

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Department of Fisheries propose taking steps to prevent the killing of salmon and other fish by means of dynamite.

Sir John will unveil the statue of Col. Williams at Port Hope on September 14th, after which he is expected to return to the capital.

Drought has so diminished the supply of water at London, Ont., that the Commissioners decided to cut off the supply to the suburb of London South.

The Winnipeg voters' list, just completed, contain 9,651 names, an increase of 542 over last year. The number will be largely increased by the Court of Revision.

The Halifax Street Car Company are reported to be taking into consideration the running of their cars by electricity next spring. We trust this intention will be carried out.

William Lawson (of Lawson, Harrington & Co.) has been appointed consul of the Argentine Confederation in Halifax. There has hitherto been no consulate of the confederation at this city.

The Canadian Pacific Telegraph company claim to have made connection with the Mackay-Bennett cables at Can-o and will shortly undertake to send cable messages direct to Europe via Canso.

We are in receipt of the third number of the Maritime Agriculturist (Sackville, N. B., semi-monthly, \$1.00 per annum in advance), and have pleasure in again recommending it to our agriculturists.

Our thanks are due to the Committee of the Maritime Exhibition, Moncton, for a complimentary card. The Exhibition will be held from the 17th to 20th of September, and it is scarcely necessary to add that we wish it every success.

Alderman Hesslein, who has recently returned from a visit to England, reports that the Military authorities in London are quite disposed to meet the wishes of the Municipality of Halifax with regard to certain street extensions through Imperial property.

The 78th Hants and Colchester Batt. have succeeded in capturing the Laurie Silver Bugle and a goodly number of other prizes at the annual prize meeting of the Provincial Rifle Association at Bedford range. Our Shubenacadie friends have taken a good share of the prizes.

There are many throughout Canada who will regret the death from paralysis which occurred recently at Gaspe, while salmon fishing, of Col. John Walker, formerly commanding the 7th Fusiliers, of London, Ont. The late Col. Walker was a gentleman of the kindest heart and most genial character and manners.

Stellarton has for some time past felt itself somewhat aggrieved, because, although it is a junction of trains, and of some importance on the line of railway, yet the stopping-place for refreshments was New Glasgow, some three miles further on. An enterprising individual has, however, erected a small building close to the station platform, where the inner man can be refreshed, and it is to be hoped that a liberal patronage will repay her exertions.

Mr. Jones, who was elected Mayor of Parrsboro on the 21st inst., gave a grand collation to the people of that place on Wednesday, the 28th. He invited the clergy of all denominations, all the electors, all the ladies, all the citizens, and all the boys, so under this arrangement no one could feel out in the cold. The tables were set on the green near the rink, and after all had partaken of the good things so liberally provided they adjourned to the rink, where speech-making was indulged in for some time.

A despatch from Victoria, B.C. says: "The schooner *Sapphire*, whose owner is the American vice-consul here, arrived here with 1,600 skins, Capt. Cox remarks as follows: 'On July 27, while sailing in Behring's sea, she sighted the *Rush*, which made a hot pursuit. The chase lasted five hours. Then the *Rush* gave it up. We had 1,300 skins at the time.' There is great jubilation here over the escape of this valuable cargo. The *Sapphire* spoke several schooners. All reported being boarded by the *Rush*, examined casually, and let go again."

Mr. William Sharp, the well-known English poet, essayist and critic, spent Wednesday and Thursday last at Stellarton, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hensley, of Mount Rundell. Nature has been more than ordinarily kind to the poet, having given him, in addition to mental qualities of no usual order, a magnificent and powerful physique. Mr. Sharp expects to spend several weeks in Nova Scotia, and then proceed to the Upper Provinces; he has two objects in view in this visit to Canada—to recruit after a severe attack of fever, and to make himself acquainted with all phases of literary life in the daughter country.

The "Lending Library" of Halifax, conducted by Miss Laleah Fairbanks, has become a regular institution. Miss Fairbanks makes a point of securing all the latest novels and books of interest, besides keeping up a supply of standard works. The Library is open from ten to one in the morning, and from two to five o'clock in the afternoon. The summer visitors at the hotels secured plenty of reading matter at reasonable rates. City subscribers pay one dollar per annum, and from two to five cents for each book. Miss Fairbanks has lately added a new magazine to her stock, *The Home Maker*, a very superior monthly journal. Fashion Magazines of all kinds are to be seen, besides *Harper*, *Century* and *Lippincott's Popular Monthlies*.

The City Council had some important business and suggestions before them at their meeting on Wednesday. The Imperial War Office authorities have signified their disposition to meet the wishes of the City in regard to street extension through portions of their property, and measures will doubtless be taken to carry it into effect. Attention was strongly drawn to the Salvation Army nuisance, whose proceedings last Sunday evening seriously disturbed other worshippers; and the expediency of laying before the citizens the want of a proper market place was affirmed.

Slowly the great falls of Niagara river are changing in shape, through the eating away of the shale rock which underlies the hard rock that forms the bed of the rapids. It is almost a misnomer now to speak of the Canadian portion of the great cataract as the "Horseshoe Falls" and within a week this designation has become more misplaced in consequence of the fall of a large section of the bed rock in the very centre of the falls. So much rock fell that an eddy below the fall near the Canadian side of the river has been narrowed more than half, and the little steamer *Maid of the Mist* has less difficulty than before in running into the curve of the falls.

Bridgewater is to have a mass meeting of the county on the 7th September to consider the sawdust question in reference to the LaHave River. The questions to be discussed are:—First—Does the sawdust which escapes from the mills into the streams injure the fish and navigation? Second—If so, is such injury sufficient to warrant the non-exemption of the river from the operations of the statute in such connection, and thereby seriously retard the great lumbering industry of this county. Third—Is there any special reason for the exemption of the LaHave, whilst on other streams the statute is a dead letter? Such a discussion seems to be very desirable, as no one at present appears to be qualified to pronounce definitely, still less authoritatively, on the matter.

The Journal of Proceedings and the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Maritime Press Association have just been published in neat pamphlet form from the Press of the Moncton *Transcript*. Although scarcely a year old the Association is in a most flourishing condition, having on its rolls sixty-two members. All editors, proprietors, business managers and members of the regular salaried editorial or reportorial staffs of all newspapers or periodicals published in the Lower Provinces are eligible to membership, and those who have not yet joined should lose no time in sending in their names to the Recording Secretary, Mr. J. T. Hawke, of Moncton, together with the initiation fee of one dollar. This entitles them to receive their card of membership, and to all the privileges of the Association in regard to reduced travelling fares. Immediate action should be taken, as the Association this year meets at New Glasgow on the 11th September, immediately after the arrival of the morning train. The following day, the members start on an excursion to the Bras d'Or Lakes, where Captain Burchell has kindly placed his steamers at their disposal free of charge, while the rate on the Intercolonial is only one cent per mile. This gives an unrivalled opportunity of visiting all places of interest on the famous Bras d'Or, and assures a glorious time, as the inhabitants of all places to be touched at are making preparations to extend a cordial reception to the excursionists.

Forty-eight Arabs, of both sexes, arrived at New York last week by the steamer *Vendram*. Six were allowed to land, as they had funds, but the rest were detained.

The Acting Secretary of State said that no communication from Minister Lincoln upon the subject of Behring Sea seizures had been received at the Department up to the 24th inst.

Georgia has found an antiseptic for the Mormon influence. It is in the application of a blacksnake whip or a buggy trace to the long-haired saints who are seeking proselytes.

It is reported that the population of Vermont is diminishing to such an extent that an effort is being made to induce a large immigration of Swedes and settle them on vacant farms.

The simultaneous execution of four murderers at New York last week was a sickening scene of callousness and blasphemy on the part of two of the criminals, and of bungling on the part of the officials.

The Treasury Department has informed an Ogdensburg, New York, man that there is no provision of law for the re-importation (without payment of duty) from Canada of a horse, previously imported with payment of duty and exported for racing purposes.

The steamship *City of Paris* arrived on Wednesday morning, breaking the record again, beating her own best time from Queenstown by three hours, 49 mins. Actual time from Queenstown to Sandy Hook lightship, 5 days, 19 hours, 18 mins; distance, 2,788 miles.

Forest fires, which have been raging all over Montana for three weeks, and have destroyed hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of lumber, have reached most alarming proportions on the ranges of Chateau county, which heretofore have escaped, and on which cattle men were depending to keep their stock this winter. Thousands of cattle are burning.

A special to the *Sun* from Port-au Prince says Legitime has abdicated and embarked on a French gunboat. A temporary government has been formed. The northern or Hippolyte's army was to enter Port-au-Prince last Friday. Peace probable. The United States steamer *Kearsage* has moved nearer the city. Admiral Gherardi is master of the situation.

At a mass meeting held in the Town Hall, Elgin, Ill., Congressmen Lawler, of Chicago, pictured the distress at Spring Valley, (Scott's mines,) where 2,800 miners were locked out and left two months without food but a trifle of flour and meal. The strike was against wages at 71 cents a day, the militia were called out to make 2,400 hungry men starve peaceably.