

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The I C R summer time table goes into effect on Monday next.

A swimming bath is being constructed in Amherst by Messrs Christie Bros. & Co.

The metal workers of Halifax have succeeded in obtaining a nine hours working day.

In the St. John murder case the man Watts has been found guilty of manslaughter.

An English syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of Nova Scotia's sugar refineries.

The Nova Scotia military camp will take place in September. New Brunswick Division will go into camp this month.

Her Excellency Lady Stanley of Preston and suite arrived at Quebec in the steamer *Sardini* from England on Sunday last.

The first edition of the *Amherst Daily Press* was issued on Saturday last from the office of the *Weekly Press*. It is deserving of success.

The fishery protection cruisers are ordered to get ready for sea. The *Vigilant* is being prepared and will probably be the first cruiser out.

The Ontario elections took place yesterday. Coming so late in the week we are unable to obtain the returns previous to going to press.

Principal Grant, of Queens University, Kingston, Ont., has been elected president of the Royal Society, and Dr. Bourinot has been elected secretary.

Moncton is having a Y. M. C. A. building erected. Its dimensions are 50 by 100 feet with an adjoining one 75 by 125 feet. It is to be fitted up in the most approved style.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived in Ottawa on Wednesday. They are the guests of His Excellency Lord Stanley and Lady Stanley of Preston at Rideau Hall.

H. M. S. *Thrush*, commanded by Prince George of Wales, is not expected to arrive at Halifax before the end of the month, as the ship will call at the Azores and Bermuda before coming here.

The steamer *Halifax* has been making remarkably quick trips lately. On her last week's trip to Boston she left Halifax at 8 o'clock, a. m., on Wednesday and arrived in Boston at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning.

Trade returns for the ten months ending May 1st show an increase of \$4,500,000 in imports and \$7,500,000 in exports as compared with the corresponding period last year. The duty collected shows an increase of \$500,000.

It is reported that Mr Rykert considers his re-election a vindication of his conduct, and that he will now resign his seat for Lincoln and give up political life. This is a course which will meet with the approval of the general public.

An explosion of dynamite occurred at Belle Aire, Agricola Street, on Friday afternoon last about 4.30 o'clock. Considerable damage was done in the vicinity, but no lives were lost. The dynamite was for use in blasting in a sewer, and was undergoing the process of being thawed out when it exploded.

The Committee of Laws and Privileges, appointed to consider the protest of Mr. Chewynd against the return of Alderman Dennis for ward 2 have reported to the City Council that they find the proceedings at the election and the return regular and according to the ordinary practice in such cases.

The ceremonies in connection with the closing of Acadia College, Wolfville, took place this week. The graduating class numbered nineteen, the largest class ever graduated in arts from any college in the Maritime Provinces. Wolfville was looking particularly lovely, and a large number of visitors were present.

The *Maritime Agriculturist* says:—"It is pleasing to note the rapid strides that are being made in introducing highly bred sires into the stables of the Provinces. We feel confident that the Maritime Provinces can now produce more trotting blood than any place in the Dominion, and if proper care is taken of the colts of these sires, we will be able to show to buyers as fine a line of horse flesh as they could wish."

D. W. Nicholl, General Passenger Agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal, has our thanks for a map, showing in the most comprehensive manner the Canadian Pacific Railway, its branches and steamship connections, from ocean to ocean. The map is divided into two parts, one showing the entire route from Halifax to Vancouver, and the other a large scale extending from Halifax to a little beyond Winnipeg. The map is attractive in appearance, and the letter press remarkably clear, making the work of finding places comparatively easy.

We have received from Mr. Weld, editor and proprietor of the *Farmer's Advocate* of London, Ont., and Winnipeg, Man., a copy of his subscription picture, "Canada's Pride," which shows to great advantage the portraits of nine celebrated draught horses. A description of each horse, together with his ownership, will be found on the margin of the picture. Mr. Weld has had this work engraved to be used as a subscription prize. Those who wish to obtain copies in frames may do so by sending five new subscribers at \$1.00 a year to the *Farmer's Advocate*. The picture measures 24x36 inches, and would be of interest to all farmers. Horses, such as are portrayed in this picture, ought indeed to be "Canada's Pride."

Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison, of St. John, N. B., have offered the sum of \$500 in prizes for butter at St. John's great show this year. This is a praise worthy effort to stimulate this branch of industry. We hope it will have the desired result, and trust that our people will likewise awake to the necessity of improving the quality of our butter.

The cable for the Halifax Bermuda line was shipped by the steamer *Westmeath* from England on May 23rd. It is 87.4 miles in length and weighs 2,061 tons. The Henley Telegraph Co. Limited were the manufacturers. Communication will be established by the 24th inst. An interesting feature in connection with the laying of this cable is that it is the first to cross the Gulf Stream. The tariff will be three shillings a word between Halifax and Bermuda and four shillings from England.

The cable steamer *Winn* accomplished a feat of submarine cable repairing last week which Capt. Trott claims was never before done in such a short time. The *Winn* left Halifax at 6 o'clock on Monday evening last to repair the short cable between St. Pierre, Miquelon and Duxbury, Mass. The break was located at a spot 90 miles from this port. While at work there Capt. Trott was notified of a break in the main line of the Direct Cable Company, and instructing him to proceed immediately to locate and repair the same. He completed the repairs to the Duxbury cable and then steamed to the break in the main line, a spot 290 miles from Halifax. This was speedily located and repaired, and by midnight on Wednesday the direct line was again in working order. In the accomplishment of this feat three days were occupied in steaming.

A terrible railway accident occurred near San Francisco on May 29th. A local train went through the open draw bridge over San Antonio Creek. About twenty-five lives were lost.

Representatives from the cedar producing districts of Michigan have petitioned Congress to put a protective duty on cedar poles; they claim that they suffer from competition with Canada.

A Chicago company proposes to erect a steel tower 1,500 feet high at a cost of \$2,000,000 in that city. It is a purely private enterprise, but the intention is to inaugurate it in connection with the Columbus exhibition, and to thereafter maintain it as a permanent show.

We have received two numbers of *The Literary Digest*, a new weekly publication, from New York. It contains many articles of interest, selected as its name implies from various sources. Published by Funk and Wagnalls, 18-20 Astor Place, New York. Subscription price \$3.00 a year.

The monument to General Robert E. Lee, erected by the ladies of the South, was unveiled at Richmond, Va., in the presence of a great multitude of people on the 29th ult. The streets of the city had been elaborately decorated for the occasion, from all the business buildings were strung streamers in which the colors of the Confederacy blended with the national emblem. The State colors of Maryland and Virginia were liberally displayed. On many buildings portraits of the leaders of the lost cause, wreathed in laurel, were prominently displayed. On some of the buildings were hung battle flags, tattered and torn.

Sir George Burns, head of the Cunard Steamship Company, is dead.

The Guinness Brewery Co. has voluntarily raised the wages of all the workmen one shilling a week.

A Paris correspondent says Count Herbert Bismarck is engaged to the eldest daughter of Lady Dudley.

The sultan of Zanzibar has conferred upon Surgeon Parke, Stanley's physician, the order of the Star of Zanzibar.

The Congress of the Argentine Republic has passed a bill providing that one-half of the Customs duties shall be payable in gold.

It has been settled that Prince Albert Victor is to marry his cousin the Princess Mary of Teck. The Duke of Teck is to be invested with the order of the Garter.

The Derby race run on Wednesday was won by Sainfon, Le Nord second and Orwell third. The stakes were 5,000 sovereigns first, 400 second and 200 third.

Mount Aetna is in a violent state of activity, pouring forth great volumes of fire and smoke. The residents in the vicinity are alarmed, as it is believed a dangerous eruption is imminent.

The Bey of Tunis has decreed that every negro domestic in his dominions must be given a certificate of freedom, and that employers who do not comply with this regulation will be fined.

President Carnot has not granted a pardon to the Duke of Orleans, who was arrested in February last for violating the decree of exile. The Duke was conducted to the frontier during the night.

Mlle. Feodorovna, who escaped from Siberia, has reached Paris. She suffered much hardship. She has had many hairbreadth escapes from pursuers and was once recaptured. She is now a consumptive.

The Emin Relief Committee has received a letter from Dr. Peters, dated Bubahya, Uganda. Dr. Peters says he is about to commence his return journey to Bagamoyo and will travel by way of Uxkuningog.

The Governments of Europe are negotiating with a view to common action for suppressing Anarchism. Germany is taking the lead. The only obstacle is England's objection to extraditing political offenders.

The northern part of Sofia has been wrecked by a hurricane. The loss of life is considerable. The soldiers killed and injured number eleven. The loss among the inhabitants has not yet been ascertained. The damage to the palace amounts to \$300,000.