

Mr. Chapleau, Secretary of State, is ill and confined to his bed in Ottawa.

The painters' strike in this city promised to be settled by agreement between the employees and men last week, but it failed to work.

The Victoria School of Art and Design will open on Monday, with greatly improved accommodation, in the rooms of the Halifax Academy building.

Mr. Justice Wetmore, of the North-West Supreme Court, has been appointed Commissioner to investigate the charges against Herchmer, Commissioner of the Mounted Police.

The new cattle regulations governing the shipment of cattle from Canadian ports, will go into force on the first of November. Geo. H. Pope, of Compton, and E. B. Morgan, of Toronto, have been appointed inspectors of cattle ships under the new law.

John Stewart and Rory McNeil, the men reported as having been injured at Charles North's mine, Ronfrew district, by falling from an ore bucket, were only slightly injured, and are again at work. They were descending in the bucket contrary to orders and skylarking, the result being their upset and fortunate escape from serious injury.

The announcement from Ottawa that the Allan, Dominion and Beaver Steamship Companies do not intend to have their steamers call at Halifax this coming winter, but will make Portland, Maine, the Winter Port of Canada, is serious news. We only hope there is some mistake and that it is not true. The loss to a large section of working men in Halifax will be great if they are deprived of the employment usually open to them during the hardest part of the year.

At about 11 o'clock on Tuesday night a fire broke out in the unoccupied lumber and planing mill at Amherst, lately operated by Foster & Allen, and owned by the estate of the late W. M. Fullerton, situated close to the Rail way track, not far from the station. In less than half an hour the extensive buildings were entirely consumed; but as they were isolated the fire was confined there. A large quantity of lumber was close by, which was saved by the work of the steam engine. There was considerable machinery in the building, which was destroyed. The insurance on the property was \$6,000, half of it in the Eastern.

Mrs. Frank Leslie was married in New York on Oct. 6th, to William Wilde, brother of Oscar Wilde. Mr. Wilde will remain in America, and will take charge of his wife's business as editor and general manager of her publications.

A murder, which looks like the work of the Mafia, was committed at New Orleans a few days ago. Gaetano Barregho, an Italian, was assassinated during a game of cards in an Italian saloon. His body was riddled with bullets. The police have arrested the proprietor of the place and several others.

Ten thousand dollars' worth of dresses and ball and party costumes were seized by the Custom officials on the arrival of the steamer *La Bretagne* in New York on Sunday. They were the creations of Worth, Felix and other Parisian dressmakers. A woman, supposed to be the agent of a large importing house, attempted to smuggle the gowns into port without paying the duty.

Dr. Francis Rivers and Signor Carlo Del Rio, late of the military staff of President Balmaceda, of Chili, arrived at Cincinnati on Monday. Neither can speak a word of English. They had with them Mr. Block, of California, as interpreter. Through him they said Balmaceda was not dead, all reports of suicide to the contrary notwithstanding, and that they expect to meet him either in New York or Europe.

Miss Clara Louise Kellogg, who is living at her summer home at New Hartford, was petting a strange dog last Saturday, when he seized a diamond ring she had taken from one hand and was holding in the other. The dog swallowed the jewel, which had cost the owner \$350 and the prima donna began negotiations for the purchase of the dog. The owner agreed to part with the dog for 50 cents, which Miss Kellogg gladly paid. The animal's value has now risen to \$350.50.

University Extension, which is undoubtedly the foremost educational topic of the day, has the first place in the November Popular Science Monthly. The article is by Prof. C. Hanford Henderson, and embodies the methods and plans of the American Society organized in behalf of the movement. Mr. W. F. Durfee, in concluding his account of the manufacture of steel, takes the reader among glowing furnaces and the giant arms of powerful machines, and embellishes his impressive description with many striking pictures. An essay on ornament among savage tribes, with many illustrations, is contributed by Prof. Frederick Starr. In Possibilities of Economic Botany, Prof. G. L. Goodale describes some of the plants that might be cultivated for food if any of our present food-plants should be lost. Mr. Carroll D. Wright, in the second of his Lessons from the Census, points out some serious defects in our mode of enumerating the people, and proposes definite measures for its improvement. The making of Reef-knot Nets is described, with figures, by William Churchill. M. Lazar Popoff ascribes the Origin of Painting to a belief of primitive man that he could put spells upon animals through pictures of them. An account of the career of James Curtis Booth is given, with a full-page portrait. In the Editor's table, University Extension and the recent group of Scientific meetings at Washington are discussed.

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A mammoth fly-wheel in the Amoskeag Mills, Manchester, N. H., burst on Friday last, scattering death and destruction around. Three hands were killed and many injured.

George D. G. Moore, a former Surrogate of Essex County, N. J., died at his home, No. 83 Park Street, Newark, on Oct. 13th, of congestion of the lungs. Mr. Moore was seventy years of age, and had been married but one week before his death. His bride was Miss Mary Fitch, of Halifax. She was his second wife. Mr. Moore was born in Caldwell, N. J. He was connected with several financial institutions and was trustee of a number of estates. The day before the wedding, Mr. Moore made his will and bequeathed to his present widow his entire estate, which is said to be worth more than \$150,000.

William Redmond has been selected as the Parnellite candidate for the parliamentary seat for Cork made vacant by the death of Parnell.

A startling rumor, which is probably untrue, says that Russia has landed 34,000 troops in Turkey, and practically captured Constantinople.

The Province of Granada, in Spain, was visited by a terrific storm on Monday. The town of Granada and the whole surrounding country is inundated. Immense damage has been caused.

Sir Henry Parkes, Premier of New South Wales, has resigned as a result of the defeat of the government on the labor bill. It is reported that Sir Henry, owing to his advanced age, will now retire into private life. A new cabinet is to be formed by Mr. Dibbs, leader of the opposition.

The weather has been unusually tempestuous in Great Britain. Abnormally high tides, heavy rains, overflowed rivers and winds have all combined to make things very disagreeable over there. Floods have greatly damaged many districts, and grave fears are entertained for the safety of Sandgate, a small town on the English Channel, which has suffered from the tides. The loss of live stock is great, and many buildings weakened by floods have collapsed. Live stock has also suffered severely, and great losses are said to have occurred. There are also some losses of human life reported, which is not wonderful, considering that the inhabitants of some towns had to be rescued in boats. These floods will prove a great hardship to the poor, who never have too much comfort.

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