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THE PEARY EXPEDITION.—The Peary Arctic exploring party had a rough passage from St. John's to Labrador. Their donkeys died from exposure and they could not purchase dogs at the settlements visited. delay thus caused is likely to detract from the success of the expedition.

Young Criminals -Six boys, ranging from 12 to '4 years of age, have Young Criminals—Six boys, ranging from 12 to '4 years of age, have been arrested, charged with committing robbery in the city. On Sunday T. D. Spike's jewelry store on Buckingham St. was broken into and watches, rings and other articles to the value of \$5000 were taken. Policeman Lehan discovered the leader of the band, a boy twelve years old, trying to dispose of some of the articles, and strested him and his comrades. They had the stolen goods hid in some cellars and under gutter bridges on the street. A part of this gang also rifled the office of J. E. Morse, Upper Water St. There are several other robberies supposed to have been committed by these youthful raiders, who seem to be an organized band. It is a difficult matter to know just what is best to be done with band. It is a difficult matter to know just what is best to be done with young criminals such as these. They must undoubtedly be punished for their wrong-doing, but the question is as to the most effectual way of uniting purishment for the past sins and prevention of future crimes. The boys were sentenced on Tuesday. Four of them have two years each to spend in St. Patrick's Home, and the other two got two years each in the Industrial School. These sentences seem wise and just.

THE C. E CONVENTION -The fourth annual convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies opened in St. Matthew's church on Tuesday afternoon. All through Wednesday and Thursday meetings were held and were largely attended, the church being filled to its utmost capacity at nearly every session. The "suurise" meetings held at seven a. m. on Wednesday and Thursday mornings were attended by almost every delegate, and by a goodly representation of Halifax and Dartmouth Endeavorers. Rev. Dr. Clarke, the honored founder of the movement, arrived on Thursday morning and was met at the station by a large gathering of young people, who upon his stepping from the car gave the "Chataqua Silute" (the waving of handkerchiefs) while singing the familiar hymn "Blest be the Tie that Binds." The scene was unique in Halifax, and the passengers on the train were much interested in the proceedings. The Christian Endeavor movement in the Maritime Provinces shows a satisfactory growth, and has proved a healthy child of the church. Nova Scotia has 269 societies, New Brunswick 76, P. E. I. 21, Newfoundland 4, while Trinidad and Bermuda report 7, in all 397 societies. The Christain Endeavorers are enthusiastic, the convention has proved it, but the convention must also have convinced the most sceptical that there is more than enthusism in the hearts of the Eudeaverrs. The reports of the county superintendents show that practical work is a striking feature of the Y.P.S.C.E. The meeting held last evening was the grand climax, and St. Matthew's church utterly failed to accomodate the crowds who were anxious to see and hear liev. Dr. Clarke and his fellow laborers. Halifax has done well in entertaining this great convention of young people, by far the largest gathering of the this great convention of young people, by far the largest gathering of the kind ever held here, and our old city will long be connected with pleasant memories in the hearts of the strangers who have been within our gates

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#### BRIEFS.

Emperor William is visiting England. The Italian flagship Etna is at Montreal.

John Ward, a peddler, fell into the dock at Wood's wharf on Sunday and was drowned.

The Toronto Presbyterian Review has been changed in form to a sixteen page journal.

A Colchester County man raised 1800 quarts of strawberries off a quarter acre of ground this season.

Blueberries are very plentiful this season and large quantities are being shipped from the western counties to Boston.

Jules Grau, well known to Halifax theatre-goers, will likely bring his company to this city during the coming autumn.

Diphtheria has got a firm hold in New York city. 2947 cases have been reported during the past six months, 934 of which proved fatal.

Canada has been notified that she is shortly to entertain one of the highest dignituries of the Japanese Empire, Prince Voribito Komatsue.

The New Glasgow Enterprise has been enlarged from four to eight pages. The Enterprise is a bright newsy sheet and carries out the significance of its name.

It is reported that Herr Klingenfeld is to leave Halifax for Toronto in the near future. If this be true Halifax musical circles will lose a most valuable member.

Truro athletes are determined not to allow Halifaxians to get ahead of them. Sports by electric light came off at the T. A. C. grounds on Monday evening when a good programme was carried out.

Gripsack for July comes to hand in a new and improved form, enlarged in size. It is a bright, newsy periodical, brimful of information, indispensible to the "boys on the road," as well as to other travellers in the province.

Provincial Secretary Fielding very kindly arranged that the Provincial Museum, Legislative rooms, Victoria General Hospital and the other Provincial buildings of interest to visitors be thrown open to the delegates to the C. E. Convention.

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