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POWDER EXPLODES AND DAMAGE IS DONE IN NEILL'S STORE AT FREDERICTON.

Windows Blown Out, Wall Shifted, Goods Set Afire, and Son of Mr. Neill is Painfully Injured—The City Was Startled.

Fredricton, Oct. 2.—(Special)—J. Stewart Neill, son of J. S. Neill, hardware merchant, is at his home here painfully...

in the vicinity of the explosion took fire but the flames were speedily extinguished. After the explosion Mr. Neill was able...

SYSTEMATIC PUMPING AT ST. JOSEPH OIL WORKS.

One is Reported Giving Out 27 Barrels a Day—Four Drills at Work.

Moncton, Oct. 2.—(Special)—Pumping on a systematic basis at the oil wells at St. Joseph's has at last been commenced...

MAY BE REVOLUTION FOLLOWING ELECTION.

Odd Situation on Islands Which Britain Ceded to Honduras.

Mobile, Ala., Oct. 2.—Captain Coe, of the British schooner Clara L. Dyer, which has just arrived from Rusan, reports that...

DIED ON THE TRAIN AT WINDSOR, N. S.

Mrs. James G. Reeves Passed Away While Travelling to Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 30.—Mrs. James G. Reeves, a passenger on the train from Kentville to Halifax, died suddenly just before reaching Windsor this evening.

ROAN WILKES, \$10,000 STALLION CAN'T BE FOUND.

Brookton, Mass., Oct. 2.—Roan Wilkes, the big roan stallion owned by James Hume of Amesbury, is missing.

Buckman Divorce Case at Halifax.

Halifax, Sept. 30.—(Special)—Hearing of the case of Buckman vs. Buckman was begun by Justice Graham in the divorce court today.

Son Born to Duchess of Manchester.

London, Oct. 2.—The news of the birth of a son to the Duchess of Manchester has been received with the ringing of church bells and great rejoicing at Kimbolton Castle, the Duke of Manchester's English seat.

FOURTEEN MEN KILLED BY FIRE-DAMP EXPLOSION.

City, Wash., Oct. 2.—Last night, from 9 and 10 o'clock, an explosion of fire damp occurred on the fourth level of the south side of the Lawson mine near the town. Fourteen men are reported to have been killed.

BITING FROST AT THE GAGETOWN MEETING "AGAIN THE GOVERNMENT."

As at Fairville the Much-Advertised Convention Failed to Nominate.

Several Parishes Were Not Represented, and the Shivering Fifty Who Heard Mr. Hazen Go Over the Old Story Took No Decisive Action.

WOMAN BRUTALLY ASSAULTED, THOUGHT TO BE WORK OF TRAMPS.

Mrs. Littlefield of Penobscot, Me., Found by Her Son Unconscious in Pool of Blood.

Elsworth, Me., Oct. 2.—While alone in her house at Penobscot, 25 miles from here, Mrs. Joseph D. Littlefield was brutally assaulted this noon and had not regained consciousness at midnight. She was terribly beaten about the head and shoulders, there being two deep gashes in her neck.

STIFF OPPOSITION TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S EDUCATION BILL.

Presbyterian and Baptist Independent Ministers Request Its Withdrawal.

London, Oct. 2.—The general body of the Presbyterian and Baptist independent ministers at a special meeting this afternoon passed a resolution calling on the government to withdraw the education bill and declaring: "We will do everything in our power to defeat the reactionary, tyrannical proposals of the measure, which vast numbers of loyal subjects will be conscientiously compelled to resist to the utmost, even to refusing the payment of rates."

FEELING OF HOPE THAT CONFERENCE TODAY WILL HELP END THE COAL STRIKE.

Operators' Representatives Think the Miners Will Be Shown They'll Have to Give In—Indications Also That Compromise May Be Effected—Roosevelt in Earnest.

Willesbarre, Pa., Oct. 2.—Mr. Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, accompanied by District Presidents Nicholas, Duffy and Fahy, left here this evening for Washington. It is not known what policy the executive board of the miners' union will pursue at the conference.

GOOD FORTUNE AVERTS TRAGEDY AT WASHWAUKSIS.

David Willis, Not Knowing Gun Was Loaded, Came Near to Killing Wife and Friend.

Fredricton, N. B., Oct. 2.—(Special)—The foolish handling of a gun by David Willis, at Washwauksis this afternoon, almost resulted in a case of manslaughter.

TERMS OF TOBACCO WAR SETTLEMENT.

English and American Companies to Seek Trade Hand in Hand Throughout the World.

New York, Oct. 2.—An authorized statement regarding the agreement between the American and British tobacco companies was made today by Thos. F. Ryan, who returned on Tuesday from London.

IRISH M. P.'S INVITED TO VISIT MONTREAL.

John Redmond and John Dillon Wanted by United Irish League—Technical School for Laval.

Montreal, Oct. 2.—(Special)—The Montreal branch of the United Irish League has invited John Redmond, M. P., and John Dillon, Ireland's representatives at the United Irish League convention at Boston, Oct. 19, to visit Montreal at the close of the convention.

BOERS SEEKING KNOWLEDGE OF FARMING ARRIVE IN CANADA.

Quebec, Oct. 2.—(Special)—Steamer Lake Champlain, which arrived in port at 6 o'clock this evening, brought the Boer delegates sent by the imperial government on advice of Lord Milner, high commissioner in South Africa, to make a tour of Canada to study modern ways of farming, stock raising, fruit growing, fruit packing, etc.

PROSPERITY REIGNS IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

Revenue for Last Quarter the Highest in Colony's History—Business Booming.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 2.—The revenue of the colony for the quarter ended Sept. 30, reaches a total of \$350,000, which is \$30,000 more than the revenue for the corresponding quarter of last year.

PREMIER LAURIER LEAVES FRANCE FOR SCOTLAND.

He and Lady Laurier to be Guests of Lord Aberdeen—Franco-Canadian Commercial Treaty.

Paris, Oct. 2.—Premier Laurier, of Canada, and Lady Laurier, left here today for Scotland, where they will be the guests of Lord Aberdeen, the former governor-general of Canada.

NEW DIRECT CANADIAN FAST LINE SERVICE.

Toronto, Oct. 2.—(Special)—The Telegram's special cable from London says: "The imperial government's arrangement with the Canadian line is a decisive blow to the chances of the proposed Canadian fast line receiving financial aid from the same quarter, at least such is the opinion of interested circles in this city today."

QUEBEC BUSINESS HOUSES MAY HAVE TO CLOSE.

Quebec, Oct. 2.—(Special)—The scarcity of coal in this city will, it is said, oblige several large establishments to close down for the winter. A small lot of anthracite on hand is selling at \$15 a ton.

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OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

FREDERICTON. Frederick, N. B., Sept. 30. (Special)—U. N. B. Raymond has passed a good examination at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College for one of the scholarships offered to college graduates.

KINGSTON. Kingston, Kings county, Sept. 30.—On Wednesday last at Trinity church Hammond River, Perry Fairweather, of Kingston, was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Prince, of Jubilee.

JERUSALEM. Jerusalem, Oct. 2.—Mrs. Chas. E. Webb and family returned to Boston on Saturday. The summer was pleasantly spent at their former home here.

EASTERN BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Salisbury, N. B., Oct. 2.—The Eastern Baptist S. S. convention held its first session at the First Salisbury Baptist church Wednesday afternoon and evening. A large number of delegates were present.

COUNTRY MARKET SUPPLY

Table listing market prices for various goods such as fish, poultry, and vegetables. Columns include item names and prices per unit.

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME

Are Never Without Peruna in the House for Catarrhal Diseases.



MR. AND MRS. J. O. ATKINSON, INDEPENDENCE, MO. Under date of January 10, 1897, Dr. J. Hartman received the following letter: "My wife had been suffering from a complication of diseases for the past 25 years."

TRURO. Truro, N. B., Sept. 30.—(Special)—The dry goods firm of R. S. Boyd & Co. has just received a large lot of new goods.

CHATHAM. Chatham, N. B., Sept. 30.—(Special)—Yesterday three American capitalists in town and made a thorough examination of the Maritime Pulp Mill.

HOPEWELL HILL. Hopewell Hill, Oct. 1.—The following officers of Golden Rule Division, No. 51, S. of T. were elected last evening for the ensuing quarter: Fred G. Moore, W. P. George, M. Russell, W. A. Mary E. Archibald, R. S. Maggie Archibald, A. R. S. Fred J. Newcomb, P. E. John M. Tingley, treasurer; George W. Newcomb, chaplain; Paul R. Tingley, C. Annie Smith, A. C. Evelyn Goan, I. S.; Roy Tingley, O. S.; Herbert L. Brewster, P. W. P.

ST. MARTIN'S. St. Martin's, Sept. 30.—The annual show of the St. Martin's Agricultural Society will be held on the 8th of October.

PORT ELGIN. Port Elgin, Sept. 30.—The teachers' institute for Westmorland county held its annual session in this town Thursday and Friday last.

DIGBY. Digby, Sept. 30.—October, 1902, will be noted at Digby for its weddings. Fourteen will take place during the month, the first being that of Miss Alice Moore.

SAVING ARMY FOR GENERAL BOOTH. There is considerable excitement at the Salvation Army headquarters owing to the visit of General Booth to the city of St. John.

HEART TROUBLE DROVE HIM TO SUICIDE. Haverhill, Mass., Sept. 30.—In a fit of melancholia caused by an attack of heart trouble from which he had been suffering for the past three weeks, Jesse B. George, a 47-year-old farmer, shot himself.

HIMROD'S CURE FOR ASTHMA. CONVINCING TESTIMONY FOR DOUBTERS. The St. John Dispensary, St. John, N. B., Oct. 29th, 1902.

DIARRHOEA BREAKS THE EYES. If not cured, it becomes a chronic condition. No ready cure exists with any medicinal or surgical means.

THE DAY OF MIRACLES NOT PAST. A Toronto "Star" reporter investigated the case of Mr. G. W. Warren, a man who had been blind for many years.

LOTASINE. GALL CURE. YOU MAY WORK THE HORSE. THE BAIRD COMPANY, Limited.

An Unusual Opportunity to Make Money without Risk. James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad and the Kettle River Valley (Canadian Pacific) have completed their branch lines to the Republic Mines at a cost of over Two Million Dollars.

We recommend the purchase of five stocks. REPUBLIC IS ALL RIGHT. President of the Great Northern Gives His Opinion of the District. VITAL POINTS TO CONSIDER.

\$100 Will today purchase 100 shares in each of the five companies which will easily sell in ninety days for \$200. FULLERTON INVESTMENT COMPANY.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH published every Wednesday and Saturday...

ADVERTISING RATES. Ordinary commercial advertisements taken at the rate of the paper...

IMPORTANT NOTICE. Owing to the considerable number of complaints as to the misdirection of letters...

FACTS FOR SUBSCRIBERS. Without exception, names of new subscribers will not be entered until the money is received...

RULES FOR CORRESPONDENTS. Be brief. Write plainly and take special pains with the punctuation...

AUTHORIZED AGENTS. The following agents are authorized to canvass and collect for The Semi-Weekly Telegraph...

THE SUN ON THE FROST. Alarmed by the Telegraph's accurate reports of the Fairville and York Theatre meetings...

THE CLERGYMEN AND THE BOYS. The Telegraph is pleased to learn that the recent meeting of city clergymen...

THE BANNER COUNTY. The farmers of Kings county will do well to consider the remarks of the Hon. L. P. Farris...

THE SUN TAKES BACK-WATER. Some days ago the Sun stated that the provincial government had refused to consent...

THE FAIRVILLE CONVENTION. The Sun is entitled to general sympathy in its disappointment over the opposition convention fizzle at Fairville...

THE POLICE SITUATION. When a single policeman has to patrol from the Golden Ball corner to the Marsh bridge...

WHAT WILL ROOSEVELT DO? Can Theodore the Strenuous end the coal strike? New York hears that he has sent his secretary of war...

SMOTHER A COUGH. You can smother a cough with your hand but you can't cure it that way...

ANOTHER "EMINENTLY SATISFACTORY" TORY MEETING. The tory opposition has held another "eminently satisfactory" meeting...

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adjustment is true, and it is useless to hold him responsible for all the violence which has followed the strike since he can retort with some measure of justice...

If President Roosevelt does anything of use it will of necessity be something radical. He is bound to preserve the peace if he has to supplement the state guards with the rougher but more effective regulars...

MR. FOWLER, OF KINGS, IN THE WEST. The people of Kings county will not be pleased with the conduct of George W. Fowler, M. P., who accompanied Mr. Bordeau on his western tour...

His commissioner of labor has reported, after a long struggle with the strike problem, that the only hope lies in the churches and the growth of good citizenship...

Theodore Roosevelt is at once a bold man and an honest one. Moreover he is not in political straits, though the contrary has been asserted frequently...

Mr. Fowler, for instance, in attempting recently to make head against Liberal sentiment in Greenwood (B.C.), and party to local prejudice, attacked Sir Henry Joly, lieutenant governor of British Columbia...

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked Sir Henry Joly to accompany Li Hong Chang across the continent and Sir Henry did so. What exactly bearing this has on the Chinese question no one can see except perhaps a Conservative orator who has no argument to offer...

Mr. Fowler's constituents can judge from the foregoing what sort of impression he made upon his audience. It is scarcely necessary to remark that the reference to the minister of agriculture was a failure because he parts his hair in the middle and is known as Lady Fisher or Miss Nancy Fisher."

There is good ground for what he said and the fact that Kings made nearly half the butter of the province last year and led in cheese-making, increasing its output by 200,000 pounds over the previous year, shows what great possibilities there are for the future...

Not being able to find a man of any strength willing to sacrifice himself, the meeting appointed a committee to make further hunt for a candidate, and placed on this committee several supporters of the government.

These gentlemen were not present at the meeting, and it is needless to say, their names were used entirely without their authority.

You can smother a cough with your hand but you can't cure it that way. Some medicines only smother your coughs. Scott's Emulsion cures them. Old coughs and deep-rooted coughs can't be cured until the inflammation which causes them has been replaced by healthy tissue.

That is exactly the kind of the cough that Scott's Emulsion does. It changes the entire nature of the throat and lungs so that there is nothing to cough about.

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ment in some quarters of the city is a standing invitation to lawbreakers which they are not likely to overlook for any great length of time. In these matters the proverbial ounce of prevention is the thing needed. If a patrolman has a beat he cannot cover properly no matter how faithfully he tries...

THANKS, NEIGHBOR. Some facts about Canada which are presented in such striking fashion by Mr. Frank Munsey's New York News as to make them doubly impressive on both sides of the line, are worth reproduction although they are familiar ones...

There is no doubt whatever as to the appalling ignorance of our people generally regarding the extent and resources of the great Dominion to the north of us. Let us not forget that to the great northwest of that marvelous country thousands upon thousands of our people are "trekking" as Cy Worman calls this migration to the Canadian farm lands...

Let us not forget, too, that Canada's waterways are superior to ours, that Canadian men are crowding the lakes with Canadian-made boats, and that in the New Ontario there is now in progress a development such as no section of this country has ever seen.

And so when we speak of Canada let us remember that the tide has set in from here to there, and our sons and our daughters are peopling her west—for 60,000 went from Nebraska, Minnesota and the Dakotas this year.

This is so different from the assumption of superiority and contempt of real conditions which are common in the American press that it is refreshing. The writer has marshalled his facts in telling sequence. He speaks of the awfulness with which crime is punished in Canada and of the paucity of divorces here and reminds his readers that three-fourths of the productive soil of North America is on this side of the border...

The 5,000,000 people within Canada's borders are proud of their country, of its government and of its prospects, and have every reason for being so. Our trade with Canada is our most profitable trade, and this in spite of tariff laws dictated too often by politicians. In these "straitened" days it behooves us to cast our eyes abroad for markets—but, above all, it is our bounden duty to study our neighbors' actual condition, so that we may not only know that New Brunswick is not "adjoining" British Columbia, but know, too, that Canada is a lush country filled with indomitable sons, loyal to their king and eager for a battle royal in the industrial markets of the world.

What a pity it is that the British journalist who recently visited Canada and wrote to the London Daily Telegraph locating Toronto on the St. Lawrence and telling of the perils of ships in Lake Ontario in the winter had not read Mr. Munsey's newspaper before shedding his ink so freely and with such truly lamentable results!

to believe that a convention so widely advertised would prove more attractive in spite of the tory organ's far from hysterical warning that Mr. Hazen could not be expected to set Gagetown Creek on fire with his periods.

The Gagetown fifty, as did the Fairville thirty, adjourned without naming candidates, although they met expressly and avowedly for the purpose of selecting standard bearers. But we suppose the meeting must have been "eminently satisfactory" for the tory opposition holds no other kind. The ice wagon was in evidence, and although no accurate report of the temperature in the hall is at hand, it is a fair assumption that ear-labs and mufflers were in brisk demand.

As all the parishes were not represented the fifty concluded to do nothing foolish in the premises and adjourned until such time as will suffice to persuade two men to fill the gap. It was, as we shall hear, doubtless, an "eminently satisfactory" performance for all that.

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This is not the first time dangerous and utterly worthless characters have been permitted to terrorize peace-loving communities. There was a recent instance of it in Kings county, when a man whose guilt was practically established, and whose record was a long and bad one, was allowed to go unmolested because the farmers and lumbermen preferred a bad neighbor to an enemy sworn to revenge.

Too much patience in these matters is a mistake. The law punishes arson with a heavy hand and it will protect any man who establishes the fact that another has been guilty of the crime. Moreover, public sentiment would uphold the men whose valuable timber lands and buildings were destroyed by incendiaries should they make their neighborhood too hot to hold "the-man-with-the-match."

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Men's Fall Suits.

Comparisons prove we give you more or better for your money than any other store gives you.

Don't we scour the markets for the best goods and the smartest patterns? Isn't every piece of Cloth that goes into Oak Hall Clothing carefully tested for wear—worth—and color? Don't we keep our eyes upon the makers and see that every stitch measures up to our standard? Don't we give better value for the money than any other clothing store? Don't we sell more clothing than any other store in town? Men know what they want—and they come here for it.

See the Suits at \$8.00 See the Suits at \$10.00 See the Suits at \$15.00

Single or Double-Breasted Coat, any cloth; any color There, now; aren't you coming to see em?

Boys' Real Good Clothing.

Good cloth—good wear. Pshaw! Others say the same and advertise suits at similar prices. So they do. But go back of their words and ours—compare cloth, make-up, style. Whose are slighted at every point? Of course—and we shall never do that—it doesn't pay. The largest clothing business in town proves it.

Two Piece Suits (in Norfolk Jacket, Pleated and Double Breasted) \$15.00 to \$50.00 Three Piece Suits \$30.00 to \$100.00 Sailor Suits 75 to 12.00 Russian Blouse Suits Vestee Suits 2.00 to 3.00 \$5.00, 5.50, 6.00

GREATER OAK HALL, SCOVIL BROS. & CO.

King Street, Cor. Germain.

Home Insurance Co.

Table with financial data: Cash Capital \$3,000,000.00, Reserve Premium Fund \$4,485,911.00, Unpaid Losses \$75,456.43, etc.

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN SESSION AT MARYSVILLE.

Fredericton, Oct. 1.—(Special)—The 17th annual meeting of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island branch of the Women's Missionary Society opened in the Methodist church, Marysville, today with a delegation of 63. Mrs. J. D. Chipman, president, in the chair.

After a brief prayer service, Miss Blackmore, returned missionary from Japan, was presented to the convention and responded in a few appropriate words. Reports from districts were presented. In most cases these were very encouraging, more particularly in band and circle work. Mrs. Rogers was introduced by the president and responded in a tender speech which won all her hearers.

The treasurer's report showed that there had been raised by the branch \$8,273.02; raised by circles and lands, \$1,942.46; increase over last year of amounts raised by branches, \$275.25. At the evening session, after devotional address, the president gave a brief address on the work at large. An address of welcome from Miss Fisher was responded to by Mrs. Sprague. The solo, Angela Ever Bright and Fair, was effectively rendered by Miss Day. Miss Blackmore, returned missionary from Japan, was introduced and gave a very interesting description of the marvellous revivals in that country. At least 20,000 persons have professed conversion during the past few months and this is but a small part of the great work in the Japanese parliament there are 13 devoted Christian members, among them the speaker of the house, who has established a daily prayer meeting during the sitting of parliament. Her address was suggestive of the future possibilities of this

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Thorne's Pure Ready-mixed Paint, a combination of pure white lead, linseed oil and dryers. No chemical combination or soap mixture. Insist on having Thorne's. It is the best. Ask for our Painters' Supply Catalogue.

W. H. THORNE & CO., Limited, St. John, N. B.

PROMISES VERY WELL FOR THE BIG FALL CARNIVAL THIS MONTH.

As the dates of the big autumn carnival, October 3 to the 14 approach, the prospects of its being a success become brighter. There is now no doubt that it will include the best series of sporting events ever held in St. John.

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E. ISLANDER SEARCHING RUNAWAY WIFE OUT WEST.

Winnipeg, Sept. 29 (Special)—The evening papers say that George White, of Summerside (P. E. I.), is in Manitoba on a peculiar quest. He has traveled from his home to search for his wife and five-year-old son.

His Early Promise.

"I was a boy," said the parent, "and I had a natural bent in any one direction."

Lucky

"No use of talking," said Mr. Cratus Finkley, "as brother of mine is a mighty lucky man. He always has money."

A Pipeful of Amber

Smoking Tobacco will burn 75 minutes.

Save the Tags they are valuable.

Since 1889 the great Niagara dam at Amoson has given steady employment to from 15,000 to 20,000 Italian and Slavonian laborers.

SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA

Advertisement for 900 Drops Castoria, a vegetable preparation for assimilating food and regulating the stomach and bowels.

Advertisement for Castoria featuring a fac-simile signature wrapper and a bottle of the medicine.

The Two Boarders.

Miss Dorcas Grahame had decided to take a boarder for the summer. She had received notice that the mortgage on her house must be paid in the autumn, and as her slender income was barely enough to live on and keep the interest paid, it seemed to her that the only way to save her home was to take in an intruder—for so she stigmatized the expected new comer.

She had advertised and had received a number of answers, out of which she had only returned a reply to one—that of a young girl named Ada Mehitable Wells.

The old-fashioned name which followed the initial "A" was what had taken her fancy, for she herself was a reduced gentlewoman of the old school, and that name was a reminder of those early days when she had been as gay as the geyser, and had known and loved a Mehitable.

Then, too, there was a tone of girlish simplicity in the frankly-written little note which pleased her. So negotiations had followed, and Mehitable, as she liked to call her, had engaged the room, and was to come to Miss Grahame at once.

She was ready to receive her, dressed in her best, and with her gold-rimmed spectacles—which she usually kept for Sunday—resting upon her nose-shaped aquiline nose. The eyes which peered through them at Mehitable's face were more kindly than criticizing, and the mouth, if a trifle prim, was still a very pleasant one.

Altogether, the lonely young stranger liked Miss Dorcas so well at that first meeting that she put up a pair of sweet pointing lips for a kiss as naturally as though she had known her hostess all her life.

"I want to be friends with you, Miss Grahame, for I am all alone, and so are you. You mustn't make a strong objection, for that would make me unhappy. I just make believe that I am your little daughter come home for her vacation."

The color flushed up to Miss Dorcas's cheeks at comparing the idea of motherhood with a life which had been defuncted since the most precious of earthly gifts, but it must be admitted that years dimmed her instantaneous brow as she looked at the girl.

"I had a sister who was about your age when the Lord took her home," she said, as soon as she could command her voice; "and if you like I will be your old-maid sister while you are with me."

Again the red lips were put up for a kiss, and thus the compact was made and sealed.

If Miss Dorcas had expected to see any of the dainty belongings of dress in which young girls so delight, in taking Mehitable into her home, she was sadly disappointed; for of all inexpensive wardrobes hers would have taken the palm. A white muslin, made with a plain waist, bolted in at the straight full skirt, was her best. It had not even one ruffle at the bottom, but a pocket with a half dozen inch-wide tucks finished it. All other dresses were made of cheap calico or of cambric.

Still the girl looked every inch the lady in her simple toilette, and there was not one of the village belles who could show such a clear and white skin, or such a wealth of curly chestnut hair, as Mehitable's daintily polished head.

So she had her share of admiring glances, even if she were only a poor little school teacher—for so people came to the conclusion about Mehitable's standing in the world, although she herself had not once opened her lips upon the subject.

After she had been snugly domiciled with Miss Dorcas for a few days, another answer came to the advertisement for a boarder. It had been delayed in the mail by having been sent to another place of the same name in a different State, and that account was for its non-acceptance at an earlier date. It was from a clergyman who wished to find a peaceful rural resting-place during his vacation.

joined her to assist her in the preparations for the same, she paused in astonishment at the change in her willful boarder's appearance. A huge white apron was the most conspicuous feature of her attire. Its immemorial hilt was fastened to each shoulder, and the expanse of starched whiteness hid the proportions of her slender figure. A frilled cap covered her luxuriant hair, not even allowing one stray curling lock to escape.

"How do you like my new dress, Miss Dorcas?" she asked, a roguish pair of dimples coming into her pink cheeks as she saw the bewilderment upon the face of her hostess. "But you will be a darling, and let me have my way, won't you?"

Miss Dorcas could not resist her coaxing ways, and so Mehitable from that time was to all appearance the most incomparable servant and waitress that a lady had ever secured.

About a week after the young minister's arrival the lovely rural village—which had seemed in its quiet peaceful beauty a favored spot even from the encroachments of disease—began the scene of anxious and harrowing scenes.

It was the year in which cholera spread its ravages in our country, and it raged with such violence that more than one-half of the population of Greenville fell victims.

All who retained their health were earnest in their care of the sick and dying. Among the most indefatigable workers were the Rev. Arthur Winstan and Mehitable.

The disease at first seemed powerless against the minister's stalwart frame; but at last, when it had apparently died out in the village, the dread foe seized upon him.

He had been filled with wonder and admiration at Mehitable's heroic devotion to the other sufferers; now he was to owe his life to her untiring ministrations. One day, as he lay faint and feeble, but convalescent, his eyes followed her slight figure as she moved about the room, and he thought dreamily to himself:

"How strange to see one so beautiful and so noble in the position of a menial. I wonder how my family would receive her if I succeeded in what I have determined to do—in winning her for my wife?"

For Arthur Winstan had grown to love every lineament of the sweet face which had been beside him in his hour of anguish, and to him the one peerless woman in the world was Mehitable.

It was not long before he made known to her the hopes which had grown up within his heart.

Mehitable listened with a face upon which various emotions were depicted; but, strange to say, the dominant one was that of exultant triumph.

"Do you really mean it?" she asked. "Have you thought of the difference between what I am your inferior in worldly rank?"

"If you had had my superior in everything, I should have possessed my feelings," Mehitable said.

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The Telegraph is today the leading paper of the Maritime Provinces and is determined to maintain this position both in that respect and as the paper giving the most inducement to its subscribers and agents.

Our picture premiums were so popular that we have been induced to go further afield and offer something new in the line of premiums never before attempted by any newspaper, at least in the Lower Provinces.

The Semi-Weekly needs no introduction to the reading public; it is the oldest as it is the best Twice a Week Paper issued in Canada. We are resolved that more people shall be acquainted with that fact.

Here are some of the premiums offered to new subscribers, and to bright girls and boys to assist us in extending our circulation:—

OFFER NO. 1.—Something in Silverware—We have a nice Silver Plated Butter Knife or Sugar Shell which we will give to each new subscriber paying a year's subscription in advance. We will send the two neatly packed in a silk lined box for two new individual subscriptions paid in advance.

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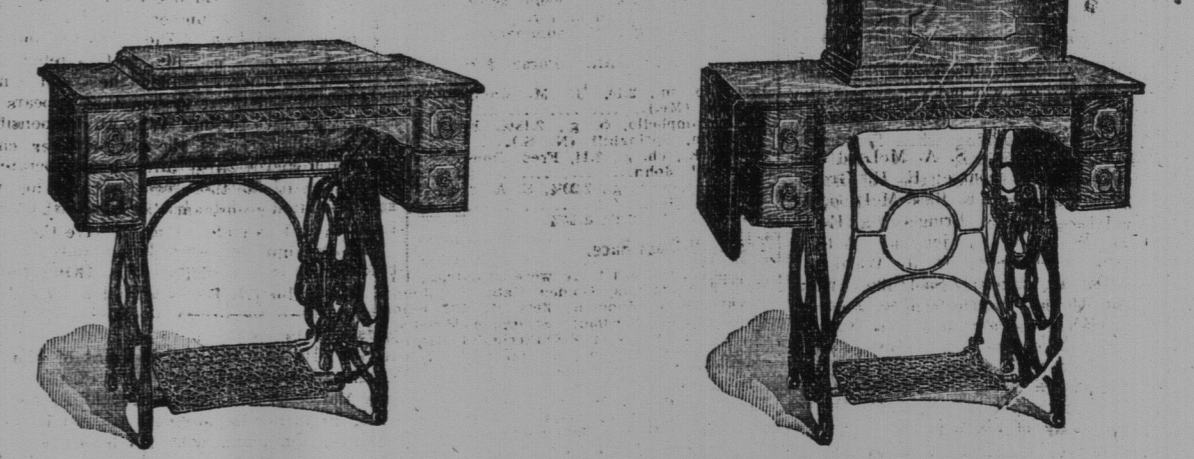
OFFER NO. 2.—For three new subscriptions paid in advance to The Semi-Weekly Telegraph we will send free of charge one of the Welch & Osborne Stem Winding American Watches with nickel case. The accompanying cut shows the watch. These are just the thing for boys and girls; do not wait then for some one to buy you a watch but earn one in this easy way.

If you want something a little better, send us five new paid up subscriptions and we will forward free of charge one of these watches in gold plated case.

OFFER NO. 3.—We have a Handsome Mantel Ornament in three pieces as shown in the accompanying cut. This consists of two vases and a clock vase, which is ornamented in gold and colors. The clock is a splendid stem winding and stem setting guaranteed time piece.



This three piece set cannot be bought anywhere for less than from \$8.00 to \$10.00. We are prepared to give away a limited number of sets free to any one sending us 15 new paid up subscriptions to The Semi-Weekly Telegraph.



OFFER NO. 4.—We have a special premium offer for the ladies; this is an up-to-date ball bearing Sewing Machine, with all attachments and instructions how to run. It is made by one of the biggest machine companies in America, and is a high quality, five drawer, drop-head machine fitted with ball bearings and finished in oak.

The machine being a drop-head is the very newest style, dust proof case, and when the head is dropped makes a handsome oak table. The cuts show the machine with the head raised and dropped. We are so satisfied with this machine and its running qualities that we have given it the name of the "TELEGRAPH," and are satisfied it will do honor to the name.

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