

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

EX-SENATOR James G. Fair, of San Francisco, died on Friday last. He left forty millions which he divided among his three children.

HIS Majesty Queen Victoria personally bore all the expenses incident to conveying the remains of the late Canadian Premier from Windsor to London.

RIVERSIDE, the Paris cyclist, covered 1,000 kilometres (621 miles) in 24 hours, 63 minutes, 28 seconds, on the 28th inst. St. Stephens record of thirty-five hours.

THE writ for the election in Cumberland County, N. S., rendered necessary by the acceptance of office, by Hon. Mr. Dickey was issued on the 28th inst. Nominations takes place on January 15th. It is understood the Liberals will not oppose his return, consequently there will be no election, and Mr. Dickey will be declared elected by acclamation on nomination day.

A BOLD robbery was committed in this city on Friday night last. Daniel McLane, one of the city firemen, and also policeman in the tailoring establishment of G. A. Dixon & Co., were returning home between ten and eleven o'clock. Near the corner of Grafton and Cumberland streets, he was seized from behind, thrown violently to the ground, and while he was dazed condition he was robbed of \$10 and a silver watch.

SUBSCRIBERS to the Lady Thompson testimonial fund in the city of Ottawa are coming in in a very encouraging manner. D. O'Connor, Q. C., started a list and in a few days managed to collect over \$5,000. This list includes the following: Hon. M. C. Stewart, P. A. Carson, Sir C. H. Tupper, Hon. J. C. Patterson, Hon. J. A. O'Brien, Hon. M. A. D'Almeida, Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. J. M. Macdonald, Hon. J. G. Macdonald, Hon. J. B. Macdonald, Hon. J. C. Stewart, P. A. Carson, Sir C. H. Tupper, Hon. J. C. Patterson, Hon. J. A. O'Brien, Hon. M. A. D'Almeida, Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. J. M. Macdonald, Hon. J. G. Macdonald, Hon. J. B. Macdonald.

MISS Thompson, the daughter of the late Sir John Thompson, accompanied by Senator Sanford and Mrs. Sanford, visited Windsor castle on the 14th by command of the Queen. They were received by Colonel Clarke, the esquire in waiting. He conducted them to the room where the late Sir John Thompson was sworn in as a member of the privy council, and in that apartment the Hon. visitors were received in audience by the Queen. Her Majesty was deeply sympathetic, drew Miss Thompson towards her and kissed her affectionately on both cheeks like a mother. The Queen also expressed her deep and sincere personal condolences towards Miss Thompson. The scene was most touching. The guests afterwards visited, by desire of the Queen, the museum at Frogmore, to which they were conducted by the Queen's esquire.

A VERY sudden death, under particularly and circumstances, occurred at Fifteen Point on Monday, 17th inst. Mr. Sylvia Arsenault being the party. The deceased was called away. He was going to the funeral of his son, a lad of fifteen, walking beside his carriage, he and his wife feeling weak. He was advised to get into the carriage, and he did so, when, almost immediately, he died. His death occurred about a month ago. His eldest daughter about two months ago. This makes four deaths in one family in two months. During the past summer Mr. Arsenault's house was struck with lightning, and he was rendered unconscious, and for three weeks was extremely ill. This winter he left his heart action very weak, and hence his sudden death. Typhoid fever was the cause of three deaths in his family, above noted.—Journal.

ON Monday afternoon, while a number of children were celebrating Christmas Eve at the residence of Mr. George H. Coombs, a very sad accident occurred. It seems that the eldest of the children, Master Irvin Coombs, was impersonating Santa Claus and was dressed in a suit of cotton clothing. While thus engaged, he fell from the Christmas tree his clothing came in contact with one of the candles and he almost instantly became terribly alarmed and ran screaming from the room, but his mother, who had commendable presence of mind, seized a rug and wrapped it about the burning boy. This stopped the fire, but the child was so badly burned that he had to be removed to the hospital. On attempting to remove the rug however, the flames burst out afresh and the little fellow was badly burned about the face and hands. Mr. Coombs came to his wife's assistance as soon as possible and they only succeeded in extinguishing the fire after the hands were burned and the curtains and the furniture in the room was damaged.

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Go to J. B. Macdonald & Co. for cheap Goods. We are indebted to Mr. John Macdonald, agent of the Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn, for a handsome Calendar.

A REPORT comes from London, to the effect that it is believed there that Mr. Kinniburgh will be knighted on New Year's Day.

W. E. GLADSTONE celebrated the eighty-fifth anniversary of his birthday on Saturday last. He received hundreds of letters and telegrams.

Great cheap sale of Ladies Jackets and Mantles, all this season's importations, new and fashionable. For prices see advertisement.—Stanley Bros.

A GOOD ADVICE.—You should not buy Mens, Womens and childrens Boots anywhere until you see the extraordinary low prices now being offered for J. B. Macdonald & Co.

Hon. Joseph Royal, formerly Lieut. Governor of the Northwest has been appointed chief editor of La Minerve, the organ of Hon. Senator Tasse, who is seriously ill at present.

In the last bank statement, published in the Canada Gazette, there is still under the heading of "Loans to Provincial Governments": Merchants Bank of P. E. Island, \$69,819; Merchants Bank of Halifax, \$118,817.

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