

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The only correct answer to puzzle published last week was received from D. O'C. Madden, Arichat.

The Greek coast is now blockaded by the combined fleets of the powers. The resignation of the Grecian Ministry has not been accepted by King George, who holds the Cabinet responsible for the present state of affairs.

The *Toronto News*, in giving a forecast of the political situation at the next Dominion elections, says: That the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie is to retire, after three decades of public service; and that the Hon. Edward Blake is to be opposed in West Durham by Sir Charles Tupper, the latter running as the probable successor to Sir John A. Macdonald.

Dr. J. R. McLean, who is temporarily absent from Halifax, will remain in Amherst until the first of June. His many friends in the city will be glad to welcome the doctor back to town.

The defeat of the Rielite motion in the Quebec Assembly by a majority of 25 in a total vote of 57, will probably give that vexed question its quietus. We, in the Maritime Provinces, are now thoroughly sick of the subject, and as an issue at the polls it is politically dead.

The seizure at Digby of the fishing schooner David J. Adams for violations of the Treaty of 1818, will probably show our American cousins that we are prepared to stand by our rights, and it will be a warning to American ship masters not to be found trespassing within the three mile limit.

The Nova Scotia Sugar Refinery will soon again commence operations, a satisfactory arrangement having been made with the Merchants' Bank, which was the chief creditor. This refinery, when running, employs a large number of hands, all of whom are consumers of country produce; our farmers therefore are interested in seeing this and like enterprises succeed.

In consequence of the heavy rains of Sunday last, heavy freshets are reported from different sections of the country. The dam at Sullivan's Pond, just above the Skate Factory, gave way, and much damage was done.

Sir John A. MacDonald has received telegrams from the North-West Territories, from which it is evident that the rumored outbreak among the Indians was without foundation, the Indians being reported quiet.

In moving the second reading of his Irish Home Rule Bill on Tuesday last, Mr. Gladstone stated that an arrangement would be made whereby Irish representatives could sit in the British Parliament in the event of any changes being contemplated in the amount of customs and excise duties levied. He likewise intimated that an Anglo-Irish Commission would be appointed, consisting of members of the British and Irish Parliaments, to which all questions respecting treaties with foreign nations could be submitted. Lord Hartington speaking in reply to Gladstone, said that he regarded the measure under discussion as impracticable, and he therefore moved that the bill be read this day six months hence. The parliamentary fight has now commenced in real earnest, but it is impossible at present to predict what turn matters may take. Congratulatory resolutions have been adopted and sent to Gladstone by large meetings of the citizens of Buffalo and Brooklyn.

166 Acts were passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia during the session just closed.

The Bank of Montreal cleared during the past year, after paying all expenses of management, etc., \$1,465,000, being \$72,000 more than was cleared last year. Stock is now quoted at 216.

After the late eruption of Vesuvius, the chloride crusts of lava in the vicinity were found to be very rich in copper, so that the bootnails of visitors to the spot became thickly plated with it.

The Government of Australia have resolved to appoint to each Judge a shorthand writer to take evidence, and an expert typewriter to each reporter. The document so produced will be accepted as record of the Court.

Sydney, New South Wales, has doubled its population during the past fifteen years. According to the late census, Sydney now has a population of 290,000. When the Copper Smelting Works are in full operation in Capo Breton, the growth of Sydney, C.B., will be quite as phenomenal.

In the Pillsbury Flour Mills, Minneapolis, Minn., the employees and employers share in the profits. The proprietors are, of course, allowed a fair percentage for the capital invested, for superintendence, wear and tear of machinery, etc. Many manufacturing firms in America are adopting the same system. The fact is significant.

The farmers in Ohio are bemoaning their prospects for the coming season. Multitudes of young grasshoppers have put in an appearance.

Oliver Wendell Holmes is to visit London during the summer. The genial doctor is a versatile writer, but he seldom leaves his delightful Boston home. His last visit to England was upwards of 40 years ago.

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Lovers of sweet-meats will remember that confectionery is manufactured in the mammoth works of Moir, Son & Co. A few years since, we imported all our candies; now, some of the best are manufactured at home.

Before the 1st of May, the Scott Act was in force in twenty-seven places in the Maritime Provinces of Canada, two in Manitoba, three in Quebec, and twelve in Ontario. On that date it came into force in twenty-one places in Ontario, three in Quebec, one in Nova Scotia, and one (Fredericton) in New Brunswick.

Notwithstanding the very severe winter just experienced in the Upper Provinces, the lakes were open for navigation before the last week in April. The opening of navigation is always eagerly looked for by the inhabitants of the lake-ports, many of which owe their prosperity to the lake trade. The arrival of the first vessel is always a most welcome event, and the custom in most ports is to allow the enterprising barque free wharfage for the season.

C. W. Macdonald, Esq., late of Bellevue Hospital Medical College, is practising surgery with Dr. N. E. McKay, of this city.

Dr. Somers read a highly interesting and original paper at the last meeting of the Natural Science Institute. It showed much patient study and careful research into the anatomy of a species of animal hitherto not properly studied by our scientific inquirers.

In Manitoba, the wheat crop was all in the ground two weeks ago. The area under wheat is 100,000 acres more than last year.

The crop prospects, as reported from over fifty counties in Nebraska and Iowa, are most promising. It is interesting to note that the wheat average in many of these counties has diminished, while that of Indian corn has increased; and in eight counties flax is being sown this year as an experiment, tending to the diminution of the wheat average.

A book, for which the celebrity of the author will secure a large sale, especially among Canadians, is Goldwin Smith's "Political History of Canada," about to be published by Putnam's Sons.

Next Monday has been set apart as Arbor Day in Halifax. All the city teachers will assemble in the morning at the Academy, where several pieces will be sung by choirs of pupils, and addresses will be delivered by Dr. Allison and others. Mr. Harris will give some hints on tree planting, for the benefit of teachers, who will embody these hints in their instructions to their pupils. The schools will assemble at 2 p.m., for the work of planting. We are pleased to learn that, this year, some schools are making an effort to give their pupils a share in the actual work of the day.

The City Council of Chicago has unanimously agreed to insist upon the telegraphic and telephone companies placing their wires in underground conduits. This will eventually have to be done in all cities where the post and wire nuisances are felt.

In the April number of the *Journal of the Federation League*, the article written by Dr. Grant for the Christmas Critic is re-published.

Three railway companies, which have their head quarters in Chicago, will expend \$40,000,000 in extending their respective roads westwards.

The approaching marriage of President Cleveland to Miss Frankie Folson, is the chief topic of conversation in the fashionable society at Washington.

We are indebted to our friend, Capt. Hale, for a supply of late London papers. Capt. Hale is well and favorably known in many of the mining camps of this Province, and on more than one occasion he has laid us under obligation to him.

Canadians everywhere hold their ground. Mr. Creelman, a Gilchrist scholar, nephew of the Hon. Mr. Creelman of the Legislative Council, recently passed a highly creditable examination for the degree of Bachelor of Science, in Edinburgh University, and won another scholarship worth £100 a year, tenable for three years.

We are pleased to hear from all sides that our fishermen insist upon the law being enforced against American fishermen. Whenever we are united and true to ourselves, we are always on the winning side.

Messrs. C. C. Richards & Co., of Yarmouth, have recently purchased the sole right for the manufacture and sale in the Dominion of Canada and Province of Newfoundland of that celebrated preparation known as "Morrison's Liniment, the King of Pain." They have leased and fitted up the commodious warehouse of Mr. Geo. H. Guest, on the corner of Water and Lovitt streets, where they intend carrying on the business. The Liniment has heretofore been manufactured by W. J. Nelson & Co., at Bridgewater, N. S. Minard's Liniment is well known, and its sales are rapidly increasing in every direction, giving the best proof of its efficacy. We wish the new proprietors success.—*Yarmouth Herald*.

From a card in the *Antigonish Casket* we learn that A. Cameron Esq., M. D., has begun the practice of his profession in that town. Dr. Cameron last winter passed the rigid higher examinations of the University of New York with honours, and this is as good a test of his professional attainments as need be desired. His thorough training with his excellent natural qualifications will, we feel assured, commend the genial doctor to the good graces of the intelligent people of his native County.