

General Business.

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Northumberland's Enemies.

The opposition members of the legislature have given another proof of their affection for Northumberland by endeavoring to reduce its representation to three, at a time when the general representation of the province in the legislature was being increased.

An Important Measure.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie has proved his usefulness in the legislature in many ways, but in none with more lasting effect than by the Act for the incorporation of towns throughout the province.

Political Notes.

The Liberal party is doing excellent campaigning work just now, and appears to have a fair chance of accomplishing what its members are mainly fighting for, viz., ousting the government.

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is what the following, which we find in the Montreal Herald, may mean:—"Reports come from Northumberland that Peter Mitchell will carry that constituency at the next election; indeed there is a strong feeling here that Mr. Mitchell will be allowed the seat by acclamation."

The St. Andrew's Beacon says that neither Liberals nor Conservatives in Northumberland have determined upon their candidates. It intimates that Mr. Irving Todd of Milltown will probably be the Liberal candidate.

A special meeting of this Alliance, called by request of members thereof, will be held in the Temperance Hall, on Thursday, March 7th, at 10 a. m., Chatham town.

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A public meeting under the auspices of the Junia Liberal-Conservative Association of St. John, to be addressed by Hon. Messrs. Foster and Costigan, will be held on Monday evening next.

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ing the bill that has passed the St. John Globe's correspondent says:—"Just before the adjournment on Friday night Mr. O'Brien, of Northumberland, got the House to consider an entirely new bill. It met with hearty approval, went through without opposition and Mr. O'Brien was happy. Those who are interested in this legislation pronounce the bill the best to be found in the House."

The bill provides that any ratepayer of a county or petty town or an adjoining county on payment of a license fee of 50 cents in each county.

Messrs W. C. Anslow and W. R. Robinson, who are respectively President and Secretary of the Northumberland Prohibitory Alliance publish the following in the Advocate:—"His billions," your friends say when you are irritable.

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Next Sunday's Eclipse. Referring to the total eclipse of the moon, which is to take place on Sunday evening next 10th inst., the Scientific American says:—"It will be visible throughout most of the inhabited regions of the globe. There are still tribes in Africa who will beat tom-toms and fire-gongs to drive off the shadow-monster that is trying to smother the moon."

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Dr. C. Lombroso, the Turin anthropologist, has published a work on "Graphology," which illustrates by many examples the influence of mental condition on the handwriting.

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