

NEWS OF THE

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The new time table of the I. C. R. will probably go into effect on the 10th inst.

It is now reported that the ordering of British men-of-war to Behring's Sea is incorrect.

The diphtheria scourge still rages in Newfoundland, and many deaths have taken place.

Rhodes Curry & Co., of Amherst, have been awarded the contract for the erection of the Dominion public building at Annapolis.

A private letter carrier in Hamilton has decided to contest the right of the Government to a monopoly of the letter-carrying service.

A circular has been sent to revising officers instructing them to proceed with their work of revising at as early a date next month as practicable.

Forty men employed at Barnes & Company's box factory, at Ottawa, have been dismissed for absenting themselves from work on Ascension Day.

A severe frost on the 27th ult. in the Province of Ontario, besides being very destructive to vegetables and ruining fruit, has in some places damaged barley.

Receipts from United States fisherman for licences granted under the mudus vivendi this spring amount to over double the total receipts during the whole of last season.

The Archbishop lately paid a visit to Wolfville and vicinity, and expressed much admiration of the scenery. He intends holding a confirmation in Wolfville some time this month.

There has been a heavy fall of rain in New Brunswick, which will be good for the lumbermen, and enable them to get logs out which would otherwise be hung up for the summer.

The railway clerks are complaining that their travelling allowances have been reduced by the Postmaster-General. All extra pay for night work has been cut off, and the mileage allowance fixed at one cent per mile.

L. M. Wood has resigned the editorship of the *Albert County, N. B. Maple Leaf*, and goes to the Pacific to seek health. He is succeeded by W. J. Jones, who comes home from British Columbia to take charge of that journal.

At a recent meeting of the rate-payers of Annapolis Royal and vicinity, it was resolved that the government be urged to construct an aboiteau where the line of the Western Counties Railway crosses the Allen river, instead of a bridge.

Work is rapidly progressing on the Cornwallis Valley Railroad, nine miles out of the fourteen being already graded. This part of the work will be finished in about eight weeks. The rails are bought, and will arrive in the August shipment.

The Canadian Pacific express trains have been arriving and departing from Halifax this week. The first train arrived on Tuesday morning at twenty minutes to two, Halifax time. The journey to Montreal may now be made in twenty-six hours.

The farmers of King's were dreading damage to their crops from the recent frosts, but their fears were without foundation. The country is looking remarkably well, and the grass on the dykes unusually fine, but complaints of the caterpillars are both loud and deep.

We draw special attention to the advertisement of the transfer of the Wholesale Grocery Business of the late Mr. J. S. Maclean to Messrs. John W. Gorham and S. Waddell, to whom we wish the successful career their energetic business capabilities will no doubt ensure them.

It is understood that Edward Murphy, of Montreal, will succeed the late Senator Ryan. Mr. Murphy is a wealthy and respected business man, being for some years past the almost sole proprietor of the hardware business carried on under the name of Frothingham & Workman.

The huge frame work of the ship now building at Kingsport is nearly completed. The ship is being built by C. R. Burgess, of Wolfville, will be four-masted, and have a tonnage of 2500. Excepting the *W. D. Lawrence*, built at Maitland some years ago, this will be the largest ship ever built in Nova Scotia.

Principal MacKay, of Pictou Academy, has accepted the principalship of the Halifax Academy. He will be much missed in Pictou, but under the circumstances we cannot feel sorry. We are very glad he is coming to Halifax, which is the educational centre of the Province, and naturally draws to it men of such standing as Mr. MacKay.

William M. Tweedie will fill the now chair of English language and literature at Mount Allison. An effort is being made to establish another new chair at Mount Allison, and to get Rev. Ralph Brecken to accept it. Mr. Brecken is at present in Egypt or Palestine; and has not yet been heard from in reference to the gratifying proposition of his friends.

The work on the great "Soo" canal is progressing favorably, and a great deal of work has been done. On all three sections good progress is being made. Dredging has been pushed forward at the approaches; huts, subways, and offices have been built, and the outer trench is to be filled with puddling clay to prevent water coming in until the canal mason-work has been done.

We are requested to draw attention to "The Story of a Will," which will be found in another column.

Buil has been accepted for the American Schooner *Mattie Winship*, seized for violation of the three mile limit.

It appears likely that the negotiations with the Anderson Steamship Company for a fast trans-Atlantic Line will fall through, as the Andersons do not think half a million dollars annual subsidy sufficient for providing steamers with a speed of twenty knots for the service.

The Manitoba Government Emigration Office at Toronto reports a great enquiry for excursions to that Province next month. The Manitoba Government's Ontario agent is to visit Michigan and Wisconsin, and report upon the condition of farmers in those states, with a view to commencing a vigorous emigration campaign there. It is said a great many farmers are anxious to move out to Manitoba.

Mr. Benjamin Barker, M. I. C. E., of the staff of engineers of the Chignecto Ship Railway, and Superintending Engineer of the great Forth Bridge, Scotland, has completed his second inspection of the Ship Railway and left for England. The railway is to be carried over the Morse Bog by a stone embankment, which will be a mile long. Men are scarce, and wages are high. Most of the laborers are foreigners.

In another column will be found the advertisement of Wm. Ross, agent for the sale of all kinds of fish, oils, etc., to which we have much pleasure in directing attention. The Hon. Wm. Ross has since his residence in Halifax won a leading place in the community, and the esteem in which he is held by all classes of our citizens bears testimony to his uprightness of character, integrity and business capacity. We wish him every success in the business which he has recently taken in hand.

On Monday morning the citizens of Halifax were startled by the sad news that Mrs. Harvey, wife of Mr. George Harvey, head-master of the Victoria Art School, had committed suicide by drowning herself in the quarry pond in Point Pleasant Park on Sunday evening. An inquest was held on Monday, when a verdict was rendered "that the deceased drowned herself in the quarry pond while laboring under a fit of temporary insanity." The funeral took place on Tuesday, when many of her friends assembled at the grave. The deceased was 36 years of age, and leaves two children.

A colored woman, Miss Carrie Golden, recently graduated from the Chicago medical school.

Guthrie, Oklahoma, which a few weeks ago was a "Mushroom City" of 20,000 inhabitants, is now almost deserted.

Sir Julian Pauncefoot will return to England in July for the purpose of bringing Lady Pauncefoot and daughters to Washington.

Caterpillars are very plentiful this summer in Maine, but the stories of their numbers may be exaggerated. It is reported that they have stopped the trains in some places.

The heaviest rains on record are reported from Washington for the months of April and May. A heavy storm has been raging this week over a large territory, doing much damage to the crops.

The trustees of the Hartford Theological Seminary have voted to open all courses of the institution to women on the same terms as to men. It is the first institution of the kind in the country to undertake theological teaching for women.

Seven weeks ago Mr. Beecher, who is eighty-six years of age, met with an accident, on returning from church to his home, that cost him the loss of his leg. He resumed preaching last Sabbath, being carried from a carriage to his pulpit by two strong men. He preached seated in a chair, but exhibited all his old-time fire and eloquence.

A flood of water has swept away entire towns in the Alleghany Valley. It was caused by the bursting of a reservoir above Johnstown, Pa. owing to heavy rains which filled it to overflowing. The latest despatches report the number of killed at from twelve to fifteen thousand. The scenes are described as awful in the extreme. Johnstown was entirely swept away and the pile of debris that gathered at the bridge below the town, filled with both living and dead bodies, took fire. As many as possible were rescued but it was impossible to save all. Money is being subscribed to send provisions to the sufferers, and help is arriving from all quarters. The business losses are estimated at from five to ten millions of dollars.

The Brazilian ministry has resigned.

Yellow fever has broken out at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

The trial of Boulanger has been postponed till August.

On application of the *Times*, the Parnell libel suit has been postponed until November.

Mr. Vizitelli, the well-known bookseller of London, has been sentenced to three months imprisonment for publishing Zola's novels.

All the Westphalia pitmen have resumed work. The strike in Bohemia is extending. Fifteen hundred hands are out of work.

The Cunard Steamship Company and the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company have secured contracts to carry the outward British mails.

Several tribes in Morocco have rebelled against the Sultan. The rebels have made prisoners of a number of officers and threaten to kill them.

The Lord Mayor of London appeals for subscriptions to a public fund to equip the volunteers in a competent manner. It is estimated that \$525,000 will be required.