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The Carleton Sentinel.

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Mechanic's Institute.

This building is being proceeded with rapidly; we learn that, with a not very large additional outlay, the contractors could have the main hall ready for occupancy on the first of January—by the contract they have till the first of June next.

We are somewhat disappointed and dissatisfied with the building in some of its details. We hope, if we state in what respect, there will be none so excessively thin skinned as to take offence, as was at once remarks some time ago respecting the foundation stone. The building is, including the main entrance, 72 x 48. The basement is divided into a school-room 22 x 40, and three small rooms suitable for committees, library, &c., each 22 x 40. The ceilings are 10 feet high—here is the first item of which we complain. This story should have been at least 12 feet high. Even in modern dwelling houses 12 feet is not considered any too high, and, certainly, in a modern school-house, with the light and knowledge which we possess, to make it with 10 feet high, remembering that one of the largest, if not the largest, school in the County, the Grammar School, is to occupy it, seems to show a want of proper consideration on the part of somebody.

The upper and main hall will be, in the centre or sitting space, 53 x 47, 20 feet high; its appearance on entering will be as broad as it is long, and, taking off the space for platform and entrance from below, in the rear end, it will be reduced to a length about the same as the width. We need not say that a square hall is not a handsome one. Then again, there is no provision for any ante-rooms; this arrangement will not only be inconvenient but, for many of the purposes for which a public hall is used, will be a complete hindrance. The having an entrance at the rear beside the platform is a good one, but most decidedly that entrance should be in an ante-room, and not directly into the large hall. There can be no necessity for finishing the building without the necessary conveniences of this sort, especially as there is plenty of land—nor need the hall be cramped or curtailed in its dimensions. Nor is it too late still to make any necessary changes in the internal economy. We state our convictions now because we believe attention to these suggestions will prevent annoyance and loss in the future. Nor are we unmindful that, as a Director of the Institute, we must bear a portion of the blame, if blame attaches to any one, in connection with the building thus far.

Pic-Nic.

The Catholic picnic took place, as previously announced, on Sheriff Dibble's intervals, on Monday last. Than the locality selected, none could be more appropriate for such a purpose; indeed a more delightful place than the interval, taken as a whole, it was hard to find. The day was propitious, being cool and cloudy. The attendance was very good, especially considering the great scarcity of money, there being at one time upon the grounds 450 to 500 persons; and the sales of articles at the stands were brisk, especially in those which contributed to the gastronomic ability of the crowd.—The Brass Band did great credit by its performances; we are glad to find it in so promising a condition after its reorganization. The amusements were of the usual varied kinds; foot ball, foot races, sack races, wheelbarrow races, singing, dancing, &c., each and all of which contributed to the pleasure of the assembly. When we left the grounds, Mr. Grover was disposing of a variety of fancy articles by auction, and no knight of the hammer ever displayed more ability in this vocation than did he, under the influence of his eloquent representation those who had children bought, at fabulous prices, articles of childrens wear, while those who had none seemed suddenly inspired with the idea that they would have them, and bought anticipatory of such result. The winding up was in the shape of a Ball in the evening, which went off well and pleasantly. The receipts amounted to \$440; the object we have not learned.

Chat about American affairs.

The news which reaches us lately is of a character which settles the mind in its convictions that a speedy present termination of the war in the States must result; and the reasonable conclusion, based upon that news, is that the North will dictate its terms. How long a peace now patched up may last is a question which time alone can determine. The talk about a projected invasion of Canada by Federal troops, lately set agoing by D'Arcy McGee, is all very well for excitable people to dwell upon, and may prove an excellent stalking horse for politicians in the United States and Canada, but to be regarded seriously as an eventuality within the range of probability, it does seem to us absurd. We don't altogether wonder at the bluster and war talk toward England indulged in by portions of the people and press of the States; such is perhaps good policy so far as it tends to keep alive a war spirit among the people generally—a spirit bound to restrain the internal rebellion now raging, and then to maintain the power and prestige of the Government by avenging wrong and insult offered by foreign nations. But the present difficulty ended, and it will be some time before the United States engages in another war, unless forced into it, and such a result, we believe, will not be sought by England.

It is instructive and somewhat amusing to read the list of mortal sins and ailments which are developed on and in the persons of those drafted lately in the various States, and which render such examples. These lists of ailments will prove invaluable as a reference directory for Life Assurance companies, for, be assured if there is any flick or weakness in the physical system it is made known to a man becomes drafted. It does seem rather strange, to find men, who have been in the habit of boasting loudly their patriotism, and vehemently declaring the justness of the war, and the glory of the stars and stripes to be maintained only by its prosecution, immediately upon their being drafted evading by every possible means the call of their country thus put upon them, and with almost indecent haste exposing the peculiar frailties of their poor human nature. Despicable are those in our eyes who become "skeddaddlers" to avoid the draft. For those who were only transient residents in the States, had not embraced fully, by the legal means, the rights and immunities of American citizens, and

who had not learned to prefer their form of government, there is an excuse, if they decline fighting for the North, but for American citizens native born, who believe in the war; or for those who have become American citizens by choice, have taken the oath of allegiance, have lived and proposed to live under the protection of American laws, who pretend to love American institutions, and prefer democratic rule, for such, in the hour of peril and need, to desert their country is, it seems to us, unmanly and, as we have used the term before, despicable. We are glad to believe that there are not many such noses who have acted this way. And this reminds us of the very many of our New Brunswick boys who have taken up arms for the North, and who have given a good account of themselves when they have been brought to face danger in the field.

However the general feeling of our communities may be, and however swayed by various motives to favor the South, or to regard without any interest either way the present warfare, there is throughout the land a deep, intense feeling of sympathy, for the North, at work, owing to the very fact that in its army are fathers and sons, brothers and lovers. And still the instances like these, here and there, where friends read with anxious eyes the lists of killed and wounded at the various battles, when the mother's very heart is in her tone and look as she asks after her son who is in such a regiment, who serves in such a fight, are only sufficient to enlarge our ideas of the terrors of war, and increase our sympathies for the thousands of families in the States whose loved ones have sought the path of war and maimed, wounded, or dead, or on the highway to such results, reap the bitter fruits of war. Here is an extract from a letter lately received from a strapping New Brunswick boy, in the Maine Ninth, now before Sumter. In reply to the enquiries of his mother if he is not anxious for the expiration of his term of service, and a return home, after describing the manner of the death of his comrade at his side, (another Frederickian lad) he then writes:—"Yes, dear mother, I long for the time to come when I can see your dear faces once more. I have lost all that was dear to me in this service, and I shall never be happy again till I see the loved ones at home. But you will not tell me for 60 years it takes that time to conquer the rebels; they have murdered thousands of our best men, and we will never strike our colors while one man of Strong's brigade is living." Such is the stuff, we apprehend, of which heroes are made—our chat on American affairs has reached sufficient length for this time.

The rain long withheld, came in abundant measure on Tuesday and Wednesday last. It was very much wanted, except by those who had commenced harvesting. We have little change to notice in the prospect of the crops since our last. The weevil is proving very destructive to the wheat, and the frosts which have occurred have damaged the buckwheat in some of the back settlements in this County as well as in Victoria. Potatoes have not, we think as yet, been seriously affected by the disease, but are yielding a very light crop in consequence of the lengthened spell of dry weather.

A glance at the advertising columns will satisfy the readers of the *Sentinel*, that there is to be a plenty of tea meetings this fall. One takes place at Florenceville next Wednesday; one at the same place on the first of October, and one at Peel the 23rd of September; besides these we have heard of others in contemplation. Go it say we! nothing like having plenty of a good thing.

An interesting letter from an up-river correspondent appears this week. The result of the vote for or against incorporation, we agree with him, is a strange, almost inexplicable one. The apathy of the residents of the lower parishes, we are surprised at, but they have now doubtless learned that there is no use of calling upon Hercules unless they put their own shoulders to the wheel, if they would inaugurate any reform in their social politics.

The Lord Bishop of Fredericton purposes visiting this portion of His Lordship's Diocese, in the course of next week, and will administer the holy Rite of Confirmation at St. Luke's Church on Sunday the 6th of September, and at St. John's Church, Richmond, on the following day (Monday). The services at both Churches to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.—*Com.*

The Hon. Manners Sutton is talked of as likely to be appointed Governor of Nova Scotia; this is much more likely to happen, than that our present Governor should be appointed.

We have only space to state that the Tea Meeting at Middle Simonds, to raise funds to repair the Baptist Chapel there, went off in a manner exceedingly pleasant, and paid well. Some 300 persons took tea. The tables, abundantly and luxuriously stocked, were under the supervision of the following ladies: Mrs. Elisha Shaw, Mrs. Elijah Ebbett, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Wm. Ebbett, Mrs. C. Shaw, Mrs. J. H. Estey and Mrs. John Caldwell.

Effective speeches were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Harvey, Walker and Saunders, and by Messrs. S. B. Appleby and Samuel Watts.

BARRETT ON LANGUAGES.—English, Latin, Greek, German, Spanish, and French, with a Polyglot arrangement of a part of the Gospel of St. Matthew, and a Dictionary of the Modern Languages. What Allegory is to Arithmetic, and thorough base to Music, this treatise is to Grammar. It unfolds the whole Science of Languages and Grammar on the most philosophical principles, being founded on the immutable relations of the Impression and Expression of Ideas, and the relation which these ideas hold to each other; thus enabling the student not only to understand the rules and definitions of grammar, but the principles on which these definitions and rules are founded. Mr. Barrett has obtained the largest list of subscribers for his book of any work published in America.

We are requested, to state that Rev. John Williams will preach in the Baptist Chapel in this town to-morrow (Sunday) at 11 and 3 o'clock.

GOREY'S LADY'S BOOK for September has been received from the publisher. The regularity with which Mr. Gorey serves his exchanges has become a notable feature of his publication, and demands at the hands of the press generally the most courteous consideration for that magazine. But we not only commend this Book for that it comes to us regularly, but because of the thousand excellencies which crowd upon the attention of its readers, and compel the most exalted terms of admiration from all. What we have thus said generally applies very aptly to this September number, which comes as near perfection in the shape of a ladies' magazine as can well be reached.

ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—With a large class of persons the crude and flippant literature, the amusing caricatures and illustrated articles of such publications as Harpers magazine find a welcome. The Atlantic Monthly was established to suit a different class of tastes entirely, and fill a place in the world of American periodical literature long vacant. It has taken its proper position and maintains it, and has now become the regular companion of those who can appreciate the sterling literary compo-

sition, the taste, and judgement, and principle which are qualified to select, and to put together, a healthy appetite for that which is sound and wholesome and good. The September number of the Atlantic has been received, and we commend it to our readers. The contents are:—"The Puritan Minister; Thoreau's Flute; Mr. Martin's disappointment; Robert Clark's School; The Freedmen at Port Royal; No and Yes; The Mother Safe; The Tertiary Age; and its characteristic animals; The new Sangreal; Thomas De Quincy; Mrs. Lewis; Lyrics of the street; Interesting manuscripts of Edmund Burke; Harvard's Heroes; Who is Roebuck?"

ST. JOHN CORRESPONDENCE.

ST. JOHN, AUG. 25, 1863.

DEAR SENTINEL.—We are a fortunate people. Everything that goes to make the life of man pleasant and agreeable, we have in abundance. Amusements of various kinds—from a negro minstrel troupe to a man, horse, ox, and boat race. With all these delightful and pleasing pastimes, no wonder that the race of life is easily run, and that there, even with our fogs, miasmatic atmosphere, and other elements which are said to shorten the days of man, we live to a good old age, and proudly boast of our City life and its varied advantages.

The season, up to within the past few days, has been very dry, not a drop of rain having fallen for a couple of weeks. Last week, however, closed with a delightful and most welcome storm of wind and rain, which cleared out much of the fog, and left a fresh and healthy atmosphere. The drought has been very favorable for Pic-Nic Parties, of which there have been no lack. Every Society, Temperance body, and Militia and Engine Company, has had its "time"; some taking a steam trip a few miles up the river; others, on horseback, or on foot, to some locality on the line of railway, while quite a number have been held on the heights of Carleton, from which an unlimited view can be had over both sea and land. An improvement, and one that was very much desired, has been made in the conduct of Sunday School. Formerly, when the most largely attended, because the cheapest, and dancing and other amusements quite inconsistent with Sabbath School teaching, have been freely indulged, while the children forming the schools, and for whose especial benefit the schools were opened, were being looked upon, on account of their tender years, and the consequent care and watchfulness necessary to be bestowed upon them, as little drawbacks to the enjoyment of the full grown portion of the party. Sabbath School picnics this summer, however, are almost entirely of a different character, the guests being present, which brings these little affairs more nearly to what their promoters originally intended, a season of moral recreation for the children with the absence of everything jarring with morality, or of an evil tendency.

You have seen that the Militia Companies of this County have been formed into a Battalion, which is considered an improvement, and may tend to keep together for a while longer this once flourishing but now tottering institution. Considerable zeal is still manifested by some of the officers of companies, and the ranks are well filled. The last week in answer to the call of the Lieut. Col. of the new battalion, the hon. John Robertson, who is the very best man that could have been appointed to the post. It may be well to mention in this connection that classes B. and C. of the militia for the first time, were again brought up, and the two of the Wards of our City, have been called out for drill in the barracks at St. John. This causes much amusement, merriment at the expense of acquaintances, and dissatisfaction among those who will be compelled to obey a very absurd and useless law. This step may have been rendered necessary on account of the contemplated invasion of British North America by a hundred thousand Federal troops," recently spoken of by Mr. T. D'Arcy McGee.

The Supreme Court has been hearing cases in this City for a week or two. The case of the Queen v. Desbrisay was tried and disposed of in a short time. The Crown was again brought up, and themselves on this occasion. Mr. Desbrisay sent a vessel to sea without a register, and the Government could not receive duties on vessel or cargo while she remained unregistered, hence the suit instituted against the defendant, who was fined \$15. The case arising out of the accident on the railway, in the winter of 1862, was again brought up, but owing to the illness of Mr. Jardine, was again laid on the shelf. Considerable interest was taken in a trial arising out of a semi-political cause, in which the famous Colonial Empire Club were the defendants, and Mr. G. H. Beardsley, formerly of Victoria, was the prosecutor. It was remembered that Mr. Beardsley was reporter for the *Empire* during the Legislative session of 1861, and at the celebrated Crown Land Investigation. He did not receive compensation for these services, as he alleges, and the party who was the ostensible publisher of the newspaper in question, and who employed him, not being in a position to award him the remuneration agreed for, Mr. Beardsley now brings the whole Empire Club, with the hon. John H. Gray at its head, into Court, with a view to recover wages for his labour. A verdict was given for the defendants, however. One of the defendants, for the latter, in his address to the jury, made some reference to Mr. Beardsley, which that gentleman considered insulting, and an assault on the public street was the result. Thus has the celebrated Colonial Empire, and those connected with it been brought low. During its existence it did much to excite the passions of the people, and now that it is dead, its friends in prosperity are endeavoring to blacken each other's reputations, and even go so far as to indict personal punishment. "The way of the transgressor is hard." The whole matter forms a subject for leaders in our City papers, who comment pretty freely upon the conduct of Mr. Gray and his friends in not paying the debts incurred in the publication of that paper.

The crops in the vicinity look very well indeed, and but little is yet observable of the potato rot. This valuable vegetable still commands a fair rate, 8 cents to 90 cents a bushel. The market trade is rather dull, and but little prospect of improvement. Though a matter in which the people take considerable interest, I had almost forgotten to inform the loyal people of your district that the British Government has decided to protect them from any invasion at this end of the Province at least, as the military authorities have commenced the erection of a large fort near Carleton Head, on the western side of the harbor, and although but a few sods are yet upturned, the number of visitors to the spot is very large, and their curiosity wonderful. The work is to be pushed to completion, and mounted as soon as possible. Yours, A. T.

GRAND FALLS CORRESPONDENCE.

GRAND FALLS, AUG. 18th, 1863.

DEAR SENTINEL.—I pray you to excuse me for the length of time that has intervened between this and my last communication, as, owing to various circumstances I have been prevented from writing; promising for the future an endeavour to be more punctual in my correspondence. Since my last letter to your valuable paper the question of incorporating the County, alluded to by your former letters, has been decided in the negative, contrary to the expectations of many. In this Parish the friends of progress and reform were very active in their exertions during the day of voting; and I suppose that the result at the closing of the polls must have been very cheering to the enemies of the County. I am, however, not at all surprised at their opinion in favour of a Municipality while only eighteen recorded their votes against the measure. However the activity apparent here by those in favour, was completely negatived by the apathy displayed in the lower parishes, Perth and Andover, and the result was a total failure. The surprise and disappointment of the people of Grand Falls, not a third of the inhabitants voted at all, although of those who did take the trouble to go to the polls, with but a single exception, recorded their votes in favour. Considering that the idea of incorporating the County originated in Andover, and that for the past several years the strongest expressions of discontent, at the present time in which the County business has been transacted, have been manifested by the people in both of those places, the indifference then displayed seems to be quite unaccountable. I am, however, not at all surprised at their opinion in favour of a Municipality while only eighteen recorded their votes against the measure. 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