

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office, or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount inclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

Recently we sent our accounts to subscribers, many of whom are considerably in arrears, and who must understand that we have reached the end of our tether, and now demand immediate payment. Failure to respond will oblige us to take proceedings unpleasant alike to ourselves and to those in arrears.

Ottawa's population increased 7,695 last year.

H. M. S. *Ready* sailed on Monday at 10 o'clock for the West Indies.

The Montreal Veterinary College has affiliated with McGill University.

Hon. Alexander Morris, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, died on Monday.

The public schools of Winnipeg are so over-crowded that the teaching staff will have to be increased.

The Governor-General and party arrived at Vancouver, B.C., on Sunday, and were given an enthusiastic reception.

Father Sacle, Superior of the Jesuits in Quebec, died on the 24th ult. after a long illness, aged seventy-eight.

The Allan Line have reduced their saloon fares from \$75 and \$60 to \$60 and \$50, according to location of rooms.

Parrsboro has had an epidemic of measles. The disease has not been confined to children, several "grown-ups" having been afflicted.

Further efforts are being made by the counsel for Creeper, sent to Dorchester penitentiary for the murder of Peter Doyle, for his release.

There is a boom in real estate in the west end of Truro and several desirable building lots have changed hands at good prices recently.

The telephone company are making a determined effort to prevent non-subscribers being allowed to use the instruments of subscribers. Here's to their success!

The Charlottetown *Patriot* is agitating for an agricultural school, something similar to the Nova Scotia institution, in connection with the stock farm in P. E. Island.

George Chute, who married Ida Thompson, a Cumberland girl, while having two wives already living, has been sentenced to six years in the Kingston penitentiary.

George T. Waterfield, one of the oldest caterers in the city, died on Monday, aged 80 years. Mr. Waterfield catered for the Prince of Wales when he visited Canada in 1861.

Private Nason of the R. S. I., Fredericton, was drummed out of the service on Wednesday in presence of the whole School Corps. He had deserted three times, and had been guilty of other misbecoming conduct.

The Moncton *Times*, one of the brightest papers in the Maritime Provinces, will early in December attain its majority, being then twenty-one years of age, and will celebrate the event by the issue of a special number.

Reports from Montreal say the water in the river has fallen so low that all the forwarding companies report the detention of vessels owing to the low water in the canals, in which the depth at present averages only eight feet.

A man near Montreal who was supposed to have died from Bright's disease was kept two days and then taken to be buried. The earth was being filled in when a moan was heard from the coffin, and the victim of carelessness was just rescued in time.

Principal A. H. MacKay has left Pictou Academy to enter upon his new sphere of duty in the Halifax Academy. He was the recipient of numerous addresses and presentations previous to his leaving Pictou, which testified to the esteem in which he was held by Pictouians.

The Annapolis *Spectator* reports the first case in Nova Scotia of a lady studying pharmacy with the hope of some day becoming a druggist. Miss Carrie Coleman is the young lady and is studying with Dr. A. B. Cunningham. If successful she will be the first provincial young lady to go up for examination.

William Sharkly, a well known resident of St. Andrews, was found dead on Sunday morning in the rear room of Tattons' bar-room on Market Wharf, St. Andrews. An inquest is being held, but up to the time of our going to press nothing decisive has been learned. It is thought he died from a blow inflicted by someone unknown.

Mayor Muir of Truro has returned from Ottawa with a settlement of the railway trouble in his town. The department agree to remove the tracks on the esplanade and to keep open a street 60 ft. wide, and the town is to pay a nominal sum for a lease of certain portions, on which they have very little if any claim. Over the other portion of the esplanade the town has a fair claim, and the proposed settlement will not prejudice it. It is generally regarded as a fair settlement.

The *Dominion Illustrated* of Oct. 26th is almost exceptionally good in its illustrations. The "Grecian Bride" is of a charming type of beauty, and the views on Lake Memphremagog are more than ordinarily clear and atmospheric. The portraits are also very good, and although that of Governor Bulkeley of Connecticut is a little faint, it would be difficult to find two finer faces than those of that Hon. gentleman, and of Col. Cone, of the 1st Connecticut National Guard. The letter press is quite up to the usual high standard of this excellent national publication.

An exchange says:—"The conductor on the Windsor & Annapolis Railway in a warning issued to parents of the boys in the habit of jumping on trains while in motion, remarks:—"We do not want the parents to be under the expense of mourning, which will surely be the case if the practice is not stopped, for let the boys be smart as steel traps they may get under the wheels when they least expect it." The admonition is as applicable on other lines as on the one mentioned."

The Sydney *Advocate* says:—Mr. S. C. Campbell, Governor of St. Paul's Island, has been in Sydney spending a few days with his friends. He has not been off the island since '83. He reports no wrecks and everything in first-class order. We trust the Government will extend their coastal telegraph service by connecting the island by cable. This would be very useful to the merchants of Montreal and Quebec, as their shipping could be reported a week before their arrival at destination.

Prognostications for the coming winter do not agree. One report is that muskrats are building their houses very high this year along the Assiniboine River, which fact is stated by the North-West Canadians to be an unfailing sign of a hard winter. Another states that men who are used to the woods say that there will be a mild winter, as the fur-bearing animals have not half a coat on. This was stated in 1884 when one of the hardest winters on record succeeded. We shall be better able to judge of the respective merits of these prophecies next March.

Hard times are again reported from Newfoundland owing to the fisheries having been a partial failure. Capt. Farquhar of the Steamer *Harlaw* running to the West Coast of Newfoundland personally testifies to the dire distress of the people. He says food is a most urgent necessity. He calls for the contribution of 100 barrels of meal, which he proposes to carry on his next trip. We hear this melancholy story every year about this season, which makes it all the more sad. Times must be hard indeed when the same distress occurs year after year.

We are in receipt of the first number of a new paper from Port Hawkesbury, the *Eastern Journal*. We extract the following paragraphs from its "salutatory" editorial: "The *Eastern Journal* will be essentially a live local newspaper, not indeed in the sense that topics of Provincial, Dominion, or even world-wide interest will be excluded from its columns—for they all shall receive their share of attention—but in the sense that local and country news which cannot find circulation through other channels will, when properly written, and on proper subjects, be recorded with peculiar care and detailed with rigorous regard to veracity. Nothing that deserves publication will be withheld; nothing that appertains to domestic secrecy shall ever find expression in its pages. The press has a high and legitimate mission; it will be the earnest, though humble, aim of the *Eastern Journal* to fulfil its share of the great work with appropriate fidelity. Not being a 'dyed-in-the-wool' partizan, the *Journal* can never become a mere 'party hack,' but none the less will it give utterance to no uncertain sound, when there is danger to the loyalty of its British population, or to the due autonomy, of its several provinces. Canada for the Canadians, under the regis of the British throne, and each province for its own people, under the sanction of the federal government—these are its mottoes." We need scarcely say that we wish our new contemporary a successful career.

The senior class of Cornell University has elected a colored man as prize orator.

The subscriptions for the World's Fair in New York amount to \$7,000,000 thus far.

A jury has at last been secured in the Cronin murder case and the trial has commenced.

A buffalo Chinese laundryman named Chung Lee has been arrested for abducting little girls.

A cotton picker has been invented which bids fair to displace hand labor. One machine does the work of one hundred negroes.

The female giraffe at the Zoological gardens has given birth to a male. This is said to be the first giraffe born in America. The youngster is nearly 5½ feet high, and his estimated weight 150 pounds.

There is an epidemic of typhoid fever and diphtheria raging in the village of Woodville, Ohio. One third of the population of 800 are said to be ill. An epidemic is feared at Yale College and much uneasiness is felt.

It is estimated that there are 5,000 girls employed in the manufacture of ready-made clothing at Boston. They work ten hours a day and do not average over three dollars a week, out of which they must pay for food and clothing.

The genial French Admiral Brown de Coulston, after having somewhat minutely inspected the dynamite cruiser *Vesuvius*, and the new steel cruiser *Baltimore*, is reported to have passed some by no means favorable criticisms on many points of those vessels.

A letter from Rear Admiral Gillip, commanding the United States naval force on the South Atlantic Station, says that reliable reports show that yellow fever is breaking out in various parts of Brazil, besides the city of Rio Janeiro. Commencing so early would indicate an unusually sickly season.

The International Maritime Exhibition, which opens at Boston Nov. 4th, promises to be a great event. It will be the first marine exhibition held in America, and will comprise government exhibits from all nations in the world. The exhibition will remain open for 60 days, during which time excursion tickets are to be issued from here by steamer for \$8.50, including admission to exhibition.

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