

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Our Subscribers and Advertising patrons will please note that Mr. A. M. Fraser, formerly of Windsor, has been appointed Business Manager of The Critic. Hereafter, all remittances should be made payable to him.

It is now nearly two years since THE CRITIC was established. Its readers have had a good opportunity to judge of the tone, character, enterprise, and worth of the journal, and if they deem its merits are worthy of their continuance and support, we ask their co-operation in still further increasing its circulation. Any subscriber renewing his subscription will, upon forwarding to this office \$2.50, be entitled to two copies of THE CRITIC for the ensuing year, one to be mailed to his own address, the other to any person he may desire. Ask your neighbor to club with you for THE CRITIC when you next renew your subscription: or, if you have a brother, son, or relative, resident in any other part of Canada or the United States, send in your order for two copies, and we will send the absent one THE CRITIC for the next year, post paid.

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"Digby" says—"Our electoral list is now complete, giving for the county of Digby 3,330 electors. The new votes will be an element of uncertainty in the approaching Dominion election."

"Charlottetown" says—"Messrs. Meikle and Gorrion, the Evangelists, have met with gratifying success during their stay in this town. They will probably go to Summerside upon leaving here. The season has been very quiet, and business dull. The appearance of a number of seals in Hillsborough Bay has created some surprise, as they have not visited this part of the Island for many years."

At a recent meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Yarmouth, the Act of Parliament authorizing the reduction of the capital stock was confirmed, the shareholders receiving deposit receipts for the amount due them by the bank, the same bearing 4 per cent interest.

The Salvation Army having secured a foothold in Halifax, St. John, Montreal, and Toronto, now propose establishing themselves in Quebec; but it is probable they will meet with strong opposition.

Much interest was taken on Saturday last in the yachting race of the Royal Nova Scotian Squadron for Lord Russell's silver cup. The prize was won by the cutter *Hebe*, Captain Trott, the course of ten miles and eight cables having been gone over in 4 hours, 21 minutes and 40 seconds.

Our friends in St. John and the enterprising towns on the I. C. Railway will shortly be visited by our advertising agent, Mr. A. M. Shaw, who will, we trust, meet with encouragement from them.

"Shelburne" says—"Our fishing vessels are arriving daily from the Banks with full fares, but the state of the markets is truly deplorable. One vessel has been lying at Lockport for ten days without landing a quintal of her fare, the merchants there refusing to buy until they ascertain the result of late shipments. Fish have not been so plentiful for years, and such is the irony of fate, only a scarcity will produce a rise in the markets. The inshore fishermen have been making good catches during the past week, herring and mackerel having struck in in considerable quantity. Nova Scotia blueberries are quoted at a very low figure in the American market just now, recent shipments from this place realizing barely enough to meet expenses of transportation."

Arrangements are now being made to ship fresh Canadian fruit to London, for sale at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition. The Canadian steamships are being fitted with suitable refrigerators.

Wm. J. Kindall succeeded in swimming the whirlpool rapids of the Niagara in a cork vest. He describes his sensation when being sucked down by the whirlpool as awful. He was thrown to the surface by an undercurrent, and succeeded in reaching the shore, where he lay for half an hour in an exhausted state.

The American cruisers *Galena* and *Ventic* have returned to the United States, after having visited the principal Canadian fisheries. The officers report the Yankee skippers as being satisfied with the manner in which they are being treated by the Canadian authorities. The ships called at several ports in Cape Breton and Nova Scotia, and in their report the officers graphically describe this Province as "Canadian Island and Peninsula."

Admiral Lord Clanwilliam will be succeeded on the North American station by Vice Admiral McLellan Lyons. The latter will take command of the fleet early next month.

Lord Salisbury and Lord Randolph Churchill have declared themselves in favor of a vigorous Irish policy. The law, they say, must be carried out at all hazards. Churchill is a strong advocate for local self-government in England and Scotland, as well as in Ireland. The outlining of his Land Measure, which promises protection to the landlords, has caused uneasiness among the Radicals.

Pictou has now a handsome Masonic Temple containing a spacious public hall. The Pictou Brotherhood are to be congratulated upon the completion of their new building.

Our editorial sanctum was brightened this week by a beautiful bouquet of choice flowers, the gift of Alderman Woodill. THE CRITIC has had reason in the past to be grateful to this gentleman for kindly offices, and his thoughtful remembrance upon the present occasion, although unexpected, adds a weighty token to our debt of gratitude.

The brave Prince Alexander has been deposed and exiled by his Bulgarian subjects. The conspiracy is doubtless the outcome of Russian intrigue, and must lead to grave complications. Prince Alexander is now in Roumania. The suddenness of this movement has thrown Europe into a furor of excitement. The Turks are alarmed, the Russians jubilant, and the British perplexed.

The Czar of Russia, who has taken the management of Foreign affairs into his own hands, is stumbling through the quicksands of diplomacy; and according to the latest advices, will, ere long, involve the Empire in a foreign war. Port Lazareff, which is in Corea, and under Chinese control, has been seized by a Russian fleet as an offset to the occupation of Port Hamilton by the British. The work of the Afghan delimitation commission is at a dead lock, owing to now and unreasonable demands upon the part of the Russian representatives. Batoum, on the Black Sea, which was, according to the Czar, to be essentially a free port, has been closed to Foreign shipping, and finally, Prince Alexander, who barred the Russian road to Constantinople, has fallen a victim to Russian duplicity. The next move will be watched with interest.

Mandalay, the Burmese capital, which during the past few months has been scourged by fire and sword, is now undergoing a third disaster. The Irrawaddy, owing to an unprecedented rainfall, has risen and broken in the embankment, flooding the lower part of the city. The water flowing through the streets is at least five feet in depth.

Colonel Gilder and his associates will leave Winnipeg in a few days on an expedition to the North Pole. Colonel Gilder has every confidence in his ability to reach the pole within three years. Sledges and dogs will be obtained en route from the Esquimaux.

The August number of the *Imperial Federation*, in referring to the Exhibition number of THE CRITIC, says:—"A special number of this excellent Canadian weekly, specially prepared for circulation at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, has been published. It contains a mass of information, and is designed to furnish a brief and reliable account of the natural resources of Canada, and the social, moral, and religious condition of its inhabitants."

"Yarmouth" says:—"The Boston Marine Insurance Company are about to erect a \$20,000 building in this place. Miss Carritte received a most enthusiastic reception from the large audience gathered at the recent Orpheus Club concert. The young lady's singing fairly took the audience by storm, her second song "What will you do Love," was rapturously encored. Rumor says the Salvation Army drum is soon to be heard in our streets, presumably there are heathens here as elsewhere. THE CRITIC's mining reports are appreciated by our townsfolk."

"Kentville" says:—"The town is quiet, although a great many American visitors are summering in and about this place. A three hundred and fifty pound bear was recently shot within a few miles of Evangeline's old home. Before his death Bruin had succeeded in carrying off several sheep from the neighborhood."

The mere holding of the great seal of England entitles the fortunate custodian to some \$60,000 a year, to immense patronage in church and state, to be Speaker in the House of Lords, a privy counselor, and the head of all judicial authority in the kingdom of Great Britain, keeper of the royal conscience, and to rank (next to the royal family) the second subject in the realm. Originally, 800 years ago, not larger than the top of an ordinary modern teacup, the seal has been gradually enlarged from age to age, till it offers now the size and appearance of a muffin.

Stuart Cumberland, the world renowned thought-reader, will give illustrations of his marvellous power at the Academy of Music this evening. Mr. Cumberland will doubtless attract a large audience.

The Cricket Club of the Wanderers has been keeping up the reputation of Halifax in the Upper Provinces. Although not successful in their matches with the West Indian and Montreal Clubs, they showed a good record, their victory over the Ottawa club being magnificent.

Mademoiselle Rhea, the famous French actress, will appear on the boards of the Academy next week. Mlle. Rhea is an artist of high standing, and never fails to please even the critical ones in her audience. Her costumes are elegant. One dress, which was originally made for the Queen of Holland, but which was purchased by Mlle. Rhea, cost \$2000.

Mr. Gladstone will, in the course of a few days, place in the hands of London publishers the manuscript for a sixty page pamphlet on the Irish question. The pamphlet is divided into two parts, the first is entitled "The History of an Idea," the second "Lessons of the Elections." It is thought the publication of this pamphlet will rekindle the flying zeal of the Nationalist party.

From late advices it would seem that the Bulgarian revolution against Prince Alexander has met with but temporary success. The provisional government of the Revolutionists has been overthrown, and the old ministry again assumed office. Prince Alexander will again return to Sofia, his old army being loyal to the Prince.