

CHIGNECTO POST AND BORDERER.

SACKVILLE, N. B., DEC. 25, 1884.

—Dominion Parliament will meet on the 29th January.

—Twenty-two Italian cities now have crematory furnaces.

—The French Senatorial elections will be held on the 25th of January.

—The Panama Canal is reported to be making satisfactory progress.

—Scotland furnished 2,803 recruits to the British army last year.

—Belyea & Co., the Great lumber merchant of Liverpool, G. B., has assigned.

—Many large manufactories in Detroit are shutting down, or reducing wages.

—Canadian apples bring better prices in England than those from the United States.

—Gladstone's salary as Prime Minister of the British Empire is \$25,000 per annum.

—Irish members of Parliament threaten to impeach Earl Spencer if the Coercion Act be renewed.

—There are 60,000 persons unemployed in Philadelphia out of a working population of 255,000.

—The Washington monument is said to have cost \$1,100,000, of which the Government granted \$900,000.

—The catch of herrings in the Shetland Islands this season has been enormous. It is estimated at 300,000 barrels.

—Spanish nobles are agitating for a revival of the law of primogeniture, but receive no encouragement from the Government.

—Shipbuilding on the Clyde has decreased 100,501 tons during the last eleven months, as compared with the same period last year.

—Application will be made to Parliament to empower a company to build a railway bridge across the St. John River at Fredericton.

—The German people, who were only 25 millions in 1816, now number 45 millions; and their present rate of increase is greater than that of any European race.

—Canadian Millers want more duty on flour. The duty on wheat is higher in proportion, they say, than the duty on flour, and consequently injurious to them.

—It is reported that Halifax is to be placed in a complete state of defence. A new redoubt is to be built at the mouth of the harbor and armed with 100-ton guns.

—The British Government has issued instructions to the Board of Admiralty to prepare plans for concerted operations for the protection of the British Colonies in the event of war.

—The ninety-first anniversary of the founding of Kings County Agricultural Society was celebrated at Grand Pre, N. S., last week. It is undoubtedly the oldest agricultural society in the Dominion.

—The Pall Mall Gazette, commenting on the proposed Nicaraguan treaty, says Earl Granville opposed the attempt of Mr. Blaine to annul the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and it hardly likely he will assent to the proposal now.

—The Nicaraguan canal scheme, if carried out, will, it is thought, injuriously affect the prospects of the Panama Canal, but Mr. Lesseps appears to be undeterred and fully determined to carry out his great undertaking.

—The New York Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution declaring that the Spanish American treaty is hostile to the interests of the people of the United States and should not be confirmed. This is the hardest blow the treaty has yet received.

—The publication of the treaty between Nicaragua and the United States for the construction of the Nicaraguan canal shows that with shipping owned by citizens of the two contracting parties, the treaty secures the peaceable use of the canal on equal terms to all nations.

—A springer from nothing to eminence was one Reuben S. Springer, of Cincinnati, just dead. He commenced business as clerk on a Mississippi steamer. He died worth 50 million dollars. Better still he was a magnificent donor to the state in the way of schools, public buildings, etc.

—The Cuban U. S. Treaty is going to have a lively time in the U. S. Senate before it is ratified. *Littell's Weekly* says "the sugar producing interest is probably fatally threatened by it." Further: "the free admission of sugar would amount to a loss of \$25,000,000 to the revenue, and it is not evident how the loss would be made good by the promised increase in trade."

—Richard Nixon writes from New Orleans to the *Century* for December about the New Southern Exhibition. He concludes as follows: "To say that the Exposition will have a softening effect upon the lingering animosities of the war is to imply that such animosities still exist—an implication the Southerner is loath to admit. There is nothing so potent as prosperity to wipe out resentment. The more prosperous the South has grown, the less disposition has she felt to dwell upon what was wont to consider her injuries; and to-day, standing on the eve of her great festival to which she has invited the nations of the earth, she would resent the imputation that she harbors malice against any of her neighbors."

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CHRISTMAS.

The joyous Christmas festival is again here with its kindly greetings, its hallowed associations, its tender memories and its joyful anticipations. It is a season of good cheer and kind wishes, and it is also a time of mysterious preparations and secret discussions of ways and means; but the dark plottings to which it gives birth are of a harmless character, not directed against the peace of nations or individuals, but solely designed to give pleasure to others. As befits the day which commemorates the birth of the Christ-child, Christmas is emphatically the children's festival, and a large share of the Christmas trade, of Christmas literature and Christmas plans and plottings has for its object the happiness of the little ones. Yet the joys of Yuletide are not confined to the younger members of the household, but are shared by all, and every one who witnesses the wider diffusion of the beneficent influence foreshadowed by the angelic chorus when, on the first Christmas morning, they sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

When one cannot refute disagreeable allegations, the next best thing is to blackguard their author—is the method adopted by the St. John Globe in dealing with the Post. In view of the course of the editor of that paper in pursuing Sir Leonard Tilley with bitter hostility, his constant belittling of the country, his shouting ever reverses in business circles and his delight over any of the disappointments to which an administration is always subject, his efforts to enter the firebrands of discord and create mischief and disaffection, we took occasion to point that his utterances in favor of annexation at the late Board of Trade meeting at St. John were not fairly entitled to the consideration and unimpassioned judgment. The Globe gets angry at this and replies that this paper's utterances are those of a political placeman. If we descended to use the Globe's logic, could we not retort that the Globe's editor is a placeman who has performed cease to be a placeman. The Globe further says: "the opinion of such a paper ought really to be estimated by the Government pays Mr. W. C. Miller." Considering that Mr. J. V. Ellis's salary when he was a placeman was about twice that enjoyed by Mr. W. C. Miller, according to the Globe's logic, it is treble the reasons for its hostility to the Government and its utterances are thereby less worthy of consideration. In the golden prime of Grit, when the standard of political morals was fixed for the admiration and example of all time and Mr. Speaker Anglin secured at enormous figures, Post Office printing and farmed it out again at an immense price, we are not aware of the Globe ever rebuked the Government of the day for its illegal acts, or that it ever refused one dollar of the plunder that was going. The Globe thinks it is useless to hope to have an independent press when the Government through its officials "run newspapers kept alive by subsidies."

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American Methodism.

A great Conference in commemoration of the founding of Methodism in America has just been held at Baltimore. Representatives were present from all parts of the country and remained in session a week or more discussing the various matters which concern the well being of the denomination. A Pastoral Letter was drafted and submitted to the Conference, and will be sent forth to the various congregations. It gives no uncertain sound in reference to the important questions with which it deals and is a worthy outcome of the able and dignified deliberations of the Conference.

Methodists have reason to rejoice at the marvelous growth of their church during the past century. Their communion has increased from a small band of earnest worshippers to a vast brotherhood including many millions of people, and its progressive development has taken place without a parallel in religious history.

The German Reichstag is yearly growing bolder and has at length mustered up the courage to pluck Bismarck sanely by the board. A week or two ago it passed by a handsome majority a bill providing for the payment of the members, who are for the most part men of the kindly feeling which it promotes, that all that can be added seems only an echo of what has been heard before. Therefore, all that remains for us is to cordially wish our readers, one and all, a Merry Christmas, and to say with tiny Tim, "God bless us, every one!"

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MT. ALLISON LADIES' ACADEMY.

Close of the Term. — A Brilliant Gathering and Successful Entertainment.

One of the most successful terms ever known in Mount Allison Ladies' Academy was brought to a brilliant close last Monday evening by a very pleasing concert given by the music pupils under the able leadership of Prof. Cross, who, with his talented assistants, Misses Fawcett and Black, is entitled to great credit for the proficiency shown by the class. The weather was decidedly unpropitious, but the spacious parlors of the Academy were filled with guests who were amply rewarded by the excellent rendering of the following carefully chosen programme:—

1. Polonaise. (For eight hands). Chappin.—Misses Huestis, Kilham, Cross-kill, Hawkins.

2. "Because I love to Sing. Duet. Pianissimo.—Misses Harland & O'Brien.

3. Galop di Bravoura. Schuffg.—Misses Entick, O'Brien, Cross-kill, Smith.

4. Compliment. Vocal Solo. Jones.—Miss L. White.

5. Rhapsody. (For two pianos).—Misses Huestis and Elliott.

6. "You Seem to Me a Flower. Vocal Solo. Robinson.—Miss Ackman.

7. Die Stumme von Portici. Auber.—Misses Shenton, Hawkins, Phinney, M. Wainwright.

8. Give. Vocal Solo. Sir A. Sullivan.—Miss O'Brien.

9. Choruses. O-Sing to God. With Soprano and Alto Solo.—Misses Ackman, Hart and Singing Class. God Save the Queen.

Personal and Political.

The Court of Appeals has granted Bradshaw a new trial.

—Still another loss Charlie Ross has been made—this one being in Rochester, Pa.

—It is not thought that Bismarck is in earnest in his threat of resigning the Chancellorship.

—Sir Francis Hincks will publish a history of fifty years of his public life. The work is now in press.

—Prof. Foster, M. P., lectured on "Patriotism" before the students of Dalhousie College last Friday.

—Rev. Dr. Williams will succeed the late Rev. Dr. Rice as General Superintendent of the Methodist Church.

—Bishop Medley has entered upon his eighty-first year. He is the oldest colonial bishop, and has held the see of Fredericton forty years.

—Jenny Lind Goldsmith is a member of the Faculty of the London College of Music, and goes every day to Albert Hall to teach her class.

—Mr. Backe, editor of the London Times, is engaged to marry Alice Payne, the daughter of James Payne, the novelist.

—Florence Marryat was recently asphyxiated by escaping coal-gas in her sleeping-room at Toronto, and it took more than an hour to revive her.

—Major Ben Perley Poore reduces weight more than six pounds last year by strict adherence to a diet of stale bread and skimmed milk.

—Mr. C. G. D. Roberts, formerly of Fredericton, is to contribute to the Chicago Current, a series of papers called "Echoes from Old Acadia."

—Tom Thumb took to drinking and also to stock gambling, and when he died his fortune of \$100,000, made in the show business, had dwindled down to \$16,000.

—The best shot in Dakota is said to be the woman, Mrs. Lorenzen, wife of Colonel Lorenzen of Fort Totten. She has killed 114 prairie chickens this fall, and the first deer ever brought down from Moose River.

—On election day Dr. William Perry, of Exeter, New Hampshire, the oldest living graduate of Harvard, being eighty-eight years, was seen kicking football with some of the students.

—The Governor-elect of Michigan, General Alger, used to be a farmer's boy, and read his books by the light of a pitch-pine knot in an outhouse. He became a dashing cavalry officer in the civil war, and is now a lumber king.

—Mr. Frank McGinley, of Memramouc, formerly sub-collector of Customs, Emerson, Man., has been appointed agent at Dalhart, for the Western Pacific Railway Co., dealers in and transporters of dressed beef.

—The fortune left by the Duke of Buccleuch to his youngest son—\$200,000—represents just about two months of an income which the Duke himself enjoyed for 60 years, and left to his daughter, who married Cameron of Lochiel, represents six weeks' income, and that to the two other daughters one month's income.

—The announcement was made last week that Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, was dead, and that the date of his life was promptly published in the daily papers. Later advices deny the report, and Kossuth can have the somewhat unusual experience of reading his own obituary notices.

—Queen Victoria, an American lady, will give \$300,000 to found a Roman Catholic university. This sum, while not enough of itself to adequately endow such an institution, will, doubtless, be supplemented by gifts from wealthy and zealous Catholics who will be glad to imitate the noble example.

—Dr. R. W. Richardson, an English physician of eminence, declares that the mental phenomena of typhoid fever are full of suggestions, and that typhus is marked by short delirious dreams, remittent fevers, and long deliriums, and that the dream, and scarlet fever by realistic dreams.

—Queen Victoria used to jump a five-barred gate as easily as other folks sit in a rocking chair. One of her paintings shows thirty years ago, by the side of Stanford, the great marine painter, he declared it to be the work of an amateur, but of one who was soon to be a formidable rival, without knowing who the painter was.

—PARAZOIC.—A great many people are prejudiced against Patent Medicines, and will therefore not use them, although medicines of this kind are so simple and efficacious. They are in fact compounded from the finest and best materials, each one having its own particular power to perform, and Physicians who know the formulae have submitted that it is the finest combination they ever saw, and is fully prescribing it in their practice.

—COLORLESS AND COLD.—A young girl deeply regretted that she was colorless and cold. Her face was too white, and her hands and feet felt as though the blood had been sucked out. After one bottle of Hop Bitters had been taken she was the rosiest and healthiest girl in the town, and she is now a fine, vigorous, and bright young woman.

—After Twenty-Three Years Suffering. Rev. Wm. Stott, of Wharton, was cured by the use of the Bardonk Blood Bitters, which he had used for twenty-three years.

—To Our Readers. If you suffer from headache, dizziness, back ache, biliousness or humors of the blood, try the Bardonk Blood Bitters. It is a guaranteed cure for all irregularities of blood, liver and kidneys.

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