

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Maritime Stove Founders' Association is now in session in this city.

The C. P. R. Telegraph Co., have opened an office at Fredericton, N. B.

The total number of settlers in the Dominion last year was 88,700, an increase of 4,200 over 1887.

Moncton is going to spend \$25,000 in paving the streets, and \$15,000 to complete the sewerage system.

The Amherst Gazette is to have a dynamo to light its offices and supply the power for the newspaper and job presses.

Mr. W. Gunn, of Quebec, has been appointed to fill the new tutorship of Modern Languages in Queen's University.

It is said the name of the steamer "City of Monticello" is to be changed to "Digby." The people of Digby are much pleased with the proposition.

It is said that the proposed visit of the Canadian members of Parliament to the States is to be a fact, and that it will take place about the 1st of May.

The St. John general public hospital is to have a new \$10,000 wing built. The Commissioners are to ask the N. B. legislature for permission to borrow the money for the purpose.

Two hundred weavers employed in the Harmond cotton mill at Cornwall, Ontario, are on strike. They express their determination to hold out until their grievances are remedied.

Charlottetown wants to have the railway extended along the city front, and a deputation has waited on Sir John Macdonald, urging that the same be considered by the Government.

The plant of the Springhill, N. S., *Independent* newspaper has been purchased to publish the new Campbellton newspaper, which will be issued in the course of a week or two.

The Pictou Boot and Shoe Company is alive. A meeting was held lately and directors elected. The factory is being built and will probably be ready to commence operations in the spring.

Mr. C. J. Brydges, formerly general superintendent of the Intercolonial railway, dropped dead in Winnipeg on Sunday last. A large number of his friends in Nova Scotia will regret to hear of his death.

There are nineteen inmates of the Tracadie Lazaretto. Two were admitted last year. The annual report states that the general health of the inmates is good and there is less suffering than in past years.

St. John wants to have a carnival, and the affair will probably come off in about three weeks. It also wants to be the winter port, and has held a meeting at which the opinions of several prominent men were aired.

The railway station at Middleton was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday last. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary, as the station master says there was no fire left in the stove on Saturday night.

Says the *Pictou News*: The question of a water supply is an every day topic now. It is the universal opinion that an engineer should be engaged to make a preliminary survey and decide upon the most practicable scheme.

The Provincial Parliament was opened yesterday by His Honor the Administrator with the usual ceremonies. The guards of honor were furnished by the Halifax Garrison Artillery and the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

The *Sydney Advocate* says,—“The work of building the foundations of the railway bridge at Coxheath is advancing. One of the abutments is about completed. Work will be commenced on the fresh water creek in a few days.”

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A bill has been introduced in the Quebec Legislative Council proposing to abolish that chamber on the basis of paying each member \$10,000 indemnity. It is reported that a majority of the members of the Council favor the proposition.

A petition has been circulated in Pictou praying for a Post Office building, and asking that an appropriation be made during the present session of parliament for the purpose of purchasing a suitable lot and building, substantial, and convenient for a Post Office.

An alarming epidemic broke out recently amongst the Chipewyan Indians at Cold Lake, 175 miles north-west of Battleford. At the date of a visitation by the Mounted Police 30 deaths had taken place. The tribe afflicted are not treaty Indians, but are remarkable for cleanliness and thrift.

Sir Charles Tupper left England for Canada yesterday. It is believed that he comes with instructions from the Imperial authorities to the Canadian government in regard to the fisheries policy, and other questions now at issue between this country and the United States.

Dr. Foster, of Toronto, proposes to take two Lacrosse teams to Australia in the spring, stopping at Honolulu, and perhaps New Zealand, by the way. He is in negotiation with Big John to see if he can organize a good team of Iroquois Indians at Caughnawaga for this tour, and Big John is talking over the matter with the best Lacrosse players of his tribe.

The failure of Buffalo skins has compelled the N. W. Mounted Police authorities to cast about for substitutes for great coats for the force. They are adopting cow-skins, which are said to be skillfully prepared by the Sarcee Indians, who it is hoped will be led to make their process a permanent and remunerative industry.

The highest department of the Dartmouth public schools has instituted a bulletin board, on which the news of the day from all parts is written by certain pupils who are chosen regularly as editors. This is a very good plan for impressing on the minds of the pupils the events that take place, which would probably otherwise be passed by without notice.

We cull the following from the columns of the *Morning Chronicle*, italics ours. “The catch of frozen herring at St. John on Saturday was 82,000. The receipts for the week amounted to 1,263,250 fish.” The winter has not been severe on human beings, but the herring must have caught it badly. The fish stories that have gone the rounds of the press lately are startling.

The *Truro Guardian* says:—“Councillor Chambers is having his incandescent lighting station remodelled. The dynamos, which have all along been in the cellar, are to be put on the first flat. Three substantial brick pillars have been built in the cellar to strengthen the floor where the dynamos will be placed. A new 300 light dynamo and engine have lately been placed in position.”

A number of the merchants of Halifax recently held a meeting in the class room of the Y. M. C. A., to consider the advisability of organizing an association to further the interests of the wholesale and retail merchants of Halifax. A committee of thirteen gentlemen was appointed to formulate a basis of association to be brought before a meeting to be convened shortly, for ratification.

We are indebted to the *Toronto Globe* for a handsome calendar, with large and distinct black figures on a red ground, surrounded by a number of views in a very effective style of engraving. Also one very handsomely adorned with well-colored characters of Scott's novels, and a figure of Sir Walter himself and his dogs, from the *Scottish Union* and National Insurance Company, A. C. Edwards, Agent at Halifax.

Two men went shooting rabbits on Rorey McLeod's mountain, Margaree, last Saturday evening, and one of them nearly lost his life through being mistaken for a rabbit by his brother, who saw his head through a bush and fired at it. His cries brought assistance and he was taken to the office of Dr. Carmichael, who removed several shots from his head and neck. It seems impossible to teach care in the use of fire-arms.

Of the Canadian Universities, McGill College, Montreal, leads the van with lady students, having 105 in attendance in January. University College, Toronto, comes next with 34. Queens', Kingston, has 32, and our own Dalhousie 18. Most of them are taking the regular Arts course, but some of them are taking particular branches such as English or French literature. The College classes offering better facilities for studying the same than can be obtained elsewhere.

A correspondent of the *Moncton Times* complains of the way in which the Post Office at Lakeville is conducted. He says “the mail is kept in a box on the kitchen table, where the children can play with it, and neighbors come in and examine papers and post cards, and the whole settlement knows who gets a letter every mail.” He suggests that the post office be removed to the Railway station, as it would be more convenient, and private letters would not then become public property.

We gather the following from the *Canadian Gazette*, “We record on authority that Mr. Eden Colville has retired from the governorship of the Hudson's Bay board, and that Sir Donald A. Smith has been elected to that important office, Lord Anson succeeding to the deputy-governorship. The new governor has been all his life connected with the Company, he is reputed to be the largest shareholder, and no man living has a more intimate acquaintance with the business of the Hudson's Bay Company.”

We are in receipt of the *Halifax Philatelist*, the organ of the Canadian Association, of which Mr. H. Hechler, of this city, is President. The Philatelic Society of the Netherlands, we learn, intends to celebrate its fifth anniversary by holding an international exhibition at Amsterdam on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of April. Eight silver gilt medals and honor diplomas for the largest or best collections of postage stamps will be given. Intending exhibitors must use a prescribed form of card, which will be furnished by Johann Koming, Secretary of the Society, Amsterdam.

The Dartmouth Post Office is a poor affair for the size of the town. Perhaps when the proposed water supply and sewerage system are realities, the citizens will awaken to the fact that one corner of a candy and cook shop is not the best place that might be selected for the posting and delivery of letters. When doughnuts are being fried the smoke is enough to choke one, as the kitchen is just alongside of the shop. The only redeeming feature of the place is the bright little girl who attends to the work of the office in a manner that has made her a general favorite. A respectable post-office building with the aforesaid young lady in charge would give satisfaction to our friends on the other side of the harbor.

It is gratifying to note the success of the Telephone system in our city, as shown from the number of instruments that have been added during the past year to this exchange. Our citizens are more and more appreciating it as a household necessity. The lady of the house now, after breakfast, can call up her friend and after a little chat, rings up her grocer, and, after declaring her wants, orders dinner from the butcher, calls up her dressmaker and lays her plans for the most becoming dress, etc. She now quietly goes back to her household duties, having accomplished as much business in 15 minutes as would take the best part of a forenoon to meet without the aid of the Telephone.