

classes are employed. Indeed, the necessity of immediate work in the distressed districts has been so great that the usual preliminaries have been dispensed with and the construction of several lines has been begun without statutory power. In several cases only 24 hours having elapsed between the signing of the contract and the breaking of the first ground.

LEPROSY IN CIVILIZED LANDS.

According to Dr. Morell Mackenzie, leprosy, the scourge of the middle ages, has not become practically extinct among Europeans, but is really spreading. It has between 1,000 and 1,200 victims in Norway, is found also in Portugal, Greece and Italy, and is rapidly spreading in Sicily, in the Baltic provinces of Russia and in France, while the British Islands are not exempt from it. In the United States cases have been found in California, in some of the states of the north-west, in Utah, and in Louisiana. Many cases exist in New Brunswick. In the Sandwich Islands the disease first broke out in 1833, and there are now 1,100 lepers in the Molokai settlement alone. The disease is extending in the West Indies. In Trinidad there were three cases in 1885, 866 in 1878 and probably more than 1,000 now. Leprosy exists in Australia and New Zealand, and is estimated to have more than a quarter of a million victims in India.—New York Telegram.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Gladstone does not know what to do with them all and though he fears the result he will surely justly resist the people.

On New Year's Eve at Halifax, fire destroyed the Globe hotel, valued at \$75,000; insurance, \$35,000. The destruction was rapid and there were many narrow escapes.

Peter the Great, at the head of a few followers, has been drawn and threatens to cut off everybody's head who does not obey his mandates. He threatens secession unless he gets leadership, terrible!

Two patients, who were being treated by the Koch system, died in the St. Petersburg hospital, Monday, after receiving the third injection. The first two injections were successful. Both patients suffered intensely.

Week before last a child was born in Sackville with two teeth already to discuss its Christmas dinner. It is rather an unusual occurrence as was also the fact that a well-known citizen had been presented with additions to his family on succeeding Christmas days.

A quite remarkable though sad occurrence transpired at Sackville on the 26th inst. Mr. John Fawcett had kindly donated a bell to the new Baptist church, and the first occasion on which it was tolled was at the funeral service of the donor.

DUBLIN, Dec. 28.—The Right Rev. John Healy, Bishop of Clonfert, was shot at last evening while sitting in the parlor of a parish priest whom he was visiting. The shot was fired through a window directly in line with the bishop. He missed him and buried itself in a picture in the opposite wall.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—There is said to be no truth in the statement that Hickson's resignation from the general management of the Grand Trunk is on account of ill health. He is in good health and retires from the management simply because he feels his work is completed and he wishes rest.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—It is reported that a despatch was received to-day by the government from the colonial office stating that Lord Salisbury will permit no change in the status of the Behring sea question, and that there will not be any until the United States consents to arbitration, and that in the meantime British subjects will continue to be protected in lawful pursuits.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Over 800 deaths from disease of the respiratory organs occurred in London last week and the death rate continues to increase at an alarming figure. This is due to the unusually cold weather, to which this region is wholly unaccustomed. Ten degrees above zero here, with the dampness of atmosphere, makes a dangerous condition of things. In the towns of Halifax, Manchester and Preston, since the severe cold set in, the death rate has reached 40 in the 1000. At Bolton, Bristol, Liverpool, Salford, Sunderland and Wolverhampton 30 in the 1000 have died from the same hastening cause.

On the 22nd December, a young Acadian settler in the 18th December, and became separated from them while following the tracks of a caribou. His gun fired and he fell into the snow near him. It is thought he fell into the water of a running brook which empties into the Du Loup, and having his clothes wet through was the more easily frozen to death in the bitterly cold weather then prevailing. The deceased leaves a young widow in a critical condition.

"Sitting Bull," says a western man, "is one of the shrewdest and most cunning Indians that ever lived. He had every Indian prejudice to contend against in his early life. He was not a fighter, but by his natural ability and indomitable will he gradually overcame great chiefs and outstripped them in the race for tribal superiority. In the end he became the undisputed leader of the people, but he was always regarded as a usurper by the less fortunate chiefs. He had many enemies among them and it is doubted if any of the more powerful chiefs of the Sioux will grieve much over the sudden and tragic end of the famous old rascal, for he was a rascal of the most treacherous and cruel stamp."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Gen. Schofield this morning received a despatch from Gen. Miles dated Pine Ridge, Jan. 1, saying that 3,000 Indians, men, women and

children and including about 600 bucks are now encamped in a section of the Bad Lands, 15 miles from Pine Ridge agency and there is almost a cordon of troops around them. The spot where they are encamped he describes as somewhat like the lava-beds of California, where the Mohees made their final fight. It is an excellent position from an Indian's standpoint, but there are no avenues of escape, all having been closed by troops. Gen. Miles says that the Indians have gathered some cattle and provisions and appear to be determined to make their fight for supremacy at this point. He says he will make another effort to get them back to the agency without bloodshed, and in order to do so he has established a regular siege around the strong hold.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 2.—A blizzard set in Wednesday night with great severity over Northern Missouri and Kansas. Kansas is covered with a blanket of snow from four inches to a foot thick, in many places has drifted. Despatches from different places in Kansas indicated the almost entire cessation of all but local railway traffic as a result of the storm. The Burlington coast-bound passenger train is blocked on the prairie 18 miles north of Atchison and the Missouri Pacific east-bound train is stalled north of Hiawatha. Relief trains have been sent from Atchison to the blocked trains, but they too may be unable to plow through the high drifts. The east-bound Rhode Island passenger train is tied up at Salina, Kansas, and the west-bound Union Pacific trains have been unable to get beyond Brookville. Trains were sent out from here at 6 p.m. yesterday and the passenger trains were all equipped with two engines and snow plows.

New Advertisements.

MERCHANTS' AND MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above Association will be held next

Monday Evening

at 8 o'clock, (Forester's Rooms) MASONIC HALL, on the subject of

TOWN INCORPORATION

will be fully discussed.

All Merchants and Manufacturers, whether members or not, are requested to attend.

B. FAIRLEY, Secretary.

Newcastle, Jan. 6, 1891.

MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Northumberland County Council will meet at the Council Chamber, Newcastle, on

TUESDAY,

20th day of January, instant, at 12 o'clock noon, for despatch of business.

Dated the 6th day of January, 1891.

SAM'L THOMSON, Secy. Treas., North.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY Prohibitory Alliance.

The semi-annual meeting of this Alliance will be held in the

SONS OF TEMPERANCE HALL, NEWCASTLE,

ON THURS., JANUARY 22nd, at 11 a.m.

All officers and members are requested to be present, and persons favorable to the cause of prohibition are invited to attend and enroll themselves as members. Any person subscribing fifty cents per year as dues are eligible for membership.

W. C. ANSLOW, D. P. MACLAUGHLIN, President. Secy. Treas.

Challenge Accepted.

I hereby accept the challenge of Theo. Jardine to skate a five mile race in the Newcastle Skating and Curling Rink on the 15th of January.

Signed, F. COPELAND.

Newcastle, Jan. 6, 1891.

Highland Society NOTICE.

The general Annual meeting of the Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi, will be held at Bower's Hotel, Chatham, on

TUESDAY, 13th of JANUARY,

at 11 o'clock, a.m.

G. B. FRASER, Secretary.

CHALLENGE.

I, Theo. Jardine hereby challenge Fred Cope to a 5 mile race in the Newcastle Skating and Curling Rink, for a purse of \$25 on the 15th of January.

THEODORE JARDINE.

Newcastle, Dec. 6, 1890.

APPLES.

Just received and for sale

1 Car load

Winter Apples,

assorted kinds.

—ALSO—

5 bbls Cape Cod Cranberries.

GEO. STABLES.

Newcastle, Dec. 1st, 1890.

Bank of Montreal.

Capital, \$12,000,000

Rest, \$6,000,000

A Savings Department has been opened in connection with this Branch.

Interest allowed at current rates.

F. E. WINSLOW, Manager Chatham Branch

Dec. 31st, 1890.

Dental Notice.

Dr. Cates, DENTIST,

is obliged to attend to business elsewhere for a number of weeks but will return to Newcastle to his Dentistry for patients in due time. Notice of visits will be given in this paper.

Newcastle, Sept. 20, 1890.

Drs. G. J. & H. Sproul,

Surgeon Dentists,

Teeth extracted without pain by the use of Nitrous Oxide Gas or other anæsthetics. Artificial Teeth set in Gold, Rubber, or Celluloid. Special attention given to the preservation and regulating of the natural teeth, also crown and bridge work. All work guaranteed. Offices Chatham—Benson's block, Telephone call No. 45. Newmarket—fronting square over J. G. Keith's hair dressing saloon, telephone call No. 6.

June 16, 1890.

BRICK FOR SALE.

70,000 Good Hard Brick, for delivery by rail or water.

Apply to

CHAS. VYE, Jr., South Nelson Road, Northumberland.

March 25, 1890

Intercolonial Railway.

'90, WINTER ARRANGEMENT '91.

On and after Monday, the 24th Nov. 1890, the trains will run daily, (Sundays excepted) as follows:

Will leave Newcastle

Express for St. John and Halifax (Mondays excepted) at 8 a.m. 8.30

For Moncton and St. John (Mondays excepted) at 8.30 a.m. 8.45

For CAMBESIDE and St. John (Mondays excepted) at 8.45 a.m. 9.00

All trains are run by Eastern Standard time. D. FOTTINGER, Chief Superintendent.

Railway Office, Moncton, N. B., November, 1890.

Public Notice.

A Meeting of the Liberal Association at Newcastle, will be held at the Liberal Hall, Newcastle, on

FRIDAY EVENING

each week until further notice.

All Liberals are requested to attend.

E. P. WILSON Secretary.

P. Secy.

Newcastle, 15th March, 1890.

Tobacco. Tobacco.

JUST RECEIVED

50 Caddies NAPOLÉON CHEWING.

To arrive this week.

50 Caddies INDEX.

25 Caddies CHWING.

A. J. BABANG & Co. Moncton, Sept. 5, '90.

WANTED.

1,000 Cords

WHITE BIRCH SPOOL WOOD

—BY THE—

Newcastle, (Miramichi), Spool and Excelsior Company, (limited).

For particulars apply to

John Ferguson, Managing Director.

PAUSE!

Sachet Powders

Perfume,

Toilet Soaps,

Pipes and

Cigars,

FOR THE X'MAS TRADE

FOUNTAIN HEAD DRUG STORE.

PRIME MINCE MEAT.

Now ready for customers, wholesale and retail.

Our MINCE MEAT in 2 1/2 lb and 5 lb tins, and in 25 lb buckets.

John Hopkins, 186 Union St., St. John, Dec. 8, 1890.

THIS PAPER

may be found on the 10th of Dec. at 10 o'clock, where advertising contracts may be made for it in

NEW YORK.

SOUTH WEST BOOM CO.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the above company will be held at the Secretary's office in Newcastle, on Thursday, the 15th day of January, 1891, at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing Directors and transacting such other business as may be deemed necessary.

The Directors will meet at the same place on some day at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to audit the Treasurer's accounts and wind up the business for the year.

ALLAN RITCHIE, President.

Newcastle, 20th Dec., 1890

WORTH SEEING

AND HAVING.

Furs! Furs! Furs!

Overcoats, Jackets, Ulsters.

Men's and Boys' Overcoats and Reefers, I have a fine Stock. Also Ladies Ulsters and Jackets in New Styles.

Cloths, Dress Goods.

I can show extra values in Cloths for Ladies and Gents' wear—New Patterns.

Also Dress Goods a good assortment.

Knitted Shawls,

Plain and Fancy, Undervests of every description, Fine and Coarse Yarns, Blankets, Flannels, Cottons, etc., etc., etc.

All will be sold at a small advance on cost.

Boots, Shoes and Rubbers

AT OLD PRICES.

Try my new Teas, very Choice.

The Cheap Cash Store.

JAMES BROWN.

Newcastle, Oct. 22

MONEY

has been raised at our NEW line of work, money and annually by those of either sex, young or old, and in any amount, from \$1.00 to \$100.00, and in any time, from 10 days to 10 years.

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