

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Civil Service Examinations will be held at Halifax on the eighteenth of November.

Upwards of ninety millions of young fish of every variety taken from the Dominion hatcheries, have been placed in the lakes and streams during the past season.

The railway situation in Manitoba remains unchanged. Premier Norquay has failed to raise the money to build the Red River Valley Railway, and it is thought that for this season, things will remain at a stand still.

The Fisheries Department has completed arrangements for transportation early next month of a car load of live lobsters to the Pacific coast. There is every reason to expect the experiment will be attended with success.

A number of citizens of Halifax propose building a fifty thousand dollar yacht to compete for America's cup. New Scotia proposes to eclipse the recent efforts made by the sons of old Scotland to win back this trophy.

The matter of the division of the school funds of Ontario and Quebec, which has long been a vexed question in the Upper Provinces, is to be settled by arbitration, the arbitrators being Judge Bourgeois and Judge Sinclair, with Sir Adams Archibald as umpire.

Sir William Whiteway, of St. John's, Newfoundland, who was forced into retirement from political life by a combination of his friends and enemies, is again coming to the front as a leader of public opinion, and it is said that he will actively engage in the next political campaign.

Hammocks are now being used in New York hospitals for bed-ridden patients, much to the relief of the weary sufferers. Those who have to do with the sick should take a note of this fact, and see whether they cannot improvise hammocks, such as may be a great improvement even on water beds.

Through speculation in stock, Samuel Johnson, treasurer of the Hamilton Powder Company, became a defaulter in order to make good his losses, and finally, when captured on the United States boundary, ended his days by shooting himself. Johnson's career and fate should be a warning to those who are inclined to be reckless.

A sad shooting accident occurred at Barnsville, Kings Co., N. B., last Saturday. Alex. Vaughan, while out partridge shooting, accidentally discharged the contents of his gun in his side. A boy who was with him, ran for assistance, but losing his way in the woods, no help arrived for several hours, and the wounded man died soon after from loss of blood.

The law with respect to opening letters while going through the mails is severe, but perhaps not too severe. The young man in Digby who was recently convicted of this practice, has just gone to Dorchester to serve a term of five years. Letter-thieves frequently cause unnecessary embarrassment by the destruction of letters which they have stolen, supposing that they contain money.

The Orpheus Club of this city will commence their regular weekly practices on Monday evening next, and promise to bring out several fine musical compositions during the coming season. The following gentlemen have been chosen as a managing committee for the ensuing year:—Mr. S. Sichel, Mr. West, Dr. Slayter, Dr. Milsom, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Blackmore, with Mr. Porter, Jr., as conductor.

Her Majesty's ship *Canada*, which recently collided with a timber-laden ship, *Peerless*, will have to go to Bermuda in order to dock for repairs. A large hole was knocked in the side of the *Peerless* by the *Canada's* ram, but the war ship also broke a plate, thus allowing the water to fill her forward bulkhead. An investigation has been held, and it is thought that the officer in charge at the time of the collision will fare badly.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—The steamer *California* foundered on Lake Huron, near MacKinnon, yesterday and sank. So far as can be ascertained the following were drowned:—George Foley, purser, Cornelius Covert, of Detroit, a passenger, Ella Pappa, of Kingston, a lady's maid, Arthur Hahard, cabin boy, and Robert Grant. The shore for five miles is strewn with wreckage. Captain Trowell says all were supplied with life preservers, and it is probable that all the bodies will be recovered. Those who were saved escaped in boats.

Mr. T. V. Woolrich, of Halifax, has certainly been fortunate in his escape from a lingering and untimely death. Last Saturday week Mr. Woolrich undertook to walk from Mount Uniacke through the woods to the old Jeffrey farm, known as Lakelands, which he proposed purchasing. After travelling for hours, he realized that he was lost, and, although tired and hungry, he pushed forward until night fall, when he reluctantly prepared to sleep in the open air. For the seven succeeding days he wandered about, endeavoring to reach the railway, having heard the whistle of the engine. On Sunday he gained the track, but being weak and exhausted from his long fast and fruitless march, he lay helplessly on the embankment until Tuesday, when he succeeded in attracting the attention of the hands on a passing freight train. Mr. Woolrich's experiences in the wilds of Nova Scotia are scarcely creditable, seeing that at no time could he have been more than two miles from the public road or railway track, between which his ten days' wandering lay.

A new interest in the case of the Montreal boot and shoe agent, Peter Mullarky, who died from suffering from delirium-tremens in the V. G. Hospital, has been created by the discovery that while Mullarky was on his last and fatal spree, he had been robbed of at least nine hundred dollars. Thanks to the vigilance of the police seven hundred and fifty dollars of this money have been recovered from three persons, all of whom claim they were holding the money for safe keeping. How long it would have remained in their possession, had its loss not been discovered, is a question.

An order in council has been passed providing that speckled trout or lake trout and landlocked salmon shall not be fished for in any Nova Scotian or New Brunswick waters between the first of Oct. and the first of April. A change has also been made in the order in council in reference to salmon, which removes doubts as to the illegality of Sunday fishing. The order now stipulates that from the time of low water Saturday evening till low water Monday morning, no one shall fish for, catch or kill salmon in tidal waters, or within three miles of the mouth of any river or harbor frequented by salmon; and during the same period no person is permitted to fish for, catch or kill any fish in non-tidal waters.

Montreal, October 5.—The secret of the origin of many of the recent fires was divulged this morning, when a man named Chapagne rushed into the Central police station in a great state of excitement and asked for protection. He told the sergeant in charge that he was being pursued by persons who tried to wrench a secret from him and then murder him. He then told the sergeant that he was the person who set fire to the houses recently burned in St. Jean Baptiste ward, and that his mother had several times attempted to poison him. He was examined by a doctor, who pronounced him insane, and he was sent to the asylum. It seems that his mania was to set fire to houses, and that he had been caught several times by friends at that work.

Victoria, B. C., October 5.—The revenue cutter *Rush* arrived from Sitka, bringing fifty Indians and twelve white men, sailors and hunters aboard the seized sealers. She also brought news of the trial of the British schooner *W. A. Saywood*, and American schooners *Annie Sylvia Hardy*, *Lillie L. Kate*, and *A. Alhuap* and *Annie E. Algar*. They were all found guilty of illegal sealing, the claim being that all Behring sea was under the jurisdiction of the United States. The schooners, cargo and property were all forfeited to the American government. A couple of American schooners were valued and the owners deposited bonds to the amount and left for San Francisco. Counsel for the British and American schooners gave notice of appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

Archbishop Lynch, of Toronto, in writing to the editor of the *Catholic Weekly Review*, says:—"SIR,—I have been often pained and astonished at the frequent appeals of editors and proprietors of newspapers to their subscribers, urging them to pay their just debts. Catholics at least cannot be unaware of their obligations in this matter. The editors and proprietors, on their part, give their time, the product of a high education and experience, together with their money for stationery, printing and wages to employees, and they expect and should have, in common justice, a return, often by no means adequate, for their outlay. A man who will not pay for a paper he subscribed for, read, and whose contents he enjoyed, is a retainer of another man's goods and is on a level with a thief."

County Exhibitions are in full force this week, and the displays all appear to be well up to the average. The Queens Co. Exhibition opened on Tuesday at Liverpool with an average display, and a fair attendance. The fruit exhibition deserves particular mention, the collection of apples being especially fine. The Digby Co. Exhibition was also opened on Tuesday at Weymouth with a large attendance. The exhibits in all departments except manufactures are well up to the average, the oxen and swine being particularly noticeable. The Cumberland Co. Exhibition opened at Amherst on Tuesday. The attendance was nearly up to the average. Classes 1 and 2—horses and cattle—were well filled, and made a display very creditable to the county. Here, also, the manufacturing exhibit occupies an insignificant place, only half a dozen entries being made. The Halifax Co. Exhibition opened at Dartmouth on Wednesday afternoon with a small attendance, probably owing to the rain. While the exhibits are not numerous, the display is a very good one, the vegetable exhibit being particularly noticeable. The Pictou Co. Exhibition opened at Pictou on the same day, and notwithstanding the rain, the attendance was large. The exhibits are numerous, cattle and horses taking the lead, while pigs and sheep are very scarce. Annapolis Co. held a one day's exhibition at Clementsport on Wednesday. The number of exhibits was very small, but the vegetable and fruit displays were indeed creditable. The municipality of Shelburne held its Exhibition in Shelburne on Wednesday and Thursday. The building and grounds were gay with bunting, and the attendance was large. The fruit exhibit was especially good, proving that Shelburne Co. is quite capable of producing fruit equal to the finest.

The Anti-Prohibition party have carried the State of Tennessee by a majority of from ten to fifteen thousand votes.

The *New York*, a new iron paddle-wheel steamer for the Albany Day Line, has turned out a remarkably fast vessel, making a speed of twenty-one knots per hour on a recent trial trip. She was built by the Harlan and Hollingsworth Company, of Wilmington, and engined by Messrs. W. & A. Fletcher & Co., of New York.

At Pittsburg there will be in operation very shortly incandescent plant having a total capacity of 53,000 lamps. It is interesting to note that in the boiler rooms the furnaces are heated by natural gas, which, by means of regulating valves, is completely under the control of the stokers. It is said that if necessary the change from gas to coal can be made in three minutes.