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of duty from Great Britain more than four dollars worth came in free from the United States. More than half the goods brought from the United States last year came free of duty.

Moreover, there was never a year in which the British bought so much from Canada in proportion to the quantity that Canada bought from Great Britain.

Such is the present condition of trade and tariff. It is not surprising that the United States commissioners do not see much need for a change.

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cal life one year later than his more eminent colleague, Dr. Tupper, who defeated Joseph Howe in 1855, while Mr. Macfarlane became one of the members for Cumberland in 1856.

The Sirdar has conquered the British purse more easily than he overcame the army of the aliens. He asked for \$100,000 to establish a college at Khartoum, and the money was all subscribed before he got as far as Cairo on his way back to work.

VICTORIA'S CHRISTMAS.

Gifts from Her Children and Her Children's Children.

Also from the Czar of All the Russias, the Aged Pontiff at Rome and Others.

(Correspondence N. Y. Mail and Express.) Queen Victoria receives to the full her due pro quo for all the presents she sends out at Christmas. The Queen is chivalrously described with gifts, even of the simplest description, and at Christmas time receives hundreds of little presents.

The Emperor of Austria always sends the Queen of England a certain brand of very costly Tokay, and I ought not to forget, by the way, that he sends her a valuable diamond necklace.

WHITE'S COVE.

14.—The remains of the late George P. Ferris were laid to rest in the family burying ground at Waterborough on Monday, Rev. Grant Corey conducted the obsequies.

DIED AT APOHAQUI.

Announcement is made of the death at Apohaqui of Mrs. Martha Owen, widow of W. H. Owen, at one time a well known St. John printer.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

BENTON, Charlton Co. Dec. 10.—The regular meeting of Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 66, was held on Saturday evening, when the following were elected officers for the ensuing year.

The special religious services lately held by Rev. R. W. J. Clements, assisted by Rev. Mr. Le Page, were closed on Wednesday evening.

Miss Belle McLean has opened a dressmaking shop here with a good number of apprentices.

Deer are reported to be quite plentiful, although very few seem to be captured in comparison with the hunting expeditions some of our sportsmen make.

Arscott & Co's tannery is now running on full time and doing a brisk business. There is to be a greater amount of hickory bark hauled in this winter than usual.

James McInnes, who has been in Humbolt Co., California, for the past ten years, has sent for his family.

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L. Fairweather appeared for the attorney general; J. M. McIntyre and James P. Byrne for the defence.

At the last regular communication of Zion lodge the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: James Kirk, W. M.; Edmund Fairweather, P. M.; Thos. Cogson, Tyler.

DORCHESTER, Dec. 13.—At three o'clock this morning the Superior school building was totally destroyed by fire, which is supposed to have originated from the stove standing in the advance department.

Mr. Bill, the commissioner appointed by the dominion government to investigate the affairs of the Maritime Penitentiary, reached Dorchester last evening.

DORCHESTER, Dec. 13.—Crossman et al v. Milton et al, a partition suit, and the only case to come before Judge Barker, sitting in equity, was after a few hours progress settled this afternoon.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 13.—At the police court this afternoon, four convictions, amounting in all, costs included, to \$246.50, were recorded against Peter Fleming of Canterbury Station, for violation of the Canada Temperance Act; and one conviction for \$50.00 against Julia Fleming, his wife.

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Lord was a brother of the late James Lord of Charlton, and his many relatives in this city will regret to hear of his death.

A Kentville letter of Dec. 9th announces the death of Hamilton Edmund Goodell. He was 76 years of age, and leaves three children. They are Leo Goodell and Miss Grindon of Kentville, and Mrs. John M. Macdonald of Shelburne, N. B.

The death occurred at St. George on Sunday last of Miss Eliza Magowan, who had been a teacher in the public schools there for about a quarter of a century. The deceased lady had at times under her care men who have made names for themselves and the county of Charlotte in almost every quarter of the globe.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Allison, wife of the president of Mount Allison University, will be read with sorrow by her own friends and the friends of the bereaved husband and family.

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