grew close to a bend in the river. Here I opened my kenebecker, drew out the box and proceeded to open it with the aid of a hammer and small iron wedge which I borrowed from a servant man at Boies' house. With a good deal of difficulty I succeeded in forcing the cover open, when out dropped at my feet a roll of parchment and a small miniature on ivory. On examining the latter I at once recognized the sweet face of the young girl whom I had seen in my dream, but her look was only of youthful joy: no trace of sorrow on her youthful face, no tear drop in her eye. Placing the miniature to one side, I took up the roll of parchment which was carefully bound round by a piece of copper wire which I cut with my knife. On unrolling this I discovered what appeared to me to be a neatly drawn plan. Underneath this was some writing, written in a peculiar hand, which I could not read. Two words I could read, however, which were written under a long line which ended in the representation of an arrow head. The words were: "NORD ASTRONOMIQUE."

[To be continued.]

The North Star.

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J. E. COLLINS,.....Editor.

THE SPIRIT OF LATEST DESPATCHES.

Sara Bernhardt weighs 110 lbs!

Peru and Chili are yet at logger heads.

Bismarck has ceased for the nonce persecuting Catholics, and has turned on the Jews.

It is stated now positively that the British Government will not take coercive measures against Ireland; nor will the meeting of Parliament be hastened.

The steamer *Oucle Joseph* collided with another ship in the Gulf of Spezzia and sank with 200 persons—all drowned.

Startling rumors from Ireland appear every day in the English papers. The latest are attempts have been made to shoot Captain Mitchell; and a Protestant clergyman. These rumors may well be doubted.

PROFESSOR SHELDON'S IMPRESSIONS.

Professor Sheldon has written several letters to the leading English newspapers giving his impressions of Canada as a country for agricultural and pastoral purposes. Not a small portion of his letters is devoted to New Brunswick, with which Province he has been particularly pleased; and he does not forget to tell the English people the great courtesy he was shown by the members of our Local Government. He speaks at some length of the "magnficent grass lands of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick," and gives a lengthy and very correct account of the noble acres of intervale which lie within the arms of the valley of the St John river. He shows how the kindly rains of spring fill the rivers to brimming, and that while the possessor of the lands sleeps, the busy streams are engaged bringing down manure which is deposited on the flats by the main river.

The uplands of the entire province pleased the professor well, and he thinks them capable of producing in large store, cereal root, and green crops; and affording excellent pasturage for cattle. He thinks New Brunswick singularly well adapted for raising sheep, and without at all considering ourselves wiser than our neighbors, over a year ago, we devoted several columns in support of the same idea in the *Fredericton Star*. We certainly think if many are to become wealthy in this province by raising cattle for the British markets, the larger number will be found raising flocks of sheep. A few will raise large oxen, indeed a good many may; but hundreds in time will raise sheep, because while from the meat and the fleeces flow encouraging profits, the labor of keeping them will be and is little in comparison with the cost and trouble of keeping other cattle.

The Professor did not like our scrubby cattle, and his companion a corpulent Englishman on the best of terms with his own stomach, underwent the most excruciating agony eating our tough dry beef. They have not hesitated to say our stocks here are coarse and scrawny; and that in the English markets they would be a drug; but at the same time they consider them a good foundation on which to build up superior breeds.

They would not recommend the English farmer to take his axe into the greenwood to make a home, but they would recommend the purchase of several vacant farms they have seen. They evidently take pleasure in demonstrating to the English that the inhabitants of New Brunswick are not Indians; that they are hospitable white people, with whom the English farmer would get along pretty well. We fancy their letters will have the effect by-and-bye of bringing out some English stock raisers here who will buy some of our spare farms, and show our people the wealth they could have made had they long ago begun to raise flocks of sheep or oxen and given some attention to systematic breeding rather than trudging along in the honest but extremely backward way in which their forefathers trod.

The St. John *News and the Freeman*, two newspapers which have never yet proposed anything, sneered at the effects of the delegates visit here. Well, if it did no good, it did no harm at any rate, and those who brought them here at least deserve some credit for their *efforts* after beneficial results.

THE LEPERS AT TRACADIE.

MR. TACHE, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, has taken a very deep interest in the unfortunate lepers at Tracadie. With a view to seeing what could best be done for their immediate comforts, and of ascertaining all that was possible to be known with respect to their disease, its communication and transmission, he has visited Tracadie three times. We have just been informed that he has now in press a book on our lepers and their leprosy, which he has written at the instance chiefly of parties in England. The Dominion Government as our readers are aware have taken charge of the lazaretto; and so long as the unfortunates are such objects of interest to a deputy of the proper department, we may be sure that they will be cared for well.

It would be wasting time now to publish over again any of the speculations of the newspapers respecting the origin of this terrible disease in this Province. Some have maintained that long ago a certain ship bound from the East to Europe, by stress of weather was driven in upon our Northern Shore; that the shipwrecked people built houses and lived along the coast, and that there were one or more lepors among them. That in time through intermarriage the disease spread, and manifested itself in the most unexpected quarters. Others again say that it first was seen in a family named Tingley if we mistake not; though the latter story if true, would seem to us to be so only in as far as it should be based on the former.

Leprosy as our readers know, is a disease characterized by the formation of scaly patches on the skin, of different sizes, but having always nearly a circular form. The disease is thus classified: *Lepra vulgaris* or common leprosy, *Lepra alphos* or white leprosy, and *Lepra nigricans* or black leprosy. Leprosy first manifests itself in small distinct reddish elevations of the cuticle which enlarge till they sometimes become as large as a penny. They are covered with scales which accumulate and form a thick prominent crust and are as quickly reproduced as they fall off. The disease usually makes its appearance first about the knee or elbow and extends by degrees sometimes over the whole body. It creeps slowly along, often taking years to manifest itself. It seldom disturbs the general health of the patient. In the black leprosy the patches are dark and livid, in the white leprosy the patches are dipressed in the centre. We believe the lepers at Tracadie are affected with the white leprosy. The disease is oftenest hereditary, sometimes skipping two or three generations, and manifesting itself in the third or fourth. It sometimes comes without apparent cause, though in such cases it is doubtless induced by exposure to cold or damp. It is a stubborn disease, and often foils the best exertions at curing. Stimulating liquors are avoided because they tend to inflame and aggravate. Those who read ancient books have learnt that in olden times the disease was far more malignant than now, so much so indeed that it may well be doubted if the modern form is a type at all of the old. Some learned persons think that the leprosy of the East, and that spoken of in the Bible, was the same as what is now known as *Elephantiasis*.

TWO PICTURES.

"Look on this picture, and on *this*."
—*Hamlet*.

IN Ireland now, there is a struggle between the dependent people and the powerful ones; the latter trying to keep the yoke on the former, but the tenant as persistently trying to shake it off. In this country the people act differently. The more means a man accumulates here, and the more he gets the people under his thumb, the louder they hurrah for him; and no matter how illiterate he may be, he is the man they will send to the Commons to represent them. Perhaps some of the people about Chatham see a familiar likeness?

The latest amusement in St John is demolishing headstones and monuments.

NORTHUMBERLAND ON THE COLD SIDE.

"The ungrateful in their tribulation find few comforters."—CONFUSCIUS.

In years not far past, Northumberland in the eye of Ottawa was the second county in the Province, and any reasonable prayer she made was invariably granted. We have all heard of the strife that raged within the council doors when one Hon. Minister from New Brunswick wanted the Intercolonial down the valley of the St John to the sea, and when another put his foot down and declared it should go round the coast and down by the doors of his constituents. We know that this Minister carried his point; and we also know the Minister was Hon Peter Mitchell.

The other day as dark was coming on, the writer passed by the Newcastle round house—and he saw it as it has been for two years, gloomy and still. Two or three men now and again poke around the forges, but the many scores have gone, and the money they earned at Newcastle, is now drawn at Moncton. Yet over this unfortunate state of affairs we had no tears to shed, because Northumberland deserved to lose her round house work and ten times more. For she had been pampered by the Government for five long years, a Government who refused her benefactor nothing that he asked; but when the wheel went round and for a fleeting time saw this same representative on that side where the sun didn't shine, she acted the ingrate—and like Esau basely sold her birthright for a mess of pottage. We can hold out no hopes of a revival of work in the Newcastle roundhouse to our readers, while the county remains in its present unfortunate and un-represented state. There are many other things which of right belong also to this county, such for example as the extension of a Dominion steam service to Chatham, but the county does not deserve anything more than she has and she will not be at all likely to get any more for the present. She is now reaping the legitimate fruits of her action, and can expect and deserves nothing but the husk and the vinegar, as those who sow the wind must reap the whirlwind. It is only fair that the member who is the choice of the county's perversity, should be accompanied by all the drawbacks of which we speak and which the people earned in electing him to the position he so wretchedly graces.

THE VACANT SEAT.

THERE is now a vacancy for York in the Upper House. If Mr. Blair get too refractory next winter, the Government will be able to offer him the place. The *Farmer* suggests that Mr. Randolph should get the seat; but it would want Mr. Inches to get it, only that gentleman wants to get a Senatorship. The Government have time enough to fill up this seat, and can find men enough to take it—we dont believe Dr. Archer himself would refuse it: so the *Farmer* needn't be in such a hurry.

DIED.

HON. JOHN A. BECKWITH, M.L.C. died at Fredericton, on Tuesday last, at the ripe old age of eighty. Mr. Beckwith was one of the most prominent public men of his day, was for many years a representative of York County at the Local Legislature, and also held the office of Provincial Secretary. He was also a prominent militia man, actively engaged in several prominent industries; and was quite a useful member of society.

IN looking at certain matters transpiring in this town of a public nature within the last few days, and looking at the slippery persons behind the scenes who chuckle over the results, we are reminded of the lines in Hamlet:—

"But 'tis the sport to have
The engineer hoist with his own petard!"

Three men have been fined at Stellarton for working in a dangerous part of the coal pit with naked lights. It is heedlessness like this which almost invariably causes the shocking mining accidents which every now and again reaches the public ear.

THE *Moniteur Acadien* in Thursdays issue publishes Hon. P. A. Landrys address at the opening of the Normal School in full.

A MR. JOHN O'BRIEN of St. John has a carrier pigeon which will fly against any other mans pigeon for $20.

Rev. Newman Hall and his divorced wife, says an exchange, have committed matrimony again.

The Amherst people are agitating for a railway from Amherst to Cape Tormentine.

Sir A. T. Galt is interesting himself in Irish emigration to Canada.

The Opposition papers are itching to find out the terms of the C. P. R. R. contract.

WEALTH SKIMMED FROM WATER.

BRADFORD, PA., Nov. 10.—Until the recent rains, there was more oil running in many of the creeks in this region than there was water, the tankage for petroleum being insufficient to store the over-production. Last August, Hugh Potts was out of work. He leased a plot of ground near Tarport. The Tuna Creek runs through it. Potts put a boom across the Creek. He had a large tin boat pump made. By the time he had built a 250 barrel tank on the bank of the creek his boom had collected a pool of waste oil that stood six inches deep on the water, and covered space enough to hold many hundred barrels. Potts went to work pumping the oil out of the dam by hand. He filled his tank in three days. Then he put up four other tanks. When these were done a freshet came. The boom was carried away, and with it ten thousand barrels of oil that had collected. Since then Potts has filled his five tanks, besides selling several hundred barrels at one dollar a barrel. The cold weather has thickened the oil in the creek, so that it cannot be pumped. Potts is having a boiler put up on his lease, and intends to inject steam by numerous jets in the lake of oil. This he thinks will reduce the oil to pumping consistency. He says if he had commenced busines sooner he would have had 25,000 barrels of oil on hand now. He sells the oil to Buffalo, Franklin and Chicago parties. It is mixed with Franklin oil and used as a lubricator. Potts has made $2,000 since he put his dam in in August. He says collecting the oil that others waste is better than owning any of the wells. There are now standing in his dam 6,000 barrels of petroleum, which is increased by hundreds of barrels daily.

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