

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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It is rumored that the deal between the Manitoba Government and the Northern Pacific Railway is "off."

There has been a cold "dip" in Manitoba and the Territories, but reports from many points seem to agree that no material damage was done.

An American lady, wife of Major Howes, who was fishing on the Tobique, has been shot, it is supposed by two poachers named Day and Trafton.

The "Terminal City" enterprise in Cape Breton is being pushed forward with much energy. It is said the company intend to run a line of steamers to Europe.

The death is announced, in his seventy-third year, after a protracted illness, of the Hon. Jno. Ferguson, Senator for New Brunswick. Mr. Ferguson was called to the Senate in 1867.

One of the recent cases of assault was on a little girl nine years of age near Maniwaki, (Ottawa.) The unfortunate child has died from her injuries. We shall now look out for some mawkish sympathy.

Sir Henry Tyler, President of the Grand Trunk, has arrived in New York from England, and was expected to arrive in Montreal yesterday. It is understood his present visit is on important official business.

Murder has been rife of late. Three murderers are now in custody. The Indian Jacob, who murdered his wife; Casa, who shot the old man Pilon; and Wesley Loveless for the shooting of Lesley Church near Trenton, Ont.

Manitoba is repeating the general experience of those who do things in too great a hurry. Only the energetic remonstrances of the press seem to have prevented Mr. Greenway's Government from concluding an exceedingly bad bargain with the Northern Pacific Railway Company.

The Dominion Illustrated of last week contains a portrait of the Hon. W. S. Fielding, Premier of Nova Scotia. It would be a decidedly good likeness if it were not that the outline of the hon. gentleman's face, as portrayed, strikes us as not quite giving the effect of what it would appear in profile.

Some curiosity is excited about the broken engagement of the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Customs, with Mrs. Stephenson, of Napanee, Ont. The apparently faithless lover is 64 years of age; the lady, it is said, 45, and attractive. Rumor has it that the fact of the lady having only a life interest in her money has prejudiced matters.

The laying of the corner stone of the new City Hall was on Saturday last successfully accomplished by His Worship the Mayor, assisted by the Aldermen and a number of other citizens. The erection of the building is progressing very well, and it now looks as if the contractors' promise to have it roofed in by the 1st of October will be fulfilled.

The Missionary meeting at the Academy of Music on Wednesday evening was remarkable from the presence of four Hindoos, one of them, it is said, a high caste lady, the daughter of a Brahmin Priest. If these foreigners are what they are represented to be, their presence affords further evidence of the gradual progress in India of Christian principles and European ideas.

There is no truth whatever in the rumors which were circulated that Private Thaine of the York & Lancaster, who died from the effects of bad liquor purchased at some groggery in the city, had succumbed to liquor doctored in the officers' mess in order to detect a thief. No liquor had been missed from the mess, and consequently none had been drugged for the purpose of detection.

Much discussion has been evoked by the dismissal, by the governors of King's College, of Canon Brock from the presidency of that institution on account of his advocacy of Consolidation at the Episcopal Synod. The governors subsequently maintained that the causes of dismissal embraced the ex-president's general course of conduct for the last two years, but the minute of dismissal fails to bear out this contention.

If the "World's Fayre" commands the same attendance up to the end of the week that has distinguished its first three days, it will be, as the efforts of all concerned deserve it should be, a brilliant success. The opening night was a great crush, and the attendance does not seem to have fallen off. The general effect of the Fayre is excellent, and all its details are in keeping. Everyone will wish that the unselfish labors of the promoters may reap the reward of that material assistance to the cause of art they have so generously worked for.

The visit of Sir John Macdonald to Halifax has been somewhat marred by the persistent storm of Wednesday, which defeated the plan of the picnic which had been arranged to take place at the Prince's Lodge. Sir John, however, held an informal reception at the Halifax on Monday afternoon, at which many citizens of Halifax were either presented, or renewed their acquaintance with the Premier. On Wednesday Sir John dined at the "Fayre," and a large number of persons from all parts of the country were introduced to him. Owing to the failure of the picnic, Sir John is understood to have promised to revisit us at an early date. At present he has proceeded on his trip to Cape Breton, which it is hoped he and Lady Macdonald will enjoy as much as they seem to have done their stay in Halifax.

Edward Sutherland Hanlan, infant son of Edward Hanlan the oarsman, who is now in Australia, has been burned to death by his clothes catching fire from some matches with which he was playing.

A fearful nautical calamity occurred on the 14th inst., 30 miles south of Sable Island. Two Danish steamers belonging to the same company, and bound respectively to and from New York, came into collision at 4.30 a. m. It was raining hard, with some sea on. The *Geiser* sank in five minutes with 119 souls. The *Thingwalla* reached Halifax with an enormous hole in her bows. A few of the *Geiser's* crew and passengers were saved by her. It is almost certain there must have been a lack of vigilance, but the affair is to be investigated at Copenhagen. One account states that the *Geiser's* helm was put over the wrong way.

By a decision of the Supreme Court of Minnesota, the consignee, and not the consignor of goods shipped through a common carrier, will, in the absence of proof to the contrary, be deemed the owner thereof.

The rumor is revived (according to the *Canadian American*) of the engagement of Mr. Chamberlain and Miss Endicott, and that the marriage will take place probably at the beginning of the year. It is also said that Mr. C. will probably revisit New York about the end of September.

A great syndicate has been formed to amalgamate the Breweries of New York in one gigantic company. Every penny of the £620,000 of stock was subscribed at once; the capital being English. This syndicate evidently does not take much stock in the probabilities of Prohibition in New York!

No less than four of the fastest ocean steamers left New York for Europe between 2 and 4 o'clock p.m. last Saturday. They were the French steamer *La Bourgogne*, the German Lloyd's *Ems*, the Inman *City of New York*, and the Cunard *Umbria*. The idea of an actual race is deprecated, but there is little doubt it will actually be one.

In concluding his speech in the Senate, Mr. Gray declared his belief that the honor and fame and reputation of the country were preserved by the fisheries treaty, and that if it should be rejected, and if the troubles and annoyances to American fishermen should be renewed, the responsibility therefore would fall upon those who had voted to reject the treaty.

If the *New York Commercial Advertiser* is to be believed, Mr. Leary has done a considerable amount of dodging (not to speak of a little perjury) in evading duties on material connected with the great raft. That journal charges him with making affidavit that \$6,000 worth of chain used in its construction was wire rigging, and other material for rigging a ship, the raft being called a "ship," though it had not the slightest pretension to the name. The *Advertiser* concludes "that either our Government or the Canadian Government will have been euchred out of some duties."

It is predicted that the English wheat crop this-year will be one-third under that of 1887.

King Otto, of Bavaria, is sinking fast, his fits of insanity having become more and more frequent.

The Pan-Anglican Conference has declared in favor of recognising the ministry of non-Episcopalian dissenting bodies.

Advices from Cayenne, French Guiana, state that the business portion of that city has been destroyed by fire. The loss is \$2,000,000.

The Pope's indisposition appears to have been rheumatism, and we are glad to learn that His Holiness has been able to receive a deputation.

Tobacco-growing in England is not likely to be persevered in. It is possible to grow it of fair quality, but the cost is too great. No more prizes will be awarded.

It is semi-officially stated that Russia, Germany, England, and Austria will support Italy in declaring that the "capitulations" treaty does not apply to Massowah.

The strong speeches of the Emperor seem to be having the effect of making France cool and wary, and deterring the French newspapers from any rash utterances.

General Boulanger is not quite dead yet. He has been elected to the Chamber for the Department of Somme, and also heads the polls in Charente and the Norde.

Prof. Perrin, who was charged with attempting to shoot Gen. Boulanger, claimed he was knocked down by Gen. Boulanger, and that he fired in self-defence. He has been released.

The Paris papers concur in the opinion that the appointment of Gen. Von Walderze to be chief of the general staff of the German army, is a triumph for the war party in Germany.

Signor Crispi, the Italian Prime Minister, will visit Prince Bismarck at Friedrichsruhe next week. It is believed their meeting will serve to strengthen the alliance between Germany and Italy.

The *Star* says T. P. O'Connor, its editor and M. P. for Liverpool, and Mr. John Redmond, M. P., for Wexford, have entered action for libel against the *Times* in the English Court of Queen's bench.

Sir Chas. Tupper has gone to the Crofter districts in Scotland to enquire how far their emigration to Canada may be valuable. He will also visit the Glasgow Exhibition and inspect the Canadian court.

The first Persian railway was opened in June. It runs from Teheran to a point ten miles out of the city. The difficulty of transporting material made the expense very heavy—nearly \$40,000 a mile.

M. DeGiers and Count Herbert Bismarck representing Russia and Germany, have agreed to appoint a joint commission to consider measures to improve the economic relations between the two countries.