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—The Waverly Hotel, Fredericton, was destroyed by fire on the 30th ult. Several guests had narrow escapes.

—The threatened inundation of Montreal has been averted by the formation of the ice bridge across the St. Lawrence.

—It is officially stated that the three per cent. dividend on the capital stock of the Canadian Pacific Railway will be payable in London, Feb. 17th.

—Over $2,000 cash was stolen from the ticket office of the Grand Trunk at Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 27.

—Fire destroyed a building valued at $8,000 Dec. 30, at Winnipeg.

—It is expected that the St. John cotton mill will be started in about a week, the offer of Mr. Maclellan having been accepted. It is understood the company into whose hands the mill will pass are for the most part English capitalists.

—The civic estimates of Halifax for 1887-88 are $752,469, or $22,000 less than those for 1886-87.

—Lieut. Col. Maunsell has applied to Ottawa for an addition to the military building in Fredericton.

—Rhodes, Currey & Co., Amherst, are to build the new brick-cased station for the I. C. R, at Stellarton, N. S. It will cost $3,000.

—The Williams Manufacturing Co. has appointed W. H. Bell, 18 Dock street, this city, their sole agent for the sale of the celebrated "New Williams" sewing machines for this city and adjoining counties. This agency was formerly held by the late firm of Crawford & Bell, but now is placed in the hands of Mr. Bell exclusively. See advt.

—The Canadian Pacific Railway has been notified by the imperial government coat 12 80 ton guns for the defence of Victoria, B. C., are now being constructed at the Woolwich arsenal. It is also said that large consignments of war material will arrive in the same ship which brings the guns.

—The Charlottetown *Patriot* says Mr. George E. Full and several other enterprising gentlemen have forwarded 100 bushels of Island wheat to Ontario, to be ground up into flour as an experiment. It is expected that it will prove equal to the best patent flours, and if so steps will probably be taken in an endeavor to manufacture that commodity on a large scale on the Island.

—A shocking fatal accident occurred on an up freight special on the eastern division of the C. P.R., last week, two miles east of Nipegon. A carpenter named Gordon, from Port Arthur, was riding on an engine together with brakeman Frederic, fireman Harry Brunnel and engineer Ramsay. The crown sheet burst, and a frightful rush of steam blew the three first named men out of the engine on to the track, where they had to lie in the cold with a temperature 40 below zero. All were terribly scalded and frozen on the face and hands. Gordon died two hours after, with a broken back. The fireman had a leg broken and was badly frozen; the brakeman was badly scalded and smashed about the face, but was able to walk. The engineer escaped injury.

—The steamer "Sir John" was burned to the water's edge last Tuesday night and one of the crew, John Sinclair, lost his life. The "Sir John" was a vessel of about 80 tons, and was built Capt. John Purdy and his two brothers at Sackville, and launched last September.

—The exports from the Dominion for November amounted to $11,378,000, of which $10,023,000 was the produce of Canada. The home products exported increased $2,400,000, compared with the previous Nov. The Nov. imports for home consumption were $7,300,000, of which the dutiable goods were $5,076,000, on which $1,447,000 duty was collected,—an increase in imports of $900,000, and in duty of $230,000.

—Miss Maria Anning, of St. John, N. B., died last week, leaving about $30,000 to local charitable institutions. Up to last summer she lived, with her brother, in a most filthy and beggarly condition, the fact becoming public through a fire near their abode.

—The Ontario elections held last week resulted in the government being sustained, with an increased majority.

—Oxford, N. S., is to have a flour mill.

—Insurance commissioner Tarbox, of Massachusetts, in his recent report says:—"The old system of life insurance is, humanly speaking, safe: if it is too expensive, and cannot reform the fault, some other system that can provide safety with less cost will supersede it."

Apropos of this, *The Journal of Commerce*, Montreal, says:—"We believe the Dominion Safety Fund Life Association, St. John, N. B., has definitely solved the problem of the safe and cheap insurance of the future, and marks a new departure in the history of life insurance."

—The Canadian Pacific earnings for eleven months ending 30th November were $9,187,703; working expenses, $5,764,462; net profits, $3,423,241, against $2,984,183 the same period of 1885.

—It has been ordered by the Department of Marine that the steamers "Neptune" and "Northern Light" shall make daily trips with mails and passengers, on alternate days, from Charlottetown and Georgetown, P. E. I., to Pictou, N. S., returning the following day, thus giving a daily mail each way between the island and the mainland during the winter, or while the harbors are open.

—The Quebec Legislature meets on the 27th January.

—W. F. Harris, of Pictou, has been fined $50 for violating the Scott act.

—The Halifax papers speak very favorably of addresses recently delivered by Miss Wadsworth, of Acadia Seminary.

—The Nova Scotia branch of the Imperial Federation League was organized at Halifax last Thursday.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

—Gladstone celebrated his 77th birthday Dec 29. Telegrams of congratulation were received from all parts of the world.

—At the cabinet meeting on Thursday, Lord Salisbury submitted the correspondence between himself and Lord Randolph Churchill relative to the latters resignation. He explained the nature of the negotiations with Lord Hartington, who, he said, refused to take office in the cabinet and strongly favored a tory successor to Lord Churchill. The cabinet left the matter in Lord Salisbury's hands. Churchill is not satisfied with the explanation of his resignation which the Marquis of Salisbury has put forth, and has declared his intention of explaining the premier's explanation. This, Lord Randolph declares, unduly narrows the issue, and he will emphasize what he calls the growing divergence between himself and Lord Salisbury on nearly every political question. Mr. Chamberlain has changed his mind and has informed Lord Salisbury that he will do his best to induce Lord Hartington to accept office. Although Hartington declines to enter the cabinet, he would be willing if the government resigned to join in the formation of a coalition ministry.

Lord Randolph Churchill has been the cause of very much talk during the last ten days. When he resigned as a member of the cabinet, all eyes were turned toward him. He has, as yet, failed to satisfy the public as to his reason for resigning. It is hardly to be believed the only cause was dissatisfaction at the estimates for war purposes. He has threatened to explain Salisbury's explanation of his resignation, but as yet has not done so, though his friends hinted at some startling revelations should he commence. Salisbury declined to coax him, and the latest despatches announce that Churchill has made an offer to resume office on certain conditions, but Salisbury has given him a virtual "we don't want you," and declined his offer. The liberals are well satisfied with the widening breach between these two, hoping that Churchill, exasperated by this latest snub, may reveal something of the inner life of the tory cabinet. It is stated that not a single influential politican is to be found supporting him, and that a defender of his conduct cannot be found, even within his own circle.

—Vienna is becoming convinced that Russia is determined on war. Reports of increased Russian armaments are continually coming to hand from various sources. The latest intelligence of this kind is to the effect that 300 000 Russian troops have ordered to mass at Kieff, and that the occupants of 100,000 houses have received official notification that soldiers will soon be billeted in them. The *Neue Freie Presse* plainly hints that the best thing Austria can do is to submit to Russia's wishes in order to avoid a conflict.

—MANDALAY, Dec. 29.—A deputation of natives, consisting of an archbishop and a number of priests, to day presented an address to Gen. Roberts, commander of the British forces in Burmah. In this they requested permission to issue a proclamation urging the Burmese to lead a peaceful life and accept British rule. They asked that their temples be protected and Buddhists permitted to enjoy religious liberty; they assured Gen. Roberts that his star glittered with victory, and expressed the hope that he would be successful in his efforts to restore order in Burmah. Gen. Roberts, in reply, promised to respect and support the native religion.

UNITED STATES.

—The robbers of the Adams Express Co. have been captured by detectives after some very clever work.

—A strike occurred last Monday week on one of the street railway lines in San Francisco. The next day an employee of the company found four dynamite cartridges, with a fuse attached, in the tunnel through which the cable runs under the track. It is believed they were placed there Sunday night in readiness to be exploded Monday, when the assault made on the employes and the presence of the police and the determined fight they made prevented a consummation of the dastardly scheme. The amount of dynamite under the track was sufficient to blow up the road bed and any car that might have been over it.

—A special from Danville, Ky., gives particulars of a horrible occurrence at Junction City on Christmas day. W. T. Clarkson, a prohibitionist, was a visitor at the house of a friend, Daniel Tweddle. The latter had some liquor which he persuaded Clarkson to drink. After filling him up the two adjourned to a neighboring saloon where Clarkson was forced to drink until he fell on the floor in a stupor. A wagon was procured and Clarkson's lifeless form was placed in it, with the banner, "Sacred to the memory of prohibition, died Dec. 25." This was intended as a joke, but it proved true, for after the carousers had driven around the streets a short time, the discovery was made that Clarkson was dead. Tweddle will probably be indicted for murder.

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