

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The *Dalhousie Gazette* for November 27th is out.

Sir Richard Cartwright has obtained control of the *Montreal Herald*.

The Middleton waterworks have been put in operation. A public opening was held on Tuesday.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of St. Mark's church was celebrated on Sunday.

The British Government has not given its assent to the Canadian Load Line Act of last session.

The St. John Board of Trade has been discussing the winter port question and passing resolutions thereon.

Mr. Michael Donovan, editor of the *Antigonish Casket*, was married on November 26th to Miss Mary Dunphy.

Prof. Schurman, Dean of the School of Philosophy at Cornell University, has joined the Baptist Church at Ithaca.

William Stephens, father of Lord Mount Stephen, died on Nov. 29th, aged 91 years. He was a carpenter by trade.

Eight notices of application for divorce at the coming session have been given already; but some will not be proceeded with.

The hearing of the Halifax election case will take place on the 21st. An exceedingly large number of subpoenas have been issued.

A Yarmouth man named Wetmore was robbed of \$190 in a house in Sheffield Street, St. John, last Friday night. He claims that he was drugged.

Wild cat hunting is becoming fashionable among sportsmen. Lieut. McGowan and a party of officers bagged a big one last Saturday on Guysboro Road.

Mr. William Notman, the renowned photographer, died at Montreal on Wednesday of last week. He was in his sixty-sixth year, and, it is said, leaves an immense fortune.

Mr. Bowers, M. P. for Digby, admitted irregularity by an agent, and was unseated on December 1st. He will be unanimously nominated to contest the constituency again.

A great scare was created on the Dominion Government experimental farm, at Ottawa, by the discovery that two cows were afflicted with tuberculosis. The animals were at once slaughtered.

The late Minister of Public Works, Sir Hector Langevin, has applied to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons for the seat on the front Opposition row hitherto occupied by Mr. Ouimet.

The semi-annual meeting of the Wanderers A. A. Club was held on Friday evening last. A pleasant feature of the meeting was the presentation of a gold watch to Geo. H. Bowen, the Wanderers' sprinter.

Richard White, of the *Gazette*, and J. P. Whelan, contractor of Montreal, were arrested last week on charges connected with articles published in Tory papers, which originated with Whelan. Bail was given.

Sir Edwin Arnold has been giving readings from his own poetry in Toronto to large audiences. He is not only a poet, but is an editorial writer of brilliant ability and conducts one of London's large papers.

The ice bridge has commenced to form on the river St. Lawrence and the Richelieu river is frozen over from St. Hilaire to St. Ours. If the present cold dip continues, it will not be long before crossing will be practicable.

The Nova Scotia Central Railway was disposed of at Sheriff's sale on Monday of last week, and was purchased by James D. Eisenbauer and F. B. Wade, of Lunenburg, for \$5,500,000. The latter has for some time been receiver of the road.

Some of the public spirited citizens of Middleton are talking of constructing a large three storied building to accommodate a bank, post office and stores on the first floor, a spacious public hall on the second floor and a music hall on the third.

The owners of the steamer *Fastnet*, which sunk the *Heather Belle* off Charlottetown a short time ago, want \$10,000 damages for injury to the *Fastnet*. The Island Steam Navigation Company, which owns the *Heather Belle*, is suing the owners of the *Fastnet*.

Arthur Purdy of Truro, a fireman on an I. C. R. locomotive, fell off the engine while on an embankment near Shubenacadie on Monday, and fell the whole distance of the height of the dump—30 feet—to the road below, receiving a severe shaking up and bruising.

The annual meeting of the Dartmouth Agricultural Society was held in the town hall, Dartmouth, on Thursday evening of last week. The affairs of the Society were shown to be in a satisfactory condition. G. J. Troop was re-elected president, and most of the other officers were also re-elected for the year.

The Malto Peptonized Porter Co., limited, Truro, N. S., is sending out two large pictures of Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, Premier of Canada, and Hon. Wilfred Laurier, leader of the opposition, as a medium for advertising their new medicine, which is highly spoken of. If the local leaders had been portrayed the initials M. P. P. would have better corresponded.

The finance department has issued advertisements for tenders for a fast mail service between Canada and Europe. The conditions are generally

those attached to the last call for tenders. Tenders will be received until January 11th. In the meanwhile no arrangement with any line of steamers is in force, and the mails are sent via American ports and are paid for at regulation poundage rates.

A new game called "Editors' delight" is played in this wise:—Take an ordinary sheet of writing paper, fold carefully, and enclose a bank note, sufficiently large to pay up all arrears and one year in advance. What adds immensely to the game is to send along the name of a new subscriber accompanied by the cash. Keep an eye on the editor and if a smile adorns his face the trick works like a charm. Now is the time to play this trick.—*Ex.*

On Tuesday evening a discussion as to the providing of a new cemetery took place before the City Council Committee on the matter. The Catholics it appears, are not reconciled to the idea of having their part of the cemetery under City control, and it is going to be rather a difficult matter to decide what shall be done about it. Our opinion is that if Protestants entrust the care of their dead to the City, Catholics should do so likewise. There should be no making fish of one and flesh of another in this matter. All should be treated alike irrespective of creed.

A despatch to the *Toronto Mail* says that the Canada Pacific Railway company has determined on having a line of steamers on the Atlantic ocean, as it has already one on the Pacific, thus completing the circuit from England to Hong Kong, and intends submitting to the Dominion government a proposal for the establishment of a service of fast Atlantic steamships from Quebec, to Plymouth, Eng., and Cherbourg in France. The despatch further says it is understood it is through the Canada Pacific company that negotiations between the Allan steamship company and the naval construction and armaments company for the building of fast Atlantic steamships to meet the government's demand came to nothing.

The 7th of June next is the date on which the republican convention will nominate a presidential candidate.

Mrs. F. A. Warner, *St. Nicholas*, Florida, writes to us that she will be pleased to send packages of Florida moss to anyone who will forward 16 cents a pound for postage. It is used for decorative purposes.

"Mark Twain" is again on the move, and his letters under the title, "The Tramp Abroad Again," are appearing in the great *Illustrated News*, the first one coming out last week. He wrote on Aix-les-bains, the paradise of rheumatics, but it was not excruciatingly funny, but unless he has lost his old time humor, we will be sure to get something good as the articles continue. 10 cents a copy, \$5.00 a year, New World Building, City Hall Park, New York.

At a conference in New York of representatives of Irish-Americans from various states in the union, resolutions were adopted warning the people of Ireland that they can receive no support from this country until they call a halt in the war of factions and re-unite their forces, and declaring that the confidence of the great mass of the Irish citizens of the United States can be restored only by a union basis upon clearly defined, moderate and reasonable expression of Ireland's demand for home rule and a policy of independence of all English parties.

Robert J. Burdette, the humorist, is to go into the editorial harness again. With January 1st he will become a salaried editor on the *Ladies' Home Journal*, and will conduct a regular department in each issue of that periodical. The *Journal* has a strong and attractive prospectus for 1892. Mrs. Gladstone is to write a series of practical articles for mothers on "Hints from a Mother's Life." Mamie Dickens, the eldest daughter of Charles Dickens, is to write eight reminiscence papers on "My Father as I Recall Him." Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher will continue to tell of "Mr. Beecher as I knew Him." Mrs. McKee, President Harrison's daughter, is to write on the training of children. Palmer Cox's "Brownies" will appear all the year. Sarah Orne Jewett's next novel will be printed, while Chauncy M. Depew, Mr. Wanamaker, Mrs. ex Secretary Whitney, and a score of other "diners-out," will tell whether or not the use of wine is decreasing at fashionable dinners.

The useful applications of science are especially prominent in *The Popular Science Monthly* for December. First comes a copiously illustrated paper, by Edwin A. Barber, on "The Rise of the Pottery Industry," in the series on American industries. Mr. P. D. Ross contributes a description of the "Type-casting Machines" just coming into use, which bid fair to revolutionize the printing trade. Rev. J. W. Quinby gives a striking exhortation to "Breathe Pure Air." The last of Prof. Frederick Starr's illustrated dress articles, dealing with "Religious Dress," is published this month. In "The Lost Volcanoes of Connecticut," Prof. W. M. Davis gives the evidence of former fiery outbreaks that he has found between Hartford and New Haven, with drawings showing the nature of the disturbances that they caused. J. B. Mann has a sensible article on "Silk Dresses and Eight Hours' Work" that the champions of workingmen should ponder over. The paper on "Dust," by J. G. McPherson, shows how much is brought out by study of an insignificant subject. The Portrait and Sketch represent the Russian "Mendeleef," a chemist whose name is one of those most widely known at the present day. The editorials deal with the decline of popular heroes, political justice and modern charities. New York: D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents a number, \$5 a year.

Mr. Edmund Yates, the novelist, and editor of the *World*, is very ill.

Prince George of Wales is considered to be out of danger and is improving in health.

It is rumored that Lord Dufferin will succeed the late Lord Lytton as British Ambassador to France.