

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

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The Witness.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1886.

FREE WATER WAYS.

The Corn Exchange Association, in its annual report for last year, refers to the necessity of once more urging upon the Government the reductions or abolition of the canal tolls.

which will be included in some wider measure of reciprocity. We are afraid that there is not much hope in that direction, as the fishery arrangement in that case would have opposed to it not only the comparatively small number of senators and representatives from the New England States, but also all who were opposed to any modification of the general protection policy.

Quite a large business has been carried on along the Maine coast in packing dried salted fish for the West India markets, but we have reason to believe that, in consequence of the difficulty experienced by the Canadian fishermen in finding a sale for their fish, the price of this food has been brought down to such a point that merchants in this city engaged in the West India trade are finding it to their advantage to buy the dried fish and have it packed in the Provinces.

If we are to believe the Boston Herald, the Maine fishermen will find their most lucrative foreign market completely taken possession of by the Canadians if the duties are maintained.

The New York Times administers a stinging rebuke to those New England fishermen who want to act the part of thieves, who covet and who cannot pay for what is not theirs, and who cannot carry on their own business without being guaranteed an advantage over their neighbors.

The Massachusetts fishermen are opposed to a joint commission and apparently to any new treaty with Canada, and later under the Washington treaty, free admission of Canadian fish into our markets.

OUR AMUSING ECONOMIST.

Questions of commerce do not, as a rule, afford much scope for comic writing. The Hamilton Spectator is, however, having a run of success in that vein.

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his division was the last out of the fight and suffered severely, but it was not the first into it. General Pope, who was in command of the army at this battle, charged General Porter with cowardice and disobedience to orders, inasmuch as he had not marched his division forward on the evening of the 29th August.

Two MORE VERY UNUSUAL VERDICTS have just been rendered against Toronto newspapers, one in Toronto and one in Montreal. In the Toronto case the paper was justly found guilty of having lent its columns to a man's enemies to slander him most falsely, religious and race feud being at the bottom of the trouble.

The SO-CALLED SOCIALISTS of Chicago have, it is reported, been discussing with tremendous vigor the question "Why do men sleep in tunnels?"

MR. T. V. POWDERLEY has given to the millions of workmen who look to him as a guide one or two very sound ideas. Recently he insisted very strongly on the fact that many of the evils from which working men suffer would be done away with if the curse of strong drink were removed, and they were to lay up what the drink would cost them, and he used his immense influence to dissociate labor movements from their greatest evil, the tavern.

THE GLOUCESTER FISHERMEN are lobbying at Washington, to prevent, if possible, the naming of a commission with power to deal with the fishery question, and one of their lobbyists or agents has declared that he is confident the Senate will oppose the commission or any move towards reciprocity.

SIR JOHN AND IMPERIAL FEDERATION. There is no uncertainty about Sir John Macdonald's latest declaration in favor of Imperial Federation.

Turning to the question of Imperial Federation, Sir John Macdonald said this must be, and speaking for Canada he would say they were quite ready to accept the increased responsibility.

THE QUESTION WHETHER THE PROVINCES of British North America have become more consolidated, and the sentiment of the people more national as a Canadian people since Confederation is one of extreme importance.

A GENTLEMAN well acquainted with Gleggery county says that ever since the Privy Council condemned the McCarthy Act, the notion has been diligently and successfully disseminated among the ignorant of that county that the Scott law has also lapsed.

IF CONGRESS would but follow the advice of the zealous officers who at intervals submit reports to the Secretaries of War and of the Navy, the treasury of the United States would soon be depleted of the surpluses it is so hard to get rid of without reducing taxation.

A MAN NAMED FINERTY, who has been a member of Congress, and whose folly the Associated Press see fit to disseminate all over this continent, is credited with the silly remark that the Queen's Speech has left but two alternatives to Ireland, to place Mr. Gladstone in power and force him to grant Home Rule, and, if he will not succumb, that "Ireland will be compelled to make physical sacrifices."

JOURNALS which have an interest in the continuance of the era of extravagance in Canada, are very fond of comparing the amount of the debt of Canada per head of

population with the amount of the debt of the Australian colonies per head of their population, much to the apparent detriment of the latter. As a matter of fact, no such comparison can be made.

THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT proposes to pass the new procedure rules before dealing with the Irish question. We do not see how Mr. Gladstone can consistently oppose them in this, for he and again declared during the recent campaign that before Parliament could deal with any great question it would have to adopt reforms in its procedure which would prevent obstruction.

THE SPECTACLE of Bismarck, who broke down the clerical power of the papacy in the politics of South Germany, making love to the Pope in the ardent fashion revealed by his letter certainly furnishes reason for a sensation in the Protestant country whose representative this man of blood and iron is.

MR. PARNELL, who, a few months ago, declared that he would never have taken off his coat and gone to work for Ireland unless he had expected to win her independence, would, now that all Britain has answered his demands with an emphatic denial, be content with "some form of self-government," and sees no "difficulty in securing the Empire against separation."

THE LANDS of the French half-breeds in the parishes of St. Laurent and St. Louis de Langevin are now being surveyed in a manner satisfactory to the half-breeds. A Government Commissioner is engaged in taking evidence at Batoche, as to the claims of the half-breeds to these lands, and after these preliminaries the patents will doubtless be granted.

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claim to Macedonia, and the Great Powers have bullied and told Greece to disband her army. Had Greece marched into Macedonia during the melle she might now have been in possession. But she was afraid of the Turkish fleet, and wanted to get Macedonia in a present. She seems to be now mustering courage to fight.

GERMANY does not want to haul down her flag in the Samoan Islands, so she proposes that the islands be divided up between the three nations most interested, namely, Great Britain, the United States and herself. It is doubtful, even if a division satisfactory to all three could be arranged, whether the United States would be tempted by so small a prize to abandon her policy of abstaining from interference in affairs outside of the Continent of America.

MR. JEREMIAH O'DONOVAN, in a stage whisper, confided to the safe keeping of a New York reporter the important secret that three Fenians are in sole possession of an explosive twenty times stronger than dynamite which is to lay London in ashes. It is to be used "if necessary," and as Jeremiah expects nothing from the English Parliament it is evident that the fate of London is sealed. Alas, poor London!

AS WE SURMISED at the time the recent story of Orange mobs in Newfoundland turns out to be almost entirely a fabrication, probably of the same false witness who slandered the colonists before. The Post, which also had a very painful and, we may add, unusual antipathy to violence in this case, having usually a soft side towards the rebellious, will be reassured in finding that its compatriots are out of danger.

THE STRONG POLICY recommended for Egypt has been tried in Burma, a very much easier country to govern. The result, according even to the Tory papers, is as yet far from satisfactory. Although annexation was proclaimed, the Government appears, from an expression in the Queen's Speech, to have the matter under reconsideration.

ALTHOUGH NO MEMBER of the Cabinet will be explicit upon the subject, Sir Charles Tupper appears to have asserted that the Canadian Government was attempting to negotiate a reciprocity treaty with the United States, as well as to arrange the fishery question, and that the latter matter was only a small affair compared with the former.

THE FRENCH DEMOCRACY has supported a tremendous and even wasteful expenditure without flinching. It is now to be seen whether they will support a heavy burden of taxation and a Government striving for economy. It is one of the great weaknesses of democracies that an economical government is always an unpopular government.

A REVOLUTION in the lumber and iron trades is announced in a simple statement that the London and Northwestern has discarded wooden sleepers for iron ones.

LITERARY REVIEW.

IMPERIAL FEDERATION. Under a cover, fact-simile of that used on the publication of the Imperial Federation League, of London, the branch here has published a paper, read some weeks ago before it, by Mr. Thomas Macfarlane, F.R.S.C.

DR. GEORGE BRANDES, a Danish Radical, has just published a second edition of his translation of J. S. Mill's "Subjection of Women." Although Dr. Brandes is anxious about woman's social and economical emancipation, he does not care to give votes to the women of all races just yet.

EACH of the three leaders has pronounced on the Irish question. All of them seek the continuance of the union between Britain and Ireland. All of them propose to extend self-government in the latter country. They differ as to how far. They differ more upon the land laws. Mr. Parnell approaches Mr. Gladstone in putting the land laws forward as the principal issue and Mr. Gladstone is supposed to be willing to grant more self-government than is contained in the Government measure.

OTHER PEOPLES do not usually associate Germans and joking. They seem, however, to have a grim fashion of pleasantry in which they fully understand each other. A liquor merchant in their Parliament, in answer to the charge that poisonous rum was being exported to the colonies, replied coolly that his firm, of course, dealt in poisoned rum, but they used it for the purely patriotic purpose of poisoning the French colonies.

ARCHBISHOP WALSH threatens dynamite; United Ireland threatens dynamite; Fenerty, to whom distance lends courage, threatens war. It is hard to see how much of this talk can go on and a collision be escaped. Mr. Parnell does not threaten dynamite, nor war, nor does he demand separation. He thinks the matter of Home Rule can be settled by Parliament. Mr. Parnell may be choosing the better way to gain Home Rule, but it is not the best to keep his followers.

THE RIGHT HON. W. H. SMITH, the new Chief Secretary for Ireland, has gone to Ireland for the purpose of making investigations as to the machinery necessary to enforce the law and preserve order. Mr. Smith is an experienced and successful business man, with a great talent for organization, and it may be that he will be able to devise some simple and effective means of dealing effectively with the disaffection which has become almost universal in all but one small corner of the island.

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A HEART-BURNING QUESTION.

The wild and warlike speeches of the Massachusetts and Maine senators on the Fishery question have apparently had little effect upon their brethren in the House, as the resolutions against the President's message in favor of the appointment of a commission to arrange for a settlement have been simply referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs without any discussion on the part of the great number of the senators whose states are interested in cheap fish.

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3. Three prizes, in cash or books as chosen by the winners, are offered; namely, \$20 for the best story about "Little Barefoot," \$20 for the best story about "Nobody Asked You," \$20 for the best story about "Their Foster Mother."

A GOOD FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

One-tenth of ripened grain, One-tenth of tree and vine, One-tenth of the wild yield, From ten-tenths rain and shine.

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

THE MICH DISTRICT Caroline Islands have forty Congregational churches, with 4,000 members. NEARLY EVERY EVENING in the Allahabad bazaar...

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON.

THE FIERY FURNACE. FEBRUARY 7.—DAB. 3: 10-28. GOLDEN TEXT.—OUR GOD WHOM WE SERVE is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace.—DAB. 3: 17.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

THE FARMER'S MEDICINE. BY MISS ANNE A. FRESTON. Farmer Nash fell ill late one winter with a new ailment...

PUZZLES.

THE PUZZLER'S STORY. An evangelist tells this story of a French sergeant in whom was entrusted the great care of twenty-four soldiers...

READABLE PARAGRAPHS.

A PROPHET NEAR HOME. In his "Charles Dickens as I Knew Him," Mr. Dolly repeats a story which James T. Fields used to tell with much zest.

A GOLDEN KEY.

"Oh, had I but Aladdin's lamp!" is a wish that young people have often expressed when they have been longing for some happiness...

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ONTARIO.

(Special Correspondence of the Witness.) TORONTO, January 23, 1886. MAYOR HOWLAND has taken the civic chair for the first time, and as his supporters expected, acquitted himself admirably. His inaugural address, though an extempore effort, was clear, concise and forcible, displaying such an acquaintance with the needs of the city as surprised those who were not aware of the amount of time and attention devoted to civic affairs by many persons who were now seeking office. This city would have been worse governed than it is if nobody but members of the Council made a study of its business; it would have better government than it has if more private citizens gave that business some consideration. Mr. Howland advocated strongly the construction of a receiving sewer along the city front, the straightening of the street and more efficient inspection of public amusements. The last is very much needed. Sparring exhibitions, which are simply pugilistic contests in disguise, have been far from uncommon as long as Mr. Howland is Mayor the pugilist who treats his opponent as the animal that will have a bad time of it. Equally common have been indecent dramatic shows, and it is safe to predict that the management of even Mr. Manning's Grand Opera will have to be very careful hereafter. The Grand Opera Company has put on their boards, the unlicensed whiskey sellers, many of whom keep houses of ill fame, will find it difficult to ply their vocation, and the member of the police force who comes at breaches of the law, as some of them do, will run serious risk of being found out and cashiered. In fact, increased vigor has already been infused into the police service. By Mayor Howland and his present colleagues the force will be managed in such a way as to discover and remove all the serious risks of being found out and cashiered. In fact, increased vigor has already been infused into the police service. By Mayor Howland and his present colleagues the force will be managed in such a way as to discover and remove all the serious risks of being found out and cashiered.

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