

PROBABLE INCENDIARISM IN HALIFAX.—The examination into the Stairs Son & Morrow fire conducted before Mayor Keefe has resulted in the certainty that the building was set on fire by some unknown person. The evidence so far adduced in the Latham & McCullough fire also points to a probable incendiary origin. If as hinted there is a combination of men with anarchist proclivities in this city bent on destroying valuable properties by fire, simply to give employment to mechanics and others, the sooner the gang is ferreted out and imprisoned the better. We must confess that we have little faith in the rumor.

THE DOMINION HISTORY COMPETITION.—Circulars giving full particulars in re the Dominion History Competition will be sent on application to Geo. W. Ross of the Dominion Committee on Canadian History, Montreal, or W. Patterson, secretary, Royal Arthur School, Montreal. Applications for permission to write will be received by the committee up to January 1st 1894. The committee on manuscripts will receive manuscripts up to January 1st, 1895. The successful competitor will be allowed the usual royalty of 10 per cent on the retail price of all books sold. This is a good opportunity for the members of Canadian historical societies to show the results of their study and research.

A STREET RAILWAY IN TRURO.—The Truro Street Railway Company, incorporated in the Acts of 1889, have decided that the time is now ripe for the construction of an electric line along certain streets of the town of Truro, and have accordingly submitted to the Town Council a copy of the specifications proposed to be observed in the construction of the road. The introduction of electric cars upon the streets of Truro will make a great difference in the appearance of the busy little centre, and will no doubt prove a great convenience to its citizens. The company appear to consider the probabilities of the enterprise proving satisfactory from a financial standpoint very uncertain.

THE PREMIER AT MONTREAL.—As Sir John Thompson was to address a meeting of his political supporters for the first time since his return from the Bering sea arbitration, his speech at Montreal on Tuesday last had been looked forward to with great interest as a probable declaration of the future policy of the government. The Premier spoke to a large audience for nearly two hours, discussing tariff reform, the Manitoba school question and other matters. He declared that the government policy was a complete revision of the tariff, but on no account would the manufacturers of the Dominion be dictated to by a foreign power. Speeches were also made by Hon. Messrs. Foster, Caron, Angers, Ouimet and Curren.

HOOD'S PILLS cure constipation. They are the best after-dinner pill and family cathartic.

A UNITED STATES AUTHORITY'S OPINION.—Professor Thurston, of Cornell university, consulting engineer to the jurors on agricultural and mechanical machinery at the world's fair, informed Mr. Larke, Canadian commissioner, that both in agricultural and general machinery the Canadian exhibits in design, construction and smoothness of running, are equal to anything shown in the exhibition. Professor Thurston further remarks that he fully examined the Canadian exhibit of machinery at Philadelphia in 1876 and comparing that exhibit with the present one at Chicago, he has no hesitation in saying that Canada made greater progress in manufacturing during the past sixteen years than any other nation represented in Jackson park. Considering the source from whence it comes this expression of opinion is very gratifying to Canadians.

FAIRS TO COME.—It is announced that the next World's Fair will be held in Antwerp in May, 1894. The Antwerp Exposition will be on a much smaller scale than the Fair at Chicago, and it is certain will not attract anything like the attention that the Chicago Exposition has. The *Scientific American* says: "Although there is not the slightest possibility that the Antwerp Fair can compare with ours, still when Paris celebrates the opening of the new century in 1900 it is probable that the Chicago Exposition will be equalled, if not surpassed. Already French engineers are making preparations for 1900, plans are being made for the railroads which are to convey the passengers to the Bois du Boulogne, for while the Champs de Mars has not grown smaller since 1867, the size of international expositions has increased."

CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS.—Mr. M. J. Keating in writing of our city in the *Truro News* brings to notice a "long felt want" of Halifax, namely public bath houses. Boston has thirty two of these institutions at present maintained by the city, where all the privileges of a free bath are given the citizens, and strangers as well; and the authorities of the Hub's civic affairs now have under consideration a proposition to establish free hot water baths for the coming winter. Mr. Keating is probably aware that Halifax has many needs that have small prospects of being filled in the near future and a public bath is one of the many, and therefore suggests that if the Halifax civic authorities do not feel in a position to erect these necessary adjuncts to the health of the city, they may see their way clear to giving a reasonable subsidy to any company which will build and maintain bath houses. The Y. M. C. A. of Yarmouth have had a public bathing house in operation all this summer for the benefit of its members and friends.

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BRIEFS.

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Pope's Life of Sir John Macdonald will soon be issued by the English press.

Charles DeLosseps, of Panama canal scandal notoriety, has been released from prison.

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