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CALENDAR—A very neat calendar for '93 has been received from The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, with the secretary's compliments. Many thanks.

A NEW PAPER.—The first number of "Forward," the official organ of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia, has been received. It gives promise of being a wide-awake journal devoted to the interests of the prohibitionists.

LUNenburg ENTERPRISE—A number of the influential citizens of Lunenburg, who have no lack of funds, are said to be behind the Joint Stock Furniture and House Furnishing Company, for the opening of which a syndicate is being formed.

NEARLY FINISHED.—The Chignecto Ship Railway has been hung up for some time for want of more capital. It is said that the necessary funds have now been secured and that the work will soon be pushed to completion. This speaks well for Ketchum's enterprise.

KENTVILLE ADVERTISER.—The Kentville *New Star*, the editorship of which was recently assumed by Professor Frank Eaton, has appeared under the name of *The Advertiser*. The paper is improved in many ways, and Professor Eaton is apparently resolved to make the *Advertiser* a success.

PETER O. CARROLL AGAIN TO THE FORE.—Warren D. Walker, charged with defrauding the Moncton branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia of \$1300, has been captured by Detective Carroll at Malone, New York, and safely landed in the railroad town, where his trial is now being proceeded with.

NEW GLASGOW TO THE FRONT.—New Glasgow has added \$50 000 worth of buildings to its taxable property during the past year, and from private adices it is understood that the building operations for the coming year will be still more brisk. Our Lew Birmingham is making a great record for itself.

COMMUNICATION WANTED.—North Sydney and Sydney are demanding better train accommodation. As matters now stand it is impossible to go from the one place to the other and return the same day, and as the ferry cannot be used during the winter season the citizens of our eastern townships suffer great inconveniences.

NOT YET IN IT.—Dr. Randall and C. B. Welton, defendants in the celebrated graveyard insurance case, have each been sentenced by Judge Peters to five years in the penitentiary. An attempt is being made to upset the whole case upon the ground of some legal technicality, and it yet remains to be seen whether the prisoners will be sent to Dorchester.

A BIG THING IF TRUE.—According to an exchange:—"During the year 1892, there were but three deaths in Kentville, all of which were due to some extraordinary circumstances." If this be true, the citizens of Kentville should combine, erect a great sanitarium and widely advertise the elixir of life, of which it is their privilege to almost hold a monopoly.

A MYSTERIOUS CAVE.—On the farm of P. Hayes, near Five Mile River, East Hants, is a remarkable cave, which is over half a mile in extent. Tradition credits it with having at one end a yawning abyss of unknown depth. The ramifications of the cave have never yet been fully explored, and its formation has puzzled not a few of those who have visited it.

PARLIAMENTARY PAGEANTRY.—The Provincial legislature of Nova Scotia was opened in style on Thursday of last week. The salute boomed from the guns on the citadel, the bands played appropriate melodies, and the new silk hats of the members were resplendent. In fact, the whole affair went off well, and everybody expressed satisfaction with the pomp and pageantry.

LORD STANLEY'S SUCCESSOR.—It has been officially announced that the Right Honorable John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, seventh Earl of Aberdeen, will succeed Lord Stanley as governor-general of Canada. The Earl and Countess of Aberdeen have many warm friends in Canada who will welcome their return, and it is the general opinion that Canadians are to be congratulated upon the choice for Lord Stanley's succession.

THE BOUNTY BUSINESS.—The municipal treasurer of Annapolis during last year was called upon for bounties on thirteen wild cats, the largest of which weighed 90 pounds. Bounties were also paid on twenty-eight bears and one loup-cervier. Annapolis Royal is no doubt one of the centres of provincial civilization, but the rim of its civilization does not offer a particularly attractive field for sheep-farming and hen raising on any extensive scale.

THIS IS HOW IT IS.—The returns from the Inland Revenue department show a steady falling off in the manufacture and consumption of spirits and beer, while a corresponding increase is shown in the manufacture and use of tobacco, cigars and cigarettes. The increase in the use of the latter is phenomenal, and as cigarette smoking is the most objectionable form of using tobacco, this is greatly to be regretted. Those who believe in helping forward the cause of temperance will find in the Inland Revenue returns some very encouraging statistics.

TELLING FACTS FOR OUR FARMERS.—The advice, "go west, young man" which has developed into a familiar saying, has been taken by a large number of maritime provincialists, who have "packed their goods in a carpet sack" and hopefully turned their faces to the land of the setting sun. The western territory of Canada is no doubt a great country for the farmer, but that there is no need of eastern farmers leaving home is demonstrated in a recent issue of the *Sackville Post*, in which J. L. Black, an enterprising farmer, makes a comparative statement of the crop yields in Sackville with those of Ontario and the North-west. The figures are as follows: Wheat—Ontario, 1892, average yield per acre 12.7 bushels. Average for 10 years 15.4. The average yield this year in the North-west territories is placed at 15 bushels, which is worth 48 cents at the elevators. Mr. Black had two fields, one yielded 25 bushels per acre and the other 33 bushels. Oats—Ontario, 38.6; ten year average, 35.1. Sackville, 45 bushels. A plot of 1/2 of an acre of the "White Clover" variety produced 45 bushels. Barley—Ontario, 24.6; ten year average, 25.9. Sackville, 45. Turnips—In this item the difference is most striking. Colonel Blair, of Nappan, selected several specimens from Mr. Black's field for the Canadian exhibit at the World's Fair. Off a field of 4 1/2 acres 5,000 bushels of turnips were gathered. Ontario's average was 490 bushels and the ten year average was 418. These figures are reliable and comment thereupon is unnecessary.