

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The estate of the late Sir William Young, the benefactor of Halifax, has been appraised at \$278,000.

A subscriber writes:—"Truro is going ahead at a remarkable pace, new buildings on all sides. Business is on a safe basis, and the volume of trade in this inland town would open your eyes if you saw the figures."

The pipes for the water works at New Glasgow have arrived, and the contract for the construction has been let. Charlottetown, Kentville, Bridgetown and Springhill, are now agitating the question of a water supply.

The absence of rain, which has prevailed all over this Province, more or less, for the last six or eight weeks, occasions much uneasiness to our farmers, who fear that their growing crops—lately very promising—may be seriously injured for lack of moisture.

The Grand Trunk railway authorities evidently think there is money to be made in the Canadian Northwest, and do not intend that the C. P. R. shall hold the monopoly of the trade. The Grand Trunk purpose building a railway from Vancouver eastward to connect with one of the existing systems and with the G. T. railway.

Have you read the Jubilee Number of *THE CRITIC*? If not, send for it at once. It is essentially a home production, and home talent should be encouraged. Fourteen hundred copies still remain on hand, and can be obtained as follows:—Single copy, ten cents; three copies, twenty-five cents; fifteen copies, one dollar. Address, A. M. FRASER, Business Manager, *CRITIC* Office, Halifax.

The many friends of the Very Rev. Canon Carmody are much pleased to note that the Rev. gentleman has been elevated to the position of Vicar-General in the diocese of Halifax, made vacant by the death of the Very Rev. Monsignor Power. Canon Carmody is a priest of upwards of forty years' standing, and has labored most faithfully in many parts of the Province. In Windsor Canon Carmody made a host of friends, all of whom will join with us in congratulating him upon his elevation to the present position.

The American fishermen are again getting into hot water. The *Annie W. Hodgson*, of Gloucester, has been seized at Shelburne for violation of the Customs Laws, and a fine of \$400 imposed upon her owners. The cruiser *Critie* has captured two American seineboats off Souris, P. E. I., which belonged to the American schooners *Col. J. H. French* and *Argonaut*, which were within two miles of the shore, with the bait and schools of mackerel, both within our three mile limit. The Americans will be forced to acknowledge that our fisheries are not worthless.

While fishing off the south side of Cape Sable Island, Mr. Prince W. Penney and his son discovered a huge fish some distance away, which, on closer inspection, they found to be over ten feet in length, exclusive of the tail, which was long and tapering. Mr. Penney had intended to attack it, but it looked so formidable that he thought it best to retire without offering battle. The Cape Sable *Advertiser*, on the authority of veteran fishermen, says that the great fish was a "thrasher." Had the *Advertiser* wished to be sensational, it might have trumped up a summer sea-serpent in a penny edition.

John Perley MacDonald, of Toronto, aged 17, son of the manager of the Confederation Life Association, was accidentally shot while taking a row on the lake near Toronto. The volunteers were practising on the rifle ranges on shore, and a bullet from one of the rifles, which was wide of its mark, passed through the side of the boat and entered the young man's thigh, death followed within a few hours, and the inconsolable relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of community. The authorities should see to it that rifle practice is carried on where there can be no danger of such unfortunate accidents happening.

An unfortunate murder, the outcome of a family quarrel, was committed in Beaver Harbor on Saturday last. A young man named George Currie undertook to force an entrance into the house of his uncle, Henry Hawbolt. Currie had followed the latter along the road for three-quarters of a mile, and his uncle, on seeing that the young man was bent on a quarrel, had taken down his loaded gun and threatened to shoot him if he came inside the door. Currie endeavored to seize the weapon, and in so doing it was discharged, whether by accident or purposely remains to be proved. The buckshot, with which it was loaded, entered his left side, and death resulted in a few hours. Hawbolt is now in custody, and expresses great grief over the death of his young nephew.

The Executive of the Dominion Artillery Association has been notified that the National Artillery Association cannot send over a team from England this year to take part in the Canadian artillery competitions, which commence on the Isle of Orleans, below Quebec, on Sept. 5th. The jubilee celebrations in the Mother Country appear to have knocked on the head the project of sending out an English team this year. No response is to hand in respect to the invitation forwarded from Canada, through Col. Oswald, to the Scottish Artillery Association, but Captain Donaldson, Secretary of the D. A. A., has received a communication from a friend in Dorsetshire, intimating that a team of artillery from that country may possibly visit Canada if satisfactory arrangements can be made. The prospects for the meet at Quebec are, on the whole, very satisfactory.

It is probable that Mr. Sol Smith Russell, the distinguished comedian, who appears at the Academy of Music next week in "Edgewood Folk," will attract a large audience. Those who enjoy a laugh, and who does not? should not fail to attend.

The Kermesse which took place at Bloomingdale, the private grounds of the Hon. A. G. Jones, was a grand success, \$600 having been realized. The costumes of the young ladies who waited upon the tables in the booths were picturesque and effective. One little Miss, who was dressed as a German peasant girl, was very much admired. Miss Alice Jones, to whom is due the credit of having pushed the Kermesse to a successful issue, deserves the thanks of all those interested in the building of the Cathedral at Halifax.

Owing to the poor houses that have patronized their performances, the Redmund-Barry Company have brought their Halifax engagement to an abrupt close. Mr. Redmund and Mrs. Barry were tendered a benefit on Wednesday and the play selected was "Lady Audley's Secret." Those who attended enjoyed a rare treat in Mrs. Barry's impersonation of Lady Audley. The character fully brought into play her thorough mastery of elocution, and in some of the scenes she was almost sublime. Miss Amelia Watts made a spirited Alice Audley, Wm. Redmund acted the part of Robert Audley with his usual care and fidelity, and Luke Marks (Wm. M. Fairbanks), was a capitally acted character.

In the course of his career as a showman, Barnum says he has taken \$80,000,000 "at the door."

Mrs. Cleveland has been invited to write a short story, at her own price, for one of the leading magazines.

The light on the Bartholdi Liberty Statue, it is stated officially, is visible twenty-three miles beyond Sandy Hook on a clear evening.

A temple and hospital, to be used exclusively for the benefit of the Chinese inhabitants of New York and suburbs, will be opened shortly in that city.

The Hudson County, N. J., Board of Freeholders are preparing for the construction of a great boulevard from one end of the county to the other, to cost \$1,000,000 or more.

Provision has been made, through the generosity of Simon B. Chittenden, of Brooklyn, for the erection on the Yale University grounds, of a library building, which will cost \$100,000.

The Government of the United States has collected since 1863, a period of twenty-three fiscal years, a tax on the production, manufacture, and sale of tobacco, amounting to \$720,000,000.

Since 1876 the exact locality of the resting place of President Lincoln was a secret known only to a few gentlemen. April 14th the body was removed and placed in the vault where it cannot be reached by grave robbers.

In a communication to the American Academy of Sciences, Captain C. E. Dutton gives a calculation of the depth of the Charleston earthquake centrum, which puts it at the enormous distance of twelve miles below the earth's surface.

The generator in a soda water fountain, in Bridgetown, Connecticut, exploded, crippling for life the clerk in attendance. The proprietors of soda water fountains should warn their employees not to meddle with the generators unless they understand their management.

Four young women with gilded spades broke the sod for the excavation for the foundation of the new art museum at Princeton. The Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke, Jun., D. D., delivered the oration. Dr. William C. Prime's \$60,000 collection of porcelain and pottery will be the chief attraction.

A committee of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has drawn up a petition requesting Secretary Whitney not to sign the death warrant of the old flagship *Hartford*, but to keep her, as the English preserved Nelson's flagship *Victory*, as a constant reminder of the achievement of the U. S. navy.

A statement prepared at the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shows that there are thirty-seven factories engaged in the manufacture of artificial butter now in operation in the United States. Chicago has eleven. The amount consumed yearly in that country is about 40,000,000 lbs.

Rev. Andrew Gray, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, Mass., who is well and favorably known by several Church of England congregations in this Province, has resigned his rectorship in Chelsea. The Rev. gentleman, before leaving, was the recipient of several handsome gifts, among others was a gold headed cane from the colored citizens of Chelsea.

There is going to be another total eclipse on August 18, and a company of astronomers has been organized to go to Japan and observe it. The expedition will be under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences, which body also furnishes the required funds. It will be under the charge of Prof. David P. Todd, Director of the Observatory at Amherst.

Sir John Thurston, Lieut.-Governor of the Fiji Islands, is now in Washington. It has leaked out that his object is to attend an important meeting regarding Western Pacific affairs, in which the United States is taking a friendly interest. Exactly what the meeting will be cannot be said, but it is known that representatives of Great Britain, the United States and Germany will be present, and it is believed that Samoan matters will be talked over, and that some kind of a triple alliance of these Governments will be arranged. Although the Samoan Islands possess a King, the Government of the Islands is in a most unsatisfactory state, the condition being not unlike that of the Sandwich Islands.