

The Daily British Whig

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 14, 1879.

REMEMBRS.

MacLellan, the Wizard, at City Hall.

Meeting of Frontenac Agricultural Society.

Meeting of Electoral Division Society.

Meeting of Frontenac Lodge, Catewaug.

Well and truly was it stated by one of the speakers in the Local Legislature, that a false report, if believed but for three days, would materially assist a cause.

The Tory demagogues proceeded on this old political adage during the Dominion elections and were largely assisted by this very means in retaining power.

Judging from the misstatements of the Macpherson pamphlets the same weapons have been determined upon for the local campaign.

The people's credulity has already, however, been over-taxed by Tory misrepresentation, and the electors are not just now in a mood to be crammed by the confidence men in the Conservative party.

The lying tactics of last Sept. cannot be successfully repeated in the ensuing contest.

Mr. Meredith, in the course of his opening speech as leader of the Opposition, gave a home thrust to Sir John Macdonald, and such other pretended friends of Confederation as were opposed to it when it was consummated, and who are now known to favour a return to a legislative union of the Provinces and the abolition of self-government.

"There was no party in the country which would advocate the retrograde steps which legislative union implied.

True men of both parties will cordially endorse this sentiment uttered by Mr. Meredith, and Sir John will doubtless be warned thereby not to give offensive prominence to his cherished preference for legislative union, and will doubtless continue to play the more popular, if through hypocritical, role of Fathers of Confederation.

Whatever may be the intention of our neighbours, as to their emulation of the British-Canadian Indian policy, it is certain the humane treatment of their Red Men has not yet been reduced to practice there. U.S. troops pursued and indiscriminately captured the band of Indians who had escaped incarceration from Fort Robinson, Nebraska.

Over-taken, thirty-seven squaws and children surrendered and were not butchered, but the roll of the dead Indians shot in the chase included "thirty warriors, eight squaws and two children."

These red-handed measures may seem to be necessary, but they are certainly far from creditable to the self-assumed magnanimity of a great people. Surely some milder and yet equally effective means could be devised by our neighbours for the treatment of this remnant of the aboriginal occupants of their country.

A NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICE.

Dowd was hanged today for the murder of Ward, the husband of his paramour, the sentence of the latter being, for special reasons, commuted to a seven years' term of penitentiary incarceration.

The frequency of executions of late has stirred up fresh the question of capital punishment. Very little opinion has been expressed in favor of its abolition, but a good deal has been urged, and that with very much force and reason in favor of the humane possible application of it.

The Toronto Telegram cites the French guillotine or a Spanish dissection table as a sign of deadly poison as one of all preferable to the brutal mode of hanging with a rope, especially when the latter is bunglingly done. Referring to a recent case in point to the cruel and tedious strangulation of Farrel, the Hamilton Times suggests that no blundering novice be again entrusted with what is really an important duty, but that some single adept in the dreadful art be appointed, who shall discharge or share the duties of his office whenever or wherever throughout the country his services may be required.

The adoption of this humane suggestion would place one more post in the patronage of the Government, and we have very little doubt that even the office of official hangman in the fever-heated rage of the present office hunting mania, would elicit the application of more than one aspiring Canadian Calcraft. We certainly think that such an appointment by the present Dominion Government would be in the interest of the public decencies of humanity, although the question of qualification would be one not easily determined.

THE PRESIDENCY.

Tilden's prospects for the next Presidency are brightening. Unless the exigencies of party otherwise determine, poetic as well as common justice will demand that Tilden be accorded a square chance of winning a position, to which he was certainly assigned by the popular vote of the Continental year, but out of which he was most barefacedly defrauded.

An influential Democratic caucus recently declared in his favor for the party candidate, and present appearance indicate that he will again be called upon to bear the Democratic banner in the next ensuing Presidential campaign.

Grant will in all probability be his Republican opponent, Blaine, of Maine, being the only applicant on that side to divide with the ex-President the chances of nomination. Had Grant been opposed to Tilden in the struggle of 1876 the veteran victor would without doubt have been vanquished.

It would have been utterly impossible for the man who had made his very name a synonym for venality and repugnance to have rallied the Republican hosts in favour of the "third term," on which he was known to have set his heart. But the memory of these objections has long been considerably blunted by the lapse of time, and the obvious which have everywhere in Europe greeted the hero of the American civil war have so tickled American vanity that now Gen. Grant is in high favour and feather with the Republican party. At this distance from the battle it is of course impossible to forecast the result, but balancing the probabilities the contest would seem to be a lively one between the men we have mentioned, the chances slightly, we should say, in favour of Tilden.

JANE SHORE.

THE BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE OF MISS WARD.

The wonderful impersonation of Jane Shore by Miss Geeseville Ward, at the Opera House last night, was witnessed by a crowded house, and, if the vehement applaudings of the gods and public general approval are any criterion, the performance was enthusiastically received. Nothing could be more true to nature than Miss Ward's rendition of the fallen favourite. As the imperial mistress she was at once beautiful and majestic. Her commanding presence, as she is face to face with the queen, is a striking evidence that personal beauty and stately bearing is not the exclusive birthright of royalty, and that the noblest traits of the human heart and soul are to be found in the number ranks. The plot is not a flattering one for royalty. It is an awful protest against the "one man" power, and an immense argument in favor of popular government from the drama is of the highest order, and would prove as morally advantageous if performed in the presence of a Sunday school as in a theatre. The sanctity of the marriage tie, the sacred association of home, parentage and virtue, shine out resplendently in contrast with the dark intrigues of royalty and the bitterness of brilliant dishonor. In the character of Henry Shore's Mr. Levick was most admirable. Possessing a splendid physique and a remarkably handsome face, from which beamed forth the very soul of honor, he did full justice to his important part.

As an actor, it is at once apparent the moment he comes upon the stage that he is to be the "man born." Every gesture is graceful, and his voice is deep, rich and full of pathos. Mr. Cahart, as "Duke of Gloster," proved himself a talented actor. His impersonation of that royal scamp was perfect even to the slight hump upon the back, which characterized His Royal Highness. A combination of brutal coarseness and royal refinement was displayed by the actor which brought "Gloster" as it were face to face with the audience in all his true characteristics. Mr. Andrew Jackson was excellent as honest John Grout. One's heart ascended to warm towards him as the representative of an honest whole-souled Englishman of the working class, who succumbed to the temptations of the Queen Elizabeth, Miss Eva Garrick, as "Queen Elizabeth," performed well her part, though the lawless requirements of her character as a lawless queen and enemy of Jane Shore, with whom the audience sympathized much, made it a difficult one. Miss Rose Parker as "Housekeeper," Miss Livingston as "Lady Cowie," Miss Alexander as "Dance Gristle," Miss Horton as "Lady Melles," did admirably, as also did Mr. Little as "Lord Cote," Mr. Kilday as "Casterly," "Little Eva," as "Duke of York," and Messrs. Miller and Young as ruffians.

The whole drama was presented truthfully and artistically. The snow scene was very natural and could not be improved upon. We wish the Ward Combination a pleasant and successful tour through the Province, and trust we may see them again at some future day.

THE PAPERS.

"PETERSON'S MAGAZINE."—We should not always be praising Peterson's Lady's Book, and yet we have to do it justice. The February number is unsurpassed.

"THE MINING RECORD."—This New York publication, representing the mining interests of North America, is published by Mr. A. R. Chisholm, and is a credit to him. A great amount of mining news is told weekly.

ENGINEERING.—"The Engineering and Mining Journal" of New York, is a very handsome weekly with wide connections in the far west, and the coal mines of Pennsylvania. The engineering engravings are often highly artistic. The Scientific Publishing Company, 27 Park Place, are proprietors.

PATORAL FOR 1879.—We have received the thirty-second annual address, issued by the House of the Religious Societies, Dublin. It is written in forcible language by the Rev. Thos. Scott, A.M., and is intensely Protestant. It urges strongly the forming of Protection Societies to assist Reformed Roman Priests.

A NEW ARRIVAL.—The first number of "Andrew's American Queen," a new illustrated publication is before us. Its departments cover society news from all parts, book, musical, dramatic, and art criticism, essays, sketches, stories, poems, etc. A continued story will be an attractive feature. The new journal will attract a field in some respects different from any other and present fresh and attractive features throughout. A sample copy can be obtained by enclosing 15 cents to W. R. Andrews, "Tribune" Building, New York.

The City Teachers.

We are pleased to observe the commendable spirit of advancement which exists among some of the city teachers.

Y. only we gave the names of the successful candidates in the recent examination, and prominent among these appeared Misses Etsa McIlroy and Eva McDonald. In the case of the former it is not necessary that she should be a competitor for honors. She already possessed a Second Class "B" certificate which qualified her for higher, but her ambition led her to seek higher qualifications, and her efforts have been successful, her papers being as a most successful character, such as to "entitle her to a certificate of grade 'A'."

Miss Eva McDonald was qualified to fill the position to which she has been recently appointed, but she had not a day to "rest and be thankful," rather she applied herself to her studies, and has now the satisfaction of holding a certificate valid for all time. The Board of School Trustees must be pleased with these two of their late appointments, the spirit manifested by whom cannot be too highly appreciated.

NEURALGIA.—A never failing remedy for pain; Neuralgia gives instant relief; Nervousness, headache, neuralgia and rheumatic pains; Neuralgia is unequalled for the speedy relief of all nerve, internal and local pains; N. is the most speedy, safe and effectual remedy for cramps, pain in the stomach, and kindred complaints. Neuralgia is sold only by N. C. Polson & Co., druggists.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CAPT. HORSLEY.

In connection with the report of the Committee on Fire, Water and Gas, the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department last evening sent in his annual report to the City Council. The document is full and complete, and contains all desirable information. The Capt.'s first spoke of the organization of the brigade, which he pointed out was different from any other Department in Canada. It is only one company, and so arranged and drilled that men can be used as hose men or hook and ladder men, thereby doing away with all the petty strife and jealousy which always exist when there are two or more companies in the Fire Department. He testified that the system worked admirably, and that since the organization was reformed, had gained for the Department a reputation that the citizens of Kingston should feel proud of. After speaking of the apparatus and the fire station, he refers to the Firemen's Hall, situated in the Department building. It has been furnished and fitted up at the expense of the members of the Department. The men have also established a reading and debating room for the purpose of gaining information regarding fire duty, and to keep up the esprit de corps. He alludes to the tournament held last summer—the first in Canada, and a great success—and the formation of a Firemen's Association. He then makes a number of recommendations, commencing with the Department building at Washington is one of the grandest buildings in the world.

The St. John, N. B., publishes marriage engagements, with the ages of the parties.

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Vice-Chancellor Blake will try the North York election petition at Newmarket, on the 21st, and the East Elgin petition at St. Thomas, on the 27th.

John Livingston, of Ailsa Craig, has been committed for forgery. Two cases have been proved, and eight cases are pending. Liabilities, \$15,000; assets, little or nothing.

A Western paper remarks in its financial analysis that money is so plentiful that young men are wearing pantaloons with checks on them. Money is scarce, probably there will be drafts through it.

A young lady who has for years been in the convent of St. Marie, Hochelaga, recently left the institution by special permission of the Pope. For some time she had been desirous of quitting convent life.

A Good Record.

The Committee on Streets for 1878 has been most fortunate in making such a nearly neat, as shown by a statement presented to the City Council at its meeting last evening:

Table with 3 columns: Location, Appropriation, and Expenditure. Rows include Catarauqui Ward, Ontario, Frontenac, Rideau, St. Lawrence, York, Victoria, Streets (generally), Union Street, Barris St., Division St., Grove St., Naming Streets, and Surplus.

WIND WAPIS.

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On dit that the Dominion Government has determined on a 10 per cent. reduction on salaries of the Ministers and officials in the inside and outside service. The good resolution will last about six months.

When the Princess Lillian is at home, the Royal Standard is hoisted at the Government House, Ottawa, and the Union Jack is displayed.

Book agents and white-washers know just when to call.

Judge Wynne, of the Common Pleas, who succeeds to the position in the Supreme Court, vacated by Judge Ritchie, is a son of the late Rev. Dr. Wynne, of Castle Knock, Dublin, a minister of the Church of England. He is partly a Kingstonian, having studied law with the late Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq., Q.C., of Kingston, being called to the Bar in 1857.

PROBABILITIES.—Moderate to fresh westerly to northwesterly winds, and cloudy to partly cloudy colder weather with snow surges.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A new glove factory is to be started at New Glasgow in sailing at \$2 a cord in Peterborough.

The Toronto Public School Board expects 139 teachers.

Deaths have occurred from yellow fever, Rio Janeiro.

The case of the Oka Indians has been further postponed till July.

Hon. Mr. Gladstone has consented to contest Mid Lothian.

Mrs. Anger, wife of the ex-Attorney General of Quebec, is dead.

Oregon drives a large trade in 'chip-munk' skins for 'kid' gloves.

Gentlemen in mourning in Philadelphia wear black ribbon in the buttonhole.

Mrs. Ward Becker's New Year's callers were numbered by the thousands.

London, like Rome, has had a visitation of seas, imported in Oriental mutton.

The salt tax in India has been raised until it amounts to eighteen times the cost price of salt in England.

A Cincinnati contractor has made a contract with French capitalists to build a railroad from Montreal to Jaffe.

Dean Stanley says that the Department Building at Washington is one of the grandest buildings in the world.

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EUROPEAN.

Shipwreck—Business Failures—Colliery Explosion.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

London, Jan. 14.—The American ship "Thos. Reed," bound from San Francisco for Liverpool, was totally wrecked near Linnay Head yesterday. By means of a line twenty of the crew were saved; three were named overboard, and by the number of casualties and the extent of the damage cannot be learned, as fog air in the main prevents exploration.

Cardiff, Jan. 14.—There was an explosion in the Dinas colliery in the Rhondda Valley last night. About sixty persons are believed to have been killed. London, Jan. 14.—Crimstone Bros., merchants, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, have failed. Liabilities, £92,500.

McKay & Kinross, extensive wholesale stationery printers and publishers, Glasgow, have failed. Liabilities are large.

A Berlin despatch says the Parliamentary Punishment Bill continues the chief topic of conversation. The opinions of the foreign press are eagerly quoted in comparison with the articles in the journals here. Abroad there is more opposition than in Germany. There is certainly great opposition here, though the English mind and it is somewhat surprising to find as much uncontrolled rejoicing in view of the fate which seems to threaten the freedom of speech and the liberty of the press.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—The czar has appointed a special High Commission to elaborate a special law to reduce the expenditure of the Government.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

Condensed into the most readable shape.

P. S. Stevenson, formerly of the G. T. R., has been appointed American agent of Potter line of Steamships between Europe and Australia, and will sail on the 15th inst. of the Supreme Court opens on the 20th inst. A large number of cases has been entered for hearing.

L. Everett denies that Farrell's hangman was a French Canadian, and says that the remuneration he received was 8 lbs. in gold.

Mr. Severn, President of the Brewery and Malsters' Association of Ontario, will represent the same to the Secretary of State, a petition praying for the repeal of the Dunkin Act in the County of York.

The N. Y. Herald's Paris cable announces that Gen. Grant leaves Paris on Saturday for Montreal, and sails thence on Saturday on Thursday in the regular French steamer. He does not visit the steamer Richmond.

William Oxford, a well known Toronto thief, was found guilty of high robbery this morning at the police court, and sent to the Central Prison for two years. On the night of the mayoralty contest at Oxford, he garrotted a man named Tillison, near the Don Bridge.

LABOUR AND WAGES.

Colton Operatives to Strike—Barrow in Trouble.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

London, Jan. 13.—A strike of cotton operatives, at Preston is feared on the 23rd inst., when a 10 per cent. reduction will be enforced.

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The strike on the Midland railway is virtually ended, the men at the central station at Derby, by whose action a number of other places agreed to be gone, having unexpectedly resumed today.

Paris, Jan. 13.—The velvet manufacturers of St. Etienne have resolved to reduce wages 20 per cent. as the only means of forcing foreign competition.

OTTAWA.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—Mr. E. Gurney, Jr., President of the Ontario Manufacturing and Industrial Association, and Mr. W. H. Fraser, Secretary, both of Toronto, arrived at Ottawa last night. They bring with them the reports of the Association Committee, and are to have an interview with Hon. Mr. Tilley to-morrow, when they will be joined by deputations from Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick manufacturers.

Messrs. Severn, O'Keefe, Cagrove and Waller, brewers of Toronto, have arrived in the city, and in company with a number of Quebec brewers and maltsters who are expected to arrive this morning, will have an interview with Hon. Mr. Tilley to-day. The object of their visit is to urge the desirability of throwing off the duty of one cent imposed on malt two years ago.

(To the Editor of the British Whig.)

Dear Sir,—I would like to ask the necessities and apprentices of this city if they intend to take advantage of the opportunities which are now being placed in their way by the Mechanics Institute?

To those who have decided to make use of these classes, and to be opened, the other information supplied by such an Institute I have nothing to say. But I would like to draw the attention of those who have not so decided to some facts, and to do so will add a few questions, which I will leave each one to answer to his own satisfaction. Who earns the highest wages? Who earns the lowest wages? Who is the steadiest employment? Who is first dismissed? Who becomes a foreman? Who finds fault with his work? Who becomes the hardest to get work? Who becomes the hardest to get work? Who becomes the hardest to get work?

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