

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Two hundred and fifty immigrants arrived in Winnipeg last week.

Prof. Wortman has returned from Europe and entered upon his duties at Acadia College.

Mr. Meigs (Liberal) has been returned to the Dominion Parliament for Missisquoi by 200 majority.

Over \$50,000 worth of potatoes were shipped from Halifax to the United States during the last quarter of 1887.

Rev. H. Maclean Sinclair, of East River, Pictou Co., has received a call from the Presbyterian church at Belfast, P. E. Island.

Lord Lansdowne, it is reported, will leave Canada about the end of May, at about which time Lord Stanley will assume the Governor-Generalship.

The Manitoba difficulty still hangs fire, but there seems to be some sort of understanding that something satisfactory to that Province will be arranged.

Rev. D. M. Gordon, the new pastor of St. Andrew's church, is making a very favorable impression. The Sunday evening services are largely attended.

The convict Millman, who, it is satisfactory to know, is to be hung, made a desperate attempt to escape last week, knocking a warden senseless with a bottle.

Nearly a third of a million acres were taken up in homesteads in the North-West last year. Fully one hundred thousand settlers are expected to arrive this year.

Nine thousand acres of land near Newdale, Manitoba, have been bought by two Englishmen, who intend going into farming operations on an extensive scale.

The Legislative Council has seen fit to reject the Quebec Resolutions by a vote of fourteen to four. Whatever may be the merits of the Resolutions, it is probable that the Council has by this action driven another nail into its coffin.

Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Lindsay, Ont., has declined the call from St. Andrew's church, Winnipeg. It is not unlikely that both the Presbyterian churches in that city will make an effort to obtain a pastor from the Maritime Provinces.

It is interesting to learn, says the London, Ont., *Advertiser*, that Canada, from a temperance standpoint, is in advance of any Christian community on the face of the globe. Great Britain annually consumes 30 gallons of strong drink per head of her population, the United States 12, and Canada last year only 4.

The C. P. R. will be the means of bringing about an extensive change in naval affairs on the Pacific coast. Men-of-war will no longer have to go home at the end of their three years' commission, as the new crews can be sent over the C. P. R. to join them. The importance of Esquimaux will also be immensely increased.

Surgeon-General Crane, who was recently made a C. M. G. for distinguished services in the Imperial army, is a native of King's county, a nephew of the late Dr. Avery, of Halifax, and a brother of Mrs. George H. Starr. Last year he took unto himself a wife, his cousin, a daughter of late Hon. Wm. Crane, of Sackville, N. B.

Two D. A. G.'s are, it is said, to be abolished. Lt.-Col. DeLotbinière-Harwood, of Military District No. 6 is to be superannuated, and the duties of the D. A. G. of No. 1, (London,) are to be undertaken by Lt.-Col. H. Smith, Commandant of the Infantry School now established there. The estimates for 1888-9 providing for only six officers of this rank instead of eight.

The work on the new C. P. R. shops at Vancouver is being pushed forward, and the foundations for several of the machines are already erected. The boilers and furnaces are being built, and the engine erected. The latter is 40 horse-power. The round-house and turn-table are completed and occupied. At the works the scene is a busy one, and gives the visitor a good idea of the enormous sums of money the C. P. R. is expending in Vancouver, and the immense benefit the shops will be to the city, employing as they will 300 or 400 men steadily.

J. A. Leaman, of the firm of J. A. Leaman & Co., successors to Fader Bros., the well-known victuallers of Bedford Row, has lately returned from Ontario, where he purchased some very fine cattle. In fact, he secured the best that money could buy. The lot purchased comprises: General Gordon, a short horn steer, two years and six months old, weighing 2,135 lbs.; Black Tom, weighing 1,800 lbs.; Rosy, a heifer, weighing 1,000 lbs.; a pair of steers, weighing 4,400 lbs.; an ox, the largest in the Dominion, weighing 3,270 lbs.; seven steers, averaging 1,450 lbs. each; two steers, weighing 2,900. The firm are doing the rushing business that their enterprise deserves, and their fine display of beef, mutton, poultry, smoked meats, dairy products, etc., needs only to be seen to be appreciated. The large ox weighed when dressed 2,046 lbs., and half the carcass has been purchased by the Halifax Hotel.

Rev. John Wier, of Robie Street church, has been offered by the missionary board of the Methodist and Episcopal church of New York a position on the staff of the Methodist college at Tokio, Japan. He will leave Nova Scotia in May.

An event that has caused some surprise in the Upper Provinces is the election of Mr. Corby, a distiller, to represent West Hastings, a Scott Act county, in the House of Commons. Mr. Corby is a Conservative, and was elected by acclamation.

Messrs. Joseph Fader & Co., Bedford Row, are making a splendid display of Easter beef, Cornwallis fed, and one hundred carcasses of mutton, as fine as there is in the Dominion. The head of this enterprising firm has long been identified with the meat trade, and the name of Fader is sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the quality of the goods they handle. They also supply their customers with all kinds of canned goods, fruits and vegetables, poultry, eggs, butter, cheese; in fact everything usually found in a first-class victualling establishment, with prices as usual. Our friends would do well to give Joe a call.

Florida is reveling in ice cream and strawberry festivals.

Wood-carving is to be taught in the Minnesota State University.

The death, from pneumonia, is announced of Chief Justice Waite, of the Supreme Court of the United States, on Friday last.

Gabriel Dumont is reported to be trying to get the half-breeds to join him in establishing a half-breed settlement in Dakota.

The foreign relations committee of the United States Senate decided to devote the whole of last Saturday to the consideration of the Fisheries Treaty.

The Town Council of Syracuse is composed entirely of women. They are bright, active, business women, and are said to discharge the duties of their position better than the men who preceded them in office.

During a will contest in Baltimore County, Md., one of the witnesses testified that the deceased had, on one occasion, written a letter and read it to the rats in his house, warning them from the premises. He further asserted that the deceased had told him that he believed a great many of the rats had heeded the warning and left.

Ug Yee Yam is the name of a Chinese woman who recently arrived in San Francisco. She is possessed of wonderful beauty, and the Californians have gone wild over her. She is a sister-in-law of Lee Kong Yon, a well known cigar manufacturer of San Francisco. This is the first time that a really handsome woman has come to America from China.

A freshet is imminent all over New Jersey. It is greatly feared that the sudden thaw will swell the rivers to overflowing. All along the banks of the Passaic river in such towns as Newark, Paterson, and Passaic, the damage will be incalculable. Cellars in Jersey City, New Brunswick, Camden, and Trenton, are threatened, and a disastrous flood is looked for. Elizabethport is in danger of being inundated. The streets are filled knee-deep with slush and snow, and people experience great difficulty in getting about.

The death at Charleston, W. Va., of Gen. D. H. Strother was an event, the news of which will be received with a regretful interest. Gen. Strother was the "Porte Crayon," whose delightful work in *Harper's Magazine* many years ago made his *nom de plume* a household word. It was he who originated the style of illustrated magazine articles referred to, and there was in his sketches a certain geniality that has not since been excelled. He served in the American civil war on the Northern side, and subsequently was made consul general to Mexico. Of late years he has lived quietly, a happy old man, as "Porte Crayon" should be, in his West Virginia home.

Cambridge won the University Boat Race. Time 20 m. 40 s.

Her Majesty the Queen is in Italy, where her reception is enthusiastic.

It is reported that the French Government have decided to cashier Gen. Boulanger.

Meissonnier, the distinguished French painter, gets \$25,000 for a picture. Once he was glad to get \$4 or \$5.

Such indications as are allowed to leak out seem to afford hope that the Emperor Frederic is decidedly better.

The still beautiful Empress of Austria is in London for treatment, it is said to learn, for some paralytic affection.

Spain is to have an International Exhibition in 1888. It is to be held in Barcelona, and is to be open from April to September.

Guzman Blanco, President of Venezuela, is the most truculent man in South America. It is said that he has killed twenty men in duels.

The Princess of Wales frequently visits the hospitals in London, and entertains the inmates with music and the sunshine of her presence.

Paul du Chaillu is reported to be very ill. He married, it is said, an English widow, whom he first met at the Derby, and at once fell in love with.

Engineers on the Great Northern Railway, England, are given at least nine hours' rest between one day's labor and another, as a precaution against accidents.

Max O'Rell has been lecturing in Montreal and elsewhere, and his lectures are as spicy as his writings. Some of the papers persist in calling him Max O'Neil.

The Princess of Wales was much affected at the presentation to her of the silver-wedding gift of the ladies, which consisted of a diamond tiara valued at £4,800.