

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Mr. A. R. Dickie, M. P. for Cumberland, has been unseated.

Ex-premier Mercier will stand for re-election in Bonaventure County.

The ladies of Toronto are actively organizing in opposition to the Sunday car movement.

The Hants' Journal will in the future be published on Tuesday instead of Wednesday evening.

The new Parish Building at Springhill was opened for the first time for service on Christmas Day.

The new Royal hotel, with accommodation for 150 guests, is to be opened at Moncton to-day.

The Montreal Herald was published for the last time on Christmas Day. The paper was established 84 years ago.

Four golden weddings have been celebrated in the Archibald family in Colchester County during the past year and two more are to come.

B. H. Eaton and John Oland will be candidates for the mayoralty of Dartmouth in the ensuing civic elections. The contest will be lively, we fancy.

The six year-old daughter of Charles Wood, of River Hebert, Cumberland Co., was burned to death on Sunday. She had been playing with matches.

Mr. De Boucherville, the new Premier of Quebec, has appointed a Royal Commission to investigate the further charges of corruption against the late ministry.

Messrs. Nicholas Connolly and Hon. Thos. McGreevy were on December 23rd committed for trial at the Supreme Court, at Ottawa, this month. Bail was accepted.

The petition against J. B. Mills in Annapolis came before Judges Weatherbe and Graham on Monday, and on Tuesday the case was adjourned until April.

A lobster measuring 32 inches in length and weighing 15 pounds was taken in a trawl in Digby basin on December 23rd. It is said to be the largest ever taken thereabouts.

Henry James Cook, an old timer, has been arrested on suspicion of being the assailant of Mr. Frank Abbott, paymaster of the Rideau Canal. Mr. Abbott, however, fails to identify him.

Captain Aylmer, whose conduct during the recent fighting at Fort Nilt, on the Pamir ridge, has been mentioned as heroic, is a Canadian and a graduate of the Royal Military College.

St. John's nurses' home was handed over to the city by Lady Tilley on December 22nd. It is an excellent institution, and will be a lasting monument to Lady Tilley's kind-hearted interest in the enterprise.

An effort will be made by the Liberals to get Hon. Edward Blake to become a candidate for parliament for Welland, the seat for which was rendered vacant by the unseating and disqualification of Mr. German.

The Pictou Standard, which was burned out last year and has since been issued under difficulties, has moved into its comfortable new home on Water street, and sends forth a pleasant Christmas greeting to its friends.

St. John held a winter port meeting on Tuesday evening and a resolution was passed, asking that in any arrangement for an ocean service to Canada the steamers should call one week at Halifax and the other week at St. John.

The gang of burglars which has operated in Halifax at sundry times and in divers places is getting pretty well broken up. Two are now in Dorchester, and last week the police arrested four more, supposed to be the last of the gang.

Enough evidence was elicited in the Halifax election case to prove bribery by an agent. The personal charges were dropped, and the court will give its decision to-morrow at 3 o'clock, when the seats for Halifax will probably be declared vacant.

Royal assent was on Saturday given to the bill creating a new form of government for the Northwest Territories, which had previously passed through all the stages in the legislature. The territories will now have what practically amounts to Provincial government.

The Dominion Government has decided to continue the system of immigration bonuses for the next season of ten dollars per head of a family, five dollars for each member of a family above twelve, on proof of settlement on the land in Manitoba, territories or British Columbia.

The Evangelical Alliance of Halifax has sent a letter to the Chairman of the cemetery committee expressing disapproval of the element of sectarianism being introduced in the matter of purchasing grounds for a cemetery. The Alliance is quite right; all tax payers whether Protestant or Catholic should be treated alike in this matter.

Dartmouth's fortnightly Club met at Mrs. Cutler's residence on Tuesday, and another pleasant meeting must be recorded. The next gathering will be held at Mrs. T. Milson's residence on King Street, and after that there will probably be a large dance given by a number of young ladies who will obtain the use of a public hall for the purpose.

The remarkable longevity of Cape Breton people may largely be attributed to a wholesale fish diet—the quintessence of which forms the basis of—Puttner's Emulsion.

The windows of the Nova Scotia Furnishing Co. appeared to be the centre of attraction on Thursday afternoon and evening, and the crowd gathered to witness the display rendered pedestrianism along that part of Barrington St. almost impossible. The north window contained a "real live" Santa Claus, who performed the usual duties of his royal highness. The effect was pleasing, and the old as well as young seemed to enjoy the scene. Messrs. A. Stephen & Son are to be congratulated on their excellent display this season.

John Patterson, of Hamilton, Ont, wrote to Mr. Andrew Carnegie regarding the establishment of an iron industry and smelting works in that city, and received the following reply:—Your favor received. When the foreign colony of Canada recognises its destiny and becomes a part of the American Union it will be time enough to consider the investment of capital there by Americans. This natural union of the English speaking people on the American Continent would double the value of everything in Canada, including the men of Canada, in the opinion of yours, very truly, Andrew Carnegie.

The difficulty between Canada and Newfoundland has been engaging the earnest attention of Lord Knutsford and the Colonial office. Lord Knutsford himself was a party to a written pledge, given to Canada by the Newfoundland Government when the Newfoundland Bait Act was awaiting Royal assent, that the act should not operate against Canadian fishermen, and fully realizes therefore the strength of Canada's present position. If Newfoundland still refuses to listen to reason it is suggested that the Imperial Parliament be asked to repeal the Bait Act obtained under the pledge which is now being violated.

Two beautiful Xmas and New Years' cards from James Rone, ginger ale and soda water manufacturer, adorn our sanctum. They are very tasteful and attractive. The Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York, agent in Halifax, Arthur E. Harrington, has issued very pretty calendars for this year. They are quite gems in their way. Those issued by the Western Assurance Co., of Toronto, General Agent Geo. M. Greer, are just the right sort for office use. The figures are large and clear, and the general get up of the calendar is pleasing. A very useful calendar also is that for which we are indebted to the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Agent John Duffus. The calendar portion is red with white figures, and is mounted on extra heavy card.

After a full investigation of the condition of E. M. Field the jury returned a verdict that he is insane.

Isaac Sawteik, the murderer of his brother Hiram, died in his cell in N. H. State prison on December 26th. He was to have been hanged on the 5th inst.

Sir Edwin Arnold fell into the hands of the Phillistines in Omaha the other day. He was to lecture, but there was a hitch about money and the lecture was not given.

Russell Sage's house was visited by a crank of the same class as the dead bomb thrower on December 19th. Mrs. Sage is credited with cussing him from the house. Under the circumstances this was a particularly brave act.

A horrible railway disaster occurred near Hastings, N. Y., on Christmas night. Twelve passengers were killed and as many more injured. The carelessness of Albert Herrick, a brakeman on the Niagara express, was the cause of the accident.

We have received a handsome, although somewhat idealized "Official bird's eye view of the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, U. S. A., 1893, showing grounds and designs of buildings—view looking Northwest." It is decidedly an attractive picture.

A reciprocity agreement has been entered into between Secretary Blaine and the British Minister to embrace the British West Indian colonies of Jamaica, Barbados and the Seaward and Windward Islands except Granada, Trinidad and the colony of British Guiana.

The January *St. Nicholas* begins with a charming frontispiece described by a no less excellent poem written by Helen Gray Cone: "The Little Maid of Spain"—a little lady, every inch of her. The number, by the way, is rich in verse, as there are poems by Celia Thaxter, Edith M. Thomas, Anna M. Pratt, Mrs. Bumstead, Jack Bennett, and others. The Admiral's Caravan" is continued, and should be quite as popular as the same author's "Davy and the Goblin," being equally clever and even more humorous. Another excellent serial is Lieutenant Fletcher's "Two Girls and a Boy," a successful attempt to write for young readers what is known as a "story of character." A long "short" story which girls especially will enjoy is Mary Davey's "The Pink Gown," supposed to be told by a good old grandmother who has long since repented the little fit of vanity and extravagance of which the pink gown was the comparatively harmless outcome. Birch illustrates the story very appropriately. Eliza Rubamah Sidmore, so favorably known as a writer on Japanese subjects, tells of "Two Queer Cousins of the Crab"—namely, the giant crab, familiar to readers of "Allan Quartermain," and the little mask-crab that carries the impress of a human face. Perhaps the most attractive article in the number is Mrs. Richard's account of the childhood of her sisters, her brother, and herself, called "When I was Your Age." In reading of their healthful, ennobling bringing up, one cannot wonder at the subsequent success of the Howe family in all its undertakings. There are besides, Brander Matthew's serial, which will learn, its own praise from young folk, and the cheerful and inspiring department's pictures, and other attractive features which your boys and girls will no doubt bring to your attention, providing you take *St. Nicholas* as, no doubt, you do,