CHATHA M, NB, MAR. 30,1881 with "neathen toys." It is said when form our readers that our contem- ing read a book, their speeches being

THE MIRAMICHI RAILWAY.

It is talked of pretty freely around the town that the Miramichi Vailey Railroad has again become a live issue, and that men of means and enterprise are giving thoughtful consideration to the subject. If we are not mistaken both Senator Muirhead and Mr. Snowball, M. P. are both so interested in the project, that they are content for the time to put poli- the Grits in general rejoice, we see tics under water and become a unit no reason why we ought to mourn. in forwarding the railroad scheme. Several other gentlemen in Chatham the intelligence and liberality of and Newcastle, and in other parts of Northum erland as well, show no less carnestness and interest in the project.

ing to our county but belonging to New Brunswick, who has also t ken a very active interest in the matter; and there is still another goutleman. also not of our county, who undoubtedly will take an interest in the movement, if indeed he does not become the moving and the foremost spirit: and both these gentleman have ample means, and no less enterprise. In Montreal, influences in aid of the project, will also be at work in a few days. Altogether the prospects for the Miramichi and Nashwaak Rail way, looks more favorable than ever before.

It is more than we could do, and more than would be advisable at this early stage of the scheme to enter into proposed road.

The country between here and The published accounts do not give dead. American and Canadian railroads. construct a railway across Newfoundland whose terminus will be on the ing accross the Gulf in summer would get the trans-Atlantic passengers and freight shipped acrossNewfoundland and such a line in all probability would make Miramichi the port on this side the gulf. In that case, the new railroad project assumes an important aspect.

Our readers shall be kept informed upon this matter.

THE CRUMBS.

Since the Reformers seem so jubilant over small favors, we shall explain to our readers just the extent of their triumphs, lest thep might mistake Grit smoke for fire. Since the Conservatives assumed power, several seats in the Commons have become vacant. Some of these seats were held by Reformers, and some by Libe at Conservatives. If the Govern ment were merely holding their own, need. they would have the same number of t ken SIX GRIT SEATS at the bye elections: the Grits have taken cne!! leading a gain of five to the Governining ground in precisely the same and as the trade, and the revenue. and the prosperity of the country are In the Grit dictionary the word "in crease" means, "a falling off."

The Government have taken six seats from the Opposition, the Opposition have taken one seat from the Government .-- and the Grit journals are jubilant. The seat the Grits took is east Northumberland, and was cont sed for by two candidates. One of these was a Grit and a Protestant; the other was a Conservative and a atholic. For the offense of being a will all procure them. Batholic Mr. Kennedy was left out, and Mr. Crouter being a Protestant, though a Liberal, was put in.

The Liberels, to which party Mr. Anglin and his Freeman have consecrated themselves raised the "no popery cry," and the war was carried to every hamlet and town, yes to every farmers door. The intelligent and good religious people of East Northumberland arose to the oble war cry, girded their loins, and watch. it was well hey did:

Kennedy, the Pope would have Rome and the Vatican, and c me would creep out stealthily in the dark, place is still harder to see.

and stab the peoples' preachers and AN UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR. speeches. You would think he says, licentiates burn down their churches, and once more fill up their schools the news of Mr Kennedys defeat porary the Advocate is displeased J. E. COLLINS..... EDITOR reached Rome there was dire consters with the Northumberland members at half mast, and the beil

"from the dome of Peter"

thundered out something like a funeral dirge over the waters of the Tiber. Mr Wilkie Collins in his next novel will likely call it "A rever e for the

The Government has lost a member, but Holy Religion has gained champion, so that if the Freeman and It is certainly much to the credit of Canada, that at this day the people of East Northumberland have advanced so far in these directions as to persecute a man because he is guilty of There is a gentleman, not belong- being a Roman Catholic. In the good old times the same standard was used here, but we had really thought the people had become so degenerate of late that they were now minding their own affairs, and looked rather for intelligence and integrity than for Lutherism and Calvinism in the Can didate who offered to become their representative. But they do not carry the zeal for enough. The stronger denomination should turn out, in every case where the opportunity offers, and mob, and spoil, yea annihilafe the weaker. That would to say the least, be muscular christianity.

TOWN AFFAIRS.

(No. 7.)

details: we have only to say, that Our fire department in 1879 cost the Government press from Ottawa is they can say anything or not. If the all we want here is to have the rail town \$1,283.46. The receipts that year road built, no matter who builds were \$1,646.10, so that there was a it, Syndicate, or Provincial balance in hand of \$362.64. The past Company; but we will say that in the year there was received from the asevent of building both Northumber- sesement \$1,000.06, from T. F. Gillesland and York will have to contribute pie \$150 making with the balance specially to the project, though what from 1879 a total of \$1 512.70. There they would be called upon to give was expended \$1,015.41 leaving a would be a mere trifle in comparison balance on hand of \$197.29. This year with what they would get from the the sum of \$1,000 is to be levied for fire purposes.

Fredericton is well worth opening the details of the expenditure of the up, even at a heavy cost; but the \$1,015.41, so we can not tell whether Miramichi and Nashwaak Road would it has been judiciously spent or not. by no means be dependent on the It is highly important that this serlocal traffic. Our impression is it vice should be in an efficient state. would be the connecting link between The town has been singularly free the summer ocean highway, and the from fires, but we can not count on a continued exemption. In a town such Mr Blackman we understand will as ours, given the necessary conditions, and a fire might start at any moment, that would be very destruc Gulf shore. A line of steamers ply- tive. Supposing that a fire should now occur, in what condition is our tire department? We have a steam tire engine and a hand engine, sufficient hose, but we understand that and we do not hesitate to pronounce the most important consideration. water, to supply the engines, can not in many important parts of the town be procured. There are a couple of tanks that would be useful, but outside these he river would have to be depended on for the water supply. At how many parts of the town could the engine be brought to the river? We believe at very lew. It is wrong to allow a fancied security owing to a to the fact that our fire department should always be prepared to put out a conflagration in any part of the town. Every rate payer who pays his fire tax, has a right to protection, and the firewards should see that such protection can be given in time of

seats after the bye elections as before engine we will not say much just the story the writer knows nothing of the the vacancies occured. But this is now. The gentleman who had charge history of the Jesuits-or for that matter not the case. The Government have of it up to a recent period was ho oughly competent and we trust his successor is equally so. It would be poor economy for the sake of a ment. The Government seem to be tew dollars to entrust property so valnable and interests so considerable to to an incompetent person. The ratepayers will hold the firewards responsible for any mismanagement in this respect.

While speaking of fire matters we may say that the steam fire pump in connection with Mr. Snowball's mill is of great benefit to that establish. ment, and to that portion of the town. It is a commendable idea to have such appliances for extinguishing fires connected with all such establishments and we trust that they is in the last number of the Canadian

hand are invested in some institution and the pith of it is that our Canadian at interest; but the published accounts orators use too many words in expressdo not say so, and we find no credit ing what they have to say. for any interest from the \$362.64 on hand last year. The Auditor ought to be more thorough in his examination or :t least in his report on public accounts.

The blandering of the War Minister in the case of Col. Maunsell's removal from Fredericton is unex. most assuredly if they had elected plainable. The necessity for the proposed removal in the first place wahard to see; and the justification to. win and settled light in the very allowing a gentleman to rest a house als: of the caristains of East Nor- in Onawa, break up his household in amberland. It is easy seeing what Fredericton, and then tell him he was next would follow. Italian assassins 10 "await further orders," in the latter

Ir is our painful duty today to in nation altogether. The flags floated for voting against Hon. P. A. Landry's sentimental resolution. In the Advocates love for humanity, it loses once in the slightest degree. Some out." of the 8 who voted against it, therefore, very properly said it was an impertinent, and a silly resolution, and this is why they opposed it. It was eminently both. But the Advocate makes out its case as if the sprawled over a half an acre of land, or question at issue was between the a poem a great poem because it con-Scott Act and the License Law, and tained as many lines as Homer and Virthat the legislature had con'rol over gil combined ever wrote." the matter. Truly, the Advocates used to say "a good speech is a good vailings lean to virtues side.'

On the temperance question the Advocate is very influential in this county. It got in its "temperance man" at the last councillors' election at the head of the poll!! It is unfortunate therefore for Messrs. Adams, Gillespie and Hutchison to have incurred its displeasure.

The untruthful satirist who furnishes Ottawa news to the Telegraph says that Sir Leonard Tilley is to be appointed Governor of the Fiji Is lands, an Imperial appointment.

"Proud Northumberland weeps at her position today in the Commons," is the truthful and well expressed remark of a correspondent.

that Sir A. T. Galt is soon to return and be Finance Minister.

various Home Rule elements in England into a land league. The Sultan and the Shah of Persia,

has some mysterious correspondence between them.

Count Pecci, the Popes brother, is

EDITORIAL GLEANINGS.

Wilkie Collin's latest contribution to second class literature, is "The Black Robe," a novel now being published in serial form in the Canadian Monthlywhich by the way is worthy of better things -- in Frank Leslies Newspaper &c. Wilkie Collins has no merit whatever as a writer beyond the fact that in each of his stories there is a kind of Methematical plot that you can figure out once you possess yourself of the authors rule or key. We have read, we are sorry to say, three or four of Mr. Collins' books, them all, thoroughly second class, and highly immoral. Mr Collins is evidently unable to conceive of a pure or moral subject or if he is abie to conceive of such, then we must assume that out of sheer love and choice, he turns invariably to immoral ones. One seldom finds much moral good in the man who looks ing through humanity finds nothing but evil. What Mr. Collins' morals are we do not know, nor do we much care, but we should suppose, judging from his long immunity from fire to blind us books they are like his abilities as a writer, none the greatest.

'The Black Robe." It is an immoral story, founded on the authors vulgar hatred of the Jesuits. The story put ports to lay bare the machinations of Jesuits priests in England to gain converts to the Catholic Church and to get hold at the same time of the lands of the As to the management of the fire converts. It is evident from the tenor of the history of anything else-for while some of his statements are naturally, wickedly false, others are notoriously absurd. The language is spread out over a dead flat, above which it is impossible for the author to rise. Unida is equally as mmoral, but you find a thousand things worth reading in Ouida's books. She has allusions which call up forgotten incidents or set you thinking, and her fine imagination gives you some beautiful pictures, but Collins' story is a mathematical plot, ignorant hate of the Jesuits, and gross immorality. It is not well reading, and we shall bother with it no

His latest book, as we have said is

MR. NICHOLAS FLOOD DAVIN.

The best essay we have ever seen in a Canadian, perhaps in any publication Monthly from the pen of Mr Davin. The We presume that the balances in subject of the essay is "Great Speeches;"

> He describes Sir Charles Tupper as a powerful speaker, and says the same of Mr Blake; but he says both make their speeches too long; that Sir Charles Tupper will hurl words at the enemy while ever a rib of their fabric stands, and that the "lure of a technicality" is tco strong for Mr Blake. He points out that one of Blakes speeches on the and contrasts this with three, and four, and five and six t musand word speeches al questions. The great fault he says with the long speeches of SirCharles and

listening to these two gentlemen, that they were entirely innocent of ever hav utterly wanting in literary tissue. Not so, the speeches of Sir John A. Mac-Donald. They, he says, have the 'flavour of literary culture," with all their other merits; and that "the ideal oratory will always come from a vessel which has sight of the "point." Mr. Landry been often filled at Pieria founts-will brought in a resolution. That reso- betray nature saturated with the thoughts lation dealt with a matter over and language of the great teachers of which the House had no control, the world." Sir John's speeches are over a question it could not influ- never tiresome because not "long drawn

> He scouts the idea that because speech is a day long it is porportionately effective. "No man," he says, "would call a painting great because covered miles of canvass or a house a great building because thing, but the verdict is the thing." He handles those who read their s eeches, mercilessy but nothing too severe. He describes a written speech as "an impertinence with the complexion of a fraud," a phrase so true, and so happily put, as to be well worth handing down to posterity.

Mr Davins essay is all so good, we tear | where all classes of the above goods are ourselves away from it with reluctance. It is so good, so true, so well timed, so home-striking, that it cannot but bear the fruit intended. Speeches in the House of Commons are fast degenerating into harangues, and besides those leading members who carry their speeches too far there are a number of others who seem to have lost sight of the object speeches, and this is why you read the &CALL & INSPECT STOCK speeches of a dozen of such members over and do not meet a new idea, hardly a new fact in them. They seem to think Another falsehood furnished the they have to make a speech, whether Commons set the example of brevity, the Local Legislatures will undoubtedly follow; and who in New Branswick would Mr Parnell proposes to convert the pot call this a blessing who has heard the long, dreary, vanity charged speeches of Black, and the empty and long drawnout sounding of Mr. Edward Willis? In other issues, other matters in the Canadian shall have attention.

> We commend the letter of "A," our Alnwick correspondent to our readers. We shall refer to it more fully in another issue; for it takes the ground completely from under Mr. Snowballs Session's work!

Mr John Costigan, M. P., leaves in a few days for the North West, where he is likely to remain during the summer. Hon John O'Connor still continues to draw his pay as Secretary of

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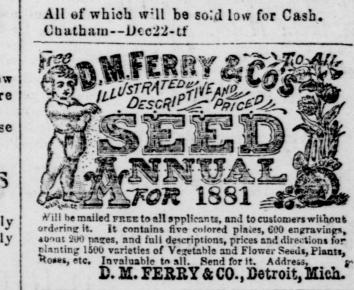
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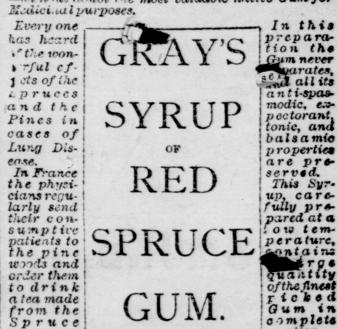
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