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News and opinions on any subject are always welcome, but all communications should be signed. Manuscripts unsuited to our purpose will be reurned if stamps are sent.

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EDWARD S. CARTER, Publisher. Office: No. 27 Canterbury St. (Telegraph Building)

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CIRCULATION, 5,000.

NO TIME FOR TRIFLING.

Scarlet fever is still scourging the city. Some time ago Progress raised its voice in protest against the inefficiency of the means taken to prevent the spread of the contagion. It did good. The board of health and the doctors were spurred into greater activity, and soon the word come that the scourge was on the decrease.

showed otherwise.

Despite all that has been said and done, scarlet fever is still prevalent. Where the board of health and the doctors have felt free to use stringent measures, it has decreased. There is less of it among the

It has now made its way to the homes of people who are supposed to comply with the quarantine regulations, and are trusted to do so without rigid inspection. That they do not, appears evident from the fact that a number of new cases have been reported of late, and death due to the fever has visited the homes of prominent citizens.

There should be no distinction of persons in a matter so vitally important as the prevention of contagion. The family doctor who suppresses facts, or fears to use his authority in such cases, is guilty of a neglect which amounts to a crime. He should be as imperative in his orders to a rich man as to a poor man. He should report the one as promptly as the other. His duty is a plain one, and that of the board of health is equally clear.

In a city with the sanitary conditions of St. John, there seems no reason why a contagion of this nature should be allowed. to continue its death dealing progress for such a length of time. There are more than enough doctors and quite enough skill to combat it with more success than has been achieved so far. Something must be

The people, the doctors and the board of health have their several and clear duties to perform. Unless they perform them the disease will linger and become in time epidemic. It is not a matter with which we can afford to trifle.

ONE THING NEEDFUL.

There was a time, and not so very long ago, when, fruitlessly looking for indications of intellectual growth, thoughtful men shook hopeless heads as they inquired of each other, "Why have not we a Canadian literature?"

No one asks that question, now. There is no longer any need.

The outlook is distinctly hopeful. Our poets, novelists, essayists, are doing work that commands the respectful attention of the best thinkers of other lands. Severest critics give us credit for originality of thought, power of expression. They concede us a fertile field and the strength to pealed right away. cultivate it. But they fall short of the truth when they say that all conditions are favorable. One thing more is needed to inspire creative genius:

The impulse of Nationality!

PAY-OR WALK.

The esteemed Telegraph allows, itself to become indignant over the pitiable predicament in which the Intercolonial railway places clergymen who wish to travel for halffare. They are obliged to sign an agreement releasing the company from all responsibility for accident, and the Telegraph holds that this takes "all the piety and generosity out of the transaction.'

It would have been more to the purpose had the Telegraph inquired whether there should be any piety or generosity in the

transaction. A clergyman is neither a railroad employee nor a functionary of the State. Like all the rest of us he performs certain services for which he is supposed to receive adequate remuneration and he is properly held accountable for the payment of his own bills. He has no more right to receive half-fare from a railroad than a school teacher has to blackmail a bookseller out of 20 per cent. of the amount of his purchases. Neither action is honest.

Both the clergyman and the school-teacher are useful members of society, and they should receive fair wages. If their employers fail of their daty in this regard, the

defrauded ones should strike. Public opinion would sustain them in that case. It will not approve their levying upon third

parties to make good the deficiency. We repeat that a clergyman has no right to pose as a mendicant and beg for halffare tickets. To do so is to insult his congregation, to lower his profession and to degrade his manhood.

Pay for your railway rides, gentlemen,

YOU OUGHT TO BE.

The New York Press, a daily paper that finds it possible to interest 100,000 regular subscribers without turning itself into an American edition of the Newgate calendar, has not done them the least of many good services in calling their attention to the subject of life insurance.

With few exceptions, every wealthy man in the United States is a liberal patron of the great insurance companies, and the Press had no difficulty in getting scores of the princes of finance to state their good opinion of a policy in a sound concern, considered as an investment.

That is the right point of view from which to regard it. Life insurance as a means of protection is worth paying for, but to think of it as nothing more than a protection is to take a short-sighted obser-

It is every man's duty to provide for the future comfort of those whom he may leave behind him. It should be his pleasure to entrust a portion of his savings to the Progress was denounced by some as an great corporations which can not only proalarmist. People said that it did wrong mise him absolute security, but can give to create a panic where there was really him a share in the fabulous profits that are but slight danger. The results, as proved, bound to accrue in the handling of mil-

> A bank book is a nice thing to have, but a policy of insurance is a still more desirable possession. It earns its cost in the freedom from anxiety that it confers. It pays a good deal more than 4 per cent. in lengthened and strengthened life. It never deceives and seldom disappoints.

Are you insured?

The first prize for originality in advertising is carried off, this week, by the enterprising gentlemen who print their own portraits on the fifth page. We cheerfully yield them the palm. Progress believes in new ideas and welcomes them just as cordially to the business department as to the editorial. If our advertisers will give us the best "copy," we will give them the handsomest advertisements in Canadaand the earlier the copy comes in, the handsomer the ads. will be.

An alleged newspaper published in Summerside, P. E. I., has been amusing itself, lately, by asserting that Dr. George STEWART's contribution to the Narrative and Critical History of America was plagiarized from Francis Parkman's works. Dr. PARKMAN himself having disposed of the charge in just eight lines, the critical genius of Summerside will now return to the consideration of his staple topics, pigs and potatoes.

We gladly welcome to our columns, this week, a new contributor, Rev. ARTHUR JOHN LOCKHART, otherwise known to the reading public as "Paster Felix." He is a poet of no mean gift, a Canadian of patriotic purpose, and a critic whose ability needs no better proof than is afforded by the essay that illuminates our second page.

There is quite sufficient reason for the effort that is now making to remove the capital of Maine from Augusta to Portland. The latter city is not unknown to fame. As for Augusta, we find few people who have ever heard of it except as the abode of BLAINE and a particularly bad quality of prohibition rum.

A Maige court has decided that sick benefits due to members from benevolent associations are liable to the trustee process. The decision will be fought, and ought to be. If the law upholds that ruling it is a rascally law, and needs to be re-

If Chief MARSHALL continues in office and pursues his present system of making appointments, officer WILLIAM BOYLE and other old and deserving members of the police force will wear the sergeant's stripes about the year 3000.

The editor of the Sun makes a grave mistake when, in studying the old files of the Telegraph, he confines his attention to the editorials. He should reprint the locals also and give his readers some news.

We may be allowed to insinuate to Mr. STERLING of the Sun, that, if he is very good during the next month, probably St. VALENTINE will bring him a column or so of advertisements for his special edition.

The Gazette is six months old today. is a vigorous, healthy infant. - Sun. * * * * At first, the infant

Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms.

-As You Like It, Act II., Scene 7.

The Moncton Times and Transcript ar having a fight on the subject of socialism. The argument is chiefly notable for the dense and absolute ignorance of the subject shown by both contestants.

A correspondent asks for the name of the author of the maxim, "Experience, like the stern-light of a ship, only illuminates the path over which we have passed." Can any reader inform him?

Chairs caned, 242 Union street.

WEIGHTY WORDS

Canada's Daughters!

The Enormous Regular Sales of Thousands of Boxes of

For all Waters.

Waters.

Is the best proof that the public know and appreciate its MAGICAL CLEANSING PROPERTIES and THOROUGH STERLING VALUE. Being of FULL WEIGHT, it is a boon to RICH and POOR ALIKE.

A lady writes: "I find it saves time and material, as the clothes require less rubbing, no boiling, and wash a much purer color than with ordinary Soap. I recommend it to every housewife."

Every bar weighs 16 oz. Cannot injure the most delicate fabric. SOLD BY ALL GROCERS.

WM. LOGAN, - - - Sole Manufacturer.



THAT LADY hasn't some cosy room in her house which is different from every other, which is her joy-her pride: made so by the skilful painter and his artistic designs and color blending. It is beautifully decorated, tinted perhaps or frescoed in either oil or water colors. She delights to show her lady friends there and hear and see their admiration.

But such work is best done when there is plenty of time. As spring advances the painter has more than he can attend to. Therefore, ladies, ask A. G. STAPLES (175 Charlotte or 141 Brittain street), plain and decorative painter, to use his time and best skill to retouch your favorite nook.

A. G. STAPLES, Plain and Decorative Painter,

Shop, 175 CHARLOTTE STREET; Residence, 141 BRITAIN STREET.

All descriptions of House, Sign and Decorative Painting. A special feature is made of Decorative Paper Hanging, Tintin; and Frescoing in either Oil or Water Colors.

Entries Should Not be Restricted, Nor Should There be a Free-for-All.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 21.—The communication of "Shamus" in your issue of the 19th inst., is timely and to the point. The dates of trotting meetings in Nova

Scotia and New Brunswick last season did clash, and the result was detrimental to

A circuit to include Nova Scotia and New Brunswick tracks would no doubt prove highly successful, if properly managed. I would not, however, limit the entries to horses owned in the two provinces. but would make the races open to all. What the management of our several tracks should do is to hang up purses that will draw good horses, and sufficiently large to induce owners to have their horses handled with a fair probability of getting in return something to pay them for the trouble and expense to which they are put.

I am entirely in accord with "Shamus" idea of making the purses larger, as the large purses draw the horses and the horses draw the crowd, and the crowd pays the gate money—the only return to be depended upon by the track management to meet

If any meeting is to be held toward establishing a circuit in the two provinces, it would be well to arrange to have that meeting as early as possible, as a meeting of the New Brunswick circuit committee of last year is to be held in St. Stephen in March next, by arrangement made at the meeting of delegates from the different tracks held in Fredericton last season. Mr. Todd, the president of the New Brunswick circuit, is empowered to invite the attendance of delegates from any track that he may deem advisable. If an Inter-Provincial circuit were established before that time, there would be no necessity of the meeting to arrange for a New Brunswick circuit in 1889.

From last year's experience in New Brunswick it would not seem advisable to allow a horse to trot through the circuit in the same class, but limit him to two meetings in succession, and then put him in a class according to the record he may have made. Experience would also show that it would be better not to make a free for all class at all, but to make the fastest class a class race, to be limited to the class that the general management would deem likely to be most successful. It is to our home horses that we should desire to cater, and ing and selling to all paper from his new if a free for all class is made, and a large purse hung up on the different tracks, the probability is that it will draw some one horse with a record in the twenties or better, and only the one. If we were sure of getting four or five with records of from 2.20 to 2.25, or ability to go that fast, I would say make a free for all, as the speed would be a great attraction, but the probabilities are against more than one or two

Another and very important matter that should receive the most careful consideration of the delegates at any meeting for

THE INTER-PROVINCIAL CIRCUIT. required of known integrity, who are well posted in the rules, and who are fearless in their application. It is hard to get such men to go into the stand, still some way must be found by which they can be induced to take the position.

HORSEMAN.

"BILDAD" ON BUTTER.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: I do not

His Able Address Before the Farmers'

know why I should be called upon to make a speech. (Hear, hear.) Why I should be called upon to make a speech I do not understand. (Applause.) I certainly did not expect I would be called upon to make a speech when I came into this hall. (Loud applause.) It is a great surprise, gentlemen, at this time to be called upon to make a speech. (Cheers.) When I came in I certainly did not anticipate being called upon to speak. (Renewed cheering.) Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking (hear, hear), I am taken completely by surprise at being thus called on, to be called upon. (Great cheering.) And I may also add, gentlemen, that when I came in here it was far from my thoughts that I should be requested to be called upon to make a speech. (Applause.) Why, I am-called upon-to-to call upon myself to speak upon this subject I am at a loss to understand. I assure you when I entered the door I had no expectation of being called upon to address you. (Laughter.) I am not used to speaking in public, and, I would further add, do not comprehend why-why I should be picked upon for-being called on-to be called upon to make a speech at this time. (Cheers and renewed laughter.) Again thanking you, and being unaccustomed to making a lengthy speech, though I think I have pretty well exhausted the subject, I beg to thank you again for being called upon-to thank you for being called upon at this time to speak before you on this subject. (Loud and long-continued cheering, after which it is unanimously resolved that Bildad's able effort be printed verbatim in the minutes, and also in pamphlet form for general distribution.)

"British-American" for sale at McArthur's, 80 King St.

Preparing for the Spring Trade. Mr. F. E. Holman returned from New York this week, and expects to be busy from this time forward fitting up, occupy-

store, in the Colonial Bookstore building, corner of King and Germain streets. Mr. F. R. Butcher has out his new signs, and expects 27,000 rolls of paper in stock,

Messrs. Sheraton and Selfridge, who have been in the establishment of Emerson & Fisher for a number of years, will open a new stove and kitchen furnishing store in the stand now occupied by Bardsly Bros., King street. The site is a good one, and the new firm will do its share of the trade.

Perry & Co. will begin a grand sale in a few days, which will probably last for some judges on the different tracks. Men are premises. The St. John headquarters will Feb. 1st to 6th, at the following rates:

Just Look at This!

WOOL HOODS, TAM O'SHANTERS, TOQUES, FASCINATORS, Hats and Feather Ruffs, AT PRICES TO ENSURE A READY SALE.

BARNES& MURRAY,

17 CHARLOTTE STREET.

The New Crockery Store, 94 KING STREET.

Received Since the Holidays:

FULL LINE OF TOILETTE SETS.

IN ALL COLORS, PLAIN AND GILT.

Prices Exceedingly Low.

C. MASTERS. Irresistible Bargains

Dress Goods-Black and Colored; Ulster Cloths, Jacket Cloths; Cloths for Men's and Boys' Wear; Homespuns,

Grey Flannels, 12 cts. upwards;

Grey Cottons, 3 White Cottons,

Dress Tweeds, 6 SPECIAL VALUE IN HOME-MADE PRINTS.

Corsets!

Corsets!!

The Largest and Best Assortment in St. John, at Popular Prices. TABLE TAMASKS, TOWELS AND TOWELLINGS, VERY SPECIAL VALUE. TABLE NAPKINS.

N. B.—Special inducements offered to purchasers of HALF PIECES or PIECES of Grey or White Cottons, Pillow Cottons or Sheetings.

WALTER SCOTT.

32 and 36 King Square.

Confectionery and Christmas Novelties, ___ AT ___

HUGHP. KERR'S. -- Branch Store, KING STREET.

BARLEY SUGAR WHISTLES, VICTORIA CAKE, SPINNING TOPS, ALMOND BAR, BANJOES,

MARSHMELLOES, SINGING CANARIES.

WATCHES, CORNUCOPIES, NECKLACES, WEDDING CAKE ORNAMENTS, BUTTERFLY BASKETS, CHOCOLATE DROPS, in fancy boxes, BIRDS and ANIMALS, TABLETS. TRY OUR SUPERIOR JAMS AND JELLIES. And don't fail to get a LITTLE Pig for the Xmas tree; also, a 5th. box of our

Money Made by Buying your DRY GOODS

XMAS MIXTURE for \$1,00. SOMETHING NICE.

KEDEY & CO'S.. 77 King Street.

BARGAINS NEXT WEEK IN

DRESS GOODS, CLOTH SUITINGS, ULSTER CLOTHS and TWEEDS; a full line in Men's and Boys' SHIRTS and DRAWERS, CARDIGAN JACKETS; LADIES' VESTS, FLANNELS, BLANKETS and WOOL GOODS. At prices that will make you buy. Call and see.

be located on Germain street, at the cor- Going and returning via Danville Junction ner of Church, in a month or two.

"Oak Hall" is the name of the new clothing store on Market square. Messrs Scovil, | before midnight of Feb. 8th, and returning Fraser & Co. are the proprietors, and they must be used to destination before midevidently mean business. They are not night of Feb. 16th, 1889. For further inafraid of competition, either, for there are formation apply to New Brunswick railway clothing firms all about them. Mr. Fraser is a brother of Mr. W. J. Fraser, of the Royal clothing store, King street.

Mr. Hugh Kirkpatrick has bought the lease of that fine business stand now occupied by Messrs. McCafferty & Daly With the right stock and a first class man to handle it there isn't a better business site in the city.

Ho! For the Carnival.

The New Brunswick railway will sell excursion tickets to Montreal and return slipping on." the above purpose, is the matter of selecting weeks. This is preparatory to a change of on account of the carnival of winter sports,

or Portland, \$18; going and returning via Boston, \$23. These tickets must be used ticket agents, who will be supplied with programme of week's sports.

Chairs caned, 242 Union street.

It is Never Slippery. "I never shovel my sidewalk unless the police make me," said a Sydney street citizen, Wednesday. "I just sweep off the loose snow, and after the rest of it has packed hard I sprinkle it with salt. Infirm old ladies and elderly gentlemen just doat on that sidewalk. It's about the only one on the street that they're not afraid of

Clever Housekeepers know the value of Ideal Soap. It works wonders.