

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office, or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount inclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

Recently we sent our accounts to subscribers, many of whom are considerably in arrears, and who must understand that we have reached the end of our tether, and now demand immediate payment. Failure to respond will oblige us to take proceedings unpleasant alike to ourselves and to those in arrears.

Services were held in most of the city churches yesterday—Thanksgiving Day.

The Quarry Pond in Point Pleasant Park has been drained out and filled in.

Chief Justice Palmer of Prince Edward Island is dead. He was 80 years of age.

Mrs. Sophie Maclean, mother of the late J. S. Maclean, died on Thursday of last week, in the 91st year of her age.

A crop report just issued by the Manitoba Government estimates the average wheat yield for the season at 12.4 bushels per acre.

Alexis Ouellette, of St. Augustin, P. Q., a veteran of the war of 1812, died on the 28th ult., at the age of 100 years and 9 months.

The petition for repeal of the dual language section of the Territories Act has been adopted by the North-west Assembly by 17 to 2.

It is rumored that Lord Stanley, the Governor-General, will soon return home from the Pacific coast via San Francisco, Salt Lake City and Chicago.

H. K. Armsby, of Victoria, B. C., corroborates the statement that a constant stream of Chinamen is being smuggled into the United States through British Columbia.

The Dartmouth public schools are over-crowded, and the school committee recommend that the necessary steps be taken to provide three new school buildings next year.

The opening exercises in connection with the Presbyterian College, Halifax, took place in Chalmer's Church on Wednesday evening. A lecture was delivered by Principal McKnight.

T. B. Mack, who was tried for stealing a silver tea service from Mrs. Conway, and obtaining goods on false pretences from Harry Bleumenthal, has been sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

Fire was discovered in McNab's printing establishment—the top story of the Anderson building, corner of Prince and Bedford Row, shortly after six o'clock on Saturday evening. The damage is placed at over \$300.

The members of the city press visited the Protestant Industrial School on Wednesday afternoon and were very much pleased with the improvements made. We will give the subject of this beautiful institution a further notice at an early opportunity.

Delightful weather has enabled the farmers of Manitoba to do more ploughing and breaking up than has ever been done before. The year's work has been profitable, and twenty-five per cent. more land will be put under crop next spring than last.

The committee of the Halifax City Council appointed to consider the matter of securing a market site, have recommended the Council to obtain the fuel yard if possible, and to authorize the Mayor to re-open negotiations with the Imperial authorities to that end.

A Quebec despatch of the 24th ult. says that Bender, civil engineer of Montmagny, now in London, has cabled that he has succeeded in forming a powerful syndicate of English capitalists to build the Quebec bridge and a railway along the North Shore to the Straits of Belleisle.

A German settlement was started near Dunmore, on the C. P. R., a few months ago, when 25 families were located by the company and money advanced to them. It is now in a prosperous condition. The colony contains 400 persons of German extraction which will likely increase to 1,000 before next fall.

We have received an enquiry from England, as to the whereabouts of the children or grand-children of Mr. John Phillips, a shoemaker, who resided in Halifax in 1847. Any of our subscribers or readers who may know anything in reference to this family will confer a favor by communicating the same to the Editor of THE CRITIC.

The Sixth Fusiliers of Montreal are applying to the Militia Department for permission to adopt white facings instead of blue. This is the result of the visit of a team of the West Riding regiment to Ottawa in the summer, their broad white facings being much admired—all militia being royal have blue facings unless under special exception.

It is understood, says a late Ottawa despatch, that a new extradition treaty has been arranged between Great Britain and the Washington Government, and that in consequence of this the Weldon Act of last session will not be proclaimed by the Canadian Government pending the action of Congress upon the proposed treaty.

Says the *Island Reporter*:—"The picturesque locality of Eskasoni is reported to be terrified by three live 'Mohawks' who landed a few weeks ago in a round boat like a washtub, took to the woods and live by thefts from gardens, farms and fowl houses. They dress in primitive coats of skins, ornamented with typical Indian fringe, beads and warpaint, and carry fear to the hearts of the population generally, particularly after dark. We hope to have some thrilling particulars for next issue."

A deliberate attempt was made recently to wreck an Intercolonial train near Stellarton by placing a large piece of iron rail on the track. The engine of an accommodation struck the obstruction and a serious disaster was narrowly averted. It is to be hoped that the perpetrators of this deed will be captured and made to suffer for it.

The trade returns of Canada for the first quarter of the present fiscal year are most promising. The exports aggregate \$32,750,000, being \$5,500,000 in excess of the corresponding period of last year. The imports were \$31,500,000, an increase of over \$2,000,000 over the corresponding period of last year. The duty collected was \$6,400,000. The total trade shows an increase of \$7,500,000.

Says the *Yarmouth Times*:—"Mr. W. A. Godfrey yesterday showed us a vine of peanuts with well developed nuts attached, grown by Mr. H. E. Sabean, at New Tusket, from seed sown this season. They are on exhibition in the window of Johnson's piano warerooms. This is the first instance of peanut cultivation we have heard of in Canada and shows new possibilities of our soil and climate."

The *Eastern Journal* tells the following pathetic story:—"With the approach of winter one will be able to rid himself or herself, as the case may be, from those pests of insects known as fleas. The place was alive with them this summer. One young lady discovered a nest covered with them. She tried to get clear of them by shaking her garments out of the garret window, and then 'the world was all a flea-thing show.'"

The baby giraffe recently born at the Cincinnati Zoo has since died.

Steel is being turned out of a Reading, Pa., mill which is said to be superior to the Sheffield product.

The evidence in the Cronin murder case is strongly against the prisoners, and goes to show that the murder was most brutal in its details.

The Behring Sea question is the first one that Mr. Blaine expects will be brought forward by the British Minister when they begin to consider diplomatic matters.

Thirty tramps have been captured and gaoled in Lebanon Valley, Pennsylvania. The country is over-run with tramps, and they are committing numerous crimes.

Two thousand Indians occupying the Wind River reservation, just south of the Yellowstone National Park, are in want and many will die of starvation before spring.

Lynchers who were about to work off a young man at Columbia, S. C., for killing his mother-in-law, first held "appropriate religious exercises," and "sung a suitable hymn" as he was swung aloft.

The gifts obtained for John Hopkins University this year amount to \$137,000, which will keep it running for the next three years, by which time it is hoped that its securities will yield sufficient for its support.

A Sioux Indian named Henry Hokixina Lyman, twenty-two years old has entered Yale Law School, and intends to practice among his tribe when he has been graduated. He entered on the recommendation of the Indian College at Hampton, Va.

Madam Albani is to sing in opera in the United States during the present season, and is to be supported by the great tenor Tamagno. She is to sail for New York November 24th. It is possible that she will appear in concerts after her operatic tour is finished.

The American squadron of evolution commanded by acting Rear Admiral Walker, and composed entirely of new war vessels, to wit: The *Chicago* (flag ship), the *Boston*, *Yorktown*, *Atlanta* and *Dolphin*, will get to sea about the 10th of November, bound for Europe.

A cruel trick was played upon a Bangor, (Me.), maiden recently. The damsel in question is fat, and sensitive regarding her avoirdupois; but a couple of young men determined to find out her weight, and succeeded. One managed to stop the rotund damsel on the town hay scale, and while they talked the other wretch weighed the pair. When the young man's weight was subtracted from the whole, 301 pounds were left to the credit of the girl.

According to all accounts the daughters of millionaires in New York spend thousands of dollars each year on their clothes. There is, however, one happy exception to this rule in Miss Helen Gould, daughter of Jay Gould. Her taste does not incline to gorgeous and Parisian fripperies, but to house-keeping, to keeping the poor and teaching music to several young girls who cannot afford to pay for lessons. She does a great deal of good in her quiet way and cares nothing for gay society or display of any sort.

It is said that Robert Browning contemplates a visit to the United States in the spring.

The floods in Italy, owing to the overflow of the Po and other large rivers, are subsiding.

Dion Boucicault has been ordered by the court to pay \$30 monthly alimony to his divorced wife, nee Agnes Robertson.

Lord Charles Beresford has been appointed to the command of the war-ship *Undaunted*, first-class armoured cruiser, 5,600 tons, 8,500 horse power.

Lord Dangan settled the breach of promise of marriage case brought by Phyllis Broughton, the burlesque actress, by the payment of £2,500 and costs.

The name of Archduke John has been struck from the Austrian army list. It is stated in Brussels that the Archduke will join the staff of the New York *Herald*.