

SUMMARY.
The citadel of Quebec is at once to be supplied with Armstrong breech-loading rifled cannon of the largest calibre.
The rigors of the New England winter are entirely eclipsed by the severities of the present season in New York State and the farther West.
The Mississippi River was closed by ice last week, from St. Paul to the mouth of the Ohio. The cold has been very intense in Missouri and other States.
London, Jan. 3.—General Grant has been presented with the freedom of the city of Dublin. He has visited the public institutions and other places of interest.
Statistics of the amount of forest land in Europe have recently been collected. The proportion of land covered with forest is 29 per cent, of which Russia and Sweden furnish the greatest proportion. Russia has 40 per cent. of her territory covered with woods and forests.
Some of the Democratic papers are asking who is paying the shot for General Grant's European expenses, as it had not been generally understood that he had such a superabundance of wealth to enable him to journey like a Prince as he is doing.
A strike occurred among the freight train guards on the Midland railway against the prolongation of the hours of labor. Demonstrations were made at London, Hallowford, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Nottingham and Leicester. Disturbances are feared at the latter place.
Quebec, Jan. 5.—A. P. Tremblay, M. P. for Charlevoix, who defeated Langevin died yesterday.
Martineau's saw mill was totally destroyed by fire this morning. Loss \$15,000. The watchman, Francois Philbert, perished. It is thought fire was caused by deceased lighting his pipe and falling asleep.
The United States authorities, having paid the Fishery Award, are now preparing a claim for damages arising out of alleged damages sustained by their fishermen who desired last year to ply their avocation at Fortune Bay on a Sunday, but were forcibly prevented. Even should they make but a case, it will cost very much out of order for Lord Salisbury to instruct the Americans to pay themselves out of the unexpended balance of the Alabama Award.
The American Government have, it would seem, decided to open negotiations with the Chinese Government in order to have the Burlingame Treaty revised and restrictions put upon Chinese immigration to the United States. When Mr. Burlingame succeeded in negotiating the Treaty which bears his name, it was thought a great deal had been accomplished in obtaining access to a country which had been almost entirely closed to white people. Now, the latter want to exclude the Chinese.
The London correspondent of the Toronto Mail writing on Dec. 19th says: "There is prevailing opinion that all the Queen's speeches, like those delivered at the opening of Parliament, are written for her Majesty. This is an error. She is not only well able to compose them herself, but she prefers to do so. On the occasion of the recent presentation of Colours to the Fourth King's Own, at Windsor, the speech made to that gallant corps was so completely the Queen's own that it was not even copied, but was read by her from her own manuscript; and it was only by the interposition of the Duke of Cambridge that the reporters, who were out of our orbit could obtain copies and thus persevere this pleasing royal utterance from comparative oblivion."
The electoral bill, passed in the United States Senate last week, provides that the electors of President and Vice President, shall be appointed in each State on the first Tuesday in October, in every fourth year, or whenever there shall be a vacancy in both the offices of President and Vice President. The electors are to meet and give their votes for President and Vice President on the second Monday in January next following, at such a place in each State as the Legislature of such State shall direct. In case of a vacancy in both the offices of President and Vice President occurring more than two months preceding the first Tuesday in October, the Secretary of State shall cause a notification thereof to be made to the executive of every State.
However lax the law may be in punishing the crimes of men, it cannot be denied that it is sufficiently severe on woman and children. In Kingston, Canada, point-blank, there is now confined a little girl only ten years old. Her crime is set down as "burglary." Some professional house-breakers prevailed on her, probably by threats, to go into a house at the dead of night, and steal some jewelry in a certain room. To accomplish that object they hoisted her up to the window, and when she got inside she was captured. The men fled and left her to her fate. She is serving a seven years sentence, surrounded by the vilest criminals, and subjected to the most debasing and fatal influences. Would it not be a little nearer justice to punish murderers by something severer than a few months confinement in a lunatic asylum, and lighten the sentence of children, who, at worst, have only been the tools of criminal men.
Dr. Lawrence, Surgeon Dentist, will thank those who intend calling on him to do so as soon as possible, as his time in Saint Andrews is limited.

SMALL POX.—Another serious case of small pox has broken out at Charlottetown, P. E. I. This time the infected is one of the children of Mr. Turpin, at whose house the first case (Capt. Keating) stayed. Great alarm is felt in the neighborhood.
The St. Andrews Standard.
Saint Andrews, Jan. 8, 1879.
THE NEW YEAR.—Now that 1879 has been entered upon, having reviewed the events of the past, it may be profitable to look forward, remembering "the present moment is but our own." No human being can claim to have foreknowledge, more correctly, prescience, and while forecasting what may appear probable, it is well not to arrogate a superior knowledge of probabilities, for almost invariably the desire of the mind warps the judgment, and one is apt to write or speak of future changes, as though they possessed an acquaintance with what is to be. True—the past and the present are mysteriously connected, and an inference may fairly be drawn from what has been—but there are so many new ideas, and may we not add principles, that he must be more than man who can confidently assert what will be.
Many look forward with bright hopes, that the dark cloud which has been suspended over business of all kinds and almost blotted out the circulating medium, will gradually be dispelled by the warm and effulgent rays of the sun of prosperity, and that an impetus will be given to manufactures and business generally, giving employment to the many worthy mechanics and laborers, who are suffering from want of employment to obtain the necessities of life for themselves and families. It is the duty as well as the privilege of Governments to devise means of employment for the unemployed, even by increasing the debt of their country to carry out so worthy a measure, for while the commercial prospect is not as bright as could be desired, trade continues so much depressed, it is believed that the darkest hour is past, and that during the coming season there will be a gradual improvement, which all devoutly hope. In the mother country the crisis has been without a parallel, but a change for the better is looked forward to. Let all have an active, living and abiding faith in Providence, and labor on cheerfully and persistently, hoping for and anticipating more prosperous times. Brooding over troubles never does any good—let all be thankful for what they have, and labor for more.
PROVIDING FOR FRIENDS.—The changes made by the Macdonald Government should not be found fault with by the Opposition. They may displease, stop advertising and papers, but really no one could expect them to retain those opposed to them. We can respect opponents for aiding their friends, and dismissing persons from office and emolument who worked against them. Sir John, in this respect, showed as example, that Mr. Mackenzie could have copied with advantage to himself and his supporters.
CANADIAN NURSERIES.—The agent of the above nurseries situated at Beebe Plain, Co. Stanstead, Quebec, has been in Saint Andrews taking orders for Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Vines, and Rose bushes. The locality being in nearly the same latitude as this country, the stock will thrive, as it has done in other parts of the Province. The agent, Mr. Rogers, is a person whose statements may be relied on, and the prices are reasonable, so much so, that he has received large orders in this vicinity, and we can confidently recommend his trees and shrubs.
CLEANING THE SIDEWALKS.—Mr. Garrison on Friday last, with a snow plough of his own invention, and a squad of grey-coated soldiers, cleared the sidewalks of the snow drifts on Water street, and is surely entitled to more than the thanks of pedestrians. We suggest to the Street Commissioner the propriety of obtaining Mr. Garrison's services after each snow storm, assessing a trifling sum on each household where the plough is used.
A SPLENDID RECORD of the reduction of the public debt of the United States is given officially in a Government Report recently published. The reduction of the public debt from the close of the war amounts to \$727,000,000. The reduction of the interest on the war debt for the same period is \$37,000,000. This is as wonderful as it is satisfactory to that nation.
TEA MEETING.—The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church, will hold a Tea Meeting on Thursday evening, 10th inst. Further particulars in our next.

SCHOOL MEETING.
The Annual School meeting will according to law, be held to-morrow, Thursday, in No. 1 School building. As one of the Trustees retires, the topic has been who is to be selected and elected to fill his place; the most likely candidates yet named are Thos. T. Odell, Esq., and Hon. B. R. Stevenson, and have, we learn, consented to be put in nomination. The ratepayers are aware, that men of property having a large stake in the community and who pay heavy taxes, will be most likely to take an interest in School matters, and have them conducted economically and efficiently. It is very desirable that the heavy school tax should be reduced, and the bonds redeemed, without trenching upon the salaries of the teachers. This can be done by prudent management.
The heaviest snow storm of the winter, indeed the only one, occurred on Thursday night and Friday morning last with a south-east gale, which drifted the snow and made the travelling heavy. There is fair sleighing now.
BUSINESS CIRCULAR.—An edition of 1000 show sheets will be issued from this office with a calendar for 1879, and advertisements of merchants and traders of Saint Andrews. A few more will be received up to to-morrow, Thursday.
The Canadian Parliament is summoned to meet for the despatch of business, on the 13th February. The Government will have had time to mature its "National Policy." Will they carry it out? This is a query which can be answered by and by.
Mr. Odell, who has been confined to his house from an attack of illness, is recovering, and will be at business again in a few days—a fact his many friends will be pleased to know.
The "STANDARD"—The St. Andrews Standard has just entered upon its 46th volume. It is the oldest paper in the Province and like many other old-fashioned things possesses much intrinsic worth and sterling character. It has seen the birth and death of other journals at home and abroad and will continue to do so—Advance.
We thank our Miramichi contemporaries for their kindly reference to the STANDARD commencing its 46th volume. The Advance knows us well, and is possibly imbued with prophecy. It is cheering to be assured that we have not forfeited the respect of contemporaries of all shades of politics.
A NEW HEALTH ALMANAC.—We have just received from the publishers of the "Illustrated Annual of Phrenology and Health Almanac for 1879," 72 p. p., price 10 cents. This publication should be a necessity in all well-regulated families, for it is full of valuable reading matter relating to Phrenology, Physiognomy, Health, Hygiene, Diet, etc. This number, in addition to the usual astronomical notes, Monthly Calendars, etc., contains many seasonable Suggestions; Notes on consumption, Care of the Eyes, Diphtheria, Heart Disease, Dispepsia, Sunstroke, Sprains, Ague and Fever, Drowning, Diet, etc., with Portraits and Sketches; also a supplement, with Addresses, etc., relating to the American Institute of Phrenology. It is handsomely printed, S. R. Wells & Co., 737 Broadway, New York.
THE SCOTTISH AMERICAN JOURNAL one of the best papers we receive and a favorite exchange, commenced a new volume on the 2d inst., being its twenty-second year. We have on former occasions had the pleasure of commending the paper as worthy of extensive patronage, as a reliable newspaper, containing a large amount of the latest news from all parts of Great Britain, Canada, the United States, and other countries. The editorials are written with ability, and the selections are made with care. The paper is a large quarto neatly printed. Price \$3 per annum. While being essentially a Scottish Journal, it is, as remarked by its editor, "cosmopolitan in its character."
VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE.—This work is before us, and those who send five cents to JAMES VICK, Rochester, N. Y., for it will be disappointed. Instead of getting a cheap thing, as the price would seem to indicate, they will receive a very handsome work of 100 pages, and perhaps 500 illustrations—not cheap, but elegant illustrations, on the very best colored paper, and as a set-off to the whole, an elegant Colored Plate, that would cost twice the price of the book.

Week of Prayer:
Monday, January 6th—Subject—Thanksgiving.
Tuesday—Prayer for Churches.
Wednesday—Prayer for a general outpouring of the Spirit.
Thursday—Prayer for Nations.
Friday—Prayer for Missions.
SECOND WEEK.
Monday—Prayer for Ministers and Teachers.
TOPICS OF THE WEEK
Butter is selling from 15 to 18 cents per lb.; Turkeys 7 to 8 cents; Beef 3 cents, and other produce at similar rates.
Failures are occurring in St. John—Foster & Son have suspended, liabilities about \$45,000, assets \$65,000. D. L. Hutchison, jeweler, and W. Tait, jeweler's stock. In England failures are also taking place, another Bank the Cornish has suspended, and Hudson & Co. for \$105,000.
An old Story Revived.
The story of the little community living alone on Pitcairn Island, in the Pacific, which was much talked about as a real Utopia during the early part of the century, is called to mind by Admiral de Horsey's recent report to the English Government on the present condition of the island. It will be remembered that certain mutineers of the *Bounty*, an English vessel, fled to Pitcairn Island with eighteen Tahitian men and women, the former being held as slaves. In complete isolation these mutineers passed through a series of changes, among them a miniature but bloody abolition of slavery, until we find in 1814 their descendants living under a code of laws that read as ideal as Plato's State. Twice since then they have attempted to remove to other Islands, owing to the smallness of their own, less than two miles square, and both times the "dissolute habits of the people" among whom they settled forced them to return. Admiral Horsey found last September 16 men, 19 women, 25 boys and 39 girls. Only 12 deaths had occurred in 19 years. No contagious diseases had visited the people or cattle of the island. The Governor is elected by suffrages of both sexes, over 17 years of age. The present Governor, James Russell McKay, occupies also the important position of steersman of the whaler, the only one on the Island; and he has also revised the code of laws under which they live, this code recognizing only three crimes as possible—theft, adultery and blasphemy. No cases of crime under these laws have occurred since they were drawn up.
The people live together in perfect harmony, are virtuous, religious, cheerful and content. They have appointed one of their number minister, and the liturgy of the Church of England is used in the Sunday services. The children are taught the common English branches and sacred history. There are no springs on the island, but it usually rains once a month, so that they rarely suffer from drought. Their only communication with world is through vessels which chance to pass near them.
The following statement will show the total amount of shipping on the registry books at the several ports of registry in this Province up to the present time:

	1877.	1878.
St. John,	776	279,636
Chatham,	154	15,151
St. Andrews,	177	18,659
Dorchester,	18	13,569
Sackville,	6	2,854
Moncton,
Total	1131	329,470

The St. Petersburg *Golos* says that Russia's provision for the Ameer of Afghanistan will probably be confined to the usual hospitality offered a King and his maintenance. General Roberts is said to have announced to the people of the Kurum Valley that the reign of the Ameer was over and they must henceforth look to the Empress of India as their ruler.
There seems to be some doubt after all as to whether Yakob Khan has arrived at Jellalabad. Contradictory telegrams are published by the European press regarding the whereabouts and intentions of Sher Ali.
Printer.—A steady man of extensive experience, capable taking charge of the mechanical department of a newspaper office, is open for an engagement. He is also a Job Printer, and understands working the modern presses. References furnished if required. Address M. D., STANDARD OFFICE, St. Andrews. Jan 1

A decision of some interest to parents and teachers is reported in the Albany "Law Journal." A pupil was denied admission to a public high school because of his deficiency in the knowledge of grammar, which his father had forbidden him to study. The child asked to be admitted to study only such branches as he was capable of taking. The court decides that the trustees of a school district may prescribe what studies shall be taught, but a parent may select from these studies those branches which he desires his child to take, provided such selection does not interfere with the general plan of the school.
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Cheese.—A choice article of Cheese at T. BLACK'S.
Buckwheat Flour at \$2 per hundred or 25 cents per lb., at CAMPBELL'S, with some nice honey go with it.
A few bbls. Apples at CAMPBELL'S, American Baldwins and Nova Scotian.
Some rare and choice articles suitable for holiday gifts, useful and ornamental, for sale by OGDEN & TURNER.
A lot of cheap White Stone Ware, and Glass and China at CAMPBELL'S, who will soon have a supply of Christmas Goods.
New Advertisements.
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.
TENDERS will be received until the 21st instant, for the Repairs of Culvert and Filling up of Washouts at Johnson's Cove, Parish of St. Croix.
Plan and specification may be seen at the office of W. F. Holt, Esq., C. E. St. George, the shop of Messrs Beckett and Brundage, St. Andrews, and at the house of the subscriber, Bay Side, St. Croix.
All persons who may tender, will be required to name two responsible parties willing to become sureties for the due performance of the contract.
The right is reserved, to reject the lowest or all tenders.
Tenders should be sealed and enclosed in the envelopes "Tenders for Johnson's Cove, Washouts," and addressed, C. E. MOWATT, Supervisor, St. Andrews, Jan. 7th, 1879.
Notice.
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Saint Andrews Steamboat Wharf Co., will be held in PAUL'S HALL on THURSDAY EVENING, the 14th prox, at half past seven o'clock.
By order, E. S. POLLEY'S, Secretary. 25.
Jan. 1st, 1879.
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ALSO A supply of imported Stock, consisting Ladies and Misses Boots, Walking shoes and Rubbers, which will be sold at the lowest terms. J. M. HANSON. St. Andrews, 1879.
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