

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Ottawa Y. M. C. A. propose to erect a building to cost \$16,000.

It is stated the new post office in Charlottetown will not be opened for two months yet.

Sir Charles Tupper leaves England for Canada in a few days. It is said that he will re-enter the cabinet.

Mr. Keegan, an American buyer, took away eighteen horses from Charlottetown in the *Northern Light* on the 28th December.

The English Citizens' Committee have decided upon Mr. A. F. Gault, the wealthy wholesale dry goods merchant, as their choice for the Mayoralty for Montreal.

Montreal has property to the value of \$15,500,000 exempt from taxation. The city thus makes a handsome contribution towards the funds of Christian and benevolent institutions.

The beautiful widow of the famous Confederate General Pickett, who led the famous charge at the battle of Gettysburg, has been appointed to a clerkship in the Interior Department at Washington.

Dangerous counterfeit ten dollar notes of the Canadian Bank of Commerce are in circulation. The paper on which the counterfeits are printed is of a slightly darker color than that used in the genuine notes.

Quite an extensive fire occurred in this city on Thursday morning. It began in Hiscor Bros. hat and fur store at 172 Granville Street, and burned through to Fortune's dry goods store and Baldwin's crockery store on Barrington Street.

The Canadian Pacific Navigation Company has contracted for the construction, in San Francisco, of a screw steel steamer of 1,000 tons, to cost \$200,000. The vessel is to be used as a feeder to the Canadian Pacific Railroad on Puget Sound.

The Ontario government obtain an annual revenue of \$700,000 by the lease of the provincial timber limits. Steps are now being taken to preserve these forests, as in the event of the loss of the income derived from them Ontario would have to resort to direct taxation.

A proposition has been set on foot for the Dominion militiamen to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee by the inauguration of an annual rifle competition to take place at the Dominion Rifle Association matches for a handsome challenge cup, to be known as the "Jubilee Cup."

All the principal British colonies are expected to send local regiments to England to take part in the grand review during the Jubilee celebration. Toronto and Montreal are aspiring to this honor on behalf of the Dominion, but if the Halifax boys would take the matter up with a will a Halifax regiment might be chosen.

The place to buy good sausages, hams and bacon is at Wm. J. Hames', corner of Argyle and Sackville Streets. Mr. Hames cures his hams and bacon by a recipe of his own that can't be beat, and the demand for his fine-flavored sausages is constantly increasing. He also has fresh pork, butter and eggs always on hand.

G. W. Suker & Co.'s, of 198 Argyle Street, is the place to go for bargains in kitchen furnishings and household supplies. Orders for tin, sheet iron and zinc work promptly attended to, and delivered free to all parts of the city. Parties in the country in need of any of the above articles would do well to send their orders by mail.

A telegram from Ottawa says: The business transacted in the patent branch of the Department of Agriculture during the past twelve months shows an enormous increase over preceding years. The revenue derived from patents was somewhat over \$74,000. Upwards of 30,000 persons visited the patent model rooms in the western block during the year.

The roughs of St. John, N. B., have had an encounter with the stalwart members of the Salvation Army of that city, resulting in many persons being seriously injured. Fortunately Mayor DeVeber succeeded in dispersing the crowd before any fatal accident had occurred. Rowdiness in our sister city appears just now to be rampant. A postal official, while collecting letters, was attacked by a number of young men, and only succeeded in escaping from his assailants by knocking one of them down with an iron letter box. The St. John police should wake up, such occurrences are a disgrace to the city.

Those who wish to secure pleasant and profitable reading matter for the winter evenings should note our exceptional offer which appears on page fifteen. For \$2.00 in cash we undertake to send THE CRITIC to any subscriber for one year, supplying him in addition with forty-five of the most readable of readable books. Those who are renewing their subscriptions, as well as new subscribers, should take advantage of this offer.

Messrs. Smith Bros., the well known wholesale dry goods and millinery firm of 25 Duke and 150 Granville Streets, have on hand a large stock of the newest goods. Their travellers left for the country on Monday morning with the largest and finest selection of samples yet sent out. That they will be cordially welcomed by their innumerable customers goes without saying.

Canadians everywhere will hear with sadness that Lord Dufferin's health is in a very unsatisfactory state. He has been more or less unwell for a long time past, and it is clear that his constitution will not stand the Indian climate. There are grave fears that he will be unable to complete his term of office as viceroy. No Governor-General of Canada, before or since his term of office, was ever so popular here as he.

Every seat in the pretty parlor of the Canadian Club, New York, was occupied on the evening of Dec. 30th by an appreciative audience to listen to the lecture by Prof. C. G. D. Roberts, of King's College University, Windsor, N. S. The subject was "Echoes from Old Acadia," which provided a most intensely interesting paper. The hearty thanks of the Club were voted to the Professor, one of whose patriotic poems was also read by Mr. W. A. Short.

We have received several handsome calendars, particularly noticeable amongst them being those of the Halifax Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of Fenerty's patent socket shovels, spades and scoops, that of Ganong Bros., manufacturers of fine confectionery, of St. Stephen, N. B., and from that well-known and favorite insurance company—the Confederation Life. They are all most artistically gotten up, and reflect great credit on the good taste of their designers.

A Halifax correspondent of the "New York World," who appears to know whereof he speaks, wires to that journal the following telegram:—"Private information from London intimates that efforts are being made to confine the list of honors to be distributed on the occasion of Queen Victoria's jubilee to 2,000 names, of which 800 are officers of the army and navy. The colonies and India will be liberally provided with honors and titles. Inside official circles here it is generally understood that Lieut. Gen. Lord Russell, Commander of the British forces in North America, will be advanced in rank and probably be made a G. C.; Vice-Admiral Lyons, commanding the North American and West Indian Squadron, who is only plain "Mr.," will be created a "Sir." This is the first time in the history of the colony that an untitled officer has commanded the fleet. Sir John Macdonald, the Canadian Premier, who now wears the highest honors ever conferred on a colonist, and is a member of the Imperial Privy Council, will doubtless be created a peer of the realm, with the appropriate title of Earl of Ottawa. Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian High Commissioner to England, will be advanced to the Grand Companionship of the Bath and made a Privy Councillor of the Empire. Sanford Fleming, the first Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the originator of the twenty-four hour system and of the project just launched for laying cables from British Columbia to Australia and Japan, who is now a Companion of the Bath, will be made a Knight Commander. It is also regarded as a certainty that the originators of the Canadian Confederation now living, the members of the Dominion cabinet, the Lieutenant-Governors and Premiers and Chief Justices of the various provinces will also be knighted, or, where thus honored now, will be advanced in rank. The honor of knighthood will doubtless be offered to Edward Blake, leader of the Liberal party in Canada, but it is almost certain that he will refuse the title, as his predecessor, Premier McKenzie, did before him.

John Roach, the famous United States shipbuilder, is reported to be fatally ill.

A patriotic league has been organized at Chicago to oppose the spread of socialism. It is issued an appeal asking the support of all good citizens.

It is a singular coincidence that Logan, like Grant, died immediately after completing his book. The last work he did was upon it.

The manatee or sea-cow on exhibition in Philadelphia has died. It was one of the largest ever in captivity, and at the time it died the only one on exhibition in the world.

R. G. Dun & Co. report 9,834 failures in the United States during the year 1886 as compared with 10,637 for 1885. The total liabilities of 1886 being \$114,000,000, as compared with \$124,000,000 in 1885. The average liability per failure being about the same sum.

Henry Watterson has delivered an address to the Freedman's Home Society, of colored people, in which he sensibly advised them to look to education and country life for elevation of their condition. He said that in a few years they would be in the majority in some of the States, and should be prepared for the responsibilities of self-government.

The proprietors of the Boston *Herald* announced on New Year's day to their employees a proposition to give to them for the current year a portion of the net profit of the business, after reserving the interest on the value of the property. The employees are to share in proportion to the wages received during the year. They also suggested to the employees the formation of a mutual benefit society, promising to contribute an amount equal to the aggregate contributions of the employees. The proprietors say in their circular announcing the proposition:—"We hope this experiment may be so successful that profit-sharing may be adopted by us as a permanent policy."