

News Summary.

CANADA.

Hon. Mr. Blair returned to Ottawa from his British Columbia trip. He is greatly impressed with the mineral resources of the province.

Archbishop Langevin publishes an appeal in Paris for funds to assist him in maintaining the Catholic schools of Manitoba.

The establishment of David MacFarlane, paper maker and wholesale stationer, Montreal, was gutted by fire Saturday night. Loss \$40,000.

Halifax estimates for 1897 are \$370,798. The city is getting estimates on a street lighting plant and will ask the Legislature for permission to sell private lights.

The Sydney, C. B., Reporter pleasantly suggests to its subscribers that a good way to observe the New Year is to pay up their subscriptions. This will make them happy, and the publisher, too.

Hung up in a cool place on board the Beaver Line steamer which sailed yesterday morning for Liverpool, were five beautiful deer which were being shipped to private parties in Liverpool.—Telegraph.

Herring are abundant in Placentia Bay Nfld. and along the west coast. American schooners are loading at Placentia, and eleven have sailed for Gloucester with full loads. The cold weather the past fortnight aids greatly in freezing the herring.

Rx-Mayor H. Beaupre, editor of La Patrie, Montreal, announces that he has taken up the challenge thrown down by the hierarchy of Quebec and that he will run for St. Louis division of Montreal for the Local Legislature as anti-clerical candidate.

Another Bear River N. S., boy is heard from. Mr. Arthur Potter, of that place, went to Australia twelve years ago and has met with a large measure of success. He is now manager of a \$1,500,000 company which controls one of the largest gold mines on the island continent.

At a meeting at Moncton, Tuesday, it was decided to form a Maritime Stock Breeders' Association, and to recognize as the standard of registration the highest recognized by the American and Canadian herd books. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws. The membership fee was fixed at one dollar. Forty-three members enrolled, and the following officers were elected: E. B. Elderkin, Amherst, N. S., Pres.; D. S. Smith, Petitcodiac, Vice-Pres. for New Brunswick; C. A. Archibald, Truro, Vice-Pres. for Nova Scotia; F. G. Boyer, Vice-Pres. for Prince Edward Island; W. W. Black, Amherst, James McDonald, New Glasgow, F. L. Fuller, Truro, directors for Nova Scotia; H. M. Parlee, Sussex, T. A. Peters, Hampton, John Donovan, St. John, directors for New Brunswick; E. R. Browe, Charlottetown, John Tweedie, Gallas Point, Wm. Clarke, North Wiltshire, directors for Prince Edward Island; B. W. Chipman, Halifax, James Manchester, Apohaqui, auditors.

UNITED STATES.

The condition of Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, who fell and fractured her hip at Stamford, Conn., recently, remains critical. She sustained a severe shock. Her recovery is considered doubtful.

Pire, probably due to spontaneous combustion, is burning an immense pile of coal in the yards of New Haven road at New Haven, Conn. Some officials of the road say 10,000 to 20,000 tons have so far been destroyed.

A cyclone from the southwest struck and almost literally demolished the town of Moringport, La., on Saturday. Over 20 dwellings were blown down. Four persons were killed and three others will probably die from injuries.

Washington Bank of Minneapolis has closed its doors. The last statement shows loans and discounts of \$500,000; deposits, \$540,000; capital, \$100,000. The Columbia Bank of Minneapolis has also closed its doors. The capital on December 18 was said to be \$200,000.

Bram was found guilty at Boston of murder on the Herbert Fuller. The verdict came as a surprise to almost everybody and Bram, who was confident of acquittal, or at least disagreement of the jury, broke down. The counsel for the prisoner has two weeks in which to file exceptions, which will be made.

Assistant District Attorney McIntyre, of New York, has resigned his position, and sailed for England in order to defend Edward S. Ivory, the American, now awaiting trial in London on a charge of being a dynamiter, and whose trial will probably come up in London on January 11. Six Americans who expect to testify to the case were fellow passengers of McIntyre.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

A paper at Cape Town publishes details of an alleged plot on the part of German residents of the Transvaal to wreck a train on which Cecil Rhodes recently travelled to the coast on his way to England.

The Queen's speech opening the coming session of parliament will, it is generally believed, refer to closer union between Great Britain and the colonies, and will indicate the news of the government in the matter.

Among those who sent messages of birthday congratulations to Mr. Gladstone were the Prince and Princess of Wales, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, and Baroness de Rothschild. Mr. Gladstone is enjoying good health. In the afternoon he went for a walk.

The trial of Tufekchieff, Atzoff and Georgieff, the alleged assassins of ex-Premier Stambuleff, ended at Sofia on Wednesday by the conviction of Atzoff and Tufekchieff and the acquittal of Georgieff. The convicted men were sentenced to three years imprisonment each.

There is official confirmation of the statement that the Venezuelan arbitration treaty is not only acceptable to President Crespo and his constitutional advisers, but will be equally acceptable to the Venezuelan Congress when it convenes in February. The weight of public opinion is all in favor of the treaty and it has encountered little opposition from leading Venezuelans.

Among the New Year's honors conceded by the Queen, is the appointment of Senor Juiz Pinto DeSoveral, Portuguese Minister of Foreign affairs, as Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in recognition of his assistance in the settlement of the Anglo-Brazilian dispute regarding the ownership of the island of Trinidad, off the coast of Brazil.

Among those upon whom the Queen will confer New Year's honors are Sir Joseph Lister, surgeon extraordinary to Her Majesty, and Alexander Smith Kinnear (Lord Kinnear), Judge of the Court of Sessions of Scotland, both of whom will be raised to the peerage. Mr. J. M. Lemonie, of Quebec, ex-president of the Royal Society of Canada, will be knighted, and George Turner, premier and treasurer of Victoria, Australia, will be made a knight commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Acknowledgement.

On Xmas eve, we were very agreeably surprised by the assembling at the parsonage, of a large number of my congregation, who came with smiling faces and happy greetings. But the full purpose of their advent was not realized by us until Deacon Doty in a few well chosen remarks in behalf of the donors, presented us with a beautiful china dinner set, money, a dozen silver spoons and other articles. These tokens of good will we most heartily appreciate, while we trust that the Lord may abundantly reward the donors.

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