

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The press excursion to Charlottetown takes place on the 27th inst.

Representative exhibits of Canadian flour and cheese are to be sent to the Jamaica exhibition.

New Brunswick had a cyclone on Monday which did considerable damage in St. Ann's, Madawask Co. This is coming pretty near home.

The elections for the Upper House in Prince Edward Island on the 30th ult. resulted in the return of five Liberals and two Liberal Conservatives.

Their excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Stanley of Preston and suite will arrive in Quebec from the fishing grounds about the end of this month.

The twenty-third annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. for the Maritime Provinces is being held at New Glasgow from the 7th to the 15th of this month.

The Summer School of Science closed its session in Parrsboro on Thursday of last week. The next place of meeting will probably be Antigonish or Sydney, C. B.

The *Chignecto Post* says:—"The Cumberland Coal Company is clearing sixty acres of wilderness land near the north slope, Springhill. It will greatly improve the appearance of the place.

The *Amherst Sentinel* says:—"The poles are nearly all up for the street lights. The dynamo and other material have arrived. The company expect to have the streets lighted by the middle of August."

The warship *Thrush*, commanded by Prince George of Wales, arrived at Halifax last Friday. She is one of the smallest vessels in the British Navy. The *Thrush* will probably accompany the other ships to Quebec.

Lida Lamontagne, arrested at Boston on a charge of having been accessory to the murder at Sherbrooke, Que., of her husband, Napoleon Michel, by her brother Remi, has been handed over to the Canadian constable and taken to Sherbrooke, where she is now in jail.

The new church of England Infirmary, Queen street, was opened for the reception of patients on Wednesday. Sisters Margaret and Sarah, of Holyrood, are in charge. A benediction service was held by Bishop Courtney and several clergymen on Tuesday evening.

Diphtheria has broken out at Red Bay, a fishing settlement on the Labrador coast, and people are dying by scores. No precautions are taken to prevent the spread of the disease, and there is no doctor to attend the patients. The village is in a shocking state as regards sanitation.

We received some weeks ago, from J. D. Medcalf, Windsor, the "Grand March in honor of the Centennial of King's College," composed by R. G. Allison. It shows considerable knowledge of composition and has several very pretty melodious phrases through it. We are glad to see home talent coming to the front.

The *S. S. Portia* had a narrow escape from destruction by an iceberg off Fogo Head, Nfld. The huge berg broke in three pieces, and one of them came up under the ship, raising her by the stern and then driving her head under water. The sea, which had been calm, became in commotion, but the *Portia* got clear and steamed off.

The Maritime Provinces Lawn Tennis Tournament opened at Truro on Tuesday and continued until Thursday. The weather was very hot, but that did not prevent the play being good. Mr. O. C. Cummings gave a brilliant reception on Tuesday evening, on Wednesday evening there was a garden party in Sir Adams Archibald's grounds, and last night a ball was given in the rink.

All projecting street signs in Montreal had to come down on August 1st in obedience to the order of the City Council on the subject. The streets in consequence present a large airy appearance. The law is to be rigidly enforced, and delinquents will be prosecuted. The move may be an improvement to the appearance of the city, but the projecting sign is a very useful institution and will be missed.

There is much destitution among the Springhill miners, who have been out on strike for upwards of two months. Collections have been taken up in some of the Halifax churches for their benefit. It is no time to discuss the rights and wrongs of the strike when starvation is threatening the families of the men. All should do what they can to help. The strike has been most orderly, and sympathy is generally with the men.

Patrick Peters of Prince Edward Island claims to be king of the air, at least he has, or claims he has, invented a perfect flying machine, with which he can navigate the air with ease and at a speed that will throw the records of the Atlantic gray hounds far into the shade. His machine is bird-like in shape, and seated in the body, by the aid of huge wings operated by wheels he soars aloft, (it may be in imagination) and flies over forests and streams, either with or against the wind, alighting as it wills him. His invention is entitled to a patent or he is a patent-prevaricator.

At the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Cotton Company, held on Wednesday, it was resolved to authorize the directors to dispose of the property. An offer has been received from a responsible syndicate for its purchase. The profit for the year after paying running expenses amounts to \$23,341.56, which, allowing for interest on debentures and on bank overdraft, amounting to \$7,149.83, deducting depreciation for the year, \$9,000, and allowance to the directors, \$2,000, leaves a net profit of \$5,191.73, which goes to reduce the debit at profit and loss account from \$28,161.94, last year, to \$22,970.21. The old board of directors were re-elected.

An accident to a lock valve in the Sault Ste. Marie Canal on Thursday of last week, necessitated the stoppage of traffic for 89 hours in order to repair it. There have been 150 vessels tied up in consequence. The canal is the greatest in the world in point of use. During the five or six months of the year that navigation is open a greater tonnage passes through its locks than during the entire year in the Suez Canal, through which all Britain's eastern trade is carried. Through the Sault the immense inland traffic of the great lakes is carried, including thousands of tons of perishable goods for the eastern markets. One Canadian transportation firm controlling only about one five hundredth of the traffic will lose close on \$10,000 through the vessels losing a trip, and this is true of the steamers of many lines that use the Sault Canal in navigation between Chicago and the upper lakes. The total loss in all its ramifications will be almost a million of dollars diffused among the shipowners of half a hundred ports.

Reports from various parts of Kansas state that the crops there will be almost a total failure on account of the heat and drought.

Kremmler was executed by electricity at 6.48 at Auburn N. Y., on Tuesday morning. He met death with steady nerves. It took three shocks to kill him, but the doctor said he suffered no pain.

Recollections of General Grant, with an account of the presentation of the portraits of Generals Grant, Sherman and Sheridan, at the military academy, is an interesting little volume just issued from the Collins Printing house, Philadelphia. It is dedicated to Mrs. Julia Dent Grant by George W. Childs, the author.

Millions of caterpillars have invaded the fields in Austin, Texas, and planters and farmers are busy poisoning them. They are very bad along the Brazos river, and it is possible the cotton crop will be seriously injured. The pests are at least three weeks earlier than usual, and they make the atmosphere offensive with their peculiar odor.

Senator McMillan, Michigan, in an interview said he was opposed to the Federal Election Bill as throwing irritating and needless obstruction in the way of steadily improving the condition of the South. He is opposed to irregular election methods in the South, but believes the abuse should be remedied by such legislation as will be effective without hazarding the business and educational prosperity of the South. President Price, (colored,) of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., says he is in favor of a Federal Election Law, but does not favor the present Bill, as he believes it will not protect those for whom it is intended. Bishop Turner, President of the National Afro-American League, says: "I have no confidence in the Bill at all; in fact I have no faith in the Government doing anything to protect the Negro." The *State Journal*, a colored paper, in which the interview was published, says it is opposed to the Bill.

People are dying of starvation in hundreds in the Soudan.

Free trade is to be allowed in the German territory in East Africa.

A Buenos Ayres despatch says one thousand persons were killed and five thousand wounded in the revolution.

Italy has ordered the study of English to be added to the curriculum of all Italian universities, and has endowed the necessary professorship for the purpose.

The British Minister at Lisbon has been instructed to demand of Portugal the punishment of the Portuguese who seized the British African Lakes Company steamer.

The International Conference on cremation opened at Berlin on Monday. The Conference adopted a resolution that the governments of the world should recognize the pernicious effects of present methods.

Lord Dunlop has had an interview with Lady Dunlop since the termination of the trial of his suit for divorce, and a reconciliation has been effected. Lady Dunlop will make a tour of the Provinces, appearing in the character of Venus.

The operation performed by Prof. Fuchs, of Vienna, on the eyes of the Shah's first wife has proved unsuccessful, and she is now totally blind. Berlin oculists do not blame Prof. Fuchs, as he warned the patient that it was too late for him to guarantee that the operation would be a success.

The London postmen, recently discharged on account of their activity in organizing the men and urging their demands for better treatment, are in a starving condition, despite the efforts of the union to help them. The newspapers very generally urge Postmaster-General Rikies to reinstate them.

Late despatches from Lisbon, Madrid and Cairo report an alarming increase of the Cholera. In Spain it has appeared in the province of Badajoz, and a rigorous cordon has been established on the frontier by the Portuguese authorities. At Mecca in one day there were over 400 deaths from the disease.

Mr. Chaplin, president of the board of agriculture, replying to questions in the House of Commons, declined, in the absence of authoritative proof, to consider the United States free from pleuro pneumonia. He said that within a short time animals suffering from the disease have arrived at Liverpool from New York.

A despatch from Alexandria to the *Morning Post* says the damage to the Egyptian cotton crop by worms has been grossly exaggerated. The recent heat has destroyed nearly all the worms. The bulls concocted the report in order to raise the price of futures. The cotton area is generally believed to be larger than the Government returns show, the cultivators having falsified the returns.