

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The educational exhibit from the various schools of the Province is now being prepared for shipment to London. The best exhibits are from Halifax, Truro and Pictou, the first two making a really creditable display of Industrial Drawing, while Pictou sends a collection of geological and botanical specimens. The Kindergarten system is represented by the Windsor exhibit. Other towns send good samples of Maps, Penmanship and Drawing; but the last subject does not seem to be systematically taught in the great majority of schools. Even those schools, however, which have made a poor exhibit will find that the effort which they have made, will be of incalculable good.

Last week we gave in our Tit-bit column some striking examples of importance of punctuation. One of the actors in Macbeth last Saturday evening, gave a further illustration of the ludicrous effect sometimes produced by the transposition of even a comma. Shakspeare wrote:—

"The queen that bore thee,
Oftener on her knees than on her feet,
Died every day she lived."

The actor said: "The queen, that bore thee
Oftener on her knees than on her feet," &c.

Seven years ago, Mr. Isaac's, of St. John, N. B., commenced the manufacture of cigars, turning out 5000 per month. At present he manufactures 100,000 per month. He is now successfully competing with the manufacturers of the Upper Provinces, having, within the past three months, sent 120,000 cigars to Ontario.

Edison's deafness has proved such a drawback to him, that in self-defence he was obliged to bring his inventive genius to bear on the subject. The result is a tiny ear-drum resembling a telephone, which, when placed in the ear of a person suffering from deafness, enables the wearer to hear with comparative ease.

An effort is now being made by representative Committees of the Montreal Board of Trade, Corn Exchange and the Free Navigation League, to secure the abolition of the canal tolls. It is urged that the trade passing through Canada would be greatly increased were the tolls abolished.

We are authorized to state that the contract between the post-master general and William Cunard for the conveyance of mails between Halifax, Bermuda, and Jamaica will lapse on the 30th June, 1886, and that it is not the intention of Her Majesty's government to renew it. After that date the packet service will cease.—[*Bermuda Royal Gazette, February 2nd, 1886.*]

News has lately reached us that the Rev. Canon Dart, D. C. L., who last year resigned the Presidency of King's College, accepted in November last, the appointment of "Organising Secretary," in the Diocese of Manchester, England, to "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," vice the Rev. Dr. G. M. Pope, who was appointed to a Professorship at Oxford.—*Hants Journal.*

There is a bond of union among Scotchmen the world over—which to more cold-blooded races is never perfectly understood. Robert Burns has probably done more to stimulate and perpetuate this sentiment than any Scotchman living or dead—and it is therefore not surprising that the proposal to unite all the Scotch societies in the world under a Burns' federation, should be so cordially received. The motto of the federation, "A man's a man for a' that," is in its breadth of charity quite appropriate.

In another column will be found a prize essay on "How to Make Home More Attractive," by Miss Augusta A. Pipes, of Nappan, Cumberland Co.

The famous French scientist, Pasteur, whose wonderful discovery of inoculation for hydrophobia, recently surprised the world, has been obliged to increase his staff by six assistants, so as to insure the proper treatment of the numerous patients now seeking his aid.

The army of Hungary has been supplied with a new repeating rifle, which is said to be superior to anything of the kind, yet manufactured.

The Union Mutual Insurance Co., of Portland, Me., are to be congratulated upon having secured Mr John Hicks as their general manager for Nova Scotia. Mr. Hicks is so well and favorably known in Halifax, that of him personally nothing is required to be said, suffice it that a live company such as the Union Mutual is recognized to be, and with an enterprising manager such as Mr. Hicks, the outlook for business should be good.

At the establishment of A. Keith & Son is a fine oak-wood cask, made purposely for the Indian and Colonial exhibition. The finish is so perfect that it is impossible to discover with the naked eye the lines at which the staves come in contact.

A correspondent grows enthusiastic over the exhibit now being prepared by Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co., for the Indian and Colonial exhibition. House furnishings, such as cornices, doors and mantel pieces, made of native wood with a hard finish, are beautiful both in design and execution, while the carving is both unique and tasteful.

Henry W. C. Boak, L. L. B., Barrister-at-Law, Solicitor, Notary, etc., 103 Hollis Street, Halifax. Mercantile Collections and Commercial Litigation a specialty.

George McFarlane, proprietor of the Amherst Hotel, Amherst, deserves commendation for the efforts he has made to provide for the comfort and convenience of the travelling public. His hotel, which is heated by steam, is a model of neatness and his table is amply supplied with the good things that travellers always know how to appreciate.

The success of Miln & Co. should encourage the managers of the Academy to supply the amusement seekers of Halifax with another and even better company than appeared on the boards last week. The steady increase in attendance proves that the people have a decided relish for the Shakespearean drama. Miln's company may be said to have been fairly up to the mark, although, as compared with Miln, they appeared to poor advantage, especially in Macbeth, where the want of a star actress as Lady Macbeth was painfully apparent. Mr. Miln delivers his lecture on "The Stage and the Pulpit" at the Academy on Sunday evening.

Where is E. Stone Wiggins? The highest tide known for eighteen years has been experienced in the ports on the Bay of Fundy, and yet Wiggins neglected to predict the same.

The Dominion Government and that of Quebec have each granted \$2,000 towards the relief of the distressed fishermen at Gaspé. These hardy toilers of the sea have in previous years been provided for in the winter months by the liberal Jersey firm doing business in the district, who have advanced provisions, clothing, etc., upon the strength of the next summer's catch. \$30,000 will be required if starvation is to be prevented.

The news of the death of John B. Gough, the famous temperance lecturer, has been heard with regret throughout the English world. For the past forty-five years Mr. Gough's wonderful powers of mimicry, humor and pathos, have been used in the cause of temperance, it will probably never be known how many men there are who date their reformation from the time when they first heard John B. Gough lecture.

The Halifax Chamber of Commerce complain that the rates of the I. C. Railway discriminate in favor of Montreal, and the Board of Trade in the latter city affirm that the rates are much more favorable to Halifax than to Montreal. Somebody must be out in their calculations, otherwise the managers of the I. C. R. will have the best of the argument. A joint deputation representing the merchants of Montreal and Halifax should meet with the railway authorities at Moncton to probe the matter to the bottom.

Again the proposition is made to unite the kingdoms of Spain and Portugal. The political division of the Iberian peninsula is certainly an arbitrary one, but it is doubtful whether the inhabitants of Portugal, after having enjoyed two hundred and forty-six years of self-government, will consent to unite their fortunes with those of the more restless Spaniards.

A burglar in attempting to enter the house of Senator Kaulback' Lunenburg, was discovered in the act by Nepean C. Owen, whereupon he at once turned and discharged his revolver full in Mr. Owen's face. The ball entering near the chin passed along the jaw-bone inflicting a severe wound. The burglar then beat a hasty retreat, closely followed by Mr. Owen, who after having followed for a mile, was obliged to desist on account of loss of blood. The burglar is now safely lodged in the Lunenburg jail. Mr Owen is to be congratulated on his fortunate escape from more serious injury, as well as for the pluck he displayed in tracking the villain.

Advices from Gloucester, up to Feb. 22, are as follows:—

Arrivals on Saturday were six from Georges, with 135,000 pounds codfish, 10,000 pounds halibut, 70,000 pounds haddock; one from La Have with 5,000 pounds halibut; nine from Ipawich Bay, with 99,000 pounds codfish. This a. m. there arrived the following: Seven fares from Georges' with 225,000 pounds codfish, 10,500 pounds halibut; three from Ipawich Bay with 28,000 pounds codfish; and schooner J. W. Crosby from Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, with 500,000 frozen herring. The Fortune Bay herring fleet have all secured fares and sailed. There are now six sail of vessels on the way to this port; one cargo of frozen herring has been sent to Philadelphia.

The indications are that the close season law referring to mackerel having been well received, will soon be passed and will go into effect at once. We copy from the Bill: "That for the period of five years, from the passage of this Act, no other than Spanish mackerel caught between the first day of March and first day of June, shall be imported into the United States or landed upon its shores. That fishing licenses read 'This license does not grant the right to fish for mackerel between the first day of March and the first day of June.' That the penalty for the violation, or attempted violation of this Act, shall be forfeiture of license on the part of the vessel engaged in said violation, if a vessel of this country; and the forfeiture to the United States, according to law, of the mackerel imported, landed, or caught to be imported or landed."

Up to date prices have not been effected by the proposed law, mackerel are in small stock and hold firm.

We have received from the Printer, Mr. John Bowes, Queen Buildings, a concise summary of the provincial collection laws. It is got up in a very neat manner, and is very handy for reference.

Bread-services are being held at some places in England, each person attending church bringing one or more loaves to be distributed to the poor and unemployed.

In thirteen counties of Virginia, the shriek of the iron horse has not yet been heard. There are some counties in Nova Scotia, of which the same may be said.