

elsewhere, aided by some incendiaries from the neighboring states, have raised the flame of discontent. Their noxious councils were at once rejected, the hateful light quivered and died from absolute want of public sympathy to keep it alive.

"A new year has commenced. The events of the last memorable year will run into this and many succeeding years. The political movements and the discoveries of colonies, which now prevail in the world, are rapidly changing the face of society, and the railroad speed with which they proceed, marks the advent of a new epoch in the history of our race; the distinguishing features of which will be the first triumph of civil and religious liberty."

The California gold fever was on. Twenty-two vessels had sailed or were advertised to sail from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore during the months of November and December. The population of San Francisco and of the gold region was on the July previous about 5,000 souls, including men, women and children. This had since been increased some 1,500 by immigration; and it was expected that by the first of June 2,500 more would be added bringing up the population to 9,000. Provisions and goods of every description were being sent in with all possible speed, and the rush to the gold fields was much like that to the Yukon two years ago.

Under the heading "A New and Wonderful Application of the Magnetic Telegraph—A Bell Actually Rung in Boston by a Man in New York," there is given a lengthy account of a successful trial being made, the great fire alarm bell in Boston being sounded by the operator at the telegraph office in New York.

An elderly man named Henry Graham, a printer by trade, who for several years resided on an island opposite Brockville, and usually called "The Hermit," was drowned on the Monday evening previous by falling through the ice near Morristown. His cries were heard, but before he could be reached, he disappeared under the ice.

The dwelling house and stable of

John Robeson, of Farmersville, were destroyed by fire the previous Saturday night, together with most of his furniture. Loss, £250; insured in the St. Lawrence Mutual for £150.

The annual meeting of the members of the Brockville Library Association and Mechanics' Institute was held at the Court House on Jan. 9. Paul Glasford was chairman, and A. N. Richards secretary. The following were elected directors:—Hon. James Morris, Ogle R. Gowan, Wm. Matthie, Wm. Parkin, R. M. Watson, Dr. T. Reynolds, R. P. Colton, Wm. F. Mendell, Wm. Chaffey, W. B. McLean, D. Robertson and A. N. Richards.

At a meeting of the directors subsequently held, Wm. Matthie was elected president, W. H. Tremayne, secretary, and R. M. Watson, treasurer. It was decided to have a course of literary and scientific lectures during the winter, and Dr. Thos. Reynolds and Mr. A. N. Richards were appointed a sub-committee to make the necessary arrangements.

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A meeting was held in the Court House to take into consideration the subject of the repeal of such parts of the navigation laws as relate to Canada, and resolutions were passed that the measure sought was highly desirable for the best interests of the province.

Mr. Richards addressed his constituents of the Front of Leeds and Lansdowne, at Gananoque, Ephraim Webster in the chair. A committee to correspond with Mr. Richards during the session was appointed, composed of W. S. McDonald, J. W. Parmenter, Dr. Potter, F. D. Britton, William Brough, H. B. Cane, Geo. McKelvey, Alex. McNeil, Nathan Landon, Seneca Landon, Wm. Diggan and Ephraim Keyes.

The series of lectures under the auspices of the Library Association and Mechanics' Institute was announced. The lecturers were Rev. Wm. Smart, Rev. Thos. Haig, Dr. Thos. Reynolds, Rev. Mr. Luke, Rev. R. Dick, Rev. J. McMurray, Rev. Robt. Boyd, Rev. Mr. English, Dr. R. Edmondson, Mr. R. F. Steele, Dr. T. F. McQueen, Rev. Mr. Pettigrew and Ogle R. Gowan.