

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Provincial Exhibition opens at Truro on the 25th instant.

Montreal is erecting a city building and court house to cost \$1,500,000. Halifax's new city hall will cost about one tenth of that sum.

The Newfoundland Delegation on Confederation is, it appears, postponed *sine die*, very probably on account of the Retaliation difficulty.

We have received the first number of a new journal, the *Cumberland Leader*, published at Parrsboro. We wish our new contemporary every success.

The Governor General has been received with great cordiality at Kingston and other places in Ontario, and at Toronto, where he opened the Exhibition.

The close season for moose, recently reported, is now stated to be not for Nova Scotia, but for New Brunswick. If so, a similar law is equally required here.

The steamer *Nell*, from Skeena, reports that everything is quiet with the Indians since the visit of the Provincial authorities. A trader states that the Indians are quiet, civil and obliging.

Some American gentlemen who were present on the review day at Aldershot last week, were much struck with the general aspect of the camp, and the efficiency and precision displayed.

The *Toronto Globe* cautions Canadians against being deceived by the reports of immigration agents from Colorado and other States, whose representations are entirely misleading.

It is reported that Col. G. A. Kirkpatrick, M. P. for Frontenac, is to be appointed to the command of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, in place of Lieut.-Col. Macpherson, who will resign.

The *Toronto Globe* has obtained the right to publish a new novel of Mr. Haggard's, which is to be called "Cleopatra," and will be as sensational as "She." Its publication will begin in January.

The brilliant success of the Halifax Brigade Garrison Artillery at Quebec has been quite a triumph for Nova Scotia, and is a matter of great satisfaction to all well-wishers of that corps. The H. B. G. A. really made a clean sweep of first prizes.

The visit of the *Pylades* to Montreal seems to have been highly appreciated by the people of that city. The *Pylades* happens to be a very efficient corvette, and commanded by one of the smartest officers in the service, Capt. Ernest Rolfe, C.B.

The reports of the damage to the Manitoba wheat crop continue to be very conflicting, and it is evident that no sort of certainty will be arrived at till it is all safely garnered in. One thing only is clear, that the price of wheat is steadily advancing, No. 1 Manitoba standing at \$1.20 this week.

The Supreme Court has delivered judgment in the Preeper Doyle case. Four of the Judges confirm the verdict, and two (including the Chief Justice), dissent. Sentence is to be pronounced at the October sitting, but the counsel for the prisoners state their intention of carrying the case to Ottawa.

The Maritime Press Association met at Moncton on Wednesday afternoon. A. C. Bertram, of the North Sydney *Herald*, in the Chair. The three Provinces were well represented. Between 50 and 60 members are enrolled, and the number will probably be largely increased in the next few days.

London, which, in itself and apart from natural scenery, is perhaps the prettiest city in the Dominion, has determined on a nine days' fair. Whether incited to this demonstration by the "World's Fayre" of Halifax we know not, but the London demonstration seems likely to be more of the circus order.

James Glennie, a sixteen-year old boy, was sentenced at Cobourg, Ont., a fortnight ago, to receive twelve lashes for committing an indecent assault upon a little girl about six years old. He received the first six lashes on Saturday, and will get the rest next Saturday, which is all right, except that the dose should have been double.

Base ball, as it has been elaborated, is a fine game, and the science displayed in it may be watched with great interest; but when any sport degenerates into over-professionalism and mercenariness, and a mere medium of betting, it inspires more disgust than interest. When a game becomes a craze, it excites little but contempt in sober-minded people. On Tuesday, the Halifax Atlantas defeated the Nationals of St. John by four to one, amid the uproarious plaudits of a mob of howling lunatics, whose want of courtesy and sympathy with the visitors, perhaps accounted for the latter insisting on their departure in the evening. All Halifax seemed off its head, and another crowd of gibbering maniacs blocked the sidewalk in front of the Queen Hotel for about a couple of hours in the afternoon. The large sum which is said to have changed hands in bets is sufficient condemnation of the gambling phase a fine game has drifted into; otherwise the craze was ludicrous. A stranger would have thought some event of national import was occurring. The City Council—all but five members—preferred the attractions of base ball and betting on Tuesday, to attending to the business of the City, and there was no quorum at the meeting called for that afternoon.

The latest accounts, including the opinion of Mr. Greenway, Premier of Manitoba, of the wheat crop of that Province, are to the effect that the damage done does not exceed twenty per cent.

Lieut. Douglas, of the 24th (Kent) Battalion, has, so far, ignored General Middleton's demand for an explanation of his cheap public advocacy of a rapid move on Detroit in the event of hostilities, and has again been called upon. Evidently, Lieut. Douglas is an indiscreet and embarrassing officer, and will, no doubt, get dismissed, as he deserves.

Considerable disturbances, marked by spots, are now visible in the sun's eastern quadrant, to which it is most likely our recent phenomenal earthly storms and floods are due. The disturbed region is still of angry appearance, and storms of considerable energy may yet be expected. Under these circumstances equinoctial gales may possibly be very severe.

The Royal British Veterans' Society assembled at the drill shed on Thursday morning, and, headed by the Y. and L. Regiment Band, marched off to the inspiring strains of the "British Grenadiers." The Veterans presented a fine appearance. They were to have been met by the General Commanding the Forces, at the Brigade office, but that gallant officer was indisposed. Vice-Admiral Lyons was to meet them at the Dock Yard.

A Detroit factory is building an organ for the Queen of Portugal.

Dr. Oliver Wendell-Holmes has just completed his 79th birthday.

There are laws against using profane language by telephone in all the States except Connecticut.

Many lines of railway in the United States now have invalid chairs at their stations for the use of people who need them.

There is a city in New England where the public library is kept open on the Sabbath, but is always closed on St. Patrick's day.

If a British subject becomes a naturalized citizen of the U. S., he loses his rights as a Briton whatever they may be. A man cannot belong to two countries at once.

The Savannah *News* wants the United States to buy Cuba, even if it cost \$100,000,000, so that the yellow fever originating there can be stamped out by proper sanitary measures.

A brutal prize fight between two women took place recently on Navy Island, Niagara River. Male pugilistic ruffians acted as seconds, and the women had undergone regular training.

The Rev. Father Tolson, of Quincy, Ill., is said to be the only colored Catholic priest in the United States. He was born a slave. He speaks several languages, and is highly respected by the clergy.

There are six counties in Kentucky, Harlan, Knott, Perry, Letcher, Bell and Leslie, which have never had a church within their borders, and Harlan County has been incorporated sixty or seventy years.

Lamentable damage from floods continues to be reported from various parts of the United States, (mostly now in the South,) and from Mexico. It is impossible to particularize, but it is clear that such a season for rain and consequent floods can have rarely been experienced.

Says the *Cleveland Leader*.—"Mr. Cleveland made a bargain with the Canadian Fish Commissioners which the Canadian authorities ratified. Now, because the American Senate refused to ratify the bargain, he insists that the Canadians must be severely punished. What kind of logic is that?"

The cost to our neighbors across the Line of the quadrennial Presidential faction fight is estimated at \$20,000,000. Throw in a fair addition of national disgrace, and Canada may be excused for preferring a Governor General, whose appointment costs us nothing either in cash or discredit.

Every one will regret the evidently nearly approaching death of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe. Her great book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," ensures her immortality. Hypercriticism as to its literary style was not only scarcely deserved but was utterly futile. The armies of the North did not do more than Mrs. Stowe's book to crush the iniquity of slavery.

A young woman of New York State, who went to a dance the night previous to her intended marriage, dropped dead while dancing. On examination it was found that death was entirely due to tight lacing. One such accident ought to suffice for a caution to girls who lace so that they cannot move their arms or draw a healthy breath, but probably fifty would have as little effect on the wasp-waisted idiots who outrage nature, "receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which is meet."

The *American Newspaper Annual* (N. W. Ayer & Son, Philadelphia) for 1888, is to hand. It would be difficult to give an over-measure of praise to a work so enterprising and so complete, as far as such a work can be. Messrs. Ayers' admirable publication includes accurate information concerning Canadian newspapers as well as those of the United States, and our appreciation of it is not lessened by our distaste to being indebted to American enterprise for capable notice of our own journalism. Why have we not a similar volume of our own in Canada?

Says the *Boston Herald*: "It is worthy of notice that complaints at the miscarriage of justice in the various states of the union invariably come from those states which have an elected judiciary." The exploits of the "White Caps" of Illinois were made possible because the authorities could not be depended upon to properly enforce the law, and the experience in Pennsylvania with the "Molly Maguires" was the same. In Pennsylvania it is said the election of the judiciary was practically dictated by the Molly Maguires, and sheer gratitude for this favor would restrain the judges from being too hard on the ruffians who appointed them.