

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The nomination for Pictou takes place on the 18th inst., and polling on the 25th.

The Scott Act has suffered another defeat, by 160 majority, in Stanstead County, Quebec.

H. M. Ships Bellerophon (flag) and Pylades, arrived in harbor about ten o'clock on Monday morning.

Donald McDonald who is now living at Garloch, Pictou Co., N. S., took part in the battle of Waterloo.

The fortnightly steamer *Nova Scotian*, from Liverpool via St. John's, brings out a new crank shaft for the disabled *Circassian*.

The death in his 89th year is announced of the Hon. Jas. Ferrier, member of the Senate and of the Legislative Council of Quebec.

The Manitoba grain dealers are said to have made a profit of \$700,000 by the recent rapid rise of wheat, some of them having made fortunes.

George Ross, 74 years of age, blew out the gas in the Commercial hotel, Toronto, and was found dead in bed Saturday morning. When will there be an end of this ignorance and stupidity?

The first number has appeared of an exceedingly neat little paper called the *Tablet*. It is a Baptist publication and is, no doubt, an interesting medium of religious news to that denomination.

We have received the calendar of Dalhousie College for 1888-9, got up with evident care, and containing a historical sketch, and apparently the fullest information on every point connected with the institution.

The Halifax street railway carried one million passengers last year, the second of its existence, and the revenue was about \$16,000 over and above working expenses. The company are well satisfied with their investment.

The bears are again becoming active and troublesome. A valuable cow and calf were killed last week at Kempt, Yarmouth, and three young bears have been shot; but it is thought a larger animal must have killed the cattle.

The Quebec city council has decided to ask Parliament to change the municipal act so that in future the Mayor of Quebec will be elected by the popular vote. The resolution passed the council by a vote of eleven to nine.

Mr. James Scott of the Army and Navy Depot has been, it is reported, 50 years in business at that stand to day. Mr. Scott's name has ever been suggestive not only of the highest business uprightness and integrity, but of the greatest personal kindness.

Mr. Justice Thomas Galt, of the Court of Common Pleas, Toronto, and Dr. Daniel Wilson, F. R. S. C., of Toronto University, have been knighted. Sir Daniel Wilson is one of the ablest literary men in Canada. Sir Thomas Galt is the father of Mrs. Oliver, wife of Dr. Oliver of Halifax, formerly of H. M. 60th Rifles.

The Wimbledon Team, under the command of Lt. Col. Macdonald, 66th P. L. Fusiliers, is to sail for England on the 21st. The team also includes the following competitors from the Maritime Provinces: Lt. E. A. Smith, St. John Rifle Co.; Lt. C. K. Fiske, 63rd Rifles, Lt. J. Dover, 78th Batt., Sergeant S. Case, H. B. G. A., Sergeant W. Adams, 62nd Batt., Gunners Campbell and Wilson, H. B. G. A., and Sergeant Miner, 41st Batt., nine out of twenty one.

A Winnipeg despatch says.—The amount of grain stored at Fort William is attracting the attention of vessel men. At present there are over two million bushels in the grain shed and elevator, which will take a fleet of one hundred vessels with a carrying capacity of twenty five hundred bushels each, to convey east. Add to this the amount of grain that is yet to be taken out of Manitoba and the North West, and it will be found that there will be sufficient cargoes for at least two hundred and fifty vessels.

Mr. John Naylor, secretary of the S. P. C., has returned from Salt Springs, Cumberland, where he went to inquire into a case of cruelty, a man named John Piggot having been reported for beating his horse and whipping his wife. The man had horsewhipped his wife and treated his horse with extreme brutality. He was taken before a magistrate, and as he was already under bonds to keep the peace, and promised to give no further cause for complaint, was dismissed with a caution. It is doubtful if leniency to such brutes is sound policy.

An interesting machine to ladies and house-keepers, who are cordially invited to inspect the process, is now in operation at No. 13 Prince St. The machine is known as E. B. Dufort's Champion Feather Renovator, and its object is to thoroughly clean and renovate Feathers, and render beds and pillows clean and healthy. In addition it renders them plump and well filled out; the increase in size being fully half. It is astonishing how much dust and dirt feather-beds and pillows accumulate, and to have all this deleterious health-destroying matter removed, and beds called for, cleaned and washed, within the space of 24 hours, speaks well for the enterprise of Messrs. H. L. Wallace & Co., the proprietors and operators of this machine. Mr. H. L. Wallace is the well known proprietor of the Globe Hotel, and recommends the process to his brother hotel-keepers and others. A stitch in time saves nine, and this process would doubtless save many doctor's bills.

The Grand Narrows Hotel is most beautifully situated on the shores of the famous Bras d'Or Lake. The view is superb, and the fishing and hunting within easy reach of the hotel, are all that the most enthusiastic sportsman could desire. The boats of the Bras d'Or Steam Navigation Co., land tourists almost at the door, and the accommodations are equal to any furnished by the other leading hotels of the Province. The rooms are large, comfortable, and splendidly furnished, and the *cuisine* is of the best. Tourists who desire to thoroughly enjoy themselves, whilst laying in a stock of good health, should make it a point to write Messrs. McDougall & McNeil, the proprietors, and secure rooms in advance.

The Bras d'Or Steam Navigation Company have made arrangements to run a daily boat from Port Mulgrave to Sydney direct. The S. S. "Neptune" having been taken off the East Bay route, will now run on alternate days with the S. S. "Marion." We should certainly advise Nova Scotians, instead of going abroad, to take a trip on one of these boats through the Bras d'Or Lakes. The scenery, as we have frequently pointed out, is not to be surpassed, and one never tires of drinking in the constantly changing view. The boats have comfortable staterooms, and, with the Mitchell Brothers as Stewards, the excellence of the fare provided will be assured. Capt. Burchell Commodore of the line, will, as usual, generally command the Marion, and the ladies may therefore be assured that their welfare will be carefully studied.

The Rev. Mr. Herridge, a Presbyterian clergyman of Ottawa, has attracted much attention by his sermons on the so-called temperance question. He declares there is no warrant in the Bible for the enforcement of total abstinence on those who do not believe it necessary. He denies the right of the State to prohibit liquor unless the sale or use of it could be considered a crime. He defines the duty of the State to be to educate in the schools and otherwise a public sentiment against alcohol. The duty of the church, he thought, did not include the declaration of ways and means of enforcing temperance. He deprecated church advocacy of the Scott Act or anything of that kind. When the church did such things, whether through a Pope, General Conference, or General Assembly, it descended from the region of eternal truth to the doubtful ground of transient expediency. The Gospel of Christ was the best means of repressing intemperance. Mr. Herridge is the second prominent Presbyterian minister who has had the courage to speak squarely on this question.

The first general public meeting of the Halifax branch of the Imperial Federation League was held in the Academy of Music on Monday evening last. Considering that the subject has as yet received but little ventilation in the press of the city, it was not surprising that the audience was not large; but the ball has been set rolling and hundreds of persons will now be able to intelligently discuss the question upon its merits and to make up their minds whether annexation with the United States or closer federation with the several sections of the British Empire is the destiny they would desire for this country. We have always held, and we still hold, that the questions of Commercial Union or Annexation, and Imperial Federation have been forced upon public attention prematurely, but the unrestricted debate in the house of Commons proves that the annexationists are determined to make their pet idea a live political issue, we see no reason why those who believe in strengthening instead of dissolving the union of which they now form a part, in order to cast in their lot with a foreign power, should not openly advocate the preservation of that union, and by means of public meetings and through the press, make known the principles of the Imperial Federation League. We have no hesitation in reaffirming our opinion sometime since expressed in the editorial columns of THE CRITIC that unless the several portions of the British Empire can form a federation which will secure to each material advantages other than those which they now enjoy, the idea will never be made to fructify. But if these material advantages can be secured, the federation will have in it the elements of durability, and what Nova Scotian, what Canadian, what British subject is there, who would not be devoutly thankful for such a consummation?

There is no late intelligence of the state of General Sheridan at the time of our going to press, but he is believed to be better.

According to the calculation recently published, the salaries, mileages, and other expenses of Congress amount to about \$2,634,000.

There are indications that Los Angeles and other Pacific towns have been somewhat over-boomed, and that a very strong reaction has set in.

Mr. Cleveland has received the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. The nomination was unanimous and elicited great enthusiasm.

The last of the New York blizzard was shoveled out from the arches of the big bridge May 21, and made a snow bank two feet deep and half a block long.

Tons of vegetables from the south were cast overboard outside the Narrows at New York on Tuesday on account of the glutted state of "our natural market."

Mr. Jefferson Davis, ex-president of the Confederate States, celebrated his 80th birthday on the 3rd inst. The venerable statesman received many congratulations both personal and epistolary.

A cow and a donkey are answerable for the death of at least 18 persons and the injury of 41 more at Tampico, Mexico. They derailed a train which crashed through a bridge with the above result, and, no doubt, their own extinction.

DeBausset, of Chicago, is trying to solve the problem of aerial navigation by means of steel in lieu of silk. Atmospheric pressure on a large vacuum is one of the difficulties, but a committee of Congress recommends a grant of \$75,000 in aid of the experiment,