

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Mormon Church has its emissaries in each of the Canadian Provinces and in every State in the Union. Seventy-five converts have recently been made in South Carolina, so says a New York journal. The paragraph would have been more to the point had it said 75 perverts.

The Bell Telephone Stock is gilt edged; it has been watered and re-watered, and the shares originally worth \$30, are now quoted at \$1200. The capital outlay has been comparatively light, the cost of running, including royalty, being \$550,000, while the receipts are upwards of \$2,000,000.

The Queen's jubilee, and the summer carnival in Halifax, have both been postponed until 1887. The jubilee, of course, depends entirely upon Her Majesty's life, as in the event of her death, the jubilee could not take place. Why Her Majesty postponed the celebration of her jubilee has not yet been explained; but as she has done so, it may be well for Halifax to delay its summer carnival for another year.

The people of Charlottetown have enjoyed a musical treat in the concert lately given under the direction of Professor Earle. The numbers were principally made up of selections from the Oratorios of the Creation and Messiah. It is gratifying to note that the taste for classical music is steadily growing.

The report of the Superintendent of Education bristles with interesting data and is most encouraging to those who favor our present system of popular education. The fact that 103,287 Nova Scotian children received regular instruction in our public schools during the past year is most gratifying, while the cost per caput, \$6 35, is trilling as compared with that of many of the States in the neighboring union. The expenditure for education is as follows: Government Grant, \$199 188, County Grant, \$121,328, paid by sections, \$334,043, total \$654,559. Dr. Allison is to be congratulated upon the satisfactory condition of our public school system, and deserves credit for his untiring zeal in discharging the multifarious and arduous duties of his office.

Mr. Ellis, of the *St. John Globe* is doing his best to obliterate the imaginary line which divides the cities of St. John and Portland. His bill, which has been introduced in the New Brunswick Legislature, provides that if the joint vote of the rate payers in both cities favor the union, it shall be carried into effect in 1887.

The report of the "Commission of 1885 upon Municipal Assessment," has been submitted. The commission recommends the adoption of a tax upon all income above \$400, whether earned professionally or being the interest received upon mortgages, notes, and other investments. The direct taxation of mortgages it believes would be unadvisable.

A joint convention of the Young Men's Liberal Clubs throughout Canada is to be held in Montreal in the course of a few weeks. Already the embryo statesmen are preparing the planks which are to form the new platform. Young Men's Liberal Clubs display unmistakable vigor, and if their elders do not soon announce an aggressive policy the young men will themselves seize the helm of the party ship.

The discovery of oil wells in Egypt has created quite a sensation in London. The oil field is said to be most extensive, and its close proximity to the Red Sea will enable oil shipments to be made at low rates.

Dartmouth is a wide awake town; it offers to the governors of Dalhousie fifty acres upon its common as a site for the new college building. Halifax should follow suit.

The rioters in Belgium are being put down with a strong hand. The mechanics and others interested in preserving order have organized protection, and the Socialists will now be kept within bounds.

When the French people undertake an exhibition they generally carry it through successfully. The French government has voted five and a half million dollars for the preliminary expenses of the world's exhibition to be held in Paris in 1889.

The speech of Hon. J. S. D. Thompson upon the Riel question is acknowledged to have been a most brilliant effort. It has placed the Minister of Justice in the front rank of Dominion statesmen, side by side with those who have toiled for years to secure their positions.

Henry George, the well known author of "Progress and Poverty," is about to issue a new volume dealing with free trade and protection. He will probably handle the protectionists without gloves, but he will likewise upset some of the pet theories of free traders.

Householders in Windsor complain that it is impossible to purchase hard coal in the town, the supply having given out. Luckily Jack Frost has loosed his grip for this season at least.

The establishment of "Postal Savings Banks" in the United States will be a boon to the people of that country. The report upon private savings banks shows that nine out of ten come to grief.

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Windsor has taken another step citywards, the names of the several streets now being placed in prominent positions at the street corners.

The course of lectures held in Windsor under the auspices of St. Matthew's Guild have been much enjoyed. The next lecture is "The Ministry of Angels," by C. Edgar DeWolfe. Judge DeWolfe's popularity as a speaker, and the mystic subject of which he treats will secure him a large audience.

Chamberlain and Trovelyn have decided to oppose Gladstone's Irish policy. They propose to forestall the grand old man by introducing a measure dealing with Irish affairs, which they anticipate will be supported by the moderate Liberals. It is difficult to imagine the moderate Liberals following the lead of the Radical Chamberlain.

A destructive fire at Key West has destroyed property to the value of one and a half million dollars. The island of Key West, upon which the town is built, was long the favorite haunt of pirates, but is now one of the most important naval stations in the United States, the coast of Florida giving to it its chief importance.

The strike on the Missouri Pacific, by which thousands of men were thrown out of employment, has, through the good offices of the Knights of Labor, been brought to a satisfactory termination.

Several lively scenes have occurred in the examination which is now being held before the committee on humane institutions, as to mal-practice in the Provincial and City Hospital. Dr. Slayter stated on oath that a patient named Clément suffering from brain fever had been treated for typhoid fever. The counsel for the defence refused to allow the books and prescription cards of the hospital to be submitted, which the counsel for the petitioners required to corroborate the statement of Dr. Slayter. During the dead-lock the members of the committee indulged in an altercation in which political banter was the most conspicuous factor. The charge is of such a serious nature that we had hoped the element of party might for once be eliminated and the trial proceed as in a court of law; but presumably this is asking too much.

The budget speech of Hon. A. W. McLelan, which was delivered on Tuesday, was well received in the House of Commons. Mr. McLelan said that the year 1886 would be a red-letter year in the history of Canada, as in this year Canadians had obtained their geographical independence; there now being railway communication within the Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. The Minister of Finance also stated that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company intended to pay back by the 1st of July next twenty million dollars of the money loaned to them by the Government. The latter fact will be an agreeable disappointment to many persons on both sides of politics.

Householders should inspect for themselves the new spring stock of goods now being displayed at the establishment of W. & C. Silver. The Carpets and Oilcloths have evidently been selected with care, and are sufficiently varied in pattern and price to suit the tastes and pockets of all.

Correct answers to Enigmas, published last week, were received from Miss E. Dimock, 9 Carleton street; Miss F. E. Elliot, 20 John street; Mrs. J. S. Dimock, 84 Agricola street; Mrs. W. Salter, 49 Hollis street; Wm. H. Donovan, 13 Blowers street; W. E. Thompson, 3 Cogswell street; R. Ladd, Lovett House, City; Mrs. G. A. Dudley, Geo. W. Godard, Edwin G. Larder, Robt. H. Fraser, Bridgewater; Miss Annie Gillis, Pirate Harbor; "G. B. R." St. John, N. B.; Miss Lucy H. Sherman, Port Mulgrave; Eugene Macdonald, Antigonish; D. O'C. Madden, Arichat; "Jaleb," Baddeck; C. A. Snyder, Mahone Bay; Thos. Ward, Kentville; and S. A. Morton, Milton, Queens Co.

We direct the attention of those interested in mining to the advertisement of F. W. Christie, of Bedford. Mr. Christie has also made a special study of lead drainage, and has had practical experience in the laying down of tiled drains.

Judge Mousseau, who held the portfolio of Secretary of State in Sir John A. Macdonald's Government in 1881 and 1882, and later Premier of the Province of Quebec, died last Tuesday evening, after an illness of six days. Congestion of the lungs is reported as the cause of death.

The Legislature of Newfoundland refuses to ratify the French shore arrangement between France and England on the claims of the French on the west coast. The agreement is strongly condemned by members on both sides of the Legislature.

DIAMOND PUZZLE.

Since printing the third page of this issue, we note that the explanatory part of the puzzle has been left out, we therefore reproduce it below:—

1. The initial letter of both names of a celebrated Roman Governor.
2. A mineral substance.
3. The founder of a city in Bœotia.
4. A terrible nuisance in any community.
5. A famous leader and chief during the Trojan war.
6. A class of persons—"unknown and yet well known."
7. A most despicable character only met with in seaport towns.
8. What the best of men sometimes unwittingly fall into.
9. Found in Jerusalem—but not in Jericho.

Read the nine centre letters perpendicularly and you will find the name of a celebrated tribunal.

Read them horizontally and you will discover the name of a famous chief during the Trojan war.