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Opening of the Legislature.

The third Session of the present Local Legislature will be opened at 3 P. M., tomorrow, with a usual ceremony.

The event is always regarded with considerable interest in Fredericton, inasmuch as it adds largely to the transient population...

The Farmer regrets that it is unable to furnish even a decent guess as to the probable contents of the Speech from the throne.

Another report relative to the disposal of the Councillorship, gives it to Mr. Jas. Tibbits, who has been an active supporter of the Attorney General...

The Holliness People. The extremity of zeal, is fanaticism, and the abnormal development of the latter, leads to insanity.

Mr. J. D. Hazen to visit Queen's County. The Liberal Conservative party of Queen's County are setting a good example to their friends in other constituencies of New Brunswick.

The doctrine sought to be inculcated by the disciples of "perfect love," and "perfect sanctification," is not in accord with the popular Christian idea of Scriptural teaching.

Senator Poirier. The seat in the Senate vacated by the death of Hon. William Macbride of Chatham, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Paschal Poirier.

There the matter ended for the present, but it possibly may be renewed when the papers asked for have been laid upon the table.

The Deputy Speaker of the Commons.

On the appointment of Mr. M. B. Daly, M. P., for Halifax, as deputy speaker of the House of Commons, the Grit papers and politicians, sought to convey the impression that the office was created to satisfy the demand of Mr. Daly for emolument...

But when the Grit party ceased to attack the creation of the office, they opened a warfare on the recipient, and as we have said, pictured him as a needy office seeker, and a political adventurer.

The Grit newspapers in New Brunswick are busily engaged at present, in disposing of a Governorship, a Judgeship and a Senatorship, and the rapidity with which they assign to these positions, half a dozen different gentlemen, changing the programme of appointments with each successive issue...

Our Grit friends, however, in their great anxiety to fill the vacant positions, do honor to the Liberal Conservative party, in pointing out so many of its members, who are qualified to occupy the high offices, now at the disposal of the Government.

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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

Pugnacious Peter Mitchell—The Blue Devils—The Hon. Mr. Mackenzie—The Blunt charges—Dramatic Entertainment—Bank Inspection—Foster's able Speech on the Suez Canal—Bill-Notes.

The most brilliant passage at arms, which has taken place so far this session, came off on Thursday afternoon, of last week, the exciting cause being some remarks let drop by Mr. Blake, in moving for certain returns, in connection with the Pacific Railway.

Altogether, although so entirely unprepared, it was just such a debate as both the House and the galleries thoroughly enjoyed, and coming as it did at the close of an exceedingly monotonous week of routine, was exceedingly delightful.

It is such a rare thing to find Sir Richard Cartwright in accord with the Premier, upon any subject whatever, that the circumstance when it does occur, deserves recording.

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THE WAR IN THE SOUDAN.

Buller's Forces Harassed by the Arabs at Abu Klea. Gordon's Unheeded Appeals. Touching Incidents of Stewart's Second Victory. THE GALLANT HERO'S DEATH. General Notes of the Campaign.

The chief event of the past week in the Sudan, has been the retreat of Gen. Buller, now charged with the division from Gubat, en route to Korti, under Lord W. P. Buller, and the arrival of fresh troops, when a simultaneous movement is to be made from that point and Suakin. Buller's retreat, however, has been impeded by the Arabs, and so serious were their attacks that Abu Klea, that Buller was forced to halt his forces, and trench himself against the Mahdi's forces who followed from Khartoum.

The following report has been received from Abu Klea, under date of the 21st inst. Buller sent a portion of his force, including the 10th and 11th regiments, to Gubat on the 10th inst., after which Arab scouts made their appearance about Abu Klea. Gen. Buller thereupon ordered new forts to be constructed, and the troops to be held in view to protect against possible attack.

Later details of the night attack on Gen. Buller's forces, while in retreat from Gubat towards Korti, say the attack was made by a party of 1000 Arabs, who were repulsed with a heavy loss. The British side two men were killed and eleven wounded. Among the latter is Chas. Williams, correspondent of the London Chronicle, who was in the line, but not wounded.

Another despatch from Abu Klea says: "General Buller, who arrived here on the 15th from Gubat, commenced at noon on the 17th a systematic shelling of the Arab lines. Two well directed shells of a great calibre, one exploding amidst a group of men engaged in placing a howitzer on the summit of a hill east of our salient fort, and the other striking the wall of a gun carriage, Lord Charles Bessborough also did the enemy great injury with the Gardner gun. The honors of the day fell to Major Wardrop, who, while in the line, had only a few hundred rounds on the hills, and no reserve spearmen. Major Wardrop and his men kept up a steady fire on the range of 800 yards in the enemy's line. Lord W. took 12 others and as quickly as possible pursued the same tactics at three successive points, thus giving the Arabs a severe lesson that fresh bodies of British troops were arriving. The Mahdi's forces became panic-stricken, ceased firing, and decamped towards the west, leaving a demoralized and wounded remnant. Few Arabs were left three miles off to watch our movements. There has been no sign of the enemy since. General Buller will advance to Gubat in a few days, and will be followed by the British loss during the engagement was four killed and 25 wounded.

General Notes. Khartoum. Into the wild, untravelled land, to meet the Mahdi and his band. Alone he went with his right hand, Not with men or cannon-boom, With the hero of Khartoum.

And there, as meagre records tell, Alone in their own citadel, A year he fought the infidel, Till Lord W. Wolsley hit threatened doom, White-washed the city of Khartoum.

Now, like a desert storm of sand, By the arctic fiercely fanned, Burying fields of fertile land, And the bones of Gordon's tomb Of the city of Khartoum.

The Duke of Connaught requests an assignment to service in the Sudan. He returns to the command in India on April 1st.

The Queen, in an autograph letter to Earl Derby, colonial secretary, says: "I have been pressed my warm, grateful feelings to the colonies for their proffered aid."

Eighty of the Canadian voyageurs remain at Korti for further service in the Sudan. All of the officers offered to remain until the completion of the expedition, but only a few, namely, Dennison, Kennedy and Neilson, were accepted.

Osman Digma's boldness increases daily, as does also the strength of his army, and it is believed that he intends making a supreme effort to capture Suakin before the arrival of reinforcements for the British garrison at that point. He has already had 10,000 warriors, far better equipped than the British, and Gen. Graham at Tanager, and it is expected that he will vigorously oppose the British expedition now being fitted out to open the route between Suakin and Berber.

Under instructions from Lord Wolsley, the admiralty has given orders for the construction of a large number of steam launches and catamarans to be taken to the Sudan, and conveyed with Gen. Graham's expedition from Suakin to Berber. Their armaments will include rifled mortars, guns and rockets. They are to be used in operations on the Nile, and to be fitted in operations on the Nile, and to be fitted in operations on the Nile, and to be fitted in operations on the Nile.

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General Gordon's Pathetic Despatches. A number of despatches from Gen. Gordon to the Government are published. It appears from the despatch of December 14 that Gen. Gordon never said: "I can hold out for a year," as has been published, but on the contrary, had declared that the food was scarce and that relief should be sent him at once.

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The fighting was renewed on the south side three days later. The rebels were again repulsed. Come quickly, don't leave Berber in the rear. Keep the enemy in your front. Don't let rumors of your approach spread. The letter from Gen. Gordon in which he declares his ability to hold out for 40 days was dated Nov. 4, 1884. A telegram received in September, which gives a summary of letters sent by Gordon on various dates from April 21 to July 31, 1884, says:—Let the relief expedition follow the right bank of the Nile from Wady Halfa to Berber, in the hope of surprising Berber. If you find it impossible to follow the Nile route, take the Massawa, Suakot and Kassala road. I would not leave Khartoum if I could." Gen. Gordon writes to the English naval commander at Massawa: "We have five months provisions and hope to get more. Our country's role has not been very noble in Egypt or the Sudan."

Incidents of Stewart's Second Battle. Mr. Barleigh, the wounded correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, who was shot in the fierce fight with the Mahdi's forces at Korti, in which General Stewart and the two correspondents were shot, gives the following graphic statement concerning a part of that terrible contest:—

Gradually the enemy's riflemen crept nearer, and our skirmishers were sent out to engage them. They were too numerous to drive away, and the nature of the ground and the high trajectory of their Remingtons enabled the Arabs to drop their bullets into the square at all points. Soldiers lying behind camels and saddle packs were shot in the head and neck, falling out, and in a short space of time, converting it into a very defensible point.

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STOCK TAKING! JANUARY, 1885. Tennant, Davies & Co. Would beg to intimate to their friends and general public, that preparatory to taking stock they will sell the balance of their Wool Goods, FURS, SHAWLS, MANTLES and several other lines of winter goods, at Great Reductions in prices, TO CLEAR.

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