

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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3000 people visited the Amherst Exhibition on Wednesday.

Ottawa is becoming agitated on the question of a Winter Carnival.

An agency of the People's Bank of Halifax has been opened in Shediac.

Herbert Harris' collection of flowers at the Moncton Exhibition was awarded a diploma.

Quite a large number of Halifaxians have gone to St. John to witness the sports to-morrow.

The eight year old son of John H. Barnstead was drowned while bathing in the North-West Arm last Friday.

The pupils of the Halifax Academy carried off five of the Munroe bursaries offered to Dalhousie College matriculants this year.

About 2000 bbls. of dulse were shipped last year from New Brunswick to the American markets, from which the shippers realized \$10,000.

Wallace Graham, Q. C., has been appointed Judge in Equity and Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, *vice* Judge James deceased.

At the New Glasgow Sports on Tuesday, H. D. Creighton won the 440 and 880 yards races, and H. Mackintosh the one mile run. The latter was also second in the half mile.

The corner stone of the first Jewish Synagogue in Manitoba and the North-West has been laid at Winnipeg by Canon O'Meara, Grand Master of the Masons, and other Masonic Grand officers.

Says the *Acadian*:—"Dr. Chapman, of Grand Pre, has laid on our table a mammoth tomato, raised by A. McN. Patterson, in his garden at Horton Landing, which measures 17 inches in circumference and weighs 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs."

The traffic earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the week ending September 14 amounted to \$347,000, as against \$266,000 for the same period last year, an increase of \$81,000. This does not include the earnings on the South-Eastern Railway.

Samuel Johnston, the Toronto safe burglar, who was one of a gang of professionals who created a reign of terror in Nova Scotia last spring, and was captured after robbing the Shubenacadie Post Office, has been sentenced to nine years in the penitentiary.

We hope our readers will not fail to patronize the Bazaar and Concert, to take place next Thursday in the Sailors Home, in aid of the Building Fund, for which many skilful fingers have been working during the last few weeks preparing articles to suit all tastes both useful and decorative.

There is trouble in Truro between the railway authorities and the citizens residing on the street running parallel with the track to the west of the station. The railway claims ownership, and has laid tracks along the street a few feet from the fronts of the houses. The owners are indignant.

H. M. Sloop *Lily* was totally wrecked in Armour Bay, Newfoundland, last week. The *Emerald* arrived in port on Wednesday with the wrecked crew. Seven seamen were drowned in the catastrophe, and much money and valuables went down. There will of course be the usual Court Martial on the loss of a Man-of-War.

Prof. Alonzo Tripp, of Boston, the well known lecturer on Europe, may be expected to favor Halifax soon with a short course of his historic portraiture of recent European events and celebrities. Prof. Tripp's testimonials as to his grasp of European politics, and the lucidity of his style are of a very high character and give promise of a literary treat to our citizens.

It is now proposed to build a line of railway from the International and Lake Metapedia, through Rimouski and Gaspé counties, to the port of Gaspé, so as to have the mails and passengers to and from Europe embarked and landed at that point. This it is claimed would shorten the water voyage between Quebec and Liverpool *via* Cape Race 362 miles and *via* Belle Isle 562 miles.

The second Cumberland agricultural and industrial exhibition was opened on Tuesday by Col. Blair, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm. The exhibits compare favorably with those of last year, and a marked improvement is visible in stock, especially horses and thorough-bred cattle. The exhibition of the Experimental Farm, although not in competition, is remarkably fine.

It has been reported that the accident which occurred in the woods back of Musquodoboit has some doubtful circumstances connected with it. The rifles of both of the parties having been emptied it would lead one to suppose that they had both fired. It was reported at first that only one rifle was discharged. If the latest rumor is correct the circumstances should be investigated.

The new and handsome wing of the Convent of the Sacred Heart has been completed, and is a credit alike to the institution and to the contractors. With increased accommodation there is no doubt that this excellent educational institution will have a corresponding increase in the number of pupils. M. E. Keefe was the contractor for the building, and the hot water heating apparatus was put in by Macdonald & Co.

Sir John Macdonald has received a handsome present from Lord Lansdowne, Viceroy of India, consisting of two silver bowls of native Hindoo workmanship. The present sent to the Premier is to "remind him of an absent friend who does not forget Canada." Figures are carved on the bowls representing hundreds of specimens of the animal and vegetable kingdom, and are elegantly and beautifully delineated.

The tri-county exhibition at Kentville was opened by Lieutenant-Governor McLelan on Tuesday. The weather was all that could be desired, and the building and grounds presented a busy scene. Articles from all quarters and of every description were exhibited. The show of apples was wonderfully fine. The idea of holding a district exhibition has evidently been a good one, and will no doubt result in a pronounced success.

An interesting event in Manitoba was the recent visit of Lady Selkirk, daughter-in-law of the Earl of Selkirk who, in 1811, purchased a large tract of land on the Red River from the Hudson's Bay Company and settled a considerable colony of Scotchmen there, principally from the county of Sutherland. Lady Selkirk's visit to Kildonan Church was looked upon as an event of much interest. Five or six persons who came out with Lord Selkirk are still living.

The Hon. Alexander James, Judge in Equity of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, who had been ill for a long time, died on Thursday of last week in the 74th year of his age. The funeral took place from his late residence in Dartmouth on Saturday, and was very largely attended. The bench and bar society of this city met at the Court House on Saturday afternoon, and passed a resolution of regret for the judge's death, and of sympathy for his family and friends.

Prince County, P. E. Island, has suffered greatly from fires. Last Thursday and Friday the high winds caused the flames to spread, and several buildings were destroyed. Between O'Leary and West Devon the fires burned so close to the railway track that the express train had to be stopped several times in order to examine the track before proceeding. The fire culminated on Friday when the town of Kensington was destroyed. The loss is placed at \$50,000 to \$75,000, and the insurance is probably not more than one-third of this amount.

The Dry Dock is now open for business. The first vessel to go in for actual repairs was the *Noel*, of Maidland, which entered on Wednesday, and several other vessels will follow immediately. As ours is the largest dock in America it will doubtless command a large and constantly increasing business. With the Civic, Dominion, and Imperial subsidies and franchises it cannot fail to be a financial success. Even without these adjuncts we believe that as a purely private enterprise the Dry Dock would pay a handsome dividend on the investment.

THE CRITIC correspondent who sent us the notice of the Aldershot Camp which appeared in our last week's issue desires to express his regret that he inadvertently omitted allusion to the good work and influence of the Y. M. C. A., whose marquee, supplied with papers and writing materials, exercises a most beneficial effect in every camp, and is very highly appreciated by the Deputy-Adjutant General as well as by every officer in the militia of the Province. It is felt that much of the general good conduct of the militia is due to this association.

About 7.30 o'clock on the evening of the 19th inst. the city of Quebec was startled by the report that a great cliff slide had occurred in Champlain Street. Several thousand tons of solid rock crushed down with terrific force almost under the King's bastion on the citadel, and a little distance west of the end of Dufferin Terrace, and completely demolished stone and brick dwelling houses on Champlain Street some three hundred feet below. The scene was heart-rending, fire adding to the horror. The work of rescue was begun at once, and many lives were saved. The dead number at least 35, with many missing and wounded. Much sympathy is expressed for the sufferers from the disaster. Another portion of the cliff is in a dangerous condition, and threatens to fall before long, but several prominent engineer officers have been summoned to examine and report upon it.

Both New York and Chicago seem anxious to have the World's Fair. How are they going to settle it?

Notwithstanding the Exclusion Act, the importation of Chinamen is increasing, says a San Francisco despatch.

The freshman class in the academic department of Yale college is the largest which ever entered the college, numbering 220 men.

W. R. Shadman, of Glynn county, Ga., has three acres of olives. His is believed to be the only grove east of the Rocky Mountains.

The United States is supplying electrical machinery to Japan in larger quantities. The light is growing in popularity throughout the Empire.

North Dakota will be the first State, as a State, to make provision for a system of manual training. Forty thousand acres of land are set apart for that purpose.

The wine crop of California is estimated by the *San Francisco Merchant* at 12,000,000 gallons. This is a reduction of 8,000,000 gallons from early estimates of this year's vintage.

The largest paid subscription of any American periodicals is claimed by *The Ladies' Home Journal*, of Philadelphia, which now has on its books 422,645 yearly paid-up subscribers.

The Ladies' Home Journal, of Philadelphia, has donned a cover, and will hereafter be published in that form, lending to it more of the appearance of a modern magazine than it has hitherto enjoyed.

A steer weighing 1,200 pounds is worth \$18 to \$20 in Chicago before he is killed. After he is killed his killer sells him—beef, hide, hoofs, tallow, etc.—for \$82. The farmer gets half as much for his steer as he did eight or ten years ago, the butcher charges to the consumer as much now as he did eight or ten years ago, and claims that he makes no more money. There is somebody standing between the man who raises the beef to sell and the man who buys beef to eat that is making an inordinate profit.