

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The City Hall is to be lighted by electricity.

The *Eastern Chronicle* has our thanks for a neat little calendar.

The S. S. *Halifax* is being repaired and refurnished at East Boston.

R. B. Seaton has been appointed a director of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

A cheese factory is to be established at Malagash, Cumberland County.

The Annapolis Valley crop for last year is estimated to be over 100,000 barrels.

Not a little discussion is going on in Halifax over the proposed site for a new market.

Judgment in the Home Supply cases will be given in the city court on the 11th inst.

The bill for the new steam fire engine was presented for payment this week. The amount is \$4,940.

The aggregate value of the buildings erected in Halifax during 1892 is estimated at over a half million dollars.

A fire at Richmond on Sunday morning burned the cooperage of the Messrs. Hayes. Loss about \$4,000; no insurance.

Dr. Almon has retired from the consulting staff of the dispensary, and Dr. Currie has been appointed to fill the vacancy thus made.

The new ships built in New Brunswick last year amounted to 1662 tons, probably the smallest business in any year during the last half century.

A new paper called the *Sun* has been started in Toronto. Its avowed object is to advocate the political union of Canada and the United States.

Prof. Frank H. Eaton has assumed charge of the *Kentville New Star*. He promises improvements and changes in name, size and style of the paper.

Prizes of \$400 and \$200 are offered for models of vessels suitable for the North Atlantic fisheries, and also suitable for the West India trade in winter.

The Northern Pacific steamship *Tacoma* anchored at Vancouver, B. C., on Tuesday with a case of small pox on board, which had developed during the voyage.

The Bass River Furniture and Merchandise Company, whose buildings were destroyed by fire a short time ago, are pushing their new factory rapidly to completion.

The end of one of the C. P. R. passenger cars at Richmond was burnt out on Wednesday evening. The fire was extinguished by some of the employees of the C. P. R.

Sir John Abbott is now in Italy. Much anxiety is felt regarding the ex-premier's health, but he expects to derive great benefit from his sojourn in the warm Italian climate.

During the past three months 146 French-Canadian families have returned to the St. Hyacinthe district of Quebec from the New England States and more are coming.

Arch. Crawford shot a bear at Masquodoboit Harbor on Monday. He received the bounty of \$4 from County Treasurer Wiswell, and sold the skin to a city furrier for \$20.

Henry A. Taylor, who has for thirty years acted as treasurer of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, has resigned the position, much to the regret of the members of the order.

On Christmas eve Mrs. Steadman, wife of Moncton's murdered policeman, was presented with a purse of \$222.50. The amount was raised by subscriptions solicited by I. C. R. officer O'Rourke.

A large calendar has been received with thanks from Messrs. Kelley & Glassey, wine and spirit merchants, of this city. A good cut of the Leith House, the building occupied by this firm, is shown.

The steamer *Premier* was sold on Wednesday for \$31,500 to George Campbell, of F. D. Corbett & Co. It is understood that the purchase was made for the Marine Securities Corporation of London, Limited.

Edward Owen, of Lunenburg, shot himself in the forehead on Monday morning in his room at King's Hotel, Lunenburg. At last accounts the wounded man was resting quietly, but will probably not recover.

A pretty and serviceable calendar has been received from Messrs. Heintzman & Co., piano manufacturers, of Toronto, through their agent in this city, the Halifax Piano & Organ Co., who will kindly accept our thanks.

A. E. McKenzie, of Truro, has been acquitted of the crime of murdering his fellow-countryman, James Fraser, at Los Angeles, Cal., last week. The jury brought in a verdict of acquittal on the ground that McKenzie killed Fraser in self-defence.

There is now in St. John, ready for shipment to the other side, some twenty millions of deals, but it is a question whether much of it will go this winter. Freights are so low all over that shippers look for even a lower rate than the owners of vessels now in port are willing to accept. The vessels bound here will therefore, in all probability, have to winter here.

Immigrants and other passengers from Europe complain of the damage done clothing by its being subjected to the great heat of the disinfecting process. The temperature in the fumigating car is almost 212 degrees. The same difficulty it is thought will be met with in the apparatus of the Sir C. Ogle, which is now being fitted up for quarantine service.

The new steam fire engine, Columbia, No. 5, is a beauty.

Ten hundred and thirty-six deaths occurred in Halifax during 1892.

Professor Semon opens an engagement in St. John, N. B., on the 9th inst.

The Manitoba government officially announces that 20,000 settlers took up land in that province during 1892.

Mader, charged with the murder of Hyson at Mahone Bay, has been committed for trial in the Supreme Court at Lunenburg.

Interesting lectures on astronomy have been given this week by Mr. Cox, who speaks on the subject of the heavenly bodies this evening at Argyle Hall.

Many people living in the outskirts of St. John's, Newfoundland, have been compelled to kill their cattle, last summer's fire having destroyed the grass.

A bankrupt merchant at Acadia Mines has been sentenced to two months in jail for having wilfully contracted a debt without having at the time a reasonable expectation of being able to pay it.

A large calendar has been issued by the Windsor & Annapolis Railway advertising their now famous Land of Evangeline route. The pictures of the village of Grand Pre and of a little maiden studying a book entitled "Land of Evangeline" are all very attractive.

The telephone has lately been arranged for the use of divers. A sheet of copper is used in place of one of the glasses in the helmet, and to this a telephone is fixed, so that the diver when at the bottom of the sea has only to slightly turn his head in order to report what he sees, or to receive instructions from above.

The steamer *Stanley*, in crossing from Charlottetown to Pictou last week, rescued a schooner that had become ice bound. The crew could not get ashore and were out of provisions and nearly out of fuel with the thermometer below zero. The schooner bore a French name, which in English was the *Morning Star*. She was towed to Pictou Landing.

According to the returns made at the end of October, the banks of Canada had lent to the banking institutions of New York and other eastern cities no less than \$22,792,466. These loans were made because the American institutions were short, in consequence of the heavy shipments of gold which the exigencies of commerce required to be made from New York to London.

Hood's Pills cure liver ill, jaundice, biliousness, sick headache, constipation.

Winnipeg will furnish an interesting exhibit for the World's Fair. Dr. McDonald's large collection of wild animals, including ten elk and moose, and six bears have been purchased by an agent of the Dominion Government, and will be shipped to Chicago in the last week of this month. Sir Donald A. Smith's herd of buffalo will also be shipped to Chicago for exhibition.

Bradstreet reports 157 failures, with liabilities of \$956,320, in Nova Scotia for 1892, against 122 for 1891, with liabilities of \$591,000. In the Dominion of Canada, including Newfoundland, the total number of failures reported for 1892 is 1682, a decrease of 9 per cent. compared with the preceding year. The decline in value of liabilities, however, is much heavier, from \$14,884,000 to \$11,603,000, 22 per cent.

Some time ago a number of Halifax merchants contracted with a Montreal publishing firm for space in a special illustrated Halifax number. But the work in the number was so poor that the booksellers nearly all cancelled their orders when they saw the books. Many of the advertisers refused to pay at the rate agreed upon, claiming that the publishers did not fulfil the terms of the contract and the publication was not nearly up to the standard understood. Accordingly drafts were not honored, and now the publishers are suing one of the advertisers, the case being a sort of test one.

A new system of lighting has recently been tested in Montreal with satisfactory results. The Auer incandescent light is produced from ordinary illuminating gas by a special form of burner attached to any existing gas-fitting. A cotton woven mantle about two inches in diameter and seven inches long is dipped in a solution of the salts of a refracting metal obtained from menazite. It is then wrung out and dried over a former to give it the proper shape. The mantle is then set on fire and the cotton is entirely consumed, and the heat converts the salts of the mineral into an oxide. The mantle is then placed over the blue flame of a Bunsen burner, which brings it instantly to incandescence. It is claimed that the cost of this light is very much less than that of ordinary gas, while the illuminating power is much greater. The inventor is Dr. Carl Auer, a native of Austria and a graduate of Heidelberg University.

The January *St. Nicholas* contains a very charming Indian fairy story by Rudyard Kipling. When young readers get well into the swing of this vigorous bit of narration, they will understand for themselves what it is that has made this young Englishman's name a candidate for not only a high place, but for one of the topmost places of literature. If you do not mean to do more than glance at the number, you will find it hard not to be caught by the jolly and the taking pictures, the bright and clever poems that beckon from every page. Here are pictures by Kemble, by Birch and by Irving Wiles, and poems by Helen Gray Cone, Margaret Hamilton, Virginia Woodward Cloud, Edith Thomas and Margaret Johnson, with two bits of humorous verse by Tudor Jenks. The serials also are apt to beguile one into longer lingering than is always convenient to the busy older reader. It begins the New Year well, and tries successfully to make a "Happy New Year" for children more easily possible.

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