

THE POLITICAL WIGGINS.

The province at large and York County in particular have been treated to a fine crop of political prophecies during the last twelvemonth. Perhaps a few inches of space will not be altogether wasted in a reference to some of those which had especially a local bearing.

It was not a lack of large type and an omission to use high sounding adjectives that prevented these prophecies from being fulfilled. So vociferously were they shouted out that some few people began to think there might be something in them; but somehow the facts failed to connect with the predictions.

But again the state in their courses fought against Sierra, and Mr. Tweedie came back with a majority that made his opponents heads swim. But the machine kept on grinding, and the next piece of grist turned out was that when the house met the government would be at once outvoted, and the prophet went so far into particulars as to name the men who were going to make up the opposition.

Again there was a flash in the pan (the metaphors in this article are somewhat mixed but not half as much so as the opposition's calculations). The speaker was elected without opposition, the address passed without a division, "Wait until the stumpage matter comes up," exclaimed the prophet and the country waited, but failure again was the result.

Then a new step was pulled out and the prophet told of how the government ranks were to be tested; then there was a subsidy bill to be brought down in order to buy the support of certain people who were alleged to be shaky; but the machine slipped a cog and crisis neglected to appear on schedule time.

Then came the grand finale—the long foretold bombshell—the long impending crack of doom. This time the prophet became mysterious; he hinted darkly; he walked about the lobby with no end of dire calamity concealed about his person. But alas, and alack and well-a-day, the best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley. The hour of doom drew approximately near, as Mr. Wilson would remark. The great catastrophe was about to befall.

The standing of the opposition. Now that the session of the legislature is over and people have had time to reflect upon its principal features, the opinion daily gains ground that the opposition neither added to their strength and influence in the country nor to the dignity of the legislature by the course they saw fit to adopt.

THE OWNERSHIP OF THE INTER-COLONIAL.

The probability of the Intercolonial passing out of the hands of the government and into those of a private company increases. A recent discussion in parliament shows that the government would not be averse to such a change.

The competition of the short line and the probable extension of the Grand Trunk no doubt, postpone the possibility of the I.C.R. paying its way to an indefinite date. So long as an efficient train service is maintained the public will not care much who owns the railway; but before any change of ownership takes place, New Brunswick has certain equitable claims which ought to be adjusted. We shall not elaborate these to-day, but it is just as well at the earliest possible moment to put on record the contention that the Intercolonial railway from Shediac to St. John has been, ever since it was handed over to the Dominion, a paying asset, and hence ought to have ranked against the New Brunswick debt assumed by the Dominion.

By the terms of confederation, speaking generally, the Federal government assumed all provincial liabilities and acquired all provincial assets. The principal part of New Brunswick's liabilities were on account of the railway mentioned, which will be found on investigation to have fully paid for its management, maintenance, and a portion of the interest on its cost. On the other hand none of the assets assumed from the other province, speaking generally, have anything like paid these charges. Hence this province stands in the unfair position of being charged with a debt for which she handed over full value.

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THINGS TALKED ABOUT.

Among the things talked about is the project of an English engineer to blow up the ice barrier which extends around the world some distance this side of the North Pole.

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CANADIAN NEWS.

The West's Events in Brief—The Cream of our Exchanges.

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Philip Jones, of Doherty Creek, N.S., a respectable farmer, went his barn Thursday morning, struck himself with the hatchet on the head several times and then deliberately cut his throat with a penknife, slashing his body with the same instrument. Finding that life was not leaving him he threw a rope over a beam in the barn and hanged himself. He was found by his wife an hour afterwards. No cause assigned.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A Summary of the Press Telegrams From All Parts of the World.

All the prisoners in jail at Newberry, Mich., escaped and are still at large. Prairie fires, set by Indians, are doing an immense amount of damage in South Dakota. Many London newspapers are urging that Mr. Stanley be created Lord Stanley of Congo. Henry Behrand asserts in the Nineteenth Century that consumption is often caused by eating the meat of diseased animals.

The submarine boat Goubet in its last trials at Cherbourg cut the cables of five buoys, cutting some of them while at full speed. Thomas Congerly, of Dover, is the heaviest man in England. He weighs 560 pounds and his waist-band measures 80 inches. Mr. Stanley and two of his companions on his latest African trip, will pay a visit to Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle on May 6.

Holland proposes to increase the duty on petroleum imported into the Dutch Indies in reprisal for the American increase of duty on raw tobacco. A London despatch says the marriage of Miss Mary Anderson to Mr. Navarro will take place in the Brompton Oratory in the early part of May.

All the tramps in the Battle Creek Mich. lock-up were offered two dollars a day to go out to Gogaw lake and cut ice, but every one of them declined. The Hamburger Nachrichten asserts that Prince Bismarck will appear in parliament with the sole object of lending his voice to the council of state.

A grave-digger has been sentenced to one month's imprisonment in Berlin for cutting the hair from the heads of corpses and selling the same to dealers. The Italian naval department has decided to reduce the permanent active navy of Italy to three ironclad ships of war and ten cruisers. This step is taken in order to curtail expenses.

Lorestein Hinkley, of Madrid, Maine, died from the effects of a recent operation for the removal of two false teeth on a metal plate which he had swallowed. He lived eleven days. In 1840 William F. Andrews, a master mason of Providence, R.I., stamped his initials on a copper cent and put it in circulation. The other day in taking some change he found his coin.

Rev. T. A. Lange, belonging to the Methodist mission of Canada, was stabbed to death by two burglars at his residence in Tokio, Japan, April 5. One of the murderers has since been caught. A large German force under Major Wissmann has left Bagamoyo to attack Kilwa. The British corvette "Turquoise," with the British vice-consul on board, has sailed for Kilwa to protect British interests there.

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