

The Carleton Sentinel.

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THE SENTINEL.

We have a few words to offer, additional to what we addressed our readers last week, with reference to our paper. By this time those readers will have formed an opinion respecting it, and we have no doubt that opinion, on the whole, is favorable. In its typography, in the clearness of its impression, in the character of the paper on which it is printed, there is an evident and substantial improvement. Then the form is increased in size considerably, and two-thirds of the paper is devoted to general reading matter, while in our last issue before the first only a little over one-third was so occupied. These changes are such as will, we feel confident, meet the approbation of the numerous friends of our paper, and will recommend it to all readers as a desirable family newspaper. Second in size to only one religious and one secular newspaper in the Province, and containing a broader surface of matter suited to the diversified tastes of young and old, lively and sedate, than we believe, any of our contemporaries, we expect the SENTINEL will be hailed as a more welcome guest to those family circles, where it has so long had a place, and likewise find, through the recommendations of its old friends, entrance into many new ones. Our desire is that the SENTINEL should be marked in character as a family newspaper, and containing such reading as may improve the mind, enlarge the understanding, expand and nourish the better principles of our nature, encourage the development of native intelligence and talent, and amuse without vitiating. Education, the moral, social and religious reforms of the day we shall continue to advocate. With politics we confess to a growing disgust, — we mean that which passes as politics in this Province in the papers. Acknowledging no weakening of faith in, or love for, those great principles of constitutional government which have been handed to this Province, and which are now virtually acknowledged by all parties; prepared to yield not a whit to those whom we have regarded, and still consider obstructive; having no desire to unseat or gild what we have already said with reference to those who stand at the head of affairs, or those who stand in opposition; still there are now no great political principles at issue, and the very best assurance of success which the Government and its officers can desire is found in the malignant, unscrupulous and untempered abuse with which they are, and have been, treated by a portion of the press. Abuse of those in power is the politics of the opposition press; retaliation and reply, in the most severe terms, are the politics to too great an extent of the other side. Therefore our columns will not be overcharged with general politics, unless necessary in vindication of established principles, in supporting new ones, which we may consider wise and politic, or in opposing such as we may regard as vicious in their tendencies, or calculated to weaken or lessen our political liberties. While we shall continue to regard the whole Province and its interests unbiased by narrow and sectional prejudices, we shall endeavor to give paramount attention to the interests of our own County and Victoria, both in their local government, and the measures of general legislation affecting them. As for the future, it shall be our duty in the future, to oppose to the usurpations of acknowledged rights by the mere name of loyalty, and anything, in whatever form it comes calculated to cast disrespect upon, or lessen our reverence for, the throne of Great Britain, giving our best assistance to those institutions having a tendency to encourage a love for the institutions of the Fatherland.

With this brief recapitulation of the new SENTINEL'S doctrines, we again ask the kindly favors of our friends and the reading public.

ST. ANDREWS RAILROAD.

The Journal of the 31st ult. informs us as to the point upon which depends the future of the railroad. The Editor says, speaking, we have no doubt, upon good authority, if any authority with reference to the road can be depended upon, that "The chief difficulty appears to be with respect to the construction of the act upon which depends the securing of the provincial guarantee of six per cent. on £100,000." In a word, that certain parties in Canada are willing to take hold of the road and complete it at once to Woodstock, with every prospect of its being continued to Canada, provided the Government give them an assurance that the "strict terms of the act will not be insisted upon" — namely, that the road shall be built from St. Andrews in the County of Charlotte to Woodstock in the County of Carleton. The parties alluded to want a liberal construction put upon the act; such an one as would justify the road being carried near Woodstock — within six miles of it. The Journal advocates such an interpretation of the "location clause," and suggests a public meeting for an expression of public opinion. While we should be sorry to throw any obstacle in the way of the continuance of the road at once, we cannot but suppose that it would be perhaps a dangerous step for the Government, in the way of the deliberative action and convictions of the Legislature, and in view of the interests, manifold, of not only Woodstock, but a large portion of the County, which are involved, to assent to the proposed change hastily. At all events we should like to know first that the representations with reference to the engineering difficulties, &c., in the way of bringing the road to Woodstock, are correct. The popular opinion is that the management has always been averse to bringing the road to Woodstock, and if, as we understand it, the final location of the road has been all along to disregard the terms of the act.

THE WEATHER, &c., &c.

A drought of unusual length for this season of the year prevailed up to Thursday the 31st ult., but since that time the weather has been most propitious, and beneath the genial influence of alternate shower and sunshine, the face of nature has assumed the most delightful appearance. Vegetation advances rapidly, and the indications are most favorable for the agriculturists, and what is favorable for them is favorable for us all.

The water in the river as we write is very low, and the prospect is that the steamboats will not be able to run much longer than this week, unless we have a June freshet. Speaking of boats we may remark that we have been well supplied with such facilities for travelling this season — perhaps too well, as sometimes the competition induced when there are several boats running, leads to inconvenience to the travelling public. It is almost too late, but still we mention the fact that this season a new boat, the "Tobique," has been placed upon this route. Her dimensions, build and finish are well adapted for the work she has to do, and we believe, so far, she has been quite successful. She is commanded by Capt. J. T. Allan, who adapts himself to the business in such a way as to render himself and boat popular.

The "Bonnie Doon," Capt. Smith, has kept along doing an excellent business. The "Richmond," Capt. Duncan, improved in many respects, has been unfortunate, having twice within a few weeks had connecting rods and cylinder head broken. The "Reindeer," Capt. Wood, has kept up her reputation for speed, but has been unfortunate, having run on a rock near Eel River last week, and stove a hole in her hull. The effect of the drought upon the staple trade of our country has been important. Nearly half the lumber cut is hung up in the streams, little or none having as yet come out of some of the most important streams. From the large quantity got to market, and that still lying on the bank of the river between this and Fredericton, probably the market will be amply supplied, and the "glut" and consequent falling of prices below a remunerative mark will be avoided.

WOODSTOCK.

The appearance of things in Woodstock gives evident proof that those who suffered by the late disastrous conflagration did not lose any of their energy or enterprise, but "up and at it again" seems to be the motto which has obtained. Nearly all of those who were in business at the time of the fire have resumed. The buildings erected for the purposes of trade are to be sure small, mostly temporary, still they are comfortable, and quite good enough for the purpose to answer for the coming winter; indeed many of the stores and shops are improvements on the old ones; next summer no doubt a large number of more pretensions buildings will rise, and during the present season, if we are rightly informed, some large structures will at all events be commenced.

Meanwhile, we should judge from appearances, general business is pretty good. Before any permanent buildings are put up on the burnt district, we hope energetic measures will be adopted to insure a better laying out of the streets and lots: the opportunity for this is now offered; it should be embraced.

CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES.—Since our publication was suspended by the fire our neighbors over the line have been in a state of excitement respecting the nominations for President. The following which we adopt from the Montreal Transcript will inform our readers of what has been done and what attempted:—

"The last few weeks have been a busy time in the United States for politicians. Three Conventions have been held to select candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President, to be elected next November, to succeed on the termination of Mr. Buchanan's Presidency. The first convention was held at Charleston, and was very numerously attended by the Democratic party, who at present hold the reins of Government, as they have done — with the exception of three Presidencies, that of John Quincy Adams, General Harrison, and Gen. Taylor upwards of half a century. Their most distinguished leader, Mr. Douglas, the little giant, — as he is called from the diminutiveness of his person compared with the magnitude of his intellect, — was unable to obtain a sufficient majority of the Southern States to ensure his election by a two-thirds majority of the Convention, which finally broke up, being unable to come to an agreement on a platform of principles; the South exacting greater concessions to the Slave power than the North found it easy to concede. That powerful party is therefore still without chosen representatives for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency: it will, however, shortly reassemble, and in all probability, having in the meantime reconciled differences, present an undivided front. Whether the choice will again fall on Douglas, or whether some one less obnoxious to the dissentients will be the man, is a question on which there is considerable doubt.

Immediately after the Charleston Convention, the Union Conservative party, as they style themselves, whose principal device on their banner is the maintenance of the Union, — the dissolution of which they affect to regard as threatened, by the manner in which the Slave question, and all other questions relating thereto, are discussed, — assembled at Baltimore, and selected as their candidates, Mr. Bell of Tennessee, a gentleman popular on account of his integrity and his absence of any proclivity towards either party, for President; and Mr. Everett of Massachusetts, celebrated for his eloquence, and known as one of the old Whigs, for Vice-President. The nomination is not likely to be successful, so far as to elect the President by the general vote, but in case of neither of the other candidates gaining an absolute majority of the States, the three candidates will be returned to the House of Representatives, voting for each State for decision, and if there none of the candidates should have an absolute majority, finally to the Senate to make their choice. There is thus some chance of these candidates ultimately succeeding.

Last week the Republican party held their Convention at Chicago. The candidates, Mr. Seward, whose supporters were more numerous than those of any other individual candidate, failed to secure an absolute majority of the delegates; and the dissentients combining, succeeded in displacing him for Mr. Lincoln of Illinois — the same State that Douglas hailed from as President, and Mr. Hamlin of Maine, as Vice-President. There can be no doubt of the superiority of Mr. Seward in every respect over his successful competitor, he being one of the most eloquent orators and consummate statesmen of the Union; but those qualities are too often the lot of complete success, where numerous interests are at stake. Although to New York and other popular and enlightened free States the nomination of Mr. Seward would have been far more satisfactory, yet as these States are sure to yield a Republican majority, it is deemed expedient to waive their proper pretensions in order to secure the accession of those States that are less reliable, such as Pennsylvania and Illinois. By this compromise of men the Republicans entertain hopes of the triumph of their principles at the ensuing election; and it is remarkable to observe how patiently the mortification of the defeat of the favorite candidate is submitted to. The private life of both of the chosen candidates is highly estimable, and it is characteristic of the simplicity of republican institutions to notice how completely the men have been the artificers of their own fortunes. Mr. Lincoln is commonly known before the public as the "flat boatman," having raised himself from that rank of life until he became a competitor with Mr. Douglas, the leading Democrat of the age, some time ago for the Senatorship of Illinois, and now for the distinguished office of President of the Republic.

To us, simply as Canadians, the ensuing election for the Presidency is of little consequence, but as philanthropists and men desirous of progress in every thing that relates to the condition of that part of the human race held in bondage, it offers a strong appeal to our feelings. It is, we may say, a step in advance, since it is one of resistance to the aggrandizement of the Slaveocracy of the South, and from unpardonably the Democracy has hitherto habitually pondered. Every friend of humanity

would, therefore, however he might agree with their general principles on other questions, rejoice.

The following is in substance the platform of the Republican party at this election: it has the ring of the true metal in it, and deserves to prevail:—

"Slavery a local and not a National Institution; and consequently, can only have a local existence through the action of a people in their official capacity as a State.

"The right of every state to be protected in the enjoyment of such local and domestic institutions as they may elect to establish.

"Unalterable opposition to the extension of the Institution of Slavery into the free Territories of the Union, either by the General Government or by what is known as Squatter Sovereignty.

"The purification of the General Government, and its restoration what it was under the administration of Washington and Jefferson and a recognition of the Constitution as it was understood, expounded and practised upon by those who made it."

We direct the attention of such of our readers as may chance to visit Bangor to the card of the "Bangor House" in another column. We recently had the good fortune to make the acquaintance of the house, and found it to be most complete. Mr. Larabee, the landlord, is just what a landlord should be to render the house popular, and in his gentlemanly clerk, he is most ably seconded in endeavoring to make his customers comfortable. The "Bangor House" is most desirable hotel for persons either on business or pleasure to put up at.

We direct attention to the advertisement of Leonard Scott & Co., whose publications, the standard periodicals of England, are too well known to require any more notice than to be named in order to satisfy our readers of their character and claims. They are Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine; the London Quarterly; and the Edinburgh, North British and Westminster Review. All these works for the current quarter we have received, but are unable to give them a more extended notice.

The "American House," King Street, St. John, has been re-opened by Mr. S. B. Estey, long and favorably known to many of our readers as an excellent host. He is now prepared, with his more extensive accommodations, in a more central part of the city than heretofore, to welcome all callers with those provisions which render the travellers comfortable.

A splendid building is being erected in Montreal (L. C.) by the Board of Arts and Manufactures, in which to hold a Canadian Exhibition of articles the growth, produce and manufacture of the province on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales.

An inquest was held on the 29th May, 1860, in the Parish of Richmond, County of Carleton, before G. A. Brown, M. D., on view of the body of Henry Cogle. From the evidence given upon the inquest, after due consideration, the jury were of opinion that he came to his death by accident in falling from a tree. Verdict accordingly.

The Great Eastern steamer will be despatched from Southampton for New York, on Saturday the 9th of June, as appears by announcement in the London Journals.

If any one has files of the SENTINEL for one or more years past we should like to obtain them at a fair price.

The list of bye road appropriations for Victoria County, and the special grants for Carleton, will be found on the fourth page.

PERSONAL.—We were pleased to receive a call from Ross Woodrow, Esq., of the Globe, St. John, on Saturday last.

Persons visiting Boston, and desiring to stay there for any length of time, will find the "Seftick House" a very desirable place of abode. See card.

The first sod of the Bangor and Amroostock Railroad is to be turned on the first of July next.

There are 135,000 effective volunteer Riflemen and 14,000 Artillerymen in the United Kingdom.

BOOK NOTICES.—We have received the June number of Godey from the publisher. It abounds with its usual attractions — unusually attractive.

ARTHUR'S HOME MAGAZINE.—This work for June is as usual promptly received. It is a charming number, filling that niche in household literature vacant without it.

From the Reporter of the 25th ult., we take the following, respecting the resignation of Mr. Connell, which suits our views entirely:—

"The opposition parties pretend to derive much comfort from the resignation of the Hon. Mr. Connell, and most certainly, in the long crusade which they have urged against the Government, it is the first green spot which has appeared on their horizon. But we have no doubt that their benefit is however quite another thing; and all sanguine as they are, it may be as wise for them to defer the counting of the chickens till they are hatched. This could not by any means be expected by the silly persons who have for the last three or four years, been prophesying the downfall of the Government, and in a week in paper, and sinking the old issue, in order to pick up a new one, just as often.

We yield to none in our respect for Mr. Connell, and in our appreciation of the praiseworthy manner in which he managed his office — a proof of which could be found not only in that management but in the countless abuse which he received from the opposition. — Nay more, we believe that considering the ground which he takes in the onset, namely, the independent control of each department by the officers in charge and the repudiation of that doctrine by the rest of the Government, there was no other course left for him but to resign; but we do not believe that this resignation will effect the standing of the Government; and further we have reason to believe that Mr. Connell will not on this occasionally himself with his old and well defined enemies — the Tories. 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