UHATHAM, N. B, Nov. 5, '81 THE PROGRESS OF THE PRE-

SENT AGE.

remarkable that the world has ever again at some future time. seen. The impossible of a hundred years ago, owing to the science, skill and engineering ability of the men of our time, are the accomplished facts of the present day. In almost every paper we take up, we read of the successful accomplishment of some gigantic undertaking or the projected construction of others more difficult and more wonderful than those already completed. Railway cars run to and fro upon the face of the earth. Lines of gigantic steamers, carrying the products, the manufactures and the people of one clime to that of another, are to be found upon every ocean and upon every sea. The telegraph carries our messages with the speed of lightning to the uttermost ends of the earth, and our night is turned into day by the electric light. In addition to this, railroads run across boundless continents and canals connect far divided seas. The Suez Canal connects the waters of the Red Sea with those of the Mediterranean. Surveys are at present being made for the route of another great canal across the Isthmus of Darien, and not long since we read of another one being in contemplation which was no less than the connection of the valley of the Mississippi with the Atlantic seaboard. A late exchange says that the "proposed route of this canal is from the Mississippi river, below New Orleans, to Mobile Bay, then following the gulf shore to the Bay of St. Marks, across the peninsula of Florida to St. John's river, and then again following the coast northward to Charlestown. The length of this canal would be about eight hundred miles; but according to the preposers of the scheme, the number of natural water channels existing is so great that the length of canal that must be built is compar atively small, and that the entire operation could be carried out at a cost of twelve millions of dollars." Then there is that great engineering feat, the Mount Cenis Tunnel, which was finished during the reign of Napoleon III, and opens up direct railway communication between France and Italy. Next, we have the Monut St. Gothard Tunnel which has just been completed, but is not to be opened till next January. This tunnel is the largest in the world and intended to establish communication between Switzerland and Italy. Both these tunnels will be surpassed by the projected Tunnel between England and France, which will run for over France and England seem to have re- provides court plaster to cover the twenty miles beneath the English solved upon, especially objecting to wound" is a beautiful figure of Channel at the point nearest the Coast of France. By late accounts from Enrope we learn that Spain is likely to embark in the gigantic undertaking of tunnelling the Pyranees for the purpose of having unbroken railway communication between that country and France. The Spanish Government are deeply interested in the matter and have brought a bill into the divided condition of the two porthe Cortes authorizing its constructions of the British Empire will no tion. They also offer to provide one longer exist." half the funds required for the work providing the French Government furnish the remainder. The enterprise, if successful, will be of incalculable benefit to the two countries, as it will open up safe and reliable com munication between them and wipe out the almost impassable mountain barrier that has so long divided and rying off the younger members of many kept them apart. This move of Spain families of our citizens and yet that body from her long sleep, and by under- the town of one of the many poisonous taking to perform one of the most wonderful engineering feats of the infected. These sinks of disease and the present day of undertaking as great deeds as those she performed when she was at the zenith of her

has been famous. During long centuries its people have been actually creating their country by reclaiming it from the sea. Engineering contracts are magnificent affairs with the Dutch, and they alter, when necesveyors runs a line round a wood lot likewise:for one of our back settlers. Their latest achievements in this way has been the successful damming up of commendable course in ordering which the City of Amsterdam is built, and cutting a new canal from Amsterdam to the sea coast. At the outer entrance to this canal they have conwere successfully overcome and 100 authorities will be considered wise and miles around have been reclaimed prudent."

greatness.

from the ocean. An English engineer took the contract for \$12,000,000, and it took him thirteen years to accomplish the work. During its progress 12,500 acres of land were reclaimed or a gain of eighty-six boroughs for the per acre or for the round sum of Liberals. The cause given for the \$7,500,000. Want of space prevents Conservative gain is said to be the us continuing this subject in our pre- transfer of the Irish vote to that The present age is one of the most sent issue, but we will take it up side.

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

The Crown Heads of Europe at the present time appear to be in the very best terms with each other, as they have laid all their old animosities aside and are paying each other friendly visits. The presentCzar, who, in the lifetime of his father, was the head of the Anti-German party in Russia, is now on the best of terms with his relative, the aged Emperor of Germany. During the past week the King of Italy has been the honoured guest of the Austrian Emperor, and the papers have been filled with lengthy telegraph reports of their movements. Not only is the outside is moderate because he is restrained world kept posted with respect to the enthusiastic welcome they received from the Austrian people when they appeared in public, but the expression of their faces and colour of their hair and coats are minutely described. It is only a few short years since Austria, its King and people were held in destestation by the Italians who looked upon them as their bitterest and deadliest foes, and shed their blood like water in front of Austrian guns and bayonets to drive their hated and tyranical foes out of fairItaly ernment that ever made the New At that timeFrance was Italy's warm Brunswick Executive a subject of friend, and nobly proved it in the contempt and ridicule has attempted battle fields of Magenta and Salterino when her armies wrung from Italy's Austrian foes that liberty which the Italian people had so long sought, sied and died for. Now Italy is jealous of France because that country has seized upon Tunis, and to give expression to her feelings she has the only member of the present "Dosacrificed the friendship of her old and minion Government" who was tried friend and formed an alliance with her once abhored and detested foe. In these joyful reunions of the Crown Heads of Europe both England and France appeared to be ignored, but as long as they continue true to each other they have nothing to fear from the united opposition of the other powers. A late paper in Sir Leonard attempted to drive Mr. referring to the present state of affairs McLeod out of the Province! We conin Europe makes the following com- fess to being a little mixed; the ments:-

"The new deal among the Medit erranean powers seems likely to result in Tunis and Tripoli taken from Turkey to go to France, Egypt to go fear the writer lacked this most esto England, and the other portions of sential element while penning the European Turkey and Asia Minor to sentence. "The Sun's malevolence" fall as the ring of monarchs of Ger- is another rhetorical gem and the many, Russia, Austria, and Italy choose to divide them among themselves. I aly does not like the division that the French seizure of Tunis. But spech, "moderate," "candid" and no neither power need fear the objec- doubt "congenial." "Fory toady tions. England must put the key of the gate that separates her European and Indian empires in her own hand. Egypt is that gate; the Suez canal is the key. When those are held by more "pearls at random strung" england, and Cyprus stands to keep from the chaste pen of the moderate watch and ward in the very chops of and candid" man who conducts the passage-way from the Golden "quietly" the humble "weekly Horn, the imperial plans of Earl Beaconsfield will have unrolled, and

OUR BOARD OF HEALTH.

When do the members of our Board of Health intend to make up their minds that it is time to do something? We have that fearful pestilence Diphtheria raging in our town and its vicinity, carproves that she has at last awakened has not made the slightest effort to purge aud deadly cess pools with which it is age, shows that she is as desirous in death are to be found in all directions, and one of the worst is upon the front street. opposite Bowser's Hotel, at times filled with reeking and putrid soap suds, poisoning the air in all directions with That is when Good Friday shall fall or the effluvia that arises from it. For works in which great engineer- our town in this disgraceful state, is it St. Mark's (April 25,) Corpus Christi on ing skill has been displayed, Holland any wonder that we have disease and St. Johns (June 24) the world will come death in our midst, and this state of affairs will continue just so long as our will be celebrated on these days, so we authorities look idly on and make not have get a little time to get ready. the slightest efforts to have the causes removed that yearly generates typhoid and and the other deadly maladies that yearly visit our town and carrying off their vicsary, 100 miles of seacoast or reclaim tims. We would direct the attention of a piece of land from old ocean equal our Board of Health to the following in extent to the County of Northum - paragraph which we copy from a late berland as easily as one of our surs exchange and advise them to go and do

"The authorities of the town of Sydney, Cape Breton, have taken a the Zuyder Zee, so that its waters thorough isolation of all cases of diphcan no more flow into the Y, upon theria. The Board of Health have passed most stringent laws relating to the matter, and have even gone to the extent of enacting the imposition of a fine, not to exceed \$100, on any person coming into the town of Sydney from structed an entirely new harbour any dwelling in which diphtheria exists. which is large and spacious and a When it is known that in one town, that marvel of engineering skill and of Arichat, with a population of only ability. During the completion of 1,000 persons, no less than eighty three this work, the difficulties to be sur- deaths from diphtheria were registered mounted were very great, but they last spring, the action of the Sydney

POLITICS IN ENGLAND.

Elections throughout England show

'MODERATION AND CANDOR."

publisher Its political preferences are on the Liberal-Reform side and the MODERATION and beneath 500 tons of solid earth. Later above except the blanks and the cap itals is from a sheet published in Chatham and which some of our readers may occassionally see. A week ago it made a vile attack on the Princess Louise, and the St John Sun gave it a severe castiga tion therefor. It is in the toply to the Sun that the above quoted sentence is taken. The whole reply is the whine of a whipped bound who by a muzzle. Its candor would put to shame the "candid man" so celebrated in English literature. As examples of the moderation and

candor with which it treats political matters the following "gems of rib aldry" from the very issue in which the quotation occurs will be sufficient illustrations. A gentleman against whom this "moderate and candid creature," has a personal as well as political spite is describ. ed as "one of the most pliant crea tures of the present Dominion Govto drive Mr McLeod out of the lumbering business, etc., by pursuing a policy towards him which a decent highwayman would despise." This gem is as true as it is moderate. Who is this "pliant creature" of the present Dominion Government? It must be Sir Leonard Tilley as he is "member of the New Brunswick Execuiive." And did he make the Dominion Executive a subject of contempt and ridicule? Why Mr. Snowball was a supporter of Tilley previous to Confederation, and even after the elections in 1878. Surely he would not support a contemptuous and ridiculous man. But how has "moderate" man will have to give us a "candid" commentary on his puzzling article. Sobriety is a constituent art of moderation, but we "conduct of the rough who cuts ones flesh with his fist or a stick and then issue" and "vulgarity in high places," "Tory snobs and jingoes," "mandlin excesses," etc., are a few

GET READY FOR IT.

The following inscription is on marble slab at Oherlenan, Germany,-"Quando illareus Pascha dabit

Et Joaimes Christam adorabit Totus Mundus vae! clamabit,"

Which means that when Easter shall fall on St. Mark's day (April 25th,) Pentecost on St. Anthony's day (June 13) and Corpus Christi on St. John's day (June 24,) all the world shall cry will fall on the days named.

Another old rhyme reads as follows "Quand Georges Dieu cracefera Que illare le resusitera Et que St. Jean portera

Le fin du monde arrivera," With St. Georges day (April 23,) Easter on to an end. In 1886 these three feasts

BURIED ALIVE.

Among the heroes who ought to be canonized stands Ralph Gore, a contractor, of Erie, Pa. Mr. Gore was superintending the building of a sewer in that city last Monday, and while at the bottom of a deep excavation it was noticed that the earth on the west bank was giving away. Mr. Gore was the nearest to the slope leading te the surface, but in the rush of the men for safety, he gallantly stepped aside, and let every work. man pass. Then he ran himself, but the delay was fatal. The treabling bank toppled over and buried Mr. Gore beneath. When the dust cleared away his head was just visible above the earth, and an attempt was made to extricate him, ing zealously, a cry was raised that the for the abandonment of India, and would elsewhere."

other bank was giving way. had to fly for their lives, leaving their was about to retire frem the imperial! The returns of the late Municipal companion wedged as in a vise. He business. The Spaniards know their on Thursday last 'a stock list for the was alone, with the tottering avalanche man and will offer a low price at first, Moneton Cetter Factory Company was above bim, and on the bank a crowd of but the bidding will advance and the made, which has been sold at \$600 Conservatives and forty-five for the people with pitying looks and averted Premier will probably be easily satisfied. heads, waiting the fall. The bank He auctioned off the guns of the Citadel crumbled slowly, and before it fell a of Quebec without compunction, and school opposits let out, and the scholars will doubtless argue that as Wolfe shed assembled to see the brave man die. 'God held me," murmured the poor fel- George Rooke, who seized the Rock in low, while tears streamed from the faces | the name of Queen Anne, or Lord Heathof the lookerson. The great bank crack- field, its gallant defender in later years, ed, stood still in a mementary check, and it is only false pride that induces us to "The ____ is a humble weekly then slowly and sileutly came toppling hold the keys of the Mediterranean after local paper conducted QUIETLY by its over. There was a trembling, a deep having dismantled the gateway of the thud that shook the surrounding buildings and the heroic fellow was buried CANDOR with which it treats political in the day they recovered his body, crushed te a shapeless mass by the huge weight that had fallen upon him.

BURGLARS AT LARGE.

The New Glasgow Eastern Chronicle furnishes us with the following information respecting the supposed doings of two enterprising Burglars at present on the tramp in search of business:

"In February last two men were arrested in Quebec for being drunk, and in their possession was found a number of skeleton keys and a letter signed 'T. B.' sent from Charlottetown, saying, 'As soon as you get out of the penitentiary come to Pictou and I will meet you there for there is lots of work to be done in your line in N. S.' The next morning they paid their fine for being drunk and left Quebec, taking tickets for Pictou. They gave their names as Troy and Riley and had just completed a term of two years in the Kingston Penitentiary. The result has been that in February last the ticket office on the I. C. R. was broken into and a valise stolen out of it. About a month afterwards the Post Office in Fredericton was entered, and some time after the Post Office in Truro was burglarized, and about four weeks ago a one dollar bill altered to a five was passed on a shop keeper in New Glasgow. Constable Smith got the description of the two men who passed the bill, which ex.. actly corresponds to that of Troy and Riley, which is as follows: One 5 feet 10 inches in height, light mustache and chin whisker and round shoulders; the other 5 ft. 8 inches in height, thick set, with black mustache. Both wore soft black felt hats. Detective Skeffington, of the Secret Service, who wants them for breaking into the I. C. R. Ticket Office, is confident that these two men are the parties who burglarized the Post Offices at Fredericton and Truro and the Ticket offices at New Glasgow and Hopewell, and passed the counterfeit bill, more especially as from the description furnished parties remember seeing two men so described in the vicinity of each of these places previous to the burglaries spoken of.

INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY BUSINESS. From the Moncton Times of Thurs-

day last we take the following interest ing article upon this subject; -

"There has not been since the construction of the railway between St. John and Bangor, so great a quantity it as at present. The road has been relaid with steel rails, and has greatly enlarged its rolling stock, and yet its officers are embarrassed for want of sufficient cars to accommodate the traffic. shows, has increased both ways. We are not only sending more freight and pasmarkets by rail. Four or five car loads jewel in it." of fresh meat have gone weekly since July, and three car loads of lime, bea sides fish, red granite, manganese, turnips, etc., etc. It also appears that St. South Wales appears to have had a fair Stephen merchants are receiving, by the year. The acreage under wheat was Et. Antonias Pentecostem celebrabit St. John and Maine and New Brunswick \$252,240, with a yield of 3,708,737, and Canada roads, very large quantities bushels; showing an increase of 13,172 of Moncton and Halifax refined sugars acres, and 95,471 bushels. The area in and syrup. They reply, when congratu- maize-123,679 acres-had declined by lated on this evidence of their being 8,671 acres since the previous year, and too honest to smuggle, that the smug- the yield was less by 275.399 bushels. gling of refined sugar is not profitable, Of barley the yield was 160,602 bushels, the prices being higher in New York or 20,861 more than the previous crops woe. In the year 1886 the above feast than in Moncton. St. Stephen and and ef oats it was 356,121, being St. John merchant; also send large lots | decrease of 160,816 bushels. The averof our sugars to the up-river dis- age of wheat per acre was 14 1-2 bushels,

Maine anticipate an increase of fifty per acre, one-third of a bushel less; barley cent. in the amount of turough business at 20 bushels, or 1 1-2 bushels less; on the building of the projected bridge oats 19 bushels, being 4 bushels less; across the Falls. The trucking from the potatoes 2 2-3 tons, as against 3 1-4: Intercolonial to the depot of the St. John and hay 1-3 tor, which was less than the and Maine in Carleton is something en- previous year. The sugar industry had ormous, 150 tons having been carted increased in point of area; the product of across one day this week.

national trade must be a puzzle to the wiseacres of the Sir Albert kind, who predicted that our trade with the United States would be utterly ruined by the National Policy.

THE CESSION OF GIBRALTAR.

The London correspondent of the New Yonk World telegraphs: For some time past it has been whispered at the clubs that the Government intend to sell Gibraltar toSpain, and the story seems to have some foundation. It is said that the subject has been discussed in the Cabinet and that the Premier's proposal met with no very decided opposition from his colleagues. Of course, it will be easy

The men be a notice to all the world that England more lustre on the British arms than Sir St. Lawrence.

DEATH OF MISS LONGWORTH.

Poor Miss Longworth, whose name will long be remembered by lawyers in connection with the celebrated Yelverton to take immediate action with respect marriage case, is dead. Her romantic to the establishment of a Woollen Facstory is well known. The Scotch courts tory in Chatham. But it all ended in talk, and the House of Lords decided against brag and bluster. her claim to be the wife of Major Yelverton, who subsequently succeeded to the title of Viscount Avenmore; but she clung to his name to the last. Her let-These letters showed her to be a lady of respondence with Major Yelverton was distinguished. She died from dropsy.

THE HEAVENS IN NOVEMBER.

On Nov. 1, Saturn will be in opposition to the sun, rising as the sun sets and setting as the sun rises. The beautiful rings can be easily observed with a sual telescope, if the weather is fine. On the 7th Mercury will make a transit across the Sun, but will not be visible in New Brunswick. Mars is becoming brilliant late in the evenings, and is approaching for the second time since the discovery of his moons by Professor Asaph Hall, in 1877. The planet will be stationary on the 27th December, and is an interesting disolved partnership, the Agency for the object through a large telescope. The STAR is now in the bands of Mr. George small moons are to be seen, and the appearance of a snow cap about the north will please call at Mr. Staple's for their pole. The disc presents curious mark- paper or else they will please let us know ings of a green colour. The outlines of and we will direct the paper to Newthese markings change from day to day, castle Post office. as the planet revolves on its axis.

ENGLANDS MARINE.

The extent to which the United King dom is using iron for ships, and is substituting steam for sail, is growing more marked each year. Of all the vessels built in 1880 in the United Kingdom, 58,119 tons, were sailing, and 414,831 tons were steam; of these only 17,925 tons of the former and 1,382 of the latter were of wood. Sixty eight steamers were built last year of steel. Of these the shipyards of the Clyde supplied twenty four, with a tonnage of 22,684.

CENSUS OF INDIA.

The census of India was a work of such magnitude that Mr Plowden, the Census Commissioner, may well say it may fairly claim to be the largest work of the kind, of which the record is available, under of freight and so many passengers over taken in any country. To take a population of 252,541,210 persons, with all the details required, is indeed a stupendous work. There are 123,211,327 his daily increasing trade, and commenced males and 118,166,371 females in the erection of a more spacious building British India, and the rate of increase The business, as an article in the Sun over the previous census has been such in a short time. as to make the population greater now than then by 12,788,565 persons. In a sengers over the railway than formerly, word, India added in ten years to the but are receiving more also. It is re- subjects of the Queen three times the ciprocity of trade based on reciprocity whole population of Canada, "The of tariffs. We are sending a good deal obedience of all these million of human of everything to the United Seates creatures to the British crown is a radiant

BUSINESS IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

The antipodean sister colony of New being one bushel less than the year be-The officers of the St. John and fore. Maize stood at 35 bushels per the year was 16,352,336 lbs. Wine was The rapid development of our inter - produced in diminished quantity. Sugar cultivation is extending rapidly.

BANK FAILURE.

The Mechanics' National Bank of Newark, which was supposed to be the strongest bank in the State of New Jersey, has failed. The disaster was caused by the dishonest transactions of the cashier, who is a defaulter to the amount of \$2,000,000. The contingent lesses and can as yet only be surmised, but they will be large.

THE CHARACTER OF ITALY.

London Truth is not very complimen tary to Italy. It says: - "Italy was long for Mr. Gladstone to convince the Radia the paradise of beggars, and in becomcals that the interests of peace, public ing a nation the Italians have not lost morality and eternal justice demand the their national characteristie. When sale, but there will be a loud outery not anything occurs in any part of the world, only from the old Jingoes of the Army Italy at once presents berself, cap in and Navy Club who spend the day in hand, and with whining bluster asks "I think my legs are broken." he said, upbraiding their gouty limbs and carsing 'what she is to be given?' It is only "but dig me out if you can." Notwith. Radicalism, but from all mederate Lib- necessary to reply 'nothing' for her to standing his agony he made light of the erals. To withdraw from Gibraltar resume her cap, and, with a few mutteraccident, and spoke of being dug from would be to take the first step in Lord ed curses, to move off in order to see his grave. While the men were work. Sherbrooke's (Mr. Lowe) programme whether any crumbs are to be picked up

COTTON FACTORY IN MONCTON.

The Moncton Times informs us that circulated about town and some \$30,-000 subscribed in moderate sized amounts in a short time. The company will have a capital of \$400,000, of which at least \$200,000 must be subscribed before operations can be commenced. There is no doubt of the success of the project. A part of the capital will be subscribed here and the balance will be taken by American capitalists who have become interested in the enterprise. Moncton will have its cotton factory in operation before Halifax."

What is Chatham about? From what we heard a few weeks ago from some of our men of capital and enterprise we were led to believe that they intended

CURIOSITIES OF TRADE.

Some of the movements of trade are really curious. One would suppose that ters, published with the report of the Europe would have enough to do to feed trial, occupy a large volume that is to itself. Nevel sees, it is sending onions. be found in most lawyers' libraries. cabbages and potatoes to this continent, and Normandy, France, is exporting considerable education and taste, and the apples to New York. Another curious judges, when they decided against her, fact is that American flour; purchased recognized the ability by which her coe on French account and shipped to Havre, has been re-shipped to New York, where it sold for a higher price, freight both ways included, than could be got for it at Havre.

NEWCASTLE NOTES.

Messrs Staples & McAllister havs discontinued as partners, Mr. Staples having bought out the stock and removed the stock to the store lately occupied by Mr. F. Carter. Mr McAllister will pur chase a new stock and continue in the old

Since Messrs. Staples & M'Allister have Staples only. Our Newcastle subscribers

There was great scrambling on Thurs. day last at one of the public wharves after an ox which had slipped out of the slings whilst being hoisted it out of a schooner. They succeeded in getting the poor animal out of the water after it had received a very unpleasant bath.

The climney of Messrs. Ritchie's mill, which was begun about two weeks ago, is being built up very speedily. It will be completed in an other month.

Hon. Peter Mitchell arrived in Newcastle at 11.30 p. m. on Wednesday last. On his arrival at the I. C. R. Station, he had all the prominent men of the place to greet and cheer him, after which he was escorted to the Waverly Hotel. We learn that he will remain in the County for eight or ten days after which he will return to Montreal.

Mr P. Hennessy who has run a successful business in Newcastle for many years, Ends his old store too small for about a month ago which he will occupy

From his office advanced the utterly toc-All dressed and perfumed like a comical

His polished shirt-front was a-gleaming like glass,

His kinship was plain to a neighbouring

And he looked, as he was, an æthetical

And a quick recognition was natural of

So the sociable beast; with a thundering

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