

AWKWAAD FOR THE DEVIL.

A Scotch divine took to preaching out of doors in the summer afternoons. He used to collect the people as they were taking the air by the side of a stream outside the village.

Nova Scotia's Fisheries.

It is difficult to obtain full and accurate information as to the fisheries of the past year before publication of the departmental reports, as the officers are disinclined to give the public the statistics gathered except through that channel.

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

The fuller reports that have arrived of Bismark's great speech clear up some of the apparent contradictions of the telegraphic summaries and comments.

There is an improvement in two respects. The preparation for war, if it should come, and the frank disclosure of the strength of the alliance and understandings of the central powers should have their proverbial peaceful tendency.

But while the German Chancellor made almost a parade of frankness in his utterances he was carefully reticent as to important branches of the subject. He abstained, indeed, from any reference to the German Empire and Europe in a war for Bulgaria, and that he would even give support to Russia's claims under the Berlin treaty in regard to that Principality.

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of Bismark's speech. But the dark warcloud that overshadows Europe is by no means dissipated, even though a little more of its silver lining is allowed to appear.

General News.

OTHER PROVINCES.

The government have authorized the minister of justice to discontinue proceedings in the cases of the David Adams and Ella M. Doughty, United States fishing vessels, which were libelled under the vice-admiralty court of Halifax for purchasing bait in the territorial waters of Canada.

Captain Warren, owner of four British Columbia vessels seized in Behring Sea last year, has been informed upon what terms he can bond his vessels out. The amount is over \$40,000.

Lord Lansdowne gave a brilliant reception in the senate chamber Saturday evening.

The Governor General has accepted the offer of a farewell banquet by the citizens of Ottawa. It is intended, however, to give a Dominion character by inviting the mayors of all Canadian cities to be present.

A passenger train which arrived at Winnipeg from the east Saturday, met with a serious accident at Markstay, near Sudbury Junction, owing to a broken rail.

Physicians were promptly on hand. The passengers in the sleeper were badly shaken but none were seriously injured. Among the passengers on board were Wagner, ex M. P. P., Wrigley, chief factor of the Hudson's bay, and several Montrealers.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

An official bulletin from San Remo Sunday, says the Crown Prince slept well. His cough and exportation are less. Examination of his chest disclosed no traces of affection of the lungs.

Steamer San Pablo arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama, on Saturday, bringing additional details of the second disaster on Yellow river, December 4, which resulted in the drowning of three mandarins and 4,000 Chinese laborers.

It is stated Portie has rejected Russia's suggestion that Turkish troops occupy Bulgaria.

WASHING WOOLENS.

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HOW TO TREAT CHILDREN.

A word about nervous children. Never scold nor make fun of them. They suffer enough without your threats or sarcasm.

A case was reported the other day of a boy of ten years who, on being vexed, and without any apparent provocation, will clench his hands and make the most frightful contortions of the muscles of his face and head till his mother fears he is idiotic.

HOW SHE GOT THE ANSWER.

A little girl who had just entered school yesterday jubilantly announced to her father that she turned down all the girls above her in the arithmetic class and went head.

That was smart in you, said he, encouragingly. How was it? Well, you see, Miss Maggie asked the girl at the head how much was 8 and 5, and she didn't know, and said 12; then the next girl said 9, and the next said 11, and the next one said 14.

That was nice, said the father. I didn't think you could do so well. How did you know it was 13? Why, I guessed it; nobody said 13. Nashville American.

A FEW USEFUL RECIPES.

MOLASSES BUTTER SCOTCH.—One cup of New Orleans molasses, one cup of brown sugar, one-half cup of butter. Boil until it snaps when dropped into cold water.

SCALLOPED CODFISH.—Mix together two teacups of mashed potatoes, 1 1/2 teacups of cold boiled codfish, 2 1/2 teacups of milk, one half egg, and one quarter of a teacup of butter; bake a light brown.

RICE PUDDING.—Three tablespoonfuls of dry rice, half a cup of sugar, one quart of milk, put in a pan, flavor with lemon or vanilla and bake in a slow oven four hours without stirring. Serve either hot or cold.

SUGAR CAKES.—Three coffee cups of sugar, five eggs and one cup of butter; beat very light, then add one nutmeg, grated, flour enough to roll, one-fourth of a cup of water and two teaspoons of baking powder.

A WARNING TO TRAVELLERS.—A warning to travellers to observe well what they see, or else be careful what they boast of seeing after they return home, occurred lately in the case of a gentleman who made a hasty trip through Europe, and never tired, after he came home, of telling where he had been and what he had seen.

HINTS FOR TEA DRINKERS

The poor and scantily-fed cannot afford to touch it. Make the infusion by steeping—never by boiling.

Whoever drinks tea, let him do so in moderation. Do not take it between meals or on an empty stomach.

Those who are troubled with insomnia should not use it in any form. Brain workers cannot afford to overwork on the stimulus of strong tea.

Why do ducks go below the water? for divers season. Why do they come up? for sundry seasons. Why do they go down? to liquidate their little bills.

Bobby was inspecting the new baby for the first time, and his dictum was as follows:—I spose its nice enough what there is of it, he said without enthusiasm, but I'm sorry it aint a parrot.

How many lodges did you say your husband belonged to? she suddenly asked. Fifteen. Mercy on me! But think of a man being out fifteen nights a week? I am really glad that I am a widow.

The New York correspondent of the Times says: Italians are not so bad after all. They may not live just as nicely as some other folk, and most of them may still be ignorant of the uses of the bath-tub, but the same thing might be said of some other parts of our cosmopolite body politic.

As a matter of fact, the great majority of New York's Italians, even of the lowest grade, are fully entitled to a good word. They are all willing to work, and work hard. They may drink stale beer, but very few of them get drunk.

A MARKING STORY.—A gentleman who has a remarkably large foot took a pair of his boots the other week to a shoemaker, not a 100 miles from Markinch, to get heelings put on them.

Can't you say something pleasant to me? said a husband to his wife as he was about to start for his office. They had a little quarrel and he was willing to "make up."

A SMART APPRENTICE.—A grocer having given instructions to a young lad whom he had taken in as an apprentice to make it a point always to effect a sale if possible, and if sold out of a certain article that was wanted to introduce something else, it happened one day that a customer came into the shop and asked for a pound of pot barley.

An Irishman called at the office of a fire insurance company, says The Social Science Review, to inquire of the agent what rate he could make him on some property he had to insure. The agent replied: It depends on the surroundings. Oh, thin's all right! It is surrounded on wan' side by a barn; all the other sides are surrounded by—well, its all null and void as it were.

Parson Fitzroy is nothing if not elegant in his pulpit diction; but he rather surprised his parishioners on Sunday when he arose to the supreme felicity of referring to Lot's lady, who was transformed into a monolith of chloride of sodium.

Lady—Your clothes are very ragged. Can't I do some sewing for you? Tramp—Yes, madam; you may sew an overcoat on this button, if you please. It seems to feel the need of society.

Passenger (on a street car, alarmed)—Madam, do you feel a fit coming on? Madam (haughtily)—No sir; I'm trying to find my pocket.

Peter Jones, of Buffalo, wishing to name his infant son after himself and disliking the affix Jr. had the poor child christened Repeter.

Place of Meeting, Divisions, Numbers Night of Meeting, and name of Deputies.

- St. Stephen; Howard, 1; Friday; S. Webber; Milltown, St. Stephen; Wilberforce, 3; Monday; H. McAllister; Market Building, St. John; Gurney, 5; Thursday; John P. Bell; Orange Hall Portland; Portland, 7; Monday; A. Y. Paterson; Market Building, St. John; Albion, 14; Wednesday; E. A. Everett; Gagetown; Queens, 21; Saturday; H. J. DeVeber; Chatham; Northumberland, 37; Friday; G. Stothart; St. John; Mariners and Mechanics, 38; Tuesday; Walter Munford; Hillsboro, Albert Co.; Albert, 39; Wednesday; John I. Steeves; Sackville, West Co.; Sackville, 40; Tuesday; J. C. Harper; Richibucto, Kent Co.; Richibucto, 42; Wednesday; A. Haines; Newcastle; Newcastle, 45; Thursday; Jas. Falconer; Point de Bute, West Co.; Westmorland, 50; Thursday; Jas. W. Colpitts; Hopewell Hill, Albert Co.; Golden Rule, 51; Tuesday; L. R. Moore; Penfield, Charlotte Co.; Safeguard, 58; Saturday; H. C. Trynor; Cambridge, Queen's Co.; Johnston, 62; Saturday; George S. Wilson; Dalhousie; Dalhousie, 64; Monday; G. Haddow; Baie Verte; Baie Verte, 65; Wednesday; R. Goodwin; Dover, West Co.; Dover, 70; Saturday; Alfred E. Steeves; Carleton, St. John; Granite Rock, 77; Tuesday; John C. Thomas.

- Derby, North Co.; Nelson, 99 Monday; J. Bett; Douglstown, North Co.; Caledonia, 126; Tuesday; J. Henderson; Collina Corner, Kings Co.; Collina, 129; Thursday; Jacob I. Keirstead; Upper Gagetown, Queens Co.; Oxford, 134; Saturday; Jean E. Coy; Benton, Carleton Co.; Garibaldi, 151; A. T. Campbell; St. Martins, St. John Co.; St. Martins, 164; Tuesday; Samuel Osborn; Moncton; Moncton, 183; Monday; F. W. Steeves; Douglas, York Co.; Dunphy's W. O. Farmers; 190; Saturday; Arthur W. Ross; Salisbury, West Co.; Crystal Stream, 191; Monday; C. A. Beck; South Bay, St. John Co.; Lime Rock, 207; Monday; Wm. Roxborough; Milford, St. John Co.; Everett, 238; Wednesday; Geo. H. Waring; Monton; Intercolonial, 243; Friday; Miss; Yella; Fawcett; Victoria Hills, West Co.; Victoria, 245; Thursday; A. J. Main; Mountville, Albert Co.; Home Circle, 244; Friday; E. E. Peck; Baillie, St. James, Char. Co.; Baillie, 248; Wednesday; John A. Robinson; Weldford, Kent Co.; Harcourt, 249; Saturday; E. Walden; Portland, Valley, 250; Tuesday; J. Fowler; Buttermt Ridge, King's Co.; Havelock, 251; Friday; E. Keith; Petiteodiac, West Co.; Petiteodiac, 252; Tuesday; D. A. Jonah; Lewis Mountain, West Co.; Sunnyside, 253; Saturday; Isaac N. Alward; Deer Island, Char. Co.; Moss Rose, 254; Saturday; A. T. Lloyd; Millstream, Kings Co. Britannia, 255; Saturday; C. W. Weyman; Little Ridge, Char. Co.; Spreading Oak, 256; Tuesday; A. F. Matheson; Fredericton; Lansdowne, 257; Thursday; H. H. Pitts; River Charles, Rest. Co.; Charles, 259; Thursday; J. H. Galbraith; Teeves Mountain, West Co.; Mountain Rose, 260; Saturday; R. Lutz, Sr.; Hampton, King's Co.; Spring, 262; Monday; G. Barnes; Pomroy Ridge, Char. Co.; Mayflower, 263; Thursday; W. Moulton; Scotch Ridge, Char. Co.; Iona, 264; Wednesday; D. M. Sinclair; Oak Hill, Char. Co.; Oak, 265; Thursday; Harry E. Grimmer; Tower Hill, Char. Co.; Wills, 266; Saturday; S. S. Smith; Graves Settlement, West Co.; Rockland, 267; Friday; G. Johnston; 2d Falls, St. George Char. Co.; Stewart, 269; Saturday; A. S. Barwood; St. George, Char. Co.; Red Granite, 270; Saturday; Chas. Johnson; Penobscus, King's Co.; Cardwell, 271; Wednesday; J. W. Floyd; Hampton Village, King's Co.; Hampton, 273; Tuesday; Chas. Frost; Bloomfield, King's Co.; Leading Star, 274; Thursday; O. A. Wetmore; St. John, 102 King Street; Gordon Division, No. 275; Monday; H. P. Sandall; Eagle Settlement West'd Co.; Twilight, 276; Tuesday; G. A. Taylor; Salisbury, Westmoreland Co.; Middleton, 277; Friday; Jas. Henry; Healthland, Charlotte Co.; Rising Sun, 278; Tuesday; L. Hall; Goshen Corner, Albert Co.; Star of Hope, 279; Saturday; E. B. Hayward; St. Mary's Kent Co.; Rosefield, 280; Saturday; W. Vincent; Elgin, Albe Co.; Elgin, 281; Saturday; W. P. Robinson; Whites Cove, Grand Lake; Grand Lake, 283; Friday; H. E. White; St. John's, Gloucester Co.; Gloucester Division, 284; Tuesday; N. E. Ritchie; Lewisville, Moncton; Lewisville, 285; Tuesday; A. McW. Russell; Port Elgin, West Co.; Fort Moncton, 286; Tuesday; C. H. Goodwin; Centreville, Kings Co.; Centreville, 287; Saturday; J. W. Folkens; Waterford, K. Co.; Essex Division, 288; Saturday; John W. DeForest; Duhec, Carleton Co.; Centenary, 289; Thursday; Wm. V. Benn; Waterville, Carleton Co.; Waterville, 293; Saturday; J. T. Fletcher; Bath Carleton Co.; Ray of Hope, 294; Friday; Hubert Gray; Lower Coverdale, Albert Co.; Coverdale, 295; Tuesday; F. A. Steeves; Canterbury, York Co.; Duffin, 296; Saturday; Eli Taylor; River Louisa, Restigouche Co.; Louisa, 297; Friday; Donald Stewart; Kirkland, Carleton Co.; Monument, 298; Thursday; John Lyons, Deputy Woodstock; Carleton Co.; Campbell, 299; Friday; S. McLeod; Campbellton, Restigouche Co.; Campbellton, 300; Thursday; J. C. Ferguson; Manuhurst, Kings Co.; Lincluden, 301; Thursday; D. S. Mann; Dundee, Restigouche Co.; Dundee, 302; Tuesday; Jas. Crawford; Moncaime, P. O. Kings Co.; Rising Star, 303; Wednesday; Martin Freze; Scotch Settlement, Westmoreland Co.; McCarthy, 304; Wednesday; David H. Murray; Upper Millstream, Kings Co.; Millstream, 305; Monday; Zebulon Gaunce; Gibson, York Co.; Gibson, 306; Friday; J. Hamilton; Case Settlement, Kings Co.; Snowflake, 307; Monday; C. E. Black; Portland, N. B.; Silver, 308; Friday; Rev. J. Spencer; Old Ridge, Char. Co.; Brunswick Division, No. 309; Monday; John A. Grant; Northampton; Carleton Co.; Caledonia, 310; Thursday; Geo. Watson; Waterside, Paris; of Harvey, Albert Co.; Gladstone No. 311; Friday; Rev. S. C. Moore; Poquicoek, York Co.; Poquicoek, 312; Wednesday; Edward True, Deputy; North Lake, Canterbury; York County; Star No. 313; Saturday; Hiram H. Vesey Deputy; Janerville, Gloucester Co.; Janerville, 314; Saturday; Edward L. Cope, Deputy; Kingsclear, York Co.; Kingsclear, 315; Wednesday; Isaac Kilburn, Deputy; Rolling Dam, Charlotte Co.; Rolling Dam, 316; Monday; Neill McDermott; Buctouche, Kent Co.; Buctouche, No. 31; Tuesday; Rev. J. D. Murray; Mount Middleton, Kings Co.; Mount Middleton, 318; Friday; Joseph Chapman; McKenzie Corner, Carleton Co.; McKenzie Corner Division 319 Friday; Jas. Forest; Stylesville, Westmoreland Co.; Mapleville, 320; Saturday; James McFarlane; Bayfield, Westmorland Co.; Bayfield, 321; Monday; A. W. Bant; Curryville, Albert Co.; Curryville, 322; Saturday; Clark's Corner, Queens Co.; Clark's Corner, 323; Thursday; Isaac H. Carle; Fredericton, No. 2 Gordon, No. 325; Wednesday; Sergt. Major McKenzie; Smith's Corner, Walker's W. O. Kent Co.; Olive Branch 327 Saturday; Ephraim Whelan; Berry Mills West Co. Millville, 328, Monday; John T. Prince; Blackville, Northumberland Co.; Blackville, 329; Wednesday; E. W. Gaynor; Black Brook, North Co.; Silver Stream, 330; Wednesday; Wm. Tait; Tattagouche, Gloucester Co.; Forest Home, 331; Thursday; Richard Bell; Bathurst, Gloucester Co.; Ever Onward, 332; Monday; W. R. Johnson; Dalhousie Junction, Restigouche Co.; Maple Green, 333; Wednesday; Wm. Jamison; Little River, Buctouche, Kent Co. Forest View No. Co 334; Monday; Chas. E. Hicks; Upper Woodstock, Jubilee 335, Wednesday; John Burpee; Napan, North Co., Napan, No. 336 Thursday; Alex. Dickson; Presque Isle, Connell P. O. Carleton Co.; Dawn of Hope No. 337 Tuesday; John N. Perry; Bloomfield Corner, Carleton Co.; Unity No. 338 Saturday; Alex. Strong; Mapleton, Albert Co.; Mapleton, No. 339, Tuesday; J. A. M. Colpitts; Thick Head, Restigouche Co.; No. 340, Saturday; Thomas Adams; Boiestown, North Co. Boiestown, No. 341, Wednesday; Rev. Thos. Allan.

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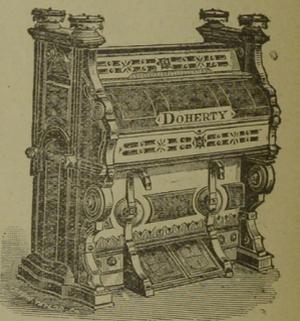
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