

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Montreal Herald, a leading liberal paper, is in financial difficulties. Changes in the official staff of the I. C. Railway appear to be imminent.

The Monetary Times is offering a vest pocket book slate to its subscribers for 1892.

An agency of the Commercial Bank of Windsor has been opened in Bridgetown, Annapolis.

John R. Arnoldi has been arrested at Ottawa on three charges of conspiracy, which are too lengthy to rehearse.

Rumors that Lord Stanley finds his post at Ottawa irksome, and intends resigning, have been afloat, but are discredited.

The steamer Ulunda, the pioneer boat of the new Halifax steamship line, sailed for London on Tuesday with a full cargo.

Canada for November fully sustains its character as a high class, national magazine. We only wish there was more of it.

Sir Alex. Campbell, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, has been stricken with paralysis. An administrator will have to be appointed.

St. John is not to have a re-enumeration of population on account of the expense. Toronto did not find its undertaking in this respect very ruinous.

A splendidly illustrated pamphlet has just been issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The magnificent scenery along the route is well portrayed and written up.

All Halifaxians are feeling indignant that we are not being treated properly in the matter of steamships this winter. But it seems to be of little use to talk.

Messrs. Pickford & Black, Halifax, have issued very neat and attractive advertising cards in connection with the various steamship lines of which they are managers.

Mr. Geoffrey Morrow was thrown from his horse during the cross country ride on Tuesday, sustaining serious injuries that will confine him to the house for several weeks.

The steamer Volunteer, employed by the government to run between this port and St. John's, Nfld., has been totally wrecked on the north coast of Newfoundland. The loss is between \$90,000 and \$100,000. It is presumed the crew were saved. The boat was comparatively new.

The proceedings of the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Maritime Provinces have just been published. The pamphlet numbers 114 pages, and is a repository of much useful information for those who take an interest in the Association.

The steamer Fastnet, which sunk the Heather Belle off Charlottetown, was seized at that place when she returned, at the instance of the Island Navigation Co., which claims \$16,000 damages for the loss of the Heather Belle. The necessary bonds were given and the steamer allowed to continue her services.

A conference was held on Wednesday between the representatives of the Master Painters' Association and the Journeyman Painters' Union with reference to the long-extended strike. No decision was arrived at, but it is probable another meeting will be held shortly, when an effort to arrange terms will be made.

A special meeting of the Atlantic Service Committee of the Board of Trade was held on Tuesday, when arrangements were made to enlist the co-operation of sister Boards of Trade and leading business men in all the towns of the Maritime Provinces without delay. It was also decided to hold a mass meeting in the Academy of Music.

Alexander McDonough has been sentenced to three years in Dorchester penitentiary for breaking into Mr. McKinlay's house and stealing money belonging to Kaye Street Church, and William McKenzie has to put in two years for stealing from Hart's shoe store. Let this be a warning to young men who have a propensity to help themselves to other people's goods.

The C. P. R. Military train which left Montreal on Saturday last for Vancouver, for the purpose of conveying troops across the continent, is fitted up most conveniently for the purpose. The principal novelty is the kitchen car. The exterior looks like an ordinary baggage car, having four sliding doors. In the centre of the car are two immense cooking stoves, each of which contains four ovens, and is heated by two fires. It will take five cooks to keep them supplied. All around the car hang the shining basins in which the food will be prepared. At one end is the store room and at the other a compartment for the attendants. The mess arrangements for the whole trip will depend upon the resources of this car. The men will be carried in the ordinary colonist sleeping cars. A handy little table has been fitted up to go in between the seats during meal times. The bedding supplied each man will consist of a good hair pillow, a mattress and a warm gray blanket rug. The train will leave Vancouver on its return trip on December 5th, having on board 250 men en route home. They are expected to arrive in Halifax on the 15th, embarking at once on a troopship for England. The train, it is expected, will then carry 400 men and 50 officers back to Vancouver, leaving Halifax about December 18th. The Company are doing their utmost to make the experiment a complete success.

There is one satisfactory feature about the Orpheus Club which has not been developed by its environment. The Club is distinctively progressive, and while it displays a conscious self satisfaction with what is, it nevertheless shows each year marks of improvement which are alike creditable to the organization and to the city. The first appearance of the Club, with the Ladies' Auxiliary, which took place on Thursday evening of last week, drew a very large audience. The ladies appeared in uniform dress with sashes varying in color according to the parts taken by the wearers, the sopranos wearing blue and the altos red colored ribbons. Barring the cross-cross effect produced by the wearing of the sashes over the wrong shoulder by several of the auxiliary, the ladies looked admirably, and we endorse the idea of a society-writer that collectively they are entitled to a more euphonious appellation than that of "the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Orpheus Club." The Orpheus Club orchestra, under the leadership of Herr Klingensfeld, formed a valuable addition to the organization, and as a consequence the shading in most of the choruses was far more delicate and artistic than it could have been with even a well played piano accompaniment. The Club's rendition of its several numbers was thoroughly enjoyable. The parts were, generally speaking, well balanced, and the sopranos fulfilled their allotted work with ease, there being a comparative absence of that intense physical effort which has too frequently been observed. As usual the Club sang one of its lullabies, this time an old favorite, "Sweet and Low," the precision and organ like effect of which was somewhat disturbed by the tenors coming in after time in such a way as to rudely awaken the "little one," the "pretty one," had it been asleep in the vicinity. The orchestra was certainly a success, but it is to be regretted that among the audience are to be found rustics who think it necessary to support Herr Klingensfeld's leadership by tapping the time upon the floor. The orchestra received a well deserved encore, and we sincerely hope that it may form the nucleus of an organization which in years to come will be delighting Halifax audiences with symphony concerts. Miss Homer's selections were ambitious, but that lady can evidently sing with charming ease in many languages. She is a decided success as a dramatic artist, and her graceful execution shows long training and careful culture. Miss Homer's voice, which is mezzo-soprano in quality, is fairly strong and is rich in tone throughout, especially in her lower notes, which are delightfully pure and full. In answer to an encore to her first number Miss Homer sang "Comin' Through the Rye," the sentiment of which, to a Saxon audience, was more easily comprehended than that conveyed in a foreign tongue. Miss Homer is a decided acquisition to musical circles in the city, and we hope that before the close of the season the music lovers in Halifax will have an opportunity of hearing the lady in opera.

W. J. Florence, the actor, died rather suddenly at Philadelphia on the 19th inst.

Mr. Owen E. Murphy is now in New York with his family, and intends remaining there until the clouds roll bye in Canada.

Almy, the New Hampshire murderer, has been found guilty, and was sentenced to be hanged on the first Tuesday of December.

The Christmas number of the Ladies' Home Journal is out. It will cheer the hearts of the women who are fortunate enough to subscribe to it. Twelve such Journals are given for one dollar a year by the Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia.

The Modern Cook Book, published by Mast. Crowell & Kirpatrick, Phila., has reached us. We took it home to our wife who says it is an excellent compilation. This book is given as a premium to subscribers to the Farm & Fireside and the Ladies' Home Companion, 50 cents each, or one dollar for the two for a year.

The New York Herald tells the following story:—Diphtheria has been epidemic at Chatham, N. J., for some time, and the general belief was that it was due to bad sanitary arrangements, but now there is a new theory. Many people believe that the disease was brought to Chatham by a lady who had been visiting friends in Brooklyn, and while there contracted diphtheria. When she came home she greeted her lady and infantile friends with affectionate kisses. Some of them began to complain of sore throats soon after, and later diphtheria set in.

Cape May, N. J., parents and school teachers have been shocked over a discovery just made. For some days the teachers have been mystified by the jingling of bells during recitation and study hours. The merry sounds seemed to come in the doors and windows and then fade away in the distance. The tintabulation was especially noticeable when the classes of girls were called upon to recite. Finally the discovery was made that some of the larger girls were wearing small bells from masquerade suits on their garters. The obnoxious bells were removed under pain of dismissal.

Discouraging crop reports are being received from the Presidency of Madrid.

Edward Bulwer Lytton, son of the great novelist, and British Ambassador to Paris, died there on Tuesday. He is well known in the literary world as Owen Meredith.

The managers and actors of various London theatres presented the Prince of Wales with a golden cigar box on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday in recognition of his patronage of the drama.

Sir James Ferguson, Postmaster-General, announces that in the future retired soldiers will have the preference for employment as postmen. This decision is intended to stimulate recruiting, and meets with the approval of the press of all parties. It will result in the employment of 16,000 men.