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## Local and Other Items.

MAILS.—The mails arrived from Georgetown this morning.

THE STANLEY.—The Stanley left Georgetown for Pictou this morning, and will return as usual this evening.

CROFTER EMIGRATION.—Forty selected crofter families intend to emigrate to Canada in the spring if funds can be obtained.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.—The Christmas Tea Party in St. Peter's Schoolroom last evening passed off very pleasantly. The tea was followed by a magic lantern exhibition. The children enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

A STORMY PASSAGE.—The schr. Magella, Captain Irving, from Charlottetown P. E. I., with oats and old iron, had a stormy passage coming around. She was blown off about 150 miles. She sailed from Charlottetown on December 5.—St. John Globe.

AN ENORMOUS ARMY.—The Berlin Richter calculates from recent statistics that Germany has at her disposal in the event of war an army of 13,513,416 completely drilled men, not counting the reserves and landstrum, which are not drilled in times of peace.

SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.—A despatch from Kingston, Ont., says that more than three fourths of the frequenters of the saloons in that city are youths between sixteen and twenty. The temperance party are working hard to get representatives in the city council to enforce reform.

SEVEN PERSONS DROWNED.—A boat containing Mrs. Turner, her little daughter, the daughter of George Cloyd, three Brooks brothers and an unknown man, capsized while crossing the river at Ripley, Ohio, on Sunday, and the seven occupants were drowned.

NEW DRILL BOOK.—The new English drill book, which will be issued to the Canadian militia force in the spring, is now being issued from the press. Its arrangement is similar to previous editions, part 1 being devoted to recruit or squad drill, part 2 to the company drill and general rules, and part 3 to battalion drill and drill of divisions.

SCOTT ACT.—Another new summons was served last evening. \* \* \* A raid was made upon a Digby, N. S. liquor dealer, named Hayes Vantassel, on Saturday. Revolvers were flourished, but no one was hurt. The saloon was entered, and all liquors, together with furniture, etc., were seized and trucked away. The arrest was made under the Scott Act.

THE NEW RIFLE.—The new English rifle has such a phenomenally long range that the war office has been under the necessity of providing new ranges for its use in order to avoid accident. It is pronounced superior to any other arm in Europe in the important particulars of range, accuracy and rapidity of firing, and the military authorities are reported as being correspondingly elated over its success.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—At a meeting of the Methodist Brick Church Sunday School held last evening, the following officers were appointed for the current year: Superintendent, F. W. Moore, W. A. Weeks; Secretary, Hubert Beer; Assistant Secretary, Lewis Wheat; Treasurer, Arthur Weeks; Librarian, Harry McPherson, Alexander Urquhart; Musical Director, Pope Fletcher; Organist, Miss Annie Findley.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We have a lengthy letter from James Stewart, Esq., Road Supervisor, at South Lake, in reply to an anonymous scribbler for the Patriot who calls himself an old Conservative. The scroed is not, in our opinion, worth noticing—a mean string of assertions and abuse without proof! Mr. Stewart shouldn't bother his head about it. If the scribbler had any real cause for complaint he wouldn't be afraid to come out and make his charges over his own signature either to the press or to the Public Works Department.

A COWARDLY ACT.—Two weeks ago, says a Greenville, Miss., despatch, Col. Paxton's residence, near Aroka, was destroyed by fire. Seven colored servants, five men and two women, were arrested. They confessed that the cook drugged the coffee, and but for the fact that two members of the family were absent at supper time the whole household might have perished. The prisoners also confessed that one stood at each door with an axe or gun to kill any member of the family that tried to escape, but the nearness of fire alarmed them and they fled. The seven prisoners disappeared somewhat mysteriously on Monday night.

IMPROVEMENTS OUT WEST.—Victoria seems to have awakened to the fact that if she desires to maintain her supremacy as the commercial centre of the Province, she must inaugurate such municipal improvements as will enable her to keep up with, if not abreast of the times. Consequently important measures looking towards this end are being set on foot. An electric street railway through different parts of the city and a complete sewerage system seem to be assured facts, and will do much towards her material advancement. Then she has lots of enterprising and progressive citizens, let adverse critics say what they will, and her future looks pretty comfortable. At least that's the way that it occurs to us.—Nanaimo, B. C. Courier.

A MEAN WOMAN.—The "meanest man in Maine" must now take a back seat. He was accused of drinking the liquor that had been left as medicine for a dying man. The meanest woman now comes to the front. A servant man writes to the Montreal Family Herald and Star, asking if he shall have to pay for the matches he used to light the fires, to cook his meals, while his mistress was out on a visit. He says she had the matches counted, the number being 29. On her return she charged him with the number he had used. The editor of the Star advises the correspondent to make his mistress a Christmas present of the thirty matches.

A BOMB, which has been deposited in the hall of the conservative and Republican club at Madrid, by some unknown person, exploded on Sunday, but fortunately did not do any serious damage.

Light Wanted at Boughton Island.

Six.—It must appear plain to the least observant, and conspicuously evident to sea-faring men, that the Government should, as soon as possible, place a light-house on the southeast point of Boughton Island, for, situated as it is—north of the entrance to Georgetown and Cardigan River, and lying out as the farthest headland between East Point and Cape Bear; and, moreover, having two dangerous reefs on the outer side, stretching for a considerable distance into the bay, it thus naturally demands that for greater security to life and property, and for less apprehension and difficulty to navigation it should be guarded.

It is unnecessary to here mention the many accidents which have from time to time occurred here, and owing (it is alleged) to the absence of a light; and it is to be trusted that the Government will, although we are reluctantly represented by men who are not in a position of influence more calculated to obtain our rights, establish this much needed improvement.

Yours, &c., J. FELIX.

King's Co., Jan. 2, 1889.

## Horribles at Souris.

Six.—This being the first day of the new year, we, the residents of this rising town, have had a turnout of the "Horribles," the first that has ever been here.

Of course the band kindly accompanied us through our march, only one mishap—the kettle-drum got broken, the operator on it got his ankle badly sprained, Mr. Scott Act happening to be "easy and free" accounting for it probably.

However, we feel very grateful to the band company for helping us so cheerfully; besides, they would not accept of any pay. If ever they are in need of funds (which I hope shall never occur) all they have to do is to come round with a subscription paper and they will be made happy as we are to-day.

Yours, GUSTUS.

## Self-Help the Best Help.

The American Agriculturist for January contains the following which is well worthy of consideration:—

"State aid to agriculture is commendable when properly administered. We fear, however, that there is a growing and too common tendency to call for public appropriations for carrying on work which farmers should do themselves. We see the same thing in the demand for the enactment of laws to regulate matters which can only be efficiently regulated by a widespread, energetic and popular public sentiment. The American Agriculturist is keenly alive to the fact that the National and State Governments owe an important duty to the agricultural interests, but we are also firmly convinced that farmers owe a duty to themselves. Self-help is always effectual. What we learn by our own effort is always of more value to us and has a greater influence on the public welfare than similar knowledge gained through assistance from the State. Let us not run to the Legislature or to Congress until we have done our whole work as farmers and as citizens in behalf of desired reforms or improvements. State appropriations to agricultural societies, for instance, are of small value if the farmers who comprise these societies do not take an active interest in the welfare of their organizations. Indeed, an independent society composed of active, earnest, public-spirited farmers generally does far more for the promotion of agriculture than state-aided institutions. So, too, we find that those States where the Patrons of Husbandry are most progressive, that the farmers in those organizations are doing, through their own efforts, a work which eclipses, in practical value, the generality of results attained through organizations that receive State aid. We must not permit favors from the public treasury to sap our individuality, earnestness or public spirit."

## School Examination and Concert.

Six.—The semi-annual examination of the Annadale School took place at the school-house on Monday, the 24th ult. There was a large number of visitors present, also a good attendance of pupils.

The examination was very interesting and keenly contested. The children acquitted themselves creditably; and reflected great credit on their teacher, who has trained them up so thoroughly. Prizes were awarded by James Norton, Esq., to some of the best scholars.

On the 26th ult., a grand concert and literary entertainment was given by the school children and others, which was a great success, and shows great improvement and development in the youthful minds of those who took part in the concert. The Executive Committee deserve great credit for their well-laid programme, consisting of both vocal and instrumental music, speeches, dialogues, and recitations. The songs by Mr. W. Nicholson, Mrs. Howlett and others, were excellent.

ANNADALE, Dec. 28, 1888.

## The Cheapest Growth.

The cheapest growth, says the American Agriculturist, is made on young animals. After the maturing period the cost of gain increases rapidly. If we double the time needed to grow a hog, about three-fourths of the food is used for maintenance. By doubling the time of feeding we halve the profit of feeding.