

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Yarmouth *Times* reports the potato crop in that locality as an almost total failure.

Farm labor is so scarce in the neighborhood of Belleville, Ont., that farmers are offering \$2 a day for harvesters.

It is gratifying to note that by vote of the Imperial parliament the success of the Canadian Pacific China line is now assured.

The boat house of the Dartmouth Amateur Club, on first lake, has been increased to more than three times its former size, and is now ready for use.

James Page, living at Winchester, Ont., who fought in the battle of Trafalgar under Nelson, is said to be one hundred and eighteen years of age.

Miss Mary Sturdee, a St. John young lady who attended the Halifax Carnival, is reported to have caught cold while doing so, and has, unfortunately, died from the effects of it.

There are reports, via British Columbia, of several additional seizures of sealing vessels by the notorious Rush in Behring's Sea, but they are at present in the usual crude state of first reports.

Comptroller White of the Mounted Police has just returned from the Northwest and reports fairly good crops and general prosperity throughout the territories. He says the ranchmen have been unusually successful this season.

We are in receipt of the programme and prize list of the Maritime Agricultural and Industrial exhibition to be held at Moncton on the 17, 18, 19 and 20 September. The prize list is large, and special attention seems to be given to well bred horses.

The Gulf is said to be almost swarming with whales this season. One of them made an attack on the tug steamer *Dauntless*, of Point des Monts, last Saturday. In the onset the boat got a slap from the animal's tail which made her shiver from stem to stern.

Travel on the C. P. R. is reported by Mr. Buchanan, General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, who has been spending some weeks in the ranching country, to be very great. There is also considerable excitement at the head of the Kootenay over a discovery of oil.

Hon. C. H. Tupper, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has a magnificent herd of Jersey cattle, which will be sent to Ottawa next month from Amherst, where they have been located for some time. The exhibition management are arranging to have the herd stop off at Moncton for the exhibition.

The minister of customs has received a package of papers from British Columbia, pertaining to the recent Behring Sea outrage. The affidavits of the Masters of the *Triumph* and *Black Diamond* show that the outrage was committed 35 miles from land. The papers were immediately forwarded to the Colonial Secretary.

It is understood that before the close of this year preparations will be begun by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa for the taking of the census in 1891. This is a very important work, and on the accurate character of the circumscriptions and delimitations depends the reliability of the census as a whole.

"Even the salmon," says the *St. John Sun*, "appear to take sides with Canada as against the United States. The *Portland Oregonian* says that the salmon pack on the Columbia river will fall short 75,000 cases of the pack of last year, while in British Columbia the packers on the Fraser and other streams estimate an excess of from 50,000 to 75,000 over that of 1888."

Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery, has been in the city since Saturday inspecting the H. B. G. A., and was entertained at dinner at the Halifax Hotel by Col. Curren and the officers of the Brigade yesterday evening. We understand that Col. Irwin was well satisfied with the progress in efficiency made by the Brigade under the steady energy of the command of Col. Curren.

At Fredericton on Saturday morning John Hayes pleaded guilty to killing salmon in the Miramichi with dynamite and was fined \$100 by Police Magistrate Marsh. Ambrose Holts, Warren Holts and Henry Leeman have been summoned for Tuesday next for the same offence. The information was made by Inspector Robert Orr. Leeman is said to have gone to the States.

We have received a programme of Cambridge House School for young gentlemen, 18 Morris street, Halifax. This institution, under the Head-Mastership of Messrs. Walter Leigh and H. M. Bradford, B. A., Cam., opens for its autumn term about the 8th September. Cambridge House having a full and efficient staff of teachers in all branches offers very desirable educational facilities.

The *Orrilia*, Ont., *Times* says: Halifax is a grand old town. A noble town, not large, not specially enterprising, but solid and spacious, with an air of wealth, and to a certain extent exclusiveness. That it is free from snobbery, I would not dare to say—such towns are inclined to degenerate in that direction. But it is wealthy; its position is superb; its climate healthy and bracing; its public buildings handsome and commodious, and its parks—but that head merits a separate paragraph. Halifax is full of parks, commons, grounds and gardens, both public and private. The public places of resort number fifteen, and include Point Pleasant, a magnificent natural park; the gardens, admitted to be the finest on the continent; the grounds around the citadel, the pretty grounds surrounding the court house and other public buildings, and various others.

The Austrian Imperial Corvette *Saida*, Captain Ritter von Becker, arrived in Halifax harbor on Tuesday. The *Saida*, named after a town in Styria, where the Austrians once defeated the Turks, is a training ship for Midshipmen, of whom she has 22 on board. She carries 11 guns and about 250 men, and is about the size of the *Eberardi* and the *Tourmaline*, i. e., about 2200 tons.

Georgia expects her fruit crop this year to be the largest in the history of the State.

A cloud-burst in Nevada the other day dropped enough water on a region two miles square to form a lake of ten acres in extent and ten feet deep.

The flood dumped fully \$200,000 worth of lumber which cannot be identified on a farm near Milton, Pa. Many poor men have thus been enriched.

Forest fires which have been raging all over Montana for three weeks and destroyed hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of lumber have reached the most alarming proportions.

A special envoy of King Humbert of Italy recently presented Thomas A. Edison, at Paris, with the insignia of a grand officer of the Crown of Italy. Edison thus becomes a count and his wife a countess.

Two cases, so far as known, of treatment by the injection of the new pseudo-scientific fad, Dr. Brown-Sequard's Elixir of Life, have had fatal results. Another is reported which resulted in an aggravated and very serious case of blood poisoning.

Boston's most illustrious citizen, the redoubtable Mr. John L. Sullivan, has been awarded to the ignominious sentence of twelve months imprisonment for his recent violation of the law. As a matter of fact, however, the eminent Professor of Pugilism will escape with a fine.

More disgraceful outrages are reported from S. Carolina by *Whitecaps* in pretended defense of morality. This time they flogged a woman with 37 lashes, and beat and hung a man until it was with the utmost difficulty he was resuscitated.

Extraordinary outbreaks of superstition are reported from the Southern States among the negroes. A new Messiah, undertaking a jail-delivery on his own account in Georgia, found himself safely lodged in that institution, a female fanatic then conceived herself to be a prophetess, and drew numbers after her. An old negro in Alabama imagined himself to be Daniel, and, it is reported, persuaded three young men to imitate "the three children," and immolate themselves in a furnace. Every variety of biblical character seems to have been assumed by these enthusiasts.

While Dakota, Montana and Washington are looking to the approaching admission of their Territories to the union of States, Nevada is devising a plan for the preservation of the commonwealth by annexing it to some State or Territory that has life and growth. The press of the State appears to be unanimous in this matter, but the politicians naturally are opposed to any change which might militate against their power. Nevada is growing poorer year by year. Its population is not only small at present to maintain a Government but there is also a steady decrease. The population in 1888 was 62,266 and this number has fallen to about 40,000.

A despatch from Ottawa, Ill., says:—"The Ottawa Electric Street Railway Company formally opened its lines last night with a grand excursion trip, to which the County and City Officials, merchants and prominent citizens were invited. Eight Pullman street cars were run out, and a speed of 10 miles per hour was attained on the regular lines. Six miles of track are now down. The road is the first of its kind in the State to run its cars, and its success is unquestioned." The *Halifax Herald* adds to this item the following remark:—"The Halifax Street Railway Company has for some time past been considering the propriety of running its cars by electricity. The cost of the operation by electricity is about half that of horse flesh. Therefore the sooner the Halifax company introduces electricity, the more money it will make."

A company has just been chartered in Portland, Me., under the name of the Harris Palatial Car Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of a par value of \$100 each. It is authorized to build cars under a patent granted to Louis J. Harris and Arthur W. Crossley of Boston, the first named being the inventor. The invention consists of a combination of sleeping car and parlor car, the berths being in the daytime located in pockets under the floor, while at night they are quickly raised into position, the chairs taking their place in the pockets under the berths. The first meeting of the company was held on Wednesday, when officers were elected. It is stated that negotiations are nearly completed for the construction of a car under the patents controlled by the company; which, it is expected, will be on the tracks before many months have passed.

The oldest city in the world, Damascus, is about to have street cars and gas lamps.

Our late Naval Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Lyon, who is now on the full Admiral's list, has been made a K.C.B.

Ninety-one members of the House of Commons signed the petition in favor of Mrs. Maybrick, the Liverpool murderess.

The Duke of Fife declines to permit his wife, Princess Louise of Wales, to accept any share of the Parliamentary grant to the Royal family.