

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The black Republic in Hayti is again in trouble. Colored politicians are capable of creating as much disturbance as are their pale-faced brethren.

The egg trade of Aucona and the surrounding district in that part of Italy has assumed immense proportions. 75,000,000 eggs are sent annually to London, and still the trade continues to grow. Fourteen cents per dozen is the average price at which they are sold.

Newspapers form the greatest phenomenon of the 19th century. They have now become absolutely indispensable, and 33,000 editors, to say nothing of sub-editors, reporters, managers, printers, etc., are engaged in providing literary pabulum for the millions.

\$87,000 have been subscribed towards the Grant monument fund. It is thought that had the memorial taken the form of a donation to Miss Grant, double the above sum would have already been realized.

Mr. Norman McAskill, an energetic trader of Franboise, C. B., was in the city this week.

The trade in Winnipeg is reported as being very brisk. 200 miles of branch railways have been built in Manitoba and the North West during the present summer.

In Nova Scotia the building of the Cape Breton railway, the construction of the missing link, and the completion of the Nictaux and Atlantic railway have been postponed "to a more convenient season."

The population of Ottawa has increased by 2,065 during the past year. It now reaches 32,857. The population theory does not receive the support of the Ottawa people.—*Mail*.

Ottawa people are trying to establish a winter carnival there in place of Montreal. The carnival can't be held in the latter place because of small-pox.

The delimitation of the Afghan boundary will occupy the commission for eight months to come. A stretch of four hundred miles in an Asiatic Switzerland where railways are unknown is not by any means a pleasure jaunt.

A proposition to establish a universal language will be introduced at the Paris exposition in 1889.

Two hundred public houses in London were watched between the hours of nine and twelve on a recent Saturday night for the purpose of seeing how many persons entered them. The count showed that they were visited by 68,608 persons—men, women and children, during the three hours.

A Chicago cheese dealer states that much of the so-called English cheese is made in the United States, is shipped to England, when it is returned, enhanced in value by the sea voyage. Sometimes cheeses are shipped backward and forward two or three times, each voyage adding to the richness of their flavor.

The North British Society held their 117th annual meeting at the Hotel hotel on the 5th inst., with a good attendance. The treasurer's report showed receipts for the year of \$1,080, and charitable disbursements of \$500, not including \$100 to the volunteer relief fund, and a large sum loaned for temporary aid. The total assets of the society are \$11,000, an increase of \$400 over last year. Arrangements were made for the regular St. Andrew's day dinner, and the following officers were elected:—*President*—Robert Baxter; *Vice-President*—J. A. Turnbull; *Senior Assistant do*—Forbes; *Junior Assistant do*—Ald. McInnis; *Treasurer*—George Mitchell; *Secretary*—H. H. Grant; *Assistant Secretary*—A. M. Fraser.

Massachusetts has many live newspapers published outside of the "Hub." The Springfield *Republican* has a reputation wide as the continent; the Cape Ann *Advertiser* is well known to those interested in the fisheries; and the Peabody *Reporter*, which is an ably edited, spicy journal, is destined to have a long and useful career.

The Mississippi River, the water of which resembles that of our own beloved Avon, carries annually to the ocean about one hundred and fifty million tons of solid matter.

A letter to the San Francisco Bulletin from Alaska, dated September 22, contains the following: "The new volcano on Chotunabura Island, in Cook Inlet, continues active, but is less violent than last year. Smoke and steam issue from fissures down to the water's edge. Drinkable water is very scarce, but in spite of these little drawbacks, several white men have stationed themselves on the island and intend to winter there and hunt sea otters. The people of this vicinity are now harvesting their potatoes. The crop seems to be a good one. We have enjoyed a good supply of lettuce, radishes, and fine cauliflower throughout the season—the latter vegetable especially would do credit to California, both in size and flavor."

Mr. C. C. Blake of Kansas, editor of a journal entitled *Future*, has struck out for himself a new and hitherto untried journalistic track. In the *Future* he predicts the weather probabilities for several months in advance. According to Mr. Blake, the weather in December will be quite cold and winter-like, with a number of storms. A large amount of snow will fall, and towards the end of the month there will be a thaw.

J. E. Wilson & Co., have in stock a large variety of excellent stoves. Intending purchasers should not fail to inspect them.

Prof. F. C. Sumicrast is to be congratulated upon the success of the Musical Soiree in Mason Hall. Such entertainments serve to elevate the musical taste of our citizens.

Riel has been further respited until the 10th inst.

The Imperial Fire Insurance Company, of which M. B. Daly, M. P., is a representative, is one of the oldest companies of the kind doing business in Halifax.

Dr. Washington is building up a large practice. A determined man never fails to find friends when his cause is just.

The Merchant's Reading Room in this city is well kept. Mr. C. Creed is always gentlemanly and attentive to those frequenting the room.

The British expedition under Major-General Prondorgast will make short work of King Thebau and his Burmese army if they should offer battle in the open field. If, however, they retire within the fortifications of Mundalay, Prondorgast will have his winter's work out for him.

R. F. McColl advertises an attractive assortment of dry goods at moderate prices. Give him a call.

The contract for the Canada Pacific Railway bridge at Lachine has been let for \$2,000,000.

The old and reliable firm of Stairs, Son & Morrow have won more than a provincial reputation. It stands A1, and pushes business despite outside competition.

Another hero of the American Civil War, General McClellan, has passed away. Unlike General Grant's, his funeral was unostentatious, there being no military display whatever.

W. J. Nelson left for Boston last week, he proposes starting in that city the manufacture of Minard's Liniment, which is so well and favorably known throughout Nova Scotia.

The jury in the trial of Mr. Stead and Mrs. Jarrett brought in a verdict of "guilty," on the charge of having taken away Eliza Armstrong, without her father's consent; though her mother's concurrence is a matter of doubt. The judge charged strongly against Mr. Stead, being probably influenced by an excessive abhorrence of the latter's somewhat unsavory exposure of vice in English high life.

Young house-keepers should visit the ware-rooms of A. Stephen & Son. Drawing-room sets upholstered in old gold with silk plush to match are now the height of fashion.

The potato crop in some portions of Cape Breton is said to be four times as great as that of last year. In Prince Edward Island, too, the yield was so great that potatoes are said to be selling there at ten cents a bushel.

The last spike in the Canada Pacific Railway was driven on Saturday morning last by Donald A. Smith. Sir John McDonald has received numerous congratulatory telegrams. The C. P. R. is finished; now for the P. E. Island tunnel.

His Grace, Archbishop O'Brien, has written an able letter to the Halifax Herald advocating the building of a subway beneath the waters of the Northumberland Straits, and connecting Prince Edward Island with the mainland. The appeal of the Archbishop is manly, fair, and just, and should be cordially seconded by the representatives of the Maritime Provinces in the House of Commons.

The Quebec, Richmond, Montreal, and other Canadian journals have given publicity to the agitation going on in Halifax relative to the Short Line question. The editorials of *The Critic* have been widely copied and commented upon by the Upper Canadian press, and the people of Quebec and Ontario have now their eyes turned towards Halifax. Is \$2,500 to prove a stumbling block to our citizens, or are they prepared to risk that amount for a possible, yes, a probable gain of tens of thousands of dollars in trade?

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—The *Commercial Advertiser's* London despatch says: A cabinet council was held at the official residence of the first lord of the treasury to-day. The reply of King Theobaw to England's ultimatum, having been read, the Cabinet declared war against Burmah, and a formal declaration with the Queen's sanction has been issued. The French Government and the Burmese minister resident of Paris have been notified that all foreign subjects remaining in Burmah are required to come into the British line. The British army of invasion is advancing, 15,000 strong, the greater portion on steamers. The first military operation will be the bombardment by the ironclad flotilla of the Minha forts.

OWEN SOUND, ONT., Nov. 10.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's steamer "Algoma," which left Owen Sound on Thursday, 5th inst., went ashore in a blinding snowstorm and gale of wind on Isle Royal, Lake Superior, at 4 a. m. Saturday. About eight passengers and twenty-five of the crew are supposed to have been lost. Mr. Beatty, manager of the lake traffic, has sent out tugs from Port Arthur with instructions to search the island for any of those on board who may have got ashore, and to pick up and take care of anybody that may be found.

In the city of London, proper, there are but 640 acres of land, which are valued at \$15,000,000 per acre. London City has an area of 120 square miles. Land in the suburbs may be purchased for a comparatively reasonable sum.