

A Demoralized Party.

The Grit party is in a bad condition. At present it is practically without a leader. Although Mr. Laurier was selected as the successor of Mr. Blake, his appointment was never favorably received by a considerable portion of the Grit press, and appearances indicate that a movement is on foot to depose the Quebec orator. Who is the coming man? The St. John Telegraph has spoken favorably of Mr. Davies, of Prince Edward Island, and of Mr. C. W. Weldon, of St. John, for the position, but is rather inclined to accept Sir Richard Cartwright, as best fitted to lead the party on to victory. What a nice leader Mr. Davies would make, to be sure! Why not nominate Mr. A. A. Stockton or Dr. Alward or Solicitor General Ritchie, either of whom is head and shoulders above the Prince Edward Island statesman? As for Mr. Weldon, those who watched his management of the Dunn case at Ottawa last year, know how thoroughly unfitted he would be to successfully lead any party. If Sir Richard be selected it will be a compliment to Sir John A. Macdonald's party, for every body knows that he is a Grit, only because of being a disappointed Liberal-Conservative. Able men seem to be decidedly scarce within the Liberal ranks, and there is a fine opportunity for a Grit with more than ordinary ability to distinguish himself.

While the Grits are being arrayed over the question of leader, the party is being wrecked by internal troubles. The Telegraph continues to call for the resignation of Mr. Ellis, on the ground that he is an annexationist. Its course does not meet with the hearty approval of anything like a majority of Grit papers. On the contrary such journals as the Chronicle and Recorder, of Halifax, and the Transcript of Moncton, are inclined to uphold Mr. Ellis. It is evident that unless an able Grit leader comes to the front speedily, with a taking policy, and with tact enough to whip the quarrelling papers into line, it will be next to impossible to save the Liberal party from utter demoralization.

An Incident of a Pennsylvania Strike.

The most picturesque incident of the Schuylkill miners' strike in Pennsylvania, that has yet occurred, is a result of the attempt of the Reading Company to start its Glendower Colliery in the Hecksherow Valley. The colliery had an air of business about it one morning last week which was, however, deceptive, for less than forty miners were at work. They were nearly all Knights of Labor and members of the Amalgamated Association, who had defied the orders of the Joint Committee and resisted all the arguments of their 300 former co-workers, who entreated them to remain faithful to the strike. When the two-score men were hauled out of the black slope that afternoon, the day's work being ended early on account of needed repairs in a gangway, they found a queer reception awaiting them in the upper daylight. Nearly a hundred women were drawn up in line of battle facing the track on which stood the cars waiting to carry the working miners back to Minersville. As the men were brought up in groups of three and four, they huddled together half frightened by this array of Amazons. When they had grown to a crowd, an insulting cry arose from the women, who were the wives and sisters of strikers. The cry was checked, however, and in another moment the rank of women advanced with fluttering petticoats but steady stride toward the workmen.

The arms of this feminine mob were strange. Every woman bore in her arms a loaf of bread. There were only two exceptions to this. Two women marched at the head of what looked like an old-fashioned musketeer over their shoulders. It is an incidental fact that these guns were incapable of killing a robin, one of them being a rusty flintlock that might have seen service in the battle of Germantown, but the effect upon the workers was as terrifying as though the instruments of war were Gatling guns. The women who bore them were both white-haired, but tall and vigorous. More terrifying still was the fact that at least 100 men, all strikers, hovered in the rear of the women, ready to give them aid if necessary.

Why was this squad of women, who outnumbered the toilers two to one, armed with loaves of bread? Strange weapons that, but eloquent as soon appeared. From the ranks, which suddenly halted in front of the frightened workers, a comely Irish lass, whose christian name is Mary, but whose patronymic is variously given, sprang with streaming black locks, between the two gray-haired musket bearers. "Men," she cried, holding aloft a loaf "our husbands and our brothers are on strike against starvation. We, wives, mothers and sisters, appeal to you who once respected the instincts of manhood to return again to the ranks of principle. Do not forget your old motto: "The injury of one is the concern of all." If you want bread we are willing to share our last crust with you; here is our contribution."

With the last words Celtic Mary hung her loaf full into the group of astonished laborers. The grim of their toil hid their pale faces as the frightened men made a rush for the cars. Into them they climbed helter-skelter, and through the car windows the women tossed their loaves. This action infuriated the strikers, who up to this time had hovered in the rear. The women were hysterically shrieking at the sides of the cars when the men rushed forward, ready to inflict severer punishment. At this moment James Keely, superintendent of the colliery who had come to the surface on the last mine wagon hauled up the

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A Summary of Foreign, Dominion, and Provincial Happenings Gathered from every Quarter.

John Sivewright, Secretary-Treasurer of Gloucester, has gone on a lecture tour. The "old reliable"—Dr. Sage's Catarth Remedy. Hon. Mr. Costigan left Ottawa Saturday for New Brunswick on a ten days visit to his constituents in Victoria and Madawaska.

Richard Clark, Liberal, has been elected to fill the seat in the Ontario Legislature, East Northumberland, defeating Dr. Willoughby. J. T. P. Knight has resigned the inspectorship of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, to accept the management of the branch at Woodstock, N. B.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burpee and their daughter, Miss Louise Burpee, have gone to Florida, where they will pass the winter at the various resorts.

In the Ontario Legislature Mr. Balfour, of Essex, has introduced a bill to withdraw from municipalities the power of giving bonds to establish municipalities.

G. L. Dickinson, nominee of the conservative party, was elected to the Ontario Legislature, Westchester, by a majority over Powell (independent conservative) of 573.

David McKean, M. P., for Cape Breton, was married in St. Matthew's church Halifax, Thursday, to Miss Janis Crear, eldest daughter of John Crear, former M. P. for Pictou.

Premier Greenway definitely announces that as soon as the Manitoba Legislature has passed the new redistribution and franchise bill it will be dissolved and a general election held.

The Toronto Lacrosse Club leave in the middle of March for a six weeks' tour of Great Britain and Ireland. They play about 20 matches, commencing at Manchester on Good Friday.

As James Saunders, proprietor of the Tunnel saloon, Montreal, was walking down Bleury street Friday, a huge block of ice fell from a roof of a building on his head and he died in a few minutes.

General Middleton, in his annual report, will recommend a longer period in camp for the militia, and a slight increase in the permanent force. He urges the need of paying greater attention to rifle shooting by all corps.

In the Gambel case at Toronto, in which he is charged with murdering a woman, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty with a recommendation of mercy. Gambel was sentenced to hang March 6.

Sir Hugh William Hoyle, ex-Chief Justice of Newfoundland, died at Halifax, Thursday night, aged 73 years. He was born in St. John's, N.S., educated at Pictou College with Sir William Dawson, and was Solicitor-General and Chief Justice of Newfoundland, retiring some years ago on a pension.

Mrs. Ellen Morrisey, who was probably the oldest person in St. John, died Thursday evening. Mrs. Morrisey was a native of Athens, Cork County, Ireland, and is supposed to have been between 108 and 112 years of age. Indeed, it is said the family have records which show her age to be 112 years.

A chemist named Derby, his wife and six children were found dead in their house at Manchester, G. B., Friday. Their death was obviously caused by poison. They had been dead several days. The belief is that the man, driven to desperation by inability to support his family, poisoned them and then committed suicide.

The Halifax Herald publishes a North Sydney special showing that 428,528 tons of shipping arrived there last year, against 245,200 in 1870. Last year's arrivals included 300 ocean-going steamers. The coal shipments from Sydney Harbour last year, and now some 50 years later, was invited to lecture in its closing course. Briefly commenting upon this he spoke of the men of St. John, during a greater portion of their morning career and proprietor of the New Brunswick Bank, and a well known public man and affairs such as few men are fortunate to possess, and with his unimpaired memory, an inexhaustible fund of interesting and draw down, interesting and valuable addresses.

A pretty good indication of how BUSINESS MEN ARE STANDING "the hard times" may be had from the statement of a Bank of Montreal official that the heavy losses in their bank last Saturday were not met, and he has not the merchants come to him so promptly for months. The suspensions and failures chronicled of late don't alarm anybody. Those firms were expected to go under, and they surprised no person. The merchants have just finished taking stock and are preparing for the spring trade. One firm may be mentioned as an example of scores. Many Thorne, of the hardware firm of Clarke, Kerr and Thorne, Prince William street, informs that they are rushed now making arrangements for the spring business, and that they will increase this season as usual. For some time they have been engaged buying direct from the travellers and agents of the manufacturers of Canada and the United States, and having made large contracts with the manufacturers, they now travel over to supply all their former patrons and the increasing list of new ones who seek them every spring. Mr. John M. Rankin, a popular and well known representative of this firm is visiting the town.

ALONG THE NORTH SHORE as the present time, and from thence will seek St. Stephen, St. Andrews, Woodstock, and other places, and he has gone to Nova Scotia in a similar capacity. It is a remarkable fact that the merchants of St. John take orders in Nova Scotia under the noses of the merchants here. The letter of the Halifax Bankers on the contrary, have their branches in every New Brunswick city and town while I do not know of a single New Brunswick bank that has agency in Nova Scotia. Mayor Thorne informed me that his business has increased largely the past year even under the adverse circumstances and he looks forward to larger gains in the future. Their store is the most complete and handsome establishments in St. John.

Much interest is taken in the case of Magrpie Pierce the young laundry woman who was found in a well near the foot of the street, and whose body was replaced by the doctors finding that it would not bear being removed again and the patient will recover.

WITHOUT HER SCALP, which includes the bridge of her nose, eyelids and tops of her ears to the back of her neck.

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OUR ST. JOHN LETTER.

The News and Gossip of the Commercial Metropolis.

(From our own Correspondent.) St. John, February 6th, 1888. Premising that what advances of St. John likely to benefit the rest of the Province, let me now say a few words on the subject of the "right of way" for the railway.

Another act and one not less important was that which referred to the appointment of a commission by the Local Board to arrange a basis for the union of the cities of St. John and Portland. It does not seem fitting that the two largest communities in the province should sit by while at the month of the larger river and around the best harbor in N. B., with identical interests should have separate city governments.

The strongest opponents of the union have been the city fathers, and the people, so far as an expression of opinion has been had, evince a perfect willingness to be under one government. It is only necessary to suppose that one city of 45,000 would have more influence than two cities of 30,000 and 15,000. The office holders who would in the event of this change lose their positions are of course for the status quo.

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EUROPEAN WAR NOTES.

Turkey has asked the Russian Government to explain the massing of troops upon her frontier. Austria has concluded negotiations with the Frankfurt Rothschilds for a loan of 20,000,000 florins.

The commissariat of Bessarabia has been ordered to supply provisions and fodder for an army of 200,000 men. Austria can bring into the field, if war should break out, 800,000 men, which does not include a Landwehr of 265,000.

The German army now has a footing consists of 760,000 field troops, 300,000 depot troops and 425,000 for garrison duty. The war establishment of the Russian army in case of emergency, is put down at nearly 2,000,000 men, including Cossacks.

The news of war have been amended by Russia, by least arranged in Amsterdam, the amount of which is said to be \$4,600,000. The new German military bill says explicitly that the expenditure is for the purpose of being prepared beforehand for a declaration of war.

Advices from St. Petersburg say that the Government intends to largely increase the Russian garrison on the Pacific coast, and greatly augment the Pacific fleet. The Sultan of Turkey has been notified by the Krupp gun works that they are ready to furnish immediately, the contracts for repeating rifles for the Turkish army will be broken.

Advices from the frontier say that the principal contractor for the Russian military order to report what quantities of equipments and provisions that he can supply on an emergency. Utterances of the Hungarian Premier, Herr Tisza, various military movements and other like developments strengthen the belief in Europe that Austria and Russia will be at war before a great while.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Australia now exports oranges to England. Strawberries are now selling in New York for 15 cents each. Scientists say that shutting the eyes makes the hearing more acute.

The German Crown Prince has been through three wars—Danish, Austrian and French. There are 12,000 children in New York, who cannot get into the public schools for lack of room.

Sullivan since going to England has lost twenty pounds in weight, while his agent has gained \$5,000. The Maharajah of Jodhpur, India, has offered \$20,000 annually for five years for football games.

GROCERS ARE AUTHORIZED to guarantee that the "Royal" Flavoring extracts will give satisfaction. Ho for a blanket suit and cap, ho for the river side, ho for a straw slip and a white, ho for the "Queen" tobacco slide.

Take a bucket of fresh water into your bedroom every night and let it remain uncovered. It will absorb all poisonous gases. The Dominion Trade and Navigation Returns for the past year, show an increase of nearly \$5,500,000 over the export trade of 1887.

English sporting men hope through Carr, the rising young carman, to see England regain the single-sculls championship of the world. The widows of the executed Chicago anarchists are to receive an annual pension of \$400 a year, and a hundred dollars a year for each child.

An ancient remedy for the headache was will think remedy has made no advance step in the hunt for newer remedies. Engagement dinners are the latest fad in New York; the guests being the relatives and friends of the newly betrothed party, that is if both are favorable to the proposed union.

The Presbyterian Church in America proposes celebrating its centennial by raising one million dollars for the benefit of supernumerated ministers and their widows and children. The price for the effectual destruction of rabbits offered by the New South Wales Government is being warmly contemplated. Already 280 inventors have been sent in to compete for the \$250,000.

To cure warts take a potato and cut a piece off the end and rub on the wart two or three times a day, cutting a slice and out the piece each time used. Very often the potato is sufficient for the cure. Paper doors are now largely substituted for wooden ones. They are better for the reason they are lighter, do not shrink or swell with changes of weather, and can be moulded into any desired pattern.

According to a liquor law passed in France, every person who is convicted twice by the police for open drunkenness is incapable of voting, of elective eligibility, and of being named for the jury or any public office. Over a hundred new iron steamers, many of them very large, are now building on the east coast of England, and on the banks of the Clyde. The iron market is advancing and ship-building is renewed with great activity.

The Shah of Persia has procured modern breech-loading rifles for his army, but they are said to be rusting under lock and key because he could not endure that the pretty weapons should be handed over to the common soldier. John Hays, Credit P. O., says: "His shoulder was so lame for nine months, but he could not raise his hand to his head, but by the use of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil the pain was relieved, and he was able to work three months has elapsed, he has not had an attack of it since."

P. T. Barnum lately said that he has provided that if any of his legatees makes a contest of his will he shall be that he forfeit his bequest, and has left \$100,000 as a fund for the executor to fight any contestant. He thinks that it is two months of wills on the ground of incompetency, and he has had three physicians certify that he will and these have all made oaths that he is of sound mind.

The depression in business which has so long prevailed in Great Britain seems to be passing away. The Board of Trade returns for 1887, show that both exports and imports have been much larger than they were in 1886. The imports reached the amount of \$291,935,000, being twelve and a million more than the preceding year. The exports of British and Irish produce and manufactures for the same time were valued at £212,432,754, being an increase of nine millions over 1886.

The London School of Infantry will be opened on April 2nd. The officers of the school have been approved of, but their names will not yet be given. The Artillery school in Victoria, B. C., will be completed shortly. When this latter school is in operation there will be nine military schools in the Dominion, namely, three of artillery, four of infantry, one of mounted infantry, at Winnipeg, and an cavalry school at Quebec. The officers and men on the establishment of these various schools number nearly one thousand.

NEW YORK'S BIG FIRE. Two Millions or more Vanish in flames on Broadway. Twenty-eight Engines and Fire Companies doing their best.

New York was visited on the morning of the 30th January, by one of the largest and fiercest fires that has ever taken place in the city. It is estimated that the Fourmense warehouses in the block bounded by Broadway, Mercer, Prince and Spring streets, which were filled from cellar to garret with goods, were burned to the ground and their contents utterly destroyed. The fire spread to other buildings in the neighborhood, and smoke and water completed the havoc. Nearly all the destroyed and damaged property was covered by insurance. Several firemen were injured by falling walls and explosions.

The fire was discovered about half-past six o'clock in the morning, as the patrolmen were walking past the old Appian building, Nos. 543 and 551 Broadway, when they observed smoke issuing through the basement gratings. There was at the same time a red glare out from the windows of the store on the lower floor of the building. They immediately gave the alarm, which was quickly responded to by Engine Company No. 16. It is the opinion of the firemen that they realize that they had a big job on their hands, for the flames were already creeping up through the interior of the building where they originated toward the roof. A third alarm was given which brought a large number of engines and other apparatus to the ground. Chief Shroy and several of his assistants, who had arrived, ordered five "company calls" to be sent in at intervals of two minutes each.

"THE THIRTEEN SIZES." At ten minutes past seven o'clock when the firemen were on the ground, the sound of the deadened three sizes, calling out all the fire apparatus of the city below fifty-ninth street, the police reserves were also ordered out, and a crowd of people now hurried to the scene from all parts of the city. Meanwhile the flames had caught the cornice of the adjoining buildings, crawling in and out of upper windows and now burning in the street. The scene was magnificent. Great billows of flame shot up through the roofs of the doomed buildings, while fire masses reached out their devouring arms in greedy search of more to feed upon. The firemen struggled hard to check the conflagration within bounds, but their efforts seemed almost futile. The primary company and all other before they made any impression on the flames. All at once there was a tremendous crash, and the building in which the fire originated, tumbled inward, all four walls at once. A great tower of sparks dashed up from the ruins, followed by a solid mass of flame that seemed almost to reach the sky. Soon after, there was a deafening explosion in No. 553 Broadway, and masses of timber and ironwork were thrown with frightful force in every direction. The explosion was due to the expansion of air in every direction. From that time onward the fire had its own way, the firemen merely trying to confine it to the space it had attacked, and it was nearly noon when the fire was got under control. Several firemen were injured by the explosions and it is put at a very high figure that the total loss will reach over two million dollars.

Bickles Anti-Consumptive Syrup is a combination of several medicinal herbs which exert a most wonderful influence in curing pulmonary consumption and all other diseases of the lungs, chest and throat. It promotes a free and easy expectoration, and gives ease even to the greatest sufferer, coughed and shortness of breath, and affections of the chest, attended with weakness, the digestive organs, or with general debility, seem to vanish under its use. No other remedy acts so readily in allaying inflammation, and in restoring the system to the most obstinate cough is overcome by its penetrating and healing properties. When children are affected with colds, coughs, influenza, croup, quins, and all other diseases of the chest, a few drops of this medicine will do more than any other remedy. It is so palatable that a child will not refuse it, and it is put at a very high figure that the total loss will reach over two million dollars.

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PRINTS, PRINTS, LEAP YEAR. PRINTS, PRINTS, ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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Morse & Kaley Mfg. Co's KNITTING COTTONS, Parks' Cotton Warps, Parks' Carpet Warps.

P. S.—I forgot to speak about the EMBROIDERIES.

We have just opened a large lot of Edges, Insertions, Flouncings and All-overs, and there are a lot more to arrive in a few days.

JOHN J. WEDDALL, 204 Queen St.

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