

Calendar for December table with days of the week and dates.

THE ACADIAN WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC. 24, 1886 CHRISTMAS.

When and where the first Christmas was celebrated is unknown, history giving no trace till the latter part of the second century...

In the whole range of mythology there is no character more beautiful than Balder's, and of all human conceptions the most Christlike.

Although Mr Bishop takes greatest pleasure in these specimens in which the aid of the taxidermist has been called into requisition...

At length yet, the savage Dane, At length yet, the mead did drain, High on the bench his gallies drew...

times," endeared to us as the commemoration of the birth of the world's Redeemer and of the kindlier feelings of the better new times...

NATIVE BIRDS.

An ACADIAN reporter, while in Kentville a few days since, had the pleasure of visiting the bird-room of Watson Bishop, Esq., where he found him busily engaged in the prosecution of his favorite study.

On entering this aviary of still-life one is struck with the appearance of a fine stately looking bird occupying a prominent position on the left.

The collection of nests and eggs, though not so extensive as of the birds themselves, is quite as interesting; and the ingenuity displayed in the construction of some of the nests is truly marvellous.

We believe Mr Bishop is gathering information from every accessible source with the view of publishing, in the near future, a history of the native and migratory birds of Nova Scotia.

ENGLISH GOSSIP.

The two weeks before Christmas is essentially and preeminently the farmer's fortnight. And the annual cattle show of the Smithfield Club has brought to London the usual "country cousins"...

ing of the Farmer's Club, was fully discussed the "Present Position of the Tenant Farmer." It is far too long an article to reprint here, but no one, without any exception, knows as much about "English Farming" as does Mr Head...

The greatest and most important event in politics was the conference of "Liberal Unionists" held in London on the 7th. There is no uncertain sound in the utterances of the speakers, and as most of those who have been watching English political life closely are aware, Mr Gladstone's day is over.

Can we have no more hope of any moderate policy from him; at this moment his allies, Dillon, O'Brien & Co., are driving matters to an extremity.

CHICKEN.—The approaching visit of the Canadian team is anticipated with great pleasure. They will meet with a warm and hearty welcome here and more matches are wanted with them than can possibly be arranged.

A WIFE INVENTMENT.

The friends of Mrs Geo. F. Currie will be pleased to learn that she is about to receive the sum of \$2000.00. Mr J. W. Wallace informed us that he had a check for that amount to hand over to her.

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!

FARMERS, OWNERS OF HORSES AND STOCK RAISERS. I wish to call your attention to the fact that you can save one third the expense of keeping your Horses, Cattle, Sheep Swine and poultry by using a small quantity of The Vegetable Combined Stock Feed & Condition Powders.

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MARKET REPORT.

Produce Commission Merchants, Corner Argyle & Sackville, Sts. (Opposite Mumford's Market.) Halifax, December 23, 1886. Prices Current this day: Apples, per bushel, 1.00 to 2.25; do Dried, per lb., .04 to .04 1/2.

Boston Market Report.

FLOUR: Spring Wheat, Patents \$4.90 @ \$5.30; Bakers, 3.80 @ 4.15; Choice Extras, 3.50 @ 3.75; Common, 3.00 @ 3.25; Medium Extras, 3.25 @ 3.40; Out Meal, 2.20 @ 2.45; Corn Meal fresh, 2.20 @ 2.35.

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