





## Chignecto Post.

SACKVILLE, N. B., JAN. 4, 1877.

## Capormentine Railway.

The *Chignecto Post* sees in the failure of the Northern Light to keep afloat, a certain opportunity for bringing forward its pet project, a branch railway to Cape Tormentine, and, after stating what was done some time ago by the projectors, it says:

Jon. Mr. Smith was appealed to at the juncture for the rails, and he decided to aid in the movement at all, on the ground that he believed the Dominion Government would build the railway entirely itself. To the deputations that waited on him, Mr. Smith said the Dominion Government was in fact only waiting to see the result of the Winter Boat experiment—and if a failure they intended at once to commence and construct a railway immediately. Mr. Smith's pledges were clear and distinct on this point, and the time has now come when they are to be redeemed or repudiated.

It may be doubted whether Mr. Smith gave any such positive promise or assurance. He is usually cautious and reserved in such matters. It may also be doubted whether the failure of the Northern Light should be accepted as conclusive proof that construction with the Island by steam cannot be maintained.

How would it do for the *Freeman* to allow the Minister of Marine to speak for himself? Mr. Smith is not the man to allow statements as to his promises to be repeated week after week in the press, if lacking the essential element. If he has not contradicted our statements, it is simply because they are true.

Those who are best informed on the subject of winter navigation in the Gulf simply ridicule the idea of any vessel being able to navigate through the masses of ice-floes, fields and bergs, that float down from the North and get wedged in the straits.

Not a paper in P. E. Island has expressed the slightest confidence in the Northern Light or in any other possible steam vessel to navigate the Straits.

## St. John Deal Trade.

The following table, from the *Telegraph* shows the shipments from the port of St. John, N. B., to the United Kingdom and Continent of Europe from the 1st January to 31st of December, 1876:

Ports	Tons.	Deals.
Bristol Channel.....	17,802	15,291,513
Continent.....	9,366	8,567,613
Hull.....	1,620,494	1,620,494
Ireland.....	63,676	29,011,535
Liverpool.....	115,491	87,626,207
London.....	18,905	17,928,015
Scotland.....	7,221	4,769,157
Wales.....	948	434,576
Sunday Ports.....	2,614	2,359,278
Timber.....	1,188	1,188
Hutchinson.....	14,071	14,071
Total.....	248,804	192,005,894

The following were the shippers for 1876:—

Shippers.	Tons.	Deals.
A. Gibson.....	112,046	94,444,807
Bay, Stewart & Co.....	12,657	10,448,087
Carroll, McKean & Co.....	37,747	32,160,235
W. M. McKay.....	17,928	12,805,015
Gilbert & Co.....	3,422,801	3,422,801
MacLachlan & Wilson.....	6,433	5,162,411
Sundry Shippers.....	12,205	10,253,044

The shipments of deals in 1876 was 176,072,795. Timber, pine 640, birch 7,265 tons.

## New Year's Day.

## The Roads and the Flyers.

The weather and state of the roads combined to make New Year's Day one of the most pleasant of a pleasant season. The roads were made lively by the jingle of sleigh-bells, and the flying along of fast cutters. The rink received a good deal of attention afternoon and evening by promenaders and skaters, and those that were not at the rink were out for an airing. Mr. Blair Eatbroke took the lead on the Flyers, and afterwards brought out his promising horse, Corvise. Dandy Dan, Mr. Charles Farwell's big horse, went like a whirlwind. Mr. Thompson's boy horse stepped over the snow like a slinker. Mr. C. Richardson's bay horse extended himself to the tune of 2.40. Mr. Babcock's celebrated trotting colt was conspicuously absent.

## War?

The Porte, without accepting or declining the propositions of the powers, made counter-proposals. These have not been well received by the representatives of the other Nations, and particularly by the Russian Plenipotentiary, who says he cannot discuss the Turkish proposals. The question appears to be narrowed down to this: Will or will not Turkey accede to the demands of other Plenipotentiaries. The indications are that she will not. If she will not, England leaves her to her fate. To-day's sitting of the Conference will, the dispatches say, be decisive.

RETRIBUTION.—We owe an apology to our Northern neighbors of the *Union Advocate* for copying a statement that the proprietors of that paper were in the hands of the assignees. We are pleased to see a contradiction in the *Advocate*, and trust it will long continue to be a power in the North and year by year prove an ever increasing mine of profits to Messrs. Anslow.

TRADE of the port of Sackville for the year ending 30th June, 1876, with foreign countries:—

Imports.....	\$97,906.00
Exports.....	29,748.00
Duty collected.....	7,602.88

The *Telegraph* advocates greater attention to oyster culture in New Brunswick.

## Agriculture.

Annual Report of J. T. Carter, Esq., to the S. &amp; W. Agricultural Society.

Hay, though not quite so abundant a crop as last year, was of excellent quality and quite up to not a percentage above the average of last year. Wheat, good, with more attention given to the raising of it, with profitable results when proper attention was shown by the preparing of the land, as given by the results of a crop from a large field belonging to Mr. Charles Fawcett, on which he raised over one hundred bushels with a yield of fifteen from one. Barley and oats, a pretty good crop. Buckwheat was in many cases a failure, owing to early frost. Potatoes were in some localities an abundant crop, in others a failure, but taken upon the whole were rather more than an average crop. The number of acres cultivated with the different crops does not materially differ from last year. The usual quantity of seed was imported and sold at cost and charges. The Exhibition of the Society held on the 17th of October was well attended, with a good show of stock and a fair display in the building. There were about 600 entries and 245 prizes awarded, with some \$400 paid in premiums. There were some very superior horses and neat stock on the grounds. The number of articles in the building was not so large as those of former occasions, but the deficiency was made up in quality. Since the formation of this Society—more than half a century ago—many changes have taken place in the management and facilities for holding its exhibitions, and I claim that during that time the Society has accomplished a certain amount of good. Cannot we participate more largely still by greater exertions? The Society now numbers about 100 members. There is no reason why it should not be five times that number. There have been a few club meetings held every year, at which farmers have had an opportunity of expressing their views on different modes of farming, relating their success or failure, with the reason they attribute for the same. A few only have attended those meetings. If the Agricultural Society by premiums or through their club meetings be the means still more of promoting the interests of Agriculture, it will supply a want much felt. While I am willing to admit there has been improvement in the mode and means used in carrying on the different branches of farming, yet we must affirm there is much yet to be learned by farmers before they can reach the degree of excellence that will entitle them to the name of thorough and scientific farmers. Knowledge is power: the need of it is being more generally felt by a large number of farmers to ensure to them success and make masters of their situations. While it is necessary that a certain amount of manual labor must be performed, by those who are tillers of the soil, yet it is as equally important for the farmer to be able to use the plow as to be crowned with success to work with the head as well as the hands. Too many of the farmers in this locality are willing to plow in the same old, well-beaten and hard-trodden path with but few exceptions for nearly a century, regardless of the fact that as time rolls on and years come and go, each one in its turn brings changes that should show to the mind of the most expectant that the most successful mode of cultivating the soil fifty or even twenty-five years ago, would bring failures now. The continual cultivation of the soil year after year has exhausted the land or taken away many of the elements that are most necessary for the maturing of crops. This continual drain has not in very many cases been supplied by the manure returned to the land. While the annual use of fertilizers has increased and increased the benefits accruing from the local societies, so will the holding of Provincial Exhibitions annually, or at least once in three years, tend to encourage and promote the interest of Agriculture.

## French Schools at Bourgeois.

Sir:—Last May, the French people here started a school. There is now a regular attendance of about fifty pupils, and except for one thing, the people are all satisfied, and pleased. I propose to write with reference to that one exception, and who are responsible therefor. As a free school man, and a Protestant, I must stand up for the rights of the Trustees, and even the rebellious French, from any wish to place stumbling blocks in the way of the successful operation of the School Law—I will absolve everybody else, but the *Board of Education*.

This Board, as I shall proceed to show, has acted in a most unjust and tyrannical manner.

Bourgeois Village, (District 16,) lies on the Petitcodiac River; South Rockland and Taylor's Village, (Districts 22, 14 and 21, on the Memramook River, and they are separated by the base line of the lots which along the ridge between the two rivers. This base line separates the districts, except in one place, where the Board decreed that the line should deviate from such base line so as to include the Union Free Stone Company's Quarry in the Rockland District, thus depriving the poor French of Bourgeois Village of almost all only piece of taxable property they have.

—means, and placing it in comparatively rich English district. The effect of it is to make the French pay \$80 for supporting an English school!

This flagrant piece of injustice has been decided at the bidding of certain interested parties and as representatives to the Board have had no effect, the people appeal through the press to the public, confident that a sense of British Fair Play will not desert Mr. McQueen and the Board in this wrong.

FAIR PLAY.

## Farming Matters at Sackville.

To Editor of CHIGNECTO POST.

DEAR SIR:—The past season has been a very fine one for farmers. The usual breadth of land was sown and planted, although a very late spring. Potatoes generally above the average, kinds mostly grown were, the Early Rose, Copper, Kidney, and Goodrich. There are several other kinds grown, the most noted of which are, Breezes, Prolifics and Peerless. Turnips were heavy and but very few farmers grew them to any great extent, although so valuable for feeding stock.

It is rare to see either a field of carrots or beets in the parish, and many farmers never grow or use any kind of vegetables but potatoes.

A good deal of attention is given to the growth of cereals, viz.: oats, wheat, buckwheat and barley. Very fine samples of both white and black oats are grown, often weighing as much as 45 lbs. per bushel, and I have known yields of 60 bushels per acre, their average yield being from 35 to 40 and weighing from 35 to 37 lbs.

For several years wheat has been a great failure, except on the upper part of Butterfield Ridge, but for the past two years more land has been sown to wheat and the yield has been good, giving from 25 to 35 bushels of excellent grain per acre, weighing in some instances 68 lbs. per bushel. Many of our farmers grow from 50 to 100 bushels per acre, and having the soil seeming to be unsuitable. The best crops only yield about 40 bushels per acre. Hay, mostly timothy and clover, is grown on river or brook intervals and highlands, only a very little dykes marsh hay being found in the vicinity of Sackville. Thousands of tons of first quality hay are grown yearly, and mostly fed in the vicinity. The land is well-sited to clover, and some attention is being paid to the use of plaster as a fertilizer, which does much to advance its growth.

The past two weeks have been very stormy, and the snow is very deep and badly-drifted.

Yours, etc.,

Dec. 18, 1876. RESIDENT.

## Albert County Grammar School.

The usual winter examination of the Albert County Grammar School took place on Friday, 22nd December last. A large number of visitors were present during the whole day, and every body seemed more than satisfied with the progress made by the scholars under the enthusiastic and efficient direction of the head teacher, and his assistants. While all the classes were put through a searching examination, and stood the test to the satisfaction of parents and friends as well as of teachers, several classes were deserving of special mention. The classes in Algebra, 2nd Geography, Analysis and Composition were commended by Mr. Smith into the hands of several of the visitors, whose questions differed necessarily from the ordinary routine of the classroom. It is needless to say that this test was large without flinching, and that the scholars showed a thorough acquaintance with the subjects upon which they were examined. In the evening the school-room was crowded with an appreciative audience, who were entertained with a series of interesting songs, recitations and dialogues by the pupils of the school. The music was highly praised by those who professed to be judges, (our reporter—"hath no music in his soul.") The whole entertainment was of an exceedingly pleasant character, and earned a fine close to the exercises of the day. Mr. Smith, the teacher of the school, is a graduate of Sackville College, and the condition of his school reflects credit not only upon himself and his assistants, but upon the institution which he received his own scholastic training.

## Gambling.

Sir:—My communication in your last Thursday's issue had some effect; that evening was about the first occasion for some time that the gambling tables were not properly speaking, Rat-pone, was closed at a proper hour. Notwithstanding the indignation of its keeper I intend to continue to "advertise" the place, as long Mr. Editor as you have the manliness to admit communications on matters so vitally affecting the public weal, for I do not fear threats—I have heard foxes bark before—and I know the moral sentiments of this community will sustain any effort calculated to prevent the establishment in this place of a shop for drunkenness and vice.

(THE END OF THE MATTER.)

To the Editor of CHIGNECTO POST.

The undersigned having received several anonymous communications on official business, begs leave to notify the writers of the same that he would thank them, or any future correspondents, to write over their own signatures. All such official correspondence will be received at strictly confidential, provision being made for the protection of any parties furnished information.

Customs Revenue.—I stipulate a certain portion of proceeds of any seizures to be awarded to the feet or parties, through an officer, provided any seizures are actually made.

H. M. Customs, Moncton, Dec. 27, 76.

MORRISON, whiskey candidate, is elected Mayor of Toronto by a 1000 majority.

## Tantamar Rink.

Scribbles on the Ice.—Skating as a Religious Exercise.—The Language of the Skate.

Yesterday afternoon, Jones and I dropped into the new Rink. Jones is one of those talking, speculative fellows, brim-full of ideas, and can lecture by the hour on any subject from raising hens to the hygienical theories. Jones was much interested in the evolutions performed on the ice by the skaters, big and little, male and female.

"Now," said Jones, as we sat down on the edge of the promenade, "some people look upon skating as a mere amusement—a fashionable dissipation—and these Rinks places where young people can strike up flirtations and catch bad colds. To my mind the place is full of moral lessons. It gives practical religion to its disciples. Look there, now," continued he, pointing to a young *Mam'selle*, who, endeavoring to "lack," had "missed stays," and had come down on "her bum ends."—"What a preparation she is receiving for the serious business of this life. She is taught Patience under suffering. How though her waterfall has come down, and Watchfulness for the future. There is young Noodlehead making eight and all kinds of figures and about half of the girls are watching him, and saying, 'how nice.' And he feels the eyes of beauty upon him, saving all time for his rash brain conceives a more brilliant coup, than, alas! his shins can accomplish—he wheels with dizzy rapidity—and then for a moment he trembles and wavers in agony, and then there is his first feeling is that ten thousand firmaments are shooting through his brain, and then on the waves of returning consciousness is borne the angelic laughter of girlish voices! If he gets up and spins around again without one single little inward imprecation—that man is born for great things. He that subdueth himself is greater than he that taketh a city. Yes, sir, this moving panorama is a sort of *Divine Progress* in a slippery path full of backslidings, and therefore calculated to develop one's moral resources. But, then—"Perhaps," I interrupted, "you would substitute the Rink for the Church; let the streams of pulpit eloquence be frozen and turn the preachers into skating masters?"

"Ah," said Jones meditatively, "that opens another field of enquiry. Do not too many preachers worship Shams, cater to the pretensions of faith, and the solidness of wealth and the ease of hypocrisy? In their struggle to build up Churches, rivaling Pagan temples and powerful ecclesiastical establishments, have they not often forgotten the cardinal principles of religion? Now, hark ye, there is no room for pretension on the ice. Here a man's works and pretensions go together or he down he comes. Incipient preachers would learn to be ashamed to puff of fine-dresses, and high-pounding, and as they grow older, there would be fewer hypocritical vagabonds disgracing the cloth! Yes, sir, fewer of those Gospel wolves, ready to rob the widow and the fatherless—fewer preachers of the sanctimonious Potts—fewer Ragged Edges—"

"You do not think Beecher was guilty?"

"Guilty! repeated he with a prolonged whistle.

"How strange," I remarked with a view to changing the direction of the conversation, "that no two people should skate alike."

"No," I confessed.

"Still greater things have been done. It is only a few months ago that a member of that select family called Sam Jones, the son of a Baptist minister, was skating on a box?"

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## Greek Ode.

Of tales of pilgrims that one morning rode Out of the gateway of the Faubourg, I tell me what? or I won't believe your rubbish."

"Well," said Jones, "I will not be offended if you don't. Your mind may not be capable of grasping the infinite possibilities of the Future that awaits the seeker and—"

"Do you see that pink-checked angel in a wintry gown, and cardinal stars skimming along—"

"With sweet vibration each way free?" would give a penny for her thoughts?"

"Skating," continued Jones disconcerting my wish, "has its history, romance and literature. The great Uller was distinguished for his beauty, arrows and skates. He was the first skater in the North of Europe, and particularly Holland is the home of skating."

In Friesland, skating is a national accomplishment, and frequent races take place in every town. Both sexes skate, and it is remarkable to be in Friesland myself two years ago and was at a race in which seven fair contestants ran. Being a stranger, I was allowed the honor of attaching the skates of one of the dancels, for which I was rewarded by a payment in the current coin—a gentle osculation."

"You! I pity the poor girl."

"A matter of taste, my dear fellow. A story is told of a young lady, first of all, a challenge to a correspondence on ice, and in a few minutes an important question and answer were written as clearly as a diamond on glass. The famous Chevalier de St. George could give his name on the ice with the same certainty as Sweden with one blade make accurate portrait designs on the ice. In Norway, there is a regiment of skaters, and it is said that in 1805, an officer charged with a message from Napoleon to Marshal Morier to take possession of the Hanseatic towns, saved hours by skating across the mouth of the Elbe."

"Now, there was Sam Weller and Klopstock."

"Both take your topstock and jawlip, I am freezing."

"As Jones got sorrowfully up to come away, said he, 'old fellow, I'd really like to have heard you talk a little while longer.'"

## Diphtheria.

For the CHIGNECTO POST.

The cause of this destructive malarial is like all contagious diseases; its origin is local. Generated from putrefaction, offal of the tenement houses of our large cities, and ill-ventilated apartments where small children congregate. It is a complaint that seldom troubles grown people, and hence they seldom suspect its deadly ravages. There are several kinds, and they attack the mucous lining of the intestinal canal, the throat, as well, for it sympathizes with the rest of the organization. The temperature they they have is higher than the normal state of the body; it rises to 100 or higher. The great remedy should then be: Lower the temperature of the throat, stomach and intestinal canal, by ice-cream in the mouth, also, cold to the throat, and warm to the feet, to keep the circulation balanced. The skin should be kept pliable and soft with hand bathing several times a day. The food, temperature of the room and amount of ice and warmth of water, could the patient's feelings. Cleanliness for the prevention of the growth of the germ or animalcula—Freeze him out is the cure.

## From Oxford.

Oxford, up to present time, has had 75 cases of diphtheria, and 14 deaths, the disease appears to have abated, there are no new cases and present ones are progressing favourably.—Mr. Eastman, a native of Indiana, U. S., and engineer of the Pugwash Bridge, removed to Oxford about 10 days ago, and died of Diabetes at that place on Sunday last in the forty-second year of his age. He leaves a wife and one child. He has been much troubled with this disease for some years past.—The Woolen Mills have now got their new steam power in operation. Both mills are now operated by steam power, and will be able to work continuously. This company has been doing a good business during the last year, although times have been so dull.—There is a slight improvement in the business of this place. The amount of lumbering operations will be carried on this winter.

## Pugwash Items.

St. John's Day was duly observed by the members of Acadia Lodge No. 13, A. F. & A. M., by attending Divine Service at 5 o'clock, p. m., in St. George's Church, when the Rev. D. C. Moore, Senior Warden, delivered an eloquent address, after which they adjourned to the "Palmerston House" and partook of a cold collation, provided by Bro. W. N. Seaman.—St. George's Church is decorated with evergreens, mistletoe, &c., in a neat, clean, and appropriate manner.—"Palmerston Bridge" will be open to the public this week. It is a fine structure.—The Ladies in connexion with the Methodist Church of this place held a Christmas Tree on the evening of the 28th ult., (for purpose of raising funds for their Sunday School) and realized \$45.

An investigation is to be made into the case of driver Darcy, of the I. C. R., who is in charge of the train from Halifax on the 14th ult., and is charged with running off an excessive rate of speed between Spring Hill and Athol, and who is also charged with being under the influence of liquor. Meanwhile, the driver is suspended.

The *Watchman* is in favor of giving the Devil his due.

"If you give the Devil his due, Sir, What will become of you, Sir, What will become of you, Sir."

J. L. Black.

## Advertisements This Day.

## SOLE LEATHER.

40 SIDES

NOS. 1 &amp; 2 B. A. SOLE LEATHER.

Very Cheap for Cash.

J. L. Black.

## Kerosene Oil.

10 CASKS KEROSENE OIL, of extra quality, just received. Will be sold very low by cash, at retail for cash.

J. L. Black.

## FURNITURE.

3 Dozen Bedsteads,

AND A FEW

BEDROOM SUITS.

Which we can sell very low. Please call and see them.

J. L. Black.

## XMAS GIFT GOODS.

ON Monday next, 18th December, we will offer our friends and patrons—old and young—a splendid assortment of GIFT GOODS, suitable to the Holiday Season.

## BOOKS.

Bibles, Bible and Wesley's Hymns—combined, Wesley's Hymns—from cheap to good, Gift Books, Children's Linnen and Paper, Picture Books, &amp;c.

## TOYS.

Rocking Horses, Dexter's Rockers, Balls, Sticks—a large variety, and a large assortment Small Toys.

Ladies' Work Baskets, Willow Work Stands, Picture Frame, Toilet Sundries, Silver Plated Ware, and an extensive assortment Gold Rings, &amp;c., all cheap at

J. L. Black's.

## Prints, Grey Cottons, &amp;c.

3 CASKS—Containing a very fine assortment of PRINTS of superior quality, and GREY COTTONS, TICKING, DUCK, &amp;c.

For Sale Low.

J. L. Black.

## Flour, Salt &amp; Raisins.

100 BLS. SUPERIOR QUALITY FLOUR.

100 lbs. SUPERIOR SALT.

50 boxes RAISINS.

All of which we offer at the lowest possible prices.

J. L. Black.

## For the Ladies!

A LOT OF WILLOW WORK STANDS.

Willow and Cedar Work, and Working Baskets.

Picture Frames, &amp;c., &amp;c., at

J. L. Black's.

## For Boys and Girls.

DEXTER'S ROCKERS; ROCKING HORSES.

3 dozen CASTING SLEDS—six different varieties.

J. L. Black.

## TURPENTINE!

2 casks Spirit Turpentine.

Just received and for sale cheap.

J. L. Black.

## WORTH KNOWING!

FROM British, American and Canadian sources, we have now in store and arrive, the most varied and valuable Stock of Goods ever offered our customers, who are anxious to purchase at prices low as to command a ready sale. Below we enumerate some of our Stock and invite examination:—

200 lbs. FLOUR, choice brand; 50 " Cornmeal; 120 lbs. Montreal and Quebec Green Apples; 5 " Dry Apples; 5 " Onions; 12 lbs. Molasses; 2 " Sugar; 122 lbs. Liverpool & Saff; 10 " Butter Salt; 25 quills Pollock and Codfish; 30 barrels Herrings; 6 " Am. Refined Kerosene Oil; 6 " Canadian " 25 chests Superior Quality TEA; 12 boxes Tobacco; 10 " Soap; 1000 lbs. Rice; 50 boxes Raisins; 1000 lbs. Dairy and Factory Cheese; 50 kegs Cut Sausage, all sizes; Coffee, &c.; White and Colored Paints; 17 lbs. 1 Lamp, Fruit Dishes, &c.; 10 boxes Axes; 1 gross Hickory Axe Handles; 12 cases Shovel and Heavy Hand-saws; 100 lbs. Shaving Paper; 5 cases Clocks; 1 gross Mirrors; 1 dozen Master Sh-pele and Forks; 10 " Pails; 12 " Broods; 1 dozen Hinges, Bolts, &c.; 100 lbs. Buck-Saw and Hand-Saws; 1 " J. L. Black.

## Advertisements This Day.

## NOTICE!

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders and Proprietors of the Sackville Rural Cemetery Company will take place at the office of C. Mainer, Esq., on TUESDAY, 9th inst. A full attendance requested.

J. D. DIXON, President.

January 1st, 1877.

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## A SPLENDID MAG. ZINE.

The January number of *Our Home Companion and Canadian Teacher* is on our table and is really a fine specimen, and a credit to Canadian enterprise. We know of no educational journal in the United States that for the quantity and quality of the matter it contains, or its typographical appearance, equals this new Canadian publication. Its departments are varied and complete, comprising editorial, contributed and selected articles, educational intelligence, scientific and literary notes, and mathematical, biographical, children's, and publishers' departments. Each has its own attractive features, the mathematical department alone being worth the subscription price to itself. To be brief, its contents throughout are admirably calculated to bring pleasure and profit to the scholar and teacher wherever it may be introduced. Not the least attractive feature, however, is the premium offered to subscribers by the publishers (Messrs. Munroe & Co., London, Ont.). Every subscriber at \$1.50 receives a beautiful oil chromo—Lakes Macdonald, a beautiful scene in Italy—size 12x25; or for \$1.00 a handsome premium crayon (22x28) is given with the magazine for one year. It is published in octavo form, and contains 32 pages of closely-printed matter, neatly bound in double cover.

We have made arrangements with the publishers whereby we are enabled to club the *Companion and Teacher* with the *Weekly Witness* on very favorable terms. For only \$2.50 we will send both journals one year with the premium chromo; or for \$1.50 we will send a crayon with both papers for one year. Copies of the magazine and premium may be seen at our office, and on examination of the same our readers will find that our offer has seldom been equalled. Subscribe at once as the offer will be continued only a short time. Subscriptions must be sent to us to secure the above liberal terms.

## THE "WITNESS"

HOLDS A HIGH PLACE in Canadian journalism. Its unwavering course has done more for it than the ability with which it is managed. It has defied both political parties by turns, as their policy seemed to demand it. At times it has been held to have taken sides, and again its independence becomes evident. The work of the good newspaper is to drive out bad reading with better. The *Witness* has made this its mission. It is eminently

## A FAMILY PAPER.

Its progress during a year or two has been most remarkable. The circulation of the *Weekly Witness* has, as appears from its prospectus, grown in two years from 17,000 TO 26,000.

Its progress is largely owing to the enthusiasm awakened by its position in regard to the ultramontane aggression, so rampant in the Province of Quebec. This feeling went far at the issue of certain legal proceedings against the *Witness*, and it is under the episcopal malediction—as to take form of public meetings, held in Montreal and many other large cities and towns, was a view to the founding of a testimonial fund. But the testimonial is the above rapid growth, owing to the efforts of its readers. The publishers have taken a novel course this year in offering all who contribute letters in new subscriptions a pair of

## SELF-ADJUSTING SKATES.

of the best make. This skate is Canadian invention, and of Canadian manufacture, but in all countries it is regarded as the best; it is called the "Eureka," and has become an object of great desire among the younger people. The subscriptions sent in to obtain the skates may be for the *Weekly Witness*, or for the *New Dominion*, or for the *Northern Messenger*.

THE NEW DOMINION MONTHLY, the oldest Canadian Magazine—seems to manifest signs of upward progress, both in circulation and efficiency, and every one in Canada who wishes to see a Canadian literature developed, must wish it every success.

THE MESSENGER'S increase has been the most remarkable of all, its circulation having grown in two years from 20,000 to 50,000. It is a family and Sunday-school paper, containing a very large supply of good family reading, and is excellently illustrated.

Those wishing to work for the prize skates, or for any of a series of money prizes which the *Witness* advertises, should write by the first mail to Messrs. John Campbell & Son, Montreal, and receive samples of the publications. The prices are as follows:—

DAILY WITNESS, \$2.00 per year, postpaid.	TRIMMER, " " "
NEW DOMINION, " " "	MONTHLY, " " "
NORTHERN MESSENGER, " " "	" " " " "

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Tell us, thou clear and heavenly tongue,  
Where is the babe that lately sprung?  
Lies he in the little-banks among?

Or say, if this new birth of ours  
Sleeps, laid within some nest of flowers  
Spangled with dew-dewdrops, thou canst  
All doubts, and manifest thee here.

Declare to us, bright Star, if we shall seek  
Him in the morning's blushing cheek,  
Or search the bed of spices through,  
To find him out.

Star—No, this ye need not do.  
But only come and see him rest,  
A princely—his mother's breast.

Chorus  
He's seen! he's seen! why then around,  
Let's kiss him, sweet and holy ground,  
And all rejoice that we have found  
A kind, before conception crown'd.

Chorus  
Come then, come then, and let us bring  
Unto our pretty Teacher, the King,  
Each one his several offering.

Chorus  
And when night comes we'll give Him  
And that his treble honors may be seen.  
We'll crown Him King, and make His  
Mother Queen.

From Mr. Blake's paper in Old and New  
For December.

At the late meeting of the Pro-  
vident, Brother W. said, early in  
his ministry he and another brother  
were conducting a meeting in which  
there was much religious interest.  
An old man gave expression to his  
joy by shouting, and continued it  
until it began to interrupt the  
services. Brother H. said to  
Brother W.—"Go, stop that old  
man's noise." He went to him and  
spoke a few words, and the shouting  
man at once became quiet. Brother  
H. asked Brother W. what  
he said to the old man that quieted  
him so promptly. Brother W.  
replied, "I asked him for a dollar  
for foreign missions."

THE Rev. Adirondack Murray, of  
Boston, answers questions put to him  
concerning the "mad mangle." One was,  
"Does not God help ignorant  
Christians to say very wise things?"  
The reply was:—"I hope so, pro-  
foundly. I hope he will increase his  
activities in that direction. I think  
there is plenty of need, for I can re-  
member only too well a great many  
people who were certainly deep down  
in ignorance and foolishness, and  
ill fate, whose tongues were  
always running like a clapper in the  
prayer meetings, and whom the Lord  
has now helped to the light. He  
never even hoped them to wisdom  
enough to keep silent."

The proposal to submerge a  
portion of North Africa by means of  
a canal from the Gulf of Yabek to the  
Mediterranean, is also being  
discussed over the lake regions of  
Djibouti, seems, from the facts just  
detailed by M. M. Rudaire and  
Duppas, to be not only practicable,  
but also likely to turn out a remuner-  
ative undertaking.

In Paris there are contractors who  
pay the city \$20,000 per annum for  
the privilege of keeping the streets  
clean. The work is done under the  
supervision of the municipal authori-  
ties and the contractors are paid  
by the sale of the dirt and dust,  
which, when manufactured into  
fertilizers, is said to yield \$600,000  
annually.

"The Mad Mangle, or the Terror  
of Murderer's Guilt," is the latest  
dramatic sensation. The hero kills  
twenty Indians at one shot and  
rescues fourteen beautiful Mormon  
girls all of whom he marries in the  
Endowment House at one clip. Now  
he is the continental youth of Amer-  
ica, and is being courted by the  
courtesans of Salt Lake Tribune.

DR. FORBES WINDLOW records the  
startling fact that over 10,000  
persons of unsound mind are confined  
in the lunatic asylums of the United  
States, driven mad from over-exer-  
cise on the subject of spiritualism,  
and that insanity from the same  
cause is prevalent in England, and  
increasing every day.

An old woman who was crossing  
the street had a narrow escape from  
being run over by a horse. "I am  
not all superstitious," she always  
rehearses, "but it always seemed  
to me that it would be unlucky to be  
killed by a horse."

PETER COOPER never travels with-  
out an inflatable rubber cushion. M.  
Thiers without a footstool fashioned  
like a vase, and Dr. Kennedy, the  
celebrated oculist, without an im-  
mense umbrella.

A singular marriage procession  
was seen in the Bois de Boulogne,  
Paris, recently, the parties being  
mounted on velocipedes, each gen-  
tleman having a lady behind him,  
and the leading man playing a violin.

Forty thousand men are now em-  
ployed at shipbuilding near the Clyde,  
and one of the builders recently de-  
clared that the Clyde shipyards had  
either been degraded or dismissed.

A Vermont State Senator is  
charged with using the difficult  
heretical language that the con-  
stitution of the United States is an  
old fiction of which almost any tune  
can be played.

The first direct ship from  
Europe port ever made from  
Brunswick, Ga., occurred on the 7th,  
when 1,717 bales of cotton for Liver-  
pool.

Nearly one hundred organized  
bodies were taken from the  
the Brooklyn Theatre.

## Burning of St. Elizabeth Convent.

A terrible catastrophe occurred at  
the Convent of St. Elizabeth,  
Country Joliet, 45 miles N. E. of  
Montreal, Monday night at 8.45.

The Sister Superior of Con-  
vent made the usual visit through-  
out the whole convent, and neither  
saw nor suspected anything.

Neither smoke nor smell to lead any  
one to think of fire. All the com-  
munity were in bed, when at twenty  
minutes past nine the whole convent  
was in flames. All that could be  
done for the persons in the convent  
was to hurry them outside. Nuns as  
well as children had no time to run  
out themselves, without any clothing  
of any kind.

It is believed that the fire origi-  
nated in the floors, but none  
could suspect the cause.

Thirteen persons are missing, and  
have perished in the conflagration.  
At one o'clock eight bodies had been  
found and taken from the ruins.  
They were all burned to cinders.

Some of the parents of these poor  
children were on the spot, and were  
to be seen crying and looking for  
their remains, seeking to recognize  
them by the pieces of linen or cloth  
found on them or otherwise.

It is said Elizabeth Gravel, one of  
the victims, was seen out of the Con-  
vent last night, but that she went  
back into it either to save somebody  
or some of her things, apparently  
expecting to have time to come out  
safe, and that she could not return.

The Sister Superior, it appears,  
was present in remaining in the  
Convent, to save the children, and at  
last escaped with great difficulty.

The victims are supposed to have  
been burnt in the stairs, while run-  
ning away or suffocated in the bed  
rooms.

Says an English critic:—"The  
years between seventeen and twenty-  
one are the most critical of a girl's  
life. The final touches are then  
frequently given to character; hence  
the necessity of inculcating high  
principles, combined with sound  
judgment."

When your steak is broiled done  
put it on a hot dish, sprinkle with  
minced parsley, salt and pepper, lay  
on lumps of butter, and put it into a  
hot oven until there is no juice or  
bitter visible.

The British travelling public com-  
plain through the press of the habit  
of clerks at railway stations giving  
short change to halted travellers in a  
hurry to catch trains.

The young princes born to the  
Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh last  
month, is Her Majesty's sixteenth  
grand-daughter, and twenty-fifth  
grand-child.

A man who had once been wealthy  
and a candidate for Mayor was re-  
cently in a Boston police court,  
ragged and bloated, as a common  
drunkard.

No money has been paid to the  
Spanish bishops and clergy since  
1868. The arrears due them are  
forty million dollars, and no one  
knows when it will be paid.

The public debt of New York city  
is now, or quite \$165,000,000, and  
this sum is constantly on the increase.  
The annual taxes amount to over  
\$38,000,000.

The Montreal Witness says that  
in the Bank of Montreal in that city  
there is a clerk, an Englishman, who  
is six feet seven and a half inches in  
stature.

It is said that there are 50,000  
Hobbes in New York, and of that  
number one hundred have estates  
valued at \$1,000,000 or upwards.

A bankrupt of Perth, Scotland,  
has just been sentenced to fourteen  
years penal servitude for concealing  
property from his creditors.

Two murderers a man and a  
woman, confined in separate cells of  
a Michigan prison, correspond on an  
empty foot sack.

You may momentarily heat a man  
with a figure of speech, but he goes  
away feeling that, after all, you are  
a bigger fool than he is.

A Colorado woman has collected  
fifty bushels of grasshoppers, and  
sealed and dried them for winter  
chicken feed.

OVER 24,000 Masons were in  
North America last year, and the  
whole number of affiliated Masons  
on the continent at this time exceeds  
600,000.

CAPT. McNEILL's rangers have, in  
the last few months, captured or  
killed about seventy-five of the worst  
desperadoes in Western Texas.

NEW YORKERS consume 95 gallons  
of water per head daily. The  
amount of mixed drinks disposed of  
is not stated.

JOHN MONROE has declared all  
pools sold at his house in New York  
on the direct result of the President-  
ial election.

The buildings erected in Toronto  
during the past season are collectively  
valued at \$1,700,000.

The names of 192 young women  
have been entered as students of the  
Faculty of Medicine at St. Peters-  
burg.

NEBRASKA would make fifteen  
States as large as New Hampshire,  
and Indiana would make twenty.

LAKE SUPERIOR is 300 miles long  
and 1,700 miles in circumference.  
The average depth is 900 feet.

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be kept up by a cord, and are  
therefore called "cord trousers."

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