

Farm and Household.

—With the close of the canals there will be about 1,500 idle horses near Troy. The farmers will get \$1 a week for each horse that they shelter and feed until spring.

—The November crop report of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture gives the final summing up for the year of the yield of corn, potatoes, buckwheat, sorghum, cotton and tobacco. According to these estimates the total corn yield of the country is 40,000,000 bushels short of the crop of 1882, notwithstanding the increased area. This is the third successive year that the crop has been so unfavorable, the season has been the most unfavorable since 1875. The yield is 33 bushels per acre, amounting to three and a half bushels per capita for our entire population, or an aggregate of 195,000,000 bushels.

—The financial year of the State College of Maine closes with the month of November. While aiming to have its work a model, the idea is never lost sight of that the farm must be able to balance its own accounts. So, while its work is made a model for study, its operations must be made to "pay." The crops of the farm for the past year, have been as follows:—

Grass, 70 acres—hay (weighed).	155 tons.
Barley, 5 acres.....	190 bush.
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Potatoes, 8 " " " " " " " " " "	1190 "

The bills for labor for the year amount to fifteen hundred dollars. The appraisal of stock, crops, etc., on hand Nov. 30, 1882, together with the outstanding liabilities of the farm, for which the farm is debtor, amounts to \$5755.65. To this should be added the cost of crops put on during the year, \$1,000. This makes the farm debtor for the year \$6,755.65. The total credits of the farm for the year are \$7,756.22, leaving a balance in favor of the farm of \$1,029.57.

The Bark "Benefactress" Lies Ten Days a Waterlogged Hulk.
From New York Sun, 5th Dec.

From New York Sun, 8th Dec.

On Wednesday, Nov. 28th, an hour after noon, the steamer "State of Pennsylvania," Capt. Alexander Ritchie, sighted a sail on the port bow. The weather had been rough and the wind had recently shifted to west-southwest, leaving a heavy north-east sea running. Chief Officer James Thompson, who was on the bridge, made out with his glass two short, thick masts awaying about with the roll of a bulk which was below him, but he was unable to make out the name of the vessel, which, by the rigging was seen to be a man-of-war, was a single yard. The upper spars had been carried away from both masts, and the lower spars were broken. It was a complete wreck lying in the trough of the sea. Capt. Ritchie was notified, and orders were given to head the "Pennsylvania" for the wreck, which was about thirty miles away, and for nearly half an hour no sign of life about her could be made out. The hull was out of sight, except for the occasional masts and rigging. The masts were breaking over it. Then, as Mr. Thompson watched it through his glass, he saw a man come up through the foam and spray about the shrouds of the mainmast, and he saw another man climb up the mainmast. He saw also the main sprig top and foretop. When the man got up to the foretop he stopped, and braced himself in the rigging. Then, after a minute or two, he saw a large, dark, round, deep red star in the centre, floated out in the wind, and the man climbed slowly down and disappeared in a cloud of spray at the foot of

The hostwind's whistle on the "State of Pennsylvania" brought all hands tumbling on deck. Second Officer George Dunlap was one of the first out. It was his privilege to be the first to the lifeboat. As Capt. Ritchie at once ordered away to save the man seen on the wreck. The steamer ran down to within a quarter of a mile to the windward of the wreck. The first thing noticed that distance the wreck looked as if timber-laden brig had been water-logged and then broken open, so that the huge logs had floated out and covered the sea on the weather side of the wreck. The forecastle was clinging to the rigging, as the clear oiling water poured over it, seven men were seen.

"I never saw as complete a wreck as this before," said the "State of Pennsylvania," Mr. Thompson said yesterday. "I could see her frames like the ribs of a dead animal on the beach. It was hard to tell whether the timbers would hold together until we could get close to her."

Watching the waves until the steamer floated for a moment on a level keel. Second Officer Dunlap dropped his boat (No. 4) down on the wreck. The boat was pulled clear, so that the waves should not dash him against her sides. Then, getting a fair start in the comparatively still water under her lee, he pulled down to the wreck, using his stern anchor to give it a wide berth because of the floating timber about it. On the lee side there was less timber because the wreck was drifting faster than the wind. As the boat was pulled up near him, he found, to his astonishment, that mizenmast was rolling in the water.

our thirst. After that day the men all remained forward.

From that time until Sunday, the 25th, there was no change and no water. The wind held westerly, the gales rose and moderated, but the

moderation was only comparative. There was a living gale every minute of the time. The night of Sunday, the 25th, was under an awful sky, and the wind under the pilot house, and we concluded that the storm had broken up. The wind was then west-southwest and was blowing as hard as it had been when we were ashore, and it was blowing all the time during the day again. It was long time waiting for death or daylight, but the daylight came, and again the weather moderated, and we were able to sail about the middle of the moon. There were twenty-two of us there. The timber was washing out of her when morning came. As the day wore on, the weather continued to moderate, and by noon the sea had fallen so that it was possible to launch the long boat.

"Among the seamen were three fishermen who were used to handling the boats in the fishing bays. They were Roderick Morrison, Roderick Campbell, and Neil McKee. They were for taking to the boat, and all the other seamen agreed

With them I endeavored to argue them out of it, telling them that the old bulk had stood by us for nine days, and that it would be better to take our chances of rescue with her. But they believed that a sound five-ton long boat was safer than a bark with her whole stern broken off. They loaded in a fair share of the provisions, including about one hundred pounds of the apples. Then we put in a compass, the sail was set, and, bidding us good-by, they sailed away, feeling very sorry for those who were left behind, but cheerful over their own

550 miles. They were then about 550 miles west of Cape Clear, at the mouth of the Shannon. There were four on the boat, besides the three fishermen I mentioned, were William McCullough, Wm. McKinney, Wm. Cahill, James McLean, Thomas Gallagher, Joseph Campbell, Thomas Andrews, James McKeown, John H. McKeown, McDowellson, Neil McMullins, and James McNelly, a boy. They argued me to go, but I said I would stand by the ship, and with me stood John Lindsay, mate; James Birkett, second mate; and John O'Connell, third mate. James McNelly, cook; Joseph Cairns, steward, and Alex. McLachlan, boy. They left at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, having provisions for three days. The sea was good but rough, but doubt very much she lived out the weather that followed.

"That same night it came on to blow again as hard as ever, and the swell water began to pour over the side. I was not able to sleep. No one could sleep, though I told them not to. None of us had slept more than a few minutes at a time. I did not get an hour's sleep in all that time. Some time in the night the forecastle was flooded, and the water in the next wave flooded us out of our only shelter. It seemed evident to us that the bulk was at last breaking up. We were sure that we would not last an hour longer, but we crept out of the forecastle, which partially sheltered us, and there waited. The waves poured over the deck above, and

came pounding down on the main deck washing up around us, but still we managed to cling to the bulkheads. The water was so high that it hung together. The morning came after a while, and then we saw that the poop deck had been carried away entirely. It was the tenth day we had rolled helplessly in the water, and we were so far from shore so often, and were so near dead from thirst, hunger, and exhaustion, that a feeling of apathy had taken possession of most of us, but when the weather eased a little, then we again began to hope. The night still attracted the attention of some passing vessel. "Not a sail had been seen so far, and night shut down as utterly hopeless as before. No one spoke of anything but the need for food and water, and waited until the light of the eleventh day (Wednesday) appeared. At noon the mizzenmast, which had remained intact, fell over to starboard, splintering the deck to the mainmast. The masts and the mainmast splanks as they washed away one at a time, and waiting for the last one beneath our feet to follow the rest. I was thinking of this when someone called from the horizon. I did not see a steamer heading for us, but

six miles away. It gave us new life. Getting out the ship's private banner, the largest flag on board, I climbed the forewrigging and set it flying. The boat was still on the water, still on board. I knew the risk the boat would run from the floating timbers that surrounded us, but the wonder of the skill and quick judgment of the Dundee's crew was more than a benefit to the valued. The "Bonafactress" was valued at \$20,000, and her cargo at \$9,000. When we landed, Capt. Campbell had commanded her three years. Capt. Campbell is a man of medium size, with dark hair, and clear blue eyes. He talks quietly, and with a certain reserve. He speaks in the highest terms of his crew and of the "Pennsylvania," which landed him and the six others here yesterday.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

—An alliance for the suppression of the sale of liquor has been formed in St. John.

—A Montreal medical student named Lambert has fallen heir to \$83,000 by the death of an uncle.

—After many trials without conviction, a party has at last been found in St. Stephen for violation of the Scott Act.

—The Summerdale Pioneer says the petition for the repeal of the Scott Act in Prince County has received over 1,200 signatures.

—The Maple Leaf published at Albert, A. C., has passed into the hands of Mr. Joseph Howe, a lawyer. Mr. Wood has retired owing to ill health.

—Mr. A. G. Beckwith has completed plans for the new bridge across the St. Croix above St. Stephen. Its length will be 200 feet, and its height to this plan will cost about \$6,000.

—The heirs who received such generous legacies in the late Gammon will have estimated in dollars and cents. The expenses incurred in the trial. The whole amount to nearly \$800.

—A one-cent revenue stamp is about all the value there is to the large packs of horses, and some of the owners. If you want a strictly pure article get Sheridan's. They are immensely valuable.

—Two sons of Sidney Weagle and a son of Isaac Weagle, of the County of N. S., while skating at Grand Fre Meadows on Thursday last were killed by a fall from a tree.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

SHORT DAY.—The shortest day of the year will be to-morrow.

—The country roads are badly drifted and the travelling is obstructed.

—Mr. ALLMON.—Vacation at Mount Allison commenced yesterday last till 7th January.

—GREENING.—St. Ann's and St. Paul's Churches, Sackville, are being decorated for the Christmas season.

—The Sackville stores have never made such handsome displays as during the present holiday season.

—AMOS OGDEN, Esq., was on the 17th, at a special meeting of the County Council, elected Warden.

—SOLD.—Mr. Wm. Barnes, West-cock, sold a yearling heifer to a Moncton butcher last week for \$100.

—TO ADVERTISE.—Advertisements must be sent in before Wednesday noon if wanted to appear the same week they are sent.

—SCOTT ACT.—Mr. C. A. Cole was complained of for violation of the Scott Act, tried before Commissioner Cahill on Tuesday and discharged.

—N. B. & P. E. Ry.—The Company ask for tenders for the construction of the piers and abutments of the railway bridge across Port Elgin river.

—PERSONAL.—Mr. T. A. Kinnear, barrister-at-law, of this place, is again very seriously ill.—Rev. Mr. Duke is incapacitated from performing his duties at present, owing to a very severe sprained ankle.

—Mrs. DOUGLAS' millinery establishment, Amherst, presents a very attractive appearance. The array of feathers, flowers, ribbons, lace, plushes, velvets, pompons, embrace all the latest novelties of the season. Adv. next week.

—SHIEL.—Navigation has not yet closed on the rating Yantammar. The new brigantine "Herbert" cleared last evening for Demerara via St. John with the following cargo: 190,000 feet pine lumber, 14,000 bricks and 25 tons hay.

—ARRESTED.—Andrew Theriault, a man hired by Hibbert Fawcett, of this place, was arrested yesterday on a warrant for stealing money from Charles Fawcett, Esq., and for an examination before Walter Cahill, Esq., the prisoner was committed for trial.

—THAT COMMERCIAL MAN.—A commercial man got off the train at Sackville the other day and got in to the International barouche which was driven around about the ruins before the hotel was reached. "Is this town incorporated?" he enquired of the driver. "No," answered the driver. "It ought to be. If it was, it would be bigger than all New York."

—TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Oxford," proposition gladly accepted.—Reported Bale Verte correspondent will have attention.—"Mick Finnen" next week.—An anonymous correspondent writes us particulars of a rum demoralized individual being found the other evening in the "mitten" now about the ruins. Our correspondent will please send his name.

A CARD.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a receipt that will cure you, if you will adopt my plan. It was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to Rev. J. W. Young, Station 2, New York City.

Closing of College and Ladies' Academy.

—The Closing Exercises of this Institution were held on Monday evening Dec. 17th.

—Instead of the beautiful weather which generally accompanies this annual exhibition, a fierce snow-storm raged all day, growing worse, if possible, towards evening. Notwithstanding this fact, quite a respectable audience had assembled in Langley Hall at seven o'clock. After the usual devotional exercises, the musical part of the programme was opened by a pianist, by Miss Coleman and Elliott, called "The Procession of Quakers." This was well received and was followed by a recitation by Miss Belcher, entitled "Abraham Davenport," given in her usual good style. The first essay of the evening was read by Miss Ogden, the subject being "Venerating." The idea of the essay was well introduced and the interest kept up to the end. After a quartette for female voices, the French Dialogue, as is customary, was given by Miss Elliott, followed by the recitation of the evening. How she saved St. Michael's," delivered by Miss Corbett. This was listened to with great attention, and received, when finished, a hearty round of applause. Miss Weldon's essay "The Christmas Tide" was appropriate to the occasion and abounded in poetical quotations. The first chorus of the Singing Class came on rather late in the evening and was well rendered, despite the lack of male voices. The French Dialogue, as is customary, occupied a place on the programme, and was an improvement, we think, on the usual one. It was of greater length, and gave a greater opportunity for action and for emphasis than former ones, and was well rendered by the girls. The next selection in the musical part of the programme was the "Queen of the Night," sung by Misses Crowe and O'Brien. Then came Mr. Kennedy's report of the work of the Institution during the term. He gave a pleasing account of the progress of the students, and of the state of the Academy, complimented the new teachers on the efficiency of their work, and read a list of the lady students who had attained a position in the first division, having made an average of over 80 per cent.

—A clear head is indicative of good health and regular habits. When the body feels heavy and languid, Ayer's Cathartic Pills will wonderfully assist to a recovery of physical and mental vigor. The constipated should use them.

—A disastrous fire occurred at Rat Portage, Manitoba, on Sunday, destroying the principal buildings in the town. The loss is about \$100,000. A large number of families are homeless and other cities have been telegraphed for assistance.

—On four farms, side by side, situate about four miles from Sussex, on the Smith's road, eleven children have died of diphtheria, four children belonging to Mr. Reddy; one at Mr. Stephen Taylor's, three at Mr. Alfred Manning's, and one at Mr. J. E. Hickey's—S.

—Wm. Mackay fell through the ice at Portage, Monday. After being in the water about three quarters of an hour he was rescued by his brother and two other men, but he died before reaching his home, which is about a quarter of a mile from where the accident occurred.

—Concerning the report that the King of America was murdered by a wife and a son, the authorities deny that they were implicated in the murder of the King of America. The report is a fabrication.

—Drews, who killed Malone at Rat Portage, Manitoba, and was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary, was executed in his cell at Stony Mountain, Manitoba, Monday evening, by hanging himself. He accomplished the deed by means of his suspenders. He was locked up at six o'clock and found dead half an hour afterwards.

—The schooner "James R. Talbot," which arrived at New York, reports picking up a chest off the coast between Cape Hatteras and Chesapeake Bay. The chest contained medicine and other supplies, and was the property of the late Captain John Macomber of the brig "Wild Horse," from Pictou, Nova Scotia, which was wrecked on the coast of the United States.

—The inquiry into the loss of the "Princess Louise" was commenced at Halifax on Monday. The inquiry will be held at the office before Captain P. A. Scott, chairman, Captain Prichard and Thomas, of St. John, assisted by Capt. Shaw, of R. S. S. "Newfoundland," Capt. Gildford, of the "Newfield," Capt. Atkins, chief officer, and Mr. J. E. Hickey, an engineer, were examined, but nothing of consequence was elicited; all the witnesses being sworn to the fact that the "Newfield" was as strongly as possible.

—At six o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, 28th ult., a Nuptial Mass was celebrated at the Anglican Church, by the Rev. J. E. Hickey, assisted by Mr. J. E. Hickey, of the Dominion City Service, Ottawa, was united in the holy sacrament of marriage to Miss Annie Kennedy, of this town. The bride was Miss Annie Kennedy, daughter of Angus Kennedy, Esq., of this town. The bridegroom was Mr. J. E. Hickey, of this town. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. E. Hickey, assisted by Mr. J. E. Hickey, of the Dominion City Service, Ottawa. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the residence of the bride's father, where breakfast was served, after which the happy couple proceeded to the railway station, where they were met by their friends.

—The Queen building, corner of Hollis and Prince Streets, Halifax, was destroyed by fire between half past 4 and 7 o'clock on Monday and Tuesday. The building was a large and valuable one, and was the property of the Halifax City Council. The fire was caused by a gas lamp, and the loss is estimated at \$100,000.

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Cumberland Items.

—Mr. J. J. Hingley, one of our prominent business men, and Town Councillor, has been quite ill for two weeks.

—Diphtheria continues to lessen the number of our community; last week a two-year-old daughter of Mr. J. C. Lamb was the victim. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community.

—Business in every department continues brisk. The Woollen Mill continues to turn out its famous tweeds at the usual rate, and the Purcell's Factory has been running extra time to fill orders.

—With us it is the season of colds, and the small boy and elderly man armed with axe and spear may be seen congregating on the ice in the Black River Pond, where are numerous holes through which their colds have been taken within the past week. When asked they are said to be worth \$20 per barrel.

—Sir Charles passed through here on his way to Ottawa on Sunday.

—Hon. W. T. Phips has been at Ottawa for the past two weeks on business connected with "The Pictou Branch."

—St. John's Day, next Thursday, will be celebrated by Aconia Lodge, F. & A. Masons, at Amherst, by a dinner at the Terrace Hotel.

—The Women's C. T. Union held an oyster supper at the Ottawa House, on Thursday evening last, and realized the sum of \$73, which goes to assist the Temperance Cause.

—On Tuesday evening, 18th inst., a musical and literary entertainment was held in the Methodist Church for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the debt on said church. A that need be said is that everything passed off most satisfactorily.

—On Friday, 7th inst., the Amherst Y. M. C. debated the question, "Should the franchise be extended to women?" Just thirteen years ago the "Amherst Debating Club," composed of Messrs. C. J. O'Brien, Townsend, W. J. Phips, Hiram Black, C. R. Smith and others, discussed the same question.

—The following question was debated by the Amherst Y. M. C. Club on the 14th inst. "Is Independence for Canada desirable?" Mr. W. F. Dalken opened in the affirmative and Mr. W. H. Rogers, Jr., in the negative. The question was supported in the affirmative by Messrs. McKen, Douglas, Thompson, and C. R. Smith, and in the negative by Messrs. Dickey, McCully, Friddle and R. C. Fuller. Debate was adjourned until next Friday evening when Mr. D. F. Chapman will open in the affirmative and Mr. A. D. Rockwell in the negative.

Bale Verte Items.

—We had a severe storm of wind accompanied with snow, commencing on Monday morning and lasting till the 14th inst. The roads in some places were blocked up.

—The store at Port Elgin, owned by Miss M. Barnes, of Sackville, and occupied by Mr. George Lawrence, was completely destroyed by fire on Friday, 14th inst. A small portion of the goods were saved. The amount of goods in store at time of fire is estimated at two thousand six or seven hundred dollars. Was insured by preferential creditors in a St. John office for two thousand dollars. Mr. Lawrence has no insurance. Much sympathy is felt for him.

—The article in your last issue, signed "A member of the Congregation," has caused quite a "tempest" in the little member mentioned therein. The matter is greatly at heart, and is brooding a fearful rage a certain individual, we believe without a cause, as being the author. In answer to that particular part in which the writer presents the people being "

