

NEWS ITEMS.

The del of the city of Paris now exceeds \$50,000,000.

It is believed in France that a beech tree has never been known to be struck by lightning.

Boston disposes of 16,000 gallons of soda water and 30,000 gallons of root and tonic beer daily.

Women with flat feet are poor housekeepers and bad calculators, and you won't forget it if you marry one.

"Whin do you intend to go back, Mike?" asked one exile of another.

Since 1867, 899,517,908 feet of lumber have been rafted in the Pine River, Saginaw region.

One of the features at the coming Harrie regatta will be a sailing race, for which the club are giving a prize of \$500.

A farmer in Princes Edward being much annoyed with crows pulling up his plants, placed a large umbrella in his field in order to frighten them away.

Queen Victoria has sent to the ex-Russ Eugene a frame made of violets in imitation of the photograph of the late Prince Imperial.

An ex-State prison officer of Massachusetts is authorized for the statement that there are three schools in Boston, where the art of picking pockets and other such tricks are taught by professional boys.

Two large donations to missionary societies have been made within a few months, amounting to over \$3,000,000.

Frederick A. Haine, brother of Mrs. G. E. Jones, of Binghamton, died at the residence of the latter from the effects of having swallowed a silver half-dollar about the time of testing the coin in the air and catching it in his mouth.

All the planets are visible this month. Venus can be seen in the evening twilight.

Mercury is visible as a bright star glimmering in the west just before sunrise.

The extent to which American goods are being imported into Australia and retained at prices greatly under the cost of the home produce is extraordinary.

Russia's expense during the late war was very heavy, and, indeed, are not yet fully known.

Down to the end of January last the military expenditure amounted to over \$400,000,000.

According to the Bonapartist journal the Empress Eugenie making an exception to her rule that she never publicly received a deputation of the press.

A few centuries ago Steadfast, even then one of the largest and most important towns of Hungary, was totally destroyed by fire.

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The Agriculturist.

FREDERICTON, N. B., AUGUST 2, 1879.

Sir John Abroad.

Sir John A. McDonald, who must have felt pining the decision of the Legislature on a sea, politically, is now, in the plain meaning of the phrase at sea, and will soon arrive in England.

The Dismissal.

The papers on both sides of politics have been during the past week commencing with the dismissal of Mr. Luc Letellier de St. Just.

Remored Cabinet Changes.

Being grieved for matter to form the subject of long editorials, a number of journals throughout the Dominion have been speculating on changes in the present Dominion Cabinet.

CHIEF RAILWAY EXCURSION TO ST. JOHN.

The Fredericton Railway will issue excursion return tickets from Fredericton to St. John for one dollar and a half, on all trains.

BASE BALL MATCH.

A match between the "Nationals" of St. John, and the "Originals" of Fredericton, came off yesterday, in Anderson's field, upon a recent treaty.

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