

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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

Those who wish to secure pleasant and profitable reading matter for the winter evenings should note our exceptional offer which appears on page 15. For \$2.50 in cash we undertake to send *The Critic* to any subscriber for one year, supplying him in addition with seventy-nine of the most readable of readable books. Those who are renewing their subscriptions, as well as new subscribers, should take advantage of this offer.

There is a boom in shipbuilding at Maitland, Hants Co.

It is proposed to erect a statue of Robert Burns at Toronto.

It has been definitely settled that Parliament will meet on January 31st.

Measels and scarlet fever are very prevalent in Halifax and Dartmouth.

The Nova Scotia sugar refinery has shut down in consequence of scarcity of raw material.

The Montreal underwriters have decided that they can make no reduction in insurance rates.

Rhodes, Curry & Co. and the Shoe Factory at Amherst are both working overtime to fill orders.

The City of Winnipeg proposes to spend \$300,000 to create water power for manufacturing purposes.

During October 218 Chinese immigrants arrived at Vancouver B. C. paying a total tax of \$10,900.

The amount of lumber cut at Ottawa this season is estimated at 480,000,000 feet board measure.

The *Vigilant*, the last of the cruisers in commission for the protection of the fisheries, has been laid up for the winter.

Mr. Chapleau's condition has not improved, and his friends advise him to go to Paris and have another operation performed.

The price charged for gas in St. John, N. B., is \$3 a thousand feet while it is only \$2 in Montreal and 61 cents in London, England.

Twenty-one year ago Westville, Pictou Co., had five houses. To day it is a flourishing town with nearly five thousand inhabitants.

Herring were never so plentiful in the La Have river as this season. Large quantities are being taken by persons residing along the river.

A new iron bridge, crossing the mouth of Bear River, is now nearing completion. This will be a great accommodation to the travelling public.

Prof. Wiggins gives it as his opinion that the late earthquake which has visited California is coming eastward over Quebec and New England in February.

McAlpine & Son are taking the names of the business men throughout the Province in order to give a list in a directory which the firm is about to publish.

Mr. Dickey is again in the field in Cumberland. Mr. Casey having declined a nomination by the Third Party, E. B. Eldekin has taken the field in his place.

Detectives have searched N. B., P. E. I. and Nova Scotia for Thompson the supposed murderer of Miss White, who had him employed on her farm at Braintree, Mass.

The Canadian-American league of Chicago will assist in the prosecution of the case against the man accused of killing Frank Day, a young Canadian, on the night of Nov. 3.

The barns on the Ontario Government model farms, near Guelph, were burned last week. The live stock was all saved, but all other contents were destroyed. The loss is \$30,000.

The steamship *Albany* has arrived at Vancouver from Yokohama with nine saloon passengers, 28 Chinese, 5 Japs for Seattle, 1400 tons of cargo for overland transit, and 800 for coast ports.

In the single scull race on the Pontomac for \$2500 and the championship of America, over a three mile course with a turn, O'Connor, a Toronto boy, won against Teemer of Pittsburg in 21.34.

There has been another package of poisoned chocolate sent through the mail of Galt, Ont. They were found at the dead letter office, Ottawa, where they had been sent for want of sufficient postage.

Vice-Admiral Geo. Willes Watson has been nominated to succeed Admiral Lyons in the command of the N. America and W. India station. The new Admiral is an officer of considerable distinction.

Londonderry, N. S., has been reduced from a port of entry to an inport of customs. Londonderry and Economy are attached to the Truro office, and Five Islands is placed under the control of Parrsboro.

Montreal's Carnival this year promises to be a grand affair. Two cities in the United States, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Albany, New York, in imitation of Montreal, propose to have a winter carnival this season.

The citizens of Wolfville are agitating for incorporation. They wish to have the Kentville water works extended to their village, which, beside being a great convenience, would much lessen insurance rates.

During the recent high tides damage was done to the Wickwire Dyke, Canning, which \$1,000 will not cover. The land itself was not injured, but the embankment or running dyke was considerably torn away.

A mail bag containing registered letters, the contents of which amounted, so far as ascertainable, to about \$500, has disappeared either from the Ottawa Post Office, or on the way there from the West. The authorities for a couple of weeks have been endeavoring to trace the thief, but utterly without success.

The Quebec Government is preparing a splendid new map of the province carrying the northern boundary to Hudson Bay, and embracing all the territory north of the height of lands claimed by Mr. Mercier as of right belonging to Quebec.

A numerous signed petition will shortly be presented to the Local Government praying for the construction of a bridge between Cossit's Point and Digby. If this bridge is built it will affect a saving of two miles in travelling between Annapolis and Digby.

Capt. Ruggles-Brise, of the Duke of Wellington's regiment, was accidentally shot last Thursday night. Returning from a shooting expedition he attempted to pull his gun out of the trap by the muzzle. The gun exploded and the contents entered the abdomen, inflicting a fatal wound. He lived but a short time.

There is a good prospect of having the much talked of railroad between Kingsport and Kentville completed next year. An enthusiastic meeting was held in Kentville last week, and three of our most prominent ship owners, Messrs. Haley and Churchill, of Hants, and Mr. Burgess, of Kingsport, became interested in the matter.

On account of the great increase in the number of dutiable articles passing through the mail since the introduction of the parcel post system, the exception from duty of articles of small value passing through the mail has been cancelled, and hereafter all such will have to pay duty just the same as if they had come through any other channel.

N. R. Robertson the builder of the Joggins raft visited Moose river recently, and was greatly struck with the facilities which that place affords for the storage and shipment of lumber. He has offered M. L. Tucker \$10,000 in cash for his mill property there and, if this offer is accepted, he will build two rafts a year similar to the Joggins raft at Moose river.

The Halifax City Council intend asking the Provincial Legislature to pass an Act whereby the council can control the noise nuisance caused by the rapid driving of empty carts through the streets. An empty coal cart pounding over the streets at the rate of eight or ten miles an hour makes an intolerable noise, and the council has done well in moving in the matter.

At a meeting of the "Commercial Union Club," held at Toronto last week, Dr. Goldwin Smith in the Chair, there are said to have been only 21 persons present, including a reporter. Dr. Goldwin Smith is reported to have said that "it was useless to dissemble that the cause had suffered of late," and to have announced his early retirement from all political agitations.

The Canadian securities of the Briton Medical and General Life Association, in liquidation, have been sold in England and realized \$116,000, and the liquidator, Mr. Fitzgerald has applied to the High Court of Justice at Toronto for an order authorizing him to distribute the amount among the policy holders. It is expected that the order will be issued at an early date.

M. Martin Murphy, Provincial Engineer, has been making a preliminary survey of the line of the proposed Great Midland Railway. The proposed line is almost directly from Windsor to Yarmouth. It would go through Shelburne County, with branch to Shelburne town, would place Yarmouth within five or six hours of Halifax, and open up a valuable section of the Province.

The Post Office accommodation in Dartmouth is very poor, being part of a small shop where cake, pastry and confectionery is made and sold. This should not be, Windsor and Truro both have handsome post office buildings, though they are smaller towns. Dartmouthians should arouse themselves and get a building that will be a credit to their town, and a comfort and a pleasure to themselves.

Anderson, Anderson & Co. and F. Grear & Co., of London, managing proprietors of the Orient Line have renewed their offer to the Canadian Government to carry the mail. They offer to build three express steamers of 7500 tons each to steam not less than 20 knots an hour, and to make the passage between Halifax and Plymouth in five days, and to Rimouski in five or six hours longer time.

The inquest on the body of Frank Norgaine was concluded here on Wednesday of last week and resulted in a verdict of manslaughter against William Summers. The evidence of the doctor who held the post mortem examination showed that Norgaine had heart disease, and that his death was caused by excitement and fright. Summers has been sent to the Supreme Court to await trial on the above charge.

The so-called dying statement of Patrick Lyons, made at Cleveland, Ohio, confessing to have been the person who set on fire and burned down a saw mill at Digby, owned by Calvin Raymond, in 1875, and for which another person had been punished, turns out to have been bogus. The Mayor of Cleveland states that no person of the name of Patrick Lyons is recorded as having died there within the past twelve months.

Boston women pay taxes wretchedly. Out of 23,000 assessed 8000 have paid up.

The Washington correspondent of the *Philadelphia Times* says that President Cleveland's coming message will strongly insist in tariff reform.

The *Irish World* advocates an American policy of "forcing Canada to sell supplies" to Yankee fishermen under a threat of Yankee punishment.

Jay-Eye-See, the famous pacer, cut his foot with a piece of glass in the pasture and nearly bled to death. His recovery is doubtful. He is valued at \$50,000.

"Old Hutch" the Chicago speculator is said to have a weakness for cooking, and is often seen in the kitchen of his club, with blazing red face, watching the turning of a spit on which is some favorite delicacy.