

HIS GRACE OF PORTLAND.

The tall, slender, almost emaciated man, with shoulders but slightly bowed by age, with the fine clear-cut features, a high forehead, a flyaway cape, culminating in a Gothic arch collar, is the present head of the historic family of Bontick.

Communications.

For the "Agriculturist." Sir.—The public may wish to know, through your columns, how our city soldiers are doing, under the command of Captain Cropley, since they commenced their annual drill.

IMPROVEMENT SOCIETIES.

There is throughout the United States an aesthetic spirit abroad, and it shows itself in the desire of the dwellers in small towns and villages to beautify their places of abode.

A CASE AGAINST AN INSURANCE COMPANY.

A case tried before Judge Duff at the present Circuit Court St. John, in which the National Insurance Company of Montreal were defendants, has excited feelings in many circles.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Large additions have been made to the Steam Fire Engine House on King Street. The work is now finished and the contractor, to-day, hands over the completed building to the city.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces held its 33rd Annual Session with the Baptist Church in this city during the past week.

YELLOW FEVER.

Yellow fever has been committing great ravages in the Southern States, both among whites and blacks, and by late accounts the pestilence was still spreading.

BASK BALL TOURNAMENT.

The Mutual B. B. Club of this city, are making preparations to hold a great bask ball tournament during the Exhibition week, and the citizens are aiding them in their laudable efforts.

The Duke overtook the Duke of Portland in the left hand corner of the enormous building, there is no sign of trepidation among those assembled.

The Company now, by all appearance, is ready for inspection, as they had a sort of battalion drill last evening under Lieut. Johnston, while the Captain looked on as Commandant.

Improvement Societies are confined to small towns and villages in the United States. Fredericton is a city, it has the benefit of a Mayor and Corporation, and bears the burden of heavy taxation.

The Telegraph of last Tuesday published the names of the riflemen who have won first prizes at the Provincial Rifle Association Competitions.

In a late voyage across the Atlantic the passengers to view the monotony of the time, on board, held a Dominion election.

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THE ELECTION AND ITS ISSUE.

The official notification signed by Sheriff Temple Returning Officer, declaring 10th of September Nomination Day and 17th of September election day, and naming the polling districts throughout the County, was posted up last Tuesday.

RELIGIOUS FANATICISM.

A strange case of religious fanaticism is reported from Italy, and has, it is said, attracted considerable attention in Europe.

STEEL RAILS.

For the last two or three years the opposition have been running on "steel rails." The rails have afforded them a rare opportunity to rail against the corruption and incompetence of the government.

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RECIROCITY WITH THE UNITED STATES.

The Times on Reciprocity with the United States.—The London Times of the 20th inst., regarding the desire of the United States to negotiate a Reciprocity Treaty with Canada, on the basis of the economical ("protective") doctrine prevalent in the Union.

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THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS NOW IN SESSION.

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THE CITY OF PEATH.

The city of Peath has almost accomplished the task of obtaining an unlimited supply of nearly boiling water, which will be available for public and private use.

THE POLICY OF MR. MCKENZIE.

The policy of Mr. McKenzie is easy enough to be understood. It means going on in the old tracks, in the hope that a revival of confidence, and of business, which must come before long, will bring back prosperity, and revenues with handsome surpluses over expenditures.

SOME OF THE OPPOSITION PAPERS.

Some of the Opposition papers in the Upper Provinces are amusing themselves by counting their chickens in the shell, not less than a majority of 45 for Sir John A. Macdonald.

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