

News of the Week.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Lt. Governor Tilley received a new year's turkey from a friend in Quebec that turned the scales at 28 pounds.

Lt. Col. J. Russell Armstrong, New Brunswick Artillery, has been appointed aid-de-camp to his honor, the Lieutenant-Governor.

A fine deer came from Quebec by express to Sir Leonard Tilley. The animal was dressed and weighed 125 pounds.

A company of five gentlemen have made an offer for the bank of British North America property in St. Stephen for hotel purposes.

The election for Mayor of Fredericton, for the ensuing year, is to be held on Monday, the 10th of January. Mr. Fenety is likely to be his own successor.

In Fredericton, on Thursday, Mrs. Smith, a widow of about 64, dropped dead on the street. When she went out she was apparently as well as usual. Heart disease was the cause.

The frame dwelling of Mrs. N. Eastman, situated on Nashua, 13 miles from Fredericton, was destroyed by fire on the 26th ult. Insured for \$400.

The Indians of French Village, York Co., are to meet on January 11th, to select a chief. The candidates for the position are Joseph Francis, Frank Sappier and Andrew Paul.

Mr. A. E. Whitney is erecting at Waterville, Carleton Co., in connection with his other milling establishments, a mill for grinding plaster rock.

An old man named Wm. Perkins, of Golden Grove, fell down the stairs of his daughter's house, in Portland, Friday evening, and broke his neck. He was visiting his daughter.

Thos. O'Donnell, Esq., of Lakeview, Queens Co., fell and injured himself quite severely on New Year's day. He hopes to be around again in a short time.

Wm. Scott and W. W. Sutton, of Summer Hill, Queens Co., trailed a bear to his den on the 29th ult., and killed the animal, which, when skinned and dressed, weighed 190 pounds.

Employees of the N. B. Railway presented Mr. Andrew Sinclair, a former driver on the road, but now incapacitated from work by a spinal affection, with \$200 in cash, the presentation being made through Conductors Dow.

A deaf mute, one of Abell's employees in St. John, has been arrested at Moncton for theft. We are sorry for the deaf mute. It seems to be well understood in St. John that the institution is not deserving of the fullest confidence.

For several weeks past a number of the patients in the Provincial Lunatic asylum have been engaged in fitting up the interior of the new building which is now ready for occupancy. On Monday about seventy of the least troublesome patients were placed in the building which will however accommodate a much larger number.

The London Canadian Gazette says, that Mr. McIntyre, President of the International Railway Company, has signed, in the presence of Sir Charles Tupper, High Commissioner for Canada, a contract for the construction of the "Short Line" railway.

One of the engines on the Northern and Western Railroad ran away at Gibsons on Tuesday morning. The cleaner neglected to close the throttle, consequently when steam was raised it entered the cylinder and started the engine which ran into the round house, breaking in the doors, and the turntable being unswitched, pitched into the hole.

The city police court revenue this year, compared with last year, was as follows:

	1884.		1885.	
	E. side.	W. side.	E. side.	W. side.
Jan.	\$98 40	\$2 40	\$98 20	\$1 00
Feb.	189 50		249 00	9 00
Mar.	246 00	1 00	249 00	46 00
Apr.	335 85		152 00	
May	248 32	2 00	249 15	14 00
June	245 00	4 00	249 00	19 00
July	177 80	13 50	232 20	24 00
Aug.	340 32	62 00	232 00	5 00
Sept.	242 62	69 00	230 00	6 00
Oct.	270 20	5 00	257 60	15 00
Nov.	177 39	1 00	190 50	3 00
Dec.	132 60	5 70	181 50	25 00
	\$2,773 71	\$166 60	\$2,355 95	\$168 00

Moncton's first year under the alms house system has been very satisfactory. The cost of the care of the poor, including considerable outside relief, has been only about \$1,700, or about a thousand dollars less than under the old system. So far, none of the parishes in the county have come into the arrangement with the town though there is some talk in that direction. At present the town has a large building capable of accommodating 40 or 50 paupers, but the highest number in the institution during the past year has been 15, and the average considerably less, so that the proportion of fixed expenses per head is much larger than it would be if all the parishes would come in with the town and increase the number of occupants.

As officer Wm. Boyle of the city police was walking up Sydney street, at 10 o'clock on Saturday night, he saw a hat lying in a snow bank near the old burial ground fence. He dug it out and found it covered the head of a man who proved to be William Kee, 20 years of age, who had imbibed too freely. When the officer found him he was unconscious from the effects of whiskey and cold. Upon his arrival at the station house it was found that both hands were frost bitten. It took an hour to thaw him out.

Two young men, both under the influence of liquor, fell down in a snow-bank on Union street, on Saturday night, and were almost covered by snow, when they were noticed by a pedestrian, who shook them into consciousness, and sent them to their homes.

The storm of 27th ult. was very severe. A telegram from Grand Manan says that during the afternoon the schooners Sabra E. Killam and Adelia Hartwell dragged anchors, fouled and drifted ashore. The Hartwell, which is 60 tons, broke into two halves and is a total wreck. She belongs in Gloucester. The Killam belongs to Pubnico, Nova Scotia, and is a total wreck. Her captain, Amoro, was frozen to death with his arms around the vessel's traveller, but the rest of the crew were saved after five hours' intense suffering.

The schooner Gazelle, from Grand Manan, went ashore and broke up. The schooner A. D. Franklia is ashore.

Schooner Breeze, Captain Leary, of Portland, dragged out of Grand Manan and drifted out to sea, with one man aboard, and probably sank.

The damage to weirs, nets and small boats all along shore must be large. The fishermen will probably lose most of the fall savings.

The gale at Grand Manan reached 80 miles per hour at midnight.

NOVA SCOTIA.

There have been eight convictions under the Scott Act in Yarmouth since the 1st November.

Considerable interest is manifested in recent discoveries of gold at Meagher's Grant, Musquodoboit.

At New Glasgow, on Monday, A. C. Thompson's famous Jersey, Mulberry Maude, died. She was valued at \$2,500.

Within a few days, the Joggins and Muncie coal mines have closed down. By this, over 100 hands have been thrown out of employment.

Mrs. Robert Harris, of New Annan, Colchester Co., N. S., committed suicide by hanging herself to her bedroom door. She was 80 years old.

A man named Thomas Harrison, living at Macan, suicided Monday morning by cutting his throat with a razor. He died in a few minutes. Temporary insanity is believed to have been the cause.

Annapolis claims to have shipped 7,000 barrels of apples this season, to have directly welcomed 2,000 tourists from Boston, and to have a savings quarter of a million in the savings bank. Amherst boasts of having spent \$89,000 during the past season in the erection of new buildings.

Louis White, "sawyer" at Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co.'s, Amherst, met with an accident last week which resulted fatally. A board which he was sawing got caught in some way and flew back, striking him in the abdomen and inflicting an ugly gash. He was a married man.

The fishing schooner "Lilian Baxter" arrived at Gloucester, 29th, from the Grand Banks. Capt. McKinnon reports on Dec. 19th, during a heavy gale, John McIntyre, a native of Shelburne, N. S., was swept off the deck and drowned. McIntyre was fifty-four years of age and unmarried.

A man named Donahay, said to be a native of Saint John, N. B., and his wife, have been arrested in Halifax on a charge of robbing the pocket of a man named Patrick Kerwan of forty-seven sovereigns. Kerwan was to take passage in the "Sarnatan" and put up at Donahay's establishment, on Saturday night. Some of the money was found in their possession.

Petitions to the N. S. Legislature for an appropriation towards a survey of a line of railway from Yarmouth to Shelburne are in course of signature in Shelburne County, and we presume will be in Yarmouth County also. We have already given our views on the importance of such a railway to the people of the Western Counties, and trust that the project will receive favorable consideration and support from the Legislature of the Province.

A special edition of the Yarmouth Times says that a man named Patten cut his throat with a pocket knife in Yarmouth jail on Thursday. Patten had been absent in the United States for about seven years and recently returned to Yarmouth in search of his wife. He found her at her father's, John Allen, of Melburne, Yarmouth, N. S. After two separations, Mrs. Patten had her husband arrested in Yarmouth on Wednesday with the result as above stated. The deceased was a middle aged man and was not, it is said, addicted to drink. Mrs. Patten is spoken of as a quiet and amiable woman.

A despatch from Halifax says: About nine o'clock Saturday night, while the storm was raging hot and furious, incendiaries set fire to the slaughter house on the Kempt road, in the north west suburbs of the city, owned by S. Caldwell and occupied by D. G. Creelman; and a few minutes later to a barn near by owned and occupied by the former. Both places were entirely consumed, and fifteen live pigs and an oxen in the slaughter house were burned to death; a large quantity of dead meat was destroyed. Mr. Creelman had no insurance and Mr. Caldwell very little. There is no doubt that the fires were started by incendiaries.

In October last George Lamb of Oxford, N. S., who worked as a blacksmith and was pretty comfortably situated, came to St. John to spend a few days. A day or two after his arrival he went to Carleton and engaged a room in a house on Union street. Lamb had plenty of money and spent it freely and constantly had several young men with him. He was on several occasions seen under the influence of the ardent and had to be helped to his boarding house one night. Several days subsequent Lamb left the house and since then does not appear to have been seen in St. John. Just after his disappearance Mrs. Lamb came to the city in search of her husband. She made enquiries but failed to discover what had become of him.

Mrs. Lamb called on the chief of police and gave him her husband's photograph, but the police have failed to obtain any clue to Lamb's whereabouts. A day or two since a letter was received by a lady in Carleton from Mrs. Lamb, stating that she had heard nothing of or from her husband since her visit to St. John in search of him. Lamb was about thirty years of age and was an able bodied man.—Sun.

OTHER PROVINCES.

In Toronto, on Saturday, two barbers quarrelled, and one, named McDonald, stabbed the other, named Hobbs, with his scissors. Hobbs died in a few minutes.

At Perth, Ont., early Saturday morning, Robert N. Allan, 90 years of age, and his wife were both burned to a crisp. They lived in a small house on the outskirts of the town.

The traffic receipts of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the week ending December 21st were \$161,000, an increase of \$56,099 compared with the corresponding week of last year.

The P. E. Island Patriot says that about 600,000 bushels of potatoes have been shipped to the States the past fall, and that about 400,000 more will follow in the spring, making a million bushels in all. The United States duty on this quantity will be \$150,000. What wonder that the Islanders want reciprocity.

There is a serious outbreak of small-pox in the vicinity of Pontypool, Ont., a station on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is feared the disease has been working some time, as four or five cases have already broken out and several others have the symptoms. The Township Board of Health are taking vigorous measures to check the spread of the disease.

It is reported that the Governments of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia have notified the Dominion authorities that they expect to have refunded to them all the amounts spent in defending the rights of the Province to the exclusive control of the liquor traffic, and that Ontario will demand to be repaid for all her expenditure in upholding the rights of that Province in the license, boundary and streams cases.

The Newfoundland executive has issued a proclamation prohibiting an Orange procession in Harbor Grace and other parts of Conception Bay. Numerous affidavits were made before Judge Bennett affirming the certainty of a disturbance of the peace in the event of public demonstrations or processions. Sir Ambrose Shea is appointed Governor of Newfoundland. He is the first native and Catholic Governor since the days of Cabot.

In McGillivray township, County of Middlesex, Ont., on New Year's day, a vein of surface coal oil was struck at a depth of 175 feet and 15 feet in the rock an oil bearing series. Gas forced the obstruction to a height of 40 feet above the surface and when ignited burned for three hours. Specimens of the oil were pumped up with the water. Fifteen feet below the surface show that it is pure petroleum. There is great excitement over the discovery.

Chief Sherwood, of the Dominion police, is now engaged in looking after counterfeiters who have been operating pretty successfully in Canada during the past few months. A large number of Dominion and Bank of British North America notes have been put in circulation, the last named bank being obliged to withdraw the issues of fives from circulation in consequence of imitation. These counterfeiters are manufactured in the United States and put in circulation in Canada through agents.

A mass meeting, held in Summerside, was addressed by Senator Howland on the subway between Cape Traverse and Cape Tormentine. At the conclusion of the meeting, David Rogers moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Hon. John Lefurgey and carried unanimously:

Whereas, Having heard Hon. Senator Howland's address on the subject of a subway across the Straits of Northumberland, from Cape Traverse, on the Island side, to Cape Tormentine, N. B., and having seen his model and heard the senator's explanations as to construction, route, cost, etc., this meeting is of opinion that the work can be built for a sum within a limit that the people of this province have a just right to demand the Dominion Government to expend in fulfilling the terms of Confederation;

Therefore Resolved, That the Dominion Government be respectfully requested to cause such inquiry to be made by surveys and otherwise, as will determine the practicability of the work, with a view of carrying out the said terms of Confederation.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

It is stated in London that Russia and Austria are secretly arming, and that both those countries have sent orders to England for large quantities of stores for their respective armies.

A circular was recently sent to all the Liberal members of the new parliament asking them to state their opinions on the Irish home rule question. In their replies most of the members avoid explicit statements, but the majority of those who express definite opinion are opposed to giving to an Irish parliament the control of tariffs and police. They are in favor of confining the legislative power of such a parliament to matters of local government the same as in Great Britain. A number of members insist that the unity of the empire must overlap all efforts to conciliate the Irish tenantry.

The Pall Mall Gazette reviewing the situation predicts that the Salisbury government will be given an extension of power and says it is possible the government may make an attempt to suppress Ireland with high handed coercion.

A British man-of-war has been ordered to blockade the coast of Egypt from Massowah to Suez, in order to prevent the importation into Sudan of arms and ammunition for the Arabs.

Queen Christina was sworn in as regent before the cortes on Wednesday. The streets through which the regent passed were lined with troops. The populace was very cordial in their reception of her majesty. The members of the cortes cheered as the Queen entered the chamber and several ladies in her majesty's suite began to weep.

At Rangoon, Jan. 1st, a proclamation announcing the annexation of Burma to the British Empire was read. There was a grand parade in honor of the event. A large concourse of natives gathered to hear the reading of the proclamation. England cedes to China part of Upper Burma in order to make the Chinese and Indian frontier contiguous.

In London, Dec. 23rd, a report is current that a number of the Mahdi's fanatics penetrated the British lines and attacked the soldiers in the streets of the town. It is stated that a furious fight ensued, in which a number of Englishmen were killed or wounded. The government, it is said, has suppressed the report of the affair, and the British loss, therefore, cannot be ascertained.

A despatch from Constantinople says a thousand Turkish troops embarked at Aleppo on Friday for Salonica.

Sir Charles Dilke, in a speech Thursday night, said he was in favor of extending Trevelyan's Irish scheme to the three kingdoms. The Conservatives, he said, ought to propound a scheme first, and if that should be rejected by parliament, Mr. Gladstone would speak as leader of the whole Liberal party. Philip Callan, who was defeated by Parnell's candidate in the recent election in the county Louth, has lodged a petition protesting against the seating of his opponent, alleging he was elected by coercion and corruption. A number of Liberal members of the commons have been privately making overtures to Parnell with the object of having him formulate a distinct proposition for home rule in Ireland, giving the limits of his demand with a view to further negotiations.

The Times' editorial, Saturday morning, says: The United Kingdom must not be dismembered. Our national interests are not really at variance, but the national sentiment of Ireland is turned against England by what Goldwin Smith rightly called pressure of the terrorist organization, wielded by a dictator and aided by foreign money. It is this pressure which would be perpetuated and installed in the seat of power and authority by the establishment of a Parliament in Ireland and Parnell has told us plainly to what use it would be turned. It is for the people of England to ponder over these things while there is yet time. The annexation of Burma excites little enthusiasm, and less opposition. General Grenfell's victory at Ginnia emphasizes the fact that the Arabs are massing in great force for an advance on Egypt. The British have another serious campaign on hand. The Arabs fought worse and the Egyptians far better than before, but General Stephenson's telegram shows that the enemy was completely surprised. Events tend strongly to justify Lord Wolsey's protest against retreat from Dongola.

UNITED STATES.

On New Year's day one square of buildings in the business part of Detroit was destroyed, causing a loss of \$1,500,000. The chief losses are D. M. Ferry & Co., in whose mammoth building \$1,200,000 worth of seeds were stored.

The Boston express on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway, was wrecked on the morning of Dec. 27th, at Pelhamville, sixteen miles from this city. The platform of the station at Pelhamville had been wrenched from its fastenings by the high gale, and was thrown across the track just as the train came. The train struck the huge obstruction, and locomotive and postal car were thrown down the embankment, which is about 2,000 feet long and about 50 feet high. The firemen were killed, and several persons injured.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Miss Rachel Nicholson, the young Canadian girl of Fox Harbor, N. S., who came to town on Friday to be married to Rev. Andrew Gray of Millerton, and was found almost poisoned by escaping illuminating gas in her room, Saturday morning, was pronounced out of danger at the New York hospital yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—In the house of representatives to-day representative Bantam, of New York, presented the petition of Austin Corbin, setting forth that "with his associates, he has formed an incorporated company under the laws of the State of New York, to be called and known as the American Express Steamship Company, with a capital of at least \$10,000,000 for the purpose of constructing, purchasing and owning a fleet of first-class passenger steamships to be navigated between the city of New York and a suitable port or ports in Great Britain, and he prays the passage of an act authorizing the registry of all vessels owned by the said company as vessels of the United States, whether built in the United States or elsewhere—providing that no vessel of foreign construction, built or purchased by said company shall be entitled to registry unless the same shall be capable of a speed of at least 18 knots per hour as shown by its trial trip or otherwise, nor having less than 7,000 nominal horse power, nor until it shall have been inspected by proper officers of U. S. navy.

JOURNALISTIC.—William Hardman, editor of the London Morning Post, has been knighted by the Queen. Sir William is the first editor actually in service to receive the honor.

It is stated that the St. John Telegraph has become the property of a joint-stock company, and that changes are to be made in its management.

The Chronicle of the Diocese of Fredericton is the name of a new monthly. Mr. Day is the printer. It is of interest chiefly to members of the Church of England.

OF MINISTERS.—Rev. G. O. Gates, the new pastor of the German street Baptist church, began his labors last Sabbath. Rev. S. W. E. Hall, Baptist minister at Bear River, is about to remove to Sackville.

The term of the N. B. Normal School begins this week. Two hundred applications for admission were received by the Principal.

MARKET REPORT.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY GEORGE LYMAN, ESQ.

Beef, Country, per lb.	\$0 04 to \$0 05
Butcher's, "	" 06 " 07
Lamb, "	" 06 " 07
Mutton, "	" 05 " 06
Pork, "	" 06 " 07
Butter, "	" 18 " 00
" Roll, "	" 22 " 00
Lard, "	" 12 " 13
Turkeys, "	" 12 " 14
Chickens, per pair, "	" 40 " 50
Geese, each, "	" 60 " 70
Potatoes, Early Rose, p. bbl.	" 1 25 " 0 00
" Kidneys, "	" 1 75 " 1 80
Carrots, "	" 0 90 " 0 00
Beets, "	" 0 90 " 0 00
Turnips, "	" 0 70 " 0 75
Parsnips, "	" 1 50 " 0 00
Cabbage per dozen, "	" 0 60 " 0 80
Red, "	" 1 25 " 0 00
Celery, "	" 0 60 " 0 80
Buckwheat, Rough, per cwt.	" 1 75 " 1 80
" Grey, "	" 2 10 " 0 00

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