

THE HERALD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1898.

Our agent, Mr. James Laidman, will, within the next few days, call on our subscribers in Tientsin, Alibon and various places in the west coast of the island.

All matter for publication in the Herald should be in this office by noon on Tuesday. Persons wishing their advertisements changed must advise us Saturday forenoon.

To all subscribers who pay to date we will give receipts up to the first day of January, 1899, and to every new subscriber we will give one dollar and will send the Herald till the first of January, 1899. Now is the time to subscribe.

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Has this number of the Herald reached many of our readers the year 1898 has passed away forever, and the events to which it has given birth shall have gone into the chronicles of the year, to assume, in due time, their proper places in history. It is not our intention to enter on a lengthened review of the events of the year just closing; this would occupy more space than the Herald can afford; we will, however, refer briefly to some of the most notable occurrences of the past twelve months.

The year, on the whole, has been a peaceful one; notwithstanding some ominous clouds that have, from time to time, appeared above the horizon of Continental Europe. For the German Empire the year has been a singularly eventful one, two of its rulers having died in the course of it. The Emperor Frederick, who succeeded him, was, as all know, an invalid when he came to the throne, and after a brief reign of three months, succumbed to his fatal malady. During the short space which was permitted to occupy the throne by his son, the Emperor Frederick, who succeeded him, was, as all know, an invalid when he came to the throne, and after a brief reign of three months, succumbed to his fatal malady.

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Which is described as a picturesque scene in connection with the departure of Lord and Lady Dufferin from Halifax took place at the Government House, Charlottetown. Seven hundred native ladies were received by Lady Dufferin in the throne room. Their object was to present the returned visit of the departing Viceroy with an address. In accordance with the prejudices of the Indian women every man was rigidly excluded from the scene. Not a member of the male sex was permitted to remain in that portion of the official residence. Lord Dufferin had to abstain himself till the conclusion of the ceremony. At this time the lady journalists are invaluable as well as absolutely necessary if we wanted to know something of what took place. Fortunately the court was as follows: In the said State of Manitoba, passed last April, in view of the provisions of Chapter 100 Revised Statutes of Canada, paragraph 121 thereof, and in view of the Railway Act of 1888, passed by the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, the Government of the Province of Ontario, the Government of the Province of Quebec, the Government of the Province of New Brunswick, the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia, and the Government of the Province of Prince Edward Island, have resolved to construct a railway as the Portage extension of the Red River Valley Railway, from the town of Portage, in the Province of Ontario, to the town of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

THE NORTHERN LIGHT left for Pictou on Tuesday morning last with a full cargo of fish. It is said that a steel bridge costing half a million dollars is to be built over the Grand Narrows, on the line of the Cape Breton Railway.

His Lordship the Bishop went to Montreal on Saturday morning to visit Father Gosselin, who is recovering from an illness. He is expected to return to Charlottetown on Monday.

A SCHOONER arrived at Pictou on Saturday last, to load produce for J. G. Stevens. It is hoped she may get away before the harbor freezes.

IN the case of Parral against the London Times, going for the Times, said there were a hundred proprietors of the Times.

IT is to the kindness of Superintendent Unsworth that we are indebted for the mail from Georgetown on Saturday evening last.

THE boys attending Miss Brigid Lantry's evening school last night a splendid Christmas Tree and Supper in St. Patrick's Hall on Thursday evening last.

ON the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, the sentence of death passed on Propper for the murder of Peter Doyle has been commuted to imprisonment for life in the Dorchester penitentiary.

A SPECIAL cable to Ottawa on the 24th inst. informed that Sir Charles Tupper is shortly to leave for Madrid, to confer with the Spanish Government regarding the proposed commercial treaty with Spain.

MR. R. FITZGERALD, Stipendiary Magistrate, distributed on Monday last 122 votes to the poor of the city, or that portion of the congregation of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Summerside, presented by Mr. W. C. Donnelly with an address and a purse of one hundred dollars, as a token of their appreciation of his services as Magistrate.

THE STEAMER *Shanley* left here on Tuesday morning last for Pictou. She returned thence to Georgetown on the same evening, between which port and Pictou she has been making daily round trips since the commencement of the season.

THE STEAMER *Halifax* arrived at Pictou on Wednesday morning last, bringing a full cargo of fish. She is expected to return to Charlottetown on Friday.

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