

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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General Laurie has been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatic fever.

The Maritime Press Association meets in Moncton about the middle of September.

The arguments in the Prepper case were not concluded at time of our going to press.

During the storm on Sunday week last, seven horses were killed by lightning, at High Bluff, Man.

The delegation from Newfoundland to confer on the subject of confederation, are to visit Ottawa in September.

The Canadian cricketers were badly beaten in the International match at Toronto, last week, by an innings and 87 runs.

David Henderson, Conservative, M.P., for Halton, has been unseated for bribery by agents, and condemned to pay all costs.

Says the *Antigonish Club*:—"The Halifax CRITIC, edited by C. F. Fraser, is a paper that no merchant, mechanic, miner, or farmer, can afford to be without."

The Hon. A. W. McLelan was sworn in as Lt.-Governor of Nova Scotia on Tuesday, and will arrive in Halifax to-day. Mr. Carling is acting as Postmaster-General.

H. M. S. *Bellerophon*, (Flag), *Tourmaline*, and *Pylades*, left Halifax, on Wednesday morning for Sydney, C. B., and St. John's, Nfld. They will be absent about a fortnight.

The crops throughout Ontario are said to be likely to be far below the average this year, in consequence of continued drought. The hay-crop is reported to be a complete failure.

The Conservative convention in Colchester county to select a candidate to take Mr. McLelan's place is to be held to-morrow. The liberals meet for a similar purpose on Wednesday next.

The Church of England Institute festival of months closed at the exhibition building on Wednesday night. The 66th band performed during the evening. It is hoped that it has been a success.

St. John proposes to have a dry dock 600 feet long, with a width at the bottom of 50 feet. The proposed dock will be built by a company, with the aid of the Dominion, provincial and local subsidies.

The great Prohibitionist meeting at Montreal does not seem to have done anything great, but it afforded a fine opportunity for Prohibition oratory on the part of some enthusiastic ladies, who did full justice to it.

The Governor-General's Foot Guards, of Ottawa, are in a bad state. Owing to some disagreement between Col. Macpherson and his officers, four or five captains have tendered their resignation. This sort of thing is much to be regretted.

There is no close season in the fool fishery. Another idiot, Flack, has perished in attempting to shoot the Niagara River. His boat was turned over and over, and it was all over with him in four minutes. Pity is wasted on those notoriety-seeking lunatics.

Major General Cameron has it appears been appointed to the command of the Royal Military College. There is no legitimate objection to General Cameron, but we have doubts as to whether the appointment is the most judicious that could have been made.

Another of the brutal and dastardly murders which are disgracing the country has been perpetrated at Shipton, near Danville, Quebec. The victim is again a young girl (Lily Powell) who appears to have been beaten about the head and drowned in a pond. Suspicion points as yet indefinitely.

The following promotions are gazetted—63rd Battalion, Halifax—To be Paymaster, Captain Corbin, *vice* Mitchell, deceased. To be Quarter-Master, with honorary rank of Captain, William Bishop, *vice* Corbin. To be Captain, Lieut. Silver, *vice* Bishop. To be Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant Edgar Bent, *vice* Silver.

The Canadian immigration returns for May show a large increase over last year. The total arrivals were 29,165 as compared with 21,229. The five months brought in 69,763 as against 52,093 last year. The settlers during the month were 15,160, an increase of 50 per cent, and the total settlers from January 1st inclusive, were 37,713, as against 27,633.

Nos. 3 and 7 Companies of the H. B. G. A. went to Bedford Range for target practice, and took with them their families for a basket picnic. This would seem to be a good idea, and we hope all concerned enjoyed their outing. In the presence of their families it should be a matter of pride to Militiamen to evince their sense of order and discipline at the Butts.

At a meeting of the Board of Works on Monday last, a proposition was made to send the City Engineer and the Caretaker of City Property to New Glasgow to examine two steam fire engines which that town offers for sale. Ald. Hechler strenuously objected, on the ground that Halifax should not invest in second hand goods in that line, but buy engines of the newest, most approved and powerful patterns possible. To do as proposed would be simply throwing away the money of the citizens which he thought quite unjustifiable. The alderman's ideas were not supported, and the motion passed.

Sir John Macdonald has instituted proceedings against Nathan Michael, tobacconist, for using his name for advertising purposes.

The Huebner-Holmes company has won golden opinions during the week at the Academy. "Saratoga," with which the company opened, and which was repeated last night, gave great satisfaction. Burnard's best piece "Baby" more than sustained the favorable impression, and Gilbert's "Faust and Marguerite," on Wednesday night was a charming rendition of the immortal story. A great characteristic of the company is the evenness of the acting, a point which tells strongly when it is all of a superior quality. "Faust and Marguerite" is to be repeated to-night.

It is particularly to be regretted that the Minister of Justice has seen fit to remit the flogging in the case of the brute Cruse, convicted of indecent assault. What sort of influence was brought to bear in matter of speculation, but no influence of any kind ought to have weight in such cases. This sort of culpable laxity and misplaced mercy is a direct encouragement to low sensual ruffians. No young girl who happens to be alone in an unfrequented spot will be safe if this false lenity is allowed to pass without severe reprobation by the Press.

The Brigade Camp at Chatham, N. B., has passed off with the steadiness habitual to the camps of the Maritime Provinces. Nothing is more noticeable in these camps than the excellent conduct of the men. The rate of improvement in the short time available is rapid enough to satisfy the Deputy Adjutant General, and he is an officer who, without any addition to red tape, is not easily satisfied. The Maritime Provinces have every reason to be proud of their Militia, and we hope to be able to note the attendance of more officers from time to time at the Infantry Schools. The *Miramichi Advance* does full justice to the exemplary sense of duty governing all the officers.

Mrs. Langtry's new play for next season is called "A Love Story."

At the Altoona shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad a locomotive was begun on June 25th, and finished in 16 hours and 55 minutes.

An expedition for the exploration of the site of ancient Babylon is now being organized under the auspices of the University of Philadelphia.

A disastrous storm visited Kansas City on Sunday night. Two houses were carried away and four people are said to have been drowned. The damage is great.

Terrible damage has been done in southern and central Illinois by heavy rains—20,000 acres of corn are reported under water, bridges washed away, and numbers of farms inundated and the crops destroyed.

The new Duches of Marlborough is said to be really beautiful, but no one ever heard (thru' American newspapers) of an American lady known to fashion whose beauty was anything but perfect to the minutest detail.

It is remarked that there is not much chance for sectarian controversy as between the republican and democratic candidates for the presidency and the vice presidency, since both Messrs. Cleveland and Harrison are Presbyterians, while Messrs. Thurman and Morton are Episcopalians.

An amiable lady of Chicago saturated the clothes of her husband, as he lay drunk on the steps of his home, with kerosene, and set fire to him. Considering she had been in the habit of drinking with him the act was somewhat mean. The man died in great agony; and the woman, who was only 20 years old, confessed under the terrors of conscience.

A notoriety fool named Andrews, (Captain-so-called) who started from Boston, on the 17th June, for Europe in, we believe, the smallest craft, (the "Dark Secret,") that ever essayed a trans Atlantic passage, seems to be reaping the reward of his idiocy. He was encountered and relieved far out at sea, with his rug gone, his lantern broken, stiff and sore from sitting, and he had not had a square meal for three days. There will probably be a "dark secret" in the end, and no one will care a bit more than for the foolhardy blockheads to whom Niagara is the attraction.

The head gardener of the Royal Holloway College, at Egham, gets £300 a year.

Mrs. Shaw, the American whistling lady, is getting ten guineas a whistle in London.

Advices from South Africa say that all available troops at Natal have been ordered to Zululand.

The income of Sir Morell McKenzie in England of late years is said to have been over £15,000 a year.

The Emperor of Brazil has quite recovered from his serious illness, and is to sail for Rio Janeiro on the 5th August.

A new trade is opening up with Australia in apples, the arrivals during the past few months having been considerable.

An unmarried lady by the name of Delphine Baker is about to start a newspaper "on Christian principles," at Jerusalem.

Lord Derby (the elder brother of Lord Stanley of Preston, who is also the heir to that Earldom) has been elected leader of the House of Lords by the Liberal Unionists.

Mr. Manderville has unfortunately died in Tullamore prison. Of course the veracious Mr. William O'Brien declared in Parliament that he had been murdered by brutal treatment.

A point has been raised in the Imperial Parliament as to the admission of foreign men-of-war into fortified ports of the Empire. The Germans exclude them altogether, France and Russia exclude them from their chief ports, Italy limits her admission, and it would seem to be only common prudence in England to follow suit.