

Final Notice.

Owing to the increased expense of publishing, the following will be positively enforced.

At the first of January, coming, all subscribers to the Sentinel two years in arrears, who do not in the mean time call and make some arrangement, will have their names struck off the books, and their accounts collected by a Magistrate, at the long rates.

The Carleton Sentinel.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1864.

Public Lectures.

The season for public lectures being here, it is natural for us to expect some effort to be made to prepare for a proper supply of lecturers. There are two facts evident. The one is that lecturers here are not very readily obtained at short notice; but the reason is found, not in the incapacity or positive unwillingness of those gentlemen, of whom we have several, who have heretofore been in the habit of occupying the public platform, but in the second fact which we mention, which is, that the people here are not remarkably fond of patronizing the lectures. It is not so much from a want of appreciation of that which is useful and solid, because this community is not wanting in general intelligence, but it arises from a carelessness through which the lecture room is apt to be neglected from some trivial cause. Now that it were hard to find a method of spending an hour more agreeably, or more usefully, than in listening to such lectures as we have had in former seasons, it were unnecessary to argue. It is equally certain that in the preparation of such lectures a great deal of time, thought and labor has to be expended. The conclusion is evident that those for whose benefit and pleasure this labor is expended at great injustice when they fail to give their presence at the lectures. We hope that the efforts to be made this winter, in the direction referred to, will meet a hearty response on the part of the public, and that those who originate the several courses, and those who lecture, may thus have fresh heart given them for the future.

St. Alban Raiders.

The telegraphic version of the discharge of the St. Alban raiders by Judge Coursal, at Montreal, and of the subsequent action by the Attorney General and the Government of Canada, as well as the bullying order of Gen. Dix, was so strange, and without, so absurd, that it was generally supposed, when the particulars were obtained, it would be found to be one of frequent telegraphic vagaries. But it would seem that in this instance the wires brought correct intelligence, and on the borders of Canada and the States much excitement has followed; so much so that on either side Government is preparing by armed force to prevent any violation of peace. Judge Coursal's reasons for the delivery were:

"The case was a most exceptional one, and being a treaty matter between the two nations, he could do no other than allow our own act to give way before that of the Imperial legislation. The revised Imperial act must here, and that act required that the warrant under which the prisoners were arrested should be signed by the Governor General. If the Court could have reserved the point for a higher tribunal, it would most gladly have done so; but since the liberty of the subject was involved, there admitted no delay. And since he had not had the warrant of the Governor General, he had come to the conclusion that the Court possessed no jurisdiction in the case, and he must order the immediate release of the prisoners."

The men had been committed on several charges, and were now being tried only on one. The counsel for the United States then earnestly contended that, though the Judge upon investigation had decided that on the present charge he had no jurisdiction, still the prisoners should not be discharged on all. The Judge however decided adverse to this view of the case and discharged all the prisoners.

The action of the Attorney General in declaring the course of the Judge wrong, and ordering a re-arrest of the prisoners, must either be an excess of power, or else that officer has much more important functions than is generally supposed.

Gen. Dix capped the climax of absurdity by his wholesale order and significant hint about retaliation; but still it is to be hoped that out of all this bother no serious break in the good feeling between the Governments will occur. We sincerely hope the St. Alban raiders will be promptly re-arrested and made to suffer as they deserve for their detestable outrage.

The location of the Wolhuter route for the branch railroad is finished. The distance is eight miles and three quarters from the St. Andrews road at McKenzie's Corner. The work is comparatively light; the steepest grade will be 60 feet per mile, the same as in the DeBeek line, while the terminus of the former will be 300 feet nearer the Houlton road than the latter.

We direct the attention of any of our readers who may have friends in the Mother Country, who propose coming to America, to the advertisement of the "Anchor Line of Transatlantic Steamships," which present a speedy, safe and cheap means of transit direct from Glasgow to St. John.

There was a fire on Tuesday evening at the house of Mr. T. G. Campbell, on the road to Upper Woodstock. The house and all its contents were destroyed. Mr. Campbell and his family have been away for some time and the house has been unoccupied. There was an insurance of some \$600 upon the place.

We are in receipt, from Mr. Tibbits, Little River Mills, of a small piece of his mill work, which we noticed last week. Some idea of what the piece may be formed from the fact that this piece, being part of three ribs, weighs 30 lbs., has six fat inches thick, and the whole thickness of meat was from six to nine inches.

To our numerous readers we tender the compliments of the season. Nor yet when we wish them a Happy Christmas is it a mere idle formality, the intercourse which for so many years has existed between them and our sheet is such as to begot a feeling akin to affection.

We have winter upon us now, in earnest. The weather during the week has, for the most part, been exceedingly cold, and for the last twenty-four hours, up to the time of writing, Friday, a. m., a heavy storm has prevailed, marring greatly the prospect, which at the beginning of the week prevailed, of a brisk business for Christmas week. However the prospect is that there will be enough of the usual requirements of the season in market to supply all at reasonable rates.

The next number ends the current volume of the Sentinel. We trust that the terms of our final notice will be observed, and that but few names will be missed from our lists next year. Our friends are invited to assist in giving us an enlarged circulation during the coming volume, a good time to subscribe for which will be at the beginning.

We are indebted to B. Beveridge, Esq., for late Scotch papers, and to W. M. Buck, Esq., for similar favors in the way of English and Irish papers.

Arthur's Home Magazine for January has been received. It is a splendid volume. The engravings and fashion plates are unusually fine, in execution and design. A new story, by T. S. Arthur, whose writings are peculiarly adapted for the family circle, is commenced in this number.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS, an Illustrated Magazine for Boys and Girls—is the title of a new periodical, the prospectus of which, it will be remembered, we published a few weeks ago. We have just received the first number from the publishers, Ticknor & Fields, and, as we anticipated, it just fills a vacancy which has long existed in the literature of the day, namely, a magazine of matter within the comprehension of the minds of lads and misses, and yet not puerile trash, but calculated properly to educate their minds, and give a relish and adaptation for something more pretentious in the way of reading. The contents of this number display ability and tact; the illustrations are exceedingly well got up and suitable, and as a father we welcome this periodical, and gladly place it in the hands of our children, to whom it will hereafter, we doubt not, prove a longed for visitor. Terms—\$2 per annum; three for \$5; five for \$8; ten \$15; twenty for \$30; and an extra number for the person forming the club. Atlantic Monthly and Our Young Folks to one address, \$5.

The Confederation agitation is still being continued, especially in St. John. We observe that in reply to a requisition Hon. C. Fisher intends shortly to leave the people of Fredericton. During last week Messrs. Tilley and Gray addressed a meeting in the Institute, St. John, which, taking a middle sense view of it, between the conflicting statements of the papers, some of which make it out a success, and others a cold and unimpassioned occasion, appears to have been a partial success. However, no new facts were elicited. We asked a gentleman from St. John, the other day, why it was that in St. John the people, if favorable to the scheme, received it and its exponents with so little enthusiasm. The reply was that the people had finally made up their minds, and did not think it worth while listening to a recapitulation of the arguments in favor. Perhaps this is so. The financial view of the case still appears to be the absorbing one. We hope that when the Provincial Secretary goes into the rural districts, as he has consented to do shortly, to speak on the question, he will present the matter in that practical and simple light, which will make it understood, and its advantages appreciated by the farmers and mechanics of the Province, who are quite as much interested as are the ship builders, merchants and manufacturers of St. John. We hope that Mr. Tilley's Gatowen speech will be reported in full.

The St. John Globe this exposes a fallacy of reasoning indulged in by Mr. Gray, at the meeting in St. John. It is very unwise the attempt to misrepresent the public mind by spurious arguments, and awakens very grave suspicion. The Globe says:

"Look, said Mr. Gray, at the United States. When they declared their independence of the mother country they had nearly a million less inhabitants than we have; our tonnage is now three times that of theirs; their revenue is now three times as great as theirs; so with our trade, and so with our revenue. Now what a great people they have become, because they broke down the hostile barriers that existed between them and became united, etc. And the hon. gentleman proceeded to tell his hearers that the results would be the same in these provinces if we were confederated. Mr. Gray was speaking to an audience as generally intelligent, if not as well read as himself, and it was an insult to that audience to endeavor to influence their understanding by an argument or an illustration so absurd and so untrue. If Confederation is to be carried it is not by any argument so ridiculous as this. There is no parallel between the case of the United States and these colonies, and Mr. Gray must know it. The former assumed an equal national existence; they had been oppressed by the trade restrictions of the mother country, and when they shook off these, they were in a position to trade in just such a way as they pleased, in the markets of the world; they could make treaties with whom they pleased, and open or shut their ports to whatever nation they pleased; they were in a position to do anything they wanted for the extension of their commerce, or the protection of their home industry. We ask Mr. Gray if Confederation will put the Colonies in a like position? We offer him the use of our columns for the purpose of reply. Will Mr. Gray tell us if we will be in a position to make a tariff discriminating against the English cotton manufacturer, if we want to do it? We ask Mr. Gray if we will be in a position to shut out English ships from registration in our Confederated ports, if we want to do it? Supposing the United States to be willing to allow us to participate in the existing trade, will we be in a position to make a treaty with that country for securing that trade, unless the treaty is made to include the whole Empire? We ask Mr. Gray if we will be in a position to make trade treaties with foreign countries, independent of the mother country? We ask Mr. Gray to tell us what privileges we will gain by Confederation in respect to our foreign commerce that we do not now enjoy?"

Hon. Mr. Tilley, at St. John, in reviewing the figures of Mr. Lawrence, which we published last week, said:

"Mr. Lawrence tried to lead the manufacturers of New Brunswick to believe that they could not compete with Canada. I gave you the impression that you would manufacture a great deal for Canada, and be, as it were, to it what Birmingham is to the rest of England. He said Canada had iron, so it has, but if, instead of the iron mountains at Lake Superior, it were all one bed of iron, it would do something else, and that was coal. I will read you some extracts which will establish this point, and my authority is a work entitled 'Eighty years progress of British North America.'"

Last summer Grand Lake coal was sold in this market for \$3.00 per chaldron, weight about 27 cwt., and can be furnished at the Mines for less than half that price. Mr. Lawrence says we can not compete with Canada in cotton and woolen goods and other manufactures, and attempts to establish his position by quoting from Hunt's Merchant Magazine for 1861, to the effect that cotton was conveyed from whence it was grown to Boston by Rail at about \$19.00 per ton, but Mr. Gray has fully dealt with that matter. Wool, he says, is 17 cents in Canada for 45 in New Brunswick. Wool costs the Mapeck Factory, average 37 cents.

He says the Globe quotes Tallow 5 cents, and costs 6 in New Brunswick, this must be in the rough, as the Montreal papers quote it at 8 1/2 to 8 3/4. Mr. Lawrence says we can not compete with Canada in manufacturing leather, and arrives at this conclusion because Canada has 500 tanneries. New Brunswick in 1861, had, by the Census returns, 120 tanneries, which in proportion to population, is equal to 1200 in Canada.

Canada, he says, had 118 foundries. New Brunswick at the same time had 21, which when compared to population is equal to 210 in Canada. The increase of customers and an extended market, would enable manufacturers to produce their goods at less cost than they can at present. Mr. Parks, the owner of our cotton factory, has, through

a friend, authorized me to say that if he had the extended market that would be made by this Confederation, he could sell at 10 per cent less than he can at present. (Cheers.)"

Mr. Tilley quoted several works to show the necessity for coal, to give value to iron deposits, and how our coal was necessary to Canada. He said:

"I will now give you the reasons why I see no reason to change my views. Mr. Anglin stated that I had arranged my figures so as to get a tariff of \$2.75 per head, but that I wished to get down my figures, I could easily have gone lower. I started with an estimate of \$12,000,000 for the railroad in the very first year of Confederation, whereas one-fourth of that sum would hardly be required the first year; I might have started with \$450,000 and thus reduced the interest for which I required to provide, proportionately reduced the tariff. Mr. Gray has referred to the Canal question, and has shown you that it stands in an entirely different position from that of this Railroad. The former is only to be undertaken when the 'hunts' admit of it. The sum which the different Provinces may agree to assume to build the canal, which is to be assumed by the Confederation, which is as ought to be. I may tell you that a sum of £200,000,000, is the estimated expenditure by the British Government on the defenses of St. John. My estimate for steam purposes has been deemed to be the Allen subsidy of \$200,000 had been dropped, and consequently a smaller outlay would now accomplish more. In estimating the expenses of Legislation, I took the expenditure of 1863 and added 25 per cent; considering that the other provinces will only bring an accession of 25 per cent, to Canada. I cannot think my estimate inadequate, so with the collection of the revenue. We retain the several departments, indeed, but we will not require the same number of officers, when we break all the inter-provincial custom houses. Mr. Anglin alleges that we will have to make the Sessions of the Federal Legislature as long as those of Canada, but if you take the acts of the Legislature last session, you will see that they could all, but about six, be dealt with locally, and this fact showed that the Federal Legislature would not have to deal with small, tedious details. It has been said that Nova Scotia admits that she will have 40 per cent. more tariff per head under Confederation, but it is useless to contend New Brunswick will not also pay more. I reply, New Brunswick will not pay more than we now pay, because, in our medium position, we now pay about that sum, per head, more than Nova Scotia. 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