

UPWARD OR DOWNWARD.

The satirists of every age have denounced its moral shortcomings. They have all written as if they were a high moral standard which people had at some time or other lived up to, but from which their particular age has fallen away.

was far too firmly convinced of the truth of his antagonist's remarks. The other day, I scarcely attended to his educational display, which is extremely large and fine. It comprehends a great variety of the material manufactures of the West.

SIR ARTHUR GORDON OF FILL.

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A BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.—Much sympathy has been excited in the Nist Prize Court at Winchester, England, by the appearance of the plaintiff in a breach of promise case. She was clothed in widow's weeds and wept as she pleaded.

On the 10th of August Mr. John Bright will complete the twenty-first year of his connection with Birmingham as one of its representatives in Parliament, and it is proposed to celebrate the occasion.

CANADIAN WORKMANSHIP AT PARIS.

Both Canada and America demonstrate, by their exhibition of agricultural tools, the immense superiority of their workmen over those of Europe.

An English critic in the Saturday Review in the park on the 2nd of August, Wales, says:—"As you reflect, a sleep feeling seems to come over you. The endless roll of carriages, all going at the same pace, all going the same way, is so soporific as to induce a drowsy feeling."

Communications.

For the "Agriculturist." Mr. Ennon,—"The Reporter in its last issue having devoted a column and a half to its valuable space to me, and as I am obliged to be absent from the city for a few days, I hope to be permitted to answer Mr. Geo. Frederick Fisher's communications, and also Mr. C. H. B. Fisher's editorial in your next issue."

Yours very truly, JOHN RICHARDS.

Fredericton Aug. 10, 1878.

For the "Agriculturist."

Mr. Ennon,—"I troubled you last week with a few remarks, with regard to the assessment. I wish now to point out, that, by the present law, a great injustice is being done to many of the rate-payers."

These persons who appeal, and in some instances have their assessment reduced one-half, do not pay to the city a fair proportion of the city taxes, besides giving the assessors more trouble to alter and amend the assessment than to make up and apportion the Assessment Roll in the first instance.

An ONSKIVER. Fredericton, Aug. 10, 1878.

GERMANY.

Germany is described as being in a very gloomy disquieted condition. Suspicion is abroad. Prince Bismarck has fully entered upon the reactionary policy which seems congenial to his stern autocratic mind.

THE SETTLEMENT OF OUR FOREST LANDS.

Nothing can be said, it may be asserted, regarding the settlement of the forest lands of the Province that has not been heard over and over again. And practically much has been done to bring about their settlement; it is no inquiring success has crowned the endeavours that have been made, it may be argued that New Brunswick does not present sufficient inducements to attract and retain a good class of settlers.

It may be said that there is nothing to hinder the young men of the country from settling on the forest lands. The Free Grants Act of 1872 offers them sufficient inducements if they are determined to settle.

THE MARQUIS OF LORNE.—Our reception of the true Highland kilt. The Marquis of Lorne, who was walked before the carriage, and the Highlanders on either side as we approached the house.

The Election Petition Case.—On Monday forenoon, Geo. B. Seely, Esq., the attorney acting for the petitioner, Dr. Dow, and C. Allen, G. F. Gregory, and Henry B. Rainford, Esqs., the attorneys of the respondents, appeared before Judge Duff, in his Chambers, St. John, on a summons for particulars calling on the petitioner, his attorney, or agent, to give the said respondent particulars of the acts of bribery, treating, and undue influence charged against them.

On Tuesday next, the St. Dunstan's C. T. A. Society holds its annual Picnic on Sheehan's Island, near the Fredericton Junction. This, without doubt, will be the best picnic this season.

The Irish Friendly Society picnic that was held in the "Pine Grove" was a most enjoyable and successful one. The party from St. John arrived about twenty minutes after eleven, but Mr. Kenny's grounds which were in fine order, did not begin to fill until after dinner.

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FREDERICTON, N. B., AUGUST 10, 1878.

CONTEST IN YORK.

According to the statements of the friends of Mr. Pickard and Mr. Fisher both of those gentlemen stand sure to win in the coming election. They are themselves each confident of success. There is sure to be some disappointment on one side or the other.

Princes Bismarck may find the new Reichstag more pliable or easily managed than the one that was hastily dissolved for opposition to his reactionary policy.

SOCIALISM IN ENGLAND.—DISCOURSE

held in the course of a discourse on the growth of Socialism in England, said that he was a sufferer from the great and growing evil of Socialism.

NORMAL SCHOOL.—Last evening, for the first time, the Normal School building was lighted up with gas, with most brilliant effect.

The gas fixtures were imported by Mr. Limerick, and the work of laying the pipes, and adjusting the gasaliers was performed by his foreman, Mr. Wm. Reed.

EXHIBITION BUILDING.—A portion of the frame work of the Exhibition Building—the western nave—is now in position.

We are requested to announce that the Photograph business lately carried on by Segee & Co., will for the future be under the management of Mr. George W. Schleyer, who has for some time been engaged in the business.

STUCHE IN ST. JOHN.—Lewis H. Davis, comedian, was the actor in a terrible tragedy, last Saturday evening, in Doerflinger's Hall.

Who will say that John Pickard is not a man of his word? Plans and specifications for the new Post Office and Custom Building have been sent from Ottawa.

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Frederick writes us an article on "Our Fredericton Gardens progressive," which reminds us of old Jack Falstaff's halpenny worth of bread to an intolerable deal of sack!

The Traveller, a New England paper, has some very hard remarks on what he calls "the New Brunswick Mob," in reference to the rowdiness that was rampant in St. John during the notorious week of the Ross-Hanlan race.

The Marquis of Hartington, leader of the opposition, in the course of a speech on Intermediate Education, delivered lately, on the occasion of delivering prizes to the successful students in Eastbourne district, in connection with the Cambridge University Head said:—

MILITARY.—The "selected men" of No. 5 company, 71st Batt., commenced their annual drill this week.

It is now announced, on good authority, that the general elections for the Dominion will come off in the first week of September.

Colonel Strange, commandant of the Citadel of Quebec, and commander of the artillery force in the Dominion, is now inspecting the batteries throughout the Province.

A Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday evening, at which the usual routine business, passing accounts &c., was transacted.

The York County Rifle Association holds its Annual Meeting on Tuesday evening next, in the office of the AGRICULTURIST.

Nearly \$25,000 have been paid into the City Treasury on this year's assessment.

There will be a partial eclipse of the Moon on Monday evening, 12th inst.

A stormy special meeting of the National Insurance Company was held at Montreal on the 6th inst., the result of which was the appointment of Messrs. Donohue, M. P., P. P., Bab, Thomas, Logan, Taylor, and Dunbar as commissioners to confer with the directors to make a thorough investigation of the affairs of the company, and that the committee report to a special meeting of the stockholders to be held on Tuesday, at 2 p. m., upon the best course that can be pursued for the future in the interests of the company.

It is shown that \$100,000 of capital had disappeared, and that a call of 5 per cent. would be necessary to bring the company up to its full amount.

A Japanese of the highest rank who is travelling in the United States, writes to his wife:—"The chief branch of education in this country is rowing. They have big boat-houses called colleges, the principal of which are Harvard and Yale. Further north is a country called Canada, the best educated man there being named Hanlan."

A SLIGHT COLD.—We are so apt to consider a mere annoyance and treat with a corresponding neglect, too often prove to be the seed sown for an inevitable harvest.

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Deaths.

In this City, on the 7th inst., Gordon William Kelly, infant son of Gordon William and Jane Kelly, aged 6 months.

In this City, on the 6th inst., of Congestion of the Lungs, Jane A., wife of James Congrave, Congrave's daughter of Michael Foster, in the 20th year of her age.

At Douglas, on the 8th inst., of Typhoid Fever, George Frederick Boone, aged 47 years, leaving a wife and five children to mourn their loss.

At Upper Magalloway, Prince William, on Tuesday, July 9th, of Diphtheria, Arthur Wesley aged 8 years and 8 months, eldest son of James A. and Mary J. Henry, this being the fourth child to die of the disease.

At Nashwaq, York Co., on the 7th inst., Benjamin Fletcher, in the 78 year of his age.

At San Francisco, California, July 23rd, Victor, aged 10 years, third son of Capt. B. Bidwell, formerly of Fredericton, N. B.