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**DELESSEPS.**—The sentence of Fer-  
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severe criticism of the judges. He is  
past eighty years of age, and his life  
has been a useful and, it has been be-  
lieved, a most honourable one. Of the  
frauds perpetrated by the Panama  
directors he probably knew little or  
nothing. He is in a very feeble con-  
dition of health now; and it is most  
pitiable that his distinguished career  
should be ended by condemnation to  
imprisonment.

**MILLIONAIRE SUICIDES.**—Two men  
whose fortunes were up in the millions  
have committed suicide in New York  
within a week. It did not require  
these tragedies, however, to prove  
that riches and happiness are not  
synonymous.

**THE OLDEST.**—The "Pall Mall  
Gazette," states that Mr. Gladstone,  
who recently completed his eighty-  
third year, has attained a greater age  
than any other Prime Minister of  
England ever reached. Lord Palmer-  
ston died on the eve of his eighty-  
second birthday, Chatham at seventy,  
Fox at fifty-seven, Pitt at forty-seven,  
Canning at fifty-eight, and Sir Robert  
Peel at sixty-two. Earl Russell was  
eighty-six at the time of his death,  
but had not held office for twelve  
years. Lord Beaconsfield died at  
seventy-seven.

**ST. JOHN SUBSCRIBERS.**—Mr. A.  
W. Case will call on subscribers in St.  
John. He is authorized to collect re-  
newals and arrears, and to solicit new  
subscribers. We trust he will find our  
friends ready to pay.

**ONLY THREE QUEENS.**—The de-  
throning of Liliuokalani, Queen of  
Hawaii, leaves but three real queens  
in the world. These are Queen Vic-  
toria, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland  
and Queen Rinaivala III., of Mada-  
gascar. All the rest of those who  
claim the title are either in exile or are  
wives of kings.

**THE LEGISLATURE.**—The Provincial  
Legislature is called to meet on  
Thursday, March 9th.

**PERSONALS.**—Rev. G. A. Hartley, of  
Upper Woodstock is reported seri-  
ously ill.

**Mrs. Harrison, wife of Dr. Harri-  
son, Chancellor of the University,  
died Friday evening. She had been  
in poor health for some time, but her  
death was not expected. Dr. Harrison  
has the sympathy of many friends.**

**POLITICAL NEWS.**—The name of Mr.  
John Burchill, M. P. P., for Nor-  
thumberland is mentioned in connec-  
tion with the Speakership of the N.  
B. Assembly.

It is proposed to appoint a Law  
Clerk to prepare and supervise bills  
coming before the Legislature. Mr.  
Wm. Pagsley, Q. C., is, it is said, to  
be appointed; and Mr. Wm. Wilson  
and Mr. A. D. Richard are to be his  
assistants.

It is rumoured that Mr. Meredith,  
leader of the opposition in the Ontario  
Legislature, is about retiring from  
political life.

**A GOOD WORK WELL DONE.**—Rev.  
Mr. Grant at Trenton, Picton county,  
has grappled with the liquor sellers in  
New Glasgow with vigor, keenness,  
and success. In Halifax and most  
other places liquor laws are laughed at  
and fools get all the liquor they want  
to destroy themselves and disgrace  
their families. Mr. Grant has done  
his whole duty as a citizen, as a  
minister of righteousness, as a strenu-  
ous advocate of prohibition. He has  
not gone a step beyond the law. For  
the time being the hotels have closed  
their bars and put up their rates to \$2  
a day.—P. Witness.

**SUNDRIES.**—Gas was first made from  
coal by Clayton, 1739, and was first  
used for illumination in 1792. . . .  
The dinner fork was first introduced  
into Italy in 1431 and in England in  
1308. . . . The island where Robin-  
son Crusoe was monarch of all he  
surveyed is now inhabited by about  
sixty people, who attend the herds of  
cattle that graze there. . . . Certain  
scientific men claimed to have discover-  
ed that the memory is stronger in sum-  
mer than in winter. . . . Father Ore,  
a French priest stationed at Jerusa-  
lem, recently found a talent of the  
time of King David in his dooryard.  
. . . In 1774 Maskelyne, the astron-  
omer royal of England, first calculated  
the weight of the earth. The weight,  
as estimated in "Encyclopedia Brit-  
annica" (ninth edition), volume 2,  
page 783, is 6,000,000,000,000,000,  
000 tons. . . . During December no  
less than \$13,656,000 was paid out of  
the treasury at Washington on account  
of pensions. . . . A society has been  
formed in Belgium to promote agri-  
cultural operations on a large scale in  
the Congo State.

**TIMES OF REFRESHING.**—During the  
hot summer months the earth becomes  
parched and the fountains and springs  
become dry. Everything about us  
wears the look of anguish and distress,  
and all nature yearns for the coming  
rain that shall refresh the grass of the  
field, and shall replenish the fountains  
with water, and shall swell the stream-  
lets and rivers with an abundant supply  
of nature's purest and best element.  
As in the natural, so in the spiritual  
world, seasons come when the Spirit  
is allowed to fade away and when the  
Church of Christ becomes like a dry  
and thirsty land. The zeal and energy  
lag and the work of the Lord goes  
hard. What times and seasons of joy  
there are when the blessings of heaven  
descend as the gentle dew and when  
showers of grace are poured out upon  
the Church! These are seasons of re-  
freshing. They occur now and then.  
They come gently as the zephyrs in  
spring time. They fall upon us like  
April showers to refresh and replenish.  
That which proves the greatest source  
of spiritual good in the Church is not  
a loud revival like they used to have,  
but a spiritual feast where hearts flow  
forth in love and adoration to Al-  
mighty God. It is where the Spirit  
is at work in refreshing the members  
of the Church as well as awakening  
sinners to their need of a Saviour that  
these seasons of refreshing come. It  
gently moves from heart to heart and  
soul to soul, quickening and receiving  
the cold, energizing the lukewarm,  
and giving power and strength to the  
weak.—*Christian World.*

#### Things in Short Metre.

[BY PEN & SCISSORS.]

**William J. Woolsey** has been sum-  
moned before a Judge to show  
cause why he should not deliver up his  
set of false teeth sold at auction to  
satisfy the just claim of the dentist  
who has been unable to get his pay.

In sorting over the letters from  
various parts of the world it is said  
that one hundred and ninety-seven  
different ways of spelling "Chicago"  
have been found. Here are a few  
specimens, as furnished to us from  
Chicago post-office: "Chagio, Cziage,  
Sjikago, Csicago, Cuhago, Chacaouga,  
Chycago, Chugay, Hicargo, Chaiacho,  
Chezagio, Schikako, Checkgio, Gig-  
agou, Chigahgo, Chirroggo, Chicagor,  
Czykago, Clubalgo, Chichagaoe, Kik-  
ako, Zizago, Jijago, Chixagow."

A gentleman who had hives of bees  
in his garden amused himself with try-  
ing experiments on the little creatures.  
He put first one insect and then an-  
other into the hive, always with one  
result. The bees stung it to death,  
and then dragged it from the hive.  
At last he put in a mouse. Death  
speedily followed from the stings the  
unfortunate victim received, but to  
cast it out of the hive was beyond the  
power of the bees. So they covered  
it completely with a coating of very  
firm, tenacious wax, and, having done  
this, went on gathering honey.—*Christian Advocate.*

Many a pathetic story is found in  
prison records, but seldom one so sad  
as that of Dorcas Akers. Many years  
ago a woman in a Maine county town  
had a little money. She married, and  
with her savings a house was built,  
which the two occupied happily to-  
gether. The husband in time died  
without making a will, and as the wo-  
man's possessions became his on the

#### IMPORTANT NEWS.

Something the People of Canada  
will Appreciate.

A Word from Halifax in the Right  
Direction.

Annapolis Speaks with No Uncertain  
Sound.

The late Hon. W. F. DesBarres was for  
more than 33 years, a Judge of the Su-  
preme Court of Nova Scotia, and the  
name of DesBarres is held in the highest  
estimation by the people of the Maritime  
Provinces. Samuel W. son of Hon. W.  
F. DesBarres, is Registrar of the Admi-  
ralty District of Nova Scotia, having held  
the office for 23 years. In conversation  
with our Representative, a short time  
since, he made the following statement:  
"I have used SKODA'S DISCOVERY  
and SKODA'S LITTLE TABLETS, for  
a few weeks, with the most gratifying re-  
sults, and am of the opinion that they are  
of a high medicinal quality. I have no  
hesitation in endorsing the Skoda line of  
Remedies, and recommending them to  
the people of the Dominion, as articles of  
superior merit, and well worthy their  
confidence. I fully believe these Remedies  
to be all their proprietors claim for them."

The people of Nova Scotia are justly  
proud of their Institutions of learning,  
and their educators rank among the finest  
in the country. At the head of many of  
the Universities in the U. S., are placed  
men, who hail from the Dominion, and  
whose methods of teaching and discipline  
are regarded by the American people, as  
the finest in the world. For 15 years Mr.  
S. C. Shaffer has been one of the leading  
educators in the Province of Nova Scotia.  
At present he is Principal of the Public  
Schools in Annapolis. In speaking of  
SKODA'S REMEDIES he says:  
"Having used two bottles of SKODA'S  
DISCOVERY with the LITTLE TABLETS,  
I have formed a very favorable  
opinion of these Remedies. For Diseases  
of the Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, I be-  
lieve them to be most excellent Medicines.  
I am so thoroughly convinced of their  
curative properties, that I shall take the  
full course of these Remedies, as recom-  
mended by the Company."  
SKODA DISCOVERY CO., WOLFVILLE, N. S.

occasion of the marriage, under the  
law, the house became the property of  
the man's heirs. The woman could  
not dispose of the property, her only  
right being to occupy the house till  
death. When this state of things was  
made known she was so indignant  
that the property bought with her own  
money should thus be taken from her,  
that she set the building on fire, say-  
ing that if she could not have it, no  
one else should. Thus she served two  
years in Maine State Prison for set-  
ting fire to her own house.

#### NOW! NOW!

Will each subscriber, who  
has not already done so, kind-  
ly forward a renewal at once  
by the next mail, if possible.  
NOW is the time!

FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.

**MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP**  
has been used for over fifty years by  
millions of mothers for their children  
while teething, with perfect success.  
It soothes the child, softens the gums,  
allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is  
the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will  
relieve the poor little sufferer immedi-  
ately. Sold by druggists in every part  
of the world. Twenty-five cents a  
bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs.  
Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take  
no other kind.

#### Literary Notes.

In *Wide Awake*, "Whittier with  
the Children" is sympathetic, personal  
and delightful, and shows the good  
Quaker poet as the child-lover. The  
article is illustrated. The Columbian  
series deals with the localities made  
famous by Columbus in Spain, and is  
entitled "The Bridge that Spanned the  
World." "About Bicycles" makes  
some sharp criticisms on the present  
method of "jackknifing" in the saddle.  
The stories are bright. "Bill" is of a  
small boy "The Little Turk" is a tale  
of pluck and endeavor. "Behind the  
Wardrobe" delights all those who love  
or hate arithmetic, and introduces us  
to many old arithmetical friends. The  
serial stories are absorbing. The men  
and things department is full of bright  
paragraphs. The frontispiece of Whit-  
tier with the children, has almost the  
softness and strength of an oil painting.  
Price 20 cents a number, \$5.40 a year.  
D. Lothrop Company, Publishers,  
Boston.

The frontispiece of the February St.  
Nicholas, "The Capture of the Dutch  
Fleet on the Zuyder Zee by French  
Hussars in 1794," is a beautiful piece  
of engraving. The opening story is  
by Rudyard Kipling, "Collar-Wallah  
and the Poison-Stick." In "Battling  
under Water" is very interesting.  
Those who prefer to delve among relics  
of the past will perhaps prefer "Boy-  
hood of Louis XIV." an historical  
study, illustrated. The number con-  
tains also "Little Peter and the Giant,"  
and "How Janet Did It." The Quaint  
Dutch child-song, "The Yow that  
Lives by Harlem Lake," has the  
directness of a folk-story and the  
melody of a song. The serials, the  
departments, and all that go to make  
up a delightful number do not need  
special comment.

The February Century has for a  
frontispiece a portrait of Tennyson.  
Accompanying this portrait is an article  
"The Voice of Tennyson," with  
reminiscences of a visit to the poet and  
critical comments on his poetic work.  
The Autobiography of Tommaso Sel-  
vini is continued with reminiscences of  
his early professional life. Probably the  
most notable article of the number is  
a semi-official paper by the Secretary  
of the Russian Legation in Washing-  
ton, entitled "A Voice for Russia,"  
in which for the first time an authorita-  
tive statement is made of the attitude  
of Russia toward its political prisoners  
and its Jewish population. Besides  
the serials, "Sweet Bells Out of Tune"  
and "Benefits Forgotten," the number  
contains five short pieces of fiction.  
There are two separate pictures repre-  
senting the work of American artists  
"Purity," and "The Mourning Dove."  
The Editor calls attention to the paper  
on Russia and there are editorial arti-  
cles dealing with current questions.  
There are short articles on Columbus  
Relics, raising a question of their genu-  
ineness, and on Lincoln's last hours.  
The variety of the number may be in-  
ferred from the geographical bearings  
of the articles alone, which deal with  
topics relating to English, French,  
German, Italian, Russian, Turkish and  
Malay subjects.

#### A QUEBEC MIRACLE.

A Case that Has Astonished  
the Ancient Capital.

THOS. CROTTY'S REMARKABLE RECOVERY  
—HELPLESS, TORTURED AND DEFORMED  
BY INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM—  
TAKEN TO HIS HOME FROM A HOSPITAL  
TO DIE WHEN RELIEF COMES—THE  
PARTICULARS OF THE CASE AS INVESTI-  
GATED BY A TELEGRAPH REPORTER.

The Telegraph, Quebec.

It is admitted on all sides that this  
is an age of wonders, and there is no  
reason why wonders should not be  
accomplished in medical as well as in  
other branches of scientific research.  
Of late scarcely a week passes but  
what we read in Canadian and Ameri-  
can newspapers of remarkable cures  
accomplished through the use of Dr.  
Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.  
We confess that we have not paid  
much attention to their worth until  
late, when more than one marvellous  
cure in our midst has been brought to  
our attention, convincing us, as well  
as others, of the priceless value of Dr.  
Williams' Pink Pills. Among the  
cases thus brought to our notice is one

which we consider it our bounden  
duty to chronicle. The case is that  
of Mr. Thomas Crotty, a young man  
well known in the city of Quebec,  
who has been brought back from the  
very brink of the grave to restored  
health. The subject of this sketch is  
the son of Mr. Thomas Crotty, who  
resides at No. 63 St. Patrick street.  
Thos. Crotty, jr., is 29 years of age  
and for the past eight years has been  
a martyr to inflammatory rheumatism,  
in fact so much so that for the past  
year he has been a deformed cripple.  
Last winter he was removed to the  
Hotel Dieu Hospital for treatment.  
Every day he gradually grew worse,  
and his sufferings, according to the  
good sisters in charge, were excruciat-  
ing. The very flesh left his body:  
and from his chest downward he be-  
came paralyzed. His arms and legs  
were twisted into a misshapen condi-  
tion, and the poor fellow was an ob-  
ject of pity to look upon. During the  
month of May last he became blind  
and deaf, and was unable to move  
even his head without causing intense  
pain. His digestive organs refused to  
act, and the only nourishment he  
could partake was milk and that had  
to be given him with a spoon, and at  
one time his mouth had to be forced  
open while the poor fellow was being  
spoon-fed. Finally his life was de-  
spaired of by the attending physicians,  
Drs. Vallee, Catellier and Turcotte,  
who admitted that they could do no-  
thing for him, said that his death  
was only a matter of time. When  
Crotty's mother heard this she deter-  
mined on bringing her son home to  
die. Consequently on the 24th of  
May last the patient was wrapped up  
in flannels and taken to his parents  
home by means of the city ambu-  
lance. After an elapse of two weeks  
his sight returned, but otherwise his  
condition was apparently growing  
worse. It was at this juncture that  
the members of the family had their  
attention arrested by one of the re-  
markable cures published in the Tele-  
graph, resulting from the use of Dr.  
Williams' Pink Pills. Crotty asked  
his mother to procure some. The  
good woman never for a moment  
thought they would be of any use,  
but determined to gratify him. By  
the time the second box was used it  
was seen that there was a very slight  
change for the better, and this gave  
hope to persist in the use of the Pink  
Pills, and Crotty continued taking  
them until he was brought so often  
to the attention of the Telegraph,  
that we determined to investigate the  
matter for ourselves, and one of our  
reporters was despatched to see Crotty,  
who we knew very well for years, as  
he was one of the first boys, when the  
Telegraph was started twenty years  
ago, to sell the paper, and we have  
known him ever since and watched  
his enterprising career, and the ma-  
jority of the citizens of Quebec will  
recognize in him Thomas Crotty, the  
book agent.

#### MR. CROTTY'S STATEMENT.

When it was found that Crotty was  
getting better it was decided to remove  
him again to the Hotel Dieu Hospital,  
and there our reporter found him read-  
ing a newspaper and looking quite  
cheerful, and apparently very far from  
the grave. In the course of a long in-  
terview Mr. Crotty corroborated what  
the reporter had already heard adding  
that he never expected to be alive at  
present, and his friends who saw him  
alive last May entertained the same  
opinion. Said Crotty, "I owe my  
life to Dr. Williams' wonderful Pink  
Pills. It is well known in this city  
that I have suffered with inflammatory  
rheumatism for the past eight years,  
but no one but myself can know the  
agony I suffered, because it is indescrib-  
able. I often prayed to be relieved  
by death. On the 24th of May last  
when the doctors gave me up I was  
taken home and I was resigned to meet  
death as a pleasure, but kind Provi-  
dence had willed it otherwise. It was  
then that I came across one of these  
wonderful cures through Dr. Williams'  
Pink Pills and determined to try them.  
At my solicitation my mother got  
some and strange to say before I had  
been taking them very long I felt a  
difference in my condition. This en-  
couraged me and continuing their use  
I could feel that the blood which had  
left off coursing through my veins was  
once more circulating. As time went  
on the terrible pains began to ease and  
my appetite began to return, and I  
found that I was being brought back  
from the grave to a new life. My legs  
and arms, which had been paralyzed,  
began to show life and I now became  
sensitive to the least draught of air. I  
then thought that I would be better in  
the hospital and was again brought  
back, and am improving in health and  
strength every day. The doctors have  
not interfered with my taking Pink  
Pills, though they first examined them  
very thoroughly."

Crotty showed the reporter how his  
once deformed limbs were regaining  
their proper shape. There is a stiff-  
ness still in the joints of his knees and  
wrists, which is only to be expected  
after his years of suffering, but in other  
respects he is a healthy man, eating  
well and sleeping well. The good sis-  
ters in charge of the hospital agree  
that he is cured through the agency of  
Dr. Williams' wonderful Pink Pills,  
and every day they bring visitors to  
see the patient and the wonderful cure  
which has been accomplished by this  
remarkable remedy, which is to-day  
acknowledged to be one of the greatest  
achievements of modern science.

The reporter called at the residence  
of Mr. Crotty's parents, and his story  
was fully corroborated by Mrs. Crotty,  
an intelligent woman who expressed in  
warm terms the gratitude she felt at  
her son's restoration from a life of  
agony, from, in fact, a living death.  
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a per-  
fect blood builder and nerve restorer,  
curing such diseases as rheumatism,  
neuritis, partial paralysis, locomotor  
ataxia, St. Vitus' dance, nervous head-  
ache, nervous prostration and the tired  
feeling therefrom, the after-effects of  
la grippe, diseases depending on humors  
in the blood such as scrofula,  
chronic erysipelas, etc. Pink Pills

FEBRUARY 17TH.

It is the Carpet Room that is so interesting to HOUSE KEEPERS  
just now, for

Fred. B. Edgecombe

Is selling off his ENDS and CULLS at Great Bargains,

FRED. B. EDGECOMBE, 192 & 194 Queen St.

give a healthy glow to pale and sallow  
complexions, and are a specific for the  
troubles peculiar to the female system,  
and in the case of men they effect a  
radical cure in all cases arising from  
mental worry, overwork or excess of  
any nature.

These Pills are manufactured by the  
Dr. Williams' Medicine Company,  
Brockville, Ont., and Schenectady, N.  
Y., and are sold only in boxes bearing  
the firm's trade mark and wrapper, at  
50 cts. a box or six boxes for \$2.50.  
Bear in mind that Dr. Williams' Pink  
Pills are never sold in bulk, or by the  
dozen or hundred, and any dealer who  
offers substitutes in this form is trying  
to defraud you and should be avoided.  
The public are also cautioned against  
all other so-called blood builders  
and nerve tonics, no matter what  
name may be given. They are all imi-  
tations whose makers hope to reap a  
pecuniary advantage from the wonder-  
ful reputation achieved by Dr.  
Williams' Pink Pills. Ask your dealer  
for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for  
Pale People, and refuse all imitations  
and substitutes.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills may be had  
of all druggists or direct by mail from  
Dr. Williams' Medicine Company from  
either address. The price at which  
these pills are sold make a course of  
treatment comparatively inexpensive  
as compared with other remedies or  
medical treatment.

#### Deaths.

**ROBERTSON.**—Jan. 1st, at Eastport,  
Maine, of consumption, Mr. Laur.  
Robertson beloved wife of Edward J.  
Robertson, eldest son of Rev. John A.  
Robertson, of St. John, N. B. Mrs.  
Robertson was born in Pennfield, Charlotte  
Co., at the age of 16 the family removed to  
Eastport Maine, it was there she professed  
faith in Christ and united with the North  
Christian Church.

About 8 years ago she came to this city  
and united with the Central Methodist  
Church and for a number of years was a  
member of Bro. John McCaskey's class.  
Mr. McCaskey speaks of her as a consis-  
tent christian.

She formed the acquaintance of Mr.  
Robertson about four years ago, and re-  
mained to St. John City where they were  
married.  
From there removed to Malder, Mass.,  
where she remained until failing health  
compelled her to return to her former home  
where she was kindly cared for by her  
sister Mrs. E. E. Archibald until she  
passed away. She was conscious until her  
last, making all the arrangements in con-  
nection with her funeral.

It was her request that the writer should  
perform the funeral service and am sorry  
to say I could not grant the request.  
I wish even at this late hour to extend to  
the bereaved husband and family my heart-  
felt sympathy and prayer that He who  
sleeth the solitary in families may support  
them in this their sad hour of affliction.  
W. A. MORANG.

**ATHERTON.**—In this city, on the 9th  
inst., Mrs. Jerusha Atherton, aged 76,  
widow of the late Deacon Israel Atherton.  
One son survives her. Mrs. Atherton had  
lived many years in Fredericton and was  
widely known and much respected. She  
was a good woman, kind and sympathetic,  
and her life was marked by faith in God.  
Only a year ago her husband entered into  
rest; and she was not sorry when the call  
came to her to join him in the Heavenly  
home.

**LARKIN.**—At East Pubnico of heart  
disease, Bro. Manasseh Larkin in the 71st  
year of his age. He had been a member of  
the F. B. church here for many years,  
having been converted under the labor of  
Rev. J. Knowles. He was faithful unto  
the end and died happy. There has passed  
from our midst one of our most worthy  
christians. Such a sweet christian life as  
his shall never be forgotten as long as mem-  
ory retains his loved presence and kindly  
spirit. Bro. Manasseh Larkin one of the  
oldest brothers in the F. B. dominions  
of Western Nova Scotia has passed away.  
We did not mourn as some, his death was  
so peaceful. He served his God faithfully,  
he loved his Christ truly, and he labored for  
his church devotedly. The people of East  
Pubnico will miss him in their work but  
his absence will inspire them in their trust.  
E. J. P.

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