

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Sir John Thompson has returned to the capital.

The British Columbian Legislature is in session.

C. R. Bill has received the Conservative nomination in Kings.

The Behring Sea commissioners have left Ottawa for Washington.

The County jail at Amherst was slightly damaged by fire on Friday last. Messrs. Morine and Forbes, Conservative and Liberal respectively, have been nominated in Queens.

Dartmouth's new mayor, J. C. Oland, had a majority of 105 over E. H. Eaton. Polling took place on Tuesday.

Mrs. Foster, wife of the Minister of Finance, has been dangerously ill with the grippe, but is now out of danger.

Judge Jette is engaged with Judges Baby and Davison in completing the report of the Baie des Chaleurs commission.

It is said that Robert H. McGreevy, the hoodler who retreated to New York for several reasons, is anxious to return to Ottawa and stand his trial.

Rev. A. L. Wylie, for forty years a preacher of the gospel in the Presbyterian church, died at Great Village, N. S. on Saturday after an attack of la grippe.

The new town councillors for Dartmouth went in by acclamation, James Anderson for ward 1, J. B. McLean for ward 2 and Wm. H. Stevens for ward 3 being the candidates.

Mr. Saunders, Canadian Commissioner to the World's Fair at Chicago, has returned from that city after having applied for 100,000 square feet of space for the Dominion exhibit.

J. W. Young, collector of customs at Canso, died suddenly of heart disease on Friday last. He was widely known, and his death will create a blank in the social and business life of the place.

Frederick Gray, a young mulatto sentenced to nine months in jail and 40 lashes on his bare back for committing a criminal assault, received the first 20 lashes at St. John on Monday. He bore the punishment without flinching.

The sad effects of influenza on the mind are constantly being illustrated. A few days ago a young farmer in Hull, near Ottawa, crazed from an attack of the disease and the death of a child, threw himself over a cliff into a quarry and was killed.

A collision occurred on the C. P. R. on Friday last at Papineauville, Que., by which two boys who were stealing a ride were killed. There was a dreadful smash up, and the conductor of the special freight was badly scalded by escaping steam.

It is stated in Ottawa that trade relations negotiations between Canada and the United States are to be resumed and that Ministers Inompsion, Bowell and Foster will leave for Washington next week. The rumor has not been officially confirmed.

Mrs. Blackwell, of Wolltown, Renfrew County, poisoned tea with intent to take the life of her family. Her husband detected something wrong, but Mrs. Blackwell denied the accusation and drank a cupful. She was taken ill and died before the doctor reached her.

A lot of dynamite which was undergoing the process of thawing on the site of the Amherst waterworks about three miles out of town on Friday last, exploded and blew the building to pieces. Fortunately the workmen had all left the building and no one was injured.

The choir of Charles Street Church gave a very enjoyable recital on Monday evening in their schoolroom. The programme, which consisted of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, etc., showed careful preparation, and was well carried out by the young people of the church.

While passing between two large dynamos on Monday night, Fred. W. Martin, electrician of the Toronto Electric Light company, completed the circuit between the two and was knocked insensible by the shock. When he recovered consciousness it was found that he had been blinded. His recovery is doubtful.

Sir John Ross sailed by the SS. *Lahn* from Southampton on Jan. 23th to take command of the troops in Canada, accompanied by his aides, Major Ferguson and Lieut. White. Mr. Charles Coghlan, the actor, the Count de Lensburg and Prince Leopold Isenburg de Bellstein, with his suite, were also passengers by the *Lahn*.

The opera house at Annapolis has been almost completed and is a credit to the town and the company which undertook the enterprise. It has a seating capacity of seven hundred, and the stage will be supplied with a variety of suitable scenery, sixty incandescent electric lights supply the illumination, and altogether the opera house will be well fitted.

Moncton has a musician who if he succeeds in his latest venture will certainly merit distinction. He has already learned to play at one time a mouth organ and a violin, and he is now practising so as to be able to play a harp with his feet. He claims that his toes are becoming quite supple. The three instruments, he says, will sound well together.

RODGER MILLER, Esq., manager of the Evans Bros. Piano Company, Ingersoll, Ontario, writes:—"I cannot just understand why you have not brought K. I. C. before our Western people ere this. I am fully convinced that you have the best medicine for dyspepsia ever offered to the public and that it will do all that is claimed for it. Last week when on my way from the East, I was approached by two different parties who wanted some as they were more than astonished at the result of a trial package. It seems to me any smart level-headed man ought to sell this medicine like hot cakes.

A large number of municipal elections took place on Tuesday. The following have been returned mayors in the various places: New Glasgow; J. Leslie Jamison, Seilarton, Mr. Mitchell; Kentville, Dr. H. B. Webster, Amherst, Thos. Dunlap; Springhill Mines, Ross Cooper; Yarmouth, Mr. Wyman, North Sydney, W. Purvis; Sydney, Colin McKinnon; and Digby, Mr. Shreve.

Another temperance lecture—this time from Truro. Joseph J. Smith, a commercial traveller of Cleveland, Ohio, hanged himself with a towel to the bed post of the room in which he was sleeping on Sunday night last, and the jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death through suicide while suffering from the effects of alcoholic drinks. Comment is unnecessary.

The huge lobster recently caught at Digby, the largest crustacean of the lobster variety that has ever been discovered, has been divided into sections and its remains will be distributed among museums in different places. The provincial museum has been fortunate enough to secure one claw, about the size of an ordinary valise, and another claw will go to the World's Fair at Chicago.

The Shelburne *Budget* says there is a good opening in that town for a bright young Baptist minister. The churches in Shelburne, Jordan Falls, Jordan Bay and Sandy Point have been without a supply for several months. There is an opening here for a minister to enter upon an important field of labor. He would be gladly received by a large number of persons in those localities who are as yet without a shepherd.

An editorial of the *Moniteur de Rome*, the diplomatic organ of the Vatican, on the Quebec crisis, reprinted in the *Montreal Star*, is very severe on Mercier. It says he possesses qualities which make for a time the bantering, diplomatic and dash gambler; that any favors conferred on him by the Pope were rewards for his services to the cause of the church, not testimonials of personal regard; and assumes that the people of Quebec, having destroyed his character, will drive him from public life.

We are pleased to see a rational temperance argument sent out in the form of an open letter to business men and commercial travellers by R. M. Stewart and E. Fielding, President and Secretary of the Commercial Travellers Circle of Canada. It makes a strong plea against the pernicious habit of treating, and points out the evils that cannot but result from such a method of pushing business. We all know that some commercial travellers consider it necessary to assist their arguments on behalf of the superiority of the goods they carry by standing treat, but there is positively nothing to be said in favor of such a method. It is to be hoped that the appeal will meet with the serious consideration of all whom it concerns.

The concert given at the School for the Blind by the pupils of the Institution on Wednesday afternoon drew a large audience, the Assembly Hall being filled with guests. An excellent programme had been prepared for the occasion and was well carried out, proving very entertaining. The new Sloyd benches which have lately been introduced into the carpentering department were on exhibition. These attracted much attention and received very favorable comment from those interested. These monthly entertainments are very enjoyable to the large number who are interested in the school and its work, and give friends of the pupils an opportunity to note the advance that is being made in the various branches of study.

One by one the bye-elections are being disposed of, and the result so far is to place the Government in the same position as before. Mr. Dickie was returned in Cumberland by a majority of 920 over Howard, the Liberal candidate; Hon. Mr. Ouimet has been elected by acclamation in Laval, Que., his Liberal opponent, St. Amour, withdrawing from the contest; James Metcalf, Conservative, has been elected in Kingston—Sir John Macdonald's constituency—by a majority of 97 over Gunn, Liberal; in Halton, Henderson, Conservative, has been re-elected by between 400 and 500 majority over McGregor, and in Lincoln the Liberal candidate, Gibson, won by a majority of 100 votes. The Halifax election takes place next Thursday the 11th; Queens on Tuesday, 9th; and Kings and Digby on the 13th.

The ice at the Exhibition Rink is in excellent condition, and the popular rendezvous is being well patronized. The band of the 66th furnishes good music, and the building presents the same gay appearance at each session that in our younger days proved so irresistibly attractive. Each year new cliques of young people spring up, calmly taking the places of those who in former years were the belles and beaux of the day. 'Twas ever thus, and no where is one more forcibly reminded that he is growing old than at the rink, where memories of former days and former associates are awakened. As Wordsworth expressed it, "these pleasant thoughts bring sad thoughts to the mind." Our Dartmouth friends are also enjoying excellent rink skating, and as on this side of the water, the young people are making the most of present opportunities to indulge in the sport.

Garza, the Mexican revolutionist, is still organizing an army, and it is said the people are with him.

It is said that Chili must humble herself and salute the American flag in order to fully restore peace.

Secretary Blaine has sent to Minister Egan a cablegram accepting Chili's proposition for a settlement of differences between the two governments.

The U. S. Attorney General has appointed George D. Robinson a special attorney for the United States, to assist in the prosecution of the cases against the affairs of the Maverick National Bank of Boston which recently failed.

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