

Weekly Herald

SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 9.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Some one has blundered."—Kerr's.

The last one of the Irish political prisoners, Thomas Ahearne, has been liberated.

The Paris *Univers* states that Mlle. Margarete Rodenschild, of France, is about to become a Catholic.

Dr. Borg, a prominent physician of Newport, Ohio, and the head of a family, has by special dispensation from the Pope entered the priesthood.

The Toronto *Advertiser* says that Hon. Peter Mitchell has been offered and refused the next Lieutenant-Governorship of this Province.

One of the men charged with the murder of Lord Levein died of typhus fever in Lifford jail. The other two prisoners—the brothers McCormack—are ill with the same disease.

Petitions were filed in Fredericton on Tuesday last against the return of Mr. Burpee and Mr. Weldon, for the City and County of St. John, and Mr. Tilley for the City of St. John, and Mr. Donville, for Kings.

November 24th is the date fixed for the payment of the Fisheries Award of \$5,500,000 by the United States to Great Britain. The United States having raised some objections to the payment it may however, be delayed for a time.

The Right Rev. Bishop Gillooly of the diocese of Elphin, Ireland, has been appointed Apostolic Delegate to the United States and Canada. Bishop Gillooly was formerly a priest of the Lazarist Order, and for twenty-two years has been one of the most influential and zealous of the Irish bishops.

When will His Worship the Mayor call the Harbor Committee together to investigate the charges which have been preferred against some of the harbor officials? It is some time ago since he has been requested to do so, and in justice to all parties concerned he should attend to the matter at once.

Hon. Mr. Tilley, Minister of Finance, Hon. Dr. Tupper, Minister of Public Works, Hon. James McDonald, Minister of Justice, Hon. John O'Connor, President of the Council, Hon. Mr. Masson, Minister of Militia, have been elected without opposition. The remaining ministers will also probably be returned unopposed.

Mr. Patrick Dunahoe, of Boston, whose long connection with the *Pilot* and the Catholic book trade has made him well known to the public, is about to re-enter the field of journalism. He announces a new monthly, to be called *Donahoe's Magazine*, which will be devoted to the interests of the Irish race at home and abroad. The first number will appear early in December.

A correspondent sends us the following:—"Notwithstanding the careful and keen eyes of Inspector Cassidy, the roof in the new Ferry house leaks badly near where the bell is hung. When I visited the place on Friday there were several large spots on the walls and ceilings where the rain had evidently been making inroads. Will the Inspector please look after this before the damage is greater."

The Boston *Herald* says that one Archibald Estinger, fresh from St. John, N. B., thought he could pick a certain card out of three exhibited to him by Edward Matheron, a three-card monte player, on T. wharf, Saturday afternoon. Archibald, to prove what he said, put up \$50, and of course lost. Estinger soon after found how he had been duped, and Mr. Edward, consequently, was arrested by Officer Collins of the Eight Division.

The *Globe* said in the early part of the week that it had expected to be able to publish at an early date, the long looked for statement of the full amount of monies received in St. John in aid of the sufferers by the disastrous fire of the 20th of June, but that His Worship the Mayor, had not yet handed in his report. It is pretty near time that his report was given to the public. Judging from the tone of the *Globe's* remarks there appears to be something "rotten in Denmark."

The Montreal *Gazette* has a very suggestive paragraph in reference to the state of things at Ottawa. It is as follows:

"If what we hear be true, Mr. Mackenzie and his friends have let things in anything but a favorable condition at Ottawa. We almost owe an apology to the colored individuals who resisted the efforts of the white mob to break up the meeting. It is not surprising that the late Administration should have been so unpopular. It is not surprising that the late Administration should have been so unpopular. It is not surprising that the late Administration should have been so unpopular."

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THE NEWS EVASIONS.

The *News* having made reference to the inconsistency of Messrs. Adams and Landry with regard to local politics, we pointed out the great risk that journal ran of exposing anew to public gaze the many political freaks, jumps and inconsistencies of Messrs. Willis & Co. The *News* replied to our remarks, but carefully avoided the rather difficult task of proving that the checked career of Mr. Willis—now in wild opposition to the King-Kelley Government; then a member of that same Government; and next in opposition to it again—was a record of which the honorable member should feel proud, or to which he ought, by contrast, to call attention. It is abundantly evident that either the Government or Mr. Willis must have changed sides, and it will be remembered that at the respective times, when the Hon. Mr. Willis was practicing this political hop-step-leap business, the great School Question was the pet scheme of the Government. The *News* seriously tells us that he deserted the Opposition because, forsooth, he was apprehensive that the Free Schools he loved, even as the apple of his eye, were in danger. What arrant nonsense for the *News* to chatter. Was not the School Question quite as important, and equally in danger, a few months after Mr. Willis became an Executive Councillor, and why did he not fear its existence when he stepped out of the Government and went back to the same Opposition—indeed, it was remarked, with almost indignant haste and becoming self-righteousness, that his identical Opposition which he had only a little while before deserted. Would the *News* stop seeing the pedagogue and throw some light on this view of the case?

It gives us a lengthy string of words, but never once approaches the real question. It takes up some lesser point, but ingeniously refrains from even a reference to the vital question. Of course, we understand the Editor is sorely disappointed at the action of Messrs. Landry and Adams; but we did assert and still have an impression that had they not joined the reconstructed Government, Mr. Willis, Mr. Covert and some other honorable members of that description, might have formed a not only convenient and politic, but even proper and consistent, to join this Government, about which the *News* is so much "blundering," to what Mr. Edvard Willis & Co. for the present, are in active opposition. Presuming that, after all, Mr. Willis was not such a mass of inconsistency as some thought, we asked if it was not rather to Mr. King than to the Government, or its policy, he was opposed, and here is the style of answer we receive from the *News*:

"It is the *HERALD*—wishes to be corrected, if wrong, when saying that Mr. Willis's opposition was to Mr. King and to him only. Well, Mr. King was not a member of the Local Executive, and yet Mr. Willis is in opposition to it; as were Messrs. Adams and Landry during their canvass in the general election contest. So the little blunder of the *HERALD* is squelched."

In this an answer—such as one as we might reasonably expect even from the *News*! Does our representative editor candidly think he can pass this off as anything but an evasion, and a very thin one too. The *News*, we think, is afraid its answer may place Mr. Willis in an awkward position. The question involves the reasons for Mr. Willis leaving the essentially Free School King-Kelley Government, to which Government he cast himself at the time of his ignoble desertion of the Opposition. Probably he differed from the Executive on some important question, or it may be that it was not comfortable for Mr. Willis to remain in the same Government with Mr. King. We must confess we cannot find Mr. Willis with any very decided animus against the local Government at the last Provincial Election notwithstanding all the *News* has said during the past few weeks about the question. True, Mr. Willis now opposes the Local Government of which, as the *News* says, Mr. King is not a member; but the *News* is not so stolidly ignorant as not to be inwardly persuaded that such a mode of treating the matter is merely begging the question. The *News* must try again, and probably success may attend his next effort in truth telling, but he must cease prevaricating.

The sore point is Messrs. Landry, Adams and Hannington have seats in the Executive and this under the circumstances would be reason sufficient for Mr. Willis and Covert's opposition. They are simply disappointed politicians. If Messrs. Fraser and Wedderburn had approached either these worthies, neither, we imagine, might have thought he would stolidly himself by joining the Government.

And had such happened we venture the remark that Mr. Willis's "private opposition canvass" would not have troubled his tender conscience in the slightest degree. The *News* correctly states our question but characteristically enough evades and gives an answer to two other questions not put, and then logically concludes that he has silenced us and concludes an incoherent paragraph with a flourish that "that little blunder of the *HERALD* is squelched."

We can assure the *News* that we are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with Mr. Willis's celebrated non-committal nomination speech. That our feelings with regard

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our regular correspondent, Washington, D. C., Nov. 4.]

The scenery of the woods immediately surrounding the city is simply magnificent. Jack Frost has tinged each leaf with his brightest touches and, particularly, on the cliffs on the Virginia side of the Potomac to be seen a continuous and gorgeous panorama of brilliant coloring. The crimson and red and yellow of the dogwood, the oak and the hard wood tree are toned down to the dark green of the pine and cedars which mingle with them and attract hundreds from the city to see their peculiar beauties. Along the bank of the canal, on the district side of the Potomac, the government, many years ago, made a broad smooth park from Georgetown up to the Chain Bridge a distance of four miles, and the roadway, somewhat like the famed Shell Road at New Orleans, invites every horseman who would try the pace of his animal or would, amid most beautiful and picturesque surroundings, commune with the inviolable forms of nature. The Washington side of the Potomac has no scenery. Its banks are low and rarely rise higher than a few feet above high tide and generally there is no valley as the low pine clad hills, which characterize Eastern Virginia and Southern Maryland, slope down to the waters edge with a monotonous, unattractive uniformity which soon wearies the visitor.

But above the city the river banks are rugged and rock ribbed as Bryans ancient hills, and now when Indian Summer is decorating them in gorgeous colors and tints, and dainty haze, we fancy the strangers in our midst will appreciate that Washington, as natural as well as artificial beauties to attract and please the eye.

We are pained to learn that Dr. Cox, who was formerly Pension Agent here but was rotated out of office last June by Mr. Hayes to make room for Ag. Witcher of W. Va., is now an inmate of the insane asylum at Columbus, Ohio, where he formerly resided.

Those who knew him best in the past have always realized that his great gifts of mind would not allow suffice to save him from what he was for or against the part of the old Government then being studied reticence of the *News*, concerning our reference to its absurd idea of reconstruction in connection with the late lamented Mackenzie abortion in the way of governing Canada. This was a blunder that it forgot to squelch, or it is in the language of the *News*, another bit of news that it forgot to nail to the counter? We fear the *News* is saying too much, altogether too much on the dangerous matter of straight-forwardness, consistency, etc., with regard to local politics. We remind the *News* that the conduct of some of them for the past few years would not bear the light of day. The *News* has not yet favored Mr. Hannington with a specific article. If the *News* proceeds in spite of our warning and somebody gets badly hurt or politically speckled, well Mr. Willis and conferees will know, alas! too late, whom to blame.

THE PROTESTS.

The action of the Grit and Liberal-Conservative representatives relative to the election protests illustrates clearly the distinction between the two parties. Immediately after the general elections the Liberal-Conservatives asserted that Messrs. Burpee and Weldon carried their constituency by resorting to wholesale bribery and corruption, and stated they would question the election. To intimidate the Grits threatened to retaliate by protesting against Mr. Tilley's return. The Grit friends thought this threat would be sufficient to deter the Liberals from their attempts to unsettle Messrs. Burpee and Weldon. Although making loud protestations of their honesty, modesty and strict adherence to the law, which they enacted, they knew they did not "go into court, and thought by resorting to a little blustering they would be saved the humiliation of an exposure. Conscious of the inability of their enemies to effect the election of Mr. Tilley, the Liberals determined that nothing should prevent them persevering in their efforts to vindicate the law and expose the immoral and illegal practices by which the Grit representatives secured their election in this county. In pursuance of this plan, Mr. Burbridge proceeded to Fredericton on Monday, and filed a protest against the return of Messrs. Burpee and Weldon. Because of this action aid for the purpose of retaliation, Mr. Kerr also filed a protest against Mr. Tilley's and Mr. Donville's election. Some time must necessarily elapse before the trial will take place, but no one who took any part in the late contest can have any doubts as to the result. Abundance of proof will be forthcoming to show that these men who claimed so much credit for bringing this law into existence, violated its every provision on the very first opportunity.

THE NEW POST OFFICE.

[To the Editor of the Herald.]

SIR,—I notice in your last issue some very disparaging remarks about the construction and superintendence of the Post Office in this city, which from current reports appear to be, in many respects, too correct. Now while you notice and commend the superintendent, you do not mention the Superintendent Architect. Does not some blame or censure also rest on him and, if so, is it not time the Government made some change in the appointment?

Yours, &c.,

ONE WHO KNOWS.

A hungry Texas tramp was sentenced to one minute in jail for stealing a breakfast.

swore that he never hired the defendant, and that the defendant never worked for him a day in his life. On the other hand, the defendant swore that the plaintiff did hire him on the ship-yard, and that he worked fifty-eight days for plaintiff. The fact of the hiring of defendant was fully proven by two other witnesses in behalf of defendant. The verdict of the jury was "No cause of action."

TEMPERANCE.

Does it not seem almost incredible, Mr. Editor, that in this age of the world, this age of progress, this enlightened 19th century: that any one could be found bold enough and brazen enough to attempt such a high-handed and wrongful act? Yet, it is a veritable fact, that one man exists who possesses the necessary amount of boldness and brass, and more wonderful still, that man holds Mr. May's commission of the peace. In this age of progress, the Government might well institute a new order of things by instituting that to entitle a man to write "J. P." after his name, he must possess other qualifications than being able merely to influence a few votes. Investigations are now the order of the day. Why not investigate here? Is any person or any interest safe in the hands of a J. P. who would even contemplate an attempt such as mentioned? Let the list be examined and purged of names coupled with anything so utterly monstrous and unprincipled. In that event the magistracy would be again what it originally was, and peace instead of violence, harmony instead of discord, good will instead of malice and vindictiveness, would surely prevail.

G. O. M.

St. George, Oct. 30, 1878.

CIVIC MATTERS.

[From the Herald.]

We shall not be surprised to find an unusual degree of interest in Civic affairs shown during the coming winter.

There is a strong feeling in the community that reform is needed in the civic government.

The fact that a four per cent. income tax is exacted to maintain the city services as at present managed, is not creditable to those who are responsible for the valuation and tax apportionment.

The building of a new City Hall, when the corporation own a Market House containing ample accommodation for a dozen or fifteen public offices (in addition to the stores on Charlotte and Germain streets), is pretty generally condemned. The new Hall is to cost about \$40,000, and is wholly unnecessary.

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The multiplication of offices has also had a tendency to render taxpayers uneasy under their burthens, having claimed that civic offices should have been reduced by consolidating the duties of certain of them, instead of adding to the number of officials and salaries.

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