

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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New Glasgow is going to increase the capacity of its water system, construct a system of sewerage and improve the streets.

We have to acknowledge with thanks a package of assorted flower and vegetable seeds from Messrs. D. M. Ferry & Co., of Windsor, Ont.

Elizabeth Stewart, the missing witness in the Weeks-Sutherland poisoning case, has not yet been found. The case stands adjourned until April 1st.

The Amherst steam tannery, belonging to C. R. Casey & Son, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The loss is estimated at about \$12,000. Insurance \$7,000.

An Italian patient in Notre Dame hospital, Montreal, named Toney Pinsey, jumped through a window down to the ground, 70 feet below, on Sunday. The man died.

The people of Newfoundland are much agitated over the new lobster modus vivendi between England and France, which, they claim, sacrifices the fishing and territorial rights of the Island.

The residence of the late Hon. James Butler, on Dresden Row, has been purchased by Archbishop O'Brien. It is understood that it is to be used as a glebe house. The house is one of the largest in the city.

The children of a family named Hull, in Truro, have died since Friday last of malignant measles, followed by pneumonia. The family are in destitute circumstances, and it is said that cold and hunger hastened the fatal results of the disease.

We have before us two pamphlets by Dr. Reid, Superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane. One on the "Dairy of the Future," the other entitled "Stirpiculture, or the Ascent of Man." The latter is marked by great breadth, combined with moderation of view.

In the Benwell murder case Mrs. Birchell has been discharged; there being no evidence against her. David Stevenson and Mrs. West, respectively father and sister of Mrs. Birchell, have arrived at Niagara Falls. The meeting between father and daughter was very affecting.

The association which has been incorporated for the purpose of holding exhibitions in St. John, N. B., are working hard to secure the success of the International Exhibition which it is contemplated to hold there during the present year. We wish them every success in their exertions.

The beautifully painted china berry set and fruit dish, on exhibition in the window of M. S. Brown & Co., Granville Street, is the work of Miss Beatie Brown, whose artistic talent is so well known. No one who takes an interest in art should miss seeing these exquisitely painted articles.

Hon. C. H. Tupper has returned to Ottawa from Washington on Sunday. He was suffering from a sore throat, from sewer gas entering his room at the hotel where he was staying. The negotiations in regard to Behring Sea had not been concluded when he left, and the matter of Atlantic fisheries had not been taken up.

Rev W. H. Cline, pastor of the first Baptist church in this city, has resigned his charge in order to accept a call to one of the most influential Baptist churches in Toronto. The resignation takes effect about the first of May. Mr. Cline's departure will be much regretted by his congregation and friends in the city.

There is a strong feeling among the clergy and others interested against the City Bill introduced into the House of Assembly for the non-exemption of churches and charitable institutions from taxation. A deputation of prominent clergymen waited on the committee on private and local bills on Tuesday and protested against it.

A sad drowning accident occurred in Charlottetown last week, by which Miss Margaret Weeks, an estimable young lady, lost her life. She went for a walk on the harbor and broke through the ice. She struggled to get out till, chilled by the water, she died. Her cloud became frozen to the ice, and, being tied round her, kept the lady from sinking.

At the meeting of the Institute of Natural Science on Monday evening it was decided to change the name of the Society to the Nova Scotia Institute of Science, and also to apply for an act of incorporation. A paper by Rev. Dr. Ambrose on "Our fish and their enemies" was read by the President, after which an interesting discussion took place.

We are requested by the Grand Division Sons of Temperance to state the desire of the Executive of that body that all members of the Grand Division who can conveniently do so will attend at the Division Room, Cornwallis Street, on Wednesday next the 2nd of April, at 8 p. m., for consultation on matters of the utmost importance to the order.

The Dartmouth Ferry Company have announced that shop, school and working girls, schoolboys and apprentices will be provided with one hundred tickets for a dollar. This is a concession of value to these classes, whose usually small means would be taxed too heavily by the two-and-a-half-cent rate. The town appears as determined as ever to start the new ferry.

The City Council has resolved to memorialize the Dominion Government to purchase the block between North and Cornwallis, and Water and Lockman streets, for conversion into a Railway Terminus, the City to have a street 70 feet on the western side, and to contribute \$170,000 towards the purchase. It was resolved to have a rider attached to the bill now before the House covering this.

The St. John *Progress* of last week contained the following paragraph: "One of *Progress*' most welcome exchanges, THE CRITIC, of Halifax, retreated from part of its first page last week, and gave vantage ground to the enterprising firm of Smith Bros. No Halifax dry goods house is better or more favorably known in New Brunswick. They do a very large outside business, and are thoroughly deserving of the confidence of their customers."

The Association for the Relief of the Poor have been examining into the condition of tenements and back yards in Halifax, and report that they have found many places in a filthy condition, and dangerous to public health. The Committee have made the following recommendations:—"That the present Board of Health appoint three of its members an Executive Committee, and that they appoint also an Advisory Board of three citizens, two at least of whom shall be medical men, to carry out the act in relation to the public health." The report and recommendation were adopted, and a Committee, consisting of Mr. W. H. Neal, Mr. Almon, Mr. Laing and the members of the Association, was appointed to appear before the City Council to urge the adoption of the recommendation.

Messrs. Geo. P. Rowell & Co. of New York, the Publishers of the American Newspaper Directory, furnish us with the following information. They "undertake to rate newspaper circulations very much as the mercantile agencies report the capital and credit of the business community. About one publisher in ten tells his exact issue with truthful precision. Others, for various reasons, decline to tell the facts. In the twenty-second annual issue of their book, now in the binder's hands, they designate every paper that is rated in accordance with a detailed statement from the publisher; and offer to pay a hundred dollars for every instance which can be pointed out of a misstatement for which a publisher is responsible. THE CRITIC is one of the papers that is willing to have it known how many it prints, and whose good faith the Directory publishers will guarantee."

The World's Fair has been postponed until 1893.

A Nevada rancher had 2,000 sheep left out of his flock of 11,000 before the snow storm set in. These sheep lived 21 days without anything to eat.

The Court of Appeals at Albany, N. Y., has affirmed the judgments of the courts below in the Kemmler murder case, declaring the electrical execution act constitutional.

The petroleum supply of Pennsylvania seems to be inexhaustible. During the month of February 476 new wells were opened, adding 10,459 barrels daily to the yield of the oil regions.

There is a pleasing atmosphere of happy domestic life about *The Ladies' Home Journal* which makes each number as welcome as sunshine. Bright stories vie with the best of home poetry, while its articles always bristle with helpfulness for women. The April number is a strong one.

The records of death in the city of New York show that there were killed by street cars during the year 1888, 64 persons; by omnibuses and wagons, 55, and by illuminating gas, 23; making the number killed by the electric current (5), insignificant compared with the deaths of individuals from any one of the other causes named.

A very swell wedding occurred in Charleston, S. C., on Wednesday evening, in which the groom was attired in satin trunks, silk hose and a silk waistcoat trimmed with Valenciennes lace, and the bride, as part of her correspondingly gorgeous apparel, wore "thorn golden slippers." The wedding was in the "French-Italian style," and when it was over there was a crowded "Venetian reception" at the residence of the bride's father.

M. J. Chatham, a white man, was hanged at Grenada, Mississippi, a few days ago for killing a negro. This is a most remarkable execution, inasmuch as it is the first instance in Mississippi in which a white man has been executed for the murder of a negro, and for this reason it has attracted universal attention. In Grenada the general feeling is that Governor Stone's fairness in seeing that the laws are executed deserves praise. Some, however, think that while they do not desire to criticise his action, at the same time he might have shown some regard for the wishes of the people expressed in a large petition.

As the time draws near for the fulfilment of "Crank" Erickson's prophecy of the simultaneous inundation and destruction of San Francisco, Oakland, Chicago and New York by an earthquake, April 14, believers are becoming more and more excited. They are selling real estate at half its value and disposing of other property for a song to second-hand dealers. They will move to the surrounding hills out of harm's way. There will be an organized hegira under leaders, and daily prayer meetings will be held until the night of the 13th. A piece of property assessed at \$10,000 was sold for \$6,500, and all the furniture in a nine-room house went for \$35. One devotee gave away several cords of wood, saying he did not need it.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice have gone to Aix Les Bains in France.

The French Chamber of Deputies has elected M. Spuller Vice-President of that body.

The damage done by continued floods throughout Italy is estimated at 4,000,000 francs.

Wednesday, the 26th, was the birthday of the Duke of Cambridge, who completed his 71st year.

It is stated that Gen. Lord Wolseley will be appointed Commander-in-Chief of the forces in Ireland.

Sister Rose Gertrude has not been permitted to enter as a nurse the Molokai leper settlement in the Hawaiian Islands.