management of Messrs. Dawson & Wood...

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THE EDITOR AT HOME.

WHEN THESE FUGITIVE ITEMS FLEW INTO HIS SANCTUM.

Some Things Talked About in the City and District—Kingston as the Hub of the Eastern Section Has Interest For All Our Readers.

The conservative party has put on a Bowell-front.

Anglican services as usual on Sunday in Sharbot Lake parish.

Odessa Methodist church tea-meeting occurs on Christmas night.

Why not call it the national fallacy, asks the Montreal "Herald."

The surplus fund of the Independent Order of Foresters, up to Nov. 1st, was \$1,087,217.99.

A charity concert will be held in the town hall, Sydenham, on New Year's day; admission, 15c.

There is a slight suspicion that G. Flip-flop Marter is destined to be the Li Hung Chang of Ontario.

The debt of Canada has grown in sixteen years of tory rule from \$174,957,000 in 1873, to \$321,089,000 in 1894.

On Sunday last in every Protestant pulpit in Kingston kindly references were made to the memory of Sir John Thompson.

A canvasser started out on a canvass for two Kingston papers last week, brought in a list for the WHIG and a big O for the other.

The SEMI-WEEKLY WHIG has already, within six weeks, reached a circulation larger than the DAILY WHIG had when it was purchased twenty years ago.

After an illness of a month Sidney J. Busch, wood carver, of Kingston, died last week. He was formerly of Wolfe Island, and was known as being quite clever at his profession.

Saturday, 15th December, was almost like Indian summer, the air being soft and balmy. It was as if September and December had clasped hands.

Shooting matches, for which valuable prizes are offered, will be held at Snow Road on Saturday, Dec. 22nd, and at Levant on Christmas day, the former being managed by M. Ferguson, and the latter by the Levant football club.

W. H. Billing, Toronto, has published an attractive new song and tilt, "My Sweetheart, Eloise," composed by Miss Eloise A. Skinnings, of Goderich, writer of several popular Canadian pieces.

David Gibson, of this city, worked in Belleville as a foreman in a printing office while Mackenzie Bowell was a journeyman compositor in another office. Mr. Gibson always found the premier a good friend and a lively companion...

At Littleton, Iowa, two children skated through the ice on a mill pond. A number of people went out to see the hole, and the ice surface giving way five more persons were drowned. It is not well for more than twenty people at once, to endeavor to gratify curiosity about holes in ice...

Queen's college alma mater society gave the annual "conversazione" on Friday evening last, and it was the best managed affair in its long history. The concert programme included songs by Mr. Warrington, of Toronto. There were also bands for dancing upstairs and for promenades down stairs.

ARLEN Announcements. ARLEN, Dec. 18.—After a week's soft weather it turned colder last night; the snow has gone and the roads are very rough. On Tuesday last the funeral of the late Mrs. J. W. Lyman took place at the Methodist church, her death having occurred on the previous Saturday.

The trustees have engaged Blanche Mills as principal, and Victoria Osborne as assistant teacher. The council met yesterday to wind up the business of the year. Everything seems quiet, and not much talk of changes. There is a young son and heir at the house of Peter Brown, station agent. Frank and Jacob Williams have returned from the lumber woods.

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SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

The Kind Of Health A Lady Had. Newmarket Era. We are sorry to report the severe illness of Mrs. Thomas Thompson and trust she may soon regain her wonted health.

Good Canadians At The Coats. Vancouver, B.C., 18th Dec. "Canada for the Canadians," an "Before all I am a Canadian" should be the mottoes of everyone, and the greatest effort of teachers should be to impress upon the minds of their pupils a true national spirit.

Once Turned Legs; Now Turns Heads. Toronto Empire. It is not generally known that Hon. Mackenzie's Bowell's father kept a furniture establishment, and many a day in his early youth has he turned legs or polished table-tops; so that his return to cabinet making will come natural to him.

How They Will Be Remembered. Toronto Mail. Sir John Thompson and Mr. Mackenzie will go down in history together as protectors of the public purse. Mr. Mackenzie wrote that he was like a soldier on duty guarding the treasury against the assaults of pretended friends. The late premier, poor himself as a result of his public services, stood as an enemy of those who seized opportunities to acquire riches at the public cost.

Salaries at Ottawa. Toronto Star. Canada paid Sir John Thompson \$8,000 a year, and he slaved night and day in the service of the country.

Canada pays a governor-general \$50,000 a year. But what slaving does he do? Canada might well think over a proposition to give the big salary to the man who does the work, and let the other man enjoy frilled leisure on the pittance.

Easter To Deal With By'mby. Toronto News. In both South Africa and Australia local federation is the question of the hour, and it will not be long until the example of Canada is followed in these two distant parts of the empire. It is well this is so. It will be easier to unite the whole empire commercially and politically when it consists of three or four large groups than it would be to carry a scheme of consolidation while there are a score of smaller ones to deal with.

Why He Won't Do. Hamilton Herald, No. 18. Some of the newspapers have been nominating Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, for the premiership, but those who know the esteem in which young Mr. Tupper is held by his colleagues at Ottawa, will not regard his chances with much favor. The young fellow is clever, but he is troubled with a swelled head, to use a vulgar phrase, and his colleagues would not put up with his bumpiness for a week. Until he learns how to wear a hat of ordinary size, he can be quietly counted out.

A Temperance Sermon. Ottawa Journal. The murder of Constable Lindsay, for which Trusky was hanged, left a widow and fifteen children unprotected for. Eleven of the children are girls. The execution of the murderer leaves a widow and one child almost penniless. They have a fifty acre farm, but it is mortgaged to almost its value, and the widow says she has nothing to pay the next interest.

A Happy Gathering. DONALDSON'S MILLS, Dec. 17.—A grand concert and Christmas tree was given at Wilbur school, Friday evening. A very lengthy programme was prepared and well carried out. The able manner in which the pupils played their part reflected credit on their teacher, Miss Hanson, and their appreciation of her was made apparent by the numerous valuable presents she received. The chair was ably filled by S. Donaldson, and the music furnished by the Burnham band was very fine. The school room was packed to the door and many had to stand up as there was not room for all to be seated. The tree was filled with valuable presents and the deserving children were not forgotten.

The remains of the late William Martin, killed at the mines at Sudbury, were interred at McDonald's Corners on Friday. He was formerly a resident of Wilbur. Miss Chappel has left our midst and has gone to sing in the choir at Canoto. Mr. Pretty, Queen's, preached here on Sunday. Miss Annie Allan, Mississippi, is visiting friends here. Mrs. S. Donaldson has returned from Perth. Several weddings right on; the bells are ringing.

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