

Local and other matters.

NOTICE.

Our Mr. Sancton will call upon the subscribers of this paper during the month of December, and we most earnestly ask that each one called upon will do what they can for us. We are owing for the material &c. which we have been using during the summer and the parties want and must have their pay. A great many of our subscribers are far in arrears, and we hope that they are not at home themselves when we call, that they will leave some part, if not all of what they owe us, with their wives for us to obtain when called for. All who can do so, will greatly oblige by calling at our office, and paying without giving us the trouble and expense of calling upon them.

A prediction of the Eastern armistice, is probable.

Experiments at Belleville, for smelting iron ores with petroleum are reported entirely successful.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, there will be service held in the Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Mr. Crutcher officiating.

From the 1st of January, the rate of postage from Canada to Newfoundland, will be five cents per half oz, pre payment by stamp compulsory.

The Hon. John Young, of Montreal, has been appointed sole Commissioner to represent the Dominion at the Australian Exhibition.

Owing to our types having a holiday on Christmas we have been compelled to issue the paper on Thursday morning instead of Wednesday.

No less than one hundred and twenty-seven Georgia gentlemen, says the Macon Telegraph, are candidates for messenger to carry the electoral vote of their State to Washington.

A Special, dated London 18th, says there is a general rise in Grand Trunk stock, owing to Vanderbilt and Trunk lines agreeing to advance on through rates. This accounts for the reduction of trains on the Grand Trunk.

MAN CRUSHED.—On Saturday night a man, named Ritchie, employed as a brakeman on the W. & A. R., was crushed between two cars at Kentville, and sustained such injuries, that he is not expected to recover.—Herald.

The Arabin charger which Omar Asha presented to Lord Raglan, and which carried him throughout the Crimean campaign, died at Dunleek, on the anniversary of the battle of Balaklava, Oct. 26.

W. Barber, the accountant of the Bank of Montreal, at Toronto, was arrested last week for embezzling a large amount of Bank property—about \$100,000 are missing. He has confessed his guilt.

The accounts of famine received from Madras, are worse than those from Bombay. Large numbers of starving people are flocking into Madras. The first death from starvation has occurred here. Much disease and distress exists in the country districts.

The town of Valparaiso has been devastated by a great fire which has done an immense amount of mischief and destroyed much valuable property. It broke out at half-past two in the morning in a cafe and raged for thirty hours.

An English sect of moralists, calling themselves "Christadelphians" have offered £100 to any one who will prove from Scripture that man has an immortal soul. The Rev. Walter Briscoe, a Wesleyan minister has accepted the challenge.

Two Waltham (Massachusetts) men have a novel bet on the election. The loser to go to Boston, hire a hand organ, bring it back with him, and play it on the streets a certain number of times, while the winner passes round a hat and pockets the pennies.

A month horse jockey, traded horse three times in one day at Rutland, and at night had the same horse with which he started in the morning, \$45 in money, a watch worth \$25, a double-barreled shot-gun and four bushels of potatoes.

DONATION VISIT.—The friends of the Rev. John Craig, Wesleyan Minister, intend giving him a donation visit at the residence of Geo. Murdoch, Esq., on Wednesday, the 3rd of January. If the evening proves stormy so that the friends cannot attend, due notice will be given when it will take place.

A young New Yorker left home on the evening of the Brooklyn disaster saying that he was going to the Brooklyn Theatre. The next day his blackened remains were recognized at the morgue. His family went into deep mourning and, with other afflicted ones, followed in the public cortege to Greenwood. A few days ago the young man who was supposed to be dead and buried unexpectedly came home. He had been on a "little time" and had not even heard of the fire.

The plenipotentiaries at Constantinople have received despatches from their respective Governments approving of the decisions arrived at the preliminary conference is, therefore, concluded.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The steamer "City of Bristol," from Liverpool Dec. 6 to Philadelphia (7) put back to Queens-town. She lost her foremast, bowsprit and all attached, during a gale. The second officer and four seamen were washed overboard and drowned.

A remarkable marriage recently took place in British India in the presence of large congregation. The bride had no arms, and the ring had to be placed on the third toe of her left foot. At the conclusion of the marriage ceremony she signed the register, holding the pen with her toes, in a very decent "hand."

THE BARQUES.—The Spanish Government's troubles with its subjects in the Basque Provinces are not ended, the opposition to the abolishing of the fueros continuing. At present the resistance is passive, and hopes of conciliation are still entertained; but the resignation of some of the deputies to the Cortes does not look pacific.

GERMAN CONSULS.—A law has recently been passed in Germany requiring all consuls of the German Empire to be lawyers. This law is to come into force on the first day of January next, and several merchants in the States, holding German consular posts, have received intimation that they will on that day be relieved.

The members of James' Church intend holding their usual evening service at 11 o'clock p. m., instead of seven, continuing the same until after the advent of the new year. A full choir will be in attendance, if weather permit.

WATCH-MEETING will be held in the Methodist Church, commencing at half past ten.

DARING ESCAPE.—Two prisoners, named Thompson and McKay, confined in the county jail, escaped from duress late last evening. They managed to take the jailer unawares, and, overpowering him, looked him in the cell and coolly made off. Pursuit was at once made, but up to the hour of going to press they were untraced. Thompson is undergoing sentence for stabbing and McKay for shooting. As both have friends in the county their capture may be difficult.—Pictorial Standard.

The "Times" special from Vienna says that a remark made by the Czar that Russia was ready to renounce occupation of Bulgaria, provided other guarantees could be found, has been officially communicated from the various courts. This announcement receives additional importance from the fact that all accounts represent that the warlike feeling was decidedly decreasing, besides other causes tending to check the war enthusiasm, such as the discovery of great deficiency in military stores.

The streets of Bridgetown presented a very animated appearance on Christmas day, dozens of sleighs were being driven in all directions filled with old and young, in some of them might be seen a lad and lassie snuggled up together trying to enjoy themselves despite the biting wind that was blowing. In others whole families were represented, while paterfamilias held the reins. The poor Printer alas had to look on and mentally wonder to himself "why is it thusly?"

ROBBERY.—Three times within a month the residence of the widow Bent, Paradise, has been broken into and a number of articles taken therefrom. It appears that who ever the perpetrator was, he must have known that Mrs. Bent was away at the time, as all the depositions were committed during her absence. The articles of clothing taken were found some time afterwards back in Mr. Leonard's pasture, completely spoiled. A watch and some other fancy articles have not yet been recovered.

LONGEVITY.—A fortnight ago in our obituary list the demise of Mrs. Henry Dunn of Hampton was noticed, who lacked but six years of being a centenarian. To-day, in the same department, it will be seen that Mrs. Clark of this town, also very aged, has passed away. It will be probably be long before it will be our melancholy task to announce the deaths of others as old as they. Mrs. Clark was long the oldest inhabitant of Bridgetown. She has left two sons and two daughters, as well as several grand-children to follow her to the "narrow house" appointed for all living.

"Olive Branch" Division gave a very rich and racy entertainment to its friends and members on Christmas night. A number of the younger members gave a series of readings, dialogues, recitations, music, &c. To single out any particular one of the numerous performers would be doing injustice to the others: all did exceedingly well. The performance was closed with a stump speech from Brother James Troop, after which, the national anthem, was sung. The audience retiring immensely gratified.

SNOW.—Two years ago William Snodgrass, the father of a family of eight, died of cancer, after undergoing a surgical operation performed by Dr. Smith. The family reside at Green Point. The sons are employed in the fishing business, and about four months ago, one of the sons, who had been with a vessel to some part of the States, returned to his home sick of typhoid fever. The house being small and the sanitary condition very bad, it was impossible for the other members of the family to escape, and although the son first failed to recover, his mother was taken sick, and in a short time died of the disease. A daughter next caught the infection and recovered, while a second daughter aged 21 took the disease and died. Last week a young son died and at the present time we are informed that two more members of the family are down with the disease.—Daily Courier.

Telegraphic News.

EUROPE.

Special Despatches to the Morning Chronicle. LONDON, Dec. 22.—It is estimated that fully one hundred and fifty vessels were lost in the recent gale on the east coast of Scotland and England. The Times despatch from St. Helens says the shores of the Tyne are strewn for three or four miles with wrecks. Similar accounts come from all points along the east coast.

DASHI, Dec. 22.—Preparations on a magnificent scale are making for the proclamation of Queen Victoria as Empress of India here on the 1st of January. Native princes and chiefs are arriving daily. A review of the troops took place to-day before the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian forces.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The new Turkish constitution declares the Sultan to be the Caliph of Mussulmans and Sovereign of Ottomans. Freedom of all creeds is guaranteed; liberty of the press and freedom of education are granted; primary education is made compulsory, and all subjects are eligible to hold public office and the rights of property and domicile are declared inviolable. A Senate and Chamber of Deputies is to be established, which will receive messages from the Sultan and will exercise the privilege of voting. The imperative mandate is prohibited. The initiative in framing laws belongs to the responsible ministry and the deputies.

UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Snow, followed by cold, bitter weather, blowing from the north, signals on the Atlantic coast. The Supreme Court has ordered a recount of votes in Florida.

A fire in Portland, Me., this morning, destroyed the Savings Bank building, including express and other offices. Plaintiff block also took fire and was badly damaged together with the Museum.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Directors of the Western Union Telegraph have authorized President Grant to make all proper legal resistance to the demand of Congress or its committee for confidential telegrams. Brent, the Louisville lawyer, having been surrounded, the Department of State has notified the British Minister that the President is prepared to respond, and to make a requisition for the surrender of fugitive criminals under the treaty of 1842.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—It is likely the difficulties between the Grand Trunk and the Brotherhood of Engineers will result in a strike.

Christmas dinners were distributed on Saturday by many charitable institutions, and several firms did the same with their employees.

CAPE BRETON.

ST. JOHN'S, Dec. 24.—The barque, "J. J. Walter Seaman," of St. John, N. B., from New York for Quebec, Oct. 26, was abandoned, waterlogged, on the 18th, forty miles off Cape Breton. The captain and crew were brought into Lunenburg, where a fishing schooner, "One man's leg" was broken. Several others were frost-bitten.

OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—R. W. Cameron & Co. despatched the barque "Esport" to-day from New York for Sydney, New South Wales, with 241 tons of Canadian products for the Australian exhibition.

Small-pox has broken out again amongst the Islanders in Montreal. It is believed that Christmas times have caused quite a revival in trade.

ANOTHER DYNAMITE FIEND.

Another "Dynamite fiend" has been discovered, fortunately before his diabolical plans were matured. He is a German, and a naturalized American citizen. What is there in the German mind that connects itself more than in other minds with this dreadful trade? This wretch, named Schwartz, was arrested in Frankfurt-on-the-Main, and was found in possession, among other implements denoting a professional criminal, an exact duplicate of the clock-work used by Thomas in the construction of the infernal machine which he intended for shipment to New South Wales. A very large number of letters were also found in his room, and among them were several from manufacturers of nitroglycerine, dynamite and other high explosives, written in reply to his requests for samples of their manufactures, and giving information in regard to their effects and explosive force. From other letters discovered it was also learned that he had ordered a fac simile of the plaster cast taken of Thomas's face, the original of which is deposited in Berlin. Schwartz has been a resident in Chagrin, and other high places, and has been a very good reputation; and he also resided in New Orleans, Jacksonville, Fla., St. Louis, Mo., and Little Rock, Ark.—Boston Pilot.

Mrs. Elizabeth Corcoran, aged 109 has just died at Newbury, England in one of King John's almshouses. In her last illness her daughter aged 90 watched over her. Mrs. Corcoran was born on the 1st of February 1775, and when a girl 18 years of age heard John Wesley preach at Whitney. She married on the 5th of December 1792, her husband being Mr. Corcoran the merchant, who on behalf of Sir J. Throgmorton, Bart, undertook and carried out the remarkable feat on the 25th of June, 1811, of manufacturing wood into cloth and making a coat for Sir J. Throgmorton's use between the hours of sunset and sunrise. This event occurred at Greenham mills, Newbury, and the achievement was celebrated by a jubilee in which 5,000 persons participated. The old lady retained her mental faculties, until quite recently, and on her 100th birthday she presented the Old English Psalm to several members of the family.

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HALF-PAY PRODUCE PRICE LIST FOR THE WEEK.

Table with columns for item name and price. Items include Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Pork, Beef, Mutton, Chicken, Goose, Turkey, Pot barley, Straw, Oats, Potatoes, Carrots, Beans, Parsnips, Apples, and dried goods.

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ON SERVICES SUNDAY NEXT.

Episcopal Church, 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Methodist, 10 a.m., 3 p.m. Baptist, 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Presbyterian, 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Y. M. Christian, 7 p.m. or Meeting in Basement of Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

MARRIAGES.

McNEIL—LELAND.—On Tuesday evening, on the 12th inst., at the residence of Felix McNeil, Esq., Grandfather of the bride, by the Rev. Dr. James Robertson, of Wilmet, William H. McNeil, Esq. of Valparaiso, Chili, to Annie Amella, eldest daughter of the late Mr. McNeil, of Melburn Square, Wilmet. The happy couple left on Saturday for their father's home with the prayers and sympathies of their many friends.

LES—HARRAN.—At Bridgetown, by the Rev. P. F. Murray, December 9th inst. Mr. George Les, of Bear River, to Mary Ann Harran, of Dalhousie.

MOSE—BALGOM.—At the residence of the bride's father, on Christmas day, by the Rev. Mr. Godfrey, Episcopal Minister, Mr. Melbourne Mose, of Bridgetown, to Miss Eliza, second daughter of Israel Balgom, of Clementson.

DEATHS.

CLARK.—On Monday morning, Mary, widow of the late James Clark, Esq., passed from earth, in the 86th year of her age. She was a native of Scotland. Funeral from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Abernethy, on Thursday, at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

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WINDSOR & ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

As the subscriber was unable to make a long story as necessary in Lawrenceton this month, he will come again on the 10th of October, when he hopes to remain to finish all work entrusted to him. Special attention given to girl fittings. August 31st, '76. J. V. MULLONEY.

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