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Fire in Fredericton.—A fire broke out about two o'clock, a. m., on Christmas day in the furniture shop of Mr. Robert Wiley, Queen street. Fortunately there was no wind; had there been, a disastrous fire must have been the result. As it was, the only building consumed was the one in which the fire originated.

We learn that Mr. George Mercereau, of S. B. Ormoc, lost a valuable span of horses while crossing one of the Lakes on the Oromecta last week. He had crossed just before with a heavy load, and it seems strange that when returning with an empty sled the horses should break through the ice.

Horses lost in the Ice.—On Saturday evening last, as the Rev. Judson Bleakney was driving up the Bellisle towards White's Point, where he intended to spend the Sabbath with Rev. Mr. Corey, his horse broke through the ice off Long Point bar, and was lost. The sleigh was smashed to pieces, and the Rev. gentleman also lost a valise containing his best wearing apparel.

A man who, we were told, belongs to Fredericton and named Reed—not John H. Reid—while driving a pair of horses across the ice on Grand Bay on Wednesday afternoon, broke through and lost both animals, they dying on the ice after being taken out of the water alive.—*Globe*.

A FUNNY INCIDENT.—The other day a man running at a break neck speed through the streets was mistaken for a thief, and arrested by the police. Explanations followed, and it appeared that he was after a box of Grace's Salve to use a burlap child. Moral: always keep Grace's Salve in the family, that it may be at hand for immediate use.

It is stated that Spain has offered to sell Cuba and Porto Rico to the United States for a hundred and fifty millions of dollars.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

Moose are plentiful this year in Halifax and Guysborough Counties. Four were recently shot in the vicinity of Sherbrooke Gold Diggings.

PICTON.—A woman and a young lad fell through the ice on Picton harbor, on Friday last, and were rescued from drowning by Mr. Alexander Fraser.

TATAMAGOOSH.—The Schooner *Progress*, Captain Robert Nickerson, of Yarmouth, whilst lying at Tatamagoosh loading copper ore from the Balford Mines, took fire on the night of the 5th inst., and burned to the water's edge. An examination of the Capt. and crew took place on Saturday, before Robert Purves, J. P., in which they were exonerated from blame or negligence.

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., William and Donald, Sons of Mr. Hugh McLean, of Wreck Cove, St. Ann's Bay, were accidentally drowned by the capsizing of their boat on its way from English Town to the Cove, when within a short distance of their home. The efforts made to save them proved fruitless, owing to the heavy swell on the shore at the time. They were aged 24 and 20 years respectively.

A melancholy case of shipwreck occurred at Cape Sable on the night of the 4th inst. The brig *Ada*, of Walton, Haits Co., Capt. A. Tobin, from Portland for Halifax, with a cargo of flour, is reported to have been wrecked and all hands lost. The boat and portions of the wreck were washed ashore. The vessel was owned by Mr. Mosher. The captain and most of the crew were married men and leave families in Hants County.

HEROIC CONDUCT.—The following from the *Newfoundlander*, shows the humanity and courage displayed by Capt. W. Jackson, of the Labrador, on the 9th Oct. "From the published statement we learn that twenty-seven persons were saved from drowning by Capt. Jackson, at the utmost possible risk of his life. Sixteen times he swam a distance of 100 fathoms and back in a most boisterous sea, and during a frightful hurricane, supporting on his return one or more of the unfortunate. His remarkable endurance was equalled only by his extraordinary self negation."—*N. S. Paper*.

#### Dominion Parliament.

(From Telegrams to the City Press)

Brose introduced a Bill to authorise all Banks to establish branches in all parts of the Dominion; to recover seven per cent, interest, and to take Bills of Lading, Warehouse Bills, and Survey Bills as security for loans. The Usury Laws are repealed.

The debate on the third reading of the Intercolonial Railway Bill has given rise to warm discussion, chiefly touching on question of route, cost and mode of construction.

Fortin addressed House, advocating route by North Shore.

Fisher spoke an hour and a quarter in favor of Central.

He was followed by Johnson in able speech in favor of line as proposed by Major Robinson.

Rose introduced a Bill respecting Banks, extending the Canadian laws respecting banking throughout the country.

The debate on Inland Revenue Bill strong feeling was manifested against brewers' licence as too high and Government postponed the Bill.

Intercolonial Railroad Bill was read second time; amendment was moved that route be sanctioned by Parliament and will be considered to-day.

It is understood that a Government Delegation will visit England during the recess on business connected with the Intercolonial Railroad and North Western Extension.

The Legislature has adjourned till 12th March.

Last evening in the Senate an interesting discussion arose on the Customs Bill, and subsequently on the Railroad Bill.

Mitchell said that the Government had a policy in reference to the Route, and would announce it in the proper time, and had not assured that it would give satisfaction to the country.

The Post Bill was amended in the Commons. An amendment stipulating for the free carriage of paper was nearly carried, there was only thirteen votes of minority.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Parliament adjourned on Saturday until the 13th of March. Among the bills assented to by the Governor General are the following:

An act to prevent the unlawful training of persons in the use of firearms and practice of military evolutions.

To authorize Justices of Peace to seize and detain arms collected for or purposed dangerous to the public peace. Also an act to authorize the arrest of persons suspected of committing acts of hostility or conspiracy against Her Majesty's person and Government.

#### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

A despatch from Massoway says a report from the interior had reached the British expedition that King Theodore had set fire to and destroyed Dobra Tabor.

Another attempt was made to day to blow up one of the city prisons. Powder was placed under one of the walls of Millbank Jail, in which a number of Femians are confined. The preparations were all completed and the fuse had been lighted by the conspirators without attracting attention, but fortunately owing to some defect in the arrangements of the materials, the powder did not explode, and the plot was discovered before the attempt to carry it out could be renewed. No clue has yet been obtained to the guilty parties.

It is reported that a paper has been found in Wolfsburgh which shows that the Femians in England had organized a plot to plunder all the armories of the Military forces in England.

A great fire is raging in Newgate on the Tyne. No particulars have yet been received.

LOXON, Dec. 23.—The Moniteur has later details of the recent battle in the Parana. Lopez, by neglect, not only lost the results of his victory but was turned on by his vanquished enemy and badly beaten. The loss of the Paraguayan was heavy.

Four men who gave their names as English Mulvaney, O'Keefe and W. Desmond, were arrested on suspicion of having been connected with the recent Femian outrages.

The alarm caused by those outrages here continues. The magistrates are all swearing in special policemen.

Guards around the prisons have been strengthened, and warders in the city are carefully watched.

Troops were suddenly ordered to Portsmouth to day and left on a special train.

The coroner's inquest on the bodies of those who were killed by the explosion at Clerkenwell prison was concluded this afternoon.

NOVEMBER 23, 1867.

THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

AND FOR THE CHURCHES OF IRELAND, SCOTLAND,

Wales, AND OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

AND FOR THE CHURCHES OF AMERICA, CANADA,

NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, AND OF THE EAST AND WEST INDIES.

AND FOR THE CHURCHES OF CHINA, JAPAN, KOREA,

AND OF THE ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

AND FOR THE CHURCHES OF RUSSIA, GREECE, AND

THE MUSLIM KINGDOMS OF ASIA AND AFRICA.

AND FOR THE CHURCHES OF AFRICA, SOUTH AMERICA,

AND OF THE ISLANDS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

AND FOR THE CHURCHES OF THE BALKANS, AND OF THE

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