

THE SUN'S LOOPHOLE.

The Telegraph recently published the minutes of the executive council relating to the Sun company applying for a new incorporation, which is very interesting reading. Dr. Barker, one of the applicants for the charter, appeared as counsel for the publishers, and in the argument before the sub-committee of the council, admitted that the sheriff's sale was a fraud intended to evade liability to creditors. The effect of this transaction upon the public mind has been painful and the usefulness of the Sun as a party organ is at an end. Without any character itself, it will not be accepted as an authority upon the subject of the conduct of others. If the Sun had fallen into pecuniary difficulties and had been compelled to compromise with its creditors, paying honestly, as far as it was able, no word of blame would have been uttered; but, alas, for the credit of a great party, this is not the case. We have heard a good deal lately from the Sun about fraud and the Quebec stealer, or the Sun manœuvring by means of a crooked scheme to escape from its creditors.

THE GRAND JURY.

The action of the grand jury at the sitting of the York county court on Tuesday last in the McKenna case will lead many, who are acquainted with the facts of that case, to doubt the usefulness of the grand jury. The man McKenna was sent up for trial on the complaint of John B. Orr, whose horse and carriage McKenna had hired to go over the river for a few hours, but instead of going over the river and returning, the same evening, he started for up river on the western side and did not return until two days after when he was brought back by the sheriff. During his two days absence McKenna had made many ineffectual efforts to trade off Mr. Orr's property. The grand jury, in the face of these facts, declined to put McKenna on his trial and ignored the bill. We understand some feeling was caused among the grand jurors on account of a refusal by others of their number to indict Atkinson for a felonious assault upon Mr. Manzer. No doubt the assault upon Mr. Manzer was premeditated and might have resulted very seriously, but the unwillingness of a section of the grand jury to find a bill for felonious assault and consenting only to a bill for an aggravated assault is no excuse for the dissipated mood of the panel refusing to agree to the bill against McKenna. Grand jurors cannot afford to set characters of this stamp free upon the community under such circumstances.

MORE BOODLING.

A very interesting bill of particulars was filed in connection with the petition against Mr. Peltier, the member for Berthier. It sets forth that over \$210,000 was placed with the conservative association of Montreal for use in the late election, some of the principal contributions being as follows:  
Hon. Geo. Drummond, \$20,000  
Senecal, (late sup't printing bureau, Ottawa), 20,000  
Canada sugar refinery, 20,000  
St. Lawrence sugar refinery, 20,000  
Hochelaga cotton company, 20,000  
Montreal cotton company, 15,000  
Merchant cotton company, 10,000  
Rolland paper company, 10,000  
Manufacturers' association, 50,000  
The trial of the petition in the above case will be watched with interest. If it is proved that Senecal made any such contribution as is stated to the conservative election fund it will be seen at once what became of the commission exacted by the superintendent of the printing bureau. The toll must have been levied upon the firms selling goods to the superintendent for the reprint fund and not put into Senecal's own pocket. This will not be any excuse for Senecal but it will tell against the government. The latter would know that Senecal was in no position to put up \$20,000 a year, of his salary of \$3,000 or \$4,000 a year, and in accepting his assistance it is simply ridiculous for them to dismiss Senecal from office as unclean under the pretence that they are themselves untainted. If the bootlickers must all go down on the government for whose benefit much of the boodling was done be permitted to remain.

A WARNING.

We trust we will be pardoned for presuming to advise the farmers upon a branch of their own business upon which they may justly think they are better informed than we can be, but we cannot help saying a word about the care of the imported stock. The country is fairly well supplied with an excellent class of bred cattle and it will have been all to no purpose that that imported stock has been made if the persons into whose hands the animals have fallen do not give them better attention and care than previously imported stock received. Good nursing and feeding are indispensable if we are to hope for—we will not say for the best—but even for fair results. It is well that the plain truth should be told, and it is a known fact that the money laid out by the government heretofore for cattle importation, has been literally thrown away through the carelessness and indifference of too many farmers. There is no want of information, we believe, as to what is required in raising stock, but there is an indisposition to turn the knowledge people have to good account. Some consider it economy to save in the matter of feeding. Experienced cattle men say it is absolutely waste to do so. It will not, therefore, be amiss to remind those interested that they have now an opportunity to retrieve the errors of the past, and if they do not do so, the possibilities are that it will be a long day before such another is offered them. Pure breeds in all the favorite lines may now be raised at home and all we need is enlightened care and treatment of the animals now scattered all over the various sections of the province.

Both the English farmer delegates who visited us in 1890, were disappointed with the cattle seen even in the best sections of the province. They expressed surprise that so little interest and attention should have been devoted to this important branch of the farming industry. As these gentlemen came from the home of the best lines, it would not have been surprising if they had gauged our progress according to their home standard; but we believe they took no such unreasonable view. It was conceded by them that they

DOAKTOWN.

Sad Accident Causes The Death of a Little Girl.  
A sad accident happened at the home of Thomas Amos, at Blaisfield, Northumberland county, on the 8th inst. that cast a gloom over the entire community. A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Amos, aged two years, nine months, being left in the room while her mother was attending to outside duties, set fire to her clothing with matches and was burned so badly that death ended the little one's suffering some eight hours after. The funeral was attended at the home of the afflicted parents by the Rev. James A. Porter on the 11th inst.

SCOTCH LAKE.

Visiting - Two Bears Made a One-Wood Sawyers.  
Our two thrashers, Moses Fleming and John Sinnott, have about finished their thrashing for this season.

HARVEY.

Socials - R. T. of T. Concert - Business - Doling - Personal.  
The Grange hall is being prepared for a social dance on the evening of the 24th, Supper to be had at R. P. Grieves. A good time is promised.

PRINCE WILLIAM.

Xmas Trees and Presentation - School - Socials - New Minister.  
The friends of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ross will meet at the manse, Christmas evening, for the purpose of making Mrs. Ross a present in return for her services as organist. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are very popular in this place.

QUEENSBURY.

The River - To New Fields - Place Soon Occupied.  
The river is still open here but closed at Burgoyne's ferry and at Pokok.

NASHWAAK.

The Beautiful - Personal - The School Examinations.  
Quite a heavy snow storm is in progress. To all appearance there will be some fine sleighing shortly.

Mission Band.

The girls' mission band concert at the city hall on Thursday evening was one of the most pleasant affairs held in the city lately. "See Saw" was very interesting. It carried the audience back to youthful days, and while the accompanying waltz was sung, the rapid attention of all was very noticeable.

AROUND THE WORLD.

The Week's Events in Brief - The Ocean of our Exchanges.  
Influenza continues its ravages in Europe. The Junction eating house at McAdam is to be re-opened by Mr. Bacon, of Digby.

The report that 500 native Christians have been massacred in the Paton district of China is confirmed.

In Haverhill, Mass., about 1,000 cases of grippe, some very severe, the majority mild, have been reported.

Half a dozen people were mysteriously murdered near New Smyrna, Fla., the other day. It is said to be the work of a discarded lover.

John Barnell, the murderer of John Wheeler, of Rindge, N. H., was arrested at North Ashburnham on Thursday. He offered no resistance.

Joe Gagnon of Van Buren, while at Grand Falls, N. B., Monday, fell from his wagon and broke his neck, reports the Aroostook Republican.

Seventeen Chinese from British Columbia were landed near Port Townsend, Wash., on Sunday night. Ten were arrested by United States customs officers and the others escaped.

The Magdeburg, Germany, police have arrested a man and his wife who have been in the habit of advertising for female traveling companions and murdering them in lonely spots.

The Charlottetown Watchman says: A duck, belonging to James Weir, Scotchford, P. E. I., with the exception of the month of January, has laid an egg every day in the year for the past two years.

A yearling colt sired by Imp. Dandie Diamond and owned by W. H. Millman, of Woodstock, Ont., has been sold for \$10,000 in New York. This is the highest price ever paid for a Canadian bred yearling.

The alarming increase of leprosy in the Isthmus of Panama has led to an animated discussion in the newspapers. The authorities have been warned to adopt prompt measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

It is evident that the small-pox outbreak in the province of Quebec is at an end, no fresh cases of the disease having been reported during the past week. There are only eight cases in the whole of Quebec at present.

The length of the shortest day this month (21st) is eight hours and thirty-five minutes. By the end of the month the day will be lengthened nine minutes. During this month Venus and Jupiter are evening stars. Mars is a morning star.

J. E. Turnbull, of St. James street, St. John, is now engaged in making a coffin for himself. He does not expect to occupy it very soon, but wishes to have it ready so that when his time comes he will be sure of having a good case to lay his body to rest in.

Adelbert Crosby, 12 years of age, son of John Crosby, Yarmouth, N. S., filled an empty gun cartridge with powder, tied it on to the end of a stick, and touched it off with a match, with the result that the boy's nose was almost torn from his face, and his face badly cut.

In a fishing village at Detour near Saint Ste. Marie, a fisherman sold his squaw wife to another fisherman for \$75. A formal quit-claim deed was given, the woman making no objection to the transfer. This is the second case of the kind in the vicinity this year.

On the 4th of May, 1890, a sow belonging to James Fitzpatrick, an mile north of Charlottetown, had a litter of fourteen pigs, and in the following September she had another litter of sixteen. On the 2nd April, 1891, she had another of twelve, in all forty-two pigs within a period of twelve months.

The Canadian Gazette says that Sir George Baden-Powell and Dr. Dawson have virtually completed their work on the commission enquiry in Behring sea. Preparations are now being pushed forward for the work on the joint commission at Washington, which will pave the way for the final arbitration.

Hesekiah McKennis, an old man over 80 years of age employed as a carpenter in Harris' car works, St. John, fell suddenly while at his work shortly before noon Wednesday. Dr. Wm. Christie was hastily summoned, but when he arrived he found that the man was dead. Death was probably due to heart failure.

Alexander Pope, a Boston artist, was attacked by a "man-eater" at Barnum & Bailey's winter quarters, at Bridgeport, Conn., recently, and might have lost his life but for the prompt action of George Conklin and Henry Shaw, keepers. Pope was painting the tigers when, getting too near the cage, one of them seized him by the shoulder, which was badly lacerated before the keeper drove it back with a sharp iron rod.

As a result of the breaking off of diplomatic relations between France and Bulgaria, growing out of the expulsion of Chinese, the French newspaper correspondent, France has closed her consulates in Bulgaria. The Bulgarian minister of Finance has gone to Vienna to negotiate a loan for the purpose of strengthening the army. The garrisons at Rostochek and Philippopolis have been largely increased.

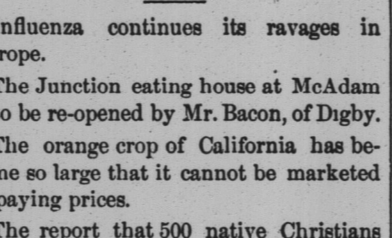
The success of the test of the transport of imperial mail by the Canadian Pacific gives much pleasure in official circles in London, Eng., showing that the China squadron can now be re-inforced within twenty-two days from England.

The withdrawal of the imperial mail to the Canadian route in the East is being this again proved. Friends of the Empire are urging the need to strengthen Canada's hands in perfecting the Atlantic link in the chain of communication.

A murderous assault was made at Ottawa on Thursday upon Francis Abbott, pay master of the Rideau canal, the object being robbery. Mr. Abbott was in his office preparing to start upon a paying tour, when a stranger entered and without warning struck him over the head with a piece of lead pipe enclosed in a leather bag. Mr. Abbott was partly stunned, but grappled with his assailant, as the latter was making off with a satchel containing money. After a struggle the would be robber dropped the satchel and fled. Mr. Abbott was too weak to follow and the villain escaped. There is no clue to his identity.

A romantic case has just come to light in Halifax. Eighteen years ago a south end married woman fell in love with a man who was boarding at one of the hotels. They eloped, going, it was understood, at the time to the States. Twelve years after the woman's disappearance her husband married again, believing his wife dead. After they had spent six years in happy domestic life, and but a few days ago, the wife appeared on the scene. The husband, recognizing the gravity of the situation, sought legal advice, with the result that he will separate from his second wife and cleave unto the first. He is not legally speaking a bigamist, but the law gives him no choice in the matter. He must again take up with the one who was unfaithful. The man is highly respectable and owns two or three houses in the south end.

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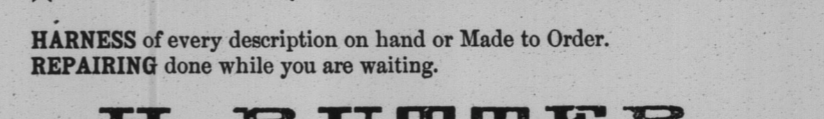
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