

Local News.

Christmas. The children's carnival. The Iron company are erecting a new car shed near the furnaces. The old wood work on the DeBert railway bridge has been removed and replaced by new, which was much needed. Work on the new bridge is progressing rapidly. The building recently occupied by the Londonderry Times is being fitted up for the agency of the Merchant's Bank of Halifax. The Londonderry Arc-Light will be sent to all subscribers to the late Londonderry Times. Mr. Samuel Lindsay's new house at Londonderry station is about completed. Business Cards, Tags, Letter heads, Note heads, Bill heads, Envelopes, Handbills, Flyers, Posters. In fact all classes of work can be obtained promptly and at reasonable prices at the office of the Arc-Light.

of your marriage, and to give expression to our esteem for you personally, and the gratitude we cherish for the interest you have ever taken in our spiritual welfare. The occasion reminds us, that for nearly half a century you have been at the head of our school, and we can bear testimony that you have been always at your post in face of personal inconvenience and sacrifice. We trust that such faithful work so long continued has been the means of bringing many to the Saviour. The convictions and the consciousness of doing what you could in the service of the Master, who suffered no good work to go unrewarded, must be your great comfort. We beg to present you with this gift, one of no intrinsic value—but still acceptable to us, as an expression of our esteem and good will. We trust that you may long be spared as an office bearer in the church. In conclusion, we pray that you and Mrs. Fleming may be abundantly blessed—that you may continue to live under the smile of our Heavenly Father, also rejoicing in the Smiles of Righteousness. "The path of the just is the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Mr. Fleming was taken by surprise at the above turn in the proceedings and was almost overcome by his feelings as he made a suitable reply, thanking the children for their kind address, their present to him and kind wishes for Mrs. F. The presents consisted of a cap (Persian Lamb), a pair of Gloves and a Mittler, as Mr. Fleming jokingly said, "just what an old man wanted." After being provided with lunch, the children left highly pleased with their visit. Later on came the old folk who were well supplied with the good things provided for the occasion. Rev. Mr. Sinclair was called to the chair and speeches were made by Rev. James McLean, of Great Village, Rev. T. R. Layton, (nephew of Mr. Fleming) of Great Village, and Mr. Alexander Miller of Truro. The speakers were all in a happy mood and did their best on this occasion. After the speeches the chairman presented Mrs. Fleming with a purse containing \$37.00 chiefly in gold. Sometime before this \$25.00 were received from their son in California for their present. Several other presents were received of considerable value. The meeting was then closed with prayer by Rev. T. B. Layton. Quite a number of Mrs. Fleming's nephews and nieces came over from Nool to attend this gathering; one of them John William O'Brien (son of the late William O'Brien) was present at the marriage 59 years ago, a very small boy in his mother's care, the only nephew or niece who was present at that event. All were highly pleased with the whole affair, it being one of the most social events ever held here. The next event of this kind will be, if they are prepared so long, that of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Corbett, (next door neighbors to Mr. Fleming); it falls on the 8th of August next. ONE PRESENT. Folly Village, Dec. 17th, 1888.

Special Locals. Falconer & Darning have a fine display of Xmas Goods. A large lot of Alarm clocks, at N. T. Mills', Furnace St. Atkins' drug stores is the place to get your Xmas Presents. Choice selection of Xmas & New Year's cards at N. T. Mills'. Go to N. T. Mills for Watches and Jewelry, also Rogers' Cutlery. Go to Donkin's and get a nice shave for Xmas, next Monday night. You can get from a needle to a Charter Oak Range at S. H. Smith & Sons. You can get dolls of all sizes, Xmas Cards and Toys at Atkins' drug stores. Go to S. H. Smith & Sons', Pleasant St., and get your friends a nice Xmas Present. Mrs. Heistis is opening three cases Xmas Goods, Great variety, very cheap. Bargains in Millinery. Best dress goods in town. You can get almost anything at Falconer & Darnings to please the old, the young, the great, the small. F. H. Johnson will open this week a first-class cash Hardware store. Also, Hair-oss, Robes, Rugs, etc. See advertisement next week. NORTH POLE, Dec. 24, 1888. MESSRS. J. B. GILLIS & CO.—Allow me to congratulate you on your complete and beautiful Holiday Stock. A careful inspection leads me to say that I have never seen a finer or better assortment; it includes everything heart could desire for a present from baby to grandpa. Please inform your people that you have made it unnecessary for me to visit them this season. Wishing you all Merry Christmas. I remain yours truly. SANTA CLAUS.

PRESENTATION.

There was a large gathering of the congregation and friends of the Methodist church, at the Waverley House at this place on Thursday evening, 22nd ult., at which the Revd. Mr. and Mrs. Donkin were presented with the following address and useful articles, namely, a Fur Coat, Cap and Gloves for Mrs. Donkin and Muff for Mrs. Donkin. The articles were costly and prove that Mr. and Mrs. Donkin have the love and respect of the community at large: To the Revd. and Mrs. Donkin: Sirs—We the members and Friends of your congregation, deeply appreciating your many services of love, as well as your untiring efforts for the spiritual welfare since your coming to this place, and also calling to mind the many acts of kindness received from you, most highly esteemed lady, most respectfully request you to accept of the accompanying Fur Coat, Cap and Gloves for yourself and Muff for Mrs. Donkin, as a small token of our esteem and love for you both. We trust that you will accept them, as for any intrinsic value they may possess. Yet they are just as welcome and highly appreciated as though fully so. It is always a source of supreme satisfaction to those who occupy the position which I hold, to feel that those for whose good they labor appreciate their efforts. My work here is no different and I thank you most kindly for these evidences of your cordial sympathy and Christian love. To be your minister in the Gospel, for a faithful minister, to you to Christ has been my supreme wish. I would rather look beyond the grave for a full recognition and cheer as ever more welcome than when they fall upon the ear of a faithful minister. I would rather have a coffin without a shroud, than a funeral without a eulogy, than a life without an epitaph, than a life without a eulogy, than a life without a eulogy. The smoothest path in life is the path of duty, and the roughest can be made smooth by having it with deeds and words of kindness. I thank you especially for remembrance of me, and your kind words, which will be fully appreciated. In a good old book I learned to read while yet a boy, these words, "I am more blessed to give than to receive." I thought the blessedness of receiving is not easy, but the giving is the blessing promised to those who give to others. Mrs. Donkin joins me in assuring you that these words of cheer and benediction will serve to keep warm for years the kindly thoughts we cherish towards you all. Your affectionate pastor, J. E. DOXVY. Oxford Station Mines.

PROVINCIAL.

The body of a recently born female infant was found in the yard adjoining St. Luke's cathedral, Halifax, on Friday morning last. Its left foot had been badly mangled; supposed to have been done by a dog during the night. A farmer named John Bond, of East Rawdon, Hants county, was kicked by a horse in his stable on Thursday last, receiving injuries from which he died. The deceased was 74 years of age and leaves a widow and family. Dr. Moore, of Amherst, was thrown from his carriage on Tuesday evening last, while turning to go up the lane to his residence and had his shoulder dislocated. His child who was with him escaped without injury. A man named Wm. Callow met with a fatal accident at Halifax, on Saturday morning last. It appears that the unfortunate man was at work loading coal at one of the wharves and lost his balance, falling into the water the coal on top of him. He also struck the rail of a recessed trough in an unguarded condition with his head, badly cut, and taken to the Victoria general hospital where he died at four o'clock in the afternoon. The deceased was an Englishman and had only been in the city a short time. Secretary Naylor of the Halifax Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, etc., is investigating a revolting crime, said to have been committed upon the person of a little white girl by her foster father, an Indian named Noel. The Miesse is a deaf mute. Years ago he acted like the Samaniaman, took to his camp and nursed during a long illness a person named "French Pat". The sick one recovered, and revealed to the astonished Indian facts which proved that it was a woman who had nursed. She then returned the Miesse by marrying him. In the meantime "French Pat" learned that his sister had died leaving an eight-year old child in the county poor house. She proceeded at once and claimed it. "French Pat" heretofore died recently, and the child has since been under the care of Noel, who it is declared has acted in a disgusting manner towards her. Severe punishment will be meted out if the crime be proven against him. GRIP. With the new year Grip enters upon its thirty-second half-century volume, a fact which speaks eloquently for the merits of this unique and favorite Canadian journal. No former attempt in the field of humorous journalism in Canada was ever successful, because in no former case was there a happy combination of elements essential to the success of such a venture. In the first place, an uncommon fertility is required to keep a comic journal abreast of the times, and this must be backed up by an artistic ability equal to the task of interpreting the happy thoughts evolved in a popular manner. Secondly, there must be the solid basis of right principle upon which to build. 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It is only two dollars a year, although the paper contains sixteen pages filled with bright original humor of pen and pencil, and always gives without stint, political cartoons on passing events, which for point, power and humor are certainly unsurpassed in any humorous paper of the day. For ourselves we can say that Grip is the very first journal we open on arrival of our weekly exchanges, and we believe the same is true of nearly every editor in the country. Get it for 1889 without fail. MINING NOTES. Stellarton. The pumping out of No. 2 slope is delayed by the non-arrival of pipes to connect with the pumps. The pumping engine at the Ford pit was once more successfully started last Saturday. It ran smoothly from 1 to 4 p. m., and it is now hoped there will be no further delay. The precaution of boring being taken in sinking the "English slope." In the South or West side of the Cape pit there is a gateway extending a considerable length, and in order not to break through—led astray by perhaps imperfect plans, it has been considered prudent to keep "core holes" straight. Springhill. The horses have been taken out of the East Slope. Some of the men have been told that if they can get work anywhere else they had better take it for the present. An electric light plant is now on the way from Montreal, for the company, and is to be placed in position at the collieries at once, for the lighting of the screens. The dam which was built in the tunnel in the West Slope gave way, and the pump was covered up necessitating the putting up of a temporary one which is doing good work. If nothing happens the water will again be under control in a few days. Cape Breton. The Sydney and Louisburg Co. have done a much larger trade this year than last. The shipments to date are in the vicinity of one hundred thousand tons. 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CANADIAN NEWS.

Parliament meets January 24th. The Canadian government has formally approved of an extradition treaty between Britain and Mexico. An office of the C. P. R. freight line will, it is thought, be opened at Fredericton, N. B. in a few weeks. AM. H. F. Worrell, of Halifax, lately assigned. He prefers Mrs. Worrell for \$35,000. Liabilities heavy and mostly local. James Patterson, brakeman on the N. B. R., had his hand severely jammed while coupling cars at Fredericton Junction on the 17th ult. The customs department has issued circulars to collectors demanding greater vigilance in collecting duties on parcels transmitted by post. A petition is being unmercifully signed in Victoria (C. N. P.), praying for the lessening of the sentences of Phillips and Traflet for the killing of Mrs. How on the Tobacco. J. M. Johnson's wool pulling factory, a mile from St. John N. B., was burned with its contents, on the 26th ult. Loss about \$10,000, insured for \$4,000. The fog bell which has hitherto done duty at Meagher's Beach light at the entrance of Halifax harbor, will be replaced by a powerful Neptune fog trumpet. The latter will be in operation about the first of the year. Connor & Donald of Moncton, who recently completed an extensive contract at Richmond Wharf, Halifax, have been awarded the contract for the Post Office and Customs house at Sydney, C. B. Their tender is about \$14,000. The three-mile-long rail race with a tina, for \$5,000 and the championship of North America, between Wm. O'Connor, of Toronto, and John Teemer of McKeeport, Pa., was held at Washington on Saturday last. It was won easily by the Canadian, who led the entire distance. The time was 21:29, Teemer's time was 24:54. Moncton, Nov. 29.—A serious if not fatal shooting is reported from Metapedia. The workmen, mostly foreigners, had been paid Saturday night. One of the men, a Swede aged about 60 had \$120. He pulled out the money and gave it to his son Bill to go to the store. While the boy was gone it is supposed the old man's companion attempted to rob him, but did so discreetly. When the boy returned he found his father with a bullet wound in his abdomen, in a dying condition. The man who it is supposed did the shooting is a disreputable character. He has not been captured. The Canadian Pacific has concluded arrangements for taking over the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake, and Saskatchewan railway. Parliament will be called in session to authorize the step. The road at present is completed as far as Long Lake, about 25 miles from Regina, and it is understood will be extended to the Saskatchewan river next spring. The company have to have the road extended as far as Prince Albert before another year. UNITED STATES. Officers of the Steamer Polynian, which arrived at New York, Nov. 21st, say the recent storm was one of the severest blows they ever encountered. James E. DeBell, the real estate clerk of the law firm of Shipman, Barlow, LaRocque & Choate, New York, who is regarded by employers and their clients as the best lawyer in the city, was sentenced on the 23rd inst. to state prison for 25 years and 4 months. Philip J. Gos, one of the policy dealers who got \$30,000 out of DeBell, pleaded guilty to felony and was fined \$1,000. FOREIGN. SYDNEY, N. S. W.—Beech and Haulan showed a race on the Parramatta river Nov. 27th, for £500 a side. Beech won. A dispatch to the Halifax Herald from London, Nov. 27th, says: Serious election riots occurred yesterday in Servia Belgrade. Several lives were lost and many public buildings demolished. A special cable to the Halifax Herald says: The somewhat curt official replies in the Commons regarding the Sackville indignity and the Sackville are taken to indicate that the government is awaiting some explanation from the United States before the resumption of entirely friendly relations.

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