It costs the people of Great Britain \$1 500 000 per year to support and maintain the royal family.

The Government of South Australia offers reaper, thresher and sacker.

An ox race with riders, for a premium in gold, was one of the attractions at the fair in La Grange, Ga.

low fever in the Southern States, out of a total of 30,000 cases. The last Fenian prisoner has been released, and at the present time no political convicts

are detained in any part of the United King-Hon. Mr. Tilley is expected back in Ottawa on Monday next, when he will be presented

with the address from the temperance people of the city. Hungary produces more horses than any other country of its size-2,158,000 for a

population of 15,000,000. The Government has four breeding stables. It is greatly to the honour of Scotland that the subscriptions in aid of the sufferers by

the failure of the Glasgow Bank already amount to a quarter of a million sterling. Beginning with a production of four pounds of tea in 1840, India now exports 40,000,000

archipelago are cultivating the plant. There is a rumour to the effect that Ascension Island is to be abandoned by the British Government. Our only wonder has always been, says the Echo, why it was ever occu-

than 600,000,000 bushels of corn, while in this free country. The prophecy of the re-1878 the total corn crop will exceed 1,300,- bellion in the states was quickly realized, 000,000 bushels. This indicates the growth breaking out in the fall of 1861 and extendof American agriculture.

hopper pest was confined to its permanent home in the Rocky mountains last summer, and the chinces are against any serious trouble from these insects uext year. Col. Macpherson, of Ottawa, is at present

engaged in organizing a company of Highmeasure not less than 15 inches.

Not for many years has snow fallen so copiously as during the close of last month on the higher Alps. The passes across Mounts St. Gothard, Bernard and Simplon were question. The paper read "And ere a score closed to travel, and the mails had to be sent by the Mount Cenis tunnel.

precisely what it was in 1770. Beef, at its present retail price of nine pence, is a great rumor that a Vice-Regal Court would be works would amply repay those, who may The American Builder asserts that the timadvance on the three and three-quarter pence established in this country, that seven years not have read them. per pound of that day; and butter has risen ago, when the prophecy was first made public, there was no thought that one of the

States army, are now made at the military House of Canada by her presence, as is now Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, by military convicts, with the aid of modern machines. Last year 39,880 pairs were

The heat is so intense that a man can it over his person.

cessfully tried the experiment.

The Ameer Shere Ali cannot real, but has acquired much information from conversations with his attendants, who have been better educated than himself, and through a clerk, whom he has maintained for many years, to translate articles from the English newspapers of India. His ideal man is Napoleon.

Mrs. Thomas McNaulty, of Montreal, presented her husband on Saturday with triplets. It is stated permission will be asked from Ottawa to name them "Victor," "Lorne," and "Louise." Victor weighs 71 pounds, estan before many months have elapsed. Louise 61 pounds, and Lorne 51 pounds McNaulty is a workingman, and philanthrophic ladies are taking up his case. The trib will be christened in St. Andrew's Church

Messrs. Barraud and Lunn's system of keeping clocks set to Greenwich mean time by every conceivable size and kind, from a gneiss, &c. No mountainous obstructions establishments, connected by ten miles of provincial circuits.

Some further particulars, hitherto unpub lished, of the attempted assassination of the King of Italy have been received. It appeared that the King in some degree owed his life to the fact that he wore under his uniform a thick waistcoat made of English cloth. The knife of the assassin cut through both the uniform and the vest, but the latter so broke the force of the blow that although the skin was bruised it was not actually cut. This interesting fact ought to lead to an increased demand for English cloth in Italy.

Two important points in African discovery -namely, whether Mr. Stanley's Beatrice Gulf is an arm of the Albert Nyanza, or an independent lake, as it is shown in his latest map, and whether there is direct communio be settled, as the Church Missionary Society have finally resolved upon despatchmised the co-operation of Colonel Gordon Pasha, the Governor of the Soudan.

A ridiculous telegram has appeared in several American journals, dated from Ottawa, to the effect that Col. McNeill has been ordered to return to England in consequence of the order in connection with the statement. Col. McNeill returns to England to resume his duties as equerry to her mission entrusted to him of seeing her Royal Highness the Princess Louise established in Dakotah increased attention is being given of thousands of years. It must be borne in tion. her new home.

A communication from the Admiralty declares that there is no truth whatever in the report of an interview with the Duke of Edinburgh while at Halifax, published recently in a New York journal, in which his Royal Highness is made to say that he looked upon the author of England's new peacewith-honour policy with feelings of the utwas in no sense a gain, and that the 101st Regiment was nearly all sick since it went there, and had lost a great many men in con-

General Kozloff has caused quite a sensation at Moscow by his order that the police gorodovoys are to be chosen from the elite of the Moscow Grenadier Guards. Reports are circulated that the secret police have come upon the threads of a very formidable conspiracy. It is observed that while the Olessa

The Bishop of Norwich was in a somewhat time to send her home, it was found she did not know wher she lived, nor whence she came ; the old creature stating also she had cargo. neither friends nor relations in the world. Thus, as the workhouse was full, in common remains as the Bishop's guest.

A Prophecy Revived.

Some seven years ago a California \$20,000 for a successful combination of grain hermit life away from the haunts of men, ed that each House of Congress had a veto There have been 12,000 deaths faom yel- then published is as follows:

The land is rich and vast and wide, Yet ere ten years their courses run This mighty land shall all be one. When first into the Senate Hall, The nation shall her rulers call,

A mighty man shall murdered fall. But ere these years have onward past, Grim war shall ride the Southern blast And all the land with grief o'ercast; The Northern land shall victor be, The Southern land be cleft in three.

And ere a score of years h ve flown, A King shall sit on the Northern thro The seer sees beyond his deatn, But things shall come more great andweighty Before the year eighteen and eighty. In the Wilderness, 1860.

The prophecy having apparently been written in the year 1860, its fulfillment in the several instances up to the date is remarkable, to say the least. The seer wrote pounds, and all the islands of the Indian "Yet ere ten years their courses run, this Confederation was consummated and the Dominion of Canada came into existence. A year later, on the first assemblage of the Federal Parliament, came the death, by assassination, of the talented D'Arcy McGee. In 1850 the United States produced less as brilliant a man as ever breathed the air of ing over a period of four years, during which time scores of thousands of valuable lives Official investigation shows that the grasswere lost and the shadow of sorrow cast on as many households throughout the length and breadth of the neighboring Republic, as battle in the American war. "The Southern land be cleft in three," reads the prophecy, landers. No man under 5 feet 81 inches will and so it was, by Sherman's march to the be accepted, and the calf of his leg must sea and Grant's "on to Richmond," the two victorious armies dividing up the country into three parts when success finally crowned The price of bread in England is said to be the year eighteen and eighty." It is a re morkable fact, taken in conjunction with the lic, there was no thought that one of the All the shoes for the use of the United Royal line would grace the Government

Telegraphic despatches report the defeat of a Russian exploring expedition by Chinese allowed five gallons of ice water a day. troops on the borders of the Empire. This news gives strength to the impression prework but a few moments at a time, and he vailing in Europe, that a conflict on a drinks facely of ice water, and also pours gigantic scale between the Czar's forces and Chinese armies is one of the probable events of the immediate future. The Russians late-Dr. Brown Sequard, in a late letter to the ly discovered on their Asiatic frontier a French Biological Society, states that milk, Chinese army, a quarter of a million strong, moderately warmed, if injected slowly into a armed with modern rifles and heavy cannon. human artery, will revive a dying patient These guns have been made by their own quite as much as injections of ble d. He workmen, who learned the art in European cites a number of cases in which be as suc- countries, and European officers have drilled the troops in the use of them. The Chinese are, moreover, organizing a powerful army, officered by Englishmen. The strength of the nation's military establishment is practically anknown, as travellers seldom get beyond the ringe of the country; but it is believed that the skeleton of the largest army in the world already exists. Tue soldiers, being fatalists, fear nothing, and their endurance of fatigue is marvellous. It is believed that the idea of conquest has again taken hold of the Mongolian mind, and should this prediction prove correct, the Chinese and Russians may meet as antagonists on the steppes of Turk-

the case with the Princess Louise. We

shall see what we shall see!

A French engineer named Duponchel has across the Desert of Sahara. The projected man survived. In his primitive savage conrailway would run from Algiers to Timbuctoo, a distance of 2,500 kilometres. M. Duponchel stated that the principal portion connection with their own regulator of the line would rest during nearly its whole has proved so successful that from the one extent on layers of sand, and towards the standard at 41 Cornhill, alone, 105 clocks of lend, on primitive volcanic rocks, granite. mantle-piece clock to a turret, at 81 different | would have to be encountered. The average heat does not appear to exceed 25 or 24 wire, are now being kept to true time by this | Centigrade (73 2.5° or 75 1.5° Fahrenheit), | are those of bronze, lower down those of bone process, irrespective of the West-end and but account must be taken of the great varia- or horn, still lower those of polished stone, tions which occur in the 24 hours. For in- and beneath all those of chipped or rough stance, occasionally a cold night succeeds a stone. The date of the origin of some of temperature of 40° Centigrade (104° Fahrendeit) in the day time. The great difficulty to be overcome would be the want of water, which is not to be procured in that region. M. Duponchel calculates that for three trains faily the amount of water required would be 4.000 cubic metres, and that the engineering science of the day is quite sufficient to supply even a much greater quantity at the existing coasts; sometimes, however, they

Every year furnishes additional proofs trict will ultimately become one of the greatest wheat growing sections of the earth. The crops grown in the Red River Valley this year amount to about three million bushels. cation through a chain of swamps between while the land broken and ready for crops next the Albert and Victoria lakes, are likely soon spring, is over three hundred thousand acres, bushels of wheat. This is the country for exing an expedition to the south-western end of the Albert Myanza, and it has been pro-extent, 42,000 bushels of wheat and 9,000 bushels of other cereals were harvested last season, the machinery used comprising forty ploughs, sixteen seeders, forty harrows. sixteen harvesters, three steam threshers and three portable engines. Another farm conthree portable engines. Another farm contains 6,000 acres, of which 5,600 are ready to from the stone age. They are still to be be sown with wheat next spring. The sequence of the order in connection with dresses and medical certificates issued in Montreal. There is not a particle of truth in River. Over 4.000 acres were in crop this River. Over 4,000 acres were in crop this man, iron, fire arms, and the horse. year, and produced 100,000 bushels of cereals, Majesty, having fulfilled the special comhundred tens of bay. Both in Manitoba and to stock raising.

couped the United States the five and a half | made in those regions which might reasonably million dollars which, after some difficulty, be regarded as the primitive habitation of were extracted from Uncle Sam's pocket as man. privilege, now possessed by the Dominion, of chronology. It is difficult to assign a shorter even more necessary and attractive than tures, with the exception of one, would be most disgust; that the acquisition of Cyprus without restriction. Already the Americans quarter of million of years, and human exaveraged five thousand head weekly. Inas- slow, a gradual devolopement. much as the importation of cattle from the European continent into England has been force should be increased by 1,000 men, and practically suppressed, the supplementary distance happiness of the Garden of Eden. the more so from the fact that the new supply of meat required to feed the people and what is far more serious, it is inconsiswill be drawn from this continent, and Canada tant with the theory of the fail.\* should not fail to obtain an increased share of this trade, of which she was the pioneer.

A substitute has been found for Madame and Warsaw and St. Petersburg by 300 a piece, Moscow is to have as many as 1,000, and these, too, from a regiment that boasts and freshness of youth to the firmness and freshness of youth to the encounter the vindictive opposition with It is, report says, the colour of amber, re-on her part she has insisted or a concession not only of pagan and political prophecies, sembles no other tea, is drank with or withof great antiquity for the earth, she has herbut of those furthest seeing men of old who comical strait the other day. He set his beverage. For recommendation, it has an palace at the disposal of the sufferers from endorsation of its virtues by Louis XIV.'s the recent floods in that city. One of the physician, who speaks of it in his travels, as gradual submergence, have attained a thickrefugees turned out to be an old woman who had been bedridden for twenty years; and who, having drank Serkys all their lives, feet. So slow, and so steady was this subdid not seem more than twenty-five. Now, mergence, that erect trees stand one above

The electric light will make a valuable by their size, some being four feet in diamewith all other convenient receptacles of the saving of coal in England. According to a ter. Round them, as they gradually went kind, the worthy Bishop could do nothing very careful estimate made a few years ago, down with the subsiding soils, calamites else than lodge and accommodate the dame the quantity consumed in gas-making was grew, at one level over another. In the in the palace, and for aught known she still set down at 6.560,000 tons, against a produc- Sidney coal field fifty-nine fossil forests tion of coal of 114,300,000 tons.

The Edmunds Bill which has passed the United States Senate is framed with a view ner to remove those vexatious questions respectmade it his business to go prospecting up the ing the Presidental election count which Gatineau. While scouring around among threatened to cause a national disturbance the lonely mountains he discovered a cave, two years ago. At that time one party and in it was the skeleton of a man. The claimed that the President of the Senate remains were evidently those of an English- was alone vested with the power of deciding man of wealth, who had retired to the fast- which returns should be counted, and that ness of the forest years before to live a his action was final. Others again contendas papers found in a crevice of the rock seem- on counting the returns of any electoral vote, ed to indicate. Among the scraps of paper so that no vote should be counted unless was a piece of parchment containing the fol-approved by both Houses. Mr. Edmunds' lowing curious prophecy, which had been in bill specially protects the rights of each part fulfilled at that period. The scrap as State regarding the election, leaving to Congress only to ascertain what the decision of the State Presidential electors has been. The measure is undoubtedly necessary in the interests of good government, and should be passed before the country is again on the eve of a Presidental contest.

From the Vatican it is announced that, all efforts to ameliorate the condition of the Catholics in Poland having been unsuccessful, the Pope will make a final and direct appeal to the Czar, and, should this prove fruitless, his Holiness will issue an encyclical letter lenouncing the conduct of Russia to the Catholic world. In reply to a request made to them by the Vatican to express their views upon pending points in the negotiations between Germany and the Holy See, the bishops who were exited from Germany under the operation of the May laws have may be arrived at between Germany and the Vatican. The Times correspondent at Berlin mighty land shall all be one -and in 1867 says that this news is to be regarded as a very seven years from the time first mentioned, gratifying earnest of possible reconciliation.

The New York Herald reports that there is an increasing feeling in both Houses that the whole sum which may remain after all strictly entitled under the Geneva award are paid, shall be returned to Great Britain. The bill referring the claimants to the Court of Claims is meeting with strong opposition, the exculpated cruiser claimants and war premium people opposing it vigorously. If the bill should reach the Senate, an amendment will be offered to remit to Great Britain the unexpended balance. If such action should be adopted, we may look well as on those in this country, for many a native Canadian was laid low on the field of onto Mail

### Is the supply of lumber practically inexhaustible; or considering the vast and

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Communications.

of years have flown, a king shall sit on the Draper, M. D. L. L. D. "Conflict between of the forest treasures giving out; others Northern throne," and then "But things Religion and Science." In these times of are of opinion that the prime days of lu

> Fredericton, Dec. 20, 1878. Antiquity of Man.

Among late geological discoveries, is one of special interest, it is the detection of human remains and human works in forma- knowledge of most of the timber sections of tions which, though geologically recent, are Canada, and trustworthy reports from others, historically very remote.

The fossil remains of men, with rude plements of rough or chipped flint, of polished stone, of bone, of bronze, are found in They indicate a savage life, spent in hunting and fishing. Recent researches give reason o believe that under low and base grades the existence of man can be traced back into the tertiary times. He was contemporary with the southern elephant, the rhinocerous leptorhinus, the great hippopotamus, perhaps even in the miocene contemporary with he Martodon.

Since the advent of man on the earth, we have therefore to deal with periods of incalulable length. Vast changes in the climate and fauna, were produced by the slow operappreciate their enormous lapses of time. In the old glacial drift of Scotland the re ies of man are found along with those of the

edged down from the polar regions to southerly latitudes, and, as glaciers, descended from the summits of the mountain chains into the plains. Countless species of animals perishdition, living for the most part on fruits, roots shell fish, man was in possession of a become extinct, his relics are still found, the implements accompanying him indicating a does not prove that the forests are giving distinct chronological order, Near the surface out, it shows that they have been so very forty or fifty thousand years. .

Shell mounds, consisting of bones and shells, some of which may be justly described as of vast extent, and of a date interior to the bronze age, and full of stone implements. United States. The project of maintaining bear in all their parts indication of the use the supply of timber by cultivation has been of fire. These are often adjacent to the are inlands, in certain instances as far as fifty that way, been done by governments or incated. Some of these, it is said, cannot be of the adoption of an agricultural life.

It must not be supposed that the periods with which geologists have found it convenient to divide the progresses of man in

So far as investigations have gone, they mind that these investigations are quite recent, and confined to a very limited geographi-Great Britain has already more than re- cal space. No researches have yet been

some compensation for his use of the Canadian | We are thus carried back immediately sending cattle into the United Kingdom date for the last glaciation of Europe than a are providing facilities for doubling next istence antedates that. But not only is it this season their cattle export trade, which, to- grand fact that confronts us, we have to ad- railroads are pressing into it on the north. deliver. So modest and yet a barrister!

But this forlorn, this savage condition of humanity is in strong contrast to the para-

the earth, were long after the conflict as to the criterion of truth, that is after the Reafter this advertisement, who will import a another on successive levels, seventeen such repetitions may be counted in a thickness of the Christmas vacation, which will extend reply. 4,515 feet. The age of the trees is proved to the 6th of January, on which day they will

occur in superposition.

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Christmas.

The season of high thoughts and holy memories of kindly greetings and of pleasant pastimes, the season when the spirit of christian charity and genial feeling takes possession of all hearts, when all grudges against ones neighbors are forgotten and when all are ready to extend the right hand of good fellowship in token of amity and forgiveness has come round again.

The hard sceptical spirits of this age, ar age rife in unbelief and impatient of all softness and sentiment, hold not in reverence the morning when the child Jesus was born, and deride the church decorations, the greetings and festivities of Christmas. But Christmas will survive when the sceptics of this age are dead, buried, rotten, and forgotten. The world would be all the worse and be a gloomier place of abode than it is, for a decadence in the feeling that prompts kindly greetings and gifts, and childhood would be deprived of some addressed a memorial to the Pope, stating its brightest anticipations and greatest joys. their wish that an equitable arrangement The father of a family who has bills aud extra expenses to meet will not hail the appearance of Chrislmas with as much hilarity as do his children, but he will assume a joval and generous air for the sake of the little ones.

> As the day will have come and passed before another issue of the Agriculturist, we take this opportunity to wish our readers and patrons "a Merry Christmas," and all the compliments of the season.

### Something About Lumber.

domains, the destructive fires which so often land. sweep over miles of wooded territory is there a danger of that supply failing or beginning soon to fail? Such questions are SIR,-I send you a few excerpts from an now being asked, both in the United States instructive and impartial work by Professor and Canada. Some laugh to scorn the idea bering are gone, and that the forests have the perusal of this distinguished writers already yielded the bulk of their products. her regions of the Eastern and Western States will soon be exhausted, and that the public domains in the North and South are now only equal to the local demands upon them. It quotes the statement of "an authority." who affirms, from a personal that "there is not from the far off Manitoba to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, as much pine, spruce, or hemlock, as would supply the Europe in caves, in drifts, in peat beds. whole consumption of the United States for three years." Those who assert that the supply of lumber is inexhaustible are too sanguine; those who prognosticate a not very distant failure of the supply are probably too despondent. But the statements of those who take the gloomy view of the question are worthy serious consideration. manufacture of sawn lumber and squared logs has grown immensely within the last ion of causes such as are in action at the twenty-five years, the difficulty and exresent day. Figures cannot enable us to pense of procuring logs have also increased. The Ottawa Citizen estimates that the mills in the Ottawa Valley, cut in the season, some fossil elephant. This carries us back to that 600,000,000 feet round measure, and that 18 late William Porter. The lands were put time above referred to when a large portion million cubic feet of squared timber are proof Europe was covered with ice, which had duceed also. A quarter of a century ago logs could be obtained thirty or forty miles from Ottawa; now logs are floated some two hundred miles down the Ottawa to the made a report on the project of a rai road ed in this cataclyism of ice and snow, but mills at Chandiere. What is true of Ottawa fact which was certain eventually to ensure driven further and further away from these ministrator. The action was brought by his civilization. He knew how to make a centres to procure the supplies of logs. This Captain Porter, in order to set aside the sale fire. In peat beds, under the remains of fact proves, at any rate, that the forests have of the lands, on the ground of fraud and col-

> To meet the prospective giving in of the those beds cannot be estimated at less than supplies of pine, the American Builder suggests that an extensive and systematic plant- down for. The case is complicated by a ing of young trees should be made. The advice is as applicable to Canada as to the broad outline of it. mooted again and again, but nothing has in miles. Their contents and position indicate dividuals. In Europe where the area of latter period the evidences become numerous are established whose aim it is to impart listened attentively to throughout.

the operations of the lumbers.

The discussions that arose as to the age of Chihuahua and so is Durango. That superb land awaits our honorable asking." The formation, indeed they were substantially in- enthusiastic Bishop finally settles the quesencounter the vindictive opposition with tacle, and the earth and man be far advanc-

Next Saturday, the 28th of December, is nesdays, the Legislative Library will be the day on which the vote on the Permissive opened for the issue of books on the Thurs-Bill will be taken throughout the county, days following, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

British Parliament.

British Parliament has adjourned until tenders to the crown favorable to themselves manifest. and hostile to Russia, without a great expenditure of blood and treasure. But from what Sir Stratford Northcote let fall in the on Wednesday the 18th until the 10th of serious phase than it at present exhibits. He extends for three weeks from the 15th inst. said that "he hoped that the war was nearly There will be no receptions at Government concluded, but they would be better informed | House until after January 11th.

in a month as to its real extent and significance. He felt sure, if it became necessary to exert the Imperial strength, the people of England would willingly contribute." He may have meant that Russia may soon show her hand and disclose its object in inciting in Sher increasing volume of the trade in sawn lum- Ali hostility to the English, and make ber, and of squared timber, the great depre- move to bring on the conflict, which has so dations that have been made on the public long appeared to be threatening, with Eng-

Case in Equity. An important case, Porter vs. Todd an don, in the Supreme Court Chambers during the last fortnight, in which some of the pened on the 7th, November, and was adjoined over until the 10th of December and the court has been sitting day after ever since. It is thought that the argument may close to day. There ap pear for the plantiff, Messrs. C. H. Stockon, S. R. Thompson, A. W. Weldon, and Messrs. George S. Grimmer, and J. J. Caie for George Porter one of the defendents, and Messrs. George S. Grimmer, and A. L. Palmer for the other defendants. Thirteen wit nesses numbering among them the be spown and wealthiest lumber merchants in St. Stephen, were examined and a large mount of documentary testimony was sub mitted and read. The salient facts of the case are these. William Porter owned a great quantity of wilderness land in large blocks in Charlotte and York. He died intestate, a number of years ago and left several children-one of them Captain Porter, the Plaintiff in the case-was at sea at the time of his father's death. George Porter, the brother of the deceased, was appointed administrator of the estate, and applied to the Probate Court and obtained icense to sell the said wilderness lands, in order to pay certain debts of the up at public auction, subject to a mortgage given by William Porter in his lifetime and to the thirds, the widow's dower. They were out up in one block, and bid in by Freema Toda, one of the defendants. Soon after Freeman Todd disposed of a third of the is probably true of every milling centre in lands to his brother William Todd, and inst. the Dominion. Year by year operators are another third to George M. Porter, the adbeen extensively denuded, and though it lusion between the parties purchasing, be cause the property should have been put up at auction in a more public place than where much drawn upon as materially to affect it was put up; that the lands should have been sold in different lots instead of in one

L. O. L. Course of Lectures. auspices of the Loyal Orange Association for them a date posterior to that of the great land is more restricted and lumber more was delivered in the Orange Hall, on Thursextinct mammals, but prior to the domesti- valuable than in the United States or Canada. day evening, by the Rev. W. W. Brewer, less than one hundred thousand years old. the rearing of young plantations is an art subject, "The Landmarks of our Fathers and The lake dwellings in Switzerland, buts that has prevailed for many years, In coun- Modern Thought." Besides the members built on piles or logs, wattled with boughs, tries, in that continent, where the general or there was a very fair attendance—and the were, as may be inferred from the accom- local governments are the owners and lecture which was marked rather by hepaning implements, begun in the stone age, and continued with that of bronze. In the managers of woodlands, schools of forestry torical richness than argumentative forcewas that special information which is needed in Rev. lecturer said that he had been told that the planting and care of forests. It will be a lecture on something amusing which would some time before the people of the United make the people laugh, would be most accivilization are abrupt epochs, which hold States or Canada are convinced that there is ceptable to them; but he had ventured to good simultaneously for the whole human a limit to the production of their "boundless differ from that opinion and had prepared a race. Thus the wandering Indians of Ame- forests," but, if the consumption of manu- subject which he hoped would interest and facture of sawn lumber goes on increasing instruct them. "The Landmarks of our seen in many places armed with arrows, tip- as it has increased during the last twenty Fathers," by which he counselled his hearers far distant. In the meantime they might ment of the cross, in the power of prayers in indisputably refer the existence of man to very profitably turn their thoughts and their the supernatural in religion, landmarks which to date remote from us by many of hundreds practical attention to the subject of replanta- modern self satisfied scientists, by the irreverent and shallow criticism were seeking to from hence. remove, and to substitute in their place, a Bishop Haven advocates a union of all of sunless, cheerless, and hopeless materialism. North America under one Government. He A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Mr is sure that Canada is ready for such a charge, Brewer. Mr. W. Wilson in speaking of the and so is Mexico. He says in the N. Y. Inde- object of the committee in getting up this fisheries, by conceding to the Republic the beyond the six thousand years of patristic pendent, "Why not? Her treasures are course, assured his hearers that all the lecwards the end of the season just closed, mit also a primitive animalized state, and a west and east. Three or four lines are moving upon it. Its lands aniacent to ours are Mr. Reud, on the 8th of January. on "Boston a discourse on aggiculture. fertile and empty. Three hundred miles and its environs." Perhaps he will be able from Monterey to Matamoras is one belt of to extract something from it that will make magnificent emptyness, richest of pampas, the people laugh, at any rate something very

and practically without inhabitants. So is interesting could be made of such a subject. touched that figure since the suspension of police has been increased by only 400 soldiers Rachel's "beautiful forever" specific in been conducted with so much moderation as as follows:—"The world will look with adnot very many visitors availed themselves of the payment of interest on the public debt. of having in its ranks the biggest men in the oldest face, if drank copiously and regularly.

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At the close of the examination, a parting and kindly address from the undergraduates. gradual submergence, have attained a thick- that all nations and tongues should accept which was read by Mr. Horseman, a senior student, accompanied by an elegant souvenir: a handsome gold chain and seal was presented The puplic schools have been closed for to Prof. Foster who made a full and feeling

and New Years Day fall on successive Wed-

Death of the Princess Alice.

"The web of our life is of a mingled varn. of its natural term, which ends in 1880. So whose death bed Princess Alice tended with far victory has smiled on the British arms; filial and devoted solicitude, died in Windsor the Afghans apppear quite unable to resist Castle. Her death has touched the heart their advances. It is possible, that the Im- of the people of the whole Empire, and their perial Government may gain their ends, the sympathy has gone forth to the Queen and rectification of the North Eastern frontier, members of the Royal Family, and it has of its clauses are already carried out. Batoum of my English auditors. Let me re-assure and probably the deposition of Shere Ali and been testified by every token of sorrow and he enthronement of some one of the pre- respect which it has been in their power to

went into mourning for the Princess Alice

### W. C. T. U. Lecture Course.

the course inaugurated by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, was delivered eats on the platform. Prof. Foster was in find themselves placed in similar positions. she said she was assured that the audience would listen to him on that occasion with

mingled feelings of regret and pleasure. Prof. Foster prefaced his lecture by paying a graceful tribute to the labors of love of the ladies of the Christian Temperance Union briefly recounting what they had done in looking after the bodily and spiritual welfare of young waifs taken from the streets. If they had accomplished so much in seven short months what good might they not effect, by perserving efforts, in course of

The lecture itself-"A Plea for Higher Culture," rather abstract and metaphysical perhaps for a general audience, was full of fine and just thought and poetical expression. The sum of the whole matter was that, a faculties in the individual was necessary to enable him to withstand the evil and cor rupting tendencies of this democratic age: humanly speaking the salvation of the world depended on the higher culture.

As announced by Mrs. Dr. Black, the second lecture of the course will be delivered by Mr. A. Bailey. Providence, R. I., subject Flowers and Insects," with blackboard illustrations, on Monday evening, the 30th

block, and that they should have brought in more money than what they were knocked number of transactions, but the above is the

tra, who played several selections in the course of the evening, was very good indeed, several enthusiastic encores were given. The

DOMINION GRANGE.-We see by the Toronto Mail of the 18th inst., that the annual convention of the Dominion Grange labour of husbandry commenced on Tuesday ally about Christmas manifestto spend freely. last in Toronto. The officers and delegates If intending holiday purchasers wish to satisfy met in Albert Hall, and an address was de- themselves in which stores their necessaries those of the Dominion. She has wealth un- really good, able, and interesting, that one, livered and various Grange Committees and their luxuries can be best supplied to surpassed in her many mountains. Our being the lecture he himself is engaged to struck. Arrangements were made for a public them, let them diligently con the advertiselecture by the Rev. W. F. Clarke, who is

Gold was sold at par in New York, at noon, of Tuesday last, the first time it has ria as follows: specie payments in 1862. Specie payments this disease in Lincolnshire in 1850 may tions of the students of the University took and the Treasurer expects to have on hand at

backer of Boyd, the English (Tyneside) oars- -were those who were nine miles, in a man, Mr. Christopher Barrass, of Newcastle, shaky, draughty carrier's cart, to a pet dochas caused the following to be published: tor, who had recently taken up his residence ting up a wooden portico in front of the Robert Watson Boyd, of Gateshead, will row in another village. All who were nursed in old Stone Barracks, under the superintendany man in the world a match over the Tyne | their own homes died. championship course, in from three to six Again, in the outbreak in 1861, in Uppingmonths from the first deposit, for from £100 ham, all the boys who showed symptoms of to £1000 a side; or Boyd will row any man the disease who were sent away recovered; in the world two matches—one over the the two who were nursed on the spot, in the parties who have not paid their taxes that Thames championship course, and the other Cottage Sanatorium, with ample staff of Friday the 27th is the last day in which they over the Tyne championship course—for£200 nurses and advice, died. LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY .- As Christmas months from the first deposit, Mr. Barrass facts that change of air, even out and bach a will meet with attention.

good and ill together," sorrow chases away England have thrown so much dirt on the ing of pressmen at which one or two repre-February the 13th. The Government and joy as the clouds obscure the sun. The Berlin Treaty, have done so much to awaken sentatives of English papers were present. their policy, on the occasions on which they Governor General and Princess Louise after a fear that that treaty has not effected, and Hon. Mr. McDougal, who belongs to the were attacked, were supported by majority a welcome of unexampled warmth to the cannot effect, the settlement of the Eastern inner political circle, and who is very likely of over a hundred. The amendment moved New Dominion which they must have taken Question and that Russia has never intended to know the mind of the ministry, made a Mr. Fawcett to the Government resolu- as an earnest of future happy relations be- to observe it, but will tear it up when the speech, in the course of which he said :ion, that "the house assent to defray all the tween themselves and its people had scarcely favorable opportunity offers that it is refreshexpenses of the Afghan war from Indian been established in Rideau Hall, when they, ing to hear something authoritative on the ard confessed, our hardy Northmen would evenues"-declaring the proposition unjust and all loyal subjects of the Queen, were other side. M. Waddington, minister of easily defy the far more numerous battalions was defeated. 235 to 125, a division that saddened by the death of the Princess Alice, foreign affairs in France made a speech last resolved to have free trade with us no lon showed the strength of the Government intelligence of which was received last Satur- Sunday or Monday, which will likely have a we felt that we must accept the situation support. Whatever may be the strength of day evening. This aimable Princess, second more reassuring effect on the public mind and make the best of it. This is what we the growing dissatisfaction with Beacons- daughter of the Queen, and consort of H. R. than the speech made in the Mansion House intend to do. We have waited some twelve the growing dissatisfaction with Beacons-field and his Imperialism, and his policy of H., Prince Hesse Darmstadt fell a victim to in November by Earl Beaconsfield. The Earl's would advocate a return to the reciprocity war and surprises outside Parliament, it is that mysterious and louthsome disease, dip- terances are always received with great sus- system of the past, or would propose any evident that he has an united party at his theria, which had invaded her palace, slaying picion by his political foes, and he is believed reasonable modification or extension of it back and beck, and, it is not at all probable, one of her children, and prostrating her hus- by many to treat matters of grave importance We have waited in vain. The Democratic as has been rumored, that, he will advise band and all her family. Seventeen years in a light and indifferent way, and not to duly but we see no evidence of an intention on Her Majesty to dissolve the House in ago, to a day, December 14th, 1861, sorrow- impressed by the weighty responsibilities their part to abandon the system of protec-January, but will allow it to run to the end ful coincedence, her father, Prince Albert, placed upon him. M. Waddington observed: tion to home industries. We are compel

Advices from Ottawa say that the Court been occupied by Roumania. The Bosnia- not where or how that idea was started, but House of Commons, the war in Afghanistan January. General mourning, in which the the difficulties resulting from the very patiently listen to such a proposition. may before long enter on a much more Governor General invites all persons to join, peculiar local situation have delayed the sur- (Cheers.) But, on the other hand, we chief obstacle at the Congress has been settled and accepted. The Roumelian delimitation is less advanced and cannot be carried on at all points in the winter, but we in the City Hall, before a most respectable the distress of the country after the chronic audience. The ladies of the Union took antagonism of the Mussulmans and Christians paper, published in New York, speculates on charge of all the arrangements in connection but negotiations have been held on that point the probable effect that the Canadian vicewith it, and proved themselves to be most and I hope that thanks to the good will of the royalty, which will have all the eclat and excellent managers. As an initiatory proceeding the Reform Club Band played a selection are reproached is part of our traditional policy simplicity of republican manners in the of stirring airs. Mrs. President Sampson, to give satisfaction to Greece and to remove States. In their hearts Americans are quite Mrs. Ex-President Steadman, and Mrs. A. one of the most dangerous elements of the as much given to the adoration of rank and Whitehead, and Misses. Paterson and Ed- Eastern question, and it is to the interest of the Porte itself for the treaty of Berlin to court splendors as either Canadians or Enwards, supported by Judge Steadman, took have some durability. It is necessary that glishmen, and the Courier imagines that it troduced by Mrs. Dr, Black, in a style that considerable nacleus it possesses in Europe cans to seek a presentation at the Court of night be taken as a model by gentlemen who should be governed by it without constant fear of attacks, inroads, or revolts on its Alluding to the Professor's intention of solely to internal re-organizations, financial Ottawa, or rather Rideau Hall, will be the leaving Fredericton for a wider field of labor, adjustment, development of her numerous centre of attraction, probably in America, for resources in Europe and Asia. This involves a reduction of her armaments, but so long as

higher training of the intellectual and moral fettered.

## The Osborne Trial.

The jury, last Mond av, in the Osborne the question of the dismissal has ever come rial found it impossible to agree on a ver- up in the cabinet, but thinks that if the disdict. They were dismissed by Chief Justice missal was ordered it would be a perfectly Allen. It is said they stood seven for con- right and constitutional act. Sir John howviction and five for acquittal. Osborne and ever does not see his way clearly to depose his daughter Eliza have been released on the governor of Quebec, and he appears to bail, but Mrs. Osborne and Harry are still in be pressed by a party of his supporters to do. jail. It is supposed that they will be let out According to the latest statement in referbefore long on their recognizance. It is un- ence to this case, he will refer the question fortunate that, after two long protracted to Parliament. trials, no decision has been arrived at as to the guilt or innocence of the parties accused Donald by the working men and laborers of of the murder of McCarthy. It is almost Ottawa lately. Dr. Tupper was present on hopeless now to expect that any jury that the occasion, and made a speech, in course of might be called, at any future trial, would which he counselled his hearers " to be patient agree on a verdict. In such a case a Scotch and have confidence in the government. Jury would have brought in a verdict, "not | The condition of the country cannot change proven," which would have given the in an hour it must come gradually." Sir John prisoners their liberty, but fixed a stigma also made a speech in which he bestowed upon them. Probably the result in the case of the Osbornes will be as if such a verdict Tupper, and pointed him out as the future

Minstrel Troupe had a crowded house on the | no doubt of Dr. Turpper's ability, but it i occasion of their entertainment in the Tem- questionable if the Conservatives of Ontario perance Hall last Wednesday evening. The and Queb c will rally and act cheerfully playing of the Fredericton Amateur Orches- under his leadership. and the singing, the jokes, and the acting of kindly," and there is a soft of holiday feeling the young minstrels took the fancy, and in the air. We never remember to have was quite to the taste of the audience. seen the shop windows, in the front street, clog dancing by W. Nixon was first rate, and Goods are shown to the best advantage, and was applauded by the admirers of that kind fancy articles, amongst which dolls of all of saltatory exercise. The troupe mean to sizes are conspicious, which only make their in one of the windows of A. A. Miller, & give another entertainment in about a month appearance at this season, are exhibited, and Co's dry goods establishment. It is con-

A CHALLENGE TO THE WORLD .- The were some who were naturally very delicate

M. Waddington in the Berlin Treaty.

Some of the leaders of the liberal party in

there are constant menaces of revolt and distask. This is why Europe is pressing her accord to the rectification of the Greek frontier furtherance of "the cause," and in promoting certain things in certain contingencies not yet trance within the charmed circle, and all temperance education in the schools, and in realized, but as soon as the decisive point is

reached, which I hope will be shortly, I shall ublish that despatch and all correspondence recaution was taken against the action of eign to democratic manners. France being isolated. I have now positive assurance of the co-operation of the powers without exception, and everything done in favor of Greece will be through the collective action of Europe at the instance of France. I may report that we have no kind of engagement compromising our neutrality, and that Enrope has confidence in France knowing she has no ulterior designs. We will enter into no engagements but will remain un-

all enthusiasm or all apathy regarding them. At the time of the general election there was Dolls, Acrobats, Railroads, Puzzles, Parlor a feast, now there is a famine. The chief Croquet, &c., &c. Also a great variety of Canadian papers deal now rather with political rumors than political facts. The Toronto Globe started a report that there was dissension in the cabinet over the question of the dismissal of Governor Letillier. St. Just of Quebec, which is being pressed upon them by the conservative party of that Province. The Mail denies the dissension, denies that

An address was presented to Sir John Mchigh praise on "his trusty lieutenant," Dr. Conservative leader. It is supposed that Sir John intends shortly to leave political life, and let his mantle fall on the Dr. There is

The weather for the last two or three days has been Christmaslike, "frosty but present so very attractive an appearance. groups of children congregate about them. structed of wood, and entirely overlaid with Our dry good merchants, clothiers, jewellers, the finest French artificial flowers of every grocers, candy makers, booksellers, and keep- description and shade of colour. A large ers of fancy stores, seem determined to make the most of the disposition that people gener\_ ment columns of the AGRICULTURIST.

# Change of Air for Diphtheria.

A correspondent of the London Times writes to that paper in reference to Diphthe- joint. It is just possible that my experience of

UNIVRESITY .- The public oral examina- will be resumed on the 1st of January, 1879, throw a light on the cause why one village should have it, and another be exempt. 17th, parties crossed the river in boats, but There might have been a resident medical the sharp frost in the evening sealed it. In 1860 we had an outbreak of this disease. and out of 700 persons 10, or more than the whole yearly rate, fell victims in about a There is excellent skating at the mouth of month. All who recovered-and there

a side each match, in from three to six It might, therefore, be argued from those at the coming elections. has no desire to interfere with the engage- few miles a day, is a great check on this ment between Elliott and Higgins, but these diseuse. It certainly had a remarkable efoffers are open to either of them or to any fect on those above-mentioned in Lincon-

ish and wrong act at the time.

Mr, McDougal Speaks,

There was lately in Ottawa a festive meet-"In our 'Scythian fastnesses,' as Mr. Sew-

"I am happy to say despite certain hanker- therefore, much against the will of some ings for doing more or less than the Treaty of Berlin requires all the Cabinets have ulti- example and to employ our own labor at mately seen that the execution of the treaty home, and to manufacture everything we on all sides is the only way of not jeopard- | can for ourselves. (Hear, hear.) I notice izing the peace of Europe. A large number an expression of anxiety on the faces of some with its territory, has been given up to them. A statement has found its way into Russia. The Russians have evacuated the English press that we intend, in read-Erzeroum. The Khotour district has been justing our tariff, to discriminate against the handed over to Persia. The Dobrudja has productions of the mother country. I know Herzegovina question is nearly settled, and this I will venture to assert, that no Govern the Austro-Turkish convention seems on the ment in this country, no public man of any point of being concluded. In Montenegro, party, will in our day propose or even render of Podgoritza, but the Porte is en- pelieve by levying our taxes in such a deavoring to effect it. The Servian delimi- way as to encourage the production at home tation is half finished. The French Com- of every manufacture we need, the producmissioner came to Paris a few days ago, and, tion of which it not unsuited to our climate though bad seasons prevent its completing and industrial circumstances, we are not the boundry of the Veranja district, the evincing disloyalty either to Canada or to the mother country. (Cheers.) We hold that by promoting the wealth and prosperity of his great dependency of the Empire we are adding to the wealth, the power and the hope it will be terminated next spring. glory of the Empire itself. (Loud cheers.)

Les Conriner dés Etats Unis, a French you know that the initiative with which we prestige of a regular court, will have on the Ottawa, as it has been for them to make an frontiers. Turkey must be able to set herself excursion to Saratoga or Long Branch. the next five years. Tennyson the poet laureate, speaks of "the fierce light that order on the frontier, whether in Greece or beats upon a throne," the doings of Rideau elsewhere, she cannot devote herself to that Hall will be exposed to insatiable curiosity, and incessant criticisms. It will require I cannot yet produce the circular I addressed great tact, good sense and quiet taste to esto the powers for it, and invited them to do cape offending many who will seek an enthose who having no pretentions to enter it will be apt to grow disgusted if the court inon Greece. In making that proposal every troduces habits and social distinctions for-

Notwithstanding the dull times, there seems to be on the part of our merchants a determination to push what trade there may be to its greatest extent. To do so, we notice that many of them have departed from their legitimate trade and are making quite a display in small wares, with what success remains to be seen. We have much pleasure in observing that M. S. Hall, Book and Music In Canada there is always either a feast or Dealer, has returned from his short trip, and a famine in politics. The people are either and is expecting a carefully selected stock of Goods for the Holidays, consisting of Games, Books and Serials, Albums, Writing Desks, Opera Glasses, Gold Pens and Pencils, &c., &c. All are invited to give Mr. Hall a call.

CONCERT .- The Reform Club Band Concert which will come off in the City Hall on Thursday night promises to be the best of the season. A very fine prrgramme comprising a number of new pieces and songs never heard before in public here, has been prepared. A novel and attractive feature of the concert will be the cornet performance of Mr.J. H. Williamson, who will be accompanied on the piano by his daughter, Miss Bessie, who is only seven years of age. There will be a bumper in the City Hall next Thursday, or the people of Fredericton are cold patrons of native talent

aud good music. CHRISTMAS MARKET .- Phoenix Square presented a rather lively appearance with country teams this forenooe- Farmers complain of the bare state of the roads, which makes them bad for travelling. Prices of poultry, pork and beef were moderate. Turkeys brought from 7 to 8 cents-some as high as 9 and 10 cents per pound: geese. from 45 to 50 cents each; chickens from 25 to 35 cents per pair; pork from 4 to 5, and as high as 6 cents; beef from 3 to 4 cents per pound. The rush of the Christmas martets will take place on Monday and Tuesday.

LECTURE To-NIGHT. Dr. Hamlin, on the invitation of a number of our leading citizens, will deliver a lecture on "Cyprus," to night in the City Hall. The press elsewhere has very favorably commented on this lecture, and we have, no donbt, that it will be very well worth listening to. There will be a chance of hearing the truth about this much maligned island. There should be a full attendance.

A very handsome floral cross is exhibited floral Christmas Star will be hung this evening in the other window, which will form a fitting pendant to the cross.

ACCIDENTS .- Two accidents occurred in the factory of J. C. Risteen & Co. this week. On Wednesday, a man named Squires cut his hand with an axe, and on Thursday, another of the operatives, Finnemore, got his left fore finger badly mangled while working at one of the grooving machine a Dr. Coulthard amputated it at the second

CLOSE OF THE NAVIGATION .- The navigation closed this year later than in any winter for the last fifty years. On Tuesday the Teams crossed on Thursday. The usual roads have been marked out with bushes.

the Nashwaak. The Reform Club have commenced to improve their premises. Workmen are put-

ence of Mr. Lambert Woods, the contractor. The City Treasurer desires to notify all can pay them, and secure their right to vote

A mill owned by Mrs. Mayes, Prince William, was destroyed by fire on Wednesone else. An answer through Bell's Life shire, though it was considered a most fool- day. Loss estimated at \$3,000. There was