

We have received from the publishers of the *Presbyterian Review*, Toronto, a copy of their handsome 15 page illustrated prospectus for 1891. The *Review* has always been a very able and bright religious newspaper, strongly but not narrowly denominational, and as such has attained to wide and increasing popularity. Over one hundred special papers on no dry dust, but present day topics, are to be written for it by some of the most eminent men in the Christian Church both at home and abroad. Readers of the *Review* during 1891 may depend on having served up to them 52 appetizing literary banquets. Any one of these articles is alone worth the subscription price, \$1.50. We would advise all our readers to send for a prospectus and a specimen copy of the *Review* to the publishers, Presbyterian News Company, Toronto.

The city was thoroughly startled last Friday night when it became known that one of Cunard's coal wharves had collapsed under a weight of seven or eight hundred tons of coal and carried seven men to a watery grave. The bodies were recovered by Diver Stone. It was a difficult and dangerous piece of work among the broken piles and mass of coal. On Tuesday night the Coroner's Jury brought in a verdict of accidental drowning. Mr. Samuel Brookfield and Mayor McPherson, at the request of Mr. Francklyn, inspected the scene of the disaster, and reported having found the portions now standing in a thoroughly sound condition, well built and no visible defects. They thought the wharf should have been able to stand twice the weight that was on it when it caved in. This exonerates S. Cunard & Co. from blame in the matter, but this accident ought to be a warning to other wharf owners. Such an accident is calculated to injure the reputation of our port most seriously. Nearly all of our wharves are wooden structures supported by piles driven into the bottom. Most of them are very old and are never thoroughly repaired. How some of them do not succumb by their own weight is a mystery. Anyone taking a boat and rowing in and out under the wharves will find that the large majority of the supporting piles are nearly eaten through by worms about the water level, while the timber and planks composing the superstructures are thoroughly rotten in many cases. These wharves are private property, and under existing arrangements there is no authority for any inspection nor any means to compel owners to have and keep them in a safe condition. This is a matter for the City Council to deal with, and it should apply to the Legislature without delay for an act to enable it to appoint an inspector of wharves, who shall have the power to order such repairs to be made from time to time as he shall deem to be necessary.

The Sawtelle murder case is being tried at Dover, U. S.

It is reported that 1,000 Kickapoo Indians and warriors are engaged in a dance near the eastern line of Oklahoma. They are well armed, and the settlers in that section are badly frightened.

A second Province reunion will take place in Tremont Temple, Boston, on New Year's night. Familiar scenes will be presented and a feeling of love and pride in the Provinces "down by the sea" will be encouraged.

The police have arrested the "Messiah" down in Red Cloud's camp. He is an intelligent, harmless crank, M. C. Hopkins by name, from Nashua, Iowa. Agent Royer sent him to Chadron under escort of the police. The "Messiah" declares he will go to the bad lands.

It is said that a company, composed of English and American capitalists, known as the American Type Foundry Company, is negotiating for the purchase of all type foundries in the United States. Representatives of the Company have at their disposal for the purpose of purchase \$20,000,000.

The *Ladies' Home Journal* has issued a most attractive prospectus for 1891. We have not space to tell the many valuable features which are promised for the coming year, but we can speak from experience in recommending this high-class journal; \$1.00 a year. The Curtis Publishing Company, 433 and 435 Arch St., Philadelphia.

A special from Camp Carr, on the Cheyenne river, says John Farnesam, in the employ of the government as scout, has been arrested on suspicion of giving information concerning the movements of troops along the Cheyenne river to the hostiles. Indians are firing the grass in the basin north of White river slope, and it is thought this is a signal to Sitting Bull's warriors.

The result of the election in Kilkenny is Hennessy (anti-Parnellite) 2,502, Scully (Parnellite) 1,356; majority for Hennessy 1,146. All was reported quiet on Tuesday.

Mrs. Nellie Pearcey was hanged in London on Tuesday for the murder of Mrs. Hogg and her baby. Mrs. Hogg was the wife of a London porter, who had been intimate with the Pearcey woman. The husband of the prisoner admitted guilt.

The *Young Ladies' Journal* is the recognized standard of fashion. It is always just with the styles, and gives besides this much information as to fancy work, which is of value to ladies with artistic tastes. The Christmas number is replete with pretty designs, and the colored plate contains a number of fancy dresses. Merton House, Salisbury Sq., Fleet Street, London, England; and may be obtained of all book sellers.

Advices have been received from Baron Wissmann, in which he states he has recalled Emin Pasha from the interior of Africa, owing to the latter's disregard of orders. He says Emin has impeded the operations carried on under the direction of Mr. Stokes, and has refused to act in accordance with the plans of the Imperial Government. Emin will return after securing the station at the Victoria Nyanza. The news of his recall has created a sensation in Berlin.

The Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany gave birth to a son on the 18th inst.

Ex-King Milan of Servia has returned to Paris from London. He is enraged because the Queen, the Prince of Wales and Lord Salisbury declined to receive him.

Bless their thoughtful souls. The ladies of a Prussian city have notified their gentlemen friends that during the cold season a military salute instead of removing the hat will be en regle.

The rumors that the Emperor is financially embarrassed through the expenses incurred on his journeys, have been promptly denied by the Court Officials. The Emperor holds that his civil list is not sufficient to meet the expenses attendant upon the development of the Imperial position, but he has no intention to demand an increased allowance. He has promised to make a prolonged visit to London in 1891, if the German exhibition is worthy of attention.

Eyraud and Gabriello Bompard were on Saturday found guilty of the murder of Gouffe. Extenuating circumstances were found in the case of the woman. No protest against the verdict was made by either of the prisoners or counsel. The court condemned Eyraud to die by the guillotine, and sentenced Gabrielle Bompard to twenty years' imprisonment with hard labor. Eyraud has appealed to the court of cessation against the sentence of death pronounced upon him yesterday. This is one of the most curious cases ever tried. The girl claims that she was hypnotised.

The discontent of a section of the Conservative members of the Landtag, over the Government Communal Bill, threatens a serious political crisis. The Landtag referred the bill to a committee. Here Herrfut, Minister of the Interior, on the advice of a majority of the Committee bent upon amendments preserving several feudal privileges which the bill aimed to abolish, consulted his colleagues, who authorized him to inform the Committee that if the Landtag supported the amendments it would be dissolved. The Progressists rejoice at the prospect of a dissolution. The general expectation is the Conservatives will not risk a general election.

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