

A Mournful Grind.

Our local contemporary the Gleaner, is very angry these days, snarling and biting at everybody. The announcement in the Farmer last week, that the Local Government had passed an Order in Council embodying a proposal to submit to the Legislature at its next session, the question of subsidizing the Fredericton and Woodstock Railway, seems to have been particularly galling to the dismantled organ. It snarls at the Government, and at the Attorney General; it affects to disbelieve the announcement, and then imputes motives to the leader of the Government. The ex-organ's condition is truly pitiable. The removal of Government favors seems to have acted very unfavorably on its temperance, and now that its supply of boodle has been cut off, the discredited and discarded organ grinds out the most dismal music. The Gleaner presumes that Mr. Blair is preparing for an election, because he proposes to grant the subsidy. Well suppose he is preparing for such an eventuality, wouldn't the Gleaner's constituency of readers demand its backing for the Attorney General on an issue of that kind. It says the subsidy should have been granted last session. Why the Gleaner has frequently announced during the progress of election campaigns, that the subsidy was already granted. How then can it reconcile these statements with its present attitude. Our contemporary is on the horns of a dilemma. It don't want Mr. Blair to give the subsidy, because such an act will strengthen him very materially in this constituency, and it does not want to openly oppose the subsidy, because its readers and supporters would kick against such disregard of their best interests. The Attorney General is therefore in this position with his late friend and organ. By it, "He'll be damned if he does," "And he'll be damned if he doesn't," "He'll be damned anyway, but the condemnation coming at this time, and from such a source, having in mind some events of the past few months, ought not to seriously interfere with the Attorney General's personal or political peace of mind. The ex-organ's only resort then is to snarl, and discredit the Government, which, in times past, has been its good friend, contributing to its coffers, thousands of dollars.

The Land League Proclaimed.

The leading event in Imperial politics during the past week, has been the proclamation of the Irish National Land League by the Tory Government. The announcement, when made by Balfour, the Irish Secretary in the House of Commons, was received quietly by the Parliament, who expressed the opinion that "it would be a bad winter for Ireland." The effect of the proclamation will be to make the association illegal, and to bring it under the operation of the Crimes Act. By that act, persons belonging to any association, declared to be illegal, can be brought before a magistrate, tried without a jury, and imprisoned for any period not exceeding six months. The proclamation has already weakened the Government, and strengthened Gladstone's hands. Such prominent Liberal Unionists as T. W. Russell, who defeated O'Brien, in South Tyrone, and Joseph Chamberlain, have already, or are likely to withdraw their support from the Administration, as a result of the proclamation. The Times says that because the League has been proclaimed, its suppression does not necessarily follow. Mr. Parnell says the action of the Government is a gratuitous insult to the Irish, considering the present condition of Ireland, and that it is merely a move to cover the weakness of the Land Bill. If the bill did not protect tenants from eviction, trouble would be inevitable during the coming winter.

That Petition.

Mr. Gregory writes an editorial in his organ occasionally, promising that the petition against Mr. Temple's election will be pressed, and winds up with an indignant denunciation of the corruption of Tories in general, and York County Tories in particular. Mr. Gregory is an authority on bribery and corruption. His active identification with the Woodward affair, has made him an authority on the subject, but his relations with that unhappy episode, ought to close his mouth, and paralyze his editorial pen. Mr. Gregory evidently courts a full discussion of the Woodward matter, which any man, unless he possess the most brazen effrontery, would be glad to have permanently buried. Mr. Gregory says he will push the protest. Let him proceed. We do not believe he will be backed by the Grit party in this constituency in his action, but he certainly will have the support of the "narrow gauge element," the soreheads, and the malignants. But what would the unsentimental of Mr. Temple, profit Mr. George F. Gregory. It would not give him a seat in Parliament; it would not secure York's representation to a Grit; it would accomplish nothing material for Mr. Gregory and his satellites, but it might satisfy their desire for revenge; their demand that Mr. Temple be punished because he has twice and finally defeated the political aspirations of Mr. Gregory. In the meantime, while Mr. Gregory is talking and writing protest, Mr. Temple is securing the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars in public works in this constituency; meanwhile Mr. Temple is rising higher in the estimation of the right thinking and fair minded men of both political parties. He is industriously performing the work he promised his constituents, while Mr. Gregory and his disappointed clique, to use a local politician's apt quotation, "sit on their hunkers and howl!"

A Pleasant Visit.

The Canadian Premier evidently as thoroughly enjoyed his trip through New Brunswick, as the great masses of the people enjoyed meeting him. His reception everywhere was of the most gratifying character, and it demonstrated the fact, that New Brunswickers are capable of rising above petty political feelings, and of extending to such a distinguished statesman as Sir John A. Macdonald, a cordial, hearty, enthusiastic welcome, a welcome befitting the man himself, and the high and dignified position he occupies by the will of the people themselves.

There were grumblers to be sure, crossgrained, disagreeable, ill-mannered people, who said and wrote nasty things during the Premier's visit. Their very natures are so tortured, and twisted, and prejudiced, that they can not distinguish the difference between a social visit, and a political mission, and they have been so terribly disappointed in their political and personal aspirations, that they could not get themselves to honor the man, who by the force of his great ability, by his statesmanship, his personal and political tact keeps them, his opponents, in the cool shades of opposition. These are small-souled people who infect every community, who are neither happy themselves, nor willing to see others honored and happy, and they will growl till they get into office, till they are elbow deep into the public treasury themselves. These people of course were not glad to see Sir John, even in a social way, and their bad feelings found expression in the public prints. They are to be pitied not blamed. They don't know any better.

The Province of New Brunswick will reap advantage from the Premier's visit. He better knows and appreciates the conditions and requirements of the country and its people, and when New Brunswick matters are before Parliament, he will be able to deal more intelligently with them. He has been with his visit, it is told in all of his public utterances, and that the people reciprocated that pleasure, was proved by their enthusiastic reception of him. He has promised to come back next summer, and he and Lady Macdonald may expect a cordial greeting.

Confederation.

In the course of a sensible and well written article on Confederation, the St. John Saturday Gazette says:— "The majority of the men who cast their ballots for or against confederation are now dead, and it would be in the best interests of the Province generally if a few more of those who have been for twenty years groaning over the fact that the British American Provinces became a united state, had also joined the great majority. What is the use of perpetually groaning over something that is a fixed fact? Even admitting that confederation was a mistake, do those men who are constantly saying so, groan continually about mistakes they make in business? Do they go around bewailing their commercial losses on the street corners, and thus injure their prospects for future credit? Or do they endeavor to make the best of a bad bargain and keep their mouths shut. If they are sane, sensible men, they say as little about the losses they have made as possible, but endeavor to profit by the experience they have gained in their future transactions.

Entirely outside of those who had to do with making Canada what it is—a united state, there is another class in the country—the young men—who have grown up to find Canada as it is. They know nothing of the glorious past the older men who opposed confederation are constantly talking of, and they do not care a great deal about it either. These people have grown to manhood to find themselves the citizens of an fine country as the sun has ever shone upon. A country possessed of great natural advantages as any other on the face of the globe—and a country which notwithstanding the assertions of the croakers to the contrary, is making steady progress. The object of every dweller in such a country as this should be to develop it all he can. In the earlier days the glorious past—this was what our people strove to do. The merchant does not deride his wares and the sons of New Brunswick uphold their country against its traders wherever they happened to be. We want this spirit still, and we want it badly. It is needed at public gatherings, in the newspapers, and in the pulpit, for until this petty provincial feeling and jealousy has given place to national spirit, we can scarcely expect to become a nation. We can find lessons for the future in looking at the past, but of what advantage is it to a coal heaver to know that his grandfather was a king. It does not lessen his labor or put more money in his pocket. It is the present, and not the past that we must give attention to. Confederation we have and will continue to have, no matter how much some may grumble and groan over it. And perhaps some of those who talk so much of the evils of confederation will come to the front and tell us how it would have been had there been no confederation.—Would there have been any better? Would the great fire not have taken place just the same had confederation never been thought of? Confederation may have been a curse, but view it in any light possible, it was a blessing when compared with the people who are continually preaching the blue ruin doctrine. In the early days of the American Republic, when a man became a nuisance to any community, he was placed astride a rail, conveyed outside the town limits, and dumped in the nearest ditch with the solemn warning not to return to town. In these days of advanced civilization, such behavior to a fellow being would be considered cruel and outrageous, but it was a most expeditious way to rid a community of objectionable characters, and in the places where the rule was best observed there were fewest cranks."

GENERAL NEWS BUDGET.

The Doings of the Week Concisely Chronocled.

The Bank of London, Ontario, has suspended payment. J. T. Raymond & Co., grocers of Woodstock have assigned. The Doaktown Bridge, carried away by the freshet last autumn, is to be re-built. PAIN-KILLER has cured cases of Rheumatism and Neuralgia after years standing. Lord Harrington believes the proclamation of the land league is ill-vised, dangerous and unnecessary. Mr. George J. Clarke, barrister and editor of the Courier, has been gazetted Police Magistrate of Milltown. Mr. Meredith, the opposition leader in Ontario, loses ten thousand dollars by the failure of the London bank. ONE PACKAGE of "Maud S." Condition Powders contains more real medicinal virtue than twice its weight of any other powder. The Halifax horse carry on an average 4,000 passenger a day. This, at five cents per passenger, is equivalent to \$1,400 per week. A correspondent of the Courier at North Hill, Great Britain, writes: "The G. F. Hill arrived there last week with eleven ladies. 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