

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Owing to the dullness of the fish trade, business in Liverpool is unusually quiet; but the inhabitants believe, that if they could secure rail communication with the rest of the Province, Liverpool would yet reach a place worthy its name. On Saturday last, Liverpool was visited by a terrific rain storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The Baptist church at Brooklyn was struck by lightning, and much damage done, the pews within the church were badly smashed up.

Manager Clarke deserves the thanks of the patrons of the drama, in having secured an engagement with Mlle. Rhea, the celebrated French actress. She will appear at the Academy on the 30th instant, and during her stay in Halifax, will appear in a number of plays by celebrated French writers. We bespeak large audiences during her visit.

Last week, Haultan succeeded in breaking the three mile sculling record by thirty-one seconds. His time was 19m. 22s.

Some time ago, the American Government fixed the duty on mackerel at 25 per cent. Now, they have authorized the levying of a duty of 100 per cent on canned mackerel, the same as canned meats. The result has been to check exports from the Provinces.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Rifle Association is taking place this week at Bedford.

The Rev. Father Phelan, of St. Louis, a brother of the United States Consul, has been on a visit to Nova Scotia. Last Sunday evening he preached a most eloquent and impressive sermon to a crowded congregation at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The New Dominion steam-cruiser *Acadia*, late the *Yosemite*, arrived in port on Monday last, from New York. She was built some six years ago, at a cost of \$140,000, and last week was purchased by the Dominion Government for \$10,000. She is a very fast sailer, as is evidenced by the fact that she made the run from New York to Halifax in 42 hours, beating the fastest time on record by six hours. She will be of great assistance in connection with the protection of our fisheries.

The American war ship *Galena* called in port on Monday, on her way from a cruise in North Bay, and exchanged salutes with the cadetel.

Mr. C. H. Porter, who has for the past two years been furthering his musical studies in Leipzig, and who for several years followed his profession with success in this city, has just returned to Halifax, and has received a cordial reception from his many old friends. Mr. Porter will be prepared to take pupils on and after September 1st.

Those who have visited Lunenburg of late have been struck with the bright business aspect of the town which is in strong contrast with the Lunenburg of ten years since. Strangers always speak enthusiastically of the pretty green sloping hills which surround the town, which under the peculiar German method of cultivation are rendered doubly attractive.

Chess matches by cables are no uncommon occurrence, but a match game of whist, such as that to be played by New York and London experts, will be quite a novelty. At sixpence per word the game will cost at least \$50.

The visiting firemen at the late tournament are loud in their praises of the firemen of this city for the hospitality extended to them. The Windsor team was accorded a very hearty reception on their return home.

We are pleased to learn that the Annapolis apple crop promises to be fully equal to that of last year.

At the Artillery competitions at Shoeburyness the Canadians have carried off most of the principal prizes. Since our last issue they have taken first prize in the 64 pounder shooting for the Londonderry cup, have won the Governor-General's cup, given for shifting ordinance, and taken fourth position in the ten inch competition, besides carrying off a large number of other prizes.

The Canadian cricketers won a great victory over the American team in the International cricket match played at Seabright, N. S., on Friday and Saturday of last week. At the close of the game the record stood: Canadians 229; Americans 132. We have every reason to be proud of the achievement of our artillery team and cricketers.

Mayor Howland, of Toronto, has proved himself to be a most fearless and capable officer, and since his elevation to the position of Chief Magistrate that city has been better governed than for many years. His latest move has been to cause the arrest of a number of Torontonians, who are charged with having defrauded the *Queen City* of \$8,000.

Pluropneumonia of a very violent type having broken out at the cattle quarantine station, Levis, two heids, one of Jerseys belonging to McCrea, of London, and the other Polled Angus, belonging to Andrew Allan, valued at thirty thousand dollars, were by the order of the Dominion Inspector of live stock slaughtered and cremated. There are three or four hundred imported cattle composed of Jerseys, Galloways, and Ayrshires, and it is feared they will also have to be destroyed. It is said that the disease was brought out by a herd of Galloways from Scotland on the steamer *Hiberian*.

"Baddock" says: "Another vessel has been added to our shipping list, the *Ocean Lily*, a three masted schooner of about 242 tons burthen. The Nick Roberts-Gardner circus arrived here Saturday morning and left in the evening. Owing to the heavy rain, the high wind, and other causes, the circus fell flat. The Evangelists held a farewell meeting on Tuesday and then left for Margaree. During the past week the hotels have all been crowded with tourists."

Connecticut Courts have declared boycotting to be an illegal mode of redressing wrongs.

The first printing done in America was in the City of Mexico, in 1539. The second press was put up in Lima, Peru, and the third in Cambridge, Mass., in 1639.

William Black, the novelist, is about to make a tour of the canals of England, travelling in a house-fitted boat made for the purpose.

There are 4,296 paper mills in the world, of which 1,150 are in the United States.

Michigan parties are experimenting with mineral wax from Utah mines. It is claimed to be the best material for insulating wires yet discovered.

A syndicate with £250,000 has been formed in Auckland to construct a railway from the East to the West coast of New Zealand.

It is asserted by an authority that it is a mistake to suppose that broiling is applicable to fish and meats only. It can be employed with fruits and vegetables, and when these are watery excellent results are obtained. The apple, pear, quince, and banana, the cucumber, tomato, green pepper, or egg plant thus prepared make admirable dishes.

Journalism in China has its perils. One writer was recently sentenced to be quartered, because in one of his scientific works he enumerated the names of several of the departed Chinese Emperors, which is strictly against court etiquette. His punishment was mitigated to decapitation and his children will be executed next autumn.

A revolution in the tea-trade is promised from Ceylon, where the growth of the plant has been unprecedented. The *Ceylon Advertiser* states that the acreage already planted with tea in that island may, three years hence, be expected to yield over 20,000,000 pounds for export.

So far as the acting of the Wilbur Opera Company is concerned, those who have patronized the Academy this week have little reason to complain, but while the chorus singing is fairly good, the want of star soloists is painfully evident. By special permission the company will present "The Mikado" at the Academy of Music this evening.

When the railway was extended to Dartmouth many persons thought it would prove an unremunerative enterprise, but the traffic returns of the past six months have proved the contrary.

Yarmouth is to have a grand musical festival on Monday evening next. In addition to the Orpheus Orchestra and the local talent engaged to take part, Miss Carrillo will make her first appearance before a Yarmouth audience.

The Icelanders are just now experiencing great distress, the fisheries for the past two years have not proved remunerative, while the catch of herring during the present season is reported as nil.

A four page weekly journal in English, the *Anglo-Japanese Review*, has been started in Tokio, to be "a weekly journal of Japanese commerce, politics, literature, and art." It advocates the adoption of the English language, which it declares "is justly regarded as the universal tongue."

Russia now has abundant rainfalls in provinces, once too arid for agriculture, that have been redeemed by tree-planting.

A woman's savings bank, for women only, has been organized at Honolulu, of which Her Royal Highness Princess Liliuokalani is the treasurer.

Even the Arctic regions have their bleak and frozen solitudes brightened with floral bloom and beauty, c. 752 kinds of flowers are said to exist there.

As an illustration that Chinamen are disposed to keep up with the times, it is stated that the Chinese proprietor of a Chinese newspaper at Singapore is about to issue a daily edition in English.

A rival to the telephone has been invented and tried between Philadelphia and Reading, sixty miles distant, by which messages can be instantaneously sent and recorded by a type-writer, so that the message is not lost if the receiver when "called up" is absent.

The interest taken by the Countess of Dufferin, wife of the Viceroy of India, in practical efforts for the relief of the sick and suffering women of that country, is securing great attention and material aid for the movement. Indian princes and nobles and English civilians and officers contribute largely, and medical schools and women's hospitals are established in many cities.

The heaviest wood known among the four hundred species of trees found in the United States is said to be the black ironwood, of Southern Florida, which is 30 per cent. heavier than water. Sixteen of the species, it is stated, are so heavy that their perfectly dry wood will sink in water.