

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The election campaign opens to-day by a great meeting in Toronto.

It is rumored that the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific Railways may shortly consolidate.

The annual meeting of the Sailors' Home was held on Friday evening last. The usual business was gone through with.

The steamer *Halifax* has been chartered for an excursion to Jamaica. She will leave Boston for the West Indies on the 28th inst.

The Canada Atlantic S. S. Company has decided to purchase a sister ship to the *Halifax* to place on the line between Halifax and Boston.

On the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture, the Government has decided to grant money for the establishment of dairy schools through the Dominion.

The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. Association was held on Thursday evening of last week. Mr. E. G. Smith was elected President, vice J. C. Mackintosh; retired.

A saw mill, at the north end of Shelburne, owned by John C. Ryer and John W. Bower & Sons, was burned on Wednesday morning. Total loss \$23,000, no insurance.

Mr. Potter, manager of the Sailors' Home, has resigned, and accepted a position as manager of the Sailors' Home in St. John. The Halifax institution is looking for a new manager.

Charlottetown has a new daily, the *Morning Guardian*, published by the editor of *The Guardian*. It is devoted to prohibition, the tunnel, equal rights, country before party, and municipal reform.

The Postmaster-General has signed a convention with Barbadoes, West Indies, for a direct parcel post between the two countries. Overtures in the same direction have been made by the department with other islands of the British West Indies, and also with Hong Kong.

A terrible murder was committed by thieves at Ancaster, near Hamilton, Ontario, on January 27th. John Heslop, an elderly man, was shot through the heart by the burglars, who kept Mrs. and Miss Heslop shut in a room while they committed the crime. All the booty they secured was some jewelry belonging to Miss Heslop.

Mr. Benjamin Sulte, the historian, has been requested by Mr. C. Langelier, the Provincial Secretary, on behalf of the Quebec Government, to prepare a volume of Canadian History for use in the schools of that Province. This text book will convey a knowledge of history in the secret method, by a series of dialogues.

The replies from judges, jurists, Crown officers and others to the circular of the Minister of Justice asking for opinions as to the advisability of abolishing grand juries in criminal matters are nearly all in. They vary a great deal. Some eminent authorities being for and others against the reform, so that it is unlikely that any legislative change will be proposed to Parliament.

The members of the Union Engine Company who made the complaint against Captain Condon complied with the request of the committee of investigation and withdrew their "manifests," but sent the resolution to the City Clerk instead of to the Secretary of the Company. They have been expelled from the company by the majority. Chief Pickering has instructed the expelled members to continue to promptly respond with their apparatus to any alarms, until otherwise instructed by him.

On Wednesday the sleeping car on the through west bound express on the Canadian Pacific Railway was thrown from the track, by a broken axle in the forward truck, about 100 feet east of a trestle bridge near Schreiber, on the Lake Superior section. The car ran half way across the bridge, tearing up the ties, and was then precipitated over the side, and fell 50 or 60 feet to the ground. There were eleven passengers in the car, all of whom were more or less injured, but only four seriously. Some of the sleeping car passengers were in the dining car, and so escaped injury.

A collision occurred on the G. T. R. near Ballyntine, Ontario, on Sunday morning. Engine No. 389, going east, dashed into No. 154 going west. Drivers and firemen were compelled to jump to save their lives. Brakeman Clew jumped from the cab window of the engine and was crushed to death in the debris. Elliot, driver of No. 389, was entrenched in a ditch with three freight cars on top of him. He is badly injured about the back, head and arms. Middleton, driver of No. 154, had not time to jump when the crash came. He was thrown from his engine over a fence and into an adjoining field and was severely injured. Malley, his fireman, was terribly bruised. Wm. Taylor, another fireman, escaped unhurt. C. Low was killed; he belonged to Brookville and was a single man. Two engines and about 20 freight cars are totally destroyed and piled up in a heap. The loss will aggregate \$75,000. The cause of the collision is alleged to be due to the carelessness of Mr. Laidley, operator at Kingston, where the trains had orders to cross.

Arrangements for the taking of the Canadian census are in full swing. The commissioners and enumerators are now being selected. The chief officers number only fourteen, four for Ontario, three for Quebec, one for British Columbia, etc. There will be a commissioner for each county, and there will be about 3,000 enumerators. These officers do the actual work, going from house to house and taking down the information required by the department. The census taking will commence all over the Dominion on Monday morning, April 6, which is the date fixed for that work through-

out the British Empire. The chief officers mentioned stand between the Department and the commissioners, in the same relations as a staff officer or lieutenant-general does to the officer in command of an army. They are brought to the Department before the census begins and are instructed in all matters pertaining to the census taking, after which they go back and instruct the commissioners under them, who in turn instruct the enumerators. Thus the chief officers save the Department an immense amount of correspondence. The census taking will last about six weeks.

None seem to escape, everyone gets a cough sometime during the winter. A real friend will be found in the Oxford Cough Syrup, it is the best, cheapest and most effective cough medicine.

Nothing less than \$15,000,000 will meet the requirements of the World's Fair at Chicago. There seems to be some hitch about getting it too.

Secretary Windom of the U. S. Treasury, died suddenly at the annual banquet of the New York Board of Trade on January 29th. The programme was at once cut short. The U. S. Senate adjourned as a mark of respect to the late Secretary Windom.

On Feb. 1st as an oil well shooter was on his way to a well near St. Mary's, Lima, Ohio, with a load of nitro-glycerine, it exploded and blew horses, waggon and driver to atoms. The only evidence of the disaster was a huge hole in the roadway.

Chief Justice Fuller on Tuesday, announced that the supreme court had decided to grant the petition of counsel representing the British government, for leave to file application for a writ of prohibition to prevent the district court of Alaska from proceeding to carry out its decree of forfeiture made in the case of the schooner *Sayward*, libelled for unlawfully taking seals within the waters of Bering sea. The rule requiring the Alaska court to go to Washington and show cause why writ of prohibition should not issue is made returnable on the second Monday of April.

Mr. L. B. Mizner, of the United States ex-Minister to Guatemala, has decided to make public his official defence in the Barrundia case. He justifies this on the ground that Mr. Blaine's letter dismissing him was given to the press three weeks before it reached him and two weeks before Congress met. His defence is that the Barrundia affair was a mere incident in comparison with the settlement of the war between San Salvador and Guatemala, which he, as Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, brought about on the very day Barrundia was killed, and which required his whole attention; aside from this, however, he claims that his course was strictly in accordance with international law, as Barrundia was guilty of non-political as well as political crime.

At the time of the terrible accident on the Old Colony Railway at Quincy last summer several of the dead and wounded were robbed by some miscreant of jewels, including several diamonds of considerable value. Detectives have been at work on the case and the thief has been discovered. A young, good-looking detective was detailed to work up the case, through the daughter of the suspected man. The detective made love to the young woman, escorting her to parties and theatres. Not long ago he invited her to a big party and intimated to her that as it would be a fashionable affair he would like to have her appear at her best. She appeared on the night of the party bedecked with diamonds which had been taken from victims of the disaster. The detective expressed much admiration for the jewels during the evening, and inquired their cost. The girl did not know and said they were gifts from her father. This and other information furnished by the unsuspecting girl led to the arrest of her father, who is a well-known resident of Quincy.

Despatches from Greece say that an avalanche rolled down upon the town of Athamania. Twenty-five persons were killed outright and many were injured; 80 houses were destroyed.

Despatches from Chili state that the insurgents have been obliged to abandon La Serena and Coquimbo and that the harbor of Siquique has been reopened. Reports say that the government will raise the blockade of Valparaiso in three days unless the insurgents make another attack in the meanwhile. The government appears to be gaining ground.

An attempt at a revolution occurred at Oporto, Portugal, a few days ago. Three regiments of infantry, including a portion of the garrison, revolted with the object of establishing a Portuguese Republic. It was soon suppressed, and forty-three soldiers and all the civilians who had taken part in the uprising were placed under arrest by the loyal troops.

There is a crisis in the Italian ministry. Signor Crispi has presented his resignation, which King Humbert regards as final and has not asked him to withdraw it. The *Standard*, commenting on the Italian ministerial crisis, says the main ingredient of the irritation that resulted in Crispi's fall was the insane and inexplicable wasts of Italian money in Africa. It says a halt should be made in such lavish expenditures by the other powers and the ambitious dreams regarding Africa should be left to chartered companies. The *Times* Rome correspondent says: "I do not believe any stable combination is possible to oppose Signor Crispi, who will be stronger than ever on returning to power. He refuses positively to enter any combination at present. Some think Dr. Zanardelli will be able to form a strong ministry."

## CITY CHIMES.

The splendid sleighing of the past fortnight has brought joy to the hearts of those who love to hear the "tintinabulation of the bells, and to enjoy the pleasant sensation of gliding swiftly over the frozen snow. Numerous parties have been out, "just a drive and a dance you know," and they are certainly very enjoyable. Some people prefer euchre parties, but the young