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Ring out wild bells to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty night;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

DEATH OF A MINE OWNER.—Sir George Elliot, ex-M. P., is dead. He was one of the greatest colliery owners in England, and was largely interested in Pictou county mines.

ADDING TO THE BRITISH NAVY.—The British admiralty has instructed Yarrow & Co to build a first class torpedo boat. The dimensions of the craft are to be length 140 feet and beam 14½ feet.

ACCEPTED THE REDUCTION.—The plate workers of Neath, Wales, have accepted the employers' ultimatum of ten per cent. reduction of wages. Their action is considered important, as it is said to lead to a change in the standard of wages fixed in 1874.

AN ENTERPRISING PROVINCIAL PAPER.—The Bridgewater *Bulletin* deserves credit for the excellent Christmas issue of this year. Several portraits of the professional men of Lunenburg county are given, as well as some views of local scenery, and the Christmas *Bulletin* is a credit to its publishers and its town.

ACCEPTED WITH THANKS.—Messrs. P. & J. O'Mullin have THE CRITIC'S thanks for a generous sample of their famous ale and porter, which was duly tested and pronounced A No. 1. The Nova Scotia Cigar Company also added to our Christmas cheer in the form of a box of their fine cigars. For these sincere thanks are also tendered.

A GREAT CALAMITY.—The excavation for the new furnace at the Carnegie steel works, Homestead, Pa., in which 100 men were working, caved in on Saturday morning. Several men were entombed by the cave in. One was dead when taken out. Others were very badly injured and may die, while at last report some bodies had not been found.

SEE PAGE 14.—Attention is called to an interesting article on South Africa, republished on page 14 from the *St. John Globe*. The eyes of the British world are now upon this portion of the globe, and universal interest is taken in the progress of the Matabele campaign in which England is at present engaged. Newspaper reports are at best far from reliable, and the interview with Mr. Wright contains much interesting information.

THE HALIFAX LADIES' COLLEGE.—The term of the Halifax Ladies' College and Conservatory of Music, just closed, has been one of the most successful in the history of the institution. The number of students enrolled in all the departments during the term was 287. In addition to this a class has been recently formed under the direction of Alex. Fraser, B. A., for the study of physiological psychology. This class is composed of students of the college and outsiders, and numbers 85. There are now 20 teachers in the college and conservatory. The winter session opens on January 4th.

THE WEARMOUTH PATENT ROPE WORKS.—Messrs. I. Matheson & Co., of New Glasgow, have THE CRITIC'S thanks for fine blotting pad with diary attached, issued with the compliments of Messrs. D. H. & G. Haggie, proprietors of the Wearmouth Patent Rope Works, Sunderland. Messrs. Matheson & Co. are general agents for the manufactures of Messrs. Haggie, which include round and flat steel and iron wire ropes for use in mines, railways, collieries, tramways, shipping, etc. These goods have won a high reputation and are rapidly pushing their way into public favor in this country.

ILLEGAL LANDING OF CELESTIALS.—The following telegram received at Washington from E. A. Wood, special treasury agent at Oregon, dated Dec. 24th, tells its own story.—"In the Chinese conspiracy case the jury found ex-special agent Mulkey, Wm. Dunbar and notary public Elunon guilty. As to collector Loton they disagreed. A huge conspiracy was proven, there being the illegal landing in eight months of 1,500 Chinese laborers. Mulkey received a salary from the ring of \$1,200 a month. Whitney L. Boies, chairman of the Republican state central committee, was indicted by the grand jury. He received \$50 per head and paid it to collector Loton."

This and impure blood is made rich and healthful by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. It braces up the nerves and gives renewed strength.

BRITISH FORCE MASSACRED.—Despatches received in London report that the British South Africa Company's force, under Captain Wilson, 40 strong, has been massacred by the Matabeles. Confirmation of the report has been received from several commercial sources. It lacks confirmation by official message, but is generally accepted as true.

A FAVORITE CONDUCTOR.—Much regret has been expressed by the travelling public at the dismissal of A. LeCain from the service of the Windsor & Annapolis Railway Company, and petitions are being circulated in Kentville, Windsor and intervening towns asking the popular manager of the road, W. R. Campbell, to investigate and reinstate if possible. Mr. LeCain has been a conductor on the W. & A. for many years, probably the most popular and obliging on the line. His large circle of friends feel that his reinstatement would be a graceful act on the part of the Company.

FISH AWARDS AT CHICAGO.—Information has been received at the department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, that three awards were granted to the department for its exhibits at the world's fair, the jurors pronouncing the Dominion government's fishery exhibit the best shown in the entire building. Mr. Collins, chief of the department of Fish and Fisheries at the Chicago exhibition, writing Mr. Lyke, Canadian commissioner, at the close of his official intercourse, expressed his hearty appreciation of the part taken by Canada in making the fisheries department at the fair successful. He says: "In no other direction, perhaps, has Canada an occasion for greater pride in connection with the representations made than her fishing interests at Chicago."

WHEN NEW YEAR BEGINS.—Among most Oriental peoples the year is lunar, and begins with the first full moon of December. In England, from the fourteenth century to the change of calendar in 1752, the legal year began on March 25, and after the change was made much confusion in dates resulted before the matter was fully understood. Even yet a historical issue is sometimes clouded by the difference in modes of reckoning, and it is thus made uncertain whether an event took place in the year named or in that following. The present beginning of the year on Jan. 1, in the middle of winter, is not a natural but an entirely artificial starting point. The Greek year originally began with the winter solstice, as did the year of most northern nations.

HARD TIMES IN UNCLE SAM'S KINGDOM.—88,000 in Boston, 110,000 in New York, and some 117,000 in Chicago—such is the record of the unemployed in three of the big cities of the United States. In other cities of the Republic the tales of distress are almost as numerous. Mechanics of a good class and men and women in the higher grades of work can get nothing to do and their savings are becoming exhausted. Very little is being said by our Provincial press in re "the exodus," of which we heard so much some time ago; but it is known that many of the exodians are straining every nerve to get back to their old homes on which they turned their backs. Surely many Canadians will learn the lesson, that taken all together, our Dominion is one of the best countries in which to live.

DEATH OF A BRITISH OFFICER IN AFRICA.—Gerald Paget, a scout in the Matabele campaign, has written an article for the *London Times*, in which he gives the particulars of Captain Williams' death as follows:—"On the evening of October 26," says Paget, "Ifah and the other scouts galloped into camp. They were being pursued by the Insukamini regiment, who surprised them, burning the kraal. They had to gallop for life. All returned except the captain, whose horse bolted down the natives' line. The captain escaped, but met another party. The captain's horse galloped until it was dead beat. The captain then dismounted and ran ahead into the open. There he stopped and waved his hat at his pursuers, inviting them to come on. He emptied his repeater, killing two Matabeles, and then used his revolver until he was shot in the forehead."

THE BEST VESSEL MODEL.—The department of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa has received a report of Messrs. J. E. Butler, of Halifax, and Lynch, of St. John, the two judges appointed to adjudicate in the matter of the competition for prizes offered by the Government for the best Canadian model of a vessel, to serve the dual purpose of a bank fishing vessel and freight carrier in the winter to the West Indies. Speed, seaworthiness and facility of handling were points which the designers were especially requested to note. On the report of the judges the first prize of \$400 has been awarded to Robie McLeod, of Liverpool, and the second prize of \$200 to M. L. Oliver, of Digby. The following designers receive honorary mention for superiority of design: George Henderson, Douglastown; J. H. Earle, St. John, and S. Morash, of Lunenburg. The models of George W. Washburn, of St. John, and L. S. Taylor, of Shelburne, receive honorable mention for speed.

CALENDARS.—Three handsome Calendars for '94 are being sent out with compliments of Messrs. P. & J. O'Mullin. "Ellen Terry as Queen Katherine" is particularly pleasing, and "Waterloo Heroes," and "Until Death us do Part," will acceptably adorn our editorial sanctum.

The Commercial Union Assurance Company, Ltd., has also issued a good Calendar for the coming year. Mr. John Duffus is the Halifax Agent of this Company.

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, of which Mr. J. A. Johnson is agent in this city, is treating its patrons and friends to a large and useful Calendar.

Mess. Blanchard, Bentley & Co., the well known dry goods merchants of Truro, are distributing a handsome Calendar. Lithographic pictures of the following English Statesmen appear above the calendar proper:—Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, Earl of Rosebery, Duke of Devonshire, Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Marquis of Salisbury, and Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour.

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