



SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF JABEZ SNOWBALL WHO IS DEAD IN THIS COUNTY.

THE "ADVOCATE'S" PREVIOUSNESS AND CROWN LAND MATTERS.

In the Advocate last issue it published a review of Hon Michael Adams' report for the year, and stated the report had been presented the day before. In this it was mistaken, for the report was not presented till after the Advocate had reached all its readers.

HOW MR. ADAM'S SHOWING.

Since the Advocate has "let the cat out of the bag," there can be no great harm in using what it has published. The item that above all the rest strikes our eye, is a statement of the Departments revenue for the year past as compared with 1879.

Table with 2 columns: Nature of Receipt, 1879, 1880. Rows include Land Sales, Labor Fund, Instalments, Sales of timber licenses, Renewals of Timber Licenses, Net amount Stumpage collected, Royalty on Coal, Miscellaneous.

Truly a creditable showing, and one of which the Surveyor General may feel proud, one on which the Province may be congratulated. The increase is far in excess of previous years, and exceeds the Surveyor's estimated income for the year by OVER THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

It is easy for the abandoned and malicious critic to assail the character of a creditable public man, but all the falsehood ever uttered by Tom Pepper, all the misconstructions and misrepresentations that malice ever suggested, cannot blot out these figures. The marks of the faithful, the zealous, the efficient public officer are found upon the records of his department, and we hesitate not to attribute in a great degree the handsome surplus of \$30,000 shown this year in the Crown Land records, to a close attention by Hon. M. Adams to the business and the interests of his office, to such a watchfulness of, and an active zeal in the management under his charge, as an earnest and able business man would show in his own private affairs.

It was known some time ago that Hon Mr Adams system of doing business was tending to the result we have noted, but the intelligence was hateful to the ears of those who seem to live as it were, only to malign and slander Mr. Adams. On hearing the "indications" they set to work to find fault; not indeed to complain that Mr. Adams was getting too little revenue in his department but that he was getting too much! Had they known his receipts would fall below his estimates they would denounce his "mismanagement," and attribute the fault to lack of knowledge of how to conduct the affairs of the department. But it was just the reverse, and therefore they said the revenue was raised at the expense of the poor lumber-

man, while they know very well that if stampage were not collected on lumber, our forests would soon be denuded and because of the quantities cut and the glut of the markets, go for prices correspondingly low; and that at any rate the money they complained of being "wrong" out of the poor peoples pockets. If an honest watchfulness of the rights of the office be called "wringing," came out of the pockets of those who were able to pay it. It did not put the choppers or the teamsters wages down an iota, nor did it make the "supplies" given to both any dearer. Had the receipts failed to come up to the estimates, the critics would rail against Mr Adams; they have exceeded the estimates, and the critics also rail at him. Were he moved by such bi-sided criticism and reversible fault-finding well might he cry with a hero of Milton's: -

"Me miserable, which way I fly is hell." But he does not give his assailants a thought; if he do, then what an answer does he not find for all in the figures of his department.

We see Mr. Blair has turned aside from his high mission as leader of a forlorn, and disabled host, to be a correspondent of the News; and an anonymous correspondent at that. The pith of his foolish letter seems to be that the Surveyor General used secret agents to act during the timber sales, in the interest of the department. Well supposing he did, - is Mr Blair not unconsciously paying a tribute to the zeal of the Surveyor General? We will do Mr Blair the credit of saying we do not believe he would have done this had he been in Mr. Adams place. He would have capitulated squarely to the organized ring, who came prepared to "control prices," and bring the department to their terms. Mr. Adams knew the rings had been formed, saw their tactics, and honorably and conscientiously defeated the parties on their own chosen ground. So much the more to the hon. gentleman's credit.

DAVITT'S PRISON.

It appears that Davitt was removed from Millbank prison at 4 o'clock on Saturday morning to Portland. The new place of incarceration to which Davitt has been spirited away is built on elevated ground and has eight wings, accommodating 1,500 convicts, and is the prison of the penal station which was established at Portland in 1848. Portland is a peninsula wholly occupied by the Government, and the population of about 10,000 consists of convicts, soldiers and non residents. It is a peninsula nearly four miles long by one and a half miles wide, surrounded on all sides by inaccessible cliffs, except at the place of landing. Escape from Portland Prison is almost impossible. General indignation is expressed by Davitts friends at his confinement in such a place.

MR. RYAN

Of Gloucester assures some of his friends that he has no charge this session to bring against the Surveyor General; and says he was part coaxed and part driven into doing what he did last winter. He has assured Mr. Barbic and Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Fred. Thompson, but Mr. Blair wouldnt listen to him, that "the truth after all is the best policy;" that "it never pays to make a charge against a man that is not true, and that you cannot prove." He further declares he "never knew" that, till last spring.

PARNELL TO LEAVE IRELAND.

At a meeting of the Land League in Dublin on Tuesday it was resolved to take the Government's action as a challenge of war, and to oppose it by declining to pay any rent whatever. The League also agreed to ask Parnell to leave directly for America, the object being to place the leaders of the Home Rulers out of the Government's clutches, as it is supposed that the retrospective clause in the coercion bill is designed to seize Messrs. Parnell, Dillon and other members of the League.

MR BLAIR

Had almost abandoned the idea of moving a want of confidence motion, failing to secure the pledge of several independent members whom he used to describe last winter as "chips floating in a puddle." It is even reported, and on seeming infallible authority that some gentlemen who supported the Opposition the past two sessions, have seen good reasons for withdrawing themselves from a body without unity or policy, or members or ability.

J. W. LAWRENCE ECONOMY.

It would be an immense saving to the country, if J. W. Lawrence could only have the title of "Honorable" abolished.

THE GALE IN G. BRITAIN.

DURING the recent gale in England 12 barges sank in the Thames. The gale in Ireland was the most violent since the great storm of 1839. On the 8th a three-masted vessel, thought by some to be a steamer foundered off Clovelly on the coast of Devon with all hands. Another vessel was seen to disappear in a heavy sea off Bilsford.

"ON DIT"

That Mr A A Davidson will be appointed to the Legislative Council before the next general election. Mr Davidson would be an ornament to the chamber, and were the personnel of the Chamber composed of such men as he, few would ask for its abolition. But the place has gone to seed.

J. W. LAWRENCE ENCYCLOPICAL.

We are sure the Local Legislature will have no hesitation in granting increased accommodation in the Provincial Lunatic Asylum now that they have seen Mr. J. W. Lawrence's letter.

AWFUL.

The Covert-Gillespie bomb will burst with all the tremendous consequences of the exploding soap-bubble!

The work of the session in Ottawa moves along swiftly now. The "big push" is over; the work of the session is done, the great contract is passed - and Snowball is coming home!

The Skuptschina unanimously passed a resolution on Tuesday in favor of closing all the monasteries in Servia.

The Opposition not being able to suggest a "building up" proclaim a policy of "pulling down."

"Iconoclasts" is a good name for the Provincial Opposition.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Andrew G. Blair is at his old tricks again. He is fairly desperate for power and therefore has another want of confidence motion tacked to the address. The first winter he was in the Legislature he moved three such motions, last session he tried two or three. This time it is poor old superannuated John Covert, the poor old worn out hack, the draft horse of the opposition faction, that brings in the want of confidence; and it sets forth that there are too many lawyers in the Government, as if John S. Covert, would be an improvement on any member in the executive; and John's confidence amendment is seconded by none other than Mr. T. F. Gillespie of this place who has been good naturedly sent to the legislature, not that he is any acquisition to that body, or of any particular service to his county, but because the "boys" in a fit of generosity for his agreeable and soft hearted parts send him there. Well now, wouldn't Mr Gillespie make a delightful substitute for one of these "lawyers!"

We are delighted to have the pith of the Surveyor General's speech to print to-day. He fairly overwhelms both Blair and Willis, who seem to have directed the strongest guns against him. His reference to Blair's own political purity, and to his tacit admission of being guilty of bribery and corruption is very good. We commend it to our readers.

We only wonder why the House will listen to Mr. Willis, or that some one does not put a muzzle on him. As a public man, his record is so contemptible, and his ways so crooked that it does one little credit to refer to him at all.

He is the bane of the opposition, cursed by Blair, and despised by the rest. By the Government party he is held in supreme contempt.

Mr Kenny in moving the address, was cool, clear and convincing, and won the admiration and compliments of the House. We too congratulate Mr Kenny.

The attorney general spiked all of Blair's guns most effectually, and if Mr. Blair is so constituted that he can blush, he must have blushed when Mr. Fraser rebuked him for trying to teach him (Fraser) lessons on dignity. Mr. Blair has cheek enough to give lectures on faith to the Apostle Paul.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

A Durban despatch says the Boers have attacked Lydenberg and Rustenberg and been repulsed, and are threatening the fort at Ammerport. As Lydenberg is in the northern part of the Transvaal, it is assumed that the rising has become of some magnitude in that section. Troops are advancing forward to the scene of action in the vicinity of Newcastle as rapidly as possible from Durban.

The detached squadron from the Falkland Islands was expected to arrive in Durban Wednesday. A mounted escort which left Sir George Colley's camp at noon Tuesday for Newcastle with the mails, returned, having exchanged shots with a Boer patrol numbering one hundred and fifty or two hundred between the Ingogo river and Newcastle. It is expected that the raiders will cut the telegraph wire. A thousand Boers are in the rear of the left flank of Sir Geo Cooley's laager. It is believed that they must have passed through the Orange Free State. Their object is to attack Fort Amiel and capture the cattle there.

Later telegrams from Durban report affairs in the Transvaal as very alarming. Heavy firing has been heard near Newcastle, which place is powerless against the Boers unless reinforcements can reach there.

A JUDICIOUS WIFE.

[Ruskin.] A judicious Wife is always nipping off from her husband's moral nature, little twigs that are growing in the wrong directions. She keeps him in shape by continual pruning. If you say anything silly she will affectionately tell you so. If you declare that you will do some absurd thing she will find some means to prevent you from doing it. And by far the chief part of all the common sense there is in this world belongs unquestionably to women. The wisest thing that a man commonly does are those which his wife counsels him to do. A wife is a grand wielder of the moral pruning knife. If Johnsons wife had lived there would be no hoard- idg up of orange peel, no touching all the posts in walking along the streets, no eating and drinking with a disgusting voracity. If Oliver Goldsmith had been married, he never would have worn that memorable and ridiculous coat. Whenever you find a man whom you know little about, oddly dressed and talking absurdly, or exhibiting eccentricity of manner, you may be sure he is not a married man, for the corners are rounded off - the little shoots pared - in married men. Wives have generally much more sense than their husbands, even though they may be clever men. The wife's advice is like the ballast that keeps the ship steady.

PARISH OFFICERS.

- NELSON. Overseers of the Poor: Henry Getchell, Lemuel Burke, John O'Neill. Constables: James Cassy, Michael Gratten, Thos. McDonald, Thos. Doyle, Stephen Duthie, John Ratican, Levi Thebedo, Reuben White, Jersey White, Silas Williams, Richard Walsh, S. W. James Regan, Isidors of Legere. Commissioners of Roads: Peter Gorman, Charles McCarty, Michael Savoy. Commissioners of Bye-Roads: James Ivory, Michael Savoy, Thomas McDonald. Collectors of Rates: Michael O'Brien, District No. 1, Stephen Duthie, District No. 2, James Horne, District No. 3. Town Clerk: Marshall Flett. District Clerks: John O'Neill, District No. 2, H. Miller, District No. 3. Fence Viewers: B. Reynolds, Michi. Managhan, Daniel McCarthy, James Woods, (Jas's son.) James Kain, Jas. Shea, Chas. Vye, sr., Dennis Creamer, Thos. O'Shea, Jas. Smyth, Jas. Harper, jr., John Doyle, Patrick Bohan, Nich's Willet, Chas. Hachey. Pound Keepers: Michael Sullivan, Alex. Flett, Richard Dawson, James Russell, Isaac Leslie, Thos. Gorman, Jas. Murphy, Patrick Bohan, Michael Grattan, John McGraw, Dennis Carroll, Cyprian Gogan, Thos. O'Shea. Hog Reeves: Thos. Gorman, B. Reynolds, John McAsse, Walter Johnstone, John Ratican, Jas. Robinson, Richard Dawson, Peter Stewart, James Black, Robert Harper, John Walsh, (S. R.) Dennis Shehan, Thomas Murphy, John Bowman, Joseph Conely, Charles Hashey. Clerk of the Market: Henry Getchell.

- Surveyors of Dams: Thos. Ambrose, James Kain. Surveyors of Grindstones: Michael Hays. Assessors of Rates: Peter Eson, Geo. Harper, Enoch Flett. Surveyors of Roads: Thomas Murphy, Charles Vye, Reuben White, Edward Allan, David Thompson, Owen Sweet, Theophilus Larway, Walter Johnson, Wm. Cushman, Jeremiah Casey, Alex. Park, Daniel Firth, James Desmond, Ed. Jamieson, Michael O'Shea, Michael Monahan, Thos. Gorman, Wm. Dooley, Patrick Gaffney, jr., Jas. Wallace, Jas. Walsh, S. R. John McCarthy, S. R., Dennis Carroll, Nicholas Butler, James Dalton, John Bogie, sr. Timber Drivers: John O'Brien, S. R., Isaac Eson, Thos. McDonald. Field Drivers: Thos. Doolan, jr., Michael Hays. Revisors of Votes: Allan, A. M. Saunders, John P. Burchill, John O'Brien. Game Wardens: A. A. Underhill. Surveyors of Lumber: Thos. Lynch, David Vye, Daniel Baldwin, Joseph Carmalt, John Kain, Dennis Kirk, Jas. Lynch, sr., John Buckley, (Carl St.) John Kirk, Alex. A. Cowden, Jas. Flett, Peter Eson, Michael O'Brien, Daniel Sheehan, John Dunn, John M. Sutton. Surveyors of Lumber, Bark, etc.: Michael Hays, John Bohan, (Jas's son) Patrick Grattan, Geo. Harper, William Doolan, Richard Walsh, James Carmalt, Arthur A. Underhill, John Doolan, Christopher Murphy, David Shasgreen, Wm. Hays, Allan A. M. Saunders, James Harrigan, Augustine Richard, Robert Harper, Peter O'Neill. Inspectors of Fish: Wm. Vye, Sylvanus Hubbard, Alexander A. Cowden, Joseph Bateman, jr. Inspectors of Fish: Wm. Vye, Sylvanus Hubbard, Alexander A. Cowden, Ferrymen: Patrick Monaghan, Geo. Clark, Daniel Fieth. Boom Master: Patrick O'Brien.

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE.

For March. This number is one of remarkable excellence, and the new editor, Rev. Mr. Taylor, has catered most successfully for the education and entertainment of his readers. There is, as he remarks, something for everybody, of whatsoever class, or whatever age. . . . Bible students, and sermon readers, and temperance reformers and lovers of stories will all find in this issue something to suit them and to help them to pass the time pleasantly and profitably. Among the distinguished contributors are the Revs. J. M. Whitton, R. C. Lighton, W. T. Wylie, T. H. Vail, Bishop of Kansas; C. F. Deems, David Swing, H. Bonar, Bishop Peck, etc.; Alfred H. Guernsey, Hattie W. Arnold, Mrs. J. G. Burnett, Josephine Polard, Frank H. Converse, Louise C. Moulton, etc. The opening articles by the editor, Our Home, Heaven, is highly interesting, and equally so is Science on the Danube, by A. Guernsey, both are finely illustrated. The serial story, out of the World, is continued, and the several short stories, sketches etc., are replete with interest and well written. The numerous poems are of singular merit. Dr. Deems explains Hard places in the Bible, the sermon is by Rev. C. N. Sims, on the Supernatural success of Christianity. But it is impossible to convey in a brief notice any idea of the rich literary and artistic feast prepared by the editor. There are 128 quarto pages and over 100 engravings. A single copy is only 25 cents, a years subscription, \$3. postpaid. Address - Frank Leslie's Publishing House, 55, 55, and 57 Park Place, New York.

Communications.

To the Editor of the STAR. Sir, - In the present state of affairs in Ireland, anything that will show the great injustice under which the Irish people have been laboring on account of English law, will be of interest to your readers, and all come to show the people of this county the "true inwardness" of the present movement. With your permission I will deal with a few of the fundamental grievances, commencing with the franchise.

The Irish boroughs contain an aggregate population of 900,000 on which less than 54,000 are parliamentary electors. In our own Province with a population of 300,000 there are over 47,000 electors. Taking particular instances, we find Manchester with a population of 380,000, has more voters by 100,000 than all the towns in Ireland put together. Leeds with a population a great deal smaller than Dublin, has 44,000 electors, while Dublin has only 33,000. I may here remark that Montreal with less than half the population of Dublin has 22,000 electors. Again Limerick with nearly 50,000 inhabitants has only 2,225 persons invested with the franchise, while Galibead, in England with less population has 9,191, and our own city of St John with 2,900 inhabitants has 5,500 voters.

As regards the counties the same injustice exists. The County of Dublin with 14,000 inhabitants has only 4,389 persons entitled to vote for members of Parliament, while our own county of Northumberland with a population of 20,000, has 3,000 and the Eastern District of Sussex in England with fewer inhabitants has 9,965. Is it any wonder that Dublin has been so long represented by members antagonistic to the wishes of the great majority of the Irish people.

This is enough for one week. Let the people ponder and cease wondering why the Irish people are opposed to English misrule. A PARRELLIVE.

SOMETHING ABOUT SEA TROUT Some years ago it was represented to the Fishery department that some steps were necessary for the preservation of our sea trout, that parties visiting the brooks and small rivers netted them in abundance, that if the practice continued there would soon be no sea trout; so the Government made an order attaching a penalty, against taking sea trout at any time with nets. Our attention has been called to the state of affairs in Bar-tibogue, Green Brook, Eskedellock and Tabusintac with relation to this matter. We understand the warden who is supposed to look after the protection of sea trout in these quarters neglects his duty, in fact pays no attention whatever to it. The name of this remiss warden is John Doyle, and if what we hear about his inattention be correct, Inspector Venning should recommend his dismissal.

It appears that Mr Doyle is a mail carrier, and while he is driving his mails those who would be foolish enough to anticipate any interference from him, come along and violate the law with nets. This continues through the season, from June till October. In the spring large numbers of sea trout come in from sea and make up to the spring brooks to spawn. They gather in a certain hole in hundreds; the poacher comes along with a bag net which he fastens below the hole, beats the brook and thus secures all the fish in it. In this way male and female are destroyed at once; and very often the poacher has come away being obliged to leave numbers of the fish caught on the bank after him, he not being able to carry them home. But it is not so now; the work of slaughter has gone on too long. It is

remarkable but true that while a salmon will sometimes spawn in the rapids, the trout always goes to a hole sandy at the bottom; and the young fish always returns to its native brook. Roam the sea at winter ever so far, at the approach of spring they come back again to the streams of their birth and infancy; nor will they make a mistake in ascending the wrong brook; and those missing the proper streams have been seen in a state of the greatest confusion and acting differently from fish in a known track till they find their place. Hence it is that a brook depopulated once, remains so for a very long time, if not always. It is a pity and a shame that no steps are taken to enforce the law in protecting those fish. They are a source of profit to many people living in those parts who catch them with a hook and line and sell them, and because they draw hundreds of sportsmen there with rod and line; and the worst yet is those using the nets come sometimes from afar, while for the sake of the fish, not for fear of the obliging Mr. Doyle, those living near fish within the law.

BRIDGE NOTICE.

To be sold at Public Auction, on Saturday, on February 12th, at 11 o'clock, a. m., at the north side of the bridge at Redbank, the repairs of said Bridge, according to specification which can be seen at the residence of the Commissioner, where all information can be obtained.

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