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We extend to all our readers the compliments of the Season and wish them a happy and prosperous New Year.

Not only the year; but the century shall have expired and another issue of the Herald reaches our readers, and we trust none of our friends will allow the twentieth century to overtake them with their subscriptions unpaid.

Our Winter Navigation.

The manner in which the Dominion Government are carrying on the winter mail and passenger service is, to say the least, most extraordinary.

The past couple of weeks, or since the Steam Navigation Company's boats stopped running, a mail every second day up to Saturday last. The Minto, which has been running between here and Pictou, came over on Saturday and returned to Pictou Sunday; but did not come back to Charlottetown till yesterday, Christmas Day.

On Wednesday last the sheriffs of the three counties opened the packets of special votes polled at the Provincial elections and counted the votes; then each Sheriff sent to the sheriff of each of the other two counties, the schedules for these respective counties. The special votes for the respective candidates are as follows: King's County—First District, McDonald 8, Robertson 12, Kickham 11, McLean 16. Second District—McLaughlin 13, Peters 20, McIsaac 22, Clark 28.

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In South Africa

The Secretary of State for War, Mr. William St. John Brodrick, announces that in view of the prolongation of the war in South Africa the members of the Imperial Yeomanry will be paid five shillings instead of one shilling and two pence per day. The militia regiments are on a priority of return over the regulars. The War Office has made the following announcement: "In view of the position of affairs in South Africa the following reinforcements of mounted troops have been arranged. Eight hundred will start next week, two cavalry regiments are ordered to leave soon, France will be increased to ten thousand. The detachments will leave as fast as they are formed. Further drafts of cavalry will be despatched at once. Australia and New Zealand have been invited to send further contingents."

We regret to record the death of Dr. James McLeod of this city, which occurred on Saturday morning last after a severe and protracted illness. Dr. McLeod was a native of Uggs and was fifty five years of age at the time of his death. He was a scholarly man and stood high in the medical profession. He was also a public spirited citizen and foremost in every movement for the improvement of this city.

drifts had blocked these approaches to a considerable depth and instead of being shoveled out, foot paths had been made from the different gates. As these were trampled they become extremely hard and slippery, rising in the centre in the hog-back style. Pedestrianism along these approaches in this condition became perilous. But nobody seemed to assume responsibility for the matter or prepared to take the initiative in making any improvement; so the danger and inconvenience were permitted to continue.

The subject of our death was born in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, February 24th, 1850, and entered the business of life insurance in 1869, when he was only nineteen years of age, under his late brother, then general manager at Montreal of the Canadian business of the New York Life Insurance Company.

At 4.30 a.m., a heliograph from the western peak announced that the Boers were about to overwhelm the Forts. Gen. Clements was unable to send adequate help, but despatched yeomanry to climb the precipitous hillside and create a diversion. Before the Yeomanry could come into action, the Boers had overpowered the Northumberlanders and were in possession of the entire horsehoes, firing down on the Yeomanry, entangled in the bushes and boulders.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

RELIGIOUS STOLEN IN FRANCE. A robbery that bears a remarkable resemblance to that recently perpetrated at the museum at Greenwich hospital, in England, has been committed at the Tonkin museum, France, the thief secured a valuable collection of medals, orders, and ornaments.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Thomas Lennox, a wealthy farmer of Pictou Township, the father of a daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Lennox, were killed on a railway crossing near Pictou, on Thursday morning. The train was on a down grade and running full speed, and struck their sleigh, instantly killing all three occupants. Lennox was seventy years of age and leaves a widow and seven children.

BRUSH WITH INSURGENTS.

The following telegram was received from the British Consul at Shanghai, December 20: Fifteen troops, Fourth Cavalry, and five of the crew were landed from the gunboat Banco yesterday at Libnapo, Cavite province, stripped slightly of arms; sharp skirmish half hour, thirteen insurgents killed, twelve rifles captured, large amount of stores destroyed, one soldier wounded.

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Wherefore, Dearly Beloved Brethren, we would also add our voice of commendation to the performance of these sacred functions, as above stated, and would remind all the faithful of the necessity of beginning the new century in the union of Grace with our Lord and Saviour. As the Apostle of the gentiles instructs us:—"Let us go therefore to the throne of grace; that we may obtain mercy, and find grace in seasonable aid" (Heb. iv). "And may the God of peace himself sanctify you in all things: that your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (I. Thes. v).

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