

At this time when the Commons is voting so much money for public improvements, it might be well to remind Dr. Fortin and Hon. J. C. Pope that there is a little place down here called Miramichi, that one of its ports, Chatham, ranks the fifth in importance in the whole Dominion.

We have pointed out several times already the grounds upon which we ask for this extension but it may be no harm just now to refresh Mr. Pope's memory. Early last season the barque Mallard was wrecked down on our coast, but had there been prompt communication with Chatham, the consequences might have been avoided.

But these are only two cases, out of a score of others, which of themselves form a strong argument for connecting Chatham with our coast. Our shipping interests here are very important, and such a line would be valuable in a great many ways.

The line ought to be established from Chatham to the Light House at the Point, and the light keeper might have a code of signals for ships, and with a telephone in his house, the advantages to shipowners, captains, pilots and fishermen would be very great.

And now is the time, at this quiet season of the year, when there are scores of idle men, to get the poles cut and hauled, ready for the spring. The work can be done for half what it would cost by and by. True we've now no one at Ottawa to say a word in our favor; for Senator Muirhead is confined to his house, and our representative is away attending to his own business, though it is doubtful if he could help us were he on the spot.

A PROPHET OF ILLS.

When J. Snowball went to the House of Commons, after the defeat of the McKenzie Government, he had himself ticketed as an Independent. So it was that his pocket organ wrote him down. But he was unlike other statesmen. This independent did not last long. The new tariff the National Policy, was too much for his digestion. It was ruinous. The country would be swallowed up by the manufacturer.

Last year the Exports of the Dominion were \$88,000,000 and the Imports, 72,000,000. Showing a balance in favor of the Dominion of \$16,000,000. Here for the first time in the history of the Dominion the exports exceed the imports; for the first time we have to our favor the balance of trade and yet strange fact, our heaven born statesman prophesied ruin! Again! In 1879 the value of farm goods consumed was \$80,000,000; in 1880 it was \$72,000,000, showing a difference of eight millions. Now we know that last year people were better off and

consumed more, a great deal more than they did in 1879. Well this 8 millions or rather 10 or 12 millions that was short in foreign importations must have been goods manufactured in the Dominion, so that the N. P. has been successful in fostering home industries. But Mr. Snowball said it never would. And again the prophet was mistaken.

In 1899 the Custom Duties amounted to \$12,939,540.66 Last year to 14,139,849.22 An increase of \$1,199,308.56

MR. BLAIR'S COARSENESS

The Attorney General the other day offered a motion of sympathy, in the House, for his colleague in his affliction. Mr Blair stood up to second it, but in doing so coarsely and cruelly insinuated that there was something wrong about the management of the all dead gentlemen's office. Mr Blair perhaps can't be blamed if his soul is stranger to touches of human sympathy and pity, but he might observe others worthy of sympathy, and after them try to be a gentleman.

Mr. Blair took two or three weeks last winter, rummaging through the Crown Land Office, on the search for a scandal, but he failed to find any, though he had proclaimed through the seduced member from Gloucester that he had uncovered a mine of corruption. In the long, tedious days that he kept the business of the country back, he poked his nose into every corner of the Crown Land Office. He wants to go on another nosing expedition now, but, while we asked last winter that an investigation of the charges made, be promptly held, we would now say, Stiffe Blair's expedition in the bud, for verily he only wants to make another plumping voyage through the documents, and the telegrams, and the private affairs of the office. Were we in Mr. Adams' place we would give such a professional shakedown no further consideration, stoop to no more explanations, grant him no more investigations; assent contempt is the best reply to such contemptible attacks.

THE SAVINGS BANK.

We have received several enquiries and complaints about Savings Bank matters. Now this is a thing we know very little about, as we have not yet commenced to put our spare cash in that institution. Still if what our correspondents state be true, there is neglect somewhere. It seems that some time ago the Savings Bank here was practically closed, and people coming to do business at it were told that there were some new rules, and that there were new forms which had not come to hand, &c. Now we learn that there are no pass books, and some who have gone to the Bank to deposit money could not get the money taken. As the Savings Bank is under the control of the Finance Department, we would ask Sir Leonard to enquire into the matter, and urge his subordinates in the Department to look better after their business, and not by their negligence in avoidance people, who often come long distances to do Savings Bank business.

THE FORCE IN IRELAND.

We see by an English paper that there are in Ireland at this moment no less than 27,000 well-drilled soldiers comprising 4,000 cavalry, 2,000 artillery, and 21,000 infantry, with 4,500 horse and seven guns. The force is principally distributed through the Provinces of Munster, Leinster and Connaught. The difficulty of securing suitable accommodation for such a considerable number of men may easily be imagined; gaols, work-houses and other public institutions have been turned into temporary barracks. Dublin is bristling with bayonets, and the "dogs of war" are ready to go "loose" at a moment's warning.

REPORTS.

We have received the Auditor General's Report for the year past, the Report of the Chief Superintendent of Education, &c., and in future issues shall enlighten our readers a little on their contents. There are terrible snow storms in Russia. The railways are blocked, and famishing wolves hunt on the confines of villages in large packs. Many a solitary traveller has left his traps this winter on the snow plains. Save as from Russia, its wolves, its winters, and its Czars. A poor Khan has had three of his sons put to death for trying to seize the throne last summer. We thought the world could not produce again another Binus. The Nihilists new programme is "Murder in secret."

WANT OF CONFIDENCE.

It never makes a sickly party stronger to expose its weakness; and if the Opposition in Fredericton do not know this, it is marvellous to us at least that they would leap into the pit without looking or enquiring what awaited them. They seem to us like a band of dice throwers who keep on shaking and throwing all the time, in the hope that success will some time turn up.

Mr Blair might spare himself the trouble of saying he did not know Covert was going to move his Want of Confidence motion, he may profess to be no party to the absurdities of Mr Covert and Mr Gillespie, and deny through the lobbies and through the streets of having anything "in common with them," but he will not be believed. It is one of his old tricks, to be behind the screens himself, while others fire the balls he has prepared. If his employees fail, as in politics they always do, and the people laugh at and deride them, Mr Blair too grins, and shakes his head; but should the time ever come that his ill devised manoeuvring would succeed, the public would not be long kept in darkness as to the part he played in it.

All the motley members of the House seem to get together when there is anything ridiculous or disreputable to be done, as a fœtid carcass on the prairies will bring all the coyotes and buzzards for 50 miles around. When we came to see Mr. White of Carleton, Mr. Barbaric of Restigouche, and Mr. Ritchie of St. John, gathering together as one man moves, we may be sure the public business on hand is not of a very exalted character; and when we see John Covert moving and Thomas Gillespie seconding any motion, we may be sure they would not be so employed, but that the others were ashamed to take any public part in it.

We were glad to see the contemptuous manner in which the Government received the attack. No member of the Government condescended to reply to the no confidence members, and it was not till one after the other of their motley band had stood up and supported the motion and again sat down without getting a word of reply, that they put their heads down on their desks in shame and disgust. It strengthens no party, and let the Opposition be assured of this to have a man like Mr. White of Carleton joining it, much less to find lately entering upon its roll such names as Amasa E. Killam, and Robert J. Ritchie. The Government by sheer force got rid of these men, and it was a poor policy for the Opposition to receive them.

FUNERAL OF MRS. M. ADAMS.

The funeral of Mrs. M. Adams took place on Thursday last. At 11 o'clock the procession moved from the residence of the Surveyor General toward the church, followed by the largest concourse of people we have ever seen on a like occasion. The procession was fully a half mile long, and composed of persons from Newcastle, Nelson, Douglastown, Chatham, Bathurst, Moncton, St. John, and elsewhere. The procession halted at the Roman Catholic Church, which was draped in black to be in keeping with the solemn occasion. Father Dixon presided by Father Bannon of Chatham as Deacon, and Father McDonald of Chatham, as sub-deacon, celebrated a solemn High Mass of Requiem for the soul of the departed lady; and the body was thence taken to the cemetery hard by, and consigned to its last resting place in the family plot. Among those from long distances at the funeral were Hon R. Young, Fredericton, on behalf of the Government, Mr Swett proprietor of the Duffrin, and Mr M A Finn, of St John; Messrs J. W O'Brien, J. St. John, P J Burns, J White, of Bathurst; and Messrs. McSweeney and J Sutton of Moncton. Gentlemen from St. J. had sent up some beautiful flowers, in garland-crowns and other devices, which they have sent for to wax and return. The places of business through Newcastle were all closed; flags floated here and there at half mast—and from the feeling abroad, and it was plain to be seen, the deceased lady was held in deep and general esteem, and those remaining had the heartfelt sympathies of the entire community.

MR. RITCHIE ET ALIAS

Insinuated the other day that some members of the House had been seduced into voting for the retention of Fredericton as the seat of Government. This was pointed at three or four members, and unmanfully and untruthfully so. Mr Kenny flung back the low-lived insinuation and treated it as only worthy of its author. Mr McManus too repelled it, and replying to the Mr Willis said it did not lie in the mouth of a jumping jack who supported Free Trade yesterday, and Protest on today to talk to him of lacking consistency. We have not seen his remarks in full, but whatever they were we do know this, that neither Robert Ritchie nor Edward Willis will ever see the day that they will be fit to tie Mr McManus' go strings. What Willis' public course has been, all may know, and it is regretted by no one as other than an abandoned man, ready to sell

himself to any body, and at any moment for the highest price he can fetch. Some years ago he used to bring a fair market price before the public knew him, but now, though he is in the market every day the whole year round, no man bids for him, no one offers him a bribe, and for per he remains a "consistent member of the Opposition," proud of his "consistency," and like Judge Story is "Unawed by influence and unbribed by gain."

As for Mr Ritchie, for the first time since his election, he has done an honorable thing and that the desertion of the party he before supported; for it is surely better for a man to act the renegable boldly, than to act the traitor quietly—and we have known Mr Ritchie to attend and help along Mr Whites caucuses in the garret of Hyatt's Hotel, and we have known him at the same time to attend and help along Government caucuses. It was after he had slipped, and squirmed, and deceived for two years, that the Government threw off the mask of regard for him, and now, not of choice, but because of no alternative he is weeping and gnashing his teeth with the Opposition. It is men like he who will try to cast reproach on the name of such men as Messrs Kenny and McManus.

Mr. George Connell, M. P. for Carleton County, died suddenly of erysipelas in Ottawa, Wednesday evening. Mr. Connell was a Liberal Conservative, and a gentleman admired by all who knew him. The body was sent home to his poor wife by the Speaker, who detailed Mr Dennis to accompany it as far as Richmond Junction.

Mr. Boulbee's amendment to the Canada Temperance Act, providing that before the Act can become law it must be voted for by a majority of the ratepayers in the district where tried, has received a six months hoist.

It is rumored that Mr R. Luttrell, of the Canada Central Railway, has accepted a position under the Syndicate.

Sir Leonard Tilley brought down his budget speech last night.

The contract with the Syndicate has become law.



MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, 1st April, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, Twelve times per week, each way, between Douglastown and Newcastle, from the 1st July next. The conveyance to be made in a suitable vehicle drawn by one or more horses, subject to the approval of the Postmaster General.



MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on FRIDAY, 1st April, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, 24 times per week each way, between Newcastle Post Office and Railway Station, from the 1st July next. The conveyance to be made in a suitable vehicle drawn by one or more horses, subject to the approval of the Postmaster General.

Rest and comfort to the suffering.

Advertisement for Brown's Household Panacea, describing its benefits for various ailments like rheumatism, toothache, and general pain.

Sheriff's Sale

To be sold at Public Auction on WEDNESDAY the 1st day of June next, in front of the Post Office, in Chatham between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 5 o'clock, p. m.

All the Right, Title and Interest of Henry Sergeant, in and to all of the several Lots or parcels of Land premises situate, lying and being in the Parish of Hartwick and County of Northumberland, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

All that lot or parcel of land situate in the Parish and County aforesaid, bounded in front or northerly by the Lower Bay de Vin, Bay or Shore, easterly by lands owned by John O'Neill, westerly by lands occupied by Thomas Lewis and in rear by the base-line of said lot having a frontage of 30 rods more or less, and containing 50 acres more or less.

The same having been seized under and by virtue of Executions issued out of the Kent county Court at the suit of Henry O'Leary against the said Henry Sergeant and Thomas Sergeant, and out of the Northumberland County Court at the suit of Thomas H Fleigher against the said Henry Sergeant.

JOHN SHERRIFF, Sheriff of Northumberland County. Sheriffs Office, Newcastle. 16th February, A D 1881.

MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on FRIDAY, 1st April, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, 24 times per week each way, between Chatham Post Office and Railway Station, from the 1st July next.

The conveyance to be made in a suitable vehicle drawn by one or more horses, subject to the approval of the Postmaster General. The Mails to be conveyed four times per day, or more or less frequently as may be required, from the Post Office to the outgoing trains and from the incoming trains to the Post Office at such hours as the Postmaster General may from time to time direct.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen, and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Chatham.

JOHN McMILLAN, P. O. Inspector. Post Office Inspector's Office. St. John, Feb. 18, 1881-Feb 19, 31

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Parliament Buildings, Winnipeg, Manitoba," will be received at this office until Tuesday the 15th day of March next, for the completion of the above works.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of J P M Lecour, Architect, Winnipeg, and also at the Department of Public Works Ottawa, on and after Monday the 14th inst.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque equal to five per cent of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if the bids to complete the work are not offered. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, F. H. ENNIS, Secretary. Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 31 Feb'y 1881. feb16ti

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The Subscriber has opened a ware room in the building known as

FISH'S TANNERY.

Where all classes of the above goods are on exhibition.

I can quote prices for these goods which will compare them to purchasers.

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R. D. SOUTHWOOD

Newcastle, Sept 27, 1880—sep26ti Mothers! Mothers!! Mothers!!

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and a lot of relief to the child, and operate like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere at 25 cents a bottle.

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Outfit furnished free, with full instructions for conducting the most profitable business that anyone can engage in. The business is so easy to learn and our instructions are so simple and plain, that any one can make great profits from the very start. No one can fail who is willing to work. Women are as successful as the men. Boys and Girls can earn large sums. Many have made at the business over one hundred dollars in a single week. Nothing like it ever known before. All who engage are surprised at the ease and rapidity with which they are able to make money. You can engage in this business during spare time at great profit. You do not have to invest capital in it. We take all the risk. Those who need money should write to us at once. All furnished free. Address France & Co, Augusta, Maine. oct30&wly

STOVES! STOVES!

The subscriber has now in stock and is daily receiving the best make of stoves from the Moncton and A. Sherst Foundries. His Stock comprises 25 different kinds, which include the Star, Atlantic and Ferner, which are the best approved Family Cooking Stoves made. Low for cash or at satisfactory purchase. H P MARQUIS, 5 Canal St, Chatham

GRANITEWARE.

I have received a large stock of granite-ware, consisting of all articles hitherto in the line; among which are Pans of all kinds, Preserve Pots and Kettles, Tea and Coffee Pots, &c, &c, glazed in a porcelain, and guaranteed never to rust. H P MARQUIS, 5 Canal St, Chatham

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For Xmas and New Year!

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Hair, Tooth, Cloth, Hat, Nail and SHAVING BRUSHES,

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Chatham, N. B., Sept. 1, 1880.—if