

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The summer carnival at Toronto seems to have been rather a failure.

The summer school of science will open in Parrsboro on the 21st inst.

It is said that the cherry crop at Bear River is going to be very light this year, and that prices will rule high.

The body of Francis Scott Key, who committed suicide by drowning in the Northwest Arm, was found on Saturday.

Mr. Mercier will go to Franco shortly to make arrangements for the consolidation of the Quebec Provincial loan.

The Toronto Methodist conference has passed a motion in favor of increasing the pastoral term from three to five years.

The death occurred at Dartmouth, on Saturday last, of Mrs. Joseph Howe. The deceased lady was in her eighty-fourth year.

The Shelburne *Budget* has made its appearance. It is a twenty-eight column journal, independent in politics and devoted to the business interests of Shelburne county.

Halifax received a grand send off from the *Toronto Globe* last Saturday. Its most attractive features were described and illustrated in a manner calculated to convey a pleasant impression to all who read it.

The swimming bath at Amherst was opened a few days ago to the public. Messrs. Christie Bros. & Co. deserve credit for this enterprise, which is productive of both health and pleasure to those who patronize it.

The 22nd annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Medical Society met at Granville Ferry on the 3rd inst. J. A. Coleman, M.D., of Granville Ferry, was elected president for the ensuing year. The next meeting is to be held in Baddeck.

The funeral of the late John Page, chief engineer of government canals, who died suddenly at Ottawa, took place at Brockville, Ont., on Saturday. A public monument is to be erected to the memory of the deceased gentleman in that city.

A petition from 15,000 Newfoundland fishermen was presented in the House of Commons on Saturday last. Sir James Ferguson stated that the government does not recognize the alleged treaty rights of the French to catch lobsters in Newfoundland.

The will of the late Lieut.-Governor McLelan bequeaths the income of one fourth of his estate to his widow, and the remainder is divided equally among his two children, Mary B. Gordon and Thomas. At the widow's death, her share also goes to the children.

It is stated that Mr. Killaly, at present resident engineer of the Williamsburg Canal, may succeed the late Mr. Page as Government engineer of canals. The names of Messrs. Thomas Munroe, Walter Hanley and T. C. Keefer are also mentioned in this connection.

Building operations are active in this city, and many new buildings are going up or under contract, or projected. The fact is, that Halifax is making very satisfactory progress in the way of growth. Prices of real estate are rising, though gradually, steadily and healthily.

At the annual meeting of the Bricklayers and Masons Union, held in Mechanics Hall, all the old officers were re-elected, with the exception of the president, James Taylor, who retired after having been elected to the office for three successive terms. Dominic Haley was unanimously elected president.

The Grand Trunk Railway has issued a volume descriptive of the summer resorts along the route of the railway. It is full of illustrations, and is well calculated to convey a pleasant impression of Canada's summering places to all who peruse it. Mr. R. F. Armstrong, 134 Hollis Street, is General Passenger Agent for the Maritime Provinces.

The funeral of Wilford Fenerty, Norwegian vice-consul, which took place on Sunday, was one of the largest seen in Halifax for years. The flags on the Norwegian ships in port, and on the Norwegian consulate, were at half mast, as were also those on Pickford & Black's warehouses and ships in port. The coffin and grave were covered with floral tributes of great beauty, testifying to the great esteem in which Mr. Fenerty was held.

McAlpine's Halifax Directory for 1890-1 has been issued. It contains several new features which will prove a great convenience to the public. Among these may be noticed the list of churches, giving denomination and location, with the names of the pastors. The names of the members of firms are placed in brackets after the names of firms. It was found impossible to give the customs tariff this year. The publishers waited as long as possible for it, but were obliged to print the book without it after all. Messrs. David McAlpine & Co. have endeavored to make the directory as reliable as possible. The book is simply indispensable to all business men and women.

The strike at the Springhill Mines still continues, but hopes are expressed that it will soon be ended, as Mr. Cowan, one of the principal owners of the mines, is spending the summer at Parrsboro, and may succeed in reconciling the conflicting interests. The trouble has been brewing since the resignation of Mr. Leckie, but was brought to a head by the manager insisting on *docking* whenever he saw fit—at least so the men complain. It appears to have been the custom to dock all boxes of coal coming to the surface which were found to contain stone. This the men resented, and proposed that *docking* should be regulated according to the quantity of stone found in the boxes—this proposition was rejected and the men struck.

Capt. Smith, R. N., has left for Quebec, where he will join Col. Anderson, chief engineer of the Dominion Government. They will proceed on a surveying expedition to the Gulf of St. Lawrence in the government steamer *Napoleon*. They will observe and report on the movements of the tides and select places for the erection of new light houses. The whole coast of the St. Lawrence will be surveyed, and it is a most important undertaking.

We have received from Lewis Rice, photographer, Windsor, two copies of the King's College centennial souvenir, which is a most creditable specimen of photographic work. The picture consists of views of the college, chapel, library, collegiate school, and excellent likenesses of the President, Rev. Dr. Willets, and the staff of professors. It is a most pleasing souvenir of the centennial, and Mr. Rice deserves credit for the manner in which he has prepared it.

The new cable between this port and Bermuda has been successfully laid, and the intention is eventually to extend the connection to at least the more important of the West India Islands. When this intention is carried out it cannot fail to very largely facilitate and stimulate our trade with those islands, which have always been our best and most reliable customers. Hitherto, messages from and to those markets have had to be sent via New York. Direct communication is, of course, a most valuable acquisition to our business.

The exhibition to be held in Jamaica in January, 1891, is to be opened by Prince George of Wales. The Canadian Government has signified their intention of giving a grant of \$5,000 towards it. A large space has been apportioned for Canadian exhibits, and, in view of the growing trade between these countries, every advantage should be taken of it. W. A. Black is Secretary of the Halifax Committee, who will distribute all forms, etc., connected with the exhibition. The reception of articles for exhibition will begin on the 1st of September, and no articles will be received after the 1st of December, 1890.

The troopship *Tyne* from England arrived safely at Halifax on Monday morning. She brought a number of officers and men for the West Riding Regiment, the Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery and midshipmen and men for the *Bellerophon* and *Comus*. The *Tyne* was accompanied by two first-class torpedo boats, numbers 61 and 62, each 125 feet in length and 13 feet in breadth. They have a coal capacity of 18 tons and can develop a speed of 19 knots when running at full speed. Their armament consists of 5 torpedo guns; two 2 pounder Hotchkiss quick-firing guns; two 45 two-barrelled Nordenfelt guns, and they carry an electric search light. Very rough weather was experienced up to the time of reaching St. Johns, Newfoundland, which made things anything but comfortable on board the torpedo boats.

The National Election bill has passed the United States House of Representatives 155 to 149.

Kremmler has been sentenced to die by electricity during the week beginning August 4th.

The President has signed the bill admitting Idaho as a State. Forty three stars are now due upon the American flag.

The Massachusetts Legislature prorogued on Wednesday of last week. The Governor signed the lobby reform and West End elevated railway bills.

Dakota has been having another of its destructive cyclones. Houses were unroofed and cars blown from the railway. Several deaths occurred at Fargo.

The World's Fair National Commission have accepted the joint site consisting of the Lake front and Jackson Park as the location for the Columbian exposition, by a vote of 18 to 11.

The Chinese Minister at Washington is reported to have said that if the United States does not repeal the law excluding the Chinese from the country, that China will treat the Americans to a dose of their own medicine and exclude them from China.

The *Baltimore Sun* states that loud protests are coming from almost every section of the country in regard to the careless and inefficient work of the census enumerators, the large majority of whom, it is charged, were appointed as a reward for party service rather than for any special capacity for the delicate and important work assigned them.

Such a curth of July as the people of New York and Brooklyn passed through this year is not remembered by the oldest inhabitants. What with four murders and innumerable accidental shootings the Fourth was livid enough for anyone. Hardly a station house in either city but has a large lot of pistols and weapons seized from reckless patriots.

Preparations are being made to take out a section of one of the large redwood trees of California for exhibition at the World's Fair at Chicago in 1892. The section of a tree which will be sent will be the largest ever taken from the State, and will be nine feet in height and sixty in circumference. The tree itself, which is one of the mammoth forest in Tulare county, measures ninety-nine feet in circumference. The work of felling the tree and preparing the section has already begun, and will employ ten men at least two months. Three flat cars will be required for transportation of the exhibit, which is expected to weigh about 65,000 pounds. Several suggestions have been made to the State Board of Trade for setting up the entire tree at the World's Fair, but no plan to that end has been matured.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the battle of the Boyne.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* says General Hippolyte will be recognized by the European powers as President of Hayti on July 15.