

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Mr. Henry Morton, of Hastings, who returned recently from Victoria, B. C., states that it rained there for 60 consecutive days.

There is one post office to every 633 people in Canada, and the Dominion has more post offices to the same number of people than any other country in the world.

The Queen's Own Rifle Regiment of Toronto has asked the Militia Department for leave to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in England at their own expense. The officers are enthusiastic over the contemplated trip, but have as yet not received any reply.

A handsome chronological calendar has been issued by our contemporary the *Herald*. It gives the dates of many events which are of interest to Nova Scotians, the collating of which must have required much laborious research. We are pleased to have this opportunity of recognizing our contemporary's enterprise.

A writer in the *Chronicle*, with a geometrical eye, objects to the Parade being called Queen's or Victoria Square. He is right. The Parade is not a square, and never could be made such. It was once used as a parade, and in choosing a new name, the historical significance of this fact should not be overlooked.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has been notified that the twelve 80-ton guns, now constructing at Woolwich Arsenal, for the defence of Victoria, British Columbia, will be ready for shipment over that railway in April, with large consignments of war material. Special cars have been ordered to be built to carry the heavy guns.

The British Government has notified the authorities in British Columbia that no attempt must be made to interfere with the Chinese residents in that Province. The relations between China and Great Britain are now on a most satisfactory footing; and in the event of a Russian complication, it is most desirable that these cordial relations should be maintained.

The sympathies of most good citizens will be with the young man who was fined in the Halifax police court for assault. The facts are that while in St. George's church on Sunday last, he endeavored to quiet several roughs who were making a noise and disturbing the congregation. Finding moral suasion useless, he tried muscular christianity and quiet was restored. The law condemns him but public opinion will sustain him.

The news of the death of Deputy Surgeon-General Wolsely was received in Halifax with regret, the deceased having made many friends in this city. Dr. Wolsely was a brother of Lord Wolsely, and appears to have possessed the same military spirit which animates that distinguished General. Dr. Wolsely's death was caused by a fall from his horse at Meerut, India. Mrs. Wolsely is in England, not having gone to India with her husband.

On Monday last, a young lad named William Thompson, an employee of the Nova Scotia Sugar Refinery, was smothered to death while performing some work in connection with the "char" box. Had the poor boy taken the precaution to loosen the "char" at the top of the box, instead of entering the man-hole from below, the sad accident would have been avoided; as it was, he was buried beneath the "char," and must have expired almost instantaneously.

According to the Canadian *Gazette* it is understood that an effort is being made by gentlemen interested in Canadian affairs in Paris to introduce Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick black oats to the Compagnie des Omnibus of Paris, to the Compagnie des Petites Voitures of Paris, and to the commissariat officers charged with supplying the French cavalry with oats. The excellent quality of the black oats grown in these two Maritime Provinces for horse-feeding purposes is well known.

If a man's obituary notice could only be written during the time that he was running his election as a candidate for Parliamentary honors, what a different account we would read of him to that which appears in the party papers opposing him. If the press is to be believed, the candidates who have so far been nominated, are scallywags, black-legs, and boodlers. In every truth, the party brush would smirch the reputation of a Joseph, or take a saint of a Barabbas, according to the exigencies of the situation.

In the Parliament just dissolved, there were two hundred and eleven members, of whom sixty-eight were Liberals, and one hundred and forty-three Liberal-Conservatives. In this new Parliament the North-West Territories will be represented by four members, so that there will be 215 members of the House of Commons—from Nova Scotia 21, New Brunswick 5, Prince Edward Island 6, Quebec 65, Ontario 92, Manitoba 5, British Columbia 6, and the North-West Territories 4. In the old Parliament there were 68 lawyers.

The resolutions respecting our fisheries, which are being almost daily introduced into one or other branch of the American Congress, are creating little uneasiness in Great Britain. The tone of the discussion is strong and decided; and if they are to be taken as an index of American feeling on this question, it is evident that we are in for a serious time of it. If the people of the United States believe in fair play, they should appoint a commission to take the evidence on both sides of the question. The evidence so far collected by the Senate committee is one-sided and misleading.

The Sailors' Home is an establishment which in its line, is doing most excellent work in Halifax, it often having been the means of saving Jack from the grip of the sharpers who, in a seaport like this, are ever on the lookout to lighten his pocketbook. Six hundred and sixty-one sailors have, during the past year, taken advantage of the retreat that the Home offers; and from the annual report of those engaged in furthering the work, it is evident that economical management and Jack's comfort have alike been considered. A new Home, commodious and conveniently situated, is now felt to be urgently required, and a subscription list has been opened with this end in view. Several contributions have already been made.

"Baddeck" says:—"There has been a sudden lull in the political storm here, owing to the compromise made between the Conservative and Liberal candidates, which has resulted in the nomination of Duncan McDonald from Englishtown. For the sake of peace and quietness in the community it is to be hoped that the new arrangement will be adhered to, but some of our strong party men are already beginning to show signs of dissatisfaction with the compact. Sunday last was a happy day for the good Presbyterians of Baddeck. For years they have worshipped in a comparatively small and poorly heated edifice. Now they have moved into a new church, which in its way is a perfect gem. It is commodious, handsomely finished, and comfortably heated with hot air. The ladies of the congregation, who have for several years worked assiduously for the requisite funds, feel especially proud of the result. The Rev. K. McKenzie conducted the opening service, preaching a stirring sermon upon the occasion."

Burns' anniversary concert, which came off in the basement of St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday evening last, was Scotch enough to please the most full-blooded Highlander in the country. The Rev. Dr. Pollock's ten minutes orationette was clear, comprehensive and concise. The Dr.'s chilly joke in stating that on the first of March primroses were in bloom near to Burns' home, and that three months later the snow lay on the ground in Nova Scotia, was evidently not understood by the audience, at least, no smile was visible. The programme, consisting of selections from Burns, was carried out with much spirit, the solos of Messrs. Murray, Crawford and Gillis deserving special mention. The duett, "Ye banks and braes," sung by Mrs. H. C. Creighton and Mr. Gillis, although somewhat novel in arrangement, was rendered with great taste and was in all respects the best number of the evening. The popularity of these Burns' anniversary concerts should lead the good people of St. Andrew's church to try the experiment of holding the concert in a hall of good acoustic qualities, and capable of being ventilated.

Mrs. Logan will receive thirty thousand dollars from her husband's book.

President Cleveland has sent his check for \$50 to help the school for Indian girls at Santa Fé, New Mexico.

It is declared that 6000 criminals are at large in New York city because there are not facilities for trying the rogues.

The man whose business it has been to keep passengers from being run over at the west end of the depot at Springfield, Mass., was run over himself and killed by the cars.

A woman in Merced county, Cal., buried \$2500 in gold in the cellar for safe keeping. Her seven-year-old boy discovered the hoard, however, and had distributed \$700 of it among his playmates before he was found out.

Mr. George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, has given a drinking-fountain to Stratford-on-Avon, expressing the hope that it may prove an evidence of the goodwill between the two nations to whom Shakespeare's fame and works are a common heritage.

Quails, which about five years ago were nearly exterminated in Ohio, are becoming very abundant there. A correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette* reports this bag for two guns in four days: 205 quailst two woodcocks, one duck, sixteen squirrels, and uncounted rabbits.

A prize recently offered in London for the best list of the twelve greatest living men resulted in Gladstone's being placed at the head, and it is rather a tickler for our national vanity, says the *Boston Herald*, to find the name of Grover Cleveland placed ahead of the Prince of Wales in the polling.

New York, during the last school year, expended \$12,284,986 for the public schools of the State, of which \$9,102,268 was for the salaries of 22,240 regular teachers and 9,900 extras. There are 1,735,073 children of school age in the State, of whom 1,027,767 attended school during the year.

Mayor O'Brien of Boston has proposed to have the care of that city's street-crossings parcelled out to men who shall depend on the charity of the passers-by to pay for their services. The Central Labor Union condemns the plan, and there is a general opposition to importing the old London plan of crossing-sweepers to the Hub.

By the will of the late Hon. John S. Newberry, of Detroit, Mich., the large sum of \$500,000 is left for the benefit of numerous religious and charitable institutions in sums from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Mr. Newberry's whole estate is valued at \$4,250,000. His bequest is by far the largest of its kind ever made by a citizen of Detroit.

Thomas Stevens, the plucky American who started out to compass the globe on a bicycle, arrived at San Francisco on Friday last on the steamer City of Peking from Yokohama. He started in April 1884, and had numerous exciting experiences, the most dangerous of which was in going through China, where he had a narrow escape with his life. In Japan he was well treated. He has already written much valuable information about the tribes of Central Asia.