

## THE CASKET.

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## General News.

The Australian race horse "Carbine" was bought the other day by the wealthy Duke of Portland for \$85,000.

The Chinese fleet was badly shattered in an engagement with that of Japan off Wei-Hai-Wei during the siege of that place. Seven men were killed by an explosion in Tinsbury colliery, near Bristol, England, on Thursday last.

Houglas Stewart, private secretary to the late Sir John Thompson, has been made Inspector of Penitentiaries.

There was not a single objection made to the granting of the liquor licenses applied for in the city of Halifax. The Inspector's court for the hearing of objections was held on Wednesday of last week.

A London cablegram says: The new year began well for immigration. The total for January shows 2,500 increase over January, 1904. The emigration to the United States was nearly doubled, and emigration to Canada increased 25 per cent.

John W. Hardy, of Gabarus, C. B., got caught on Thursday by the coast-tail in the big wheel of a saw mill and had his right arm, from his shoulder to the elbow, torn so that it had to be amputated; also, the left arm was broken in two places and a hip broken.

The Imperial Parliament will appoint a committee to consider the prevailing distress for want of work and to report what steps should be taken. On the amendment expressing regret at the silence of the Speech on this subject the Government's majority was only 12.

Intense anxiety existed as to the fate of the French liner steamer La Gascogne, which left Havre on January 26 for New York, and was not heard from until she was sighted on Sunday evening—more than a week overdue. She had over 200 souls on board. Her position had been on the third day out, and continued to break at intervals during the voyage.

The trials of the prisoners in connection with the uprising in Hawaii are progressing. Two United States and one British citizen have been sentenced to death. Their respective Governments have intervened to delay the execution of the sentence. The ex-Queen has renounced all claim to the throne and has pleaded for clemency toward the prisoners. It is stated that she will be banished.

In the Imperial House of Commons last week, Mr. Buxton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Colonial Office, announced that the Government intended at the present session to introduce a Bill to enable the Australian colonies to enter into fiscal relations with each other and with Canada. The foreign office, Mr. Buxton added, was discussing how far Great Britain had power to give preferential treatment to the colonies as against other countries.

In the Imperial Parliament last week John H. Johnston, Conservative M. P. for the Hareham division of Sussex, asked Sir Wm. Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether it was the intention of the Government to make provision for Lady Thompson and her children. Sir William replied that the Government had reason to believe that the people of Canada would make provision for them, in recognition of the late Premier's distinguished services to the Dominion.

The unseemly squabbles among the Irish Members of Parliament show no signs of abating. The irreconcilable John Redmond and his fellow-Parliamentaries are now in open opposition to the Government, their latter having moved an amendment to the Address in the Commons a few days ago, calling for an immediate appeal to the country. His amendment was lost, 231 to 263. T. M. Healy, who has been making trouble among the McCartaghtys for some time past, resigned from the Parliamentary Committee a week ago, being dissatisfied with the other members elected to the committee.

In the Scotch Highlands there has been a severe snowstorm. Roads are blocked and railway travel is impossible. All travel by land or water is stopped north of Inverness, on the Moray Firth. Burns and sheds are isolated by drifts and many cattle are dying under cover. Thousands of sheep and deer perished from the cold and hunger or suffocation in the drifts, and small game suffered more than before in ten years. The blizzard drove grouse seaward in great numbers. In Westmoreland several great schools were surrounded by drifts and the parents of the school children went to dig them out. Many deaths of aged people and infants are reported from the midland counties. The gale wrecked several fishing boats off the Fife and Berwick coasts and six or seven men were drowned.

For three weeks, beginning on January 14, a strike, accompanied by terrible rioting, was in force on the street car lines of Brooklyn, N. Y. The militia had to be kept on duty during the second week to enable cars to be run and to prevent the

destruction of property. The results of the strike are thus summarized: The estimated gross loss to the companies in fares is about \$355,000 in all. The estimated losses of the employees reach a total of \$125,000. Five lives have been sacrificed. Three militia men are in hospitals, with injuries which may prove fatal. Four men are suffering from bullet wounds. Over two hundred cars have been damaged by the attack of mobs or the incompetence of the new motormen. Two scores of persons have been injured in vehicles into which green motormen ran their cars, and a dozen vehicles have been damaged or wrecked. More than 300 men, women and children have been arrested for alleged offences in connection with the strike. President Benjamin Morton and Superintendent D. J. Quinn, of the Atlantic Avenue system, have been arrested, charged with a violation of the law. The injury done to business is calculated at millions.

The Dominion Government has announced that it will advance to dairymen 20 cents per pound on winter creamery-made butter shipped to export, in order to encourage the export of that article to the British market.

The business of the Local Legislature is being got through with rapidly. Most of the important Bills have already passed their second reading in the House and some of them have been finally passed by both branches. On Monday the financial returns were brought down. The figures show a revenue for the year ended September 30 of \$885,213.70 and an expenditure of \$863,512.88. A Bill introduced by Premier Fielding giving certain superior officers of the Salvation Army legal authority to perform the marriage ceremony for persons belonging to the Army, passed the Assembly. A similar Bill, formerly passed by the House, was thrown out by the Council. On Tuesday an important measure, which will likely meet with considerable criticism from those it most intimately concerns, was introduced by the Attorney-General. It provides for the division of the Province into judicial districts and the appointment of a Justice in each district who shall try all civil causes begun in the Justice's courts. The ordinary Justices may still issue writs of summons, capias and execution, but must take place before the Justice for the district. The Attorney-General explained that, rightly or wrongly, the opinion was entertained that the Justices, as a rule, were inclined to favor plaintiffs.

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## East Bay Notes.

Mr. Joseph McGillivray, of Bridgeport, accompanied by his sister Mary, is visiting friends at the North Side.

Mrs. Gillis and Miss Corbett, our latest Boston arrivals, while walking on the shore near the wharf a few days ago noticed a large object at some distance up the beach. Upon nearer approach it proved to be a horse-mackerel. The fish measured eight feet seven inches in length. To some a statement of this kind may appear silly in more senses than one, but it is nevertheless true.

We have been having an abundance of weather during the last week or two—the wind blowing a hurricane, causing a heavy fall of snow to form banks mountains high. Although strenuous efforts were put forth to keep the roads open, still for some time they were impassable, causing a delay in the mails. Happily for those engaged in carrying coal to the McAdam Lake coal mine they had finished the job before the storm came on.

There have been some valuable additions made to the apparatus of our school lately, among them maps of the Hemispheres and of North America. The attendance at the school has not been for some years as

large as it is at present, a fact which goes to show that our interest in school matters is in no wise on the decline. Music, as prescribed by law, is receiving its share of attention. As your Broad Cove correspondent intimated there may be different kinds of music in a school. But in this school their is only one kind, that resulting from the cat-o-nine-tails, which at one time was so universally in vogue, having been entirely done away with, and supplanted by the tonic-so-fa system. The debate in the North Side school, under the efficient presidency of Mr. D. McAdam, is flourishing. The number of members in the society is increasing, and the best of order and good-will prevail.

## Xaveriana.

A graduate of some years standing a few days ago donated \$10.00 for prizes in mathematics to be distributed at the next closing exercises. The generous donor, a native of the town, who modestly wishes his name to be withheld from the public intimates that this is but a harbinger of more to come, for he said, "The College has done much for me." And if indeed the College has had but a small part in making him the cultured gentleman he is, with a more than ordinarily bright future before him in his chosen avocation, it can be said to have done much. But after all no college is the architect of its graduate's fortunes. They themselves must do the building. A college may supply an approved plan, but it does not build character or fortune.

The library has to thank all those who so thoughtfully came to its assistance in replenishing its partly depleted shelves. The new books ordered and on the way to the College will greatly enhance the value of this adjunct of an educational institution. Some of the kind donors having shown a laudable desire to encourage the study of Gaelic among the students, a portion of the funds have been set apart for procuring works in that tongue. There is genuine enthusiasm among the votaries of the old language and the encouragement received from various quarters, but particularly from Antigonish town in their pursuit of their favorite study.

## DEATHS.

McDONALD.—At Cambridge, Mass., on the 2nd inst., Neil S. McDonald, formerly of Malignant Cove, Antigonish Co., in the 26th year of his age. In life a true Christian, his last days were consumed by the rites of the Church. After High Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart he was buried in Malton by the side of his wife who died last August. Five sisters and five brothers mourn the loss of a kind brother. May his soul rest in peace.

KRATING.—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. McDonald, at Port Hood, on Wednesday, the 31st of January last, Margaret, relict of the late Captain William Krating, of Guysboro. Deceased had reached the ripe age of 80 years, and comforted by the holy sacraments passed away after a few days illness, leaving three sons and two daughters and many younger descendants to mourn and pray for her. May she rest in peace. (Halifax papers please copy.)

McDONALD.—At Low Point, Inverness Co., on the 1st day of February, Mary, the beloved wife of John D. McDonald, in the 28th year of her age. Deceased was ailing for a long time and the best medical skill available failed to check its deadly course. She bore her illness with Christian fortitude, frequently receiving the sacraments—a practice she faithfully observed through life. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

TAYLOR.—At San Francisco, January 17th, Miss Olive Taylor, formerly of Piquet, Antigonish Co., passed peacefully away, leaving four sons and three daughters to mourn the loss of their young and highly esteemed sister.

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