

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Answer to Double Acrostic, published last week.

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Correct answers were received from Miss H. Crisp, 72 South Park St.; S. Salter, 185 Pleasant St.; Wm. W. Cronan, Custom House, and D. O'C. Madden, Arichat.

The members of the Arctic Club of Windsor are regretting the unseasonable weather of the present winter with no sleighing, no snow shoeing, and no tobogganing. The programme of winter sports is greatly curtailed. Professor Stone Wiggins says he predicted in August last that the present winter would be unusually severe, and he knew this would be so because the moon would be directly between the sun and our earth. The same reason will probably account quite as well for the spring-like days we have been enjoying during the past week.

The new and handsome Sunday School building recently erected in connection with the parish church, Windsor, was formally opened last week. We congratulate Dr. Maynard and his congregation upon the enterprising spirit displayed.

Says a Yarmouth subscriber: "I beg leave to congratulate you on the high tone of THE CRITIC and the independent position it occupies in regard to the politics of Canada. It is refreshing to read such broad articles, as for instance, those on Ex-Judge Thompson and Hon. Edward Blake. They make one hopeful for the future of our country."

The Mounted Police and the citizens of Battleford have good reason to remember the occurrences of the late North-West campaign. They intend showing their appreciation of the brave fellows who were killed while discharging their duties, by erecting to their memory a handsome monument to cost not less than \$2,000. Concerts by the boys and other entertainments are now helping to while away the long winter evenings. The proceeds of the first monument concert netted \$200; there will be a stampede to Battleford of Eastern concert givers, if any more reports of such receipts are circulated.

The people of St. John may well feel proud of their superior hotels. Among the best in the city might be mentioned the Clifton House as being furnished with all modern improvements. An excellent room and a good table, with the home-like charm imparted by the personal attentions of the proprietor, Mr. Peters, seem very cheap at \$1.50 per day.

The householders of Bridgetown are not by any means pleased with the increased rate of charges now made for fire insurance. The *Monitor* says that an outlay of \$12,000 will give the town a good water supply, and that the consequent reduction in rates would go far to pay the interest upon the money if borrowed.

The C. P. Railway shows a net profit on the receipts of the year just closed of \$3,250,000. Not bad for a railway which according to some persons would never be built, and of others that if built would never be used.

Southern Dakota is to be admitted to the Union as a State under the name of Dakota. The northern half of the territory has been given the name of Lincoln in honor of the President, who did not hesitate to exercise his absolute power on behalf of his fellow-men, and who had the moral courage to proclaim the abolition of the slaves even when he knew by so doing he took his life in his hand.

Probably no Viceroy of Ireland has for many years been more acceptable to the people of that country than was Lord Carnarvon. His successor under the Gladstone ministry is Lord Aberdeen, who is likewise popular in Ireland.

The King of Bavaria has been building palaces, art galleries, and conservatories, at a somewhat extravagant rate. He is now in debt to the extent of \$4,000,000, but it is thought that his Majesty may be relieved from pecuniary embarrassment by the sale of seven or eight of his estates.

The dogs in London are now muzzled, owing to the prevalence of hydrophobia. One dog owner evaded the law by allowing his dog to carry the muzzle in his mouth, on being interviewed by a London "bobby," the owner pointed out that the dog could not bite anyone so long as he held the muzzle in his teeth. The *London Figaro* endorses the gentleman's assertion, but would like some guarantee that the dog would not suddenly change its mind by deciding to hold something else between its teeth.

Cape Breton and the west coast of Newfoundland are to be connected by a steamship line during the coming summer. Mr. James A. Farquhar, who is well known in Cape Breton as a reliable and enterprising man, has taken up the matter with his usual vim, and intends making the new service a success.

A fine dairy farm has recently been established at Hong Kong, and has been stocked with the two best breeds of Australian cows. Now that Hong Kong has put itself abreast of the times, it might be well for us to make a move in the same direction.

Some men never seem to understand what failure means. The claimant to the Tichborne estates failed to prove his identity, was prosecuted for perjury and underwent a term of penal servitude. Trusting in the general gullibility of the public he now comes out in the role of a lecturer, and failing to impress his audience with a full sense of his oratorical powers, he was hissed and hooted from the stage of a public hall in Dublin. Roger had better take up his cleaver and go to work as of yore.

A true philanthropist is our fellow Canadian, Erastus Wiman, of New York. Holding a large area in Statton Island, he has laid it off in lots, built upon each a comfortable house, and sold the same upon easy payments and moderate terms to young married men who are as yet earning but limited salaries. At the same time taking out an insurance policy on the life of the purchaser in favor of himself so that in case of the purchaser's death his widow and children are not left homeless.

Prof. Sumichrast delivered a capital lecture on "Mark Twain" on Tuesday last. The lecturer was evidently an admirer of America's great humorist, and before the close of his address he gave many convincing reasons why Mark Twain, with all his drawbacks, was entitled to respect.

Bismarck is a determined autocrat, but it is probable that his idea to expel the Poles and Germanize that portion of the Empire which they now inhabit, will prove more difficult than he imagines. His proposal has created a very bitter feeling in Austria.

The appointment of Sir Ambrose Shea as Governor of Newfoundland has been annulled, and Sir E. DesVoeux is to take the position in his stead. It would appear that places of honor and distinction in Newfoundland are not open to native aspirants, no matter how good may be their character and how fit they may be to fill such offices. In Canada it is quite otherwise, if a public office worth \$400 a year be given to an Englishman the hue and cry is raised from one end of the country to the other. This is loyalty to the British flag with a vengeance.

The elevation of Mr. Broadhurst to the under Secretaryship for Ireland in the Gladstone administration is a triumph for brains. Mr. Broadhurst directly represents the working classes, and as an intelligent exponent of their views will no doubt do much to disabuse the mind of the aristocrat that land acreage, rent rolls, and brain power, are the exclusive heritage of the privileged classes.

A huge mob estimated to have contained upwards of 100,000 people gathered in and about Trafalgar Square, London, on Monday last, and having been excited by the inflammatory speeches of several Socialists, among whom a man named Burns played a conspicuous part, they shattered the windows of many clubs and private residences, plundered the establishment of several clothiers, jewellers, bakers, and wine merchants along the route of their march to Hyde Park. The police were unable to quell the rioters. As far as known no lives were lost.

The old Halifax Steamboat Company have thrown up one of their office windows, and displayed to view an "abstract" of a portion of the Annual Report, which "abstract" is published, in order to injure the prospects of a new and enterprising ferry company. By this Report, it appears that the traffic between Halifax and Dartmouth is such as to warrant the placing upon the route of first class modern boats. Why this was not done by the old company, will long continue to puzzle business men. A public meeting in the interests of the new ferry company is to be held at the Town Hall, Dartmouth, on Monday evening next.

Every one is liable to accident, and therefore every one who can afford to pay the small premium charged for taking out an Accident Policy in a reliable Insurance Company should not put off doing so, until an arm or a leg is broken. The Travellers' Insurance Company has a good record. Its surplus is upwards of \$2,000,000, and its agent in Halifax, Mr. George Esson, is always ready to give the fullest information to those desiring to insure.

We beg to call the attention of our hardware and mining patrons to the advertisement of the very popular hard houseware of W. B. Reynolds & Co. of this city, who do a large business in the lines of goods indicated in another column, and we know they give their customers the very best value at the lowest possible prices.

The annual meeting of the Maritime Provincial Grange, in Halifax, has awakened a new interest in the principles upheld by the parents of Husbandry. The address of the President, Mr. W. F. George, was well received. It contained a pithy resume of the history of the Order, and encouraged the members to persevere in the noble work in which they were engaged. Arrangements have been made with THE CRITIC to publish the official communications of the Grange.

Nova Scotia has put up during the past season 7,000,000 cans of lobsters. A large proportion of these will be sold in the European markets.

Lieutenant Greoly believes that there is an ocean 1,500 miles in diameter, round about the Pole that never freezes; and conjectures that the Pole itself is the centre of an ice-capped land covered with ice from 1,000 to 4,000 feet thick. These conclusions are rejected by prominent Arctic authorities in England.