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RECEIVED WITH THANKS.—A neat little diary and note book for 1894, is being sent out by the North American Life Insurance Company, of which Geo. E. Lavers, of this city, is Provincial Manager. THE CRITIC extends thanks for one of the acceptable favors.

A LONG CABLE LINE.—The Commercial Cable Company have signed a contract with Siemens Brothers for the laying of a new Atlantic cable next spring between Ireland and Nova Scotia. It will be 2,200 miles in length, and will have the greatest known carrying capacity.

BOSTON'S UNEMPLOYED.—At a largely attended meeting of the prominent citizens of Boston held on Monday, it was voted to open a public subscription list for the relief of the unemployed poor of the city, and to appoint a permanent executive committee to take charge of the relief work.

A THING OF BEAUTY.—A handsome hand painted jar on exhibition this week in one of the windows of the Nova Scotia Furnishing Company's establishment, has attracted much attention. This jar was painted by Miss Lillian Collins, who has displayed much skill and artistic taste in her work.

A BREEZY JOURNAL.—*The Tribune* is the suggestive title of an advertising sheet just published at Sackville, N. B. Its editors, Robert King and H. A. Woodworth, announce in a very original editorial salutation, that the *Tribune* is "as independent as a hog on ice," and that No. 1 of vol. 1 will also be the last.

N. S. CHEESE FOR ENGLISH MARKET.—A carload of cheese, about 10 tons, is to be shipped to the English market from the Nappan Creamery. It is understood that 11 cents is the price received, which means over \$2,000 for the pockets of the farmers round about Nappan. About 400 lbs. of butter is the weekly output of the factory.

UNFORTUNATE FOR THE WORKMEN.—Every department of the Homestead iron works at Pittsburg, Pa., will close December 23 for an indefinite period. Thirty hundred men will suffer by the cessation of work. The shut down is due chiefly to lack of orders. After January a readjusted wages scale will go into effect.

THERE'LL BE NO DRUNKARDS THERE.—Father Murphy, of Gold Cure fame, is about to establish one of his institutions in St. John, N. B., and a Keeley Gold Cure establishment is shortly to be opened in Fredericton. The people of these cities will have an opportunity of testing the relative merits of these rival methods of reform.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S GOVERNOR.—Justice Fraser, of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, has been appointed Lieutenant-governor of that Province. The appointment meets with favor from both political parties. Mr. Fraser is highly respected and esteemed as a judge, and will without question make a worthy successor to the late Hon. John Boyd.

APPLES IN ENGLAND.—A London despatch says:—The arrivals of apples from Canada is utterly insufficient to meet the Christmas demand. Most of the apples that arrived last week were from Canada, and, as a result, there was keen competition, prices advancing from three to four shillings per barrel. This advance will in all probability be maintained for this week's arrivals.

TROUBLE IN HAWAII.—The political sky in Hawaii is far from cloudless. It is generally stated that the dethroned queen cannot be restored without serious trouble, and the provisional government of the island is prepared to fight for its position. A very strained state of affairs exists, and it would appear that Uncle Sam must needs step with caution in his rather uncertain path.

THE ORANGEDALE RAILWAY.—Work on the Boston and Nova Scotia coal company's road from Orangedale to Broad Cove Mines, C. B., is being vigorously prosecuted, about three hundred men having been employed during the last month clearing the right of way. Quite a number of contracts have been let to residents along the line for railway ties, so that the prospects of work for men and teams for the winter months are good.

THE BITER BITTEN.—People in London, Paris and several other large cities over the water, are kept in a state of excitement wondering where the next bomb will land. One thrown into the French Chamber of Deputies while in session recently seriously injured 48 persons. It was thrown by an anarchist, who was himself very badly injured, his right hand being shattered, his nose blown off and his chest and neck horribly torn.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the king of medicines, conquers scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism and all other blood diseases. Hood's and only Hood's.

MORE LIGHT.—Oxford, Cumberland Co., is shortly to have an electric light system. The necessary building has been erected and the machinery purchased.

HOME TALENT.—In the presentation of 'Not Guilty' by St. Mary's Society dramatic class at the Academy New Year's night, beside several favorite amateurs, two young ladies, one from the north end and the other from the south, will make their debut.

CANADA AT ANTWERP IN '94.—Canada has been awarded 30,000 square feet of space at the Antwerp Exposition, which opens next May to run six months. Hector Labre, commissioner at Paris, will have charge of the exhibits sent by the Dominion. In order to impress the Europeans with the extent and variety of Canada's resources a good display will be necessary.

DOCTOR BUCHANAN'S PROSPECTS.—The public has heard little or nothing for some time about the fate of Dr. Buchanan who was sentenced to meet death on Oct. 5th. An appeal was made which stayed the execution, and consequently the Dr.'s life is safe until it is settled, which his counsel recently stated may not be for three years or even longer. Meanwhile the prisoner has a cell in Murderer's Row, Sing Sing, where no one can visit him except relatives or by his lawyer's order. The will of the late Mrs. Buchanan (nee Sutherland) was not admitted to probate, and the matter of the property is still in statu quo.

REBELLION AT ROCKHEAD.—The insubordination among the prisoners at Rockhead on Thursday last when 26 men refused to go work as ordered caused quite a commotion in the jail. On Friday Detective Power with a force of police went to the scene of the disturbance and, after a persistent refusal to work by 21 of the men, locked the rebels in separate cells there to stay until Monday without heat and with but one meal a day. On Tuesday the ringleader, William Colwell, was charged in the police court with inciting the prisoners to disobey orders. The accused was ordered to serve 20 days after the expiration of the sentence he is now serving. All is going quietly at the jail since Friday's outbreak.

AN IMPORTANT PORTION OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.—Canada is being kept to the front in the English schools. This item appears in the Schoolmistress among the instructions for scholarship candidates for the examination of July, 1894:—Geography.—Read up the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland and draw a sketch map. Send to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17 Victoria Street, London, S. W., for an "Official Handbook of Information relating to the Dominion of Canada." This contains a large quantity of useful information and a good map, and will be sent post free for nothing. No fewer than 500 applications from schoolmistresses for this publication were received at the High Commissioner's office in one week.

DISTRESS IN CHICAGO.—It is estimated that the number of unemployed in Chicago is nearly one hundred and seventeen thousand, and so great has their suffering become that the Illinois conference of charities and correction, at a special meeting, appointed a committee of one hundred representatives to at once proceed to raise a charity fund of \$1,000,000 for the relief of the most pressing wants of the worthy and deserving poor. Mayor Swift this week has issued a proclamation declaring that hunger, want and destitution prevail to such an extent that great numbers of men and women are suffering for the common necessities of life. He appeals to the citizens for free, cheerful and generous contributions in money to relieve the wants of the distressed and needy. Thousands of people are homeless and starving and almost destitute of clothing. The greater number of those so hopelessly bankrupt were attracted to Chicago by the Fair, and now find themselves without money or means to earn it. An epidemic of crime has accompanied the distressing poverty, and Chicago is in a sad plight.

"IN THE DEAR DEAR DAYS BEYOND RECALL."—The following item which shows the way of paying taxes some twenty years ago is published by the *Atlantic Weekly* by permission of Postmaster Leadley:—

MR. JOHN LEADLEY.

Dartmouth, N. S., June, 1872.

I hereby summon you to appear in front of the Public Engine House on Monday the 10 day of June, at seven o'clock, a. m., with a good pickaxe and shovel, to labor 6 days in making and repairing the highways, roads, streets and bridges, agreeably to Law. The Clerk of Streets alone is authorized to receive the commutation. Also 4 days horse and cart.

By order of the Commissioners of Streets.

THOS FARRELL.

Clerk of Streets.

The above bill was receipted in due form by Mr. Farrell.

ACCIDENT BY WHICH FOUR LIVES WERE LOST.—One of the saddest accidents which has startled Halifax for some time occurred at Chocolate Lake on Tuesday afternoon. A portion of this lake is unsafe even in the coldest weather and the ice which has formed on it so far this season is far from strong. However, tempted by the glassy surface, four children of James Doyle, who lives on the shore of the lake, and a boy from the Industrial School, named Charles Neal, ventured on the ice. Neal had skates on and in attempting to cross the ice broke through. The eldest of the Doyle family, a girl of twenty years, started to rescue him followed by her two brothers, aged 14 and 12 years respectively, and all three were almost immediately in the water. The screams of the youngest Doyle child brought her mother to the awful scene. Mrs. Doyle in her frantic efforts to save her children was also pulled over the edge of the ice but was drawn back by her little daughter. Before help arrived at the lake the three Doyles and young Neal were dead. The event is unspeakably sad. Mary Doyle was a goodlooking girl, and the boys bright and active. Charles Neal has been in the Industrial School for several years and has always borne a good character. His parents are dead. The family of Peter Doyle, thus so terribly bereaved, is in poor circumstances, and a subscription has been started by the people of the Northwest Arm.