The Daily Tribune.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 30, 1871.

Holiday!

To our Patrons and the Public we wish A HAPPY NEW YEAR! No paper will be issued from this office on Monday.

1871—Adieu!

But before the Old Year actually retires, the recapitulation of a few of the most eventful incidents of his life may not be deemed uncomplimentary to our departing friend.

The Year will remain memorable in the Annals of Time for three great events, which stand out prominently beyond all others,—the close of the Franco-Prussian war, resulting in the humiliation of the French nation; the re-establishment of the Germanic Empire; and the conclusion of the Treaty of Washington. It will also be noted as that in which Victor Emmanuel proclaimed Rome the Capital of Italy, and his son Amadeus ascended the perilous Throne of Spain:—as the year in which the Dogma of Papal Infallibility was proclaimed, the International Society of Working Men warmed into mischievous activity, and deluded Communists marched from over-crowded gaols to be shot down by the executioners of the French Government.

In Britain it will be remembered as the year in which the dis-established Church of Ireland perfected its organization as a voluntary society; when the purchase of Army Commissions was abolished by Parliament and the Government; when the Heir to the Throne, having met a stormy reception in Ireland, was subsequently brought to the very brink of the grave by malignant disease; when the Tichborne case, prosecuted by the greatest of modern impostors, was "all the rage;" when Republican demonstrations were for a time freely made;—when the African Diamond fields were summarily annexed, and Dr. Livingstone was once more heard from; and when Anglo-Saxon civilization, as represented in Britain and America, had gained a firm foothold among the governing classes of China and Japan.

The historian, turning to the Western world, after first referring to the Great Treaty, will describe as leading events of 1871, the Destruction by fire of the City of Chicago,—the great commercial emporium the of Western United States,—after a growth and development of marvellous rapidity and extent; and the exposure of the greatest civic frauds of the age, and the overthrow of the concoctors, the terribly corrupt Tammany and Erie Rings. And descending to minor matters we will incidentally allude to an Orange Riot and a Russian Prince's visit, perhaps noticing by the way, the continued construction of gigantic railways, and the shocking losses of life by steamboat explosions.

Of our own Dominion it will be recorded that in 1871 trade was healthy,—the crops good,—the manufacturing industries receiving fresh stimulus,—the shipping interests increasing in importance,—our public works progressing on a satisfactory scale of improvement,—our people contented, and our country in every sense prosperous. And in our own Province, in particular, it will be remembered as the year in which Free Schools were established, and a Company organized to build a Railway *via* the St. John river to Quebec.

The Year, fortunately, is closing on a world apparently without a war, and exhibiting a wonderful development of religious, scientific, and educational activity,—a world in which great crimes are undoubtedly committed but which boasts the possession of many of the noblest benefactors of their race. The departing Year may sigh over the wrecks of character and fortune, and lament the misery and wickedness, that have been its hourly attendants, but it has also cause to remember the triumphs of true Liberalism and Science and the Arts, the good deeds of good men in every clime, and the manifest progress of those civilizing, ennobling and Christ-like principles among Nations and individuals that will yet banish poverty and crime and corruption from a richly endowed World.

More Magistrates!

Whatever Government reigns, the work of swelling the ranks of the Magistracy never ceases. Fourteen more Magistrates gazetted for Gloucester County! Fourteen more men of mark rendered incompetent for Jury-service! Fourteen more electioneering agents remembered for their invaluable services! So the work goes bravely on.

It is not assumed that no good men are appointed to the office of Justices in the land. Doubtless, in every batch gazetted there are a few quite too good for the position to which they are assigned, for the office of a Magistrate in these days does not carry much weight with it; but barren as it is, either of dignity or honor, for one appointed entirely fit to fill it, there are five utterly disqualified and ten who would disgrace it. It does seem to be asking too much of the country to require it to bear with the unworthy many for the sake of the worthy few, whose appointment after all is not demanded either in the interests of public justice or private gratitude. The justice dealt out in Magistrates' Courts has become a bye word. In too many instances, in the Country districts, the Magistrate is little better than the employee of some large business establishment, the inexorable collector of the firm's small debts. In other cases his services are in requisition because of his unacquaintance with the Statutes, and the ease with which he can be puzzled by youthful lawyers. In most cases, instead of dispensing justice and promoting harmony in neighborhoods, he is the cause of endless litigation. And he has been so multiplied all over the face of the country, that his further extension is not now demanded, whether regard is had either to the quantity or quality of the material furnished.

It is well known, however, that the appointments of Magistrates bear no relation to the wants of the country. It is equally well known that the Government who appoint the Magistrates know scarcely anything of their fitness for the office. Members for the Counties who support the Government, and even members in Opposition, recommend certain persons for appointment, and the Government appoint as a matter of course. That is to say, Governments who are charged with the guardianship of the public interests, surrender their authority, abandon their responsibility, and submit to be mere agents for promoting the private interests of County members and their election-day friends. Was *this* the object for which the Commission of the Peace and the Government's powers of appointment were created?

A St. John Boy's Contribution to Scientific Knowledge.

[From the New York Tribune.]

About eighteen months ago Professor C. F. Hartt of Cornell University headed an expedition to the valley of the Amazon, for the purpose of studying its geological structure and ascertaining the correctness of Professor Agassiz's theory of the glacial origin of the valley, a controverted point among scientists. The results of this expedition are of great importance to the scientific world, as they prove the erroneous ideas which many naturalists have held in regard to this region. Professor Hartt, who was somewhat familiar with the drift or glacial deposit of southern Brazil, has been unable to discover anything of a similar nature in the Amazonian valley, and believes that he has evidence to prove conclusively that Professor Agassiz's theory was founded on an error. He says that Professor Agassiz has mistaken for drift the wells in which he has discovered Devonian fossils, and that the geological structure of the valley, instead of being barren and uninteresting, as scientists have heretofore supposed, is, on the contrary, exceedingly profuse in geological relics. In the vicinity of Para especially, the professor has opened a rich geological field.

Professor Hartt went under the patronage of Harvard and Cornell Universities, taking with him O. A. Derby as assistant. Arriving at Para he found the yellow fever raging, and went up the river immediately. He studied the formation of the mountain district of Erere, making a fine collection of Devonian fossils, previously discovered; and his researches confirmed his previous belief in regard to the formation of this interesting region. He visited on foot the Sierra of Taquari, and made a tedious and extremely perilous journey to the Sierra of Paranaquara, the most beautiful and conspicuous of the table-topped hills of the Amazonian Valley. He found this composed of horizontal beds of clay and soft sandstone, and entirely different in its formation from the Erere hills. These beds probably belong to the tertiary formation. In order to complete a geological section, of the valley, he revisited the Tapajos River and explored it carefully as Itaituba, where he and his assistant made large and valuable collections of carboniferous fossils. Brazil has, until lately, been thought to be a country without antiquities; but his researches show that the field is not so barren as has been imagined. He explored the sites of ancient villages situated near Santarem, and cultivated at present by settlers from the Southern States; and he found in the patches of black land on the edge of the bluffs large quantities of broken Indian pottery. This proves that the country must have been settled for a long period. This is the district where the ancient Amazonian warriors are said to have lived and fought for the possession of the celebrated and precious green stones of which Prof. Hartt has obtained specimens. Near Santarem he examined critically an immense mound of shells made by the Indians—probably long before the time of the Bluff-dwellers, as is indicated by the pottery mixed with the shells. In other places he discovered other antiquities in the shape of Indian implements, urns and weapons.

His assistant, in company with Colonel Beckley, remained to re-explore the Indian mounds of the island of Marajo. The Professor employed his leisure time in familiarizing himself with the Tupy language, which is spoken throughout the western part of Brazil, and he is engaged in writing a grammar and dictionary of the language, and in making a collection of the Indian fables and legends, many of which bear a remarkable resemblance to fables of European origin. He has also prepared a work on the Indian languages of Brazil, which will be of value to philologists. He has obtained sketches and photographs of many places of interest, and will reproduce them in a work which will be published on the results of the expedition.

Professor Hartt states that the American colonists who have established themselves in that region, are thriving, and are engaged in the successful cultivation of sugar, cotton and tobacco; and that the fact has been demonstrated that the climate is adapted to the Anglo-Saxon, who can, without inconvenience, work at mid day beneath the severest rays of the sun.—*New York Tribune.*

Matrimony Extraordinary.

An entertaining article entitled "Tony Weller's Widows" appears in the Chester (Pa.) Republican, from which the following is an extract:—

"Another very courtable widow was a young lady, of Washington, Pa. She became engaged to a young man named Robert ——, in 1846. Her father, however, objected to this match with one of his clerks, and when the young lady received a tempting proposal from a wealthy suitor the paternal influence soon effected a marriage, despite the former engagement. In less than three months her husband was killed by a kick from a horse. Robert was a second time then a suitor, but delayed the important question until fifteen months had elapsed, when, to his horror, she informed him that she was engaged. In three months thereafter she was married. Two years elapsed, when the married couple removed to Syracuse, N. Y., where among the victims of the cholera, when the pestilence swept that city, was the second.—Robert again sought her hand, and when a year had elapsed, was on the eve of a declaration, when lo! he received an invitation to her wedding. Her late husband's business was found in such a state that to avoid immense losses she married the surviving partner. Shortly after, she removed with her third husband to Detroit, Michigan. A few years elapsed, when herself and husband were on a steamer that was wrecked near Buffalo. The husband perished, and the wife escaped solely through the exertions of a friend who was on board. His gallantry inspired such sentiments in her breast that she married her brave preserver a few months after her third widowhood. The happy pair removed to Pittsburgh, where the husband was engaged in mercantile business. Thither Robert, still cherishing his first love, followed them. One day as he was passing the husband's store he saw a terrible commotion. Rushing in, he beheld the mangled corpse of that gentleman on the floor. A tierce of rice, in being hoisted to an upper story, had fallen through the traps, killing him instantly. Anxiously Robert inquired if any one had been sent to inform his wife, and was told that the book-keeper had just gone. Robert started for Allegheny City, where the deceased had resided, at the top of his speed. The book-keeper was just ahead of him, and, from past experience, knowing the virtue of prompt action, and apprehending that the clerk had designs on the widow, he ran for dear life, side by side. The race continued until they reached Hand-street bridge, when the clerk was obliged to stop to pay the tolls, while Robert a commuter, passed over without stopping. Reaching the house of the widow first, Robert told the heartrending news, and in the same breath made a proposal of marriage. He was accepted. True to her promise, after a year of mourning she became his wife. As all her husbands had died wealthy, Robert was comfortably fixed after all. This case is a remarkable example of what pluck and perseverance will do for a man, while at the same time it teaches a lesson on the danger of delay."

LOCALS.

PERSONAL.—We regret to learn that Mrs. D. L. Hanington, of Dorchester, is dangerously ill.

CAUTION REQUIRED.—The light flurry of snow which fell yesterday on our icy streets, has rendered the walking somewhat unsafe.

MR. W. A. LOCKHART disposed of a fine lot of Apples at Auction, on the Market Square, this morning, for $1.60 to $2.25 per barrel.

IF YOU LOVE good things secure some of those fine Oysters at George Sparrow's, King Street. 1w—dec 30

AN IMPORTANT MEETING of the Stockholders of the Academy of Music will be held on Wednesday evening, at the Waverly.

A STEAM FOG WHISTLE for the St. Lawrence will be built at the Miramichi Foundry.

WANTED,—AN OWNER for a horse covered with a blanket, found wandering on Union St. between one and two o'clock this morning. The stray animal was conveyed by a policeman to a stable on King Square.

HON. B. R. STEVENSON, Surveyor General, was in town yesterday, and was duly interviewed by the reporters. Judging from the contents of the morning dailies, he was as reticent as the Board of School Trustees.

A UNION PRAYER MEETING by the Presbyterians of our City will be held in new St. Stephen's Church, to-morrow, Sunday, evening, at 8 o'clock.——The Wesleyan Watch Meetings will be held at the usual hour on the same evening, lasting until the New Year is rung in.

THE ST. CROIX RIVER was closed for a day or two last week, but is now open again and altogether free of ice. The great thaw of Saturday took away every vestige of winter and the weather until to-day has been quite spring-like. The schr. John Boynton, Capt. Mitchell, was yesterday, Dec. 27, discharging a cargo of corn and flour at the wharf of E. A. Barnard & Son.—[St. Croix Courier.

CALENDAR FOR 1872.—We have received from the Printing Rooms of Mr. George W. Day his Calendar for 1872, which, besides being a handy guide in the matter of dates, contains the Time Tables of Western Extension and the Government Railways, the location of the Boxes of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, and a large amount of useful Postal information. It is a handsome specimen of printing in colors, black, red, blue and gold being judiciously employed, and conveys a good idea of the resources of Mr. Day's establishment for the higher classes of job printing.

THE ST. CROIX LECTURE ASSOCIATION turns out a "Lecture Room Gazette," which is handsomely printed at the *Courier* office. The Association goes to considerable expense in procuring Lecturers, in this respect showing far more enterprise than the Mechanics' Institute in our own City. The following gentlemen are the leading spirits:—*President*, Hon. Joseph Granger; *Vice Presidents*, Geo. F. Hill, E. A. Barnard, Jonathan Stickney; *Treas.* L. C. Bailey; *Sec'y*, Wm. G. Nowell; *Executive Committee*, E. S. Laughton, C. E. Swan, Edgar Whidden, George F. Hill, David Main. The course is supported by the intellectual classes from both sides of the river.

IT IS SELDOM that violent hands are laid upon lawyers, or that they are even temporarily worsted in a legal encounter with laymen. But a case in point has just occurred at Gagetown. An ex-grammar school teacher, Mr. Waltham by name, feeling himself aggrieved, personally assaulted C. A. Harding, Esq., Barrister, with a horse-whip; whereupon Mr. Harding procured a warrant from a Magistrate, and the belligerent was hailed before the judgment seat. There exception was taken by the teacher to the details of the document, and this being admitted, the prisoner was discharged. Another warrant was obtained, and the teacher again brought up; and everything being perfect in this instance, the teacher was fined $20 and costs.

IMPROVEMENTS AT HARRIS' FOUNDRY.—We recently paid a visit to the extensive Foundry establishment of James Harris, Esq., Portland, to make a few notes of the buildings which had been replaced since the fire there. To the southward of the Moulding Shop, and on the site of the former Car Shed, adjoining the Railway track, a large two story wooden building has been erected, which is occupied in its several parts as follows:—The lower flat is used as a Car Shop, with a "switch" leading from the track into the building. At the time of our visit there were two Passenger and one or two Platform Cars in various stages of construction. The ground floor is arranged with a double track, so that two sets of cars can be proceeded with at the same time, as the building is wide enough to allow ample working room to the mechanics engaged in each row. Passing on to the next flat we found a spacious warehouse and storeroom, with a finishing and fitting up shop in the western end of it. This flat was filled with castings and mouldings of one kind or another, and can be readily entered from different parts, affording every facility for saving this stock in case of fire. Next adjoining the Car Shed is substantial brick building, with gravel roof, has been erected. It contains the ovens for baking the register grates. These ovens are very securely built of brick, and fitted with large iron doors. In this building the workmen were busily employed in finishing and veneering the handsome and durable Grates which are here turned out. Another section of the building is occupied as a Dry House, the extra heat from the ovens being made use of in this way. Adjoining this section there is a new Steam Engine and Boiler, which supply the motive power required. Both these buildings are situate unattached, and have been constructed with special regard to safety from fire, and with the facilities possessed, Mr. Harris does not anticipate that any serious fire can again occur on the premises.

This establishment manufactures all kinds of castings and machinery pertaining to a general Foundry business; and its work will compare favorably with foreign importations. With such energy and enterprise as characterize this and other manufacturing establishments, the Province is safe, and the bone and sinew of the country may pursue the even tenor of their way at home.

THE FIRE HOSE for the new Portland Steam Fire Engine and the Portland Fire Dep't generally, has been manufactured in the establishment of Messrs. R. & T. Finlay, Union St. This firm supply Fire Hose, which, in respect to workmanship and durability, can not be excelled anywhere. Having completed an order of 1,000 feet for Portland, the same was recently tested in the presence of Chief Engineer Marter, of the St. John Fire Brigade, and Mr. John Kane, who is to superintend the Department in Portland. The test of 160 lbs. pressure to the square inch was applied to one half the order early in the month, and to the remainder on Thursday of this week. This it stood admirably, not the slightest weakness being shown in any part, and was pronounced satisfactory to the owners. Two joints were then taken at random from the pile, and increased pressure applied, as an experiment. One joint resisted until 195 lbs. to the inch was brought to bear upon it, and the other did not give way until 205 lbs. was reached.—These were the severest tests ever applied to Hose, either made here or imported; and they will serve as a satisfactory exhibit of the class of article which the Messrs. Finlay are prepared to supply to all who want.

MANY OF OUR CITY READERS will peruse, with pleasure, the flattering opinion which the New York *Tribune* expresses of the services rendered to the world by Professor C. F. Hartt's explanations and writings on the Valley of the Amazon. The Professor is a native of this city, and son of J. W. Hartt, Esq., of the Young Ladies' Classical School. He was a student of Professor Agassiz, and, though still quite young, a fellow-laborer with that renowned scientist. The student, however, in this instance, has ventured to dispute the opinions and conclusions of his great instructor on an important point in connexion with the earth's history, and appears to have come off victorious. Professor Hartt's many friends in our city will be pleased to hear of the success which has attended his progress in those abstruse studies for which so few are qualified, and to learn of the regard in which he is held by leaders in the scientific world.

CASH PAYMENTS.—At least two parties doing business in our City have had the moral courage to announce to their patrons, thro' the advertising columns of the Newspapers, their intention to do business during the coming year only on ready-cash principles. Mr. William Jones, whose reputation as a first class, fashionable tailor, has extended far beyond the boundaries of the City of St. John, intimates that he wants only cash customers,—"pay as you go." Mr James McSorley, boot and shoe dealer, declares his intention to apply the same rule to all retail transactions. This is a healthy sign. The ice once broken, other traders will follow. By a little judicious effort, the pernicious credit system, which is the scourge of the retail trade in our City, might be abolished.

THE PORTLAND STEAM FIRE ENGINE, whose arrival was expected by this date, is being manufactured at the Amoskeag Works, Manchester, N. H. It will be a double pump engine, similar to No. 2, City Engine, only lighter. The workmanship will be very thorough. The engine, we understand, will cost $2,250, and may be expected to arrive by the end of January. The Portland Fire Department will then be under the control of Mr. John Kane, late Captain of Protector No. 2, of Portland, and in every respect a gentleman well fitted for the position.

MESSRS. STEWART AND WHITE sold at auction, at noon, at Chubb's corner, the Clay property in Carleton, Capt. Vaughan being the purchaser, for $585; Also, seven shares of the Bank of New Brunswick, at 60 above par, Joseph W. Hall Esq. was the purchaser.

THE ST. JOSEPH'S LITERARY CLUB, of Portland, advertise in THE DAILY TRIBUNE a Dramatic Entertainment, to be given in the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute, next Tuesday evening. The Club will there present the French sensational drama, in three acts, entitled "EXPIATION, or, The Crusader's Vow," which will be followed by merry songs and appropriate recitations, the whole concluding with the funny Farce of "The Man with the Demijohn."

The Club are composed of eight members, who meet regularly in the hall attached to the Catholic Church, in Portland. They have given a good deal of time and care to literary culture, and feel confident of presenting, in this instance, an entertainment that will not disappoint or displease their friends or the public generally. The erection of a new Hall in connexion with the Church is contemplated, in which the Club will probably have a room of their own in which to continue their literary pursuits. The proceeds of Tuesday night's performance will go to this Hall fund. Of so desirable an object there should be a generous patronage.

SHIPPING NOTES.—The brig "Little Fury," Captain Wyman, which sailed from London, via Ramsgate, for this port, put into Halifax a few days since, short of provisions. She was obliged to anchor at quarantine, having had small pox on board during the passage. The Captain's child died of the disease, and one seaman was sick of it. The vessel is now free from infection, and about to proceed on her voyage. This vessel is owned by Messrs. Troop & Son, and has heretofore run very safely; but misfortune seems to have attended her on her present passage, as shortly after sailing from London she sprung a leak and was compelled to bear up for Ramsgate for repairs, and since then she has sought another port of refuge.

The following St. John vessels were in port at New York, 27th inst., viz: barks "Hyack," "Lebanon," and "Torryburn;" brigs "Alfaretta" and "Proteus." For particulars see our Ship News column.

The brigt. *Maggie Gross*, which put into Portland Roads, with loss of anchor and 90 fms. chain, has proceeded, (9th inst.) having been supplied with new anchors, etc.

HORSE NOTES.—There was excellent sleighing in New York last week, and Harlem Lane and the Park were crowded with the beauty and fashion of the city. Among those who were conspicuous on the road was Prince H. W. Genet of the 12th Ward, who made the snow fly with the famous old trotter "Gen. Butler," whose record is low in the twenties.

Commodore Vanderbilt left the railroads to run themselves and gave "Daisy Burns" and mate a lively turn.

Wm. Lovell drove his famous trotting mare "American Girl," with considerable skill. She can trot for a man's life, and her best time is 2.19.

Mr. Smith, the Banker, (owner of "Goldsmith Maid") drove his pair of trotters in fine style.

Dr. Corey drove his fast brown mare, and had a brush with Com. Vanderbilt. The old gent took the lead, much to the Doctor's surprise.

Borst was out in splendid style with "Honest Allen" and mate.

Dan Mace, the favorite driver of New York, was flying up and down the road with a very fast trotter, which created a sensation.

OUR FRIEND, DAVID MAIN, Esq., Editor and Proprietor of the St. Croix *Courier*, (probably the best local country paper in the Lower Provinces,) has been pleasantly reminded of the harmonious relations between himself and his subordinates. On Christmas Eve, the employees in the office, headed by Mr. Wesley, the foreman, filed into the editorial rooms and presented the editor with a beautiful Malacca, silver-mounted, ivory headed cane, bearing the following inscription: "*To D. Main, Esq., from his Printers, Christmas*, 1871," and accompanied by a note embodying the good wishes of the donors. "It is a very handsome stick," says the *Courier*, "and is not only ornamental, but will be very useful as a means of offence and defence, of which all pugnacious individuals will please take notice. We have no other wish than that the same kindly feeling which now exists between the several departments of the *Courier* office, and between the *Courier* and the puplic, may long continue."

IT IS STATED, on good authority, that the wood dealers are giving scant measure. We trust they are not quite so heartless. Wood is too dear, for the pockets of the poor to be attacked in this fashion. Let us have good measure, gentlemen,—"not for a day but for all time."

COMPLAINT IS MADE of the condition of the gents' saloon in the Carleton Ferry steamer. Things are unclean, and smoking is allowed. Some irrational persons object to these innovations. Of the toll house on the St. John side, a ship captain, who has seen a good deal of the world, remarked the other day, "Well, that's the dirtiest *cabin* I've ever laid eyes on!"

AUCTION SALE.—At noon to day Mr. Charles U. Hanford sold at auction the pilot boat "Henrietta," owned by Mr. Doody, to Mr. James O'Brien for $615, cash.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL intend holding their Anniversary Sermon to-morrow, at 3 p. m. An address will be given to the parents and children. At the close, a collection in aid of the library will be taken up.

The Rev. Mr. Begg, from Scotland, will preach in this church at 11 a. m.

THE SLEIGHING on the roads in the vicinity of the city is reported good. A little more snow would improve them, but as it is, there are indications of a rush on the Livery Stables for teams for the Holiday.

AN EXTRAORDINARILY SHORT PASSAGE at this season of the year was that of the Inman Line steamship, "City of Paris," which made the voyage from New York to Queenstown in eight days and six hours actual time, arriving on the 24th inst.

AT THE CITY POLICE COURT TO DAY, Henry McNamay for coasting on King St, was fined $1; and James Tait for being drunk on Union St., was fined $4.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[*SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DAILY TRIBUNE.*]

From Ottawa.

ACTIVITY IN THE IMMIGRATION BUREAU—PROMOTION IN THE CIVIL SERVICE—DEFENCE OF CENSUS DELAYS.

[*Special Telegrams to the Daily Tribune.*]

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.

There is great activity among the Immigration Agents.

Moylan returned yesterday from Toronto.

Simay, late Agent to Antwerp, and Edward Barnard, late Agent for the Province of Quebec, are also here.

The latter has been appointed temporarily Dominion Agent for Alsace and Lorraine, Belgium and Germany.

Alex. Begg is pushing for an appointment as Agent to the North of Scotland.

The Civil Service Board met yesterday.

It is understood the Government have prepared an amendment to the Civil Service Act, to provide that third class clerks, found to possess extra qualifications, may be promoted more rapidly than it allows at present.

The employees of the Departments are about applying for a bonus of one month's salary. The clerks in the Senate and Commons do not join in the movement.

The Governor-General will receive New Year's visitors at the Privy Council Chamber, on the 1st, from 12 to 1 o'clock.

The *Times*, defending the Census management, shows that in the United States Census, taken a year and a half ago, the compilation of the returns of age and sex are only being commenced, while the same returns have been some time completed here, and considerable progress has been made in compiling the religious.

It claims, also, that the careful preparation of the schedules greatly facilitates compilation.

British and Foreign.

TOUCHING LETTER FROM THE QUEEN—SHE THANKS HER PEOPLE FOR THEIR SYMPATHY.—FIFTY FEET OF SNOW IN THE WEST.—WHOLE SETTLEMENTS BURIED!

(*To the St. John Associated Press.*)

LONDON, Dec. 29,—Afternoon.

The papers publish a letter from Queen Victoria, in which she says that she desires to express her deep sense of the touching sympathy exhibited for her family by the whole nation at the illness of her dear son.

The universal feeling shown by her people during the painful and terrible days of the Prince's illness, their sympathy with herself and her beloved daughter the Princess of Wales, and the general joy manifested at an improvement in the health of Prince, have made a deep and inaffaceable impression upon her heart.

The manifestations of her people are nothing new to her, for she met the same sympathy ten years ago, when a similar illness removed the mainstay of her life, the best, the wisest, and the kindest husband that ever lived. Her Majesty says also, that she wishes to express the heartfelt gratitude of the Princess of Wales; and concludes her letter with a hope that her faithful subjects will continue to pray for the complete recovery of the Prince.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 29.

Tremendous storms have prevailed in the mining districts of Little and Big Cottonwood.

Whole settlements are buried in snow. Lives have been lost and many hair breadth escapes. Snow is from 10 to 50 feet deep, and causing much distress by increasing the prices of necessities.

Later.

LIBERAL MOVEMENT TO OVERTHROW GLADSTONE—TERM OF MILITARY SERVICE IN FRANCE—OUTRAGES ON GERMAN TROOPS, AND RETALIATORY PROCEEDINGS.

(*Special Telegrams to the Daily Tribune.*)

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Alarmed at Gladstone's tendencies, the Conservative section of the Liberals, led by the Duke of Somerset and Viscount Halifax, are seeking to form a Coalition with the Tories for the purpose of electing Mr. Bouverie Speaker of the House of Commons, instead of Brand, and to compel the retirement of Gladstone.

PARIS, Dec. 29.

The Committee of Assembly, on the reorganization of the army, propose to make the term of Military service five years on active duty, four years in the first reserve, and six in the second reserve.

The Master of a College in *Vit Ryle francais* (?) has been seized and held as a hostage, because some students under his charge manifested their disapproval of the presenee of German soldiers.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

An attempt was made on Sunday night, in the Town of Charleville, in the Department of Ardennes, to assassinate a Corporal and Trumpeter belonging to a Bavarian regiment quartered at that place.

The wounds received by the Corporal, it is believed, will result in death.

The German Military authorities have begun a searching investigation into the affair.

Repeated outrages upon German troops in the occupied departments have caused the issue of orders providing for the severe punishment of all persons guilty of such offences.

From Ontario.

[As we go to Press we receive the following Special.]

TORONTO, Dec. 30.

Returns not completed but probably Luder and McCuag, Opposition Candidates for South Grey and Prince Edward, are elected.

Charles Gifford and John Fisher were yesterday nominated for West Northumberland for the Local Legislature, after Speeches by Blake, M. C. Cameron.

A large meeting of electors of Essex has endorsed Prince's action in the House.

Some of the Reform country papers condemn the appointment of Scott to a seat in the Cabinet, but on the whole it is acceptable.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE.—The following despatches were received at the Exchange to-day:—

Montreal, Dec. 29th.—Red wheat 11 to 11¼.

New York flour market quiet. Common and Choice Extra State $6 25 a 7.

Pork firm, $14.50 and 15; new $13.25; $13.27 old.

Grain freights ¼d.

Montreal flour market quiet; buyers favor Western States; Welland Canal $5 90.

Gold opened in New York at 9 1-8.

IN THE PORTLAND POLICE COURT TO-DAY.—Sarah McNamara was up for using abusive and insulting language to Catharine Hurl—the case to be tried this afternoon. Edward Powers was charged with assaulting James Lathan, and throwing stones at him; also with using abusive and insulting language to him. The case was dismissed, no one appearing to prosecute. Charles Smith was given in charge by his mother for being drunk in her house, and using threatening language to her; fined $4 or ten days Gaol. Jane Lester had been drunk and wandering about the streets, and unable to give a satisfactory account of herself; but was excused on promise of future good conduct. Mrs. "Nobby" Clark called at the office to say he was once more out of the Penitentiary; and a little later a party called to report her at her old tricks.

—It is a curious fact about a certain class of beggars that they generally pull the door-bell hard enough to break it, and yet when you go to the door they barely have strength enough to speak in a whisper.

ON A CURVE.

Young and lively William Wait
Worked up steady from the freight
Till he drove the night express,
Number eight.

Blue eyed, light-haired Fanny Farr,
Lovelier than a palace car!
She and William would be coupled
Ere a year.

Happy William! Ah, but what'll
Grow out of a whiskey bottle
And a switchman? Woe to the hand that's
At the throttle!

Whistles two, they plunging, crashed—
Forty ton of engine smashed—
William's skull and ribs, of course, were
Simply mashed.

Fanny pined away and died,
Grass creeps o'er them, side by side—
William, who had done his duty,
And his bride.

But, they say, through mist and rain,
Rushes by a phantom train;
Forms are shining through the darkness
Of them twain.

MARRIED.

On the 28th Dec., at St. George's Church, Moncton, by the Rev Edward S. Medley, Rector of St. Stephen, uncle of the bride, Charles Blackwell, eldest son of the late Thomas Evans Blackwell, Esq., to Mary Emily Margaret, only daughter of Edward B. Chandler, Esq., of the Grange, Moncton.

DIED.

On Friday morning, the 29th inst., NELLIE V., eldest daughter of J. H. VALPEY, aged 24 years. ☞ Services at her father's residence in Peddock street, at 7 o'clock, Monday morning, after which her remains will be taken to Lynn, Mass., for interment.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN.

ARRIVED.

FRIDAY, Dec 29—Schr Emma, 120, Bradley, New York, Estabrooks & Gleason, gen cargo.
Schr Ranger, 69, Elston, Portland, Quill & Goodwin, oil.
SATURDAY, 30th—Schr H K White, 165, Failey Portland, Me, H W Chisholm, gen cargo.
Schr Mary E Bliss, 96, Thurber, Portland, Me, H W Chisholm, flour.

CLEARED.

SATURDAY, Dec 30—Schr Kathleen, 144, Thurber, Guadaloupe, A Cushing & Co, 150,214 feet boards and plank.
Schr Osseo, 98, Clark, Boston, D C Hanson, 411 bdls hay.

British Ports.

ARRIVED.

At Belfast, Ireland, bark Robert Godfrey, after the short passage of 21 days from Philadelphia.—[Cable telegram to R A Chapman, Dorchester.

CLEARED.

At Sydney, C B, 16th inst, brigt Beauty, Shields, for this port.

SAILED.

From Portland Roads, 9th inst, brigt Maggie Gross, Gross, from London for Porto Rico.

Foreign Ports.

ARRIVED.

At Key West, 28th inst, ship Princess Louise, Alexander, from Bremen, 58 days.
At Boston, 28th inst, schr Rangatira, Daley, from St Martins, N B.
At Savannah, 26th inst, barks Arminta, hence, and Abraham Young, Troop, from Havre; 29th, bark Crown Jewel, Corning, from do.
At South West Pass, 19th inst, ship America, Bartlett, from Hamburg.
At Boston, 27th inst, brigt Malaga, Black, hence; schrs W R Barry, from St George, and Willie Martin, Noyes, from Sackville, N B; 28th, schrs Emma, Violet, and Anna Currier, all hence.
At Galle, 15th ult, ship New Wabero, Mathias for Cardiff.
At Charleston, 27th inst, bark Beltrate, from Liverpool.

CLEARED.

At Savannah, 23d inst, ship Virginia, Cochrane, for Liverpool; 19th, bark Wm Stephenson, Fullmore, for Wilmington, N C.
At Boston, 28th inst, bark Guinerve, Dickson, for this port.
At New York, 27th inst, bark Isle of Skye, for this port.

LOADING.

At New York, 27th inst, barks Hyack, Lewis, for the Continent; Lebanon, Lane, for Molendo; Torryburn, Copp, for Buenos Ayres; Isle of Skye, Fort, for this port.
At Fernandina, 21st inst, brigt Transport and schr Alruna, (of this port).

Spoken.

Dec 11, lat 42.02, bark Mary Jane, hence for Liverpool.

Memoranda.

The brigt Little Fury, Wyman, from London, via Ramsgate, for this port, put into Halifax, 27th inst, short of provisions.

Frrights.

CHARLESTON, Dec 22—To Liverpool, per sail 7-16d; to Havre, 1c on uplands.
NEW ORLEANS, Dec 21—The rates per sail for cotton to ———, 7 16d @ 15-32d; Havre, 1c; Bremen, 1¼c; Antwerp, Amsterdam, and Hamburg, 1½c.

WILLIAM JONES,

Merchant Tailor,

BEGS to state that after the first of January next he will adopt the *cash principle* in his business, in order to enable him to fill orders as promptly as he would wish.

☞ Orders, on these conditions, will be attended to at the lowest prices.

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