

ship with friends, and advisory opinions of the hospitals of London. I am afraid this is on the rolling train, with the vision leaving us which could scarce keep my pen from writing.

I hope, then, that you lack me no quiet hours, and little time, that I will be able to prepare you a few interesting papers, upon my rambles abroad, the various things I have seen, my experiences in the various islands, and with the great men of my own profession both in London and Paris, and some other matters that will be of general interest to your numerous and varied readers. Meantime, wishing you all the best of success, I remain,

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Daily British Whig.

Under her Ocean Lure.

Murder will out, and so it transpired that a distinguished member of the present Dominion Cabinet, Hon. John O'Connor, is being sued for money said to have been loaned to him to qualify him for parliament at the last election. The plaintiff in the case is a lady, Miss Margaret Larkin, and the amount sought to be recovered, about \$500, should not be considered a very enormous amount for a Cabinet minister to repay. It would not have been a very big thing for his colleagues to raise, especially with the syndicate at their backs, and the wonder is they did not contribute the amount among them for O'Connor's benefit and thus prevent this interesting bit of scandal from seeing the light.

The wheels of justice may be slow sometimes; but they overtake the offender very frequently when he deems himself beyond the reach of retribution, and when he fancies that time has absolved not only all traces but all memory of his crime. This certainly has been the experience of Mr. Cormack, a man slayer who undid his escape to the United States after the commission of his crime of killing John Pangman in the county of Simcoe; but who, after eleven years of fancied security, has been arrested, extradited, tried and found guilty of manslaughter. Whatever may be true of other crimes, that of murder almost invariably seems fitted to be overtaken and punished, no matter what pains may be taken to cover the bloody tracks of the criminal.

The best that can be said for the "Fair Trade" movement in England is that it is being promoted for dishonest party purposes, and that it may have the effect not only of winning a few constituencies from the Government, but also of diverting public attention from the Reform of the English Land laws. "Fair Trade" is praised as a "telling cry" for electoral purposes, and N.P. organ in Canada are enjoying their own predictions that it will prove as successful in Great Britain at next election as the "retaliatory policy" did here in 1878. Time will prove that the policy of Free Trade is too inseparably bound up with the prosperity of England and the expansion of her wealth and commerce to be supplanted by this miserable Fair Trade political parody. The people of Great Britain appreciate too well the vast advantages they have derived from an enlightened trade policy ever again to fetter themselves with the shackles of protection monopoly and taxation.

Although Mr. Bradlaugh cannot get into the British Parliament at present, there is one deliberative body to membership in which he is fully qualified. We refer to the International Federation of Free Thinkers, now in session in England, and of which the outcome from the British Parliament has been elected Speaker or President. This honour will no doubt be some solace to him for the indignities he has suffered in trying to force himself into the House of Commons, especially from the Speaker of that august body. The attempt of Bradlaugh to express the sympathy of the convention over which he presides to the Garfield family and the American people was rather a curious one. He said that it might be regarded as an impertinence for the convention to formally tender its sympathy, inasmuch as Garfield himself was during his whole career profoundly religious; and so Mr. Bradlaugh contented himself with an informal expression of condolence. The tribute here paid to Garfield's religious character, coming from such a source, is a notable one, while the crippled way in which the Free Thinkers extended their sympathy is worthy of remark as illustrating one of the disabilities of infidelity.

NEXT YEAR'S PROVINCIAL.

If Kingston should get the Provincial Fair for next year after being snubbed by refusal it will not be much to be grateful for. It will be because Toronto does not want it and won't have it, and it will be given to us much as a refuse bone is thrown to a dog. Let it not be supposed that the Queen City is refusing the Fair purely and solely in the interest of Kingston. The people of Toronto do not want the Provincial because they believe that it will not be as successful as their annual Industrial Exhibition alone, while they know that the proceeds will go to the Agricultural and Arts Association, which otherwise they would keep for themselves. It is this very gibe money the Provincial Association is after in placing the Fair at Toronto, so that it is a game of grab on both sides. Still Toronto, unlike some other places we might name, has acted honorably and consistently in the matter, having from the first manifested a disinclination to take the Provincial next year, and having put in not only a good word but a good vote in favour of this deserving section of the country.

It really looks through the exhibition is going a beggar, and that very shortly not only will there be no inducements held out to secure it has that no one will want it on any terms. It is badly in need of either reconstruction or dissolution—the latter preferred—and the sooner it receives the required station at the hands of the Government the better for all concerned.

PRISONERS AND THE PRESS.

TRANSPORTING AND FORWARDING.

No Reason to Believe that the Large No. 2 will be Abandoned—Resuming the Other Way.

Montreal Herald.

Of course there is not, and has not for a long time been anything to prevent a reasonably sized vessel, quite large enough for safety on the ocean, to pass from Chicago to any European or other Atlantic port. This trip has been made more than once; but in spite of the boasting of those concerned there has not been such repetition of the voyage as would seem to indicate that it had really been profitable. Nor will it be rendered more so by the opening of the enlarged Welland, because, though that will create an enormous navigation fit for all the very largest ships of modern build and extending from the heads of Lakes Michigan and Superior to the foot of Ontario at Kingston, it does nothing for the distance between Kingston and Montreal. Nor is it likely that much can be done for though no doubt various obstacles to free navigation between these points may be and will be removed it seems pragmatically impossible to procure a smooth, available depth of water. The difficulty is this, that between Kingston and Montreal you not only have to manoeuvre in order to get over the old portages, but to remove bars, boulders, etc., from particular places, you have to excavate the bottom all along except where you find an accidental hole. There seems then to be every prospect that notwithstanding the vast expanse of inland waters and the thousands of miles of coast, which will be available without breaking barge to very large vessels, Kingston must be the eastern limit of their voyages. That this is so from geographical causes is probably of less importance than it would have been had not mechanical reasons brought us to the same conclusion; but it is very doubtful whether, even if very large sailing ships, it may not pay so to pass them. The business of the great lakes requires an equipment so much more expensive than that which is wanted for a river and canal barge that the interest and wear and tear on the costly vessel would go far to pay the expense of the transfer, especially if it be true, as we have heard, that the condition of grain is much improved by being turned over once in the course of the voyage.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Since Sir John has received his new title the alphabet talks of making an assignment.

Winnipeg Sun. As for De Winton he is the most unpopular ass that ever struck this country.

During all the weary days of his sickness the late President never said one word against the assassin.

Ignorance is so universal on this continent that it is necessary to say that "Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch," the name of a Welsh parish, is pronounced as if written thus: "Thlanvrepoolehgwingergoblochthian" dialogued.

DESIGNS ON ARTHUR.

London Advertiser. The gentlemen who, in virtue of a few misdirected votes, now rule us at Ottawa, said it was a mistake to have Canada a cheap country to live in. Well, if it was so the rumor lacks confirmation.

Washington, Sept. 28.—The rumor of the plot to assassinate Arthur arose from the sworn statement of Bayley, an attaché of the army and of the Surgeon General's Department, to the effect that while in bed in the room in a house No. 46, Missoni, on Monday night he heard two men standing in the front of his room discussing the question. One asked the other whether he would kill him with a knife, and when the latter appeared at the window to shoot him dead, Mason's precipitacy spoiled the plot.

The Times says a delegation of southern Republicans, headed by Jack Brown, of Georgia, yesterday urged the President to appoint W. W. Hicks, of Florida, to the Postmaster-Generalship.

A soldier of the Second Artillery states that he and a dozen others guarding Guitone had agreed to attract the attention of the assassin by military drill, and when the latter appeared at the window to shoot him dead, Mason's precipitacy spoiled the plot.

The Tribune speaking of the extra session says that the President is quoted as saying that he deprecated anything like a dead lock and consequent waste of time such an issue precipitated. He is said to have expressed himself favorable to the candidacy of some one occupying the middle ground. When the news of Mr. Davis' withdrawal came he said he thought such a selection would be entirely satisfactory. There is a belief that James A. MacVeagh will not be allowed to resign until the Star route propositions have ended, lest any failure on the part of the Government might be attributed to a desire to shield the accused parties. The name of Logan is spoken in connection with the Inter-Department and Emery Storrs with the Department of Justice. Gen. D. C. Buell, Kentucky, is mentioned in connection with the War Department.

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MONTRAL STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, Sept. 28.—The stock market was as follows:

Stocks—Montreal, 100; Galt, 100;

Montreal Bank, 125; Galt, 125;

Bank of Commerce, 100; Galt, 100;

Ontario Bank, 75; Galt, 75;

Bank of Toronto, 100; Galt, 100;

Bank of Montreal, 100; Galt, 100;

Bank of Quebec, 100; Galt, 100;

Bank of Upper Canada, 100; Galt, 100;

Bank of Nova Scotia, 100; Galt, 100;

Bank of New Brunswick, 100; Galt, 100;

Bank of Prince Edward Island, 100; Galt, 100;

Bank of Newfoundland, 100; Galt, 100;

Bank of British Columbia, 100; Galt, 100;

Bank of Yukon, 100; Galt, 100;

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