and the payment therefor by the n of the agricultural societies' grants year to come, as the most import. vation in connection with matters nder the control of the board, that made for many years. He had not issenting voice as to the advisabil. importation. Mr. McLelian then esteps taken to secure two horses, one on and the other a Clydesdale, from nd also the enquiries that lead to n to England in quest of necessary is purchases there embraced thir. ils, one of which died soon after Quebec. Later on he purchased s in Ontario, and these, with the ported and those purchased in the ave sixteen horses, pure bred in ral classes, as follows: 2 Cleveland glish coach horse, 2 English shire Clydesdales, 5 Percherons. We

balance of Hon, Mr. McLellan's n this head: a has been generally expressed that ses should be provided for each trict, and if this is carried into ill be necessary to purchase three horses. A number of gentlemen we upon such a subject are enreat weight, having urged that an oroughbred race horse and a Vergan should be added to the list, g given the matter careful considide enquiries as to where such be best obtained. These are not led, but I feel safe in saying that, pleasure of the board that the horses should be increased r three to each district, and v the same to the government, ed and a Morgan can be obtain

at will give satisfaction. the best course to be adopted in he management of these animals, it in charge to request you to et of regulations for that purpose, hat what you may recommend ! will meet with general approval. every reason to hope that great esult from this new and import. The adaptability of our province duction of horses of a high class proved time and again, and it is to note not only that there is a ithin our borders and in the tes for a superior class of horses, e imperial authorities are looking for a supply of horses for the l artillery services. An extensive as made in Canada for this purmmer, and I am informed that it y satisfactory. When once it anstrated that first-class horses in New Brunswick and sold in a profit, we may expect English turn their attention to this provay anticipate a great developeindustry. But be this as it ew England market will doubt-I the horses we may raise for

nnection it is interesting to note g statement of the number of bed and carried over the Interlway from P. E. Island. These ion to the horses shipped from v other routes :

Point du Chene..... 963 Pictou Landing. 452-1415 Point du Chene 1046 Pictou Landing. 233—1279
Point du Chene. 978 Picton Landing..... 318-1296

Total, ..... city of this province to produce lward Island. In 1871 the acreroved land in New Brunswick 00 acres as against 590,600 on Consequently our resources are er than those of the island for

ment of this industry.
season's crops, the attention this province by our exhibits at and Indian Exhibition, and the n the receipts from the annual us stock at the provincial farms uched on by the president in his

on, Dec. 23.—At this afternoon's he Board of Agriculture, the acnection with the importation of abmitted. The total cost of the penses was £2,847 sterling, or an 19 for each of the 13 horses. The surchased in Ontario, including cLellan's expenses, cost \$3,182.

moved that the board recomchase of three more horses, incombined racer and a Morgan, uded by Mr. Brown and carried, is an abstract of the regulations mended to the government gement of the government horses: vices of the horses he offered at public auction to the highest he period of hiring be one sea-sale be on the last Wednesday in t take place at Fredericton; that eturned Sept. 18; that the ho three years old be restricted to that services do not exceed \$8 on; that each lessee give a joint and with two sureties for \$1,000 nt and Messrs. Fairweather and reappointed committee of the

ather moved and Mr. Brown elution thanking the government their recommendation in refer-portation of horses, and referring terms to Hon, Mr. McTellan's mber of the board with special is purchase of the horses. After the mover and seconder and is, Colwell and Johnston, the uranimous, Hon, Mr. McLel-nanks briefly. A vote of thanks Secretary Lugrin to which the

McLellan entertained the board

kwith, barrister, olad on Christis home, Bay Verte road. Mr. s a popular young man, highly his professional brethren. The n his condition which was ob days ago, unfortunately only rary. correspondent writes: Word has

at Fort Laurence that Mathew went to Philadelphia a short

the benefit of his health, died hat place. His remains will be for interment. ndsor, N. S., Tribune: Mrs. of Capt. William Smith of the now on a voyage from New bay, died very suddenly of dropsy ge on the 12th. She was prob woman in the province, weigh pt. Smith, from England, has the winter with her aunt at

On Monday she was out spend-on at the house of Capt. J. L. ng home about eight o'clock in on after she was taken with same nig

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MONCTON. (Special to THE SUN.)

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December 29, 1886.

### FREDERICTON.

(Special to THE SUN.) FREDERICTON, Dec. 26.—The weather threatened to make things out doors very unpleasant yesterday for Christmas, but before noon it cleared off. The services in the various churches were well attended in the forenoon, their being special decorations at the Cathedral, St. Anns and the Methodist church. At the curling rink all day there was unusual life. The contest was between sides chosen by the president and vice-presidents. The former won with the following score:

VicePresident. President. W. K. Allen-Skip 10 Grieves—Skip.....17 W. K. A
E. H. Allen " .....14 Loggie,
Hszen, " .....15 Rutter
Street, " ....14 Neill,

The return match will be played on New Year's. There was a great amount of driving in the streets during the afternoon, all availin the streets during the atternoon, all available horse flesh being pressed into service. The Marysville brass band paraded around town in a big sleigh. At the Queen hotel the employes presented Mr. Edwards with a beautiful ivory handled driving whip and Mrs. Edwards with a silver; card receiver. W. F. Nioholson, the clerk of the hotel, read ap appropriate addressed. This afternoon there was a special service for children in the cathedral, the children having been trained and led in the music by Mrs. John Black.

#### ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen, Dec. 21.-Hon. Mr. Blair, attorney general, is in town holding an investigation into the recent Dufferin parish court Scott Act cases. Justices Joseph Donald, John Marks and Attorney Grimmer are under examination for having been connected with the case. The hearing will not be finished until tomorrow. Mr. Blair also gave a hearing to the school trustees and council in connection with an old school debt between the govern-ment and the town. No settlement as yet has been made in the matter. The streets today present a very busy appearance, being filled with teams.

### DORCHESTER

(Special to THE SUN ) DORCHESTER, Dec. 21. - Today, Fauvelle, for stealing articles of clothing, etc., from Harrop's laundry in Moncton, was sentenced to six years in Dorehester penitentiary. Estabrooks of Sackville, for larceny, got six months in jail, and the lad McGeary of Moncton, for larceny of money, three months in jail. Mc-Geary was only 12 years of age, and it is alleged, was led astray by older boys.

DORCHESTER, Dec. 27 .- The county court opened today, Judge Wedderburn presiding. The case of Geo. McSweeney of Moncton v. The case of Geo. McSweeney of Moncton v. Rober; A. Chapman, ex-sheriff, is being tried. This is an action of trover and trespass. It arose from the sheriff seizing and selling a black gelding horse by virtue of an execution issued out of the county court of Westmorland against Chas. A. Cole at the suit of Tippett, Burdett & Co. of St. John. Counsel for the plaintiff in opening stated among other things that Cole was the agent of McSweeney and bought the horse for him.

exercises of Mount Allison Ladies' College and Male Academy were held this evening in Lingley Hall, which was filled to overflowing with a highly appreciative audience. The following programme was successfully rendered: March, organ prelude, Schubert-Miss N Churchill

votional exercises citation, The Bells of Shandon—Hervey McMur y. Recitation, Joe Sieg—Edgar E. Hewson. Essay, Cannda, original—Robt. T. Glendenning. Recitation, Land and Labor in Ireland—Clarenc

Tiogley
Chorus from May Queen, Bennett's—Sopravo solo
Miss Gibson; organ, Miss L. Black; piano, Miss Mc Murray
Essay, 1886, original—Miss Minnie Rice,
French recitation—Miss Agnes Smith.

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How Bregenz was Saved—Miss + arah Rogers.
Adagto, Beethoven—Wiss E. Stevens.
Latin dialogue—Clarence E. Casey, Neil McLauchlin and A. Alien
Salve Maria, Mercadante—Miss Lewis.
Discussion, Shall Women Vote?—Affirmative, M'sses Thompson and Marshall; negative, Mesers. Alexand

i Dennis. The Secession Movement in Nova Scotia, original-Fred Pickles,

6 Chinese Gordon, original—Levi Curtis,

8 Blanche of Frovence, Cheubini—Ladies of

8 inging class. Reports.
Polonaise. Struensee, Meyerbeer—Misses McMurray, Trenholme, Huestis and Ferguson

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The most noticeable literary features were the essays Canada and 1886, the Latin dialogue, the discussion on woman suffrage and the oration on Chinese Gordon. The arguments in favor of woman's right to vots were ably presented by Misses Thompson and Marshall, but they were completely pulverized by

agriculture, there were 676 deaths in St. John during the year. Phthysis carried off 115; diphtheria, 92; lung diseases, 76; throat affections, 50; old age, 31. There were five deaths of illegitimate children. The total deaths in Halifax were 849, of which 107 were lung diseases, 106 phthysis, 55 throat affections, and 49 of old age. There were 31 deaths of illegitimate children.

In the city of Ottawa, out of 751 deaths, 111 BERLIN, Dec. 22.—A heavy snow storm which is still raging over a large part of Gershall, but they were completely pulverized by Messrs. Alexander and Dennis, the latter's speech creating much amusement. The oration on Chinese Gordon, by Mr. Curtis, was without disparagement to the others, the finest literary effort. Fred Pickles' address on the literary effort. Fred Pickles' address on the secession movement in Nova Scotia was an able argument against repeal. The chorus from the May Queen was the vocal gem, Miss Lewis' Salva Maris, was worthy of honorable mention and the akilitu pianoforte perfermance of Misses McMurray, Trenholme, Huestis, Ferguson and Stevens was much admired, Miss Black ably presided at the organ. The reports of the principals showed an increased attendance during the year in the university and ladies college and the prospect of further accessions in all the institutions in the future. The educational work was reported excellent and the cational work was reported excellent and the best feeling exists between the teaching staff and the pupils. At the close of the exercises a collation was served in the dining room of the ladies college.

# BATHURST.

(Special to THE SUN.) BATHURST, Dec. 26.-A fire occurred here this morning at half-past two burning the Mc-Cullough house near the new post office building and also the building containing S. T. Mills freezer, owned by Mrs. Napier. The McCullough building was insured in the Western for \$600, and Mrs. Napier's building for \$1,000 in the Norwich Union. The night was bitterly cold and a strong wind prevailing which en-dangered some buildings in the vicinity but the efficient service of the engine prevented further spread of the fire. The immates of the McCul-lough house barely escaped with their lives. The origin of the fire is unknown but it pro-probably arose from a defective stovepipe.

MONOTON, Dec. 21,-A Monoton res keeper has shipped a barrel of oysters to Sir Charles Tupper in England, as a Christmas present from a Moncton friend.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

(Special to THE SUE.) HALIFAX, Dec. 21. The local government, have ignored the recommendations of the local members, and at the demand of H. H. Faller of Halifax, have appointed his nephea Sheriff of Richmond.

Hallfax, Dec. 23.—James Connolly, aged 75, fell down a hay loft tonight, and broke his

One of the most representative gatherings One of the most representative gatherings ever assembled met here, and organized the Nova Scotia branch of the Federation League, Bir Adams Archibald presided, and among those present were Archibald presided, and among those present were Archibalop O'Brien, Bishop Binney, Gen. Lord Russell, Chief Justice Macdonald, Mayor Mackintosh, Cols. Black, Lane, McDonald and Stewart, Senator Odell, Meesra, Stairs, Tupper and Daly, M. Ps., Professors Forrest, Weldon and Russell, Hons. A. G. Jones, Wm. Ross, S. L. Shaunon, ex-Premier Holmes and most of the leading business men in the city. Sir Adams Archibald called atin the city. Sir Adams Archibald called attention to the fact that the first note of the great idea for imperial confederation was struck by a Canadian, the late Hon. Joseph Howe, who, in the course of a magnificent speech in the Nova Scotia legislature, a third of a century ago, uttered these words: "In no vain spirit do I wish that the sentiments I am about to utter might be heard and pondered, not only as they will be by those who inhabit half of this continent but by members of the British parliament, by Imperial statesmen, by the councillors whe stand around, and by the gracious sovereign who sits upon the throne. Perhape this may not be, but I believe the day is not distant when our sons, standing in our places, trained in the enjoyment of public liberty by those who have come before them, and compelled to be statesmen by the throbbing of their British blood, be heard across the Atlantic and will

utter to each other and to all the world the the sentiments which today may fall with an air of novelty on your ears." What Howe predicted at that early day has now been taken up in earnest by British statesmen. Enthueisatic speeches followed by Mayor Mackintosh, W. C. Silver, John S. Maclean, Adam Burns, Robert Pickford, Alderman Stephen, C. H. Tupper, Robert Sedawick and others.

HALIFAX, Dec. 26—The Windsor and Annapolis railway receipts last year were £43,200. Some time ago the stmr. Australitz towed the disabled steamer Thomas Allen into Halifax and was awarded \$12,000 salvage. The privy council has decreased the amount to

blood, be heard across the Atlantic and will utter to each other and to all the world the

\$7,500 and ordered each party to pay its own HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—R. B. Mackintosh, grocer and commission merchant, has assigned. His liabilities are about \$15,000, principally in Halifax, St. John and the upper provinces, besides about \$10,000 to the bank of B. N. A.

besides about \$10,000 to the bank of B. N. A., for which they-hold goods in bond as security. The total preferences are about \$7,000.

Trouble is brewing here in connection with Trinity church. This is a mission of St Paul's, and was established for "the poor and stranger forever." For some time past it has been in charge of Rev W. H. Sampson, who caused that motto to be removed from over the door that motto to be removed from over the door and apparently sought to establish it as an in-dependent parish. This St. Paul's rector and congregation objected to and sought to re-establish its mission character by making it the headquarters of the church army. For this and other causes Rev. Sampson has left, and the whole congregation threaten to leave the church in a body next Sunday.

OTTAWA. brought with it a surprise. The liberal content of the bears of the servetive in convention nominated Baskerville, a Roman Catholic; and former member for Tippett, Burdett & Co., who are the real defendants.

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W. W. Wells is counsel and attorney for Tippett, Burdett & Co., who are the real defendants.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The secretary of the treasury has informed the secretary of the treasur (Special to THE SUN.) Catholic, but today they threw over Bingham, and Bronson, a Protestant, was nominated in Bingham's place. It has always been the rule of both parties in Ottawa to give the provincial seat to a Roman Catholic, because these are numerous in Ottawa and because, being in a minority in the whole province, it has been difficult for them to secure representatives in other parts of the province, The liberals broke through the compact today, hoping to win a considerable section of the Protestant voters heretofore voting for the conservative nominee. The Catholics are much annoyed at the grit action, while they say the conservatives have shown their determination to give fair play to the Catholics. A third man, Clancy, an independent supporter of Mowatt, was also nominated.

Henry George was to lecture here tonight, but decided to leave for New York without lecturing, owing to electoral activity. lecturing, owing to electoral activity.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Hon, Mr. Thompson left
yesterday for Halifax.

Two of Mowat's supporters and one opponent were elected by acclamation yesterday. The struggle all over the province promises to be a very determined one.

The ministers returned to town today from Toronto, well satisfied with the series of grand demonstrations they have received throughout

western Ontario.
OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Lord Frederic Hamilton has errived here on a visit to Lady Lansdowne.

Advices from different parts of Ontario indicate great enthusiaem for Meredith's sup-

porters.
According to the blue book of mortuary statistics for 1885, issued by the department of agriculture, there were 676 deaths in St. John

deaths, and Quebec city 140 out of 1,800 total deaths.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Notice has been received that the Queen has assented to the bill introduced by Hon. Mr. Foster last session, amending the act relating to fishing by foreign vessels in Canadian waters, and which was reserved by the Governor General at the end of the session. This act provided for the confiscation of American fishing vessels entering Canadian waters for any purpose other than Canadian waters for any purpose other than the four named in the treaty of 1818, and covers the case of vessels entering for bait. By it fishing vessels are liable to confiscation if By it fishing vessels are liable to confiscation if they fail to comply with the laws of Canada.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Judge Henry, in the exphequer court, today, gave judgment in a British Columbia case, the effect of which is to declare that the grant of land by British Columbia to the Dominion government as the prevince's special contribution for the construction of the C. P. R., is null and void.

The staff of the Merchants' bank presented Rowley, the retiring manager, with a beautiful silver epergne. He is a son of Mr. Rowley, of Yarmonth.

#### UNITED STATES.

DESMOINES, Iowa, Dec. 21.-Cattle are dying in large numbers both in northwest and southwest Iowa, one owner reporting a less of of 50 head and one near Hamburg the loss of 200. The disease is said to be pleuro pneumonia. Gov. Larrabee is hastening an investigation.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 21.—The private banking house of V. G. Hust and company suspended payment this morning. The liabilities are not yet known. The cause of the failure is said to be the necessity of Hush to carry paper of Jackson and Collins, owners of the Puritan iron mine, on which he was endorser to the extent of \$300,000 or \$400,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Dac. 21.—John M. Mariss' five story brick building on Market street, oc cupied by John M. Mariss & Co. dealers in druggists supplies, and Kueedler, Patterson & Co., dry goods, was burned this evening. Total loss, \$195 000.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—A great trotting race between Givel K. and Harry Wilkes, for \$5,000 a side, was arranged this evening. The race will take place in this city on April 2nd, and will be the best three in five to harness. \$5,000 have been posted as forfeit.

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Dac. 23.—The British

schooner Hope, previously reported missing, arrived today. The captain reported he did not sail from Parraboro until ten days after he was reported as clearing, and that his long passage was caused by rough weather. Most of the time he has been in small harbors where

there was no chance to report.

Washington, Dec. 26.—John A. Logan, died this atternoon, after a short illness. His end came with startling suddenness to family and friends.

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[John A. Logan was born of Irish parentage in Illinois, Feb. 9, 1826. In July 1861 he left his seat in Congress to enter the army, serving with much distinction from Bull Run until the collapse of the rebellion. Entering as Colonel of the 31st Illinois infantry, he roserapidly until in July 1863 he succeeded at McPherson's death, to the command of the Army of the Tennessee. He was with Sherman on his March to the Sea, remaining with him until Johnston's aurrender. Senator Logan also played a brilliant part in the political history of the United States during the last 28 years. He was elected to congress in 1858 and 1860, and in 1871 was first elected senator from Illinois. Logan was the republican candidate Illinois. Logan was the republican candidate

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Early this morning a number of strikers on Geary street cable road gathered at the corner of Geary and Franklin streets with a determination to stop cars being run. The first car coming into the city was attacked by them and the conductor and grip man driven from the car which went flying down the street. The men followed, amashing the windows and the police officers managed to stop the car and they were assaulted with stones. An officer drew his revolver and fired several shots into the crowd.
Two persons are said to be injured. At the same hour that this was taking place on Geary street, a number of men attacked an incoming car on Sulter street line, and the con-ductor and grip man received similar treat-

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- There is every probability of a second and general tie-up of all the Brooklyn city railroad lines before twelve

o'clock tomorrow.

New York, Dec. 27.—Wm. K. Soutter formerly of the banking firm of W. K. Soutter & Co., which failed in 1885, with heavy liabilities, has been indicted by the grand jury for grand larceny. He is accused of misappropriating the estate of his grandfather, James T. Soutter, who died in 1883, making the accused his executor of an immense property. The

# MISCELLANEOUS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22. - La Journal de St. Petersburg, commenting on the inspired article in last Monday's London Post warning Turkey against coquetting any further with Russia, says: "The inspirers of the Post chose a moment to utter their threats of war when all the European cabinets were conscientiously seeking to reconcile the divergent interests which the Bulgarian crisis had created, and when Turkey and Russia had agreed upon a solution reconciling their interests in conformity with the Berlin treaty. We reserve judgment on the question whether the general tendency toward conciliation has upset certain calculation. If the article in the Post had some other and ulterior object, the powers who reprove a fire-brand policy ought to affirm their resolution to preserve peace and should act firmly against any

In the city of Ottawa, out of 751 deaths, 111
were of illegitimate children, and all but formunder six months old.
Out of a total of 18,140 deaths in the nineteen cities in which records are kept, 1,087
were of illegitimate children. Montreal heads the list with 694 illegitimate out of 8,514 total deaths. Toront has 79 out of a total of 2,118 deaths, and Quebec city 140 out of 1,985 total deaths. two days. A postal service by means of sledges has been arranged between Dresden and Leipsic, A Cassel despatch says the storm is raging unsbated over central Germany and that no communication has been had with Berlin since Monday. Advices from other

Berlin since Monday. Advices from other points agree in reporting a severe storm and intense cold.

CAIRO, Dec. 22.—Rumor of the downfall of Kassala published yesterday by the Bosphore Egyptien is discredited here.

MARSEILLES, Dec. 22.—A violent storm is raging here today and vessels have been unable to leave port.

LISBON, Dec. 24.—The British ironclad Sultan ran into and sunk the French sterment.

LISBON, Dec. 24—The British ironclad Sultan ran into and sunk the French steamer Ville de Victoria while the latter was lying at anchor in the Tagus. The Ville de Victoria had 250 persons on board. The Sultan is an iron steamship, armor plated, and of 9,200 tons burden. Later intelligence shows that most of the crew and passengers of the Ville de Victoria were drowned. It is also learned that both vessels were at anchor at the time of collision. The Sultan dragged her anchor and drifted against the Ville de Victoria.

London, Dec. 24.—Lord Colin Campbell's solicitors have applied for a new trial of his counter suit for divorce against his wife, on the ground that the verdict of the jury was against the weight of evidence.

London, Dec. 25.—It is stated that the Russian reserves mave been called out. Marked movements of troops have been noticed in Besarabla.

London, Dec. 26.—The Visna apparent.

### CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to THE SUN.) MONTREAL, Dec. 22.-Judge Ramesy died this afternoon at his residence, St. Hughes, Quebec, in the 60th year of his age. He was

appointed puisine judge, Queen's bench, 1873, Judge Ramssy was born in Ayr, Scotland.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23 — His Excellency the Governor General and Lady Lanedowne and suitee will spend some time here this winter. During the carnival an elaborate series of festivities in honor of their visit is spuken of. Winnerg, Dec. 24.—The new Windsor hotel WINNERG, Dec. 24.—The new Windsor hotel at Port Arthur was destroyed by fire this morning. The guests had a narrow escape. The building was only just occupied and the loss will be heavy.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The remains of late Justice Ramsay were interred today in Mount Royal cemetery in the presence of a large assemblage of members of the bench and bar and promingent citizens.

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The St. Lawrence is still rising and a flood is believed to be imminent. Residents along the water front are removing their goods to

places of safety.

Ald. McShane states that the shortage of ivic employes this year will reach ten thousnd dollars. Hamilton, Dec. 27.—The ticket office at the Frand Trunk station was burglarized early this morning, and over two thousand dollars in

# cash stolen. Kingsron, Ont., Dec. 27.—R. Thomson, a laborer, fell off the bridge at High Falls, on the Mississippi river, and received injuries which resulted in his death. LORD CHURCHILL'S RESIG-

NATION.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Times announces that Lord Randolph Churchill has resigned his seat in the cabinet, owing to disagreement with the admiralty and war office with reference to increasing the expenses of the country in view of existing financial difficulty, and also be-cause he disapproved of the home legislative

neasures of the cabinet.

London, Dec. 23.—The resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill from the cabinet has caused a sensation. The desire to increase the expenses of the admiralty and war offices to which Lord Randolph was opesed, indicates, it is believed, that the government are of the opinion that a European war is imminent and that extra naval and military preparations on the part of England are required to make

on the part of Lugiand are required to make her influence felt on the continent.

The Times approves Lord Salisbury's decision to support the defence of the country. It reproves Lord Randolph Churchill for acting hastily and desiring reckless economy instead of trying to reform the departments and secure greater efficiency without an increase of the estimates. His resignation says the Times. the estimates. His resignation, says the *Times*, deprives the government of its ablest member, and completely changes the political situation. "Lord Salisbury," it continues, "will do well to renew overtures to Lord Hartington for a coalition government. A reconstructed con-servative cabinet, without new blood, cannot last long, and will lead to the return of Mr.

ladstone to office. Gladstone to office."

Lord Randolph Churchill considers that Mr.

Smith and Lord George Hamilton prepared exorbitant estimates for the army and navy departments respectively, which are uncalled for by the state of foreign affairs. Lord Salisbury supported Mr. Smith and Lord George Hami-ton. Lord Randolph further considers that the legislative measures for Great Britain pro-

posed for the next session of parliament are in-

London, Dec. 23.—The Queen sent her private secretary, General Sir Frederick Ponsonby, to London today with a message for Lord Salisbury.

Dublin, Dec. 23.—The resignation of Lord Randolp Churchill from the white. Randolph Churchill from the cabinet was pro-claimed through the streets of Dublin this morning by a bell man. The populace showed

enthusiasm at the news.

London, Dec. 23.—Lord Hartington will return to London immediately and until he arrives the Marquis of Salisbury will remain quiscent. It is thought improbable that Lord Hartington will accept office, as Chamberlain and the majority of primit leading objects. and the majority of unionist leaders object to his so doing. On the other hand, it is learnnis so doing. On the other hand, it is learned from a reliable source that the Queen will use the utmost pressure to induce him to join the ministry and become conservative leader in the house of commons, believing he alone can neutralize the effect of Lord Randolph Churchill's course. If Lord Hartington refuses to take office the conservatives favor Sir Michael Hicks-Beach resuming the duties of chancellor of the exchequer and the appointment of Rt. Hon. Ed.

chequer and the appointment of Rt. Hon. Ed-ward Stanhope, present colonial secretary to the Irish chief secretaryship. LONDON, Dec. 23.—Lord Randolph Church the Irish chief secretaryship.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Lord Randolph Churchill in an interview today, said his health was better than it had been for months past. His decision to retire, he said, was the result of due deliberation and arose from no ill temper or weariness of office, Lord Randolph has abandoned his contemplated visit to Ireland.

The cabinet will not meet until next Wednesday, all ministers passing Christmas at their country seats. Lord Randolph Churchill authorizes the statement that he will continue to give general support to the government and on disputed questions in parliament will hold aloof rather than oppose the government, avoiding everything that might jeopardize the entente between the tories and liberals on unionist principles. It is reported that Lord Salisbury has renewed his offer of the premiership to Lord Hartington, he himself proposing to take the foreign portfolio and Lord Hartington to have the right to select a portion of the cabinet.

London, Dec. 23.—In an interview tonight, Parnell said, now that Sir Randolph Churchill had resigned he would have something else to think of than coercing Ireland. It would have a struggle for existence. The government, he continued, would have been unlikely to apply coercive powers in any case, because of the marked absence of crime. The general moderation with which the campaign had been conducted and the fact that the object of the governt and the campaign promoters was the same, namely, that of obtaining a fair rent abatement

ducted and the fact that the object of the gov-ernt and the campaign promoters was the same, namely, that of obtaining a fair rent abatement from unyielding landlords, had taken away many of the usual excuses for coercion. BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The Churchill incident has shaken confidence in the stability of the Salisbury government and revived fears of im-pending war.

### IRISH AFFAIRS.

COBE, Dec. 21.—In the hearing of Inspector Milling's summons against Tanner, M. P. and O'Connor, M. P., yesterday, the magistrates were unable to reach an sgreement. The league journal states that trustees are still collecting the rents of tenants and evading the police.

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—The court teday refus

DUBLIS, Dec. 21.—The court teday refused John Dillon's application for a stay of the order against him to furnish bonds in the sum of £1,000, with two sureties of £1,000 each, for future good behavior pending the outcome of his appeal from sentence.

At Armagh today a party of men called at the house of John Proctor and asked to see Proctor's son, aged 22 When the son appeared, the men stabbed him to death on the doorstep. Two of the assassins were arrested. Their motive is unknown.

DUBLIS, Dec 22.—At the Connaught assizes yesterday the prisoners accused of assaulting

yesterday the prisoners accused of assaulting balliffs on the Clanricarde estate at Woodballins on the Clanricarde estate at Woodford were found guilty. Sentence was deferred. The bishop of the Catholic diocese
of Limerick, replying yesterday to an address from the Limerick corporation, said he
thought it was his duty to restrain the
ardor af reformers, not to atimulate them.
A deputation of the Ulster local unionists, on
the advice of Lord Hartington, will wait upon
Sir Michael Hick Beach in this city next
week, to urge the government to press legislaweek, to urge the government to press legisla-tion for the settlement of the land question. In the case of the persons accused of assailing the bailiffs on the Clanricarde estate at Wood-ford, the jury yesterday found that the prisoners had committed assault, but several of the jurymen considered that the assault was justitiable. Counsel for the prisoners submitted that no verdict had been found. The judge directed the jury to again retire, and when they returned they announced a verdict of guitty, but they expressed their belief that the prisoners had the right to defend their neighbor's home and had acted in ignorance of the law. The judge entered a verdict of guilty.

London, Dec. 22—An interchange of views between Cliedtens and interchange the

between Gladstone and his colleagues of the last liberal cabinet on the attitude to be adopted by the liberal party at the opening of parliament has resulted in an agreement to support the government in all legal efforts to suppress the anti-rent campaign, but to urge the immediate enforcement of some form of Parnell's bill for the suspension of evictions. The Gladatone circle is irritated over the action of Dillon and O'Brien, and the anti-rent leaders have been warned there is no chance that the co-opera-tion of Gladatone will continue unless they submitted to Parnell, who, desirous of a com-mon policy with Gladstone, is suspected of alwing at the suppression of the "plan of campaign." The Pall Mall Gazette declares that both Gladstone and Parnell are no longer that both Gladstone and Parnell are no longer in accord with their followers, who, it says, unless they discover and amend their error, will find themselves when parliament meeta without even the rump of a party. Notwithstanding Parnell's displeasure, Dillon, O'Brien and Healy continue their anti-rent tactics.

DUBLIN, Dec. 22—It can authoritatively be stated that Parnell is convinced that the position of Irish tenants is worse now than when he introduced his anti-eviction bill, and that the "plau of campaign" has, as asserted, pro-

the "plan of campaign" has, as asserted, pro-cured abatements in rents where everything elle has failed, he regards as improbable. He thinks it remarkable that the government should propose a coercion bill, as the entire absence of crime leaves no excuse for coercion. The suppression of the Irish national league would inevitably result in the formation of se-cret societies that would rival one another in the commission of crimes and thus necessis. ciet societies that would rival one another in the commission of crimes and thus necessitate the landlords asking parliament for further coercive powers. Parnell will lead a strong attack upon the whele policy and action of the government towards Ireland at the opening of the coming session of parliament.

At a meeting of tenants at Magherafelt in Londonderry, today, Pinkerton, M.P. for Galway, informed his hearers that the "plan of campaign" had been abandoned and urged says: Patriots are pained and surprised. It asks Lord Randolph Churchill to justify his course, warning him that if he does not his name will never be heard hereafter without exciting exasperation. The Globe says it would be difficult for the warmest admirers of Lord Randolph Churchill to vindicate his step. The Pall Mall Gazette declares it will be impossible for Lord Salisbury to govern unless Lord Hartington steps into the breach. It says it is impossible to conceive of any hypothesis upon which Lord Hartington could depend, morally or politically, a refusal to accept, the post which Lord Randolph Churchill has vacated.

London, Dec. 23.—The Queen sent her to justyfy their prosecution and they were therefore discharged. The presiding magistrate was John P. Notan, nationalist member of parliament. In consequence of their absence the Dublin case against Dillon and O'Brien was today postponed for a week.

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Dublin, Dec. 25.—Over a; dozen league meetings were held in Ireland today. O'Brien has begun action for £25,000 damages against the Dublin Express for libel in having accused him of being a swindler and an "invincible."

DUBLIN, Dec. 28.—In the Mitchellstown district rents to the amount of several thousand

# pounds were collected by trustees under the campaign plan. The police were cluded. A SNOW STORM

New York, Dec. 27.—A cable deepatch says the snow storm yesterday in England appears to have done an unprecedented amount of damage to telegraph wires.

London, Dec. 27.—The Daily News says: LONDON, Dac. 21.—The Dawy News says:
Telegraph wires in the city last night were
snapping with alarming rapidity and in Fleet
street policemen curled the broken ends around
lamp posts. A train on the Midland line was delayed over an hour by the falling of tele-graph wires across the track. A large num-ber of telegraph and telephone wires fell last evening over the metropolitan area. There was very severe weather at Reading yesterday. The snow that fell in the afternoon was heavier than has been experienced in years whilst the than has been experienced in years, whilst the wind blew a hurricane, causing considerable damage to the roofs of houses. Trees were also injured by branches being wrenched off by the violence of the wind. In a cutting on the Great Western railway, the trains were delayed by snow drifts. On the line from Paddington to Reading and from Bath to Bristol all telegraph poles are a perfect wreck, most of the poles being splintered like matchwood and lying in all directions. The railway wood and lying in an directions. The railway "block" lines being down, the trains are considerably delayed and are signalled along the line by flags. It seems probable that the wires between Bristol and London will not

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Acabinet council was held today. Sir John had no neave to give not be your representative, but while the compliments of the second to all This Brown sends.

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#### DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

The Rivers Mill Opposite Indiantown Burned Friday Night.

# LOSS ESTIMATED AT TWENTY-FIVE TROUSAND

Pleasant Point, directly opposite Indiantown, was, Friday night, the scene of a disastrous fire, the mill with a blacksmith shop situated near by, being tototally destroyed. The fire lighted up the whole water front, and Indiantown wharves were crowded with people from St. John and Portland watching the flames sweeping the big mill down like so much shavings. The night was unusually calm, and the smoke and flames arose in the sky to a great height, lighting the whole country around for a considerable distance. Had there been a alight breeze the fire would have proved the most disastrous in the vicinity of St. John since 1877. The wharves at the mill contained a large amount of lumber, while a short distance from the scene of the confiagration was Barnhill's mill, with an extensive supply of lumber on the wharf.

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The mill destroyed was running Friday as usual, and the men left work at six o'clock. Hardly had the workmen residing in the vicinity got to their homes when the cry of fire ran through the place, and in a very few minutes the mill was in one mass of flame. A telephone message was immediately sent to Portland for the fire department, but it was close on nine o'clock when No. I steam fire engine reached the scene. The fire spread so engine reached the scene. The fire spread so rapidly that it was impossible to do anything to stay its progress, and by 7.30 o'clock the mill and blacksmith shop were burned to the ground. At seven o'clock the boilers of the mill exploded, and about the same hour the fire reached the oil house, which increased the fury of the flames and made it impossible for a time, owing to the great heat, for men to take away a quantity of lumber in immediate danger. The amount of lumber burned will not amount a core 2 000 for Newtonian the lumber burned will not amount a core 2 000 for Newtonian the lumber burned will not amount a core 2 000 for Newtonian the lumber burned will not amount the lumber burned will not amou

to over 3,000 feet. Near the blacksmith shop was a large storehouse full of ahingles, saved was a large storenouse into a simples, saves only by the exertions of a number of mill men with buckets of water.

How the fire caught is not quite clear, but it is very probable that a coal on lamp in the shingle room blazed up and set fire to the woodwork and, everything being very dry, spread with lightning rapidity. This shingle room is situated on the northern side of the

building, and it was there the flames first made their appearance. John Burns, the night wa'chman, came on duty as usual at six o'clock, and he stated that when the fire broke out Thomas O'Brien, the want the broke out I flower of the engineer, was in the engine room doing some work, and he (Burne) had just previous to the fire being discovered gone out to take a look around the outside to see if everything was all right. The fire broke out in the

was all right. The fire broke out in the shingle room and spread as he never saw a fire spread before.

Some of the men lost valuable tool chests in the fire, including John McGowan, John Henderson, Walter Gray, Charles Gray, Wm. Gray, Fred McDougali and Mr. Spearin, the chests of the two latter men being most comchests of the two latter men being most com

plete and valuable.

The mill was built by Lewis Rivers sixteen The mill was built by Lewis Rivers sixteen years ago and was in a good state of repair and supplied with a lot of fine machinery. About three years ago it was bought by F. T. Spearin, who afterwards took in as partners in the business Gen. D. B. Warner and Capt. J. R. Warner, the latter at present in Exeter, N. H. The mill and other property destroyed was valued at \$25,000. Friday night Mr. Spearin was not positive as to the amount of insurance, but he was sure it was small and would nothing like cover the loss. The insurance is held in the offices represented by C. A. Macdonald and G. E. Fairweather.

The mill during the summer gave employment to 120 persons, and only one week ago

ment to 120 persons, and only one week ago
THE SUN made the pleasing announcement
that it would run all winter cutting shingles,
furnishing steady work to twenty-two men.
A great deal of dissatisfaction prevails
among the millowners and others of Pleasant
Point at the tardinese of the Portland authorities in sending assistance. The chief of the
fire department is not permitted to send a
steamer outside of the city limits, and when
word was sent in he could do nothing without
authority from the chairman of the fire committee. After telephone messages for assistance had been sent by Joseph H. Scammell,
J. Henry Leonard, George Barnhill, Horace
King, W. C. Purves and others, and all to no
effect, a message was sent to D. J. Pardy,
Main street. Not being able to find
the chairman of the fire committee, Mr.
Purdy, telephoned the facts to Meyor Sturdee
who forthwith issued orders for No. 1 engine
and reel to proceed to the fire. An alarm was ment to 120 persons, and only one week ago and reel to proceed to the fire. An alarm was sent in, No. 2 engine, reel and men placed at sent'in, No. 2 engine, reel and men placed at No. 1 station, and the apparatus and men of the latter in charge of Chief Johnson proceeded to the fire—two hours after it had broken out and when the buildings were level with the ground. It is only fair to the firemen, however, to say, that after they had got orders to go to the fire, they were most prompt in arriving and put out the burning embers, so as to allay the fears of the people that the wind arising might destroy other property. other property.
At an early stage in the fire, E. L. Jewett

kindly sent the tug Dirigo to the scene and for some time threw water on the lumber near the mill.

The schooners Mary George and G. Walter
Scott, were at the mill wharf to load lumber
and were hauled out soon after the fire started,
as at one time they were in danger.

Foreman Dunlop of Portland, was one of the
earliest on the scene and had all arrangements made for getting water, etc., when the steamer and firemen arrived.

# Supposed Wreck and Loss of Life

While driving in the road late Monday night week, Jacob Kemp, tobacconist, Portland bridge, overtook a woman near Spruce Lake, and offered her a drive to the city. After getting into Mr. Kemp's carriage she said she belonged to Musquash and had started on foot for St. John. On that day she said the body

blook' lines being down, the trains are considerably delayed and are signalled along the line by flags. It seems probable that the wires between Bristol and London will not be restored for two or three days. Telegraph lines in other directions have suffered LATER.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The damage to telegraph is greater than for many years. The snow was attended with hurricanes on the souther and eastern coasts. The reports of many wrecks slowly arriving. There was much damage to tile and property. Everal raliway accidents are reported and some hait breadth escapes from failing tiledgraph poles.

Stealing & Lecomotive.

A DRUKKEN YARMEN'S RASH FREAK ENDS IN DEMONISHING A FREIGHT TRAIN.

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 24.—A most peculiar and perilons freak of adrunken farmer cocurred here after midnight list night. It consisted of nothing less than the lareacy of a locomotive belonging to the Cincinnatt, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad Company. The theft terminated in a collision and the sarest of the perspectator. Mark Haddix, a well to do farminating in front of the roundhouse, with steam up ready to stact fon her mothers trip, when Haddix, who was under the influence of liquor and who had been twice derivan from the place, underly syrang into the cab, jarked the incident and the later of the roundhouse, with steam up ready to stact fon her mothers trip, when Haddix, who was under the influence of liquor and who had been twice derivan from the main track. A cut of freight care was coming down the main track, and into this dashed the engine at the control of freight care was coming down the main track, and into this dashed the engine at the control of freight care was coming down the main track, and into this dashed the engine at the control of freight care was coming down the main track, and into this dashed the engine at the control of freight care was coming down the main track, and into this dashed the engine at the control of freight care was coming down the main track, and into this dashed the engine at the control of the c

It is estimated that there are 1,000,000 bill persons living today. In Calro, Egypt, whethe proportion of blind persons to the number of inhabitants is greatest, there is one to every contraction. Of all the types that the town has girl of today, with her high-bred l