

The Short Line Meeting.

There ought to be a very large attendance of citizens at the meeting called for at the City Hall, Friday evening...

The Cumberland Contest.

The election in Cumberland Wednesday, resulted as everybody expected...

The election was notable from the fact that for the third time successively, the Grit party have not had the courage to contest Cumberland...

Civic Finances.

The city of Fredericton's financial year closed on the 31st October last. As very few of our citizens take sufficient interest in civic matters...

Commencing with the Road Department, we find that its position was vastly better at the close of the last fiscal year than during the two previous ones.

The Alms House account on October 31st, 1888, was in debt to the amount of \$396.95. In 1887 this debt had increased to \$1,455.93.

The debt against the Fire Department on the thirty-first October last, was \$535, more than on the same day of the previous year.

Sir Leonard and Lady Tilley, with their family spent Christmas in St. Stephen's, the family spent Christmas in St. Stephen's...

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A Summary of Foreign, Dominion, and Provincial Happenings.

Gathered from every Quarter. Springhill, Cumberland Co., N. S., voted in favor of incorporation Monday, 114 to 60.

James S. Steen, formerly of St. John's, has been elected as a member of the Legislative Council for the riding of St. John's.

The Public Works account on October 31st, 1888, was in debt to the amount of \$1,063.33, in 1887 it was in credit to the amount of \$230.77.

The debt against the street lamps on October 31st, 1887, was \$708.86. On October 31st, 1888, this had been reduced to \$559.44.

The sewerage and water account which had an amount of \$173.85 to its credit on October 21st, 1887, was in debt at the end of the next year to the amount of \$442.48.

It will thus be seen that the position of the Alms House, Roads and Street, Administration of Justice, Public Works and Street Lamps accounts have been improved during the year, while the Fire account, for the reason we have mentioned, and the Water Works account do not make so good a showing.

On October 31st, 1888 the city owned the Bank of B. N. A., \$2,500, and the Treasurer had in hand cash to the amount of \$672.12.

On October 31st, 1888, the cash in hand amounted to \$2,051.32. On October 31st, 1888, there was due the Bank \$3,000, and cash in hand \$1,492.62.

The receipts from ordinary revenue have been decreasing rapidly for a number of years. In 1885 the revenue from this source was \$4,849.11, while in 1888 this had dropped to \$2,476.90.

The receipts from ordinary revenue in 1888 were \$2,476.90, or about half. This decrease was due to the removal of tolls from the Phoenix Square Market, the abolition of the miscellaneous license tax, which in 1886 amounted to \$954, and to the loss of ferry licenses. The items which now contribute to this fund are the ground rents, butchers' duty, and a few others, while chargeable to it are all the contingent expenses of the city, salaries, the expenses of elections and the City Hall accounts.

This fund being now too small to meet the charges against it, has been going behind hand for several years, and the next Council, as was done on a previous occasion, will be forced to make an assessment for the maintenance of civic government. This will not, however, necessitate any increase in taxation, as the amount can be made up by a decrease in several other departments, which are now in a more healthy position than formerly.

A melancholy accident occurred in the woods up Salmon River, Queens County, some days ago which resulted fatally. A young man named Douglas, who was engaged in chopping a log on which he was standing, fell, and in the act a snag ran into his body penetrating his stomach so that the contents escaped through the wound.

The Christmas dinner at the Halifax Hotel was one of the most sumptuous ever given in the city.

The Toronto police magistrate recently convicted a faith carrier on practicing in that city, but his conviction has been quashed by the court of common pleas, who held that hearing, or professing to heal, by Christian science is not an offence against the medical act.

Thomas Brown, a native of St. Andrews, who led the Canadian rebels at the battle of St. Charles, 25th November, 1837, died at Montreal last. Five hundred pounds was offered for a bust of him.

London's latest sensational murder, is awaiting its detectives who are endeavoring to elucidate this mysterious case by the death of the strangled woman. The murderer used a short carpet sprung with handles on the ends, similar to the rippers used by American police to enforce locomotion in refractory prisoners.

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Accountant Foster of the department of justice, who held a special enquiry into the cause of the late fire, reported that the fire originated from the pipe of the late St. John's Hotel, and thoughtlessly on the window of his sitting room before retiring.

The phenomenal long range of the British military rifle has rendered it necessary for the War Office to have the accuracy of the rifle tested at the vicinity of Aldershot, where an open stretch of two miles is obtainable.

A few nights ago J. R. McDonald, dry goods, Charlottetown, was counting the day's sales. He counted \$700 and just then the electric light went out. He laid the cash box on the counter while he lit the gas, and after that lit the gas he subsequently arrested, but no evidence being forthcoming he was discharged.

A Canadian house will issue shortly, in a limited edition of seventy-five copies, number, and printed on paper, a three-part elegy in commemoration of Matthew Arnold, by Mr. Bliss Carman of Fredericton.

The divisions of the trickety are called (1) "Dash April" (2) "Midsummer Land," and (3) "Autumn Guard"; and each is preceded and followed by a lyric interlude.

Under the new time table of the New Brunswick Railway, which came in force Monday, trains depart from, and arrive at Fredericton, as follows:

The Scientific American says the great oil fields of New York and Pennsylvania are rapidly becoming exhausted.

When the blood is impure thick and sluggish, or thin and impoverished, there can be no health. With these conditions, all the functions of the body are impaired, and the result is a variety of dangerous complications.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which has been announced, began life as a shipwright, entered the great Clyde firm of John Elder & Co. on a salary of \$500, ended as sole partner in a variety of enterprises.

Head of All. I have used Hayward's Pectoral Balsam in my family for years and have found it about equal to any preparation of the kind.

ALX. MOFFAT, Millbrook, Ont.

ALMOST EATEN ALIVE.

The Thrilling Hunting Adventure of a Montana Music Dealer.

He Loses his way in the Woods and Passes the Night Surrounded by Fierce Wolves—A Providential Spark Saves His Life.

G. W. Jackson, the Helena music dealer, had an experience recently which now seems rather a frightful nightmare than an actual occurrence.

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Travelling for Salvation.

COMMANDANT H. C. BOOTH VISITS TORONTO, And is Interviewed on His Travels.

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A TERRIBLE DISASTER.

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WISHES ALL HIS FRIENDS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.



AT HALF PRICE, During this Month, JOHN J. WEDDALL'S.

Still Another Lot. LADIES Large and Splendid Assortment GENTLEMEN'S FINE SLIPPERS, Goat, Velvet, Plush, Etc.,

Opera Everett Styles CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

A LOTTIMER, 210 Queen St., Fredericton. December 31, 1888.

C. H. THOMAS & CO., 224 Queen Street.

Christmas, 1888. TENNANT, DAVIES & CO.

INTEREST DRY GOODS, 1st Week, 1889. HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

FOR PAT O'NEILL'S HEIRS. A Snug Sum of Money awaits Somebody in New Brunswick.

FOR THE LADIES. Fur Lined Cloaks, Astrachan Jackets, Men's Fur Coats, Men's Fur Caps, etc.

FOR GENTLEMEN. DRESS GOODS, BLACK SILKS, Best value in the City. GLOVES, of every description, Silk Handkerchiefs, Linen Handkerchiefs, Fancy Handkerchiefs, IN ENDLESS VARIETY.

LOOK OUT FOR BARGAINS! Novelties in all Departments AT BOTTOM PRICES.

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