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The public will join with us in earnest regrets at the continued illness of the Hon. C. F. Fraser, both for the personal regard in which he is held and for the loss of public usefulness.

The Belleville Intelligencer, in justice to Dean Lyster, publishes his reasons for dismissing Rev. Dr. Wilson from his curacy.

Canadians have very little sympathy with the radical cries in England, but they must feel in accord with general sentiment in England, one so strongly exhibited by the rabid class allied to, upon the grasping tenacity of the royal family.

The lesson of the hour is clearly understood. Principal Grant has told us that Charles Dickens is "the best Christmas entertainer of our generation."

The terms of agreement entered into by Attorneys-General Nowat and Miller have been published, and to most of our politicians they are already known.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CAPITAL.

The children in the populous capital of the Republic nearly all were made happy over a dinner on Christmas Day. This was effected by a distribution on a large scale like that made annually in Kingston by St. George's Society.

INDUSTRIOUS FARMERS.

The event which we anticipated and commented upon—the convention at which the farmers ventilated and formulated their grievances—has occurred.

An amendment, favouring a delegation to the Imperial authorities, with a request for separation from the Dominion and the creation of a new Western federation, was voted down.

It is not a good sign when people of a new country, of whose condition and prospects to much highly coloured language was used, become fretful and dissatisfied and even rebellious.

The Manitobans appear to have suffered not merely in the loss of crops by an inclement season but from railway and Government regulations.

It is to be hoped that the Imperial Government will not have to interfere, and above all that separation may not be seriously contemplated or asked for.

MR. MOWAT FIXED.

The Winnipeg Times will not be accused of a partiality for Criticism. It is owned by one of the most pronounced Tories in Canada, and it is edited by one, who, for many years was editor-in-chief of the Mail.

But the Times is not blind to inevitable facts. It does not join in the howl "Mowat must go," when the indications are so strong that he will not have to do anything so contrary to his inclination.

The Opposition is a strong one, but it is weak in men.

Mr. Meredith is the only presentable man, the only man of brains and high character on that side of the House.

"Others have character without brains, and one or two brains without character."

The Toronto Globe claimed the other day that, allowing for Mr. Ross's defeat, Mr. Mowat would have a majority of 13.

"He is evidently there to stay, until Mr. Meredith is reinforced by one or two good Lieutenants."

The Times virtually surrenders all hope of a change of Government, and great must be the mortification of those who have longed for positions in the Cabinet.

A GOOD MOVE.

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In the interest of peace and quietude, Mr. Mowat conceded some of the points upon which he had before held stiffly out. This is what the Tories said he should have done before—they contended that he was courting bloodshed, and that upon his head rested the responsibility of every breach of the peace—and yet when he abandoned some of the grounds upon which he has fought Manitoba's usurpation and the Dominion's interference the shriek goes forth that "the con comes down."

The issue will not be left in doubt beyond June or July. Then the Privy Council will pronounce upon the validity of the Arbitrators' Award, or, declaring it invalid, fix the correct boundary.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS.

A SERIES OF ENTERTAINMENTS, REMEMBERING THE POOR, THE AFFLICTED, THE VERY YOUNG AND THE ORPHANS.

Christmas at the Penitentiary. Christmas at the Kingston Penitentiary was observed as usual by a divine service and the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in both the Protestant and Catholic Chapels.

Christmas at the Gaol. The prisoners, seven men and three women, enjoyed their Christmas as if no quite as well as their more fortunate fellow creatures on the outside of the stone walls.

Christmas at the Barracks. Christmas festivity was entered into with great spirit by the officers and men of Battery "B." Extra good dinners were served in mess rooms profusely decorated both in wall and ceiling.

The residence of ex-Ald. McClave, New York, was robbed of \$2,000 worth of property while the family were at dinner last night.

Ex-policeman Conroy, who killed Peter Keegan, at New York, has been sentenced to be hanged on February 8th, a motion for a new trial being denied.

The Peterboro Police Magistrate, in Peterboro, in his "free and easy Court," yesterday, told a lawyer from the bench that he lied, and that this was the only language fit for such a man as he.

Some of those who lost by fire at Cavendish are rebuilding. The Eagle says the fire has demonstrated the need of careful attention to the way in which of insurance policies are written.

The schooner Fitzgerald, which ran aground at Port Rowan, has disappeared from sight. Calvin & Son's vessel, the Siberia, is standing the element well and unless heavy ice does her damage she may get off in the Spring.

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GENERAL ITEMS.

Items for the Week supplied by Our Exchanges, and Greatly Reduced by Condensation.

Dr. Kennedy will be re-elected Reeve of Bath for 1884.

Dr. Evans is not a candidate for the Pictou mayoralty.

Capt. Nellie Ryerson is again able to attend the Salvation Army meetings.

Mr. J. C. Maybee, a Moscow school teacher, intends leaving for Kingston to study medicine.

E. Babbit, of Ameliasburg, has sold a driving mare to a gentleman of Montreal for \$225.

Prof. Staley's quadrille band supplies the music for the annual ball on Dec. 26th, at Erinville.

The saved Army intend to publish (in Pictou) a paper, The Saved Army Tract and Gospel News.

Wm. Dier is to sell, at Westport, on January 5th, three horses of fine pedigree, harness, sleighs, etc.

Additional subscriptions to the Ontario Se. House Fund: G. A. Kirkpatrick, \$100; J. Muckleston, \$100.

Benjamin Sheppard, Brockville, a cousin of Chaffey Bros., has arrived in Ontario, California, with his family to stay the winter.

The East Victoria Teachers' Association favor the Royal Canadian Readers, and are asking the Government to authorize them.

Capt. Bristol encountered a lack of harmony at the Pictou Saved Army meeting on Wednesday last. All now is peace, however.

Eighty thousand bushels of Canadian barley has been stowed in Burnham's elevator, Cape Vincent, for shipment.

Last week Sarah Roblin, aged 84 years widow of the late Jacob Roblin, upon seeing a procession pass her house at Sophiasburg, exclaimed that she would be the next to go and suddenly expired.

Mrs. Shulte, of Newark, N.J., formerly Miss Mary J. McColl, of Kingston, well and favorably known to Canadians as the author of "Bide-a-Wee" and other poems, is writing a novel.

Nellie Cooley, who disappeared from Wilkesbarre, Pa., two weeks ago, has been drowned. She has a \$90,000 in her own right.

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his arms were amputated above the elbow. His collar bone was also fractured. Smith, a Scotchman, was on his fourth trip as brakeman. He worked Mr. McIlwain for a month or so before going on the O. T. R. He was a good shorthand writer and only went breaking until he could secure a situation. His uncle is O. T. R. agent at Ballantyne.

Monday 24. Mr. D. W. Allison's election has been protested. The petitioner, Mr. Fryn, does not claim the seat.

Principal Grant will address the Band of Hope of St. James' Anglican Church on Friday evening.

The Rev. John and Mrs. Poite have gone to Saratoga to assist the doctor's restoration to health.

Capt. Nellie Ryerson has left Belleville for Paterson, N.J., where she spends her Christmas holidays.

Prof. Hindmarsh, an old Kingston musician and bandmaster, is soon to return and engage in business.

Butter in New York sells at 35c. for creamery; cheese steady at 13c. to 13 1/2c. for fancy.

A tri weekly gauging will run between Kingston and Gananoque during the winter.

The supper found with the burglar arrested at Belleville were the Harrowed contributions to the Saved Army.

Over 300 tickets for the Guelph Lottery are held in Gananoque. The holders are beginning to think the whole thing a fraud.

Captain Evans, of the Syracuse Salvation Army, has rented the old Welsh Church in Rome, N.Y., to open operations therefrom.

Young men and boys should not be too venturesome in their skating excursions. One young man went through the ice on the Cataragui Bay on Friday and nearly lost his life.

Ex-policeman James Nesbitt has returned from England whither he went as one of the custodians of a large consignment of sheep. He does not desire any more ocean voyages.

An aged man named Adair, of Plover Island, has had a large sized stone removed from his bladder. The operation was skillfully performed by Dr. Groves, of Ferrisburg.

Two Kingstonians are contributors to the Christmas number of the Mail. Dr. Grant wrote on "A Plea for the Festivities of the Season," and "Fidels" on "Pere le Jeune's Christmas."

Mr. F. C. Stark last week sold a three year old pure bred heifer to Mr. Jos. T. Haig, Leeds, for \$250. The mother of the heifer was bought by Mr. Stark at Brougham for \$400.

The comet may be seen with the naked eye after sunset in the northwest near the star Vega. It has a very thin tail, but by the end of January it will make more of a show than during its last visit in 1812.

Dr. Abbott, formerly of Wolfe Island, and one of the foremost graduates of the R.C.P.S., K., is visiting his old home here. His practice is in Essex.

troops attacked, with such terrible results to the Africans, who were literally mown down. Nolan escaped without a wound, returned to England, received his discharge and started for Canada. He has only been in this country a week, and not getting occupation as readily as he expected began to drink. He was dismissed.

Wednesday 26. The Queen will visit Italy in the Spring.

Sir John Macdonald has become a total abstemious.

Capt. Labelle has been appointed Manager of the Royal Mail Line.

The Christmas offering at St. Mary's Cathedral was \$1,301.

Father M. J. Cleary is Secretary to Bishop Carberry, of Hamilton.

Novelty cheese sold on Saturday at Little Falls, N.Y., at 11 to 11 1/2c.

Oscar Wilde will wear, at his wedding, an overcoat made from a crazy quilt.

It is said that Mr. Mercer was invited to enter the Cabinet of Quebec and declined.

The lady evangelist, Mrs. Watson, is conducting meetings at Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

The contest for the Storrington Rectoryship has settled down to D. J. Walker and J. Sharp for choice.

Capt. Webb's body is to be exhumed and given Christian burial.

In a burglary in Ottawa the robbers got \$2,100.

An explosion occurred at Birkenhead on Monday, caused by an infernal machine.

The Globe reporter at Buffalo has interviewed a man named McBride, who says there is a plot to avenge O'Donnell's death with dynamite.

There is likely to be trouble in the Pennsylvania mining districts, in consequence of a reduction of wages.

President Arthur received six gold headed canes, six silver umbrellas with gold and silver handles, among his Christmas presents.

Rev. Mr. Dobbs yesterday made the recipient of \$90, a present from his congregation. The address will appear to-morrow.

Among the new post offices established are Caldwell's Mills and Levant station, Lanark; McLaren's depot, Adlington; Macdonald, Lennox. At London, Ont., the Salvation Army hailed the incoming of Christmas with a torchlight procession through the streets, disturbing people out of their sleep.