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Recently we sent our accounts to subscribers, many of whom are considerably in arrears, and who must understand that we have reached the end of our tether, and now demand immediate payment. Failure to respond will oblige us to take proceedings unpleasant alike to ourselves and to those in arrears.

Madame Albani, the famous singer, will visit Montreal and Quebec early this year.

The New Brunswick legislature has been dissolved and nomination day fixed for January 13th and election seven days later.

Twenty thousand dollars have been subscribed towards rebuilding the furniture factory recently burned down at Oxford, N. S.

The sums stolen from depositors in the post office savings' bank at Kingston, Ont., by R. T. Burns, have been made good by the Dominion Government. The amount was \$3,000.

It is rumored that Premier Mercier is endeavoring to make arrangements with all the provincial governments of the Dominion with a view to all provincial elections taking place on the same day.

As a party of six persons were driving through some woods at Vancouver, B. C., on the day after Christmas, a large fir tree fell, striking the sleigh, and instantly killed four of the occupants.

The Montreal street railway company have had to pay \$500 damages for one of their cars running over and killing a child. It came out during the evidence that the sight of the driver of the car was defective.

The Calendar of King's College University, Windsor, for 1889-90 reaches us this year coupled with an appeal to the public for much-needed augmentation of funds, which we sincerely hope may prove effectual.

Alexander Moir, a highly respected citizen of Halifax, died suddenly, while playing with his grandchild on Monday morning. He was in his 68th year and had always enjoyed good health. Heart disease is the supposed cause of death.

Stephen Chapman, head waiter at the Halifax Hotel, was presented with a handsome silver cake basket by the waiters of the house on Christmas day. The gift was accompanied by a handsome illuminated card, painted by one of the waiters, James Legg.

Messrs. N. S. Kroughcoff and A. B. T. Kontzavitch, civil engineers from Russia, are on their way home after inspecting the Canadian Pacific Railway for the Russian government, and securing information to be used in the construction of a projected great railway through Siberia.

So far this year 22,000 immigrants have settled in Manitoba and the North-West Territory, as against 17,000 last year. A Manitoba paper says the Dominion Government will grant \$4,000,000 for the construction of the Winnipeg and Hudson Bay railway, and that Sir Charles Tupper will raise the remainder of the funds required in England.

The Moncton Soap and Chemical Company's factory was destroyed by fire on Friday last. The fire is said to have caught in the boiler room and gained great headway before an alarm was sent in. Everything in the building was destroyed, including the company's books. It is understood that there is no insurance. The loss is in the vicinity of \$3,000.

The steamer *Volunteer*, of the Newfoundland Steamship Company's Line, is appointed to carry on the winter mail service between St. John's and Halifax. She will sail from St. John's on Tuesday, January 21st, for Halifax, and will make fortnightly trips between these ports until the end of April. The *Volunteer* will load at Central Wharf, Mr. Joseph Wood of this city being the sole agent for the line in Canada.

His Honor the Lieut Governor, His Grace Archbishop O'Brien, His Lordship Bishop Courtney and United States Consul General Frye held levees on New Year's day which were attended by several hundred people. Private calling on New Year's day is evidently dying out in Halifax. This year there was a marked decrease in the number of visits paid, notwithstanding the fact that the weather was perfect.

An Ottawa despatch says the Inland Revenue figures show that cigarette consumption has increased three fold in two years without effecting the other tobacco departments, evincing that a large proportion of the cigarette smokers are boys and young men. In 1887 Canada manufactured 7,900,750 cigarettes; in the fiscal year 1889 the number was 22,705,660, in spite of the tax of about \$50 per thousand. About another 22,000,000 were imported.

Considerable anxiety was felt during last week about the *S. S. Peruvian* which was due on Sunday. The reports of severe weather on the Atlantic increased the alarm naturally felt, as day after day passed without any sign of the steamer, and those who expected friends or letters by her were much relieved when she arrived on Thursday night. The steamer sustained no damage, though at times the seas were fearful in height and washed over the ship from stem to stern.

A very pretty short story by "Marshal Saunders" (who, notwithstanding the masculine *nom de plume*, is, we understand, a Halifax lady,) has been placed on our table. It is entitled "Daisy," and was written by its evidently talented authoress for an English Charity—a home for reduced gentlewomen in London. The authoress had a number of copies sent out to her, which are for sale in the bookstores here, price 15 cents. The sort of talent evinced might, we should think, advance some charitable purposes in Halifax.

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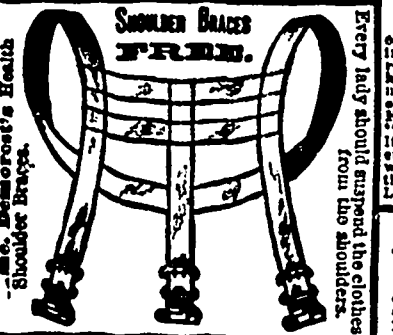
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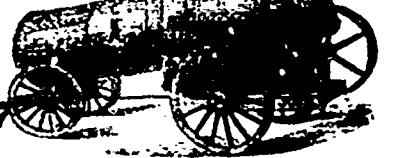
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