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Mr. Blake's Speech at London.

Mr. Blake the leader of the Opposition, made his first public address since his return from the old country, at London Ontario, last Thursday evening when he was banqueted by his friends.

Mr. Blake charged the Government with extravagance and jobbery, two things which, coupled with incapacity, turned out of office the McKenzie Government, of which Mr. Blake was a member.

Mr. Blake commended the Government for loosening the bonds of Confederation. This is a point given him probably by our esteemed friend Mr. Ellis of the St. John Globe.

Speaking of the Quebec agitation Mr. Blake said some Government supporters had made demands and used words and suggestions, and things have been done that did not commend themselves to his judgment.

The attempt had been made in Ontario by the Government organs to create a war of races and creeds, a course which tended to imperil the future of our country.

He deprecated the attempt made to misinterpret the warm expressions of the French Canadians and urged greater love and unity. Appeals should be founded on the great principle of justice to all alike, and no section should require special favor by reason of race or creed.

When he had talked of Scott he had deprecated appeals to race or creed. He desired to give all a full measure of civil freedom. He hoped the present excitement would abate and discussion be more tranquil, calm and dignified.

He said Parliament must have full energy with all papers before it. He said, with us, as with the Tories, there are differences which I will make no attempt to heal on these lines.

He hoped, however, that some alliance could be formed, based on common patriotic principles, which would in due time lead to the Government's political death, as sure, as stern, as swift, as to any former had been meted out.

is evidently tired of non-success, and does not view the future of his party with confidence or pleasure.

The Montreal Star is reviewing Mr. Blake's speech, and its effect in that city says:—"It is interesting to see, in general, to say that the utterances of Hon. Mr. Blake on the Riel question have been indeed a surprise to Liberals and Tories alike.

"The effect of the speech, and even to so far as to say it was the only course in the party could have followed in Ontario, but those who are frank enough to say what they really think, express unbounded disappointment and chagrin.

"One of the members, who had protested against the execution of Riel, said: 'The effect will simply be this. All the English members irrespective of party will vote against the Riel vote of censure, and the French will stand by themselves. Then the Grits will want to defeat the Government on a vote of non-confidence in the administration of the North-West, and then seek the support of the Conservative malcontents.'

"Certainly not, the Grits having refused to support them, they will remain with the Government. A French M. P., who has always remained true to his party, said some fine day you will see Girouard accept a judgeship, the balance of them will fall into line, and the 'bubble will burst.'

An office bearer in a Rouge political club said: "I am not surprised. I am sure that even the strongest pillars of the 'National' party would not dare to raise their voices to condemn the Government at the opening of Parliament.

Hon. J. A. Chapleau stated that he was certain beforehand that Hon. Mr. Blake would do as he has done, and he is glad that even the strongest pillars of the 'National' party would not dare to raise their voices to condemn the Government at the opening of Parliament.

Some of the Newfoundland papers assert that the appointment of Sir Ambrose Shea, the new Governor of that ancient colony, was brought about by the influence of Sir John A. Macdonald, and Sir Charles Tupper in London, and to assist in the accomplishment of the confederation of Newfoundland with Canada.

The Telegram continues: "We are aware that in most cases, the desire is rather to 'bear those ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of.' But, surely, when it has been demonstrated to a certainty, that a country is positively incapable of satisfactorily conducting its own public affairs—in such a case, we contend, it becomes incumbent upon the people of that country to seek the advice if not the actual assistance, of those who may be trusted and who are, at all events, more successful in the matter of self-government.

This article coming as it does from an influential journal like the Telegram, which was in 1866 a violent opponent of confederation, certainly indicates a great change of feeling in Newfoundland, and ultimately possibly in the very near future, will lead up to the union of the colony with Canada.

All About a Garter. A lady's garter, seemingly, is a harmless thing, but an article of that kind recently brought about serious complications in France. There is a traditional usage in Alsace, one of the French Provinces annexed to Germany at the close of the Franco-Prussian war, that at the close of a marriage feast the bride gives one of her garters to the bridegroom's best man, who forthwith divides it into pieces, which are divided among the guests.

The chief public authorities of all three places were present at the festivities, and the traditional ceremony was observed. The garter happened to be of silk ribbon, striped red, white and blue. Following the usual custom, the gentlemen wore their fragments of the garter pinned at the coat button-hole.

Two girls smothered to death at Brockville, Ontario, the other day, by gas escaping from a stove.

It is estimated that half a million boxes of oranges, worth a million dollars, were destroyed by the recent freeze in Florida.

Prince Bismarck is the first Protestant that has ever received the decoration of the Order of Christ. The badge is worth \$300.

A Hamilton, Ontario boy, earned a nice Bible by committing ten hundred verses to memory and then he traded his Bible for a shotgun and accidentally shot his aunt in the leg.

John Magee, who pleaded guilty to the charge of attempting to procure money from the Prince of Wales by writing threatening letters, was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

The Catholics have upwards of eighty members in the new English Parliament. Scotland returns one for the first time since the Reformation. The last Parliament had sixty Catholics.

The examination papers for application for admission to the Bar at Quebec, were so severe last week, that two of the candidates withdrew, and twelve out of twenty-five who did compete, were plucked.

There were 36,600 deaths in New York city during the year 1885, against 35,044 in 1884. There were 30,033 births as against 30,027 in that year. The marriages reported number 11,716 against 11,305 in 1884.

No less than \$800,000,000 is invested in mining enterprises as productive capital in the United States, and over 400,000 people are furnished employment, and the mineral product of the Union for the year 1884 had a value of \$412,104,020.

The Farmer congratulates Mr. Benjamin A. Everett of Kingslear, on his unanimous election to the Wardenship of York for the current year. Mr. Everett has sat in the Council for six years, and has always shown himself an attentive, painstaking, and intelligent member of the Board.

The growth of the telephone is shown in the fact that in August, 1877, the number of instruments in use in the United States was only 780, while in February, 1880, there were 60,800; 240,700 in 1883, 307,010 in 1884, and in February, 1885, 325,574. There are about 18,000 in Canada and 13,000 in Great Britain.

The decree declaring the annexation of Borneo to Great Britain, did not reach Mandalay, the Borneo capital, until the 4th inst. The announcement was well received. The natives desire to be entirely subject to the British Government, hoping that it will disabuse the pretenders and prevent uprisings of the people.

Intelligence from the cattle regions of Texas are of the gloomiest and most depressing nature. The loss of the cattle will be great.

In the South-West and West, cattle are drifting against the fences, and are rapidly perishing from cold. The loss will be great. In the North-West, the prairie fires have occurred, and cattle are dying by hundreds from the cold.

The loss will be enormous, no provision having been made for the winter in these bleak districts, which are devoid of everything except grass. The loss to the cattle industry on the Pan Handle will also be very great. All the herds are suffering from lack of food.

Unprecedented Snow Fall in the Cattle Regions of Texas.

The Spanish city of Amatlan in Central America, last Thursday was visited by a succession of earthquakes, lasting the entire day. At 5:30 p.m. the heaviest shock came, throwing down the houses, and leveling the early shocks. People were thrown down. The air was filled with dust from the falling of the houses.

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Home News from Abroad. (From the Montreal Gazette.) Mr. L. O. Macnutt, editor of the Fredericton Farmer, is about to establish a private stock farm for the purpose of making practical tests as to the breeds of cattle best suited for the farmers of New Brunswick.

Although the editor of the Farmer takes a very warm interest in the success of agricultural tests at the breeds of cattle best suited for the farmers of New Brunswick, the proposition to run a Stock Farm in opposition to Mr. Blair, has not yet suggested itself to him.

Returned to Life. A GATINEAU POINT YOUNG GIRL'S MIRACULOUS RECOVERY. The little three year old girl named Hurlbuis of Gatineau Point, near Ottawa, reported the other day as having been choked to death by swallowing a pin, has miraculously come to life again.

Nebraska's Sleeping Beauty. SEVENTY DAYS IN A TRANCE. Nebraska's sleeping beauty recovered consciousness Sunday, January 3rd, the seventieth day of her hysterical-cataplectic trance. She had been lying in the arms of her mother, who she has now revived on October 30th last.

Explosion in a Church. A BOILER BURST, WRECKED THE BUILDING, AND KILLED TWO PERSONS. At Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 18th inst., a terrific explosion occurred in the boiler room of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Under the Opera. (New York letter in Boston Saturday Gazette.) Society is very much aroused over the appearance of a young woman, who is known only at the Metropolitan Opera House the other night. She wore her dress very low in the neck, and with simple straps across the shoulders, and one collar after another she got so near a flesh tint as could be found, so that at a little distance it was impossible to see any dividing line.

A Remarkable Recovery. A MAN HAS HIS LOWER JAW SHOT OFF AND STILL LIVES. A remarkable recovery from a gunshot wound is recorded at Jacksonville, Ill. Last November, Jacob Kenfrow, shot himself while out hunting. His gun, which was charged with duck shot, lay in the bottom of his boat, and in picking it up it was discharged, the load striking him in the face.

A Father's Fatal Cruelty. John King, a wealthy old farmer of Irish township, Pennsylvania, has always been regarded by his friends as a severe and harsh old man, but no one ever gave him credit for so story a heart as the tragedy of the 11th inst. proves him to have been.

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Disorders of the Skin. Most diseases of the skin arise from bad blood and lack of cleanliness, except when brought on by germs or insects. Eruptions of the skin are caused by impurities of the blood, and are cured by Burdock Blood Bitters, which purifies the blood.

Pointed Paragraphs. New York Notes and Notions of Everything. Of the 5,000 school teachers in Nebraska, 4,000 are women.

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