

**THE AREA OF ARABLE LAND.**  
Mr. Edward Jack, in a letter to the St. John Telegraph, in the course of many statements which meet our hearty approval, says:  
"Probably more than half of New Brunswick, perhaps two thirds of the area included in our bounds, is unfit for settlement."  
Mr. Jack is so very much in earnest in his advocacy of New Brunswick's interest that this statement, if inaccurate, is not intentionally so. We are not disposed to accept it for the following reasons: The area of New Brunswick is in round numbers 17,000,000 acres, of which 10,000,000 are under the remaining vacant. The actual area now "occupied," to use the expression in the census, is 4,000,000; it was 3,800,000 in 1881. The crown land office estimate is that of the ungranted portion over 3,200,000 is fit for settlement. The New Brunswick railway has about 800,000 acres of the same class of land, and these totals aggregate 8,000,000 acres. There are in the hands of private individuals, and not occupied by actual settlers, about 4,800,000 acres. It seems scarcely possible that we must class all this as unfit for settlement, as we must do if the above figures are at all accurate and Mr. Jack's estimate is correct. We are inclined to think that it would be nearer the mark to put the area of land fit for settlement at somewhat above one half the total area. The remainder must not be rejected altogether, but there is no denying that a long time must elapse before the scarcity of land leads to its being occupied. Mr. Jack will probably say that considerable land that has been settled upon ought to have remained vacant. This is to a certain extent true; but not to the degree as many may suppose. We are inclined to estimate the land available for settlement in this province and not now occupied as follows:  
Ungranted crown lands, 3,200,000 acres  
N. B. railway lands, 1,000,000 "  
Unoccupied granted lands, 1,000,000 "  
5,200,000 "  
Or about one third the whole area. Perhaps this is what Mr. Jack means.

**THE PROGRESS OF RECIPROCIITY.**  
Chauncey M. Depew, a possible republican candidate for the presidency of the United States, has declared himself favorable to reciprocity with Canada. This is not met with the approval of the New York Tribune, and the machine republican organs, but there are thousands of people who will accept Depew's view. He has a greater influence than even the Tribune, for he is a man identified with the great business interests of the Vanderbilt, the most popular man to-day probably, in the United States, one of the best speakers and in all respects possesses the reputation of being exceedingly level-headed. The declaration of such a man makes the way much easier for the advocates of reciprocity. He cannot be accused of being an Anglo-maniac; he is not a freetrader. He is one of the many who are beginning to understand the true condition of things in the United States, and the magnificent possibilities of Canada. It is true that he speaks of reciprocity as a step towards grand consummation, when the stars and stripes will wave from the Gulf of Mexico to the North Pole; but that is neither here nor there. The political union of the two countries is the logical sequence of free trade between them. There is not the slightest connection between the two ideas. Political annexation can only come when the people of both countries want it. The present generation of voters in Canada do not want it; if the next do, that is their affair, not ours, and if they want it they will have it, in spite of all we can do. As for freedom of trade intercourse creating a desire for political connection, that is utter nonsense. Nobody in Canada would think of annexation if we had free trade with our neighbors.

How the times change! The other day, so the story goes, a gentleman in a high educational position in Fredericton, declined to drink the health of the Queen, and so important is the refusal deemed that no one has gone to the trouble of ascertaining whether the story is true or false. What a fuss this would have made a few years ago! The senate would have been convened and the offender against loyalty, with the largest L in the printing office, would have been asked to give place to some one who would be willing to stand up as long as he was able and do honor to toasts to the royal family. Now THE HERALD is not expressing any approval of the course of the learned professor in the matter in question. On the contrary, it thinks that it would have been in much better taste for him to have joined with his hosts in drinking the toast, even if he is a republican, a home ruler and everything else that a man can be. We in New Brunswick, when drinking the health of the Queen, do so because it is a way of honoring the head of the state, and if we import a little enthusiasm into it, we do so because we fancy that the present occupant of the throne is a woman of admirable life and a thoroughly constitutional sovereign, under whose rule the empire has prospered as never before. We have failed to see the necessity of transplanting to this side of the Atlantic sentiments which prevent our recognizing these considerations.

**THE WEST INDIES EXHIBITION.**  
New Brunswick will be represented at the West Indies exhibition by samples of woods, which are now being prepared under the direction of the provincial government. Price lists will be sent and generally such information will be given to visitors to the exhibition in regard to the products of the province, as will be of the greatest advantage. What manufacturers and other private citizens will do is of course quite independent of this.  
In selecting our woods as the prominent feature of the New Brunswick exhibit, the government have acted very wisely, for there is no line of business which can be extended more advantageously in the West Indies than this. We have a vast store of lumber, which could be manufactured for that market, and ought to be able to hold our own in it against all competitors.  
ISRAEL TARTER, of Le Canadien, is or has been a distinguished member of the conservative party. He is a sharp writer and a clever all round man—one of those who make you forget when you are with them all the objectionable things which are attributed to our French-Canadian fellow citizens. Mr. Tarte has fallen foul of Sir Hector Hodge in connection with the public works department and promises a dish of scandals, which if they fulfil the promise of the sample furnished, will be sufficiently savory to satisfy the most exacting palate. The trouble originates in the McGreevy quarrel we heard so much about a few months ago. Mr. Tarte says that he hopes Sir Hector will be able to show that he is not personally implicated; but he professes to be able to prove that the whole department over which the general knight presides is a hotbed of corruption. Mr. Tarte says he will show that the public have been defrauded of \$500,000 by the McGreevy combination.

**IN DARKEST AFRICA.**  
The Stanley controversy is a very painful affair. Without desiring to detract from the fame of the illustrious explorer, one may question the wisdom of his course, as to the doings of his rear column. He ought to have known that it was powerless to keep the truth back, and it would have been better if he had allowed it to come to light sooner. It seems a terrible stain upon an expedition, from which such results have been anticipated for the cause of christianity, that its track was marked by bloodshed, cannibalism and revolting cruelty. The christianizing effect of this must be more than doubtful. The truth is that the average christian regards the life of a pagan as of minor importance. We may say we do not, but we do. We tell glibly of the bombardment of Viton and the slaughter of a lot of people, all of them innocent of any transgression against their law or ours. We hear of deaths by hundreds on the terrible marches through African forests, and we say it is horrible, but then they were not white people and it might have been worse. We hear of provisions stored at Khartoum and praise the wisdom of the policy which keeps the Sudanese in starvation in the hope of compelling them to surrender. Of course the African savages are in the wrong always. It is only we, christians, who are always right. Are we not a people who love mercy and enforce it at the cannon's mouth by the light of burning villages? Are not justice and fair dealing our watch words, and do we not show it by the way we meet together and divide up the territory of the pagans? Has it not been said that the meek shall inherit the earth and is not our meekness proverbial? The truth is that christian nations should blush at the manner in which they have dealt with heathendom. Talk of the slow progress of missionary work—why the wonder is that it has made any progress at all. The christian nations are fulfilling in a sense, never before intended, the words of the founder of their religion, and do not bring with them peace, but a sword. How many poor pagans have been slain for every one that has been christianized by it. How much wrong has been done, how much hatred has been engendered, not to speak of the wealth that has been wasted in enterprises, the manner of conducting which would never have been tolerated, if it were not for the pretence that good would come out of it. "God moves in a mysterious way," we sing, as we load the ships with whisks, hides and beaver. "The ways of Providence are inscrutable" is our comforting reflection, when the people refuse to hear our teachings and years pass with scarcely anything being accomplished. It is we and our ways that are "mysterious" and "inscrutable"; and christendom cannot hope to clear its skirts and throw the responsibility upon the Almighty. China and Africa have yet to play their part in the world's drama, and christendom may have to reap what it has sown.

**CANADIAN NEWS.**  
The Week's Events in Brief—The Cream of our Echoes.  
Several more \$2000 bonds will shortly leave England and be placed on the York road at the entrance of Halifax harbor.  
A landslide demolished three houses in St. Saviour Quebec, during Tuesday night. Nobody was hurt, but the houses are completely wrecked.  
Government detectives are on the watch along the boundary line between Winnipeg and Vancouver to prevent smuggling of Chinese women into Canada for immoral purposes.  
It is understood that Birchall confessed to Rev. Mr. Wade, his spiritual adviser, and that confession was given prior to his public scene as soon as Mrs. Birchall leaves the country for England.  
It is said a mountain of mica has been discovered on the North Thompson river in British Columbia. The indications are that the mica is of very fine quality and almost unlimited in quantity.  
John Robb, of Salisbury, aged 61 years, the other day covered 6,300 lathes with seven cash of lime in eleven hours time. He wants to know the name of the man of his age who can beat that record.  
Among the latest subscriptions received by Gen. Booth of the Salvation army for the promotion of his philanthropic scheme, are two cheques for £1000 each and one for £500. The fund now amounts to £20,000.  
The British chamber of commerce has addressed a letter to the Dominion board of trade asking an opinion as to the advisability of holding a congress of all the chambers of commerce in the British Empire. A favorable reply was given and the letter will be sent to other similar bodies in Canada.  
R. A. Borden and others, of Moncton, have been incorporated as the "Thomas Nut Lock company," with a capital of \$250,000, for the purpose of manufacturing the patent secured by C. H. Thomas. This nut lock has now been tested for about two years on different railways and has everywhere proved a complete success.  
Monday morning about seven men were tuckpointing Casey's new block at Creemore when the scaffolding gave way and they fell about 20 feet on the hard ground. Edward Irwin was instantly killed. Joseph Gaylor had his arm broken between two places. William Eldridge, back severely hurt. The three men are from Toronto and are married.  
Hon. John Carling has been interviewed by representatives of the Allan and Dominion lines and Canadian Pacific railway. The deputations say the details of the shenanigans submitted will be arranged in a few days. It is proposed to boom immigration by quoting \$18 rate from Liverpool to Winnipeg, tickets to be held at these figures to bona fide settlers only.  
The council of the board of trade met at Toronto to consider the resolution passed recently by the St. John board relative to the Canadian winter port. After considerable discussion a resolution was adopted to the effect that, not having sufficient information as to the facilities afforded by the St. John to ocean steamers, it must decline to offer any advice to the government.  
Both the Canadian Pacific railway and the Northern Pacific, says a Winnipeg despatch, announce a reduction in the Manitoba grain rates, to come into operation Dec. 10, from all points at which a higher rate exists than twenty-two cents per one hundred pounds at present charged. The tariffs are now in course of preparation.  
On Tuesday forenoon as No. 555 train from Moncton was approaching Stratford station Charles Clew, a brakeman residing in London, Ont., stepped out of the caboose to apply the brakes. The cars being somewhat frosty, he slipped and fell between the cars, his fall being noticed by the conductor, but when the train was brought to a stop life was extinct, his remains being horribly mangled. The body was taken to London.  
The deadlock in the North-West assembly continues. On Monday the reply to the governor's message was presented. It contained the legal right of the assembly to control the funds. The house refused a committee of supply. In the evening a motion by the advisory council being rejected, the members of the advisory council, with one follower, then left the chamber, and a report censuring them for carelessness was carried, the vote standing 12 to 0.  
Alvin French, an engineer, was instantly killed in a collision between two trains on the C. P. railway near Terrebonne, P. Q., Thursday morning. He was some time ago elected one of the seven delegates being sent to attend the Locomotive engineers' convention at Montreal, and was on his first trip when he met his death. He was a native of New Brunswick, but had been in the employ of the C. P. R. the past seven years.  
John P. Chetwynd, lobster packer and commission merchant of Halifax, was arrested and jailed Wednesday the police refusing to accept bail. The officials refuse to give any information, but he is said to be charged with forgery. Customs detectives O'Keefe and Bonness arrived and Chetwynd's whole establishment and stock in trade was seized for smuggling. He was a candidate for the city council six months ago, and two weeks since failed for \$80,000 with assets practically nil.  
A meeting was held at Montreal this week between representatives of the Toronto and Montreal boards of trade to discuss the proposed new route for the transit. The transportation companies always denied their responsibility claim that goods were not intact when put into their hands. The merchants passed a resolution that in case of loss companies handling goods should pay jointly. Representatives of shipping companies promised to lay the matter before their principals.  
The inmates of six houses on St. Lawrence street, Quebec, were aroused Wednesday, by a cracking noise made by their houses, which appeared to be falling, and they fled to the street scantily attired. It was found that the side of a very deep and wide trench excavated by the city along, side of the houses was giving away with the weight of the houses and allowing them to sink. A large force consisting of the fire brigade, police, corporation employees and citizens worked hard and succeeded in preventing the houses from collapsing entirely.  
The case of Arthur Hoyt Day, charged with murdering his wife by pushing her over the bank at Niagara Falls last summer, and convicted before Justice Rose and sentenced to hang December 19, was before the court of queen's bench Wednesday on a point reserved by the judge at the trial for opinion of the full court. The point raised by the prisoner's counsel was as to the advisability as evidence of statements obtained from the prisoner by detectives while he was accompanying them from Rochester, N. Y., to Niagara Falls, for the ostensible purpose of seeing if he could identify the clothing found on the dead woman. The point was decided against the prisoner and his conviction affirmed.

**FOREIGN NEWS.**  
Summary of the Press Telegrams from All Parts of the World.  
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