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ST. JOHN LETTER.

The State of Massachusetts with about ten times the population of this province, has nearly 700 public libraries containing about 7,000,000 books valued at nearly \$10,000,000. Aside from these it has 1344 religious and Sunday school libraries with a total of \$56,064 volumes. There are only three or four towns in the State without a secular library accessible to all their inhabitants. Probably there is not another state or country in the world whose inhabitants are so well provided with the means of acquiring an education as are those of Massachusetts. The town of Amherst, population about 11,000, has a college library containing 19,600 volumes, a village library of 70,000 volumes and two minor libraries containing about 10,000 volumes, a total of 99,600 volumes for the use of 11,000 people. Are the people of Massachusetts better citizens because of their extraordinary privileges? It is believed they are. Crime, pauperism and insanity in the old Bay State are extremely rare among the native born.

Members of the Hundred Clubs which are springing up all over the United States are pledged to endeavor to live more than a hundred years, to strengthen others in longevity, and to aid in the collection and dissemination of ideas relating thereto. They think with the writer that if nature intended that the average life of man should be only about fifteen years after attaining maturity, the creation of man was a mistake.

By the death of Hunter Duvar at Harwood, P. E. I. on the 26th ult., Canada has lost one of its foremost men of letters, a poet, an essayist and a novelist, who will be read and admired when many of his contemporaries who are now better known, are forgotten. His "Robur" and "The Immigrant of the Fairies" will rank with the best poems of this generation, and in prose, his "The Capt. of O'Brien" is no whit inferior to Hawthorne's "Snow-bird." The writer was honored with the friendship of Hunter Duvar, a polished gentleman of the type of fifty years ago, and as he writes has before him a letter which he penned only a few days previous to his death.

Landmen have a very imperfect idea of the carrying capacity of ships arriving and departing from this port. The Amethyst that sailed for Glasgow last Thursday carried away 107 car loads of timber, 250 standards of deal, 243 head of cattle, 83,048 bushels of grain, 11,096 sacks of flour and oatmeal, 555 boxes of cheese, 757 barrels of apples, 1490 bales of wool, 1,114 bales of hay and quite a lot of miscellaneous cargo. Ninety out of one hundred landmen would have thought the timber alone a load for the ship.

A Salvation Army congress attended by about 100 officers from all parts of the Maritime Provinces is in progress in this city and will continue four days.

A furiously driven hack dashed into a street car at the corner of King Street and Market Square last Thursday night, smashing the plate glass windows and endangering the lives of the passengers. The driver escaped before his number could be secured. As hackmen and the drivers of delivery wagons menace the lives of pedestrians every day, it would be well for the latter to arm themselves with horse whips or revolvers.

There are no further changes in the prices of flour although millers claim that the present cost of wheat is such that they are selling at a loss. There is a good deal of speculation in Chicago and the market prices of wheat are very uncertain. It seems to be almost quite in the hands of speculators who can force prices in such directions as suits their own interests. Oatmeal and cornmeal are unchanged. Beans are firmer and 5 cents per bushel higher. Barley and split peas are higher and are quoted today at \$4 per barrel. Stocks of cheese are limited; singles are quoted at 9¢ and twins at 10 cents. Cakes and pepper have each advanced 2 cents per pound. New brands of soap are continually appearing in the market. The latest is the "Dishcloth Soap," for which George S. DeForest & Sons are the agents. Each four pound bar is wrapped in a dishcloth and retails for 25 cents. This firm landed on Friday 1024 packages of tea direct from India and China and have 574 more to arrive in a few days. The tea trade is very active.

EDWARD EDWARDS.

St. John, Feb. 4.

"Soudan."

CAIRO, Jan. 21.—The Official Gazette publishes a convention between Great Britain and Egypt relating to the future government of the reconquered Soudan

provinces.

After reciting that the provinces were reconquered by the joint military and financial efforts of the British and Egyptian governments, and setting forth the desire to give effect to the claims that have accrued to Her Britannic Majesty's Government by right of conquest—the claim to share in the present settlement and future working and development, of the administration of the territories—and pointing out that the territories of Wady Halfa and Suakin may be most effectively administered in conjunction with the reconquered provinces, the convention proceeds as follows:—"It is hereby agreed and declared between the undersigned, duly authorized, that the word Soudan in this agreement means all the territories south of the 22nd parallel of latitude, which have never been evacuated by the Egyptian troops since 1898 or, which, having been administered by the Khedive's Government prior to the late rebellion, were temporarily lost to Egypt and have been reconquered by the British and Egyptian governments acting in concert, or which may hereafter be reconquered by the two governments acting in concert.

"The British and Egyptian flags shall be used together on both land and water throughout the Soudan, except in Suakin, where the Egyptian flag alone shall be used.

"The supreme military and civil command in the Soudan shall be vested in one officer, termed the governor-general, appointed by Khedivial decree with the consent of Great Britain, and to be removed only by Khedivial decree with the consent of Great Britain.

The next clause gives the governor-general absolute power to make, alter or abrogate by proclamation laws, orders or regulations for the good government of the Soudan and for the regulation, holding, disposal and demarcation of property of every kind situated in the Soudan, but all such proclamations must forthwith be given notice of to the agent of Her Britannic Majesty at Cairo, and to the president of the Khedivial council. No Egyptian law, decree or enactment is to apply to any part of the Soudan, save by the proclamation of the governor-general.

Regarding the condition under which Europeans shall be permitted to trade, reside or hold property in the Soudan, the convention says:—"No special privileges shall be accorded to the subjects of any one or more powers. Import duties shall not be levied on goods from Egyptian territory, but they shall be leviable on goods from elsewhere. In the case of goods entering from the Soudan at Suakin, or any other Red Sea port, the duties must not exceed the amount leviable upon foreign goods entering Egypt. Duties may be levied upon goods leaving the Soudan, the rates to be prescribed by proclamation.

The convention provides that the jurisdiction of the mixed tribunals shall apply to no part of the Soudan, except Suakin, and the whole Soudan, except Suakin, shall remain under material law until the governor-general proclaims otherwise. No consular agents shall be accredited to or allowed to reside in the Soudan without the previous consent of Great Britain.

The importation or exportation of slaves is absolutely prohibited, and special attention is to be paid to the enforcement of the Brussels Act of July 2, 1890, in respect to the import, sale and manufacture of firearms, munitions and distilled or spirituous liquors.

The convention which is dated at Cairo, Jan. 18, 1899, is signed by the Khedivial minister of foreign affairs, Boutros Pasha Chell, and by Lord Cromer, British agent and consul-general in Egypt.

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Canada's Future.

Canada's future is a subject which has been taboured for some time, but is again to the front in enlarged proportions. In the January number of The Canadian Magazine, three articles are devoted to a discussion of our foreign relations. John Canuck points out that our sales to the United States are not increasing like our purchases; while on the other hand our purchases from Great Britain are declining, while our sales to the Motherland are increasing. The well-handled statistics are startling. Mr. Canuck makes an impassioned appeal to Great Britain not to neglect Canada in seeking United States friendship. He admits that Canada loves Great Britain and British institutions, but maintains that if British neglect makes Canada restless, then there will be an end of British rule on this continent. The third article is by Robert McDougall, editor of the Halifax Morning Chronicle. He makes an attack on the oratorical United States publicists who are actively endeavouring to force Canada into annexation to the United States. He exposes their methods and analyzes their arguments.

He maintains that "there is room enough and scope enough on this continent for the two Anglo-Saxon nations. Canada and the United States—daughters of a common mother, custodians of a common liberty—to work out their separate destinies without being jealous of each other or coveting each other's patrimony and birthright."

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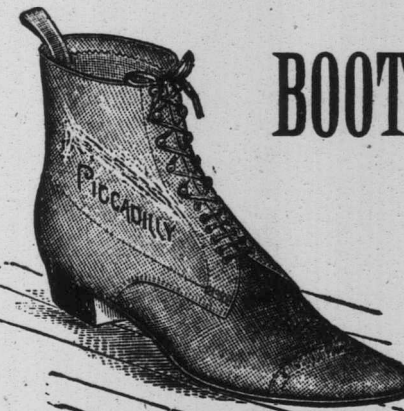
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