

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

George P. Thomas, a barrister of Moncton, has been committed for trial upon a charge of perjury.

The barque *M. J. E. Conn*, from Barbadoes, arrived at Sydney on Monday, having on board one or two cases of small pox. She was placed immediately in quarantine.

A report from Montreal states that a huge swindle by a coal firm has been discovered, and that the customs authorities have made, in consequence, a seizure of a large quantity of coal.

Those attending the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Winnipeg have no reason to complain of the hospitality of that city. Nothing was left undone to make their stay in the capital of Manitoba a pleasant one.

The cricket match between the Garrison and the Wanderers, was concluded on Saturday, and resulted in the latter being defeated by 42 runs. It is to be hoped that "our boys" will be able to redeem their laurels before the season is over.

Another libel suit has been brought by Mr. F. C. Sumichrast against Prof. H. Y. Hind. It is claimed that the latter improperly published certain admissions made by the plaintiff in connection with the former suit, with the object of injuring him.

According to the Hon. Mr. Abbott, the Short Line between Montreal and the Maritime winter ports is now all under contract, and being rapidly constructed, and the Canada Pacific Railway Company always intended establishing the winter port in one of the Maritime Provinces.

Corporal Taylor, of the 63rd, (Book-keeper at Anderson, Billing & Co.'s), left for Quebec on Monday evening, *en route* for Wimbledon. He is the only Nova Scotian representative. Many of his friends saw him off, and he was presented with a handsome field-glass, in token of good wishes.

There are rumors of Sir John's retirement from political life after his visit to England. That he is then to go to Washington as British Minister, and that he will recommend the Governor-General to send for Sir Hector Langevin. All of which may be taken for what it is worth, which is probably very little.

The Queen's Jubilee Souvenir is a neat little guide of Halifax of over a hundred pages, replete with useful information and amusing anecdotes. Its author and publisher, Mr. J. S. Knowles, is deserving of great credit for his enterprise, and as the book is sold at the low price of ten cents it should be in the hands of all.

The first number of the *Educational Review* has just been published. The joint editors are Principal McKay, of Pictou Academy; Principal Anderson, of Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown; and G. H. Hay, Ph. B., of St. John. It is filled with matter exceedingly interesting to teachers, and ought to be liberally supported.

Last Saturday morning, at an early hour, building at the south end of the city, occupied by Mr. E. Gibson as a planing mill, and Messrs. Nelson & Bates as a "latherine" factory, was discovered to be on fire. The flames made such headway that the efforts of the firemen were fruitless, and almost the whole of the building was destroyed. Both the occupants are heavy losers, as there was no insurance on the stock.

The city was startled on Tuesday by the announcement of the death of the Very Rev. Monsignor Power, which occurred very suddenly on that morning. He had been suffering for some time from heart troubles, but was up to within half an hour of his death engaged in his usual duties. He was one of the most respected and popular clergymen in the diocese, and had many sincere friends amongst those outside of the denomination to which he belonged.

The Encœnia of King's College will be celebrated on the last day of the month, and the exercises will be of the usual interesting nature. There will be an address by the President, opening exercises, and the conferring of degrees. Rev. C. LeV. Brine, B. A., is the valedictorian, and Governor Richey will deliver an address. There will also be addresses by distinguished men from abroad and the Jubilee Address to the Queen will be read. The general public is cordially invited.

The *Art Interchange*, of May 21st, has reached us, accompanied by a colored "Study of a Head," by Miss E. C. King, which has considerable merit. It contains also various highly artistic designs for china and other painting, and much interesting matter. The price (20c.) is certainly very low for a high-class art publication. (W. Whitlock, 37 W., 22nd St., New York).

Among many Jubilee numbers we received, the *Canadian American*, Chicago, successfully challenges commendation. The very numerous articles it contains are by writers of high repute. The portraits of prominent English and Canadian Americans which it contains give it a somewhat special interest. The letter-press is unexceptional, both in literary quality and in appearance, and it is contained in a handsome cover. Price 25c. Jaffray Brothers, Chicago, New York, Minneapolis.

The peasantry and tenants around Bodyke are somewhat puzzled between Mr. Davitt's incitements to resistance, and Mr. Parnell's exhortations to patience.

Turkestan, as well as Mexico, has been visited by earthquake shocks. Over a hundred persons are said to have perished in the former, including the Governor-General Fried.

A military force has left Chester for the purpose of quelling riots in N. Wales.

General Boulanger is about to receive a command in the French army, an opening having been effected for him by the military authorities.

The Crimes Bill has passed the committee stage, the Gladstonians withdrawing from the House at the divisions. The report stage is fixed for the 27th.

We have not noticed any confirmation of a late rumor of the quiet passage through the House of Lords of a bill which would create a revolution in land tenure in England.

Despatches from Zanzibar state that a slave dhow attacked the launch of a British man-of-war and wounded an officer and five men. Those on the launch retaliated, and sunk the dhow, and rescued 43 slaves.

Owing to a section of the public displaying a disloyal feeling at a meeting called by the Mayor to take action in regard to the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, a mass meeting of 20,000 citizens was held at Sydney, N. S. W., on the 16th inst., at which a resolution expressing their devotion to the Queen was passed.

At a conference of Gladstone and Parnellite members, a section of the latter agreed to abandon their policy of violent protest, in deference to the wishes of their Gladstonian allies. The more cautious instincts of the veteran parliamentary tactician have probably succeeded the first burst of red-hot enthusiasm in the G. O. M.

Honors in the Peerage and in the orders are about to fall thick. The marquises of Salisbury, Lansdowne, Bute, and Bath, have been mentioned for Dukedoms, but Lord Salisbury is said to have declined, and in the case of Lord Bute, it is curious to note that the names of Lady Flora Hastings are yet unappeared in this year of Jubilee.

HOW HALIFAX CELEBRATED THE JUBILEE.

The long prepared for Jubilee celebration is now an event of the past, and if ever people were satiated with enjoyment it must be the citizens of Halifax and the thousands of visitors who flocked into the city by rail, water and coach. Tuesday was the day officially appointed for the celebration, and it was a most happy selection for this city, as it was the Natal day of Halifax.

Our loyal citizens do nothing by halves, and accordingly a programme was prepared which, for diversity and interest, excelled anything offered in the Dominion. We say this with no intention of boasting, as with the aid of the regular garrison and the fleet of war ships, Halifax is enabled to give grand military and naval demonstrations that are not to be witnessed elsewhere on this continent. There was something to gratify every taste. The Art exhibition for the cultured; the grand ball for the fashionable; the children's assembly to delight parents and pupils, and show the interest of the masses in the great subject of education. Then there were races and sports, reviews and military and naval operations on the harbor, concerts and operas, the whole providing a most interesting entertainment.

Both Tuesday and Wednesday were devoted to the celebration, but it was inaugurated on Sunday by impressive religious services in all the churches. Monday was Accession Day, and it was duly honored by a royal salute from the ships of war.

On Monday evening the Jubilee ball at the exhibition rink was a perfect success. The rink had been most beautifully decorated, the committee having this important matter in charge deserving great praise. Over 300 were on the floors, and dancing was kept up well into Tuesday morning. The band of the 66th furnished the music, and, while at the beginning of the evening they were rather off time in their waltzes, they rapidly improved, and later on played faultlessly. The supper was excellent and bountiful, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the hungry dancers. Off the ballroom was a luxuriously furnished drawing-room, and back of this was a sylvan retreat, a perfect little park of shrubbery provided with tents and snug bowers, where flirtations could be indulged in, free from the prying eyes of watchful chaperones or anxious mamas. There was a great superfluity of chairs in some of the tents, and in future the committee may as well reduce the lumber to two. As it was, none would intrude when a loving couple was noticed within. The flag tents caused much amusement, as their limited dimensions were often made apparent by protruding feet. So in the giddy whirl of the waltz, the exhilarating galop and the quiet promenade, the hours flew rapidly by, and the Jubilee ball came to a close much too soon for most of the participants.

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION.

Fond parents whose hearts were bent on seeing their little ones assemble on the citadel, to raise their childish voices in songs of praise and thanksgiving that England's good Queen had been spared to rule so long and so well, were up betimes and were delighted to find that the weather gave promise of the charming day that followed. A warm south-east wind cleared away the few lowering clouds, the sun poured down its cheerful light, and all nature seemed in unison with the jubilee. At six o'clock the fleet was astir and twenty-one guns boomed out a grand salute. At eight o'clock a salute of fifty guns was fired from the citadel and gave due warning to hundreds of households, that the little ones must be dressed in their best "bib and tucker" and hurried away to their respective schools. The warning was hardly needed, as the children were all aglow with excitement, and if they could have had their way they would have been off at daylight. By half-past nine the north-west glacis of the citadel presented an animated appearance. Half way down the incline a platform had been erected, and above it, the school children, as they marched in, formed a solid square.