

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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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 to 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.

194 new inventions were patented in Canada during the month of September.

Crowfoot, and his brother warriors from the West, are delighted with their visit to Montreal. They were received at Lachine by a large number of Quebec Indians. Crowfoot will go back to his reserve a wiser man.

Before our next issue the result of the Quebec elections will be known. The contest is being waged with great vigor on both sides, but only a Wiggins would dare to predict the outcome.

The Dominion revenue for the past three months exceeds that of the corresponding period of last year by \$625,000. This indicates a revival in business.

On Tuesday night of last week, while the congregation was coming out of the Temple at Barrington after the evening service, one of them, Miss Doane, was greatly startled by a strange bird flying violently against her shoulder in the darkness and then dropping to the ground. It was picked up and examined by Capt. W. S. Hopkins and some others. It turned out to be a stormy petrel, with ruffled plumage, and completely played out, as if by a long flight. A strong wind had been blowing off shore all day, and the creature must have been brought by the gale for perhaps hundreds of miles overland.—*Cape Sable Advertiser.*

It looks as if the prohibition of the importation and sale of intoxicants in Canada was fast coming to the front as a live political issue. The Conservative organs are already wheeling into line with the prohibition party, but as yet their utterances lack boldness. There are 14 distilleries and 150 breweries in the Dominion. Whether the owners of these are to be indemnified in the event of a prohibition act being carried, does not appear.

The fact that Minard's Liniment continues to hold its popularity after many years of use by the public, is proof positive that it does so deservedly. Some good stories are told about the wonderful cures that have been effected by the application of Minard's Liniment, but if some of these are exaggerated there is reason for believing that many persons have good cause for feeling thankful that such a preparation is in the market.

We have to thank a city friend for a saucer full of rich, juicy, white raspberries, which we received this week. If old Jack frost would only hold off a little we would have a double growing season in Nova Scotia, but as a rule raspberries like Xmas only come once a year.

Fictou Academy, which had last year 263 students in attendance, is recognized as one of the best academical institutions in the Province. The attendance for the present year will probably exceed that of last.

"Windsor" says: "The classic halls of King's have once more assumed a busy aspect. Two years ago there were but 15 students in attendance, now there are double that number with the prospect of more to come. Much interest was evinced in the sale of the stocks, shipping and property of the late Levi Smith. The homestead was purchased by the church-wardens of Christ Church, and is to be used as a rectory. The shares in ships sold at a mere nominal figure, while the Commercial Bank and Insurance stocks went off like hot cakes, good prices being paid for them. The cotton factory is working on full time, having orders which will take six months to fill."

The enterprising firm of Rhodes, Curry & Co. have just closed contracts to the amount of \$30,000 for the construction of several new buildings, including a large summer hotel at Richibucto, N. B., a railway station at Derby, N. B., a station and freight shed at Beaver Bank, and a coal shed and trestle at Young St., Halifax. They have also contracted to put 24 skylights, 9 by 45 feet, in the roof of the North St. depot. There is a busy hum in their Amherst factory, which is kept running a quarter of a day over regular daily time, in order to overtake the work already contracted for.

A \$5000 monument is to be erected to the memory of the Ottawa sharpshooters who were killed in the North-West rebellion.

The entrance examinations for the civil service will commence on Thursday, the 9th of November, at 9 o'clock a.m., at the usual places. The Chairman will receive applications for forms of admission until the 15th inst.

The Government has decided to call for new tenders in connection with the proposed contract for carrying the ocean mails, and will shortly issue a new advertisement. It has been decided to make some desirable modifications in the conditions originally named, so as to better facilitate the service.

The Salvation Army is about sending seven Canadian missionaries to India.

But 5000 barrels of herring have been taken on the Labrador coast this year. The usual catch is above 100,000 barrels. In many places the coast cod fisheries of Newfoundland have proved a total failure, but the bank fisheries have been unusually good. Twenty-three miles of new railway line and several public roads opening up agricultural districts are now under construction in the Island.

An early session of the Dominion Parliament is rumored. Preparations in the Parliament buildings have already commenced and as this is unusually early, an early session is predicted.

Sir William Young has formally presented to the city of Halifax the handsome wrought iron gates which now grace the new entrance to Point Pleasant Park. Sir William's gates were manufactured in the Province. The donor deserves the thanks of our citizens.

News has been received of the death of Miss Munroe at Kilmarnock, Scotland. This lady will be remembered in Halifax and in many of our provincial towns, for her popular and practical lectures on cookery.

"Baddeck" says: "Wiggins's storm passed us by, yet our fall rains have been unusually cold and frequent, in fact every second day is dark and dreary. One day early last week the ground at Cape North was covered with the first snow of the season. On Monday last a large Norwegian barque passed through the Lake on her way to Whycocomagh, to load with timber. The "Ocean Lily" is now ready for sea and will sail on her first voyage to Boston, via Glace Bay. The authorities have seized about \$300 worth of liquor, being the stock of McKinnon, whose whereabouts are still unknown. Our local photographer is selling a great many views of the Big Baddeck Falls."

Gould, the Portland defaulter, has been condemned to ten years in the State penitentiary with hard labor.

Henry George, author of "Progress and Poverty," aspires to be mayor of New York. The land reformer's chances are good.

During the forty days preceding the 20th of September, thirty distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at Charleston, 24 were slight, five were severe, and one was destructive.

George Bancroft celebrated his 86th birthday on Oct. 3rd. He still enjoys good health.

There are said to be at least fifty women in Philadelphia having fortunes of \$500,000, and a dozen who are millionaires.

The object-glass of the great Lick telescope has been finished, and is spoken of in the highest terms by those who have been privileged to look through it.

In New York a careless handler of the whip has been made to pay \$40 for bespattering and ruining a lady's dress.

Tea shipments from China to the United States are many million pounds more this year than last, and about the same quantity less to England. Russia is also taking less tea this year, and Australia about the same quantity more.

1578 lives have, during the past 20 years, been saved by the German Life Boat Association.

A plot to blow up the train in which the Czar was travelling to St. Petersburg, was discovered just in time to prevent a fearful accident.

A recent fire in Leicester, England, consumed property to the value of \$500,000.

The wives of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, and the Mayors of Cork and Limerick, Mesdames Sullivan, Healy, Dillon, Kenny and others will present the Irish ladies' address on Home Rule to Mr. Gladstone.

The occupation of the island of Thaso in the Aegean Sea by the British is denied, but the fact that military and other stores have been deposited there by passing British transports, would indicate that its annexation is premeditated.

An infernal machine was discovered at Madrid beside the wall of one of the government buildings. Revolutionists are supposed to have placed it there, it was removed and destroyed.

The Czar of Russia has issued a decree to continue the state of siege which has existed since the assassination of Alexander the 2nd.

Lord Randolph Churchill in a recent speech at Dartford outlined the policy of the Government. Popular Local Governments, he said, would be established in each kingdom. Legislation would be effected in respect to tithes, and measures adopted that would enable agricultural laborers to secure small allotments of land.

General Villicampa and thirteen of the prisoners who took part in the recent Spanish rebellion, have been condemned to death. The people, while loyal to the Queen Regent, clamor for their pardon.

The Chinese Government has decided to float a loan of \$15,000,000. The money is to be applied to railway construction within the Empire.

King Leopold of Belgium, when in Berlin, is stated to have said that he had nothing to gain from Republicanism, and that in the event of Germany being defeated by France, the Belgian monarchy would be overthrown.