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## News of the Week.

### New Brunswick.

The St. John county lumber cut is expected to be unusually heavy this year.

Two young boys, Elmer and Welsley Spragg, were tried at Hampton, a few days ago, for setting fire to a barn owned by Councillor Crandall. They were severely reprimanded and let go.

Mr. H. A. Connell, in the interest of the Tobique Valley Gypsum Mining and Manufacturing Company, has been having a fight with the C. P. R. on freight rates on the Tobique Valley Railroad. Recently Mr. Connell went to Ottawa and laid his case before the authorities there. It is now said that he will be accorded concessions by the company, which will allow him to carry on his work at Tobique.

Smelt are being caught in immense numbers in nearly all the Kent county rivers. Every fisherman is busy and the men in the packing houses have their hands full to take care of the fish.

On the Beaver Lake Road, St. John Wednesday evening, while trying to save some of his mother's property from a burning barn, Oliver Lawton was overcome by smoke and suffocated. About six o'clock the deceased and his younger brother went to the barn. A lantern fell and set fire to some straw. They set to work to release the stock. Oliver got one horse safely out and went back to get another, while his brother was setting the cattle loose. When he did not come out men present went to his rescue. They found him and carried him out, but he was dead. The barn was entirely consumed and the horse and two cows were destroyed besides some agricultural implements. There was no insurance.

Since the smelt season opened on Dec. 1st, there never has been in the history of fishing, such catches as along the North Shore. Mr. G. Gallout, of Shediac, reports that each haul of one net would average two tons of fish valued at \$80. Each night's fishing for each fisherman would realize him from \$50 to \$100. So far it is estimated about 200 tons have been caught along the Shediac river. Very large catches are reported from Buotouche.

### Diamonds and Gold!!

"What precious drops are those, Bright as young diamonds in their infant dew?"—*Druiden*.  
Why! Don't you know?  
Those precious drops are PRUSSIAN OIL.  
That Modern Pain Reliever; grand To cure Rheumatism, Coughs and Colds, La Grippe, Neuralgia, Toothache, and "the many ills That flesh is heir to." Then try it as prescribed.  
And you will be surprised how quick It will relieve your pain. "Bon come de l'or."  
The French all say, or diamonds either.

### Nova Scotia.

Tuesday, John Winters, of Lake George, Yarmouth, aged 74, was found dead in his bed. He was in usual good health when he retired.

Col. MacShane the superintendent of military stores Halifax, has been retired from the service with a gratuity.

While the steamer Alpha bound to St. John, was proceeding down Yarmouth harbor Monday night, one of the firemen named George Cann, slipped off deck and fell overboard. The steamer was stopped and every effort made to find him but in vain.

J. W. Doyle, left Truro to walk to Johnson's Crossing station with the intention of boarding the late train there for the city. He had been drinking heavily and was overcome and lay down beside the track, when a train came along and crushed his foot.

A fatal accident occurred at Little Glace Bay, C. B., Wednesday. Archie Gillis was killed, and Johnson Fraser, of East River Pietou county, seriously injured. The men were thawing a large quantity of dynamite used in blasting at the Dominion Coal Company's works; it exploded with the above result.

On Wednesday, Captain Thomas Wilson, of Pubnico, while in a demented state at Gloucester, Mass attempted suicide by cutting his throat and severing a vein of the right arm.

James Sproul, aged 77, a resident of Boat Harbor, was drowned Thursday. He was endeavouring to get his boat ashore through the thin ice which had formed near the beach, and fell overboard. An aged Indian heard his cries, but was too infirm to rescue him.

Eight tons of eel were shipped from Yarmouth to Boston on Saturday.

At a meeting of the ratepayers of the town of Digby it was decided to borrow the sum of \$35,000 for water supply.

### Dame Experience

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### Other Provinces.

The little town of Chilliwack, in the Fraser river valley, B. C. was badly scorched by fire last week. Loss \$10,000; insurance \$2,000.

Hon. Peter Mitchell has filed a claim on the Montreal Street Railway company for \$10,000 damages received in an accident on Windsor street some six weeks back.

At Sherbrooke, Que., Wednesday, a young widow, Josephine Begin, shot and killed J. Herbert in his butcher shop. She entered the place and wanted to know if Herbert would marry her or not. On receiving a negative answer she fired two shots, both of which took effect. She was arrested.

A despatch from Charlottetown, P. E. I., says the greater part of the village of Mount Stewart was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The fire broke out in the store of J. M. Egan & Co. Seventeen stores and buildings were burned, including the store and residence of James Ross; the two stores of Messrs. Egan; the stores of J. McCarthy, S. C. Clark, Gordon Douglas, H. C. Coffin, and the residences of Jas. Gorman, Angus McEachern, James Coffin and Hugh Currie. Both sides of Main street were stripped to the river. As far as can be ascertained, the total loss by fire at Mount Stewart is \$50,000; insurance about \$20,000. The fire will prove a sad blow to business men in Mount Stewart.

While Edward Bray, of Calgary, was driving into town with a load of hay the horses became frightened and precipitated him on the tongue, utterly smashing his jaw. He was taken to the hospital and the lower jaw amputated. He only lived a few hours.

The Manitoba Legislature will meet Jan. 24.

The St. Lawrence is now frozen over at many points above Quebec. In some places it is safe to walk across the river.

Sir John Thompson will be sworn in as a member of the Imperial Privy Council on Thursday of next week and will sail for Canada on Wednesday, 19th.

R. G. Dunn & Co., report forty failures in the Dominion the past week, against forty-two in the corresponding week of last year.

On Tuesday morning one hundred pounds of dynamite used on the water works extension excavations in Hull exploded, killing four men and wounding twenty others. Two of the killed were workmen, another a passer by, and the fourth a boy on his way to school.

The Government of Quebec recently dismissed the Protestant chaplain of Beauport Asylum and turned the Protestant chapel of the institution into a dormitory. There are sixty-five Protestant patients in the institution, and for them no religious instruction or public worship is provided, unless they accept what the Roman Catholic priests give.

### How to Get a "Sunlight" Picture.

Send 25 "Sunlight" Soap wrappers bearing the words "Why Does a Woman Look Old Sooner Than a Man?" to LEVER BROS., Ltd., 43 Scott St., Toronto, and you will receive by post a pretty picture, free from advertising, and well worth framing. This is an easy way to decorate your home. The soap is the best in the market, and it will cost little postage to send in the wrappers, if you leave the ends open. Write your address carefully.

### British and Foreign.

Japan has notified China that no further peace proposals will be considered unless made by a regularly accredited ambassador from the Chinese court. Japan reminds China it is not Japan but China that is suing for peace. Japan is dissatisfied with China's temporizing policy and claims China is seeking concessions in advance of a formal conference looking to a settlement.

A diary of the Armenian massacres is published by the *Vossische Zeitung*. The diary describes woman and child, husbands and brothers in Grgo's heroic six days' defense of And-kh against the yurkish siege. The position becoming untenable, Grgo decided to leave the defence to the women, himself leading his troops on a forage for wood and ammunition. The women defended the position for 24 hours, but finally yielded to numbers. They issued from the town with their children and carrying babies on their backs. Grgo's wife, finding escape impossible, stepped on a rock and was killed. "Sisters, you must choose between falling into the hands of the Turks and forgetting your husbands, homes, religion and honor, or following my example."

With these words, holding her baby in her arms, she dashed herself from the rock into the abyss yawning at its base. The other women and children silently followed her example until the ravine was filled with corpses. The last women who threw themselves down, fell unhurt upon the bodies of their companions. About 50 women and 100 children were taken prisoners and endured torture rather than to betray Grgo and his brave followers.

Count Ferdinand DeLesseps, the eminent engineer is dead. He became famous as the designer of the Suez Canal, but late in life was disgraced by the corruption of the Panama Canal.

### Build Up.

When the system is run down, a person becomes an easy prey to Consumption or Scrofula. Many valuable lives are saved by using Scott's Emulsion as soon as a decline in health is observed.

### In Nova Scotia.

The weather seems to have conspired against a full meeting in Barrington, Monday, Nov. 19, a second meeting was appointed, but a rainy day and a very dark evening made the gathering smaller than the pastor hoped, for like all good pastors, he wanted his people to know more of our work in India. Tuesday morning I was driven to Pubnico Head. It was cold and bleak and I was very uncomfortable, in spite of such diversions as the rock-higher-than-the-telegraph-pole, made classic by the pen of Rev. C. T. Phillips, and the nine-mile woods. From Pubnico, Dr. Sturgis drove me to Central Argyle, and a good house listened to the message, delivered with a very cracked voice and emphasized by occasional coughs. Fortunately this was my last appointment, I had not voice enough left to fill a hen-coop. The Argyle circuit looks very pleasant and prosperous to a passerby. The churches are not too far apart to be of easy access from any part of the circuit. The buildings are in good repair, and the houses of the people indicate thrift and prosperity. A good place for a good man. A cold drive on Wednesday took me back to Yarmouth. The night on the boat was very unpleasant, with much sea-sickness and coughing, but how often do we find that "joy cometh in the morning." The bright sunshine falling upon the gilded dome of the State House in Boston reminded me that I was "home again from a foreign shore." I say "foreign," and yet it is largely the fault of the Custom officers that I am reminded of the fact. British, American—to many these words emphasize our difference. To me they but emphasize our likeness and reminds me that our interests are one. It becomes us as Christians to recognize this fact, and to realize the purpose of God in making us the two foremost nations in the world. How richly God has blessed us! Now He is saying to us, "Thou shalt be a blessing."

I most sincerely thank God for the privilege I have enjoyed of visiting so many churches and of making so many new acquaintances in the Province. I also wish to thank all the brethren who have planned the campaign, and the others who have so kindly made it possible to carry it on with no hitches. EDWIN B. STILES.

Catarrah—Use Nasal Balm. Quick, positive cure. Soothing, cleansing, healing.

### The Collapse of China.

The collapse of the Chinese Empire is, says the *London Spectator*, not only the most amazing incident of the present half-century, but one of the most extraordinary incidents in the entire history of Asia. What has deprived that huge and apparently solid body so completely of vitality? There are at least 60,000,000 of men in the Chinese Empire capable of bearing arms, all sturdy fellows, and all not only content with their civilization, but proud of it to an almost insane degree. They see all, too, so strongly bound together, that for two thousand years they have accepted one system of thought, and have obeyed one literary power with a reverence which has been to them almost a religion. Their government, one of the most absolute in the world, has at least endeavored to make, an army, has been in possession of adequate means, and counts its soldiers by tens of thousands, and its militia by the million. The people so far from being cowardly, are noted all over eastern Asia as dangerously turbulent subjects; while the faculty of entering into combinations which neither the Dutch nor the British, nor the mandarins, possess the faculty of breaking up. Wolves, or wild dogs, or buffaloes on the prairie do not in time of danger stick closer to one another than the members of a Chinese "Hoei." Yet these people, so numerous, so homogeneous, and so proud, have been struck as of a sudden, smaller than themselves, and heretofore regarded by them almost with contempt. The Mexicans and Peruvians who fled before a few Spaniards thought their invaders gods, and when disabused of the illusion turned on them and died in great heaps, fighting a hopeless battle. The Chinese do not fight at all. It is not only that the masses do not fight, that the soldiers run away, and that the sailors after one pounding match at long range skulk in harbor; but that the princes, ministers, generals, cultivated gentry, do not fight, that no leaders appears either from among the princes or the mandarins or the common folk, willing to make a stand. Even fortifications—splendid fortification like those of T'alien Wan, armed with Krupp bat-

teries, which amaze even the conquerors, give the Chinese no heart to resist, no impulse to strike one brave stroke for their own safety. They are the most enduring of mankind; they care nothing about death; they fight against themselves with savage determination, but as against the foreign invader they not only do nothing, but they make no effort to do anything. What has happened to them? What makes the officers run first, and the soldiers throw away their protecting rifles, and a man like Prince Kung, old in the tradition of absolutism, state of his own accord that without foreign intervention China is lost?

ITS CLAIMS.—Recently there was a vote in Montana to decide what town should be the capital. The rival contestants for the distinction were Helena and Anaconda. The claims of each place were set forth with much earnestness and in various forms. One of the canvases in favour of Anaconda was in the following form:

	Anaconda.	Helena, conda.
Men who wear overalls	0	3,220
Men who wear silk hats	2,625	3
Men who wear silk night-shirts	2,910	4
Men who don't wear night-shirts at all	186	3,016
Men who wear kid gloves	4,550	4
Men who carry dinner buckets	2	4,028
Champagne, daily consumption (quarts)	1,245	2
Beer, daily consumption (quarts)	4,88	8,854
Ladies who nurse their own babies	124	2,876
Ladies who do their own work and washing	8	2980
Ladies who own pug dogs	2	285
Average number of children per family	5	52
Four-in-hand turnouts	112	20
Men who have dress suits	8,658	16

### Origin of Names.

Many of the names in the province of New Brunswick were supposed to be thoroughly accidental, but when the majority of them were analyzed this idea was proved to be an erroneous one. There are three distinct and separate classes of names in the Province, viz: the Indian, French and Loyalist. The names of nearly all the rivers in the Province were of an Indian origin. The St. John was the only French river in the Province. The following is a number of well known Indian names with the English meaning.  
Petitcodiac—place where river or tide turns.  
Shediac—place of shells.  
Manawagonish—place of claims.  
Nashwaak and Nawidgewauk—River that runs among the hills.  
Washademoak—place where there is a channel.  
Jemseg—place for gathering things.  
Milkish—a curing or preserving ground.  
Otnabog—a breeze coming up.  
Pokioak—a river that runs through rocks.  
Medoctic—a landing place.  
Penobscquis—river of big stones.  
Plumweseep—Salmon river.  
Quaco—place of seals.  
Nerepis—narrow place.  
Magaguadavic—river of big eels.

### Literary Notes.

The December number of *The Homiletic Review*, which closes the Twenty-eighth Volume, maintains the interest and ability which have characterized it. The Rev. Camden M. Coburn, Ph. D., treats of the mysterious "Book of the dead," under the title, "The Sacred Scriptures of the Egyptians." There is a second and final paper on "A Hindu Missionary in America." Dr. William Hayes Ward gives the most recent information as to the identification of "The Rivers of Paradise." Among the contributions to the Germanic Section are "Prayer as a Factor in Public Affairs," "The Lesson of the Transitory," and "Christmas Joy." "The Present Crisis and the Church's Opportunity," is the theme of the Living Issues. The Prospectus for the coming year gives promise of even better things than the past has offered. The *Homiletic Review* is a publication which the working pastor can not afford to do without. Published monthly by Funk Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York, at \$3.00 a year.

The Century for December is a Christmas number and attracts attention by the richness of its numerous and beautifully printed illustrations, of which five are of page size. Among the topics treated are the life of Napoleon Bonaparte, the Italian Premier Crispi, science and religion, the labor question (in Kipling's story), Christmas stories, and Christmas pictures, and other stories, besides serials, in all ten pieces of fiction.

The Rev. Francis E. Clark's new book, "Our Journey Around the World," is having a great sale, and is unquestionably the most popular subscription book of the day. The volume has decided merit, is splendidly illustrated, and no better gift can be made. As President of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, Dr. Clark is beloved by more than two millions members of that organization. The publishers, Messrs. A. D. Worthington & Co., Hartford, Conn., want more agents for the book—both men and women—and they offer great inducements. Their advertisement appearing in another column. Our friends who are in need of profitable employment may find this book just the thing to work for, a book they need not hesitate to offer to their friends, and they may do well with it between now and the approaching holidays. We can commend the book as being attractive and desirable.



### STRICTLY FOR FAMILY USE.

Fruit culture is more profitable to the farmer now than his other crops. Brown Bros. Co., the most extensive nursery house in Canada, have a vacancy in this section. Write them at Toronto, Ont. for their terms.

A FIRST-PRIZE FOLLY.—Christian science, so called, would, an exchange thinks, take first prize in an exhibition of human follies: The Christian scientists of Burlington, Ia., petitioned the authorities a while since, asking that their children be excused from attendance at school during the hour physiology is taught. They declare in their petition that there is no material body; consequently they object to having their children taught to believe that such things as the stomach, the liver and other organs of the body have any real existence. This farcical creed would be profoundly ridiculous, but for the fact that there is no profundity about it.

DR. EVAN'S OPEN LETTER. Carefully Investigated by the Farmers' Sun.

MISS KOESTER and HER PARENTS ENDORSE THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE OPEN LETTER—THE DOCTOR'S ACTION IN MAKING THE FACTS PUBLIC FULLY JUSTIFIED.

From the *Farmer's Sun*. In an open letter published in the *Canada Farmer's Sun* of Sept. 19 over the signature of Dr. Evans, of Elmwood, attention was called to the remarkable case of Miss Christina Koester, of North Brant, who was attended by the doctor in March, 1892, when suffering from inflammation of the left lung, which subsequently developed all the signs of consumption. In June of the same year she wasted to a skeleton, and was suffering from an intense cough with profuse expectoration of purulent matter, accompanied by hectic fever. Her recovery was despaired of until Dr. Evans, at a stage when other remedies had proved valueless, administered Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Within a week the symptoms had abated, and a month after the change of medicine Miss Koester was able to drive to Elmwood, a distance of six miles, and was in good health, except for the weakness occasioned by so long an illness.

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The publication of the doctor's statement, of which the above is a condensation, created considerable interest, especially when it was rumored that Dr. Evans was likely to be disciplined by the Medical Council for his action in certifying to the efficacy of an advertised remedy. A representative of The *Canada Farmer's Sun* was commissioned to carefully investigate the matter and ascertain how far the doctor's statements were corroborated by the patient's family.

An interview with Christina Koester her father and mother, was held at the homestead in the Township of North Brant. Miss Koester is a well developed, healthy looking girl of eighteen years of age. She stated that she was now in the enjoyment of perfect health and able to do her part in the labors of the farm, and had not since her cure had any recurrence of her former trouble.

Tado Koester, father of Christina, said that the statements as published in Dr. Evans' open letter as to his daughter's recovery was correct. She was first taken sick about the 15th of March, 1892, of inflammation of the left lung, and after treatment by Dr. Evans seemed to recover after about two weeks, but again relapsed with the apparently hopeless conditions described in the letter. She was terribly wasted. Every night she would cough up a large bowlful of fetid matter. The family had completely given up all hopes of her recovery, and for two nights sat up with her expecting that she would die. After beginning the Pink Pills a change for the better was speedily noticeable. The cough began to subside and in one month had entirely ceased, when, as stated in the doctor's letter she was sufficiently recovered to drive to Elmwood, she continued taking the pills until October. Christina had been quite well since and this fall had been pitching sheaves and helping in the harvest field.

Mrs. Koester concurred with her husband's statements throughout, and was emphatic in testifying to Christina's reduced and weakly condition at the crisis of the disease and the completeness of her recovery. In view of the corroboration by Miss Koester and her parents of the statements made in Dr. Evans' letter, all doubts in the matter must be set at rest, and the doctor's action in giving the facts of this remarkable case to the public is fully justified.

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