

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The contributions towards the Restoration Fund of King's College are reported as being most liberal. Halifax and Dartmouth are shortly to be canvassed, and should the Church of England people in these popular centres contribute with the same liberality as their co-religionists throughout the Provinces, the committee will soon have sufficient funds on hand to repair and modernize the college buildings in Windsor.

Mr. W. D. Dimock of Truro, is actively engaged in the work of securing a good Nova Scotian exhibit for the Indian and Colonial Exhibition to be held in London in May next. Manufacturers, farmers, miners, in fact all interested in the prosperity of Nova Scotia, should cordially second his efforts.

The Guy family opened last evening at the Lyceum, and will continue there until further notice.

Mr. S. D. Scott, late editor of the *Halifax Mail*, has received an appointment as editor-in-chief of *The Daily Sun*, St. John, N. B. Mr. Scott is an able journalist, and is the fortunate possessor of a rich vein of humor, from which he frequently extracts nuggets which greatly tickle the fancies of his readers. Mr. Scott has our best wishes in his new journalistic enterprise. No doubt he will find the fair daughter of Cumberland, with whom he has this week allied his fortunes, a fitting help-mate.

The Provincial Exhibition to be held in Kentville next week promises to be a complete success. Seven hundred exhibitors have, so far, entered upwards of four thousand exhibits, and many more are expected within the next few days. Kentville at this season of the year should attract a large number of visitors from all parts of the Province.

The Autumnal equinox brought with it the customary gale, which on Wednesday morning reached a velocity of 45 miles. Many schooners and small craft are known to have been bound to or from this port, and much anxiety as to their safety is felt by those interested.

The Government of Nova Scotia has been awarded a gold medal by the Grand Jury of the Antwerp Exhibition, for its exhibit of gold bearing quartz from the Nova Scotia Mines.

Our popular Mayor should make enquiries as to the services rendered to the community by Mr. George Liston of the Market Slip. A man that has risked his life on nine different occasions to save his fellow-beings from a watery grave, certainly deserves to wear the Humane Society's Medal.

The extensive warehouses of the Hon. James Butler have recently been handsomely painted. Messrs. Power & Donovan contracted for and executed the work most satisfactorily.

Reports from Portuguese Cove are to the effect that Diphtheria is prevalent to an alarming extent in that locality. No precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Who is responsible?

The window in the shop of Mr. Mylius, the jeweller, has attracted much attention during the past few days. It contained several rare South American curiosities, including a picture encased in wood, dug from the ruins of a monastery, and said to be upwards of 400 years old: also a lady's belt made of Spanish coins of the 16th century.

The Salvation Army recently held a giant muster in Toronto, upwards of four thousands of officers and privates responded to the roll-call. The corner stone of a Salvation Army Temple, to cost \$2,000, was laid with appropriate ceremonies. Halifax requires a Salvation Army Hall, the present one being far too small for the immense congregations which gather each evening to hear the Hallelujah masses.

Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst are carrying on a most extensive business in different parts of the Province. The work turned out from their wood factory is first-class in every particular; such enterprising firms are a credit to Nova Scotia.

Mr. W. H. Neal, of Neal, White & Co., and Mr. Wm. Moody, have recently imported a large and well assorted stocks of goods. The merchants of Granville St., are determined to push the wholesale dry goods trade of the city, and have no fear that Montreal houses can oust them from the Nova Scotia markets.

The Mining Engineers have no reason to regret their extended tour to the Island of Cape Breton. The trip on the lakes, the Sunday at Baddeck, the cordial reception at Sydney, the trips to Louisburg, Cow Bay and other places of interest, with the delightful weather made up a week of most enjoyable travel. With sixty enthusiastic admirers of Cape Breton's picturesque scenery, the attractions of the Island as a summer resort will become more widely known than ever. The practical result of the visit of such distinguished mining engineers will have the effect of making known to capitalists the inexhaustible mineral wealth of Cape Breton.

An effort is now being made by Sir George Elliott, M. P., one of the greatest English colliery owners, to bring about an amalgamation of the various Nova Scotian collieries operated by American, English, and Montreal companies under one syndicate, so as to increase the capital, curtail the expenses of management, and thus more effectually compete with the Spring Hill mines, which are threatening to control the Montreal and Lower Provinces markets. Competition is the life of trade.

Judge Thompson announced to his friends on Wednesday, that it was his last day in court as judge. He left on Wednesday for Ottawa to be sworn in as Minister of Justice. Angus Melsane, M. P. for Antigonish, has been appointed County Court Judge for district No. 6.

The second and closing concert of Miss Emma Thursby's Company on Friday last was in every particular an unqualified success. Miss Thursby proved that her reputation as a leading concert singer was well deserved, and although she was suffering from a heavy cold there were but few among the audience who could detect the difficulty with which she had to contend. Her execution was, under the circumstances, put to a most severe test, but the manner in which she performed the trills, runs, and the other embellishments of her songs, prove her to be an artist of very high order. A most pleasing feature of the concert was the playing of the Spanish Dance by the well known violinist, Herr Klingensfeldt; the encore which he received was well deserved. The Chevalier Komtski won the admiration of all who were fortunate enough to hear him. He is a great virtuoso as well as composer, and under his masterly hands the piano seemed quite a different instrument, the noble Chickering Grand responding most sympathetically to all his impetuosity; such power of interpretation, delicacy and beauty of expression and marvellous execution should serve as a most useful lesson to our piano players, both teachers and pupils; such a lesson as cannot be obtained in any other way than by listening to the performances of great artists. Mr. Tyler possesses a well trained voice, and his fine method was fully appreciated. Miss Pardee sang sweetly, her perfect articulation making her songs most acceptable to the audience. Mr. Pratt, the musical director, deserves credit for the manner in which he played the accompaniments, he is well known as the composer of many popular songs, his latest being "Neath the Twinkling Stars." The company expressed their pleasure at the reception accorded them and will it is understood, revisit Halifax during the ensuing year. The manager, Mr. Strakosh, may feel assured that first-class talent will be liberally supported by the people of Halifax.

Prince Alexander of Bulgaria has, without consulting the Porte, quietly annexed Roumelia. Russian intrigue is supposed to have prompted this move. The Porte is indignant, and hostilities may result.

The Albanians have again rebelled against the authority of Turkey. Five battalions of troops have been de-patched to quell the uprising.

The Hovas of Madagascar have no intention of submitting to French domination without a struggle. They are reported as actively engaged in erecting strong fortifications, and the French will find their dislodgement no easy task.

Yokohama, Japan, has again been visited by cholera. Twenty-four cases are reported, and the citizens are panic stricken.

The Territory of Dakota is about to be constituted a State, the name of the territory being retained. The motto, "Under God the People Rule," has been unanimously agreed upon.

The report of a famine in India appears to have been exaggerated; at any rate, with the rail and steam communication now available, no serious consequences will result from the failure of the crops in any one section of the country.

The encroachments recently made by the French on Morocco have elicited a vigorous protest from the Spanish authorities. In this matter, Spain will have the sympathy of Germany, and it will probably result in the amicable settlement of the difficulty respecting the Caroline Islands.

*Harper's Monthly* for October is a most interesting number, and the illustrations are appropriate and finely executed. "When Day meets Night" is the name of a charming little poem by Chas. W. Coleman, Jr. The second paper on Labrador will be of special interest to Canadian readers.

New York, Sept. 23.—The English cutter *Genesta* to-day won the Brenton Reef challenge cup by beating the American schooner *Dauntless* in the 300 mile race from Sandy Hook lightship to Brenton's Reef lightship. The time was 48 hours, 7 min., 5 seconds.

Eastport, Me., Sept. 23. —Six weeks ago the Spanish steamer *Humacao*, bound for St. John, N. B., went ashore on Murr Ledges, nine miles off Grand Manan. The owners sent a crew of twenty men from St. John to the wreck. Yesterday afternoon a tugboat passed the wreck and offered to take the men ashore, as a storm was threatening, but they refused the offer. A terrible gale raged early this morning, and when it cleared off the people on Grand Manan noticed that the steamer had disappeared and there were no traces of steamer or men. The vessel must have been broken to pieces during the storm and sunk with all on board. They all belong in St. John.

W. C. Bartlett, the chief of the hydrographic office at Washington, has made application to the secretary of the navy for permission to send a war vessel to search for dangerous rocks, reported on the eastern edge of the banks of Newfoundland, and heretofore unknown to navigators, but which are supposed to have been the cause of the loss of many transatlantic steamers, together with hundreds of lives and millions of dollars worth of cargoes. The rocks are termed pinnacle rocks, and are from three to five feet high at low water and are exceedingly difficult to find.

Minnesota is another of the States that have taken consuses this year, and her State pride is aroused by the healthy increase in population which the returns reveal. In 1880 Minnesota had a population of 780,000, which has now increased to a million. This is an increase at the rate of over twenty per cent. in five years.