

THE PASSING HOUR.

Rev. A. B. O'Neill Not a Real Poet.

Some Personal Recollections of Hon. Joseph Howe.

St. Joseph's College cannot be quite the same to students and teachers as it was in the days of Professor O'Neill. The like the scholar...

Oh, Father O'Neill your poems are lovely. I have enjoyed them so much. With a great deal more which the present readers in the most extravagant style.

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From this time makes each day a taste, a passing day. As the fleet moments slide away our fond illusions die.

Joseph Howe is much discussed in Nova Scotia this week. This is because of the Howe centennial, the Howe party, and the Howe biography.

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But, somewhere there exists today full manuscript notes, if not a verbatim copy of that last speech of McGee.

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BOSTON LETTER.

Chadwick Case is Growing Tiresome.

Ship Yards to be Re-Opened—Judge Decides That Accident Was Due to Negligence.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The Christmas trade in Boston is good this year, and most of the large department stores report that business is greater than ever before.

The public is beginning to weary of the celebrated Chadwick case, which has been heralded throughout the country for three weeks or more.

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And now a few words about the origin of the present war. Some years ago there was war between China and Japan, and the Japs captured several provinces belonging to China.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

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THE CHRISTMAS THAT SANTA CLAUS STRUCK.

(Written for the Star by "Thaddeus.") I had heard that my old friend St. Nicholas was not feeling very well, and so I went down to see him and cheer him.

As I neared "Santa Claus Town" in the early twilight I was surprised at the unusual quietness of the usually bustling town. The streets were deserted and no cheery light shone out from factory and warehouse.

With nervous haste—facing the worst—I beat an impatient tattoo on the oaken door with the old brass knocker, and then waited with scant patience for the opening of the door.

After a long time I heard the shuffling feeble steps of old age coming down the creaking stairs, and through the long dimly lighted hall, and then trembling hands shoved back the rusty bolts and undid the chain, and the door was opened at last and I went in.

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FEW BUT GOOD.

New Brunswick Exhibitions at Amherst Fair.

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 16.—Although New Brunswick did not send very many exhibits to the Winter Fair, those that she did send took a leading place in competition.

C. F. Rogers of Woodstock showed some Yorkshire swine that won in their class and were pronounced by the judges the best types of bacon pigs on exhibition and fit to win prizes at any show in Canada.

In the apple exhibits, six New Brunswick counties were represented, the prize winners being in Westmorland Co., B. Charters, Centreville, and Geo. R. Wallis, Shediac Cape; Albert Clayton D. Colpitts, Pleasant Vale; Northumberland, R. A. Snowball, Chatham; Kings, Arnold H. Fairweather, Hampton; Sunbury, J. W. Stephenson, Upper Shefford, and C. F. Hubbard, Burton; Carleton, C. F. Rogers, Woodstock.

In the honey department, the Fawcett Honey Co., Memramook, took six out of the seven first prizes offered.

Indian Went Mad as Result of Coyote Bite and Killed Several.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15.—A strange story of crime comes from the small town of Tasmachilla, in the province of San Luis. An Indian known as Chahuatl, who was suffering from an attack of hydrophobia, encountered Vincento Silva and the latter's mother, who were coming into town, and killed them with a long knife.

British Admiralty Proud of the King Edward VII, New Flagship of the Home Fleet.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Naval changes are being quickly introduced under the new rule of Sir John Fisher, the First Sea Lord.

Hitherto every new battleship on hoisting a pennant for the first time has been hurried to the Mediterranean and an older ship has been recalled.

For more than a decade the Mediterranean has been Britain's newest, as well as largest fleet. Now the policy is to be changed. The centre of tactical control will be brought nearer to English shores. The home fleet will hold the premier seat of command, and it is intended that the Channel fleet shall be the most formidable force afloat.

A sign of this development is that when Rear Admiral May takes over the command of the Channel fleet from Lord Charles Eberford at the new year the magnificent new battleship King Edward VII will be his flagship.

Until a few weeks ago it was understood that the King Edward VII was to go to the Mediterranean. This ship and the successors of her kind are to be constructed will constitute the Channel fleet of the future.

The remarkable efficiency of the King Edward VII is not generally known. All that has been divulged about its recent horse power trials was that they were satisfactory, which was understood to mean that the contract speed of 18.5 knots had been fulfilled.

As a matter of fact the battleship achieved a more notable performance. For more than five hours she maintained 19.9 knots an hour, while at one period of the run the log registered 20 knots. The mean average of eight hours was 19.5 knots. The King Edward VII is therefore a full knot faster than contract speed. The admiralty consider they now possess probably the fastest battleship in the world.

MONCTON MAN Elected Vice-President of New England Baggage Agents' Association.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—At a convention of the New England Association of General Baggage Agents held in this city today, George Allen of Moncton, general baggage agent of the Intercolonial railway, was honored by his election to the office of vice-president of the organization.

BOILER EXPLODED.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—The boiler of a locomotive hauling a Grand Trunk west-bound freight exploded tonight west of Vaudeville about midnight. Engineer Thorpe and Brake-man Bennett, who were in the cab, were badly scalded, while the fireman has not yet been found.

No Breakfast Table complete without EPP'S COCOA. An admirable food, with all its natural qualities intact, fitted to build up and maintain robust health, and to resist winter's cold. It is a valuable diet for children.

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