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The War News.

The news received on Saturday respecting the European negotiations as to the Congress and the treaty of peace was decidedly favorable to us. The dead lock between England and Russia seemed to offer no hope of an arrangement. England insisting upon a formal engagement by Russia to submit all the clauses of the treaty to the Congress, and Russia claiming that a formal engagement to that effect was unnecessary. This unfavorable attitude caused great commotion on the London markets, consuls were depreciated and boudinets advanced, and a general impression appeared to prevail that an amicable settlement was further off than ever. Later intelligence, however, states that Russia has yielded to Bismarck's representations, and consented to submit all the peace conditions without exception to the Congress, should the plenipotentiaries make any demand in that direction. Both Bismarck and Andrassy declare themselves satisfied with this, and it is now regarded as certain that the Congress will meet, to be preceded by a preliminary conference of the ambassadors at Berlin to arrange the mode of procedure. It is stated, however, that England has obtained from the Posts permission to land troops on the Island of Tenedos and to send four more ironclads to the Sea of Marmora. There is also some talk of serious negotiations between England and Austria, pointing to the probable conclusion of a treaty, but this will, doubtless, be modified, in view of Russia's latest concession.

Treatment of Inebriates.

The Trustees of the Toronto General Hospital have resolved on a course which promises to be attended by great and beneficial results. They propose to undertake the treatment of inebriates. For the last year the cases of this kind which have been brought to the Hospital have been treated with so much success as to leave no doubt about the possibility of the disease being successfully controlled. The patient has the slightest desire for reform. This desire, however, is found to be so much an essential that where it does not exist there is no use, the Trustees say, in sending on such cases.

One great recommendation of the system proposed to be adopted in the Hospital is that the treatment is to be private. It will not be proclaimed to all and sundries as it is when one goes or is sent to an inebriate asylum that he is a drunkard, and has been treated as if he were a lunatic. Those who wish to be freed from the terrible malady (for however much brought on by themselves it is a malady) will come as ordinary paying patients, and will be regarded and treated as such. We are convinced that a large number who have lost all control of themselves, and are yet longing and anxious to be freed from the cruel bondage of inebriety, will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity which in this way is offered to them. We hope the movement will be successful as it certainly deserves to be.

Reports from the north state that the Georgian Bay and Lake Huron are perfectly free from ice. At Owen Sound a steamer is already fitting out for the coming season, being announced to leave on April 5th. To all appearance navigation will everywhere open up fully a month earlier than usual, providing there is no unnecessary delay in putting the canals in proper order.

The Whitton Review intimates that the Duke of Manchester will succeed Lord Dufferin in Canada, because the Duchess will not leave home.

It is estimated that Russia's loss during the late war was 100,000 men, Roumania 30,000, Serbia 10,000, and Montenegro 15,000. Before the war began, the Turkish territory in Europe, exclusive of Servia, Montenegro and Roumania, which paid tribute, covered 124,863 square miles, with a population of 10,400,000. The territory which now remains directly under Turkish control in Europe contains less than two millions of people and does not cover twenty thousand square miles. When the war broke out Turkey had a population of nearly thirty millions to draw upon for fighting material. Today she has less than twenty millions; and if we exclude Egypt from our calculations, the actual subject of the Sultan do not now number more than sixteen millions. Still, there is a great deal more territory left to the Turk than is likely to make a good use of. The Sultan has fifteen millions of subjects in Asia Minor, spread over the fairest portion of the earth, and competent, under wise administration, to sustain a population of forty or fifty millions. The Asiatic possessions of the Sultan to day cover about six hundred thousand square miles, the extent of which will be better understood when we call to mind that the area of England is only a little over fifty thousand square miles.

Rail to Manitoba.

The council at Winnipeg reports much activity in railroad matters in Manitoba. Canadian and English parties have purchased the first mortgage bonds of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad and propose to construct a northern extension in Minnesota from Red Lake River to the Manitoban frontier during the summer. They also propose to complete the Penobina Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, to connect with the Minnesota extension, and by the first of next November expect that trains will be running from St. Paul to Winnipego, and twenty miles from there north to where the branch line crosses the main line of the Canada Pacific at Selkirk. From this point contracts are in execution for the construction of the main line eastward to the Lake of the Woods, 100 miles, and an equal distance westward of Thunder Bay to Lake Superior is also under contract. The council thinks a mutually profitable intercourse between the Dominion and the West will be established by this time.

On Thursday the 28th ult., a lodge of Oddfellows, to be known as Brineford Lodge, No. 210, was instituted at Brineford by Messrs. Gibson, P. G. M., and Henderson, P. G.

Mr. Gob Sleeman, of the Silver Creek Brewery, Guelph, purposes proceeding at once with the erection of a larger beer brewery. It will be built adjacent to his present premises, 30 by 60 feet and two stories in height. The fitting up will be done in such a manner as to make it the model brewery of the country. The work will be pushed on rapidly, and Mr. Sleeman expects to be manufacturing the best sample of lager that has yet been made in the country by the first of June.

TOBACCO ADULTERATION. — The *Patt Mail Gazette*, of London, England, says: "The popular belief that bad cigars are made of cabbage leaves is not justified by the last official report on tobacco adulteration. This document contains a tabulated account of the seizures of spurious tobacco made in the United Kingdom since 1864; and in the whole paper there is no mention whatever of the much-suspected vegetable. Its place in the black list is supplied by a variety of ingredients large enough to rejoice the heart of any member of the Anti-tobacco League. The dishonest dealer in things smokable is shown by the report to make use of three different sorts of materials besides that which he professes to employ." The first sort for the actual substance of the cigar, the second for improving its outward part to what it is supposed to be a better taste. In the former category the favorite substances seem to be the leaves of the lime tree, the buds of wheat and oats, cotton, yarn, and torn meat. But there are numerous cases where the ingredients have been much more curiously selected and have included coconut fibre, small seeds, cotton, wood, and bread. At one establishment 50 lbs. of "tobacco dust" were found, and analysed, when it was shown to contain string, wood, nails, fragments of tobacco pipes, dirt, and all sorts of refuse. Another large class of materials is apparently used for covering the adhesion and consistency of the cigar when made. Amongst these starch is the most prominent; but it includes gum and ammonia, blue, gun, arabic, glue, glycerine, and essential oils. The colour of the fabrication is the next thing to be attended to, and for this purpose resort is had to yellow ochre, red sandalwood, logwood, lampblack, and Venetian red. As for the flavour of the cigar, it is varied to suit the most diverse tastes; but the usual object seems to be to impart to it a pleasing sweetness of tone. Accordingly saccharine matter, and especially treacle, is very largely pressed into the service. For those who like a more decided taste, liquorice, salt, wood-gum, and aniseed are used. It is in Dublin, where the latter ingredient is most fashionable, while Edinburgh is fond of treacle and sugar, and East London is addicted to liquorice.

The Conservatives of Wentworth meet in Hamilton, 23rd inst., to select candidates for the general elections.

The Russian fleet seems to be keeping an eye on British Columbia. A few weeks ago a sloop of war put into Esquimalt harbour for repairs.

When the works now in progress on the Welland Canal are completed, this great canal will have locks 270 feet by 48, with twelve feet depth of water to be ultimately raised to fourteen. The total length will be 261 miles, or three quarters of a mile less than the old canal. The difference of level between Lake Ontario and Lake Huron is 323 feet, which is surrounded by 21 locks, each having a lift of 14 feet.

The Government has made an offer to the Ojibwa Indians to remove them to Manitoulin Island, where they will get free grants of lands, with \$20,000 in cash, in settlement of their claims against the Seminoys. The Indians have the matter under consideration.

Messrs. Sheehan, M.P.P., Rinfret, M.P.P., and A. H. Murphy have been selected as the Grit candidates at the local elections for Quebec East, Centre, and West, respectively.

The Donatian has now on its register 7,352 ships, measuring 11,310,455 tons register. This places Canada 5th on the list of maritime nations.

A strike is expected in the cotton mills, at Fall River, Mass., over the contemplated reduction of wages by fifteen per cent.

At Barrie, the other day, a young gentleman had to pay a fine of cost of \$520 for smoking in the post office after having been requested by a constable to desist.

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strike was committed for trial.

Godat's induction is expressed at his conduct, and the leading temperance men are determined that the case shall be pushed to its utmost limit, and, if guilty, they desire to see him punished.

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County Council.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment, on Tuesday, March 12th, at the Court House, at 1 o'clock p.m. The Warden in the chair. Members present: — Messrs. Buck, Foster, Lindsay, Lyon, McKeown, McKenzie, McFarlin, Ramsey, Robins, and Wallace. There was also present William Clay, Esq., Reeve of Equesing, who filed with the Clerk the necessary certificate of election and qualification.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that By-law No. 104 provide for the appointment of Auditors for the current year the first time, and carried.

By law read the first time, and the Warden nominated Harvey M. Switzer as Auditor, in room of Duncan Dewart, who was appointed Under By-law No. 104, but was found to be disqualified.

Mr. MacKenzie moved, seconded by Mr. Ramsey, that the Treasurer be instructed to pay to the contractor furnishing wood for jail and Court House, such a sum as will be equal to the amount of wood delivered at date. Carried.

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Mr. Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Foster, that the report of the Standing Committee on Education be referred to the committee on Education for three months commencing on the first day of May next, for the purpose of attending the Paris Exhibition. Carried.

Mr. Foster moved, seconded by Mr. Lyon, that the Warden be granted leave of absence from the meetings of this Council for three months commencing on the first day of May next, for the purpose of attending the Paris Exhibition. Carried.

Mr. Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Foster, that this Council adjourn until the first day in June. Carried.

Council adjourned.

Council adjourned. The Warden in the chair.

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