

## THE CRITIC'S CALENDAR.

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**THE UNION BANK AHEAD.**—There has been quite a good deal of competition among the banks for the account of the Dominion Coal Company. It is understood that the Union Bank of Halifax has been the favored one.

**A NEW CARD.**—For some time Canadians have been agitating for an enlarged postal card, similar to those sent out by our neighbors across the border. Our wishes have been granted, and last week the first supply was issued.

**CANADA'S PREPARATIONS AT CHICAGO.**—Mr. W. D. Dimock and Mr. Ewart, assistant architect of public works, have gone to Chicago to superintend the placing of the exhibits which have been and will be forwarded from the Dominion.

**A HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.**—The old fashioned winter has not altogether stagnated business in and about Parrsboro. Preparations for ship and barge building at that place and at Advocate are going on apace, and a prosperous spring trade is anticipated.

**ULUNDA IN PORT.**—The steamer *Ulunda* is safe in port after a rough voyage from the Mother country. Captain Flemming reports heavy gales on the way from Liverpool to Newfoundland, and large quantities of ice encountered when 250 miles east of St. John's.

**THE LUNENBURG COURT HOUSE.**—The new county court house at Bridgewater was opened for the first time on Thursday of last week by the election trial of Dauphinee vs. Mullock. The new building with its neat and handsome furnishings is highly spoken of by those who have seen it.

**TO CARRY COAL.**—A despatch from Norfolk, Virginia, to the Boston *Herald* says that the British steamship *Cacouna*, now loading there with flour for Newfoundland, has been bought by the Whitney Coal Syndicate, and will hereafter be run between this province and New England carrying coal.

**THE Y. M. C. A. PRESIDENT AT-HOME.**—Arrangements are being made for a reception to be held at the Y. M. C. A., to which a general invitation is extended to members, on Monday evening next. The reception committee hope to have a hearty response to their invitation, and that a pleasant and profitable evening will be spent in social reunion.

**A GREAT ASTRONOMER COMING.**—M. Camille Flammarion, the noted French astronomer, is expected to visit Canada during the coming summer. It is understood that Madame Flammarion will accompany her husband. Canadian star-gazers will be glad to see and hear this famous man, who has made for himself a name through his knowledge of the celestial bodies.

**A HOUSEHOLD "MOVING" TO-MORROW.**—President Harrison will tomorrow, Saturday, be ex-President and leave the White House, and ex-President Cleveland will become President and reign in his stead. If this means permanent reciprocity between Canada and the United States the fourth of March, 1893, will some day be celebrated as an International holiday.

**A SOLEMN GATHERING AT SPRINGHILL.**—A memorial meeting was held at Springhill on Tuesday the 22nd inst., the anniversary of the terrible explosion at the mines, by which so many were bereaved of their dear ones, and their homes made desolate. The service was very impressive. Several clergymen gave addresses, and appropriately solemn music was rendered by a band and orchestra.

**AN EXCITEMENT IN BRIDGEWATER.**—The arrest of Mr. Curill, a prominent justice of the peace at Bridgewater, for alleged forgery has caused not a little sensation in the County of Lunenburg. The justice was arrested while trying another party for forgery, and has been out on bail since his arrest. The case is considered by some a gross mistake, but time will tell who is in the wrong. Mr. Curill's trial is now going on.

**CANNING WATER.**—The good people of Canning are evidently not going to be behind the times. Preparations for providing a first-class water service are under way. A company has been formed with the necessary capital and the route for laying of the pipe planned. It is proposed to bring the water from the North Mountain down the Deep Hollow Road, through Sheffield's Mills to Canning, and perhaps the pipe will be continued on to Kingsport. If this movement be carried to completion it will afford many advantages to the locality.

**NEW LIFE AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**—The following prospectus of a new insurance company which is being promoted in Halifax has been published by a local paper.—“The life department will insure all the members of a family, male and female, between the ages of one and seventy years. Premiums from 5 cents to 60 cents per week, collected at homes of insured. Benefits range from \$12 to \$100 and upwards. Policies are not in benefit until thirteen calendar weeks from date of issue; then they are in one-quarter benefit; 26 weeks they are in one-half benefit; 52 weeks they are in full benefit. Policies four weeks in arrears lapse and premiums paid thereon are forfeited to the company. In the fire department the agents will be in weekly contact with a large number of families who desire fire insurance. Ordinary fire insurance agents call but once a year, or once in three years. The advantage is apparent. Fire insurance will be confined to towns and the company will sell fire policies on two plans, viz., for cash as per life department system. Cash sales will be made at current rates and reinsured in another company.” Whether the movement of the Eastern Assurance Company referred to elsewhere in this issue will affect the organization of the new company remains to be seen.

**BRITTLE BONKS.**—A story comes from Lower Stewiacke of a girl residing in that lively village who last week met with an accident resulting in a broken leg. This is a very common-place event at this season of bad roads and slippery sidewalks, but the strange part of the story lies in the statement that this is the seventeenth time that this young lady has met with this misfortune, and has also in her lifetime had her collar-bone fractured four times and both arms broken.

**LET'S GO.**—Excursion parties are being formed in Pictou and Sydney to visit the World's Fair. Small but comfortable steamers are being chartered, and the trip by water will unquestionably be delightful. The excursionists will leave about the middle of June and return about the end of August. The cost of the round trip, including board on the steamer while at Chicago, will not exceed sixty dollars. The idea is a good one, and will no doubt be duplicated elsewhere.

**A BIG SMOKE.**—The alarm of fire from box 17 on Tuesday night called the firemen to Barrington Street, opposite the City Hall, where the house and store of Mr. J. Cohn, tobacconist, was found to be in flames. The new chemical engine was soon on the spot and did good work. Mr. Cohn's family, who lived over the store, had a narrow escape, not having time to save even their clothing. The stock, which consisted of tobacco, pipes and other requisites of the smoker, was totally destroyed. It was insured for \$1,000.

**OUR CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT.**—Mr. F. W. W. Doane, city engineer, submitted his first annual report to the City Council on Wednesday evening. The report is a comprehensive summary of the work done under his supervision during his first year, and frankly points out several matters that need attention. Mr. Doane is to be commended for his energy and faithfulness since his appointment to the responsible position of city engineer, and the report of the work done may be taken as a foundation for great expectations for the future.

**DARTMOUTH'S LOCAL PAPER.**—The *Atlantic Weekly* is the name to be given the new paper about to be started in Dartmouth. Mr. Harris Congdon, who for several years filled the position of principal of the public schools of Dartmouth, and is now teaching in Morris St. school, is to be editor and manager, and will doubtless make a success of the venture. Several previous attempts to start a paper in the town across the harbor have failed, but with a population of over six thousand the local circulation should be large. The first issue is awaited with interest.

**THE CRISP CURRIE CASE NOT SATISFACTORILY SETTLED.**—The Methodist committee which has been engaged for some time hearing evidence in this case reached a decision after much consideration, acquitting the Rev. Mr. Crisp. The committee, however, was not unanimous in its opinions, and in neither declaring Mr. Crisp innocent nor convicting him of guilt, has left the matter in a very unsatisfactory state, and left a shadow hanging over both Mr. Currie and Mr. Crisp. The case is to be appealed to the full ministerial conference which meets in Moncton in June next.

**THE CITY FATHERS.**—The civic elections are approaching, and the various wards are looking about for new representatives. For the Mayoralty ex-Alderman Stephen's name is mentioned as opposite to Mayor Keefe. In ward 1 Ald. Boak retires, and it is understood will not run again. The names of Arthur P. Silver, A. Martin Payne and ex-Alderman Hesselstein are mentioned as candidates. In ward 2 Ald. Dennis retires. He may run again. So far no new candidate has been heard from. In ward 3 Ald. Pickering retires, and may or may not run again. A numerous signed requisition to Robert Taylor is in circulation, and it is possible that if that gentleman consents to run he will go in unopposed. In ward 4 Ald. Line has received an influentially signed requisition to serve another term. Ex-Ald. O'Donnell is in the field in this ward. In ward 5 Ald. McFatridge retires. His name is also mentioned for another term. In ward 6 Ald. Adams will offer again, and the names of John E. Butler, Dr. Hawkins and Dr. J. G. Bennett are mentioned as candidates.

**SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.**—The annual report of the institution for the education of the blind of the Maritime Provinces has been issued, and shows the school to be in a flourishing condition. The table of attendance shows forty-six pupils registered at the end of December 1892, twenty-two from Nova Scotia, seventeen from New Brunswick, one from Prince Edward Island and six from Newfoundland. The account given in the report of the every day work of the school and of the work that is being done by those who have graduated, will be perused with interest by all who have given their attention to the education of young people deprived of sight. The superintendent in his report calls special attention to a new department of the work, namely, home teaching. This embraces two classes of blind persons, those who are too young to enter the school, and those who lose their sight when they are too old to take advantage of regular school training. The superintendent refers to these as follows: “The first class we endeavor to reach by correspondence with the parents or guardians, by supplying them with copies of the *Mentor* and other publications dealing with the education of the blind, by furnishing them with books printed in raised letters and helpful appliances, and by advising them as to the best manner of training little boys and girls who are without sight. For the adult blind who are not graduates of the school, we desire to do much more in future than as yet we have been able to accomplish. There are many hundreds of middle aged and elderly people living throughout the four provinces who require assistance. For this class of our blind we are doing all that lies in our power, but we feel that this particular branch of our work should be taken up and carried forward by a home teaching association; that an experienced agent and teacher should be employed, and that a systematic effort should be made to brighten the lives and lighten the burdens of those who, being overwhelmed by the loss of sight, are powerless to help themselves.”