

J. W. Bixelow, as President of the N. S. Fruit Growers' Association, has given the public notice that the Association is now collecting specimens of all the fruits of the Province for the fruit exhibit at the World's Fair, and all interested are requested to forward to Robt. Starr, Wolfville, any specimens of fruit without delay, to be packed and sent to Chicago where they will be put in cold storage.

Dr. Jenkins has pronounced the port of New York free of cholera.

Boston's contribution to the relief fund for the victims of the St. John's fire, reached \$16,000.

The Annual conference of the Mormon Church at Salt Lake City has closed. Reports show a membership of 200,000. It was decided to dedicate the new Temple on April 4, 1893. It was commenced forty years ago and has cost \$2,500,000.

A somewhat startling story is told by one of the World's Fair Commissioners, who, during a recent visit to the State Department, learned that the remains of Christopher Columbus were offered to the United States as security for a loan of \$100,000 at 6 per cent. interest. The offer has recently been made with due formality by President Uliz, of San Domingo.

On the first Monday in November the grand jury will consider the evidence against Lizzie A. Borden at Fall River, Mass. The date of the trial is not yet fixed, but will probably be arranged for the last of December. Public opinion is still divided on the subject of the guilt of the accused, but the general feeling in Fall River is in favor of Miss Borden.

At Pittsburg on Tuesday the grand jury returned true bills against the members of the Homestead advisory committee charged with treason. True bills were also returned against H. C. Frick, John G. A. Leishman, F. F. F. Lovejoy, Henry Curry, Supt. Potter, Oas Childs and Nevim McConnell, all Carnegie officials, Henry and Fred Pinkerton, Capt. Cooper, Fred Primer and other Pinkerton detectives, charged with murder and conspiracy.

New York held a grand celebration this week in honor of Christopher Columbus. The youth of the city were given the honor of beginning the civic and military display, and a grand procession was held on Monday. At 11 o'clock the school and college parade, nearly 13,000 strong, was given the command to start. As the long line of march turned into 14th street, loud cheers went up from Union Square from stands and from the dense crowd on the surrounding ground and in buildings. After passing under Washington arch to University place, the procession went to 6th street where it disbanded. In the public school division were 25 regiments, 202 companies and 10,500 pupils in line. Besides these there were over 10,000 students from Long Island. The city public schools, Roman Catholic schools and colleges of New York were represented by 5,500 pupils. On all sides there was a lavish display of flags, bunting and various kinds of decorations.

The drought in South Russia has been broken by copious rains, and there is now hope of saving the winter crops.

London newspapers discuss at length the advisability of abolishing the office of Poet Laureate, all agreeing that England has no poet worthy to succeed Tennyson.

Mr. Gladstone has made up his mind to remain in London all winter, but his friends are anxious that he should avoid the trying weather incident to the winter season in the great metropolis.

Mr. Stead, editor of *Review of Reviews*, has received copies of the death bed confession of Harry Wilson in South Africa, declaring that he, Wilson, with a woman whose name is not mentioned, placed arsenic in medicine administered to the late Mr. Maybrick, whose wife is now in prison convicted of his murder. Stead denounces the travesty of justice which causes Mrs. Maybrick to languish in prison and makes strong appeal for her release.

The cholera is not yet stamped out, although it is not raging as fiercely as at an earlier date. The *London Times* says:—"We are already in October and still the epidemic marches steadily westward, despite the elaborate precautions and supposed sanitary perfections. It is doing just what it always did formerly, creeping onward and sowing autumnal seeds in new ground over a wide area, which will burst forth luxuriant with the advent of summer. It is a most mischievous delusion that after September nothing more is to be feared; for individual towns and districts which have borne the brunt of a severe epidemic the winter generally means delivery, but for the neighboring countries it means only the beginning of troubles." This is far from encouraging.

Lady Frederick Cavendish and the Duchess of Bedford have been making some startling disclosures which have given the highest social circles of London a severe shock. Hitherto allegations of widespread drinking practices among women of fashion and rank have been deemed prejudiced gossip, but nothing that rumor ever suggested equals the outspoken revelations made by these highly-placed leaders of society. Lady Frederick Cavendish said that although heavy drinking had been abandoned by the men, the women were becoming inveterate tipplers, that many ladies have recourse to "pick-me-ups" at 11 a. m., brandy and soda during the day, wine at dinner and something hot at bed time. She said that a distinguished physician had assured her that many ladies had consulted him for nervous symptoms, which revealed a condition of alcoholism, bordering on delirium tremens, but that alcohol was not the only fashionable failing, as chloral, chloral and morphine were taken in secret boudoirs and were adding to the maladies of modern life. The topic and discussion ensuing has created a stir among the upper tondom.

Extraordinary reports have reached London of new mineral discoveries, tin and coal in Australia. Rich lodes of tin have been found in Victoria and immense beds of iron ore. The Assistant Government Geologist in Victoria reports that besides black coal areas covering 300 square miles and containing some 30,000,000 tons, there are strata of brown coal with seams averaging 30 feet in thickness, amounting to many billions of tons. Government reports from New South Wales estimated that there was enough coal within easily worked areas, to permit an annual output of 10,000,000 tons for many years to come.

A despatch from Sydney, N. S. W., says: The government seems to be inclined to renew for another year the subsidy for the mail service between San Francisco and Sydney, pending the making of arrangements for service by the Vancouver route as suggested by Canada.

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