

NOTES OF THE WEEK

When, at last session, \$120,000 were voted for the reception of the Duke of York it seemed a large sum, but it now appears \$478,000 were spent, and parliament is now asked to make up the deficit. Each of the provincial governments spent large sums in entertaining the prince, so that \$15,000 a day from the Dominion treasury suggests that some truly loyal men must have made a good thing out of his visit.

Gambling on the Toronto and Montreal stock exchanges is rampant. Shares in Nova Scotia coal mines and iron smelting works that went begging for buyers last summer at 45 are now changing hands at 109 and more, although they are intrinsically worth no more than they were a year ago. Scoundrels are manipulating the deal and the unwary are being robbed. It is the British Columbia swindle over again, with a change of locality.

Montreal has for a long time been struggling over the problem of building a new hospital for contagious diseases. To the difficulty of finding a suitable site, for nobody wants it as a neighbor, and raising the necessary funds, has been added the demand of Archbishop Bruchesi, that the Catholics have a separate institution. Last year he sent in a protest against one hospital being made to serve Catholics and Protestants, and on Monday he repeated it in a long letter. He claims a separate hospital as "an undeniable right," yet talks about "harmony," "good-will," "spirit of fairness," and even of "Christian sentiments." He concludes his letter in these words—

As to the neutral hospital, I will never accept it, as it would be constructed on principles disapproved by the church. No more than the neutral school is the neutral hospital made for us.

To the honor of the Catholic members of the city council be it stated, none of them endorsed the letter, for they could not see how a Catholic stricken by smallpox was going to be injured by being placed beside the bed of a suffering Protestant.

On Tuesday, in the Quebec legislature, Treasurer Duffy brought down his budget. We have no space to enter into comment, and have to be content with saying that it is a clear and satisfactory statement. For the year ending 30th June last there was a surplus of \$47,000, and he was certain of a small surplus for the current year. No new taxes would have to be imposed, but none could be remitted. Much talk has been caused by several bills introduced by private members now before the house. One of these is to recoup a number of people in Montreal who were assessed for widening the east end of Notre Dame street. It is alleged the widening was of no benefit to trade, and property has depreciated. The reply, that those interested agreed to the widening and should stand by the contract they entered into with the council, cannot be answered. If these ratepayers can shift their burden on the city at large, so will others who had property on streets that have been widened. The easy way of getting rich, by obtaining for private companies exceptional powers, has brought two bills into notice, and which will not pass as they stand. An outcry has been raised against a bill forbidding the appeal of cases to England which do not involve constitutional rights, and people who do not understand the circumstances join in it as an invasion of British rights. The fact is, this appealing judgments of lower courts to England is used as a means of oppression by the rich towards the poor. No farmer need seek redress against a railway or other corporation, because the case would be taken to England.

Every day persons of moderate means are forced to submit to wrong because justice can be reached alone by excessive outlay. The appealing from court to court is an evil that needs curtailing. Premier Parent has disposed of the bulk of the private legislation before the house, and expects to close the session before Good Friday.

At Ottawa there has been nothing of interest before the house. Solid advancement has been made with the estimates and the first lot of supplementary estimates has been brought down, raising the total amount asked to 61 millions. Academic debates have taken place on the repeal of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and other subjects of no practical importance. Mr Fielding has promised the financial statement on Monday. Several manufacturing interests look for changes to be made in the tariff for their benefit, but are likely to be disappointed. The sugar men, who have already about 60 per cent. protection, want more, because U.S. and Dutch refiners are making consignments to Canada.

The writ for a new election for Beauharnois has been issued, and nomination day is Wednesday next. Despite the efforts to get out opposition, the prospect is Mr Loy will be returned by acclamation, and he ought to be, for nobody believes he had part or lot in the illegal acts for which the court declared his return null and void.

At the annual meeting of the grand Orange lodge for this province, held at Montreal, on Tuesday, a resolution was adopted in favor of retaining the coronation oath, of which one sentence runs thus—

If there is any grievance in the unmistakable terms of the oath, let our fellow Roman Catholic subjects remember that their forefathers are responsible for this.

This displays a most un-Christian spirit. Why should the Catholics of today be held accountable for what their forefathers did? Is there to be no forgetting or forgiving of past wrongs? How would those who endorsed such a cruel sentiment, like to be judged by it, and made to suffer for deeds committed by their forefathers three centuries before they were born? Were we all to act on this principle, revenge and bloodshed would prevail. Instead of blustering about retaining an oath that has lost its potency, why do the Orangemen not show their independence by questioning a King who has taken this precious oath, yet authorized a mass in Paris for his mother, who received delegates sent from Rome with the Pope's congratulations on his accession to the throne, who has appointed, in face of frenzied protests by the Evangelical party in the church of England, notorious ritualists to be bishops, and who sent to Rome last week a special ambassador to take part in the Pope's silver jubilee. It is easier to make a noise over a useless oath, than to stand up like men and challenge the conduct of those in high places.

On the refusal of the railway companies at Boston to stop receiving freight from non-union teams, a strike took place of the men interested, which has extended to the trades, which has suspended work in order to coerce the companies into yielding. Great injury is being done to business.

The disaster in South Africa reported last week, 600 men and 2 guns captured by Delarey, has been followed by a still greater calamity. On Friday morning Delarey silently surrounded a British column of over 1200, who fell an easy prey. As in the case of Col. Anderson's mishap, there was a criminal neglect of watchfulness, enabling the Boers to come within rifle range before the alarm was given. Just indignation is expressed at the deceit practised by the Boers in dressing in British uniforms. The victory will in no way help the Boers, for it makes England more resolute in crushing resistance. Already 6000 men are on the way to make up for the loss and more are to follow. The continent of Europe exults over the disaster and foreign papers teem with insults.

ORMSTOWN
Nothing further has been done in the contested election case. It will not come up again until after the close of the criminal term, now in progress at Beauharnois.

On Monday a meeting was held in this village of parties in the upper and lower concessions, to consider the question of moving the upper school further up and the lower one further down. Now that Taterbust has a school, those living at the remote ends of the concessions desire their schools to be moved to the centre of the respective districts to better suit their children. The majority present were against changing. Another meeting, in each concession, is to be held.

Smallpox has appeared in Mr Whittall's family, upper Ormstown concession.

On Sunday night, young Roy, while driving to the village, at the English church hill his sleigh upset, pitching him out. The horse ran wildly up the street till he turned into a gateway and was thrown against the post, where he lay as if unable to move. The animal was not much hurt, but the sleigh was damaged.

Our curlers took another lien on the Quebec challenge cup on Friday, when they defeated two rinks of the Thistles of Montreal by 30 shots. Following is the score:

Rink No 1.
ORMSTOWN THISTLE
J. Hoppling W. Miller
B. McGerrigle Dr J. T. Finnie
F. Rapley F. Anderson
M. Mulvanie F. Cleghorn
skip—26 skip—14

Rink No 2.
Dr McCormick Major Freeman
R. Smith Dr Baker
Geo. E. Baird W. D. Aird
G. McGerrigle D. Kinghorn
skip—30 skip—12

Total..... 56 26

This makes the 14th consecutive win that Ormstown has now placed on this famous old trophy.

In the evening a rink of Caledonia Juniors arrived by train to have a friendly game with our boys, but were defeated after a very interesting and hard game. Scored as follows:

CALEDONIA ORMSTOWN
T. Ryan Wm. Tate
G.W.T. Nicholson George Rice
R. H. Burns D. Barr
J. Rice skip—13 skip—15

ALLAN'S CORNERS
At the recent poultry show at Ottawa Archd. Thompson sustained his reputation as fully as he did at that at Montreal, which was held there. At Montreal he carried off 28 first prizes, 37 seconds, and 33 thirds. At Ottawa he was awarded 31 firsts, 22 seconds, and 9 thirds. With the exception of a few coops, all he showed were turkeys, geese, and ducks.

HOWICK
Several large shipments of fine horses have been sent from this section recently, destined for South Africa.

Hay is still in demand at fair prices. Although large shipments have been disposed of this winter, there are still numerous large stacks to be seen in this county.

Fifty cents is offered for 40lb oats
Dolphin Coullier has sold his farm on the Irish concession to Louis Coullier.

Thanks of the council to Mr Bryson, proposed, seconded by Coun Pate-naude, that Coun Leovallier be warden, which was carried unanimously.

Couns McGowan and Bryson were appointed delegates to act jointly with the warden.

Messrs Nap. Mallette and Joseph Poirer were appointed auditors.

The water in the river is not very high. Sleighing is done, and to-day some of the mayors came on wheels. People have given up crossing on the ice with sleighs and horses and go round by the iron bridge.

On the 9th, in the county council room, were sold, for municipal and school taxes, the following properties: St Jean Chrysostome—No 499, owned by C. Rochefort alias Audon, to Louis Primeau; No 318, owned by Alexander Rose, to Jas. P. Brown. St Antoine Abbe—No 89, owned by Znac Decosse, to J. P. Brown.

St Malachie d'Ormstown—No 974, owned by J. Bte. Parent, to J. H. Smith; No 1156, owned by J. Sarrapant, to Alex. Mills; No 1190, owned by David Mair, to Alex. Mills.

CHATEAUGAY
Ice still holds good at the Basin, and teams with loads can cross between the railway bridge and Nun's island. At the upper village, however, broken ice lies the banks and the river is running clear and at ordinary height.

Mr Vital Crepon and his sons purpose manufacturing apple barrels this summer and to this end ordered 2 cars of prepared wood, already made into ends, hoops, and staves, and have been busy hauling for several days.

VALLEYFIELD
The chief of police has laid his annual report before the council:

Number of arrests..... 170
" calls for police without arrest..... 520
Protection offered to..... 97
Number of fires which the brigade attended..... 23
Accidental deaths reported..... 5
Stray children found..... 19
Store doors left open and found by police..... 32
Cattle pounded..... 35
Dead animals removed..... 3
Contagious diseases reported..... 24
Unsanitary conditions reported and investigated..... 59
Houses disinfected..... 23
Prisoners conveyed to Beauharnois jail..... 13
Secret service cases..... 42
Value of stolen goods recovered..... \$206.50
Total loss sustained by fire..... \$84.00
Number of street electric lamps..... 1839

The police and fire brigade, merged into one body (the volunteer fire brigade being disbanded) is composed of 1 chief and 10 subordinates. The equipment consists of 3 horses, 1 wheeled reel, 1 convertible reel, 2 winter reels, 1 ladder wagon, 1 patro wagon, 1 Clapp & Jones' steam fire pump, now under repair; 4 Babcock (5gal.) fire extinguishers, 4 tarpaulin covers, 1850 feet of serviceable fire hose, 900 feet of old hose, 300 feet of which could be used in an emergency, and 500 feet of new hose on approval. The above equipment is divided between the central and Belleville fire stations. The report says an additional force of 4 men and 3 horses is wanted, and a fire alarm system. The latter recommendation is one in which everybody concurs. That is the most needed improvement that the town now wants. Five men on the scene of a fire at the outbreak will do more work than 14 men if the fire has got a firm hold, and an electric fire alarm system is the most effective means of securing prompt attendance.

Henry Madden, son of Mr John Madden, is at present in town visiting his family after an absence of several years in Michigan. He met with a hearty welcome by older Valleyfield.

The office staff of the M. C. Co., through Jno. Lowe, jr., presented Emerson Loy with a toilet set on the occasion of his departure from Valleyfield to take employment in Bondsville, Mass. We wish him success in his new sphere of action.

Another remnant of that never-to-be forgotten broncho sale which took place last fall, met with an accident, necessitating its being shot by the police. The beast took fright and ran away. While turning the corner of the dam and St Lawrence it fell and broke a leg.

A sign of the coming election is to be found in the announcement from unofficial, though what we would call reliable sources, that the town is to be favored with the services of 2 mail carriers, who will make a door-to-door delivery twice a day. They might be profitably employed during their spare moments in clearing the steps of the postoffice building of ice and snow, or strew either salt or ashes on the same to protect the life and limbs of the many callers there.

A motion made by Coun X. Le-compte, at a recent meeting, to cut down the wages of the chief of police, did not meet with favor, there being no second to the motion. Complaint had been made for years of the inadequacy of the police force and the disorders resulting therefrom, being not only a disgrace but a drawback to any civilized community. It would not be wise policy now that the chief has put the force under a good system of discipline, that order is maintained in the town, and the fire brigade has become a properly organized corps, to undo all this satisfactory work, which is a credit to the town, the chief's able management, and a security to life and property. Some claim that the expenses of the department have been high last year. While admitting this, the whole system wanted reorganizing, and this could not be done without some outlay. The expenditure was, however, under the control of the council, and the council in complaining of it would be finding fault with itself. The town now possesses two well managed departments, the water works and the police and fire department. Let the council look around and see if improvement could not be made elsewhere. For one thing, the taxes should be more satisfactorily collected. This year's statement shows arrears of taxes to be \$20,616. The interest on this amount, at 4 per cent. would pay for a service which is far from being satisfactorily done, the consequence of which was that one ward was disfranchised for the last municipal elections. We have no hesitation in saying, that we echo the general sentiment of the property owners and heaviest taxpayers of the town, that, under present circumstances, the chief of police is the right man in the right place, and that the salary paid him is none too high.

In order to remove an erroneous impression, spread through irresponsible and hearsay reports, such as published in the Montreal Star, from Cornwall, and signed "Clergyman," that Valleyfield is suffering from an epidemic of smallpox, we have gone in quest of reliable information, and can state that, after an interview with the chief medical inspector of the board of health and town corporation, that there is now in Valleyfield only 5 cases of smallpox, and these of a very mild type. Not a single death has resulted from the disease since the outbreak. The average duration of illness of those suffering from the disease has been from 10 to 12 days, and not a single one bears any pit marks after recovery. The board of health and town council have made gigantic efforts to stay its progress and have so far succeeded in stopping the spread of smallpox and other contagious diseases. The town is completely free from scarletina, etc, and there remains only the few isolated cases of smallpox above mentioned, which are under treatment and all on the way to speedy recovery. It is expected that within another week the board will be able to show a clear sheet in this respect.

A note in LaPresse of Monday claims that the member for the local house has no intention of resigning his seat to run for the federal seat. Mr G. M. Loy remains the government nominee. The rumor has gained ground that, instead of Mayor Longtin booming his son as a candidate, he will enter the field himself against all-comers. It is claimed that he will have strong support in the west ward, but the west ward is not all the county of Beauharnois. On the Conservative side, no definite arrangement has yet been arrived at. A convention meets Tuesday night to choose a candidate. A consensus of opinion favors the nomination of Mr J. G. Bergeron, the ex-member. Several minor aspirants are ready to answer the call of the party and stand in the breach. The nomination will be held in Valleyfield (another whack at Beauharnois) on the 19th and the voting will take place on the 26th.

A grand concert was held in the Gault institute last week. The reasons assigned in a previous issue of the Gleaner for the absence of a report of an entertainment apply in this case—no invitation extended to the press.

ST LOUIS DE GONZAGUE
Last week the Gleaner stated 250 acres had changed from Old Country hands to French-Canadian within a year. A large addition has to be made, Archie Cook having sold his farm to M. Montcalm. Reported price, \$6,300. All this increases the difficulty in maintaining dissentient schools in the parish.

HEMMINGFORD
Instead of renting the creamery here, W. H. Stewart has bought it and will be ready to receive milk at an early date.

BROOKLET
The Elm Tree debating society met at the home of John McCormick on Friday evening week. With 46 members, together with friends and acquaintances, the house was well-filled. All seemed interested in the debate, which was: "resolved that water is more destructive than fire." The 3 judges, who were appointed, decided in favor of the affirmative. Besides the debate there were songs, violin solos, accompanied by the piano. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr McCormick and family for their hospitality.

ATHELSTAN
The W. C. T. U. held a successful social at the residence of Mr George Elder of this place, on the evening of the 5th inst. The attendance was good. Mr Geo. Blaik, son of James Blaik, entertained those present with his gramophones. Mr Blaik and his bride leave for the west next week, where he is engaged in railroad.

Mr John Elder is pulling down the old meal mill. He intends to widen the dam and build a new storeroom to accommodate his increasing business.

M. M. Elder is having a large stock of bolts for barrel headings delivered at his factory. He has run his factory all winter, and had to run overtime last week to keep up with his orders.

The Rev Mr Lundie of Chateaugay, N.Y., preached here on Sunday, morning and evening. Special meetings are to be held all this week.

THE ACADEMY JUBILEE.
The adjourned meeting took place Saturday afternoon: it was not as largely attended as the first; John Hunter presided.

Mr Dewick, secretary, read the reports of the committees. That of the general committee recommended, 1st a reunion of old pupils on Dominion day; 2nd the raising of a jubilee fund; 3rd the preparation of a jubilee souvenir; 4th the adding of the following gentlemen to the committee—

- All the ratepayers of the village
- Roderick White
- James Blaik
- Wm. Saunders
- Richard Pringle
- E. C. Boyce
- James Ross
- Hiram Taylor
- Hiram Mather
- Wm. Anderson
- Mathew Wallace
- Henry Kenzie
- W. I. Blair
- Charles Abbott
- Henry Wilson
- R. C. Beard
- Peter Tully
- James R. Copland
- H. A. Oliver
- W. G. Gibson
- Donald McIntosh
- Arthur Anderson
- S. E. Ames
- W. A. Sharpe
- Alex. Blair
- Wilson Farham
- Erle Anderson
- Simon Peake
- Mathew Gilbert
- A. Muir, jr.
- R. C. Graham
- R. Cameron
- Mal. McNaughton
- Wm. Brown
- Wm. Leslie
- Wm. Cameron
- Dan Cameron
- Hugh Cameron
- Dan Sutherland
- W. C. McArthur
- D. J. Fraser
- James Arnold
- J. D. McMillan
- Wm. Stevens
- Peter Buchanan
- J. W. Vass
- Dr Stewart
- James McGibbon
- Farqu. McLennan
- Donald McLean
- Wm. Leslie
- N. McPhee
- C. Brown
- James A. Moore
- Thomas Fallon
- John T. Marshall
- James Walker
- George Hamilton
- James Smellie
- W. J. Smellie
- George Pringle
- James Barrett
- Richard Booth
- J. C. Dunsmore
- J. G. Montgomery
- Chas. W. Whesley
- Chas. C. Hyndman
- John Todd, Sr.

The ladies said in effect that they would undertake the refreshment part of the celebration on the 1st July and that the following ladies be invited to co-operate:

- HUNTINGDON
- Mrs (Dr) Cameron
- Mrs James Cameron
- " (Dr) Marshall
- " A. A. Anderson
- " Alex. Anderson
- " A. R. Anderson
- " W. S. MacLaren
- " J. P. Pringle
- " Alex. Chalmers
- " Alex. Lunan
- " George Kelly
- " W. H. Walker
- " John McFarlane
- " J. C. Bruce
- " George Hyde
- " George James
- " Lachlan
- " Peter Brady
- " J. C. McMillan
- " Jas. McGregor
- " Malcolm Robb
- " John Hunter
- " Charles Dewick
- " Wm. Walsh, Sr.
- Mrs A. Muir, jr.
- Mrs James Cameron
- " George Kelly
- " Wm. Kelly
- Miss Graham
- " Miss Shaw
- " Todd
- " M. Pringle
- " J. Robb
- " Maggie Lamb
- Miss Jessie Stark.

DEWICKVILLE
Mrs Peter McArthur- Mrs Holiday
- Miss Jane McNaughton.
- BOYD SETTLEMENT
- Mrs Geo. Pringle
- Mrs Can. Blachford
- " Sml. Crutchfield
- Miss Watt
- GORE
- Mrs Simon Peake
- Mrs John Purse
- " Robert Law
- " James Coulter
- Mrs Erle Anderson.

NORTH SIDE CHATEAUGAY RIVER.
Mrs G. Williams- Miss Lizzie Brown
- ATHELSTAN
- Mrs E. C. Boyce
- Mrs Wm. Wilson
- Miss Stewart
- Mrs W. I. Blair
- " Sadie Tully
- Mrs R. Anderson
- Miss Nettie Cairns
- POWERSCOURT
- Mrs Jas. McClatchie
- Mrs Hiram Taylor
- KENSINGTON
- Mrs Gabriel Tully
- Mrs Stuart Gavin
- CLYDE'S CORNERS
- Miss G. Smellie
- Miss McNair
- KELSO
- Miss Etta Russell
- Miss Mary Shearer
- " Maggie Small
- Mrs James Barrie
- TROUT RIVER
- Miss Stephen
- Miss Jessie Arthur
- ROCKBURN
- Mrs Wm. Steele
- Mrs Gibson
- " Donald McIntosh
- W. I. Blair
- BROOKLET
- Mrs Henry Rennie.

better when it ran out. If the fund is to be a success, all the old pupils must co-operate and pull all the strings co-operate.

Mr McGREGOR—A circular letter should be drafted and sent to all the old pupils whose addresses we know.

Mr MACLAREN—The old pupils at a distance will be guided largely by what the people of Huntingdon do. If they subscribe handsomely, we have a better prospect of success in approaching those at a distance.

The report read by Mr MacLaren recommended—

1st, I consider it important that no time should be lost in opening this subscription. Consequently, consider it advisable that those present to-day should at once be given an opportunity to subscribe. 2nd, I do not consider it advisable that anything like a general canvass should be made for subscriptions, but that only such persons should be asked to subscribe as would be likely to cheerfully give a fairly liberal subscription. If this course is followed, it will be expected that all those who are specially interested in the welfare of the academy will not only assist by personally subscribing but also by urging their friends, either personally or by correspondence, to aid in making this fund as large as possible. As the use to which this fund will be put will largely depend upon the amount realized, I have stated in the heading to the subscription, that this fund so raised will be used in such a way as the committee having charge of the same may consider to be in the best interests of the academy.

J. C. BRUCE read the report of the souvenir committee which suggested

1st, That a register be procured, and that each graduate present at the reception, 1st July next, sign the same, and that the said register be deposited among the archives of the academy.

2nd, That photographs of the buildings, past and present, be procured and placed for sale.

3rd, That a souvenir album be printed in honor of the occasion and sold, or that a small charge be made for entry in the same of a graduate's name.

ARCHD. MUIR, jr.—I am one of the oldest scholars present, for I recognize only 3 who were attending the academy when I left it 40 years ago this spring. I do not forget with what the chairman of the subscription committee has just said, that there should be no general canvass. I hold old scholars in every section of the district should be personally solicited, because many who would not contribute a cent if left to themselves, would give good subscription if you go to them and explain what it is proposed to do for the academy. On what you are going to do with the money, depends the amount you will receive. If the money is to be used to secure scholarships for young men going to McGill, you will get very little, for the people at large do not believe in that. From the talk I heard, the feeling is, if prizes are to be provided they must go to those who stand highest, whether they intend going to college or not, or whether boys or girls. It would be most unfair to debar a girl because she is a girl or a boy because he is not going to college. It has been the ruin of some young men leaving the academy for college. Boys and girls must be equal in competing for whatever prizes are provided. Before soliciting subscriptions it should be distinctly stated what you are going to do with the money.

Mr MACLAREN—I took the same view at last meeting as Mr Muir does about stating specifically what we would do with the money before asking for subscriptions, but I have been converted to the view that it is impossible, and so will be, for until we know what amount will be at our disposal, we cannot say what we will do with it.

CHAIRMAN—It will be left in the hands of a committee to decide what will be done with the money, and it will be applied not only as the committee advise but according to the wishes of the subscribers.

Principal HOLIDAY—I do not understand why the idea should have got abroad that the money will be used for the benefit of young men only. I stated distinctly there would be 4 or 6 bursaries for young ladies going to the normal school. Everything hinges on the amount raised. I have learned 3 per cent. is all that can be counted on as interest on a permanent fund, so I expect we will invest what we get in an annuity. However, before saying what we shall do with the money, let us see what we will get: let us catch the goose before cooking it. I am not going to press on the public bursaries for scholars going to McGill.

Mr MACLAREN—I want to find out how seriously the people of Huntingdon take the matter to heart and therefore favor submitting a subscription-list at once. What they give may be taken as an indication of what those at a distance will subscribe.

CHAIRMAN—I may tell Mr Muir that the suggestion was made at the meeting of subscription committee that the amount raised be applied to attaching an agricultural department to the academy.

Mr WALKER, M.L.A.—My idea is to raise the standard of the academy to as high a pitch as is in our power first of all, and then talk of providing scholarships. The fact that a prominent gentleman of Lechute had brought his son to Huntingdon shows a high standard of tuition goes before scholarships.

