

Local and Other Matter.

WATERS—1000 Hides. Cash paid for delivery at Murdoch's.

NONCE CHRISTMAS GIVE.—The Rev. John Cameron, retired Presbyterian minister, who of late years has become a citizen of our fair town, was waited upon Monday evening by the Rev. W. M. Fraser, pastor of the United Methodist Church, who in the name of the congregation who he serves, presented him with a purse containing fifty dollars as a testimony of their regard and esteem of his character as a Christian gentleman and citizen.

SPRINGFIELD.—Capt. J. R. Hall is in the city carrying on negotiations for the formation of a company to develop the Spa Springs at Wilmet, Annapolis. It will be remembered that the hotel at the Springs was burned this year, and it is proposed to open for the summer, and it is proposed to replace the building destroyed by a larger and more complete one. There is a steady and growing demand in the United States and elsewhere for the mineral waters of the Spa Springs, and their valuable properties become known. An expert from the United States, who is here with Captain Hall, says the water makes the finest ginger ale in the world. A meeting of business and commercial men in the interest of the enterprise was held at the Queen hotel on Saturday night and another meeting for the same purpose will be held there to-day.

—Mrs. Willis, of this place, has opened a school for instruction of the young in dancing and deportment. So far the exercises taught tend to produce grace and ease in the motions of the pupils, but they are worthy of commendation. We understand that she has more than 20 pupils on her attendance list.

The Register social and fancy goods sale held in Victoria Hall on Monday evening, was a very enjoyable affair. The tables, five in number, were covered with good things, and were well patronized. The Bridgetown Brass Band honored the occasion with music of much excellence, and compliments of the season were exchanged in a very pleasing and agreeable manner, while everything passed off as "merry as a marriage bell." At the close it was found that the sum of fifty-seven dollars net had been realized.

A SCRIBE.—On Friday afternoon last, the monotony of the preliminary exercises of our school was broken by Master Herbert Hicks, who, on behalf of the pupils, in a few well selected words, presented me with an elegant volume, mounted on a stand covered with plush. For this and the many kind remembrances of the past six years, I feel deeply grateful. It is also gratifying to know that whilst I have had those tokens of appreciation, I have had the satisfaction of a practical sympathy in the various school duties in which we have been engaged. May this co-operation sympathize continue.

A. D. BROWN, Bridgetown, N. S.

A Discovery.

Our local readers will remember that a boy named Carter suddenly disappeared in the neighborhood of Plumtree Cove, in this County, some two years ago, and that certain parties were arrested and brought before a Justice of the Peace here, charged with having a guilty knowledge, at least, of the cause of the boy's death. The parties were discharged for want of evidence. It was admitted by the boy's employer that he sent him towards night to the house of Jones, a colored neighbor, who lived some distance away, to bring him a spade which had been lent to Jones. Jones said the boy carried the spade to the spade and started to return with it to his home. The boy never returned, and the whole affair remained a mystery until Saturday last, notwithstanding the farmer offered a reward of \$200.

On Saturday, while Mr. Foster Farm was with some others were employed in tracing a line in the neighboring woods, they found the spade, and by further search on making further search they found a bone—a part of the tibia of a small or young human being. This, with the spade, was brought to town on Monday. The owner showed signs of being gnawed by some animal, and probably further search will result in finding other remains. From the facts stated, it is apparent that the poor boy became lost in passing through the woods which lay between him and his home, and exhausted by his efforts to find his way out finally dropped the spade here and during the night expired. If we are correct in this supposition, the parties suspected of being implicated are now entirely exempt from suspicion.

[For the Monitor.] Temperance Reform.

A comprehensive resolution which originated with our Divisions is agitating the minds of the people of this country, and is being discussed in our temperance organizations with great enthusiasm and determination. This resolution is backed by men who say what they mean and mean what they say; and we are of the opinion that ere many years have rolled around the sentiment that is being created by this discussion will make itself felt in the legislative halls of our land. The resolution is as follows:—

"Whereas, the legislation of our country is not satisfactory to us as a temperance people, and

"Whereas, it is our duty as responsible members of the social compact to make our opinions felt in legislative halls in conformity to our principles;

"Therefore Resolved, That we now proceed to discuss the question of the best means to further this purpose.

Clarence Division, No. 366, will discuss this question on Saturday evening, Dec. 28th, at which delegates from many of our Divisions are expected to be present.

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Dec. 28th, 1889.

A Stimulus to Large Yields.

A revolution in potato culture is being effected by the introduction of the potato variety known as the American Agricultural Prize Potato Competition. That magazine a year ago offered prizes aggregating nearly \$10,000 for the largest yield on one measured acre each of wheat, oats, corn and potatoes. The oat award for a crop of 238 bushels in one acre of strong clay loam, in Annapolis County, Me., manured with a ton of special potato fertilizer. The twelve prize-winning crops averaged within a fraction of 500 bushels per acre, and the first 100 crops averaged 235 bushels per acre. These details are all the more remarkable when we remember that the average product per acre in the United States the past year was only 76 bushels of potatoes. These prize crops were all grown at a large cash profit, showing that the so-called high-farming is the most profitable. The American Agriculturist for January, which gives the details of the potato award, also announces a still greater potato contest for 1890. In view of the past year's experience, thousands of progressive farmers will co-operate in this contest, and will make farming more profitable.

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Life in a Lumber Camp.

While working in a lumber camp a year ago I caught a severe cold which settled on my lungs, I never felt until I tried Hagyard's Peppermint Balsam, which cured me entirely. I highly recommend it. J. W. L. WILSON, Magnetawan, Ont.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views of our correspondents.

Journalism.

An article appeared in the last number of the popular *Observer* entitled "The Political Press of Annapolis, Kings and Hants." It rather implied, if I understood it, that there was some difficulty in conducting a newspaper and making it profitable, and that it really costs too much to start and run a newspaper is not a difficult feat if we go to work in the right way. A mere strapping is education to the work. It requires neither education, training, experience, money nor brains. A young fellow succeeds in a printing office how types are set, and he can obtain for a dollar or two a toy printing machine. On 4th he can purchase a quire or two of paper, and he can obtain a sheet folded three or four times will furnish two or many sheets for the impatient and embryonic paper. These are printed with localities, advertisements, copied or conjured up jokes "stale and unprofitable," and an installment of a dinner. The paper thus constituted is sent abroad as a bait to catch subscribers, and it costs about 25 cents a year, or 3 a cent a copy. Few refuse to take it. A person would feel "mean" to send the paper back to the office. An appointment is demanded and submitted to for the same excellent reason that the paper is not refused. More funds come to hand and a larger press is ordered or hired. All that is larger press is to get "articles" for one or two of the columns. This can be done by solicitations to friends and the young men about town; all of whom are so elated by the dignity of being newspaper correspondents that they come to the rescue of the perplexed editor or proprietor and try their hand at writing. One tells how Jack Feargus went on a shooting expedition for wild geese; but that instead of getting one the mud got him, and that he barely escaped with his life. Another tells how Jim Always-in-trouble started on a fishing excursion, but that his trusty steed stumbled and threw him down a bank thirty feet, cruelly bruised and scratched by the stones and branches from which he fell. Another tells how a "sadder and wiser man," glad to get home minus fat trout. Such "items" as these are hugely popular and add immensely to a paper's subscription list; the information is so funny and valuable that it is not considered as mere "articles." But I forget about the name and motto of the paper—two most important matters. A name for a novel and a party and a newspaper in half the battle. It should be appropriate. In the case of the *Observer*, the name is small, and so there would be a peculiar difficulty if the designation chosen were "The Little Canadian." Now for a motto. This is a more difficult feat of accomplishment, for the English language is "noted for its poverty, containing only a few hundred thousand words, and therefore but few that would answer our purpose. Fortunately we have a resource; for there are synonymous terms which can be pressed into our service. The reading public of Nova Scotia is not averse to a motto, and it is not widely diffused, although hundreds of thousands of dollars are annually appropriated and expended in some sort of way, professedly to extend it. The motto then might be "Progress and Advancement Forward." Always remembering that forward may mean backward, and advancement retrogression. The paper is now launched and it sails along with the fable of the "old man and his son" would furnish a warning not to go too far in that direction. We will suppose the paper to have been twice enlarged by this time, the dime novels being still at hand, and Ira Miller's books of jokes all at the editor's elbow.

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Currents on our Coasts.

(Reprinted from the Morning Herald.)

Six—Your recent visit to the coast and the information furnished by the British Association and by the Royal Society of Canada, are at present engaged in urging upon the Dominion Government the importance of making systematic observations with the object of determining the character and extent of the currents in the coast waters of Canada. But as I find there is some misconception with regard to this matter, I ask you to allow me space for a short statement of facts. A shipmaster engaged on the coast has as his duty the duty of observing the position of his ship. He may (1) take soundings; and (2) by observing the position of different places the information they give is very valuable. It is not necessary to use a signal station; but even if he be near a signal station he may find excessive difficulty in estimating its bearing and distance. The object of the observations is to determine the position of the ship at different times, and to determine the direction and force of the currents. The information thus obtained is of great value to the Dominion Government, and it is to be regretted that the Dominion Government has not yet taken any steps to carry out the plan proposed by the British Association and the Royal Society of Canada. It is to be regretted that the Dominion Government has not yet taken any steps to carry out the plan proposed by the British Association and the Royal Society of Canada. It is to be regretted that the Dominion Government has not yet taken any steps to carry out the plan proposed by the British Association and the Royal Society of Canada.

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Births.

WOODWORTH.—At Delany's Cove, Dec. 19th, the wife of Arthur Woodworth, Son of a daughter.

MURPHY.—At Moss River, on Friday, Dec. 19th, the wife of Capt. A. Muesel, of a daughter.

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