

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The pier at Margareville was badly damaged by the recent storm.

A brakeman named Fred McLean was killed while changing the points on a switch at Acadia Mines on Saturday last.

The steamer *Ulunda*, in the dry dock, draws a great many visitors. On Sunday there was a continual procession coming and going.

Marcisse Laroque has been committed to the next assizes for murder of the little McGonigle girls at Cumberland, Ont., a short time ago.

The election in York County, N. B., on the 23rd inst resulted in the return of Premier Blair and his colleagues by a majority of between 300 and 400 votes.

The Comte de Paris received cordial receptions at Montreal, Three Rivers, and other places. He has expressed himself as much gratified with his reception in Montreal.

Yarmouth is going in for good works in the shape of an Old Ladies' Home. It was opened on the 21st inst. by an entertainment, at which several prominent persons were present.

The Nova Scotia Historical Society opens its season for 1890-91 on the 11th of November, when Mr. Peter Lynch, Q. C., will read a second instalment of his Reminiscences of Halifax.

The Halifax Concert Company which achieved an enviable reputation for itself a short time ago, will give a concert at Kentville on November 6th. The company consists of Mr. and Mrs. Doering, Herr Klingensfeld and Mr. Sobieski.

The minister of marine and fisheries has been notified by certain parties in Nova Scotia that it is their intention to ship live lobsters to England, and arrangements are now being made with steamship companies with that object in view.

The Generale Transatlantique Steamship Line has submitted a tender to the Canadian Government to run weekly steamers between Havre and Quebec *via* Plymouth or Southampton. They have deposited \$100,000 as a guarantee of their ability to carry out their contract.

Thos Edison, the great inventor, has bonded thirty thousand acres of nickle property in the Sudbury, Ont., district. His expert says it is the richest mining region in the world. Edison claims that by the new process he has discovered he will cheapen the production of nickle.

The Vice-Regal visit to our Province is over. Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Stanley visited the Acadia iron mines and works on Tuesday. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leckie. The train carrying the Vice-Regal party left for Quebec at 4 o'clock on the same day.

Five capital cases are now waiting before the Minister of Justice for report as to commutation, viz: Birchall of Woodstock, execution fixed for Nov. 14th; Morin of Montmorency, Nov. 21; Blanchard of Sherbrooke, Dec. 12th; Day of Welland, Dec. 18th; Lamontagne of Sherbrooke, Dec. 19th.

On Saturday last the bridge across Great Village River broke down while a drove of cattle were passing. The cattle and the boys who were driving them escaped without injury. The loss of the bridge will be a great inconvenience, as the only way the public can now cross is by fording the river.

A man calling himself Doctor Cummins was arrested in Halifax on Tuesday for mal-practice on a girl named Josephine Cormoy who came here from Amherst. The examination was conducted in the police court before Recorder McCoy on Wednesday, when the girl testified against Cummins. The investigation was adjourned until yesterday.

The steamer *Halifax* encountered the severe storm of Saturday night last, and in consequence did not arrive at Halifax until Monday at 6.30 a. m. People have become so accustomed to find the *Halifax* in her dock at church time on Sunday, as regular as clock work, that it seems strange to have her detained. She rode out the storm well and no damage was done.

A Woodstock despatch says:—Birchall has received a letter from Jackson, Mich., dated Oct. 5th, from a person with whom it would appear he had been familiar and who signs himself "The Colonel." The writer says he is the perpetrator of the murder for which Birchall is under sentence of death. He tells how he got rid of Benwell after he left him to take him (Benwell) to a farm where he was to be located. He asks the prisoner to keep his name secret. The "Colonel's" story fits well in many particulars with the history of the crime as revealed in the evidence in the recent trial, but it has evidently been written for a purpose.

It is said to be by no means unlikely that internal complications may arise out of the recent condemnation at Sherbrooke, Quebec, for contempt of court, of Leda Lamontagne extradited from the United States on a charge of arson. It is contended by Leda's counsel, Mr. Lemieux, that the Court had no jurisdiction over her, as a witness, and that her condemnation for contempt was a breach of faith with the American authorities who consented to her extradition for an entirely different purpose. If the contemplated argument upon a writ of *habeas corpus* and an application to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa alike fail in securing the reversal of her condemnation, a representation will probably be made by her counsel, Mr. F. X. Lemieux, M. P. P., to Washington, and Secretary of State will be asked to remonstrate with the Canadian authorities and to demand an explanation.

Mr. J. Lanson Mills, the eminent mining engineer and metallurgist, has been appointed manager in Canada for the General Phosphate Corporation, limited, otherwise known as the Phosphate Trust.

By the will of the late John Naylor, of Halifax, who died 20 years ago, and which came into effect two weeks ago by the death of his widow, the Deaf and Dumb Institution gets \$6,000, Victoria Hospital \$2,000, Infirm Minister's Fund of Baptist Church \$4,000, N. S. Bible Society \$2,000, Baptist Missionary Society \$2,000, Insane Asylum \$2,000, First Baptist Church \$2,000, and the Free Library \$2,000.

Miss Horn, for fourteen years matron of what is now the Victoria General Hospital, was on Tuesday evening made the recipient of a testimonial in the shape of a handsome tea service from the hospital staff and medical board, a silk plush easy chair from the nurses, and a set of brass fire irons, coal scuttle and fender from the domestics. Miss Auntie Horn was also the recipient of a suitable gift. Mrs. Horn leaves the hospital to reside with her daughter in Dartmouth, and Miss Purdy of St. John becomes lady superintendent of the hospital.

On Monday last Steward Brown, of the steamer *Electra*, was reported missing, and it was thought that circumstances pointed to the conclusion that he had fallen overboard while carrying coal from the wharf to the steamer and been drowned. It is now thought, however, that he has made for the land of the free, as all his best clothes and valuables are missing. Sheriff Creighton of Lunenburg had a writ for Brown's arrest on an account for \$125, which was to be served on him on the arrival of the *Electra* at that town.

The Post-office Department is about to make an innovation, which will be doubtless appreciated by newspaper publishers. A good deal of trouble is often experienced in the mailing departments of large newspapers through the neglect of subscribers to notify the newspaper offices of a change of residence. Batches of newspapers may be returned weekly with the single word "removed" stamped upon them, and it is now proposed by the department to have a special form prepared for the letter carrier or postmaster to fill in, indicating the new residence of a subscriber.

A sad accident occurred at Dartmouth on Wednesday, by which Mrs. Allan, wife of James Allan, lost her life. Mrs. Allan was subject to fits and in one of these she fell on an open grate in which a fire was burning. Her children gave the alarm and Edward Warne, rushed in from the street and found the woman lying on the floor with her clothing and hair burning. He extinguished the flames, and Dr. Smith was called in. Every thing was done for the sufferer, but without avail and she died soon afterwards. Mrs. Allan was about 35 years of age and leaves a husband and four children.

The Assistant Analysts of the laborator, branch of the Inland Revenue Department are engaged upon an analysis of spices which will afford material for a very interesting report. The samples of black and white pepper and mustard, now undergoing chemical tests, are said to show an extent and variety of adulteration that will surprise consumers of these condiments very much. Scarcely any in the ground state in which they are generally sold are found to be pure. The pepper is largely mixed with starch and other substances. The mustard contains flour and even plaster of Paris while the ground cinnamon, it is said, contains scarcely anything of the genuine article beside the flavor.

A chime of bells have arrived in Montreal, which, if they could speak, would be able to tell quite an interesting story. They formed part of the Allan Line steamship *Assyrian's* cargo from London, and were transferred a few days ago to a crane lighter and moved to a convenient point for loading on trucks. The bells were on the Bossiere Line steamship *Hauri Quatre* when she was wrecked some months ago on the coast of France, and for several weeks laid at the bottom of the sea. A successful attempt was made to rescue the bells from the wreck, and they were taken to London for re-shipment to their destination. They are for the Oblat Fathers, St. Peter's Church, on Visitation Street.

The first locomotive of the Manitou Pike's Peak Cog Railway reached the summit of Pike's Peak on the 20th inst.

It is believed by many importers in the United States that the McKinley Bill will be nullified owing to a legal error.

In a discussion on religion between James Kelly, a Catholic, and John McElwaine, an Orangeman, at New York, Kelly was stabbed in the neck with a fork, making a wound within an eighth of an inch of the jugular vein. Kelly may die.

Walt Whitman is popularly thought to have no sense of humor, but the other day a young man dropped in upon him at his humble home in Camden, N. J., introduced himself as a poet, and begged to be allowed permission to read selections from a bundle of manuscripts which he carried. "No, thank you," said Walt, courteously but firmly, "I have been paralyzed twice."

There is great excitement over the discovery of pearls in Wisconsin. The gems have been discovered in the north and south branch of the Manitowoc, the Kilenake and Mud Creek, besides numerous small lakes which lie in the county of Calumet. The water is very clear and comes mostly from springs. The bottoms of these streams are sandy and full of gravel, and embedded in this gravel are millions of clams. Out of two or three varieties of these the pearl producing clams are found. The number of pearls found in a single clam averages from one to fifty. Specimens of the pearls have been sent to Chicago, New York and Milwaukee, and favorable reports as to their value have been returned.