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THE MONTH.

F. H. Eaton has retired from the management of the Maritime Printing Co. and has been succeeded by R. W. Eaton.

Wheat still stands in the prairie Province at 75c, which means five million dollars extra to Manitoba farmers, who are naturally feeling comfortable.

President Faure has received very cordial greetings from the Czar and Czarina on his visit to St. Petersburg, which is felt to be significant of the future attitude of France and Russia to each other in European affairs.

The annual meeting of the Maritime W. B. M. U. was held on Aug. 17th, at Sackville. The treasurer's report showed that the Union had raised \$1,752.14 for Home Missions, and \$7,182.61 for Foreign Missions, making a total of \$8,934.75, an amount greater than any previous year. Mrs. J. W. Manning was re-elected President.

At last we have a school history of Canada, which fairly meets the demand of the time. Five years ago the Dominion Educational Association instituted a competition for the securing of such a work, and the provincial governments voted the necessary money to carry the enterprise to completion. The final result has been the choice of a history produced by W. H. P. Clement, B. A., LL. B. While lacking some elements of interest, the new book is pronounced by competent critics to be by far the best of its kind yet produced upon the subject.

England is after the Swats and Afridis with fifty thousand troops. "That's swats the matter" in India.

Sir Donald Smith has finally settled upon the title of "Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal," a significant though clumsy designation.

Many of our readers will be pleased to learn that Dr. Fitch, of Lakeville, is regaining his eyesight. He is able now to distinguish easily light from darkness.

Miss Ida McLeod, B. A., daughter of Rev. Jos. McLeod, D. D., of Fredericton, has been appointed to the position of teacher in Modern languages in Acadia Seminary.

A very pretty new one-dollar Dominion bill has been issued, with the portraits of Lord and Lady Aberdeen on either side of a Canadian logging scene on the face, and a picture of the Parliament buildings at Ottawa, on the back.

At the present rate of decline in the value of silver, the expression "free silver," will soon have a new significance not altogether acceptable to its advocates. The value to-day is only a little over fifty-two cents per ounce, and the trade dollar of the United States, which at the last presidential election was worth over fifty cents now contains almost exactly forty cents worth of silver. Mr. Bryan has not lately been heard from on the subject.

The Brooklyn *Eagle* Outing Party which recently passed through the provinces and received so much attention at all the centres, would seem from reports which have come to our ears from smaller places which they visited, to have contained not a few of the lower element of Brooklyn citizens. We advise the *Eagle* when it again spreads its wings for a Maritime flight, to be a little more choice in the company it keeps. American ladies and gentlemen will always find a cordial welcome awaiting them, but bluenoses have little appreciation of aristocracy of the Bowery type.

Horton Collegiate Academy and Acadia Seminary will open Sept. 1st, with prospects of an attendance in advance of that of last year.

Prof. C. G. D. Roberts, formerly of King's College, Windsor, recently sat down to a Chinese dinner of twelve courses in a Mott St. restaurant, New York city. We await an expression of his opinion of the mysteries of Chinese culinary art in some of his classic metres.

The Behring Sea Commission, consisting of Judge King of the Supreme Court of Canada and Judge Wm. Putnam of the New England circuit court, is now in session in Halifax for the purpose of settling awards to the Canadian sealing vessels having claims against the United States government according to the finding of the Paris Commission.

Paul Dunbar, the American negro poet, whom W. D. Howells some months ago introduced to the literary world by favorable criticisms, is being lionized in London. Both poet and poetry have become popular in the best society circles. Mr. Dunbar finds, as many another has found to his surprise, that a democratic aristocracy is more desirable than an aristocratic democracy. In America he was a "nigger poet," whereas in England he has been recognized as a literary colored gentleman.

The account of the organization of a Klondike expedition in London by Col. Domville, M. P. for Kings Co., N. B., affords very interesting reading to those who know the intrepid Colonel. Some of the London papers seem to think from the voluble discussion of the Klondike by our garrulous Colonel that this "intrepid and experienced explorer," as they characterize him, grew on the banks of the Yukon instead of on the Kennebecasis. Little do they suspect that Kings Co., N. B., is as far from the Yukon as it is from London, and that this "remarkable man's knowledge of the Klondike region" is about as intimate and practical as it is of the North Pole.