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News of the Week.

New Brunswick.

The York Municipal Council met in annual session Tuesday last.

It is reported that a project is on foot to build a railway between Woodstock and Houlton.

A young man, Daniel George Munroe, who lives with his mother about four miles above Metepedia, was taken sick of inflammation of the lungs in a lumber camp about forty miles up the river.

Mr. George M. Slipp, Jacksonville, the other day killed ten spring pigs which weighed 3,100 lbs. averaging 310 lbs.

The grip is prevalent in Woodstock there being few families not more or less seriously affected by it.

Nearly a year ago a man from the United States followed a fugitive to Northumberland and had him arrested for horse stealing.

Edward Weary, the coloured deaf-mute, charged with the murder of his sister in law, Bertha Weary at Koswick in September last, was tried at the Circuit Court in this city last week.

The firm of J. & A. McMillan St. John was executed a trust deed for the benefit of its creditors.

Saturday night fire destroyed the Moncton Presbyterian church. When discovered it had gained such headway that it was completely beyond control of the fire department.

A Prominent Lumberman states that fully 25 per cent more work will have to be done by lumbermen this season on account of the lack of bottom in the woods.

Louise Pollard, an unmarried, middle-aged woman, belonging to Tower Mills, Charlotte Co., N. B., who has been house keeper for James Ripley at Milltown, Me., was found dead at noon on Friday at the foot of the cellar stairs.

Captain John R. Hire, of schooner "Lillian," says: "I was suffering with inflammation of the chest, brought on by exposure at sea. Took a good supply of Putner's Emulsion, which perfectly cured me. It has given me a new set of lungs."

Nova Scotia.

The Dominion government refuses to recoup the Nova Scotia government the sum of \$671,000 paid by the government of that province in aid of the Eastern Railway.

Lober fishing is reported very good at Digby, N. S. Quite a large quantity has been shipped to Montreal.

John H. Bishop, of Lake Porter, N. S., died of hydrophobia. He was bitten in the hand by a dog about six weeks ago.

Stephen Harlow is building four small vessels at Lockport; Arthur Hood of Shelburne built two this winter; Edward Bachman has contracted for two; John A. McGowan has two on the stocks; Howard Allan of Sable River has two in course of construction, and Thos. Ryer also proposes building one.

G. H. Metz, representing a New York syndicate, has signed an agreement to buy the Beaver Dam gold mine at Sheet Harbor for \$75,000. The agreement is conditional. Should purchaser find within nine months that the mine is not as represented the sale will be void.

Albert Day has been sentenced to six months jail, in Halifax for bigamy. Wife No. 1 came from Boston and Ave evidence which secured the conviction. Judge Johnston thought

there were exonerating circumstances and imposed a nominal sentence.

W. P. McNeil's implement factory at New Glasgow, N. S., was destroyed by fire Wednesday. The firm manufactured plows and harrows and carried on a general foundry business.

The Bank of Nova Scotia and the Merchants' Bank of Halifax did a prosperous business during the past year. The first named has increased its rest from one million and fifty thousand dollars to one million two hundred thousand; the latter from five hundred and ten thousand to six hundred thousand, besides paying an extra dividend of one half per cent.

Fire broke out in the Lovett boarding house Halifax, Monday. The building was badly damaged by water. Loss about \$2,000. Insured.

Nova Scotia is preparing for the next provincial election. Candidates have already been named for both parties in many countries, and the assumption is that the election will be called on shortly after the close of the session that is now in progress.

Two brothers, named Forbes, were drowned at Woods' harbor, Barrington, a few days ago, while setting lobster pots.

Fire in Weber's dry goods store at Yarmouth, N. S., did much damage. Insurance \$800. J. R. Wyman, who owned the building had \$2000.

Other Provinces.

Dr. Leonard, a Montreal druggist, has been arrested charged with man slaughter. He made a mistake in preparing medicine for a child named Gibaud, nine months old, and death took place soon after.

A daring robbery was committed on the main street of Belleville, Ont., within a stone's throw of the police station. As Francis Taylor, 74 years old, stepped out of the Commercial House, he was grabbed from behind by a "Pat" Whalen. The man took \$145, but dropped \$30 on the sidewalk as he ran away. He was arrested the same night at the station awaiting an outgoing train.

Friday, thirty thousand dollars' damage was done to the St. Antoine market, Montreal, by fire.

Hooper, of Ottawa, who was accused of poisoning his wife, has been found not guilty. The case against him was weak, no poison having been found in the body of the dead woman. Hooper was not released as he may be tried again on a charge of attempting to murder his wife by throwing her from a train into the Louisville River.

Icebergs are reported off the banks of Newfoundland.

United States.

The great tariff debate is still going on at Washington.

The secretary of the navy has received a letter from Rear Admiral Irwin, of the Pacific station, dated Honolulu, Jan. 2, which says military preparations for defence continue to be made by the provisional government, and the excitement is unabated. The admiral says his reported statements that the United States government intend to use force to restore the queen, and that he would obey no order he considered unlawful are entirely without foundation. He adds that Minister Wilson has never given him a slightest hint that there was ever any intention on the part of the United States to use force to restore the queen.

British and Foreign.

The Pacific mail steamship City of Peking brought details from Ningsup, China, of one of the most terrible fires on record, in that city, Dec. 8 and caused the death of nearly three hundred women and children. The annual theatrical performance in honor of the gods was being given in the temple. A boy threw a lighted cigarette into a heap of straw. There was a general rush to escape; some were trampled to death, others, jumped out of the windows and were either killed or so badly injured that they were unable to escape the flames and so they perished.

In November 1892, Great Britain imported 1,119,575 great hundreds of eggs. A great hundred is ten dozen.

France has lost one of her ablest diplomatists. M. Waddington, long ambassador to England.

Advices from Bulwayo state that according to the latest reports King Lobengula is anxious to surrender. He has killed Indunas, who persuaded him to retreat and countenance the attack upon Capt. Wilson. Lobengula's only reason for not yielding is that he fears the British might try to take revenge on him for Wilson's death.

The earthquake which occurred in Persia at the end of last month was felt with especial severity at Meshed, the Mecca of Persia, war which entirely destroyed. Great efforts were made to prevent the news of the catastrophe being circulated, lest it should have a demoralising effect on the superstitious minds of the populace in Persia.

The Loudest Noise Ever Heard.

No thunder from the skies was ever accompanied with a roar of such vehemence as that which issued from the throat of the great volcano in Krakatoa, an islet lying in the Straits of Sunda, between Sumatra and Java, at ten o'clock on Monday morning August 27, 1883. As that dreadful Sunday night wore on, the noises increased in intensity and frequency. The explosions succeeded each other so rapidly that a continuous roar seemed to issue from the island. The critical moment was now approaching, and the outbreak was preparing for a majestic culmination. The people of Batavia did not sleep that night. Their windows quivered with the thunders from Krakatoa, which resounded like the charge of artillery in their streets. Finally, at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, a stupendous convulsion took place which far transcended any of the shocks which had preceded it. This supreme effort it was which raised the mightiest noise ever heard on this globe.

Batavia is 94 miles distant from Krakatoa. Carimon, Java, 355 miles away, reports were heard on that Sunday morning which led to the belief that there must be some vessel in the distance which was discharging its guns as signals of distress. The authorities sent out boats to make a search; they presently returned, as no ship could be found in want of succor. The reports were sounds which had come all the way from Krakatoa. At Macassar, in Celebes, loud explosions attracted the notice of everybody. Two steamers were hastily sent out to find what was the matter. The sounds had travelled from the Straits of Sunda a distance of 969 miles. But more hundreds of miles will not suffice to illustrate the extraordinary distance to which the greatest noise that ever was heard was able to penetrate. The figures have to be expressed in thousands. This seems almost incredible, but is certainly true. In the Victoria Plains, in West Australia, the shepherds were startled by noises like heavy cannonading. It was sometime afterward before they learned that their tranquility had been disturbed by the grand events then proceeding at Krakatoa, 1,700 miles away.—Sir Robert S. Ball.

ADVERTISING AGENCY.—The advertising business of the late S. R. Niles, of Boston, Mass., will be carried on by The S. R. Niles Advertising Agency, which was incorporated prior to Mr Niles' death. The management is as follows: E. G. Niles, President; Carl G. Zerrahn, Vice-President and General Manager; J. C. Howard, Treasurer.

MR. LORDS.—The decision for mending the British House of Lords, although it is the main very arid and serious, has not been without its humorous phases. Sir Wilfrid Lawson M. P., the British apostle of prohibition, made a very rucious speech at Carlisle a few days ago, in the course of which he declared that the present political situation was dominated by "a body of men who have no natural superiority." He said: "The Normans from whom some of them said they descended, were the biggest scoundrels the world ever saw; and a large number of the peers were simply men who had been created peers within the last few years—men who had killed a lot of people in some battle, electioneers who had bribed the electors, or men who had brewed a lot of beer or done something of that sort. This hereditary business reminded him of an epitaph in a country churchyard. It was as follows: 'Here lies beneath in hope of Zion, The landlord of the Golden Lion, His son sells beer and porter still, Obedient to the Heavenly will.'"

In Reply to Oft Repeated Questions.

It may be well to state, Scott's Emulsion acts as a food as well as a medicine, building up the wasted tissues and restoring perfect health after wasting fever.

Our readers will be glad to learn that the fire at the immense establishment of Henry McShane Mfg. Co. proprietors of the McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore, Md., did no damage to the sweeps and patterns from which these celebrated bells are made, and that the large number of orders, now on hand will be promptly filled, also all future orders.

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Tender corns, painful corns, soft corns, bleeding corns, hard corns, corn of all kinds and of all sizes, are alike removed in a few days by the use of Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. Never fails to cure, never causes pain. Never leaves deep spots that are more annoyance than the original discomfort. Give Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor a trial. Beware of substitutes. Sold by druggists everywhere. Polson & Co., Kingston, proprietors.

THE SAILOR'S HOME.—The Sailors' Home in St. John, established to be carried on for several years by Miss Hutchinson, is to be closed. The fine building devoted to the purpose is to be sold next week. That the home has been a great benefit to the many sailors who have made use of it there can be no doubt. Miss Hutchinson's devotion to the work has been very great. She has not solicited help from any one; having erected the home with her own money, she carried on the work herself. She does not close it now because discouraged, but because duty seems to call her elsewhere. There ought to be philanthropic citizens enough in St. John to buy the building and arrange for the continuance of the good work carried on in it.

Literary Notes.

The January number of The Pulpit, begins a new volume with a new and handsome engraved cover, and by reducing its subscription price to one dollar. This magazine is now the cheapest publication of its kind in the world, and its list of contributors is a guarantee of excellence. The current number contains complete sermons on "Broad Men at the Narrow Gate," "The National Distress; 'The Church,'" "The Resources of the Godly," "Divine Liberty, and others of equal interest. One dollar a year; single copies, ten cents.—Edwin Rose, Publisher, Buffalo, N. Y.

It would be difficult to find amongst the monthly periodicals a magazine more interesting to Canadians than the "Canadian Magazine." It is national in aim and in attention to every part of the Dominion. Every province is represented amongst the contributors, and a high literary merit marks the articles. The January number, is, like its predecessors, full of variety. "Howe and his Times" gives many incidents about Nova Scotia's public men of a generation ago? Chancellor Rand, of McMaster University, publishes one of the most extraordinary psychological experiences on record. There is an illustrated article on "Longfellow's Wayside Inn," full of reminiscences of former landlords, guests and servants. A "Plea for Ireland" describes Irish scenery and people, and gives illustrations of some of the Irish valleys. "Two Lost Kingdoms," illustrated, tells of Cetywayo and the Prince Imperial. Amongst other articles are "Common Telescopes and what they will show"; "Neglected and Friendless Children"; &c. "The Canadian Magazine" is published by the Ontario Publishing Co., Ltd., \$2.50 per annum.

St. Nicholas for January, 1894, begins with a Christmas picture, and then transports us in a single instant to India, where we enter the forest and see how a little "man cub" is adopted by a kindly family of wolves. Then as he grows up, we see him combating the great "Shere Khan," a fierce tiger. There is begun in this number a valuable series of papers upon Natural History. They will be popular, correct intelligible and entertaining. The "Brownies" are now an institution, and the little fellows reappear in St. Nicholas with an assurance of welcome. The shorter pieces are less important only in length. "Snapshots by Santa Claus" is a bright Christmas picture: "The Pop corn Man" is a clever poem: "A Watchword for the New Year" is a rhyme-coated sermon; "A Serious Question I Mathematics" will amuse the children and puzzle the professors. Stamp-collecting, the boys will be glad to know, is to have a department of its own.

The January Century opens with the second paper on the Old Dutch Masters. Chief of the literary material is an unpublished essay by Mr. Lowell entitled "The Function of the Poet. A paper on George Sand has an exposition of her views of life, literature, and religion. A portrait accompanies the article. Ex-President Harrison has an Open Letter on "Military Instruction on Schools and Colleges. There is also an article giving the inside history of the Committee appointed to settle the Garfield Conkling Controversy." In archaeology there is an illustrated paper setting forth the relations of "The Bible and the Assyrian Monuments." Special interest attaches to an article on "Introduction of Chloroform." "Life in a Lighthouse," is illustrated. The most prominent fiction of the number is Mark Twain's "Puddhead Wilson." The short stories are "A No-Account Creole" and "Out of her Class." The poetry of the number includes "Imogen," "The Masquerade of Time," "The Convict Women of Port Blair" and Contributions by Charles G. D. Roberts, and others.

FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.

AN OLD AND WELL-TRIED REMEDY.—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. Is pleasant to the taste. Sold by Druggists in every part of the World. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Its value is incalculable. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and take no other kind.

ELECTRICITY IN FARMING.—At the Massachusetts Agricultural College Professor C. D. Warner, of the Hatch Experiment Station, conducted last summer a series of careful tests to determine the practicability of applying electricity to influence the growth and development of plants. Two plots of ground were prepared, for the purpose of comparison, of the same size, and supplied with the same soil. Ten vegetables were sown in each. In the electric garden, so called, wires were run underground between the drills. The current, an alternating one, was obtained from an electric light station, but was regulated by proper apparatus, reduced or increased for experimental purposes, the period of application being for about four hours every night from June 10 to Oct. 1. A current of 12 amperes was used at the start, but steadily increased to 39; the voltage varied from 15 to 63. It was ascertained that the germination of certain seeds was more rapid under electrical influence; that certain vegetables, like tomatoes ripen sooner; that the growth of roots was stimulated in certain varieties, and of tops in others. The Professor does not admit, however, that electricity by this method is practical; it costs too much. For ordinary farming he suggests, the utilization of atmospheric electricity—tall poles crowned with teeth, or copper and zinc plates buried beneath plants, as the media, and assuring an increased growth of cereals and of some species of vegetables.—Herald

Things in Short Metre.

[BY PEN & SCISSORS.] There are 250,000 words in the English language.

Seneca said: "He is most powerful who has himself in his power."

"Calculate" comes from a word meaning pebbles, and recalls the days when men used small stones in counting.

London contains one eighth of Great Britain's population. It has a larger daily delivery of letters than all Scotland.

Over 4,000,000 persons in the United States live upon wages paid by railroad companies.

Since the beginning of the century lions have been exterminated in India except in a small district where they are preserved by the Government.

The long distance telephone has been put in operation between Norway and Sweden, and his Majesty at Christiania can communicate directly by word of mouth with his ministers at Stockholm.

The Rev. Robert Hall, the great Non conformist preacher, on being asked if he were about to marry a certain lady, replied:—I would as soon think of marrying Beelzebub's daughter and going home to live with the old folks!

One of the latest of Dr. Cuyler's good ones is this: Once a little boy, the son of good Presbyterian parents, was asked the question in the catechism, What is the chief end of man? and answered it, Man's chief end is to glorify God and annoy Him forever. There are too many men, says the doctor, who act as if that were their chief end.

London Tid-Bits recently offered a prize for the best definition of "pluck," which was awarded to the following: "Pluck is fighting with the scabbard when the sword is broken.

How to Get a "Sunlight" Picture.

Send 25 "Sunlight" Soap wrappers wrapper 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 only cost 1c postage to send in the wrappers, if you leave the ends open. Write your address carefully.

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