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I. Far from thy voice, the vision, and the swell Of the broad breast, whose milky foam was Of my young life, I long once more to dwell Anear thy flow, to nestle in thy lap Fond mother Ocean !-Lord, I fain would

sing Thy beauty, bounty, and the nameless bliss That once was mine, when thou didst o'er me fling The mantle of thy wave, and thrill me with of her, only when she had something new to make up, or something old to alter over; and then she and Dennis were out,

Away, where lifeless lakes their ripples On shores as soft, and smooth, and tame as they, I sicken o'er the mime of thy majestic flow. Oh, but to breathe thy breath and dink thy except at trying onitimes. And I will confess that tryin on times were trying times, and no wonder. For if you had such a perspray ! from some bastion rock that stems thy 20 might On bold Atlantic's coast, to gaze in pride Upon thy gloom, thy grandeur, and thy light, And bathe my very soul within thy bound-

less tide ! For I am of the sea-king race that steered In days long syne from Scandinavian flords, And, dauntless, rouad the northern isles

careered, One hand on helm or brace, one on their swords. The Borgs ycleped were they in Olaff's train, For they were stern and strong as granite

Spain, They made the western shores quake to my wife stroll round hanging on my arm, their battle shock. looking as pretty as s new-blown rose. And yet although the house must often have been Fain would I sing thee, Sea, in numbers rude That reel, as drunk with thy strong reek and

rime; "Ring out, O muse, the shout of that wild Begot of ocean ocze in the mad prime Of Thetis' years, when first her womb did prow and kelson plunged amid he -But ah ! my heart is but a hollow shell That sings sad songs when waked by ocean's Buffalo, 1886

> THE WHISTLING BUOY. MABIA J. DODGE.

Rocked in the cradle of the deep, The whisting buoy is lulled to sleep, And high above old ocean's roar

at dressmaking. I did not put on mourn- wicked form of law, the cruel law that men tag; for I was glad that mother was out of pain, and I was glad that she had gone be-fore she knew thatall the property was gone, know how much life he would have now, if Fishery Question. and she, with her proud spirit, would have it had rested with you?' had to be dependent. But Louie did—and I never was so avery.

I never was so angry. 1 thought I would oh ! what a beauty she was, with her black | take my things and go away that moment. crapes falling around her, so waxy fair and rosy and transparent! Of course she didn't miss mother the way I did. How could she down on the doorstone and flang my apron with Dennis waiting on her every wish? over my head, and put my thumbs in my And she didn't seem to want anybody but ears, and wished the baby and I were dead Dennis, either; so I didn't see a great deal of her, only when she had something Perhaps it was an hour afterward when I

looked up, and there was Dennis coming through the orchard with the baby and the most of the time, strolling along the rocks or planting a new flower garden, or she was going to meet him coming from his work, or running into the next neighbor's across the patture, and I had almost nothing of her. 'You see,' said Dennis, as he let me have

him back, 'blood is thicker than water, after fect little figure as Louie had, you would all.' want your dress to look as if you had been O

Oh! what a long journey I felt as if that melted and poured into it, too. I used to wonder at Louie then, a little, sometimes; bady had been on as I took him and could hardly have done kissing him.

not for not sitting at home sewing and help-'Come,' said Dennis, laughing, 'leave ing me on the work, because you might as well have asked a humming bird to do that; something of him for me.'

It was the first time he had laughed since but for not taking more interest in the house | that child was born. And the darling had and keeping ithings trig and tidy. And I used to be afraid that if I were Dennis, and gone a long journey — a journey into the in-finite depths of a father's heart.

there were holes in my socks, and half the Well, after that, Dennis couldn't get home buttons off my clothes, and my cost and hat early enough in the afternoon, and it seemnever brushed, and I came home and found ed as'if he hated to go away in the morning. nothing for dinner-not even the cloth laid and Sundays he had the baby in his arms -and my wife off enjoying herself somewhere from morning till night. And in the evenrock, And Burkes, in Gaul, de Burgos in Old write my name, that I shouldn't feel re-Spain, They made the western shores quark to provide a shore and sit opposite, or where the work went op; and he brought home all sorts of little, impossible toys, and he talked and sang to him, and walked with him; and the baby began to thoroughly uncomfortable to Dennis, he look out for his coming as much as I did. never gave a sign that it was not Paradise it-self; and I came to the conclusion that he deal in my work about the house, for I kept didn't really miss those other things, and everything as fine and orderly as a honey. comb; only with the baby to tend and see I used to go up into Eden sometimes, withto, I sometimes had to sit up nights to do

out being sent for, and mend up everything, and put the whole house straight; but I couldn't go so very often, on account of my sa "I shall call him Louis, for his mother," said Dennis, one night, "Do you think you can bear li?" I asked, work; and, besides, I had a sensation of in-

truding where two people wanted but each "To hear him called Louis? Yes, He is

Louie over sgaln," said Dennis. And I couldn't tell you how pleasant life But at last the babies came; and then I had to go. And Louie was wild with delight, and insisted on having them laid on the pilgrew to be as we watched the child grow, unfolding like a rose. I never shall forget, though, the night the

low close to her check, and talked and laugh-ed and cooed and cried to them with such glittering eyes and dazzling color in her face him, fearing every breath would be the last, and said it was all she wanted, even if she and, when case came, how we both broke down and orled together; and as we looked 'But your husband, Louie !' I ex- out the window and saw the first flush of

CLEVELAND'S MESSAGE.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1886.

WASHINGTON. Dec. 6. -Of the fishery dispute the President says : The recommendaion contained in my last message in relation to the mode of settlement of fishery rights in the waters of British North America, so long the subject of anxious differences betwen the United States and Great Britalp. was met by an adverse vote of the conven-tion of 1818, relating to territorial waters and inshore fisheries of the British provinces was the scene of an universally festive as should secure Canadian rights from en-croachments by United States fishermen gathering, on the evening of the 12th, the occasion being a Shakespeare entertainment, given under the anapices of the Wadsworth literary society, which had been arranged and reheared under the direction of Mrs. and at the same time ensure the enjoyment by the latter of the privileges guaranteed them by such convention. The questions involved are of long standing and of grave con-sequence, and from time to time for nearly M. L. Hedrick. The balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet was played by V. W. seventy-five years have given rise to earnest Ramsdell, who made an earnest, devout International discussion not unaccompanied

by irritation. Temporary arrangements by treaties have served to allay the friotion, which however, has revived as each treaty terminated. The last arrangement under the treaty of 1871 was abrogated after due notice by the Unit-ed States on June 30, 1885, but I was en-abled to obtain for our fishermen for the remainder of that season the enjoyment of full privileges accorded by the terminated treaty. The joint high commission, by whom the treaty had been negotiated, although invested with plenary power to make a permanent settlement, were content with a temporary arrangement after the termination of which the question was relegated to the stipulations of the treaty of 1818 as to the first article of surg by Miss Cheney was composed by her-self for this occasion. From Midsummer which no construction satisfactory to both countries has ever been agreed upon. The progress of civilization and the Nights' Dream, two scenes were given: Act. I., scene II, and act V. The characters were assigned as follows : Theseus, Mr. growth of population in the British provinces, to which the fisherics in question are contiguous, and the expansion of com-Randolph; Lysauder, R. D. Holman; Dame-trius, Mr. Cartis; Pailostrate, F. Schilling; mercial intercourse between them and the United States present today a con-dition of affairs scarcely realizable at the date of the negotiations in Quince, C. E. Cander; Pyramus, Wayne Gunde, C. E. Cander; Fyramus, wayne Pushee; Thiaby, Walter: J. Kugler; Lion, J. E. Bagley; Moonshloe, W. McCoy; Wall, H. M. Bar-clay; Hippolyta, Miss Shellenberger; Hermia, Miss Cooper; Helena, Miss Graves; Titania, Mrs. Hill; Puck, Miss Edith Brown. 1818. New and vast interests have been brought into existence and the methods of conducting the fisheries have been wholly changed. All this is entitled to candid con The scenes were played with spirit and ensideration and judgment in adjusting the conditions of intercourse and commerce ba-tween the United States and their neighbors thuslasm. Peter Quince was equal to the occasion, in assigning the parts to his "rude mechanicals." The audience was frequently along a frontier of over 3,500 miles. The propinquity, community of language and

upation and similarity of political and blonde curls and long train, and the extravasocial institutions indicate the practicability and obvious wisdon of maintaining mutually gant anguish of Pyramus, as the "dreadful dole" meets his eye. The comic awkward-ness of Lion, Wall, and Moonshine, was beneficial and friendly relations. While I am deals should exist yet the actions of Canadian officials during the past season toward our fishermen have been such as to seriously disturb their opntinuance. Although disappointed in my efforts to secure a satis-factory settlement of the fishery question negotiations are still pending with the reaonable hope that before the close of the present session of congress the announcement may be made that an acceptable conclusion has been reached and that at an early day there may be laid before congress the corresondence of the department of state in relation to this important subject, so that the history of the past fishing season may be fully disclosed and the attitude of the adnistration fully comprehended. ENGLISH COMMENTS ON THE MESSAGE, LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Times, commenting on the President's message, says: "It is fortun-ate ter both parties that the negotiations are in the hands of governments instead of those of the immediate disputants in the fishery ques-tion. Opposing interests seem too strong in America for any improvement towards free America for any improvement towards itee trade," "The Standard says: "President Cleveland's message is a sensible and statemanike pro-duction and eminently pacific A note of menace is not heard. Although in describing the fisheries question he throws undue blame way Canadian Schammer wat not a word is was made the recipient, from the actors, of a set of Rolfe's Shakespeare. upon Canadian fishermen, yet not a word is spoken to excite hostility or strife," SNOW IN THE SOUTH.

The P. E. I. Subway.

NO. 57.

Senator Howland received lately the folwho spoke at the Baptist convention here in lowing letter from the celebrated engineer August, while passing through to take charge whose name is appended to it :---

NEW YORK, Nov. 11, 1886. W. Howlab, Charlottetown, P. E I. DEAR SIR,-In the early part of last sum-

mer I informed you of my intention to build a working caisson to lay water maine, which I did, and laid with it a water main out into the Lake Michigan, at Racine, Wisconsin, 21 miles long. "At the same time I was able to prove

practically many mechanical points required practically many mechanical points required in the construction of the calsson for the Straits Tunnel, such as strength of material, power for moving calsson, pressure of water for hydraulic dredging, stuffing-box, mode of ventilation, the control of calsson and anchoring power to hold the same. "All this has been accomplished during the past four months to my satisfaction

past four months to my satisfaction. "The caieson, of which I send you a pholover, and Miss Grace Barrett, a very gentle, tograph, taken when it was ready for launchaweet Jullet. From Hamlet, act 1V., scene ing, weighed 18 tons, was 22 feet long, six feet wide, five feet nine inches in height, , was so well given, the spectators frequentlost sight of the fact that the players were only amateurs, J, N. Randolph and Miss M, R. Adams rewith a six feet oval dome to be lengthened with a six feet oval dome to be lengthened at will according to the depth of water it worked in, up to 40 feet. Through this dome, tubes in one plece 12 feet long, with an outer bell, were lowered into the caisson. "To lay this pipe, an outer and an inner moveable stuffing box had to be constructed, to allow the bell to pass through. The caisson for the Straits tunnel would be presented most creditably the commanding presence and dignity of the king and queen. F. B. Collins interpreted and acted well the part of Laertes. D. A. Curtis was a good Horatio. Too much cannot be said in praise of the grace and beautiful acting of Miss Hattie Cheney as Ophelia. The expression of helpless innocence in her face and move-ments, her sudden transition from grave to much more simple, the outer stuffing box and dome not being necessary in this in-stance. I found the caisson casier to congay in her aimless speeches and songs, were truly pathetic and realistic. The music trol under water when laying tubes than a vessel afloat.

"After all my practical and highly satisfactory operations during the past sesson, I have no hesitation in saying that the Northamberland Straits tunnel can be built for the sum named-five million dollars-every representation by ycu or by myself can be fully substantiated. Faithfully yours, H. H. HALL,

As showing the interest which is being aken in the subway scheme, the following from Chamber's Journal will be interesting. In the courses of an article on "Big Undertakings," Chamber's Journal says :

"Number 3 project proposes to connect Prince Edward Island with the Canadian convulsed with laughter at the sweet falsetto and coquettlah affection of Thisby, with her mainland by means of a sub-matioe railway tunnel, by which communication can be kept open with the ichabitants of the island during the winter, a circumstance at present almost impossible, from the terribly rigorous nature of the winter climate of Canada: but

Shakespearian Evening. Many will remember Miss Wadsworth,

of Wolfville Academy. She came from the Conservatory of Music, Boston of which she Hon. was one of the staff. Last week the Wadswas one of the stall. Last week the vyaus-worth literary society of Boston had a Shakespearian evening under the direction of Mrs. M. L. Hedrick, assistant professor of English literature there: known to many in St. John, which we recommend to the attention of the young people here. Sleeper hall, New England conservatory,

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We hear its loud, melodious snore, It warns the mariner away From treacherous shoals in Sandy Bay, And tells them of the hidden reef Which briegs our poble ships to grief.

It warns them from our rock-bound shore, Beyond the breakers' sullen roar, And the pilot standing at the whee!, At its voice a thrill of joy doth feel; As the vessel slowly wears around,

He lists to catch the welcome sound; 'Tis thus we know the whistling buoy, Tho' a landsman's plague, is the sailor's joy. Gloucester, Mass.



If I had been the least bit pretty I should not have been surprised at all; or if I had not have been surprised at all; or if I had even been bright and butty; but such a little panion, and Louie would be all alone if it himself; they wouldn't let him help himself; simple simpleton as I! I never in all my life had the least expec-

tation of lovers, or of any sort of admiring glances; and I never had any. And some-times mother used to say she guessed it was just as well; for if she had had to dress two chla ont for their pretty looks, as she did girls out for their pretty looks, as she did a thunderbolt would fall and destroy him; no more. No more of that dear voice and one, it would have beggared her. Mother only had a little money, just barely enough to live on, and some of the principle going every year; but it wouldn't have been in and I thought he would jump into the very really go away. grave itself. But at last that agenizing But I couldn't go and leave the boy; and human nature, having a daughter so pretty time, every moment of which knows how to give a fresh stab, was over, and the worst as Louie, not to want her to have the best that would set off her peach-bloom beauty; time came, of the absence and silence, and and, for my part; I never grudged Louise a wild, vain, bitter longing. And Dannis have smiled. rose or a ribbor. I couldn't have worn them if I had had them; for I was far too couldn't look at the baby. "Take it away!' he said. "It killed her!" So I took him proud to try to do what nature hadn't, or to pretend I thought such things became to my bears every night, and every morning me; and I liked my print dresses and plain collars better for myself. But when Louie was dressed in her mus-

was satisfied with what he had,

were in heaven tomorrow!

could be a good mother !'

ioned blush roses, so white without and so delicately flushed within, her lovely hair breaking out in sunny curls all over her head, and she all radiant, as you might say, with her skin, her smiles, her teeth, her great blue, beaming eyes-then I used to like to look at her as much as any of her lovers did. to look at her as I would look at any lovely picture; and she always turned from her gayest scene, the dear little person, to give her sweetest smile to me. his indifference; and one day, when the boy was about four months old, I said to Dennie: So when Denis began all at once to come to our house, as if he has just seen Louis for 'I think you had better let old Nancy the first time to his life, I was only delight.

ed. For every one who knew him loved and honored Denis Reed, who was the soul of all the babyintegrity; and if he wasn't a beauty himself. 'Take the baby ?' he was a stalwart son of Saul, and had the 'Certainly,' I said. 'You can't bear the nicest little place in the region, a cottage up a lane, overlooking the river, and with a ever you marry again-' wood behind its orchaid and scross the railway cut, to keep off the east wind, if the east wind could ever blow in that sunny nook, with a garden spot made and blooming in every cranny of the rocks around it. So he married her and took her away, and

happier nest of singing birds than that in the little cottage among the rocks and flowers nowhere have been found, unless it were in my own heart, at the sight of the what she'd think of you !' And I snatched the baby up out of the cradle, and ran from was the end. the room, lest I should break out crying behappiness there. But then mother fell sick, and it took all fore his face.

The next afternoon when Dennis came in from his work he went and made himself all my time to care for her; and I couldn't go up to Louie's very often, for I had everynice, and changed his clothes, and came down to where I stood in the side door with up to Louie's very often, for I had every-thing to do at home and was tired out by nightfall and often up half the night besides. the baby in my arms, looking at the sunset. Louie couldn's very well come down often, And he stopped to take the child; and the little darling turned, with a low, frightened and if she had come she would not have known what to do.

Mother died presently. And then it turned out that she had been living on her

dawn, and the waning moon and the morn-'Oh ! husbands are all very well,' she ing star glittering out of it with ineffable said. 'But I haven't been such an awfalls brightness, that star seemed to be shining on good wife. You'd have made Dennis a great some herald angel's forehead. deal better wife, dear, for the matter of Bat when the dear child was about three

that. But my little sons ! Oh ! I know I years old, there came a snake into Eden. could be a good mother !' She was in heaven tomorrow, the dear little innocent soul, and one of the babies went with her. I was glad that the little baby went too. For I remembered she had said then she would be a good mother !' A snake? A whole nest of them ! It seem-ed as if every girl in the whole village had just found out what a rare and charming per-son I was, and how pleasant it was late after-toons up where I lived, and how pice it was to run up svenings to see me. And sometimes to run up svenings to see me. And sometimes would have all she wanted; because it Dennis would have to go home with them; and troubled me to thick that, for all his griefs sometimes he wouldn't, but just went out today, Dennis would not be like any other the other way, and never came home man in the world if he didn't marry tomor- till they'd gone ; and, somebow, and thing row; and the other wife would have the was almost as unpleasant as the other, and long life with him, and become dearer and couldn't say why it worried me-I only dearer, and Louie would fade into just a knew it did. And I used to take the boy beautiful dream; and when the next life and go off by myself and ery. For, of course, came, it would be the dear wife of the long- aconer or later, Dennia would marry som wasn't for the baby, and she said that the it would come about after a while as naturbaby was enough. Of course all this was ally as water runs down hill. only a sort of flash through my conscious. Asd then there would be a step-mother

to let Louis be placed in her casket, then I felt that, happen what would, I must

there I was. And I grew pale and could eat nothing, and was stiller and stiller every day. I could as soon have talked Hebrew as

Bat one day I had the little fellow asleep in his morning nap, which he had not quite into my own room, and cuddled him close to my beart every night, and every morning he awoke me with his laughing and gurgling was there to see, or knowing he was, and and crowing, playing with the shadows of the dancing leaves across the bed; and he down the field by the railroad cut; for there line till she looked like one of the old-fash- had Louie's yellow hair and rosy cheeks and was an apple tree there where I gathered perfect features, her great, longing blue eyes, the windfalls, and I liked, too, to sit on the and Dennis's black eyebrows, and every day bank and see the train dash by in the cut. he grew dearer and dearer, and more inex- I had my apron full of apples, and as I came he grew dearer and nearer, and more near pressibly dear, and I said to myself that much as I missed poor Louie, here had been made up to me all I had failed of in my liking all the rush and roar and rattle that life; for this child was to take the place to seemed to snatch me out of myself, as if it me of mother and sister and husband and told of a way to somewhere, some distant rechild together. And the dearer he grew, glon where my troubles might be forgotten; the more angry I became with Dennis for and all at once another sound from that of the approaching train caught my ear, a glad, gay, shouting and crying. I turned and looked to right and left, a little concome in sgain and do your chores, the way fused, for it was the child's voice. And, she used to do, and I will go away and take turning back suddenly, I saw him; and there, at the foot of the bank, in the very centre of the rallway track, stood the little fellow, who had crept from his bed and ran sight of him, and I love him. And then if after me, and been beguiled down the slope by some blossoms that he saw there-there, 'I thall never marry again,' he said, the in the centre of the track he stood, waving 'I thall never marry sgain, he saw, he his little hands and shouting to the coming train. There was not a half-minute, it don't believe there's the woman living who will ever take such an unnatural, wicked father for her husband! Louie's own child there and was just grasping the child when my foot alipped, and I fell with him in my ears and the hot breath in my face, and I knew that

No; it was only the beginning of the end. When I knew anything more, I was lying on the bank in Dennis's arms; for he had come bounding after the boy, and had snatched us both out of danger as the engine, like a wild dragon, whizzed and roared and thundered by, and he was holding me as if he would never let me go. And he never has let me go. 'Oh !' he orled, 'I found out in that second what life

cry, and hiddis face in my neck. And then, all at once the tears that I hadn't seen Dannis cry in all this time, gushed out, and he put his arms around the child, who began would be to me without you, dear; some-thing I couldn't bear a day." And I only clung to him, too ashamed to let him see my face, too tired and weak to lift it. And so it turned out that she had been living on her little property more than we had dreamed, and Louie's outfit and her own long illness and its bills had used up her money. And when everything was paid, there was only enough left for me to hire one room as a solly of refuge when I came home at night from working at my trade; for I had quite a knack

Is it a Storm Sign ?

Something Entirely Unprecedented-Travel While passing through the country market Interrupted and Much Damage Done on Saturday, a member of THE SUN staff was WINCHESTER, Va., Dec. 6 -Eight inches of snow, which fell Saturday and Yesterday, has been followed by another fall today. Many

stopped by the enquiry ; John, here, says that every time the Digby coast is visible, a storm is sure to follow. I don't believe it. Can the farmers have much corn out. Sun throw any light on the subject? The SNOW FALLS FOR SIXTY HOURS IN VIRGINIA. reporter replied that in his judgment it was HARRISBURG, Va., Dec. 6 -The most frenot by any means an infallible storm warning, markable snow storm experienced for years is but "John" would not modify his belief in the slighest degree. 12 to 15 inches deep.

Gilbert Murdoch, in a Paper on Meteorology, published as an appendix to the Provincial agricultural report for 1862 63, gives the fol-lowing information bearing on the subject: Nova Scotia Coast, In 1862, the coast of Nova Scotia was visible on forty-three days. published as an appendix to the Provincial Nova Scotia was visible on forty-three days, and in seventeen times out of the forty-three rain or snow followed within twenty-four rain or snow followed within twenty-four

bours. Mr. Murdoch's "Memoranda" for 1862, at-Mr. Murdoch's "Memoranda" for 1862, at-tached to the paper contain the following: The first gaspreseaux of the season were taken ou the 5th of March in Sand Cove. The first nigration of wild geese was observed on the 23cd March, and on the 26th, several hundred robins were reported in the vicinity of the oir. The first salmon was taken in the harbor on the 12th of May, and the first swallow was seen on the 18th. A savare front accoursed on HEAVIEST KNOWN IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CABO-

seen on the 18th. A severe frost occurred on the night of June 14th, which extended over the whole Province, and in many places blighted and blackaned potato stalks etc. F.re bours the heaviest sleet storm ever experienced in this city has been in progress. The whole surface of the country is covered from three to blighted and blackened potato stalks etc. Fire fles were seen in the city on the 26 n. June, during a thunder storm On the 4 h of July new potatoes were brought to the city from Qaeens Co, and on the 8th luxuriant new grass was offered for sale. About August 6 h, the potato rot was reported in Kings Co. On October 21st, we had the first ice of the season and on the 7th November the first snow. The first staamer for Fredericton left on the 23rd of April; on the 24th the passage was complet-ed. Navigation closed on the 24th of Novem-ber. surface of the country is covered from three to six inches. The city street railway has been obliged to suspend operations, being unable to run cars. All trains are delayed. In some places in the state snow has fallen instead of sleot and is ten to fifteen inches deep. It is feared that if the sleet and snow storm con-tinues great numbers of cattle will perish, for in this state few cattle are housed or fed.

Navigation Closing.

MMERSIDE HABBOB FROZEN-PUSHING PRO DUCE SHIPMENTS - THE MAILS. CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 6.- Navigation has

amenced to close at ports. Summerside arbor is frozen over and the steamer to Shediac has been withdrawn. A heavy fall of snow of them are dispersed over the wild region and are known under the name of Batonas. ectures of Herodotus and Aristotle as to the

existence of a race of pigmies in Africa. "These African Liputians received me very hospitably," said Mr. Wolff.

irresistibly amusing. Tableaux representing Canada is bound legally to do everything twenty of the women of Shakespeare were that is possible to keep open a communica-tion with this island at all times and by all given at intervals between the scenes; each character reciting a few identifying lines, means for the accommodation and assistthen posing for a moment. They were asthen posing for a moment. They were as-signed as follows: Queen Katherine, Miss Lillian Foss; Jessica, Miss Gilbert; Mistress Ford, Miss Ogilby; Lady Maobeth, Miss Hutchoraft; Cordella, Miss Fling; Nurse, Miss Fay; Cassandra, Miss Willis; Julia, Miss Porter; Princesses Katherine and Alice, Misses Winfree and Touseley; Hero. Miss Havard: Reatrice Miss Fland side thrty-six feet; and ten ance of the 125,000 persons who constitute Hero, Miss Hayward; Beatrice, Miss Fose; Rosalind and Celia, Misses Harvey and Chappell; Francisca, Miss Matthews; Des-demona, Miss House; Katherine (the shrew). Miss Pollock; Hermoine and Perdits, Misses and Lang. Prof. Kelley gave bolted together with inside flanges, exactly bolted together with inside flanges, exactly and introducing the calcium lights for the tableaux. An orchestra, under Mr. Homer Tourjee, discoursed choice selections of music between the scenes. Among the numerous interested spectators were Mr. and Mrs. J. Rolfe, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Gilman, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Benedict, Mrs. Daniel Chamberlip, Mr. and Mrs. Micah Dyer, jr., Miss Sibylla A. Bailey, and others. At the close of the entertainment a short reception was held in the parlors, and Mrs. Hedrick

carried, presents no apparent difficul-ties. The depth of water is on the island side thirty-six feet; and ten. feet six inches on the New Brunswick side; and about eighty feet in the for foot passengers under the Thames, and known as the "Tower Subway," was constructed some years ago. The cost of this undertaking is estimated at about one million sterling. It has been well considered and highly commended, and will be brought before the Canadian parliament very speedily. when the scheme will no doubt be fully sanctioned, as it has many warm supporters in the legislative assembly. Canada will, therefore, have her "aubmarine railway" long before her illustrious "mother" on this. side of the Atlantic."

Moncton News.

(FROM OUR OWN COBBESPONDENT.) MONCTON, Dec. 6.-Considerable block ice

has made in the river since Friday and the indications are that navigation will close here at a much earlier date than usual. There are two chooners now in port, the Clars, loaded with

laths for E. P. Clark, and another schooner the Alaska, londing laths also. The Alaska has yet to take on most of her deck load. The Clara is unable to sail, as she lies at a wharf where the water is always shallow and the tides are too low. The last vessel to sail last year was the Annie W., Dec. 17th, but the river was navigable some time after that, Vessels have sailed from this port in January.

almost continuously since Saturday morning and now measures 15 inches in depth. This is the heaviest fall since 1873, No street cars have run since yesterday. TWENTY-SIX INCHES OF SNOW-HEAVY DAMAGE. ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 6.—Snow has fallen to a depth of twenty-six inches and is still fall-ing. Traffic and travel of all kinds is suspend-ed. The weight of the snow crushed in the roof of the Asheville tobacco works and a large stock of smoking tobacco works and a large alarce stock of tobacco stored in it, and Dickson & Watson's wholesale provision house were also crushed. church is now one of the largest in the mari-time provinces, having a membership of 660, of whom no fewer (than 90) were added during the past twelve months, without any revival or other very special effort. There are 540 scholars in the Sunday school, Mr. Hinson, who succeeded Rev. Geo. O. Gates, now of Germain street Baptist church, St. John, came here from Summerside where he began his ministerial work. He is a naive of England, and though a young man, being only 28 years of age, and comparatively un-known, he is one of the most strikingly original pulpit orators of the day. It is needless to say the congrestion here are well pleased with his ministrations. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 6. - For the past eixty

ministrations.. There is about five inches of light snow here and good sleighing.

The Established Church.

AN ENGLISH CATHOLIC BISHOP DENOUNCES PAY-MENT OF TITHES TO IT.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The advent pastoral letter of Bishop Bagshawe of the Catholic diocese of Nottingham is attracting attention. The bishop in this denounces tithes for the support of the Established church as an unjust Protestant tax, and recommends Catholics to resist pay-ment.

Tragic Death of a Funny Man.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.-James M. Wales, who is known by his cartoons in Puck Judge, and other publications, died tonight from a dose of bromide taken in a saloon at the corner of Falton street and Broadway.

BRUSSELS, Dac. 4.-The explorer Ludwig Wolff, just returned from the Congo, has been interviewed by the *Herald* correspond-ent and reports having met in the Sankourou

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region many tribes of dwarfs, generally measuring less than four feet, beardless and with short and woolly hair. They live by hunting and are wonderfully agile and good tempered. Many thousands

They mix very little with the full grown This, says Wolff, confirms the ancient con-

