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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1898.

—Great Britain and France are again on

the verge of war over their interests in Africa.

A month or so ago and Western Africa was

the scene of the trouble. A French expedition

had encroached on territory claimed

by the British, and war talk was in the press

of both countries and in their parliaments,

but the trouble was settled by France withdrawing

her expedition and her claims to the

territory over which her flag had been

hoisted. Now we find the incident repeated

in the upper stretches of the Nile, where

Marchand has planted the French banner at

Fashoda and refuses to admit that he is in

a country over which Britain is an acknowledged

suzerain. France has refused to

recall her adventurous captain, but he is right

under the guns of Khartoum. The Anglo-Egypt

army and can hardly maintain his position

when the word is given to remove him. This

time Great Britain has evidently concluded

that her trouble with France in Africa

can be settled for once and all, and

pending a declaration by the French Ministry

as to its intentions, the British Ministry

is making warlike preparations. The situation

is acute, and though war was a terrible

catastrophe for these nations to engage in,

it may easily be precipitated by an exasperating

reply to Britain's demands.

—A strong protest is being raised through-

out the United States against colonial ex-

pansion, and many of the strong men of the

country are urging that such steps should be

most dangerous to the peace of the nation.

The absorption of the Philippines will create

a dangerous rivalry with European nations,

who do not take kindly to the invasion of

their hemisphere by a new world power.

Trade will not prosper in proportion to ter-

ritorial expansion unless conditions of peace

and safety to commercial interests exist,

and these elements are foreign to the history

of any of the islands the United States

is about to take over. To protect new ter-

ritory and to maintain the reputation she is

apparently seeking as a colonial power, will

entail an enormous increased naval and

military expenditure, but even with the es-

tablishment of a new army and navy the

same security under which the United States

has prospered so far, cannot be maintained

will not be conserved. The development of

home industries will be sacrificed to a con-

siderable extent in the acquisition of foreign

trade, and there is a grave doubt as to the

wisdom of the policy of acquiring colonies out

of the way current of the world.

—The government of New Zealand has in-

stituted another of those radical economic

reforms for which that country is becoming

noted. A bill has just passed the legislature

providing that the country's poor, after they

have reached the age of sixty-five years,

shall be entitled to a pension of ninety dol-

lars per year if they have lived in the col-

ony for twenty-five years. The pension is

restricted to those whose yearly income does

not exceed two hundred and seventy dollars.

Here is a practical way of dispensing with

alms houses, though New Zealand has prob-

ably fewer paupers than any other country

in proportion to its size and population, and

the government do not anticipate any diffi-

culty in providing funds for carrying out

of the project. New Zealand is apparently

a model colony with a model government.

The people are not socialists, in the generally

accepted definition of the word, but the

distribution of property and wealth is equable

and largely regulated by a government that

is engaged in the practical and successful

working out of many of the theories of the

late Henry George.

—The establishment of a pork packing

factory at Middleton has not been given up,

as the apparent inactivity of the company

would indicate, but subscriptions to the

stock lists are still being solicited, and when

the whole amount of the capital has been

subscribed, then work will be started in

earnest. The scheme was formulated some

time in the season to permit of a plant being

installed this year without rushing matters,

but next season will witness the launching

of the enterprise, and many of our farmers

are already importing bacon to be ready

to supply the demands of the factory. The

industry will set much money in circulation

and will give prominence to a new branch

of farming, providing for the transition of

many otherwise waste farm products into

ready cash. The difficulty that has confront-

ed the directors in placing the stock of the

company is due to a scarcity of money among

our farmers, rather than a lack of interest in

the enterprise.

—The prohibitionists have been aggravated

by the utterances of a considerable portion

of the Canadian press, that has been pre-

sented to the government with the intention

of deciding the majority too insignificant to

warrant the introduction of prohibitory leg-

islation. Common sense would have dictated

a sufficient time to obtain full returns and

to deliberate on the result before the legis-

lature. Until such a period has elapsed it is

an open question of want of confidence

to delay the ministry with the intention of

a multitude of temperance societies.

—Moose, thanks to restrictive game laws,

have increased in number in Nova Scotia,

but now that sportsmen are beginning to

understand that a moose hunt may be un-

dertaken with a fair prospect for a kill, the

hunters are increasing far faster than the

game, and at the rate moose are being

slaughtered now days our antlered king

will be exterminated in a few seasons. The

government should watch the situation

closely and protect this game by further

shortening the season during which it may

be hunted, and if necessary prohibit its

destruction for a period of years.

—The ambitious promoters of the new

steamship line from Paspheba, Que., to

Milford Haven, think to establish a new

winter port for Canada and cut largely into

the business of Halifax and St. John. The

new route is a short one and will be sup-

plied with fast freighters, which will make

their initial trips next month; but there is

still a doubt as to the feasibility of the

## Local and Special News.

—Mallor's fur are selling rapidly. If

—A large pipe organ was sold to the

Methodist church last week.

—Messrs. Con. and Hugh Riddan, of

Annapolis, also two sons were recently.

—See the new Reifers for children J. W.

Beckwith has just opened.

—About 14,000 barrels of Valley apples,

at the Lupton City, were forwarded last week.

—About 6000 barrels of Valley apples have

been exported to Boston already this season.

—Olive Branch Division, Sons of Temper-

ance, will celebrate its 50th anniversary next

month.

—Stone street crossings on our principal

business thoroughfares would be appreciated

by pedestrians.

—Cables this week from London report

Gravenstein selling from 12/ to 15/ and

Ribston 14/ to 16/.

—Mr. C. C. Sweeney has imported a large

quantity of tea in bulk and is putting it up

in pound packages for retail.

—What is advancing in price and local

demand is the flour market will soon

show a sympathetic advance.

—The grand jury in our courts will be re-

duced from 24 to 12 jurors by a new law that

becomes operative this month.

—The Fifth Annual Session of the Grand

Division of Nova Scotia met in Sons of Tem-

perance Hall, Halifax, yesterday.

—Rev. Adams Archibald, of Halifax,

preached in the Gordon Memorial Church

last Sunday morning and evening.

—A team from the Evangelical Candy

Kitchen, Wolfville, was in town last week

catering to the requirements of the trade.

—Gravelly Centre Agricultural Society

will hold its annual meeting in Kings' Hall

Tuesday evening Nov. 1st. M. D. East, Sec.

—Geo. E. Corbett has a fine stock of Hard

Coal—Parsons, Egg, Stone and Nut. He

will deliver it in Bridgetown by railroad

low.

—The schooner Annie G., loaded by Mr.

H. J. Crowe, of Bellville, was in town last

week, and she is expected to be in

the river on Thursday for a deck

load of coal.

—A meeting of the British and Foreign

Bible Society will be held in the Gordon

Memorial Church on Friday evening, 28th

inst., at 7 o'clock.

—The all-night electric light programme

is progressing steadily, and a cheaper and

better service will, we are assured, be in-

stituted in a few weeks.

—The \$5.00 to \$10.00 penalty for shooting

partridge will have to be exacted from some

of our reckless sportsmen before the law will

be properly respected.

—Bear River is keeping up its reputation

as a sportsman's paradise this season. Dur-

ing the first fortnight of October fourteen

moose were brought in.

—Mr. Herbert Crosskill, for many years

deputy provincial secretary, has been super-

seded at his own request, and is suc-

ceeded by E. C. Fairbanks.

—Mr. Wm. McLaughlin, of Round Hill,

has purchased Mr. James Messinger's prop-

erty, at the western end of the town, and

has moved to Bridgetown.

—J. H. Hicks &amp; Sons are headquarters for

doors, sashes, sheathing, moulting and all

kinds of building finish. Their prices are

right. Correspondence solicited.

—A heavy gale of wind from the south-

west last Saturday night and Sunday made

wind-fall of a large portion of the ungar-

tered apples throughout the valley.

—The leaks in the water main at the bot-

tom of the river, will be repaired, this week.

The pipe will be taken up and re-laid under

the supervision of a competent engineer.

—A grey hawk, three feet long, is the

pet of a youth of this town, who allows the

reptile to wriggle playfully about his neck

until tired, after which it nestles cozily in his

coat pocket.

—Mr. M. D. Messenger has sold his sta-

tion farm to Mr. J. A. Parker, of Lunenburg.

He is now driving Lady Rampart,

229, and will let her loose for a new record

next season.

—An appeal has been taken against Mr.

Justice Weather's decision awarding dam-

ages of \$250 to Mr. C. S. Miller, in his suit

against Mr. Green, of the Confederation

Life, for libel.

—A Bean School will be held on Wednes-

day evening, 26th inst., at the home of Eliza

Whitman, Lawrenceton. If stormy, will

be held Friday evening. Proceeds for

charitable purposes. 32 11

—Mr. H. H. Norwood, government in-

spector of the Yukon mines, arrived at his

home in Berlin last week from Dawson

City. He will make the return trip to the

city of the victor.

—Halifax and St. John, 300 miles apart,

are now connected by a direct telephone

service. The two telephone companies con-

cerned have instituted what is known as a

double metallic circuit.

—The Town Council will make an effort

to improve Bridgetown streets. Two hun-

dred tons of good gravel will, if properly

applied to a properly drained street, effect

a wonderful improvement.

—The ladies of Morse Road intend holding

a "pie social" at Mr. Miller's residence on

Wednesday evening, November 2nd. This

sold at 7:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited

and a good time may be expected.

—Mr. C. H. Wright, of Brooklyn, raised

a pumpkin measuring 51 1/2 in. in circumfer-

ence and weighing 92 pounds. He also has

an Essex Hybrid quack weighing 23 pounds,

a Hubbard 19 pounds and a citron melon 20

pounds.

—Mr. T. B. Messenger, of Kingston, was

quite lucky at the Weekly Soap prize

competition at the Halifax exhibition. He

secured first, third and fourth prizes—a

gold watch, a pair of opera glasses, and two

cigars.

—The steamer Boston of the Yarmouth

S. S. Co., will leave Yarmouth every

Wednesday and Saturday evening, under

further notice. The winter time table has

gone into effect and the S. S. Yarmouth has

been laid up.

—The man who comes to town with pota-

toes is likely to draw a long face, but

when he meets the man who has to pay to

see a face so much longer than his own

he does not hurt him half as much as it did.

—A boat of St. Charles Tupper, designed

## Local and Other Matter.

—County Court meets next Tuesday.

—Don't pay \$20.00 for custom-made cloth-

ing when you can get it at \$10.00.

—Rev. R. G. St. Clair, of Canada, will

preach next Sabbath in Gordon Memorial

(Presbyterian) Church at 11 and 7.

—A pair of 10k Goldfilled Eyeglasses or

Spectacles, with solid gold pieces, war-

ranted for 15 years, only \$2.50 at S. H. S.

—There will be a degree work in Crescent

Lodge, I. O. O. F., next Monday evening,

and a full attendance of the members is re-

quested.

—The fittings for the Bank of Nova Scotia

in the new Ruggles building are being put

in place, but it will probably be six weeks

yet before the bank will occupy the new

premises.

—J. W. Beckwith opened this week 3

cases clothing, comprising Children's, Boys'

and Men's Ulsters, Overcoats and Reifers.

Get his prices for your guide when looking