

OVER THE PROVINCES.

A SUMMARY OF EVENTS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

What is going on Among Ourselves—The Daily Doings of Our Neighbors Talked About—People you know or of Whom have heard.

Dr. Smith, of the Tracadie Lazaretto, says the case at Tobique Point proved to be only scurvy, and not leprosy.

Subscriptions amounting to \$14,500 have been made for the erection of a jubilee Sunday school building in Halifax.

It is understood there is a possibility of Rev. Father O'Leary lecturing here about the end of the year in aid of the fund of a church connected with St. Patrick's church. [Halifax Chronicle.]

The many friends in Truro, and all over Colchester, will regret the loss of the very serious illness of Postmaster John Dickey, Middle Stewiacke. Mr. Dickey has had stomach trouble for a long time, and now he is in a very precarious condition.

At Bathurst Village Tuesday night, Jas. O'Sullivan's house, occupied by two families, was destroyed by fire. The loss was about \$300. Mr. Richard Sutton was run over by a horse cart on the way to the fire, and had his collar bone broken.

Mr. Collins, an Irish student for the priesthood, who has been in Halifax a few months, had several orders conferred upon him by Archbishop O'Brien at 9 o'clock mass at St. Mary's cathedral, Halifax, on Sunday.

Mr. A. W. Robb, of St. John, N. B., the new secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will arrive Monday night at the hotel, and will work in Charlottetown. Tomorrow night a reception will be tendered him in the Y. M. C. A. hall. [Charlottetown Patriot.]

Messrs. H. Elderkin & Co., of Port George, are getting out the frame for a steamer, about the size of the steamer Hawatha, to ply between St. John, Parnborough and other Minas Basin ports. She will be strong, speedy and a large carrier, and well fitted up for passengers.

A call has been extended by the Methodist church at Windsor, N. S., to the Rev. Wm. Dobson, pastor of Charlottetown, to preach at the church on Sunday.

At Chatham, two or three hundred men, with nearly a hundred nets, are smelt fishing. The poles at a distance look like groves of branchless aspens. The catch for each net has not been large, but it is considerable in the aggregate. A large percentage of the catch consists of tangle, which are of little value.

An interesting event will be celebrated at Arichat, C. B., on the 11th of December when Miss Jean Everett, eldest daughter of D. T. Everett, will be married to E. L. Brown, who is the travelling representative of W. H. Hayward, of St. John, N. B. Brown and his bride will reside at Sydney. [Sydney paper.]

Mr. McLeod, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in St. John's, has been transferred to the branch bank of Boston, Mr. Staveley having received an appointment in the Bank of New Brunswick. It is possible that Mr. Watson, now second in importance in the bank here, will be appointed manager. [St. John's Nfld. paper.]

On Saturday the Transcript announced the passing through of special trains, and between those announcements and publication this afternoon, there have also passed through for St. John, 44 cars of corn, 29 wheat, four rye, two flour, one peas, two eggs, one wood, three pulp wood, one of poultry, no less than 97 cars of export freight in all. The I. C. R. trainmen think this is a progressive government. [Moncton Transcript.]

The Hants Journal says that on Thursday morning last, William Haley, son of Mrs. Benj. Haley, Windsor, while at work on the elevated platform in F. W. Dimock's coal yard, where the coal is received in tubs from the vessels, was struck by a tub as it came to the platform and knocked over, falling a distance of about 12 feet to the wharf below, alighting on his head. The young man was 10 years of age, and he died an hour after receiving the injuries.

Chief of Police Tingley received a telegram last evening from Sydney, asking him to stop Peter Olson of Sydney, who was going to Montreal. The chief visited the maritime express and found a boy who had been working at the Sydney hotel and who had been paid off Saturday evening, taking the train yesterday morning for Montreal to see his mother. The chief has the boy at his residence, and is awaiting word from the boy's father, who is working at the steel works in Sydney.

By the death of Mrs. Eliza Fisher, which took place at St. John last Wednesday, Digby County lost another aged citizen. The deceased was the only survivor of the family of the late Edw. Everett, of Plympton. This entire family has been noted for its longevity. Mrs. Fisher had reached the age of 96. The other members of the family died as follows: Mrs. Hale at Wolfville, aged 96; Mrs. Marshall at Digby, aged 92; Mrs. Ring at St. John, aged 76; and Mr. Edw. Everett at Plympton, aged 82. The father, Edw. Everett, sr., reached within three days of 100 years. A sister of the late gentleman resided on Birch street, Digby, and is nearing the century mark.

Says Tuesday's Moncton Times—General Manager Postings and Chief Engineer MacKenzie, with their private secretaries, returned on No. 31 yesterday from an extended trip to the United States to look into the question of car ferries on the Gulf of St. Lawrence and other points with a view to adopting the best thing in use for the new service it is proposed to establish between Mulgrave and Point Tupper on the Straits of Canso next summer. At present only freight cars are carried over. The new service is expected to be inaugurated in the fall of 1901. The passenger trains complete will be transported. A saving in time of from half to three-quarters of an hour will thus be effected, and it will not be necessary for passengers to leave their seats.

A NEW MONTE CARLO

Near Chicago—Protected from Intrusion of Police by Vicious Dogs.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—A new Monte Carlo, near Richton, was opened for business Saturday by a gambling syndicate which was formed during the small hours of the morning. Thomas McGinniss entered a stockade surrounding the big poolroom 25 feet west of the Illinois Central railroad tracks and chained to half a dozen vicious dogs. A few minutes later Harry Perry and James O'Leary shook hands on the platform of the railway station and took a \$45,000 fortune came later. Two special trains were loaded down with bettors who carried money to back their selections. These trains carried about 1,500 men to the new Monte Carlo. There was no fear of a raid.

The sense of security was inspired by an inspection of the surroundings. The big building, bordered on three sides by the railroad, and on the fourth by the railroad track. It stands on an elevation affording a view of the surrounding country for miles.

If officers of the law should appear it is extremely doubtful if the sports would suffer. The only entrance to the high platform is through a covered gate. Every person passing through this must stand the inspection of several employees of the law.

In the building yesterday the bettors found everything to their liking. A lunch counter extends across the south side of the building and a bar occupies a prominent position. Dozens of brilliant lights are arranged in the resort. The main building is a two-story structure, the stockades are two cottages, four doghouses and out-buildings.

In the event of the appearance of raiders or a sheriff's posse visiting the modern Monte Carlo, the great Dane dogs can be turned loose in the space between the building and stockade, and the animals can be counted on to repel any ordinary attack.

The large patronage that the gambling resort received yesterday surprised the trust members. They at once announced that, beginning Tuesday, three special trains on the Illinois Central would be run daily, and the runs made in record-breaking time.

The supply of vicious dogs in the new Monte Carlo will be added to as fast as James O'Leary is able to purchase them.

DECEMBER SKIES.

Heavens Will Be Brilliant This Month.

December skies with their constellations of unrivaled brilliancy and the unusually attractive array of stars, will be taken advantage of by local amateur astronomers. The long winter evenings are an encouragement to the study of the skies. Looking north at 9 o'clock on the first of the month the familiar figure of the Great Bear is climbing up on the east of the Pole. Over in the extreme northwest the bright bluish-white Vega is settling, followed a little higher up by the Northern Cross, both reminders of a summer that is gone. In another hour they will have disappeared below the horizon, not to be seen again until they rise in the northeast next spring.

Almost due overhead is Cassiopeia, the queenly, whose chair is marked by that zigzag row of five bright stars. Below, in the southeast, is the constellation of the Great Square, whose great square is such an easily recognized figure, and struggling along in the south is Cetus, the Whale, famous of old for his celebrated variable star in the heavens.

It is, however, the group of constellations in the east—Taurus, Orion, Gemini, Canis Major—which forms the chief glory of the December heavens. They remain visible in the evening sky for several months, but when they are just rising they are peculiarly interesting. Audiences may make how much the shifting of position in the sky alters the appearance of a constellation.

This is particularly true of Orion. Now, while the giant who is preparing to do battle with that great bull just above him in the sky is seen in the east; he is an entirely different personage from the same as he sinks to the west in the next night.

In December he seems more symmetrical. The three bright stars which mark his belt, and which are so easily made the best show, are in the west. In the east, the three stars which mark his belt, and which are so easily made the best show, are in the west.

POWERS ARE AGREED

As to Their Demands on China—The Limit of Punishment.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The state department has been informed that the foreign ministers at Peking yesterday reached an agreement which was submitted to the home offices. Secretary Hay today cabled Mr. Conger authorizing him to sign the agreement on behalf of the United States government.

It is difficult to gather details of the understanding at this time. However, it is known that in the two important issues that were still open, namely, those relating to punishment and indemnity, the views of the United States government have prevailed. As to the punishments, they are to be the severest that can be inflicted by the Chinese government.

THE GREAT BEAR

Is Climbing Up on the East—The Northern Cross—The Chief Glory of the East—Interesting Study of the Heavens.

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THE STAGE.

St. John Favorites Pleasing Audiences Elsewhere.

W. T. Curleton, the operatic baritone, who last sang in St. John with the Gilbert Company, is singing in vaudeville at the Boston Music Hall this week. Payne Clarke, another singer, known here to lovers of opera, is singing in vaudeville at the Boston Music Hall this week.

Several New York newspapers announce that Bernhardt is to receive \$1,000 a performance from Graa during her American tour, and that that is the largest compensation she has yet had in this country.

Katharine Gray, in her suit against Richard Mansfield for breach of contract, alleges that in the production of "The First Violin," he kissed her in so rude a manner as to constitute an insult, and that she was so shocked and ill as to require medical attendance.

The site selected by H. B. Clarke for his theatre in Halifax, is the property between Mahon Brothers and the Roy building on Granville and the lot between, with a 24-foot entrance on the latter street.

Joseph Jefferson must have found the play-business profitable. The other day he loaned \$40,000 in hard money to a New York contractor and slept and ate as usual the next day. [Exchange.]

The New York Herald, speaks of two growing nuisances in theatres. First the applauding of performers by the ushers for the purpose of arousing applause for the purpose of arousing applause, the carrying on of audible conversation by ushers to the annoyance of those in the rear.

Joseph Barlett Davis, the famous contractor of the Bostonians, is one of the latest acquisitions to the collection of the Boston Museum of Natural History. He died in 1889.

Saturday night, Mr. Arthur Elliott, who has been in the city for some time, made his last appearance in Montreal as a leading man of the Stock Company at the Grand Opera House.

Charles Macdonald, the comic opera singer, who belongs to Nova Scotia, has married Miss Josephine, youngest son of the famous Joseph.

Alfred Alcock is still moving in the Doctor's Warm Reception, but it is not getting his average of space in all the western papers.

The attractions in Boston for this week are: E. A. Barron's play, "Punchinello," at the Grand Opera House; "The Great Ruby" will be seen at the Grand Opera House; "A Young Wife" at the Bowdoin Square; "Michael Strogoff" with changes at the Grand, Keith's, the Howard, Music Hall, Astor & Sons's, the Nieboledon and the Lyceum. "Zaza," at the Hotel; "Quo Vadis," at the Boston; "The House That Jack Built," at the Park; and "Miss Prim" at the Columbia.

Thomas Wise is making a pronounced hit as Willie Slab, the paper hanger, in the production of The House That Jack Built, now running in London. The engagement is announced in London of Miss Jennie, the daughter of Mrs. Lily Langtry, to Mr. Arthur Hill, the oldest son of Lord Arthur Hill, who is the uncle of the Marquis of Downshire.

Bernhardt and Coquelin made their joint debut at the Grand Theatre, New York, this week in Rosalind's drama, "Aragon." Of the event Mr. William Winter writes: "That the play is much more ably and effectively acted, in almost all of the parts by Sarah Bernhardt and her associates than it is by the English performers at the Knickerbocker theatre is beyond question. Sarah Bernhardt may not be a dazzling prodigy; it is easily possible to gaze upon her without the use of blue glasses; but, in contrast with such a rapid, flaccid and colorless performer as Miss Maude Adams, she is a leopard alongside of a kitten."

Customs receipts at Halifax, November, \$110,015.98, increase \$17,124.75 over the same month in 1899.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 5.—The cabinet has resigned, owing to ministerial differences.

THE GREAT SPECIALIST,

DR. SPROULE, B. A., WILL SEND YOU FREE HIS FAMOUS BOOK ON CATARRH Of the Head, Nose and Throat.

If you have been suffering with sore throat, cough, pain in the chest, stubborn and frequent colds, YOU NEED THIS BOOK. It will tell you just what the real trouble is and why you have failed so far to obtain a cure. Dr. Sproule has been successfully treating just such cases for many years. This book is the result of his enormous experience. He will send it to you free of charge. Address, DR. SPROULE, B.A., English Graduate Dublin University, Ireland, formerly Surgeon British Royal Naval Service, 1013 Doane St. Boston.

Winter Port Matters.

The heavy storm yesterday interfered somewhat with the loading of the steamships at the wharves, but the work was kept going along as well as possible.

The work of repairing the rudder of the R. M. S. Lake Magentic was not finished yesterday and she will not be able to leave before this afternoon. She has a full cargo for Liverpool and will also take on board a number of passengers at Halifax.

The Donaldson Line steamer Alcides has finished taking in cargo at the new I. C. pier and this morning at 8 o'clock will shift over to Sand Point to take in a consignment of 22 cars of cattle. When the live stock are placed on board the steamer will go to sea.

The steamer Matchless Commerce will this morning take the berth made vacant by the Donaldson Line Alcides and, besides other freight will take in nearly 100,000 bushels of grain.

On the I. C. R. three special trains went out last evening, two specials with freight arrived early this morning.

A number of the immigrants who arrived on the R. M. S. Lake Superior were detained in the West End by the United States officials. Forty of the number were yesterday able to pass after medical examination and were sent forward.

Launceston in Tasmania has its electric lighting system derived from a river that forms one of the city boundaries.

The Backache Ointment may be just that which is needed to cure the chronic, or nervous, or rheumatic, or biliousness, or nervousness. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills will restore them to you—40 little "Rubies" in a vial, 10 cents. Ask like a charm. Never give up—29 Sold by E. C. Brown.

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Arrested for Spitting.

The man who carries the dread germs of consumption, and who deliberately or even carelessly expectorates in public places is certainly deserving of punishment. Any other person who is afflicted with a cough or cold is very susceptible to the germs which float in the air (and the air is crowded with these germs), cast off by Consumptives and persons suffering from kindred disorders. A great many cases of consumption arise from this most reprehensible habit.

Suffering from a Cold and Cough the only safe-guard is to heal the irritated surface of the throat and lungs which the cough has produced. Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure.

Shiloh will cure the Cough that Hacking Cough is the only sure remedy—it is guaranteed to be sure. If you do not feel satisfied with the results by the time you have used two thirds of the bottle take the remainder back to your druggist and he will refund you the whole of the money you paid him. But you won't take it back, you will have been too much benefited.

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Shiloh's Consumption Cure which has been left over after a week of cough which his little boy had had. It seemed to do my husband good from the start and three other bottles of it set him on his feet again. I have no doubt that it saved his life. He's quite clean now for good. Yours truly, Mrs. Susan McNally, Pt. St. Charles, Montreal.

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