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ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 13, 1879.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The small pox is on Grand Manan. . . . The outside of the new hotel in St. Andrews is completed. . . . It is said that the night trains to Bangor are soon to be discontinued. . . . Mr. C. A. Sampson, the enterprising confectioner of Fredericton, announces that he has arranged to have a veritable Santa-claus deliver packages of confectionary on Christmas eve. The old gentleman will be likely to cause some excitement amongst the youngsters of the "Celestial city. . . . Influenza prevails in some parts of York Co. . . . The Fredericton police have been supplied with dark lanterns. Why? . . . Two candidates for the majority of Fredericton are already in the field. The present incumbent, G. F. Gregory, Esq., and G. F. Fisher, Esq. There is some talk of another candidate. It is said there are not more than 400 qualified voters this year. . . . A Shetlander, named Johnson, broke through the ice while crossing from Fredericton to Nashvaukas a few days ago, cried out lustily, and was rescued after having been in the water about twenty five minutes. . . . The *Sentinel* suggests that mile posts be placed along the lines of railroads in the Province. It thinks they would be a check on engine drivers enabling them to adjust their speed. It is an English custom, and is followed by the Grand Trunk and the "N. B. & Canada" railroads. . . . Fredericton rowdies break open warehouses and steal tobacco therefrom. . . . The new Pettedodiac bridge was opened formally on Friday last. The builder, Mr. Kilham, gave a dinner on the occasion. . . . The St. Stephen postmaster wants more salary; and, according to statements in the local papers, he ought to have it. . . . People who have occasion to travel considerably are grumbling because there is but one train a day between St. John and Fredericton. The arrangement is not a good one. . . . The locomotive for the River du Loup Railway has arrived at Fredericton. It will be taken across the river as soon as the ice is strong enough. . . . Juvenile thieves are operating in a small way about St. John. House keepers should be on the look out. . . . Two men named McCrunch nearly lost their lives the other day by the breaking up of a raft on Grand Lake. . . . Mr. R. P. W. DesBrisay, formerly M. P. P. for Kent, died at Richelieu on Monday last.

Nova Scotia.—An iron knee factory has been established in Hantsport....A new and powerful log-whistle is to be placed near the entrance of Halifax Harbour....Mr. Kerr, of the Nova Scotia Customs Department, has made several important speeches at Yarmouth. A Halifax paper states that he discovered a lot of dutiable goods in the store of a member of Parliament....Application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next session, for an act to incorporate a bank under the name of "Bank of Pictou," with the head office at Pictou, Nova Scotia....The members of the Halifax press do not like to be shut out from the meetings of the school Board of that city. Why should the business of the Board be done in secret?...The new house at Lawrenceton, Annapolis County, has just been completed. The Annapolis river is now open by a fine flat, covered bridges....The crops last year on Cape Breton Island were a good average....Halifax real estate is said to be increasing in value.

GENERAL.—A \$25,000 monument is to be erected in memory of Horace Greeley by citizens of Brooklyn. ... The harness makers of Ottawa want more wages; and because they can't get them, won't work at all. ... The commerce of Buenos Ayres has rebounded in the past five years. ... They are manufacturing opium from the white poppy in Tennessee, with peculiar profit. ... The muskrat is said to predict an open winter by refusing to break ground his season for his habitation. ... One half of the sales hair worn by American women comes from animals and lunatic asylums. What do the ladies think of it? ... The Queen has sent \$2,000 for relief of sufferers by the late floods in Italy. ... The "Cincinnati Lumbering Association have rafted the present season 126,841,430 feet of logs, the largest season's work ever done. ... Abundance of buffalo is reported from the Far West. ... San Juan has been executed by the British troops. ... St. Louis opens a canal to Savannah, 300 miles long, to cost only \$40,000,000. ... A wealthy Hamilton, Ontario, gentleman intends to make a donation to every orphan asylum in the Dominion. ... The law closing cigar saloons on Sunday is being well observed in Chicago. ... Prussia is hereafter to use American paper for her bank notes. ... The Montreal shipwreck will be very busy this winter. ... A new plant is reported discovered by Prof. Watson, Ann Arbor, Mich. ... Some rich deposits of iron ore have been discovered by the Geological Survey in British Columbia. ... The horse disease has reached the Gulf of Mexico. Where next? ... A tunnel for a railroad over the Andes, 8,000 feet long, at the height of 15,000 feet, is now in progress. ... The atmosphere is so rarified that only the Cholo Indians are found able to perform the work. ... Australia and California, it is estimated, have altogether produced gold amounting in value to \$1,500,000,000, since 1833. ... The Vienna Exposition build-

The school returns show that the new law has worked exceedingly well thus far. In the counties favourable to it there has been an increase of 8000 pupils in attendance at the schools. In a few counties—those where the French Catholic population is large—there has been a falling off of about 3000. But despite this there is an increase in the whole province of something over 5000 pupils. In York County alone there are 130 schools returned while the highest number under the old system was 80. The increase of pupils in the county is over 2000. These facts are most gratifying and encouraging. It is the first term of its working, with all the opposition that has been brought against it, together with the friction necessarily attending the starting of an entirely new system, it has done so well and shows so marked improvement over former years, we may confidently expect it to do very much better in the future.

In Holland the mission Board of the United Presbyterian Church has resolved to raise \$4,000 by sending a delegation from a limited number of persons, in order to open a mission in Japan.

See A. B. Herle, the evangelist, has been continuing his preaching at Hittland, Vt., this week, and the pastors of the several churches co-operating in his labors, much religious interest is aroused; on a recent Sunday evening meeting over 300 persons made brief addresses and confessions.

See W. C. Van Meter worked a hand press himself, to print the first 10,000 Testaments in Rome, Ariz., Mich., ... Some rich deposits of iron ore have been discovered by the Geological Survey in British Columbia. ... The horse disease has reached the Gulf of Mexico. Where next? ... A tunnel for a railroad over the Andes, 3,000 feet long, at the height of 15,000 feet, is now in progress. The atmosphere is so rarefied that only the Cholo Indians are found able to perform the work. ... Australia and California, it is estimated, have altogether produced gold amounting in value to \$1,500,000,000 since 1853. ... The Vienna Exsuvation build-