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CHRISTMAS.

Before THE HERALD will have reached many of its readers, another Christmas day will have come and gone. The origin of the Christmas festival is lost in the remote past, but it seems at an early date to have had a distinct place in the customs of the Jews and Romans, as well as the Teutons and Celts. It is both Christian and heathen in its origin and celebration. Among the heathen tribes, who observe this festive season in their own way, there are many beautiful legends connected with the event. Intertwined with them all seems to be the idea that the festival commemorates a birth, a creation, or a renewing of life. From the children of the forest, who regarded the entrance into the winter solstice, as the new birth of the sun, to the children of the Christian era, who hold the day in universal remembrance as the Nativity of our Lord, the same idea serves to render the season one of joy and gladness.

Perhaps in no other country, as in old England, is the Christmas festival more truly and heartily celebrated. A week back in the early days we catch glimpses of the merry gatherings in the great hall of the manor. The same good cheer, the same merry games before the blazing yule fire, the same glad reunion of friends, the same stories and discoveries beneath the mistletoe and the holly, cheered the homes and gladdened the hearts in the olden days as well as now. The mirth and happiness of the season enter the homes of all classes, the poor as well as the rich. For the time the cares and worries of business, and even of poverty and sorrow are forgotten, and all goes "merry as a marriage bell." The present Christmas tide will bring full measure of happiness and good cheer to all its readers.

THE SITUATION IN FRANCE.

The Panama scandal has so far resulted in the overthrow of the government, and threatens to develop into a revolution. The Count de Lesseps, the author of the scheme, together with a number of representatives and officers of high standing in France, are under imprisonment, and whomever of the guiltless are heard. The cause of all this disturbance is the revolutions of swindling in connection with the Panama canal scheme. The construction of this enterprise was undertaken by the great engineer de Lesseps, the builder of the Suez canal. So great was the confidence of the people generally in de Lesseps' integrity that millions of dollars were entrusted to him, much of it being the savings of the common people. This has long been, and the evidence goes to show that it will be, a most unfortunate support of the press, and in bribing representative men and deputies. Baron Reinach, the secretary of the Panama company, suddenly died in the midst of the revelations, and it was generally believed that he came to his death unfaithfully. An investigation was commenced, and an examination of the body demanded; this the minister of justice refused. The chamber then carried a resolution insisting on the autopsy, and the ministry resigned. M. Brisson was then called on by the president to form a new ministry, in which he was un successful; and since then the trouble and discontent, so characteristic of the French people, has been increasing. The friends of monarchy are looking forward to the overthrow of the republic, and the establishment of a kingdom in France. The situation is certainly very serious; and if half the charges against the culprits are true, the enemies of republicanism have a strong argument to present to the people of France.

The trial of the second of the conspiracy cases in St. John resulted in a disagreement of the jury, their finding being eleven to one in favor of finding the prisoners guilty. The trial was a very long and expensive one, and it is to be regretted that it resulted so unsatisfactorily. With eleven sworn men out of twelve finding them guilty, the accused, while in the eyes of the law innocent, will always have a dark cloud hanging over their lives; while if they really are guilty, justice has been cheated through the failure of one man to see the evidence in the same light as his eleven fellow jurors. The wisdom of the English law, which holds a man innocent until twelve of his neighbors in a fair trial agree in finding him guilty, has been pretty generally vindicated by the experience of many years. A few more trials, however, with an unsatisfactory issue as that in the conspiracy case, will do much to bring the system of trial by jury into disrepute.

The Gleaner, in the depths of its depravity and indecency, is not satisfied with slandering and maligning active public men, but it must needs give cowardly and characteristic slap at Sir Leonard Tilley, by insinuating that that gentleman takes rent from the government for his own house in St. John, occupied by himself. That there is not a word of truth in the charge goes without saying. Had it contained an element of truth, it would never have appeared in the Gleaner.

The Upper Canadian papers, irrespective of the most of political bias, do not take kindly to the new administration of Sir John Thompson. If the signs of the times are read aright, Sir John will have to abandon the idea of keeping the equilibrium of his party by balancing his government with contrasting elements, and grapple with the trade question.

The Briggs' heresy trial, which has attracted world wide attention, was concluded in New York on Thursday, as far as the evidence, and the arguments on either side are concerned. The court adjourned until Wednesday to consider the arguments, and it is possible to arrive at a conclusion as to the guilt or innocence of the great diviner.

There is just now a lull in the matter of the lieutenant governorship. The bottom seems to have suddenly fallen out of the various "booms" for the position. In the meantime, Sir Leonard Tilley goes on administering the duties of the office satisfactorily to the people of the province.

This Christmas trade in Fredericton has been quite satisfactory to the merchants, although not equal in volume to last year. Perhaps the absence of sufficient snow to make good sledding kept a good many people from visiting the city, and may account for the apparent decrease in the Christmas trade. The market was not at any time overstocked with country produce, and poultry of all kinds went sharply at about the same prices as last year.

AMONG THE SCHOOLS.

Satisfactory Showing for the Closing Year. All the city schools closed their term's work on Wednesday and at one o'clock the pupils were given the ardently looked for vacation. The closing exercises were as usual very interesting, and the visitors who attend on examination day were loud in their praises of the work being done. At the collegiate school principal Foster and his able corps of assistants fully kept up the high rank of that institution. Both pupils and teachers feel the loss of Mr. Meagher, who has been appointed an inspector of the northern counties. He was presented with a complete set of Ruskin's works and a complimentary address.

Each school showed a marked advance for the term and the citizens though, perhaps, paying high school rates, are getting the very best value for their money. This should be satisfactory.

Honor List. The highest possible mark is 400; a comparison of the figures after each name with this will attest to the standing of the pupils.

York Street School. Mr. Inch's department—Carrie Cowperthwaite, 385; Freddie Jones, 378; Lucy Brewer, 377; Maud Bishop, 373; Gertrude Dook, 368; Annie Bligh, 364. Miss Vandine (C.S.)—Laura Kitchen, Mary Jennings, each 395; Edna Harris, each 393; Fred McLaughlin, 389; Herbert Gull, 387.

Mr. Rogers' department—Helen Martin, 380; Hamilton McKee, 384; Laura Smith, 379; Walter McKay, 378.

Miss Turner's department—Marie Thorne, 394; Mabel Fisher, 391; Margaret Phair, 389; May Millican, 380; Edie Brannen, 384; Edith Hilyard, Lulu Fisher, each 383; Lily Brannen, 382.

Honorably mentioned—Annie Pinder, Kate Beardsley, Willie Babbitt, Florrie Wilson, Ada Scott, Maud Fisher, 391; Miss Hunter—Laurie Sherman, Fred. Fenner, each 391; Nettie Smith, Ethel Smith, each 390; Donald Campbell, 389; Gertrude Woodward, Kenneth Allen, George Massey, each 388.

Never absent or tardy—Mabel McLennan, Hazel Millican, Hazen Allen, Ed. Ward, Hazen, Charlie Brannen, Bessie Barker. Never tardy—Susan Cropley, Kate Massey, Fannie Fowler, Nellie Morris, Robert Winslow, Kenneth White, Perry Fisher, Ray Orr, Stuart Neil, Justin McPherson, George Colwell, Jack Gregory, Richard Malloy, Fred Bearhart, Arthur Grey, Alex. McAdam, Willie Chappell, James Fowler, George Inglis, Guy Burden, Sandie Crockett, Ralph Sherman, John Jewett, Lottie Lockard, Jean Wilson, Dick Allen, Fletcher Foster, Ray Burden, Nora Stoddard, Alice Hughes, Maud Craig, Willie Delaite, George Lister.

Regent Street School. Mr. Owen's department—George Goodie, Willie Lynn, each 393; Harry Ryan, Harry Strickland, each 391; Howard Cranley, 385; Joseph McPeake, 383.

Wisely School. Miss Nicholson—Ethel Gamble, 355; Maggie Rowan, 350; Murray Rowan, 341; Fred Rowan, 339.

PENNAC.

Dec 21.—The Pennac station house of the C. E. R. has been removed from its old site to Price's crossing, a short distance further up the line. This step is not regarded with satisfaction by the travelling portion of the residents of this community, as the road which now leads to the station is not a public one at all, and is subject to large snow drifts during the winter season.

York district council, R. T. of T, met here on Saturday 17th, and held a very interesting and pleasant session. Delegates and representatives were present from Royal, Star, and Banner City councils. Some very important business was transacted, and resolutions adopted which, if enacted, cannot fail to forward the temperance cause.

Mrs. Nelson Cliff, of Northampton, is spending the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Goodspeed.

Owing to the baptismal services held on Sunday last at Marysville and Gibson, Rev. Mr. Parsons was unable to fill his appointment for 10.30 here. We are glad to hear of the good that is being done in the above mentioned places.

Amasa Coy is enlarging and improving his mill and will be able to accommodate all who come to him after the first of the new year.

Ben. Babbitt enjoyed his trip to the celestial last week and especially the banquet. R. T. believes a new era has dawned in Queens county and there are many of the same opinion.

Fred Dingee is building a wing pier to the highway bridge near Redoubt's mill. The boys are preparing a grand social and dance to take place in the temperance hall.

An Xmas tree is being prepared by the good folks of Upper Gagetown. One feature is clothing for several of the more destitute children of the neighborhood.

Inspector Bridges visited our school last week and reports good work being done.

Mr. Allen has now an experienced millwright at work at his shingle mill, which he expects to have in running order in a few days.

We have read in items from different places of some large hogs which have recently been killed. This settlement can hardly be said to have weighed over four hundred pounds. A neighbor recently killed one out of which he got about eighty pounds of lard.

AROUND THE WORLD.

The Week's Events in Brief—The Cream of our Exchanges. A rumor that the St. Croix cotton mill would be shut down is authoritatively denied.

Lord Tennyson's will has been probated. The gross personal estate amounts to 57,206 pounds.

Hon. Peter Mitchell intends making a holiday trip among his old constituents in New Brunswick in a few days.

John McLean, who taught school in St. Stephen for three years, is jailed at Biddeford, Me., for passing forged checks.

Nicholas Conolly has gone to England. The object of his mission is understood to be the purchase of a large and powerful sea-going tugboat.

The New Orleans supreme court has declared constitutional, the law passed two years ago which compels railroad companies to provide separate cars for negroes.

The Courier says Dennis Johnson was brought home from the woods on Saturday. While at work a log rolled over on him, breaking one of his legs and otherwise injuring him.

It is reported that Mr. VanHorne has agreed to purchase at a fair valuation all the branch railways connected with the Intercolonial if the latter road is transferred to his company.

J. Markham Brayley of Montreal and Miss Jessie Merritt, daughter of D. F. Merritt, collector of customs, were married in St. Stephen Wednesday evening by Rev. Canon Fry.

Michael J. Foerdel, late deputy city treasurer of St. Louis, Mo., made a general assignment Thursday. The property assigned amounts to \$227,000; liabilities less than half of assets.

Wednesday morning at 6.20 the fire alarm was sounded for a conflagration in the house owned by John Fournon on Cornhill street, Montreal. The building was badly gutted; insured for \$800.

LOOK OUT FOR THE

We have been, during the last eight months, talking to our friends through the columns of THE HERALD. We have been quoting prices so low, that people often think that we are jesting. A visit, however, to our store and an examination of our Goods always convinces the most skeptic, that we are prepared to furnish what we advertise.

We are now preparing a large canvas flag; when you come to purchase you will find a magnificent stock, well selected, well bought, and MARKED AWAY DOWN.

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YOUNG LADY, well recommended, for assistance at Telephone Office. W. B. Smith Manager.

TEMPERANCE VALE.

DEC. 18.—Times of late have been dull on account of bad roads.

THE scholars of the Nashwaak Village Methodist church intend giving a concert on the 26th inst.

MISS Ethel Bradley is home for her Christmas holidays.

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NASHWAAK VILLAGE.

DEC. 23.—The scarcity of snow is the cry here now.

J. F. Smith is very sick but is evidently on the mend.

JOHN Clayton gave his hand a bad cut with a knife and the accident is considered dangerous.