

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Our Subscribers and Advertising patrons will please note that Mr. A. M. Fraser, formerly of Windsor, has been appointed Business Manager of The Critic. Hereafter, all remittances should be made payable to him.

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A Belgian lady is making arrangements for planting a Belgian colony in the Canadian Northwest.

Another attempt is to be made to launch the big raft near the Joggins, Cumberland Co. An engineer from New York, who is now on the spot, believes that it can be accomplished.

Cape Breton reports a magnificent crop of potatoes which have been harvested in good condition. From some parts of Nova Scotia proper reports have been received that the yield will be greatly reduced owing to the prevalence of potato rot.

The rumor that the Canadian and American Governments were considering a new fishery treaty is totally without foundation. Steps are being taken to ascertain the author of the bogus telegrams which have of late been circulated in the Canadian and American press. Should he be discovered, the law dealing with his offense will be allowed to take its course.

"Bridgetown" says: "The weather lately has been most favorable for the picking and shipping of apples, which is the order of the day just now. There has been more than the usual number of visitors through this part of the valley this season, the majority of them Americans, but the fall-like aspect, which things have lately begun to assume, has been the signal for a general departure. Two artists, who have been diligently sketching every point of beauty within their reach, being the last to leave."

Montreal boasts many millionaires. The wealth of 54 Montrealers is estimated at \$50,500,000.

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The burning of the Pullman car "Merrimac" on the Intercolonial Railway, 120 miles west of Moncton was, to judge from the reports which have reached us, the result of gross carelessness. Fortunately the occupants of the car escaped without injury, but they suffered heavy losses in clothing, money, jewelry, etc. The affair should be investigated by the railway authorities.

"Baddeck" says: "Notwithstanding that this is such a dull season of the year the Treasury of the County is in a fair way of being replenished, one liquor dealer having been fined \$50 and costs for liquor selling, and several other prosecutions being under way. One of the parties sued quietly left for parts unknown the night before the day appointed for his trial. Prof. Bell and family left for home last Sunday in a special steamboat. Rumor says the Prof. has bought the Point and Red Head and has left the building of a handsome summer residence thereon in the hands of a Halifax architect. The "Novelty" arrived in port the first of the week having on board a shark caught off St. Pierre."

The question now is, who will give the false weather prophet a wiggling. If there is one man Canada who deserves to be held up to public ridicule, it is one E. Stone Wiggins, who has for the past six weeks been itching for notoriety, which he has obtained by making silly predictions as to earthquakes, tidal waves and storms. This catch-penny seer should not again be allowed to frighten ignorant persons and interfere with the avocations of those who go down to the sea in ships, by prophecies of calamities to come. Cranks are becoming too numerous and the sooner such persons are put in straight jackets the better for the public.

A fatal disease has broken out among the distillery-fed cattle in Chicago. Should it prove epidemic it will cripple one of Chicago's greatest industries.

According to late returns the amount received by the United States Government on account of sale of public lands, averages but 30c. per acre.

The troublesome tribe of Apaches are to be located on an extensive reserve in Florida. Here it is thought they will be easily kept under control by the United States troops.

Despite the codicil to Tilden's will, which provided that any heir contesting his last will and testament should forfeit any legacy to which he might be entitled under the will, the heirs have combined to break the will. But as it was drawn up by an eminent legal gentleman, it is thought the contestants will fail in their purpose.

William E. Gould, of the National Bank, Portland, is a defaulter to the extent of \$87,000. Mr. Gould enjoyed the respect and confidence of Portland business men, and the announcement of his defalcation has created no little surprise.

Several shocks of earthquake have been experienced in Charleston during the past week, but little damage was done. Much uneasiness, however, is felt by the railway authorities, who state that trains approaching the city, are, to judge from the reverberation, rolling over a internal chasm. The sound made by the trains is similar to that heard in passing over deep culverts.

Russia has demanded of the Korean Government the harbor of Vanky for a naval station.

The cholera reports from Italy show a slight falling off in the number of new cases, with a decided decrease in the number of fatal cases. The beautiful city of Pesth on the Danube is afflicted by a smallpox epidemic, which so far has baffled the endeavors of the authorities to stamp it out.

So persistent are the rioters of Belfast in creating street disturbances, that it has been thought advisable to permanently increase the garrison of the city. The rioters have shown little regard for life or property, and the police have found it impossible to preserve the peace.

The relief kitchens which were opened at Mandalay for those who had suffered by the recent floods, were visited by 6000 starving inhabitants. So great was the rush that 12 people were killed while attempting to procure food, and many others were seriously injured.

General Villacenspe, the leader of the late Spanish rebellion, is now a prisoner in Madrid. Seventy three soldiers who took part in the uprising are also in custody. Zorilla, who is supposed to have secretly instigated the revolt, is in France; but as the Spanish Government has intimated to the French authorities a wish that Zorilla be requested to leave French soil, it is not probable that he will remain under the tricolored flag.

A syndicate of French bankers has signified its willingness to take up the proposed Bulgarian loan. The Portuguese loan has already been floated, the offers being far in excess of the amount required. German bankers, having a large amount of idle capital to invest, are the principal lenders.

Nubar Pasha is at present in London endeavoring to effect some new arrangement with respect to the control of the Egyptian finances. The French papers believe that England is about to declare her intention of permanently annexing Egypt to the British Empire. But, although her turn of occupation is indefinite, Britain has at present no intention of swallowing up the Land of the Pharaohs.

A paper is to be started at Bucharest for the purpose of advocating a Confederation of the Balkan provinces. It is to be printed in the Roumanian, Servian and Bulgarian languages. A powerful independent Balkan state is what Russia most dreads.

The Duke of Edinburg and young Prince George of Wales, who are now at Constantinople, have been sumptuously entertained by the Sultan. Abdul Hamid II. evidently has an eye to windward, he smells danger in the breeze and remembers that Britain has ever been his friend in need, hence he leaves his harem to feast her sons.

Eleven moonlighters have been captured by the Irish constabulary, and General Buller has taken measures to put a stop to the expeditions of these midnight maskers. He gives it as his opinion that the National League should be proclaimed.

Mrs. Parnell, the mother of the Irish leader, has returned to her home in Ireland, and has expressed her intention of remaining there for the rest of her days. The Dublin Freeman's Journal has thrown down the gauntlet of fair play between landlords and tenants. Landlords, it says, who treat their tenants in a fair minded manner are worthy of courteous consideration.

Russia has refused to recognize the existing Bulgarian Government, and General Baulbars, the Russian envoy, has been ordered to leave Sofia in the event of Russia's ultimatum not being complied with. Turkey is preparing for war and affairs in the East look decidedly dark.

An engine specially constructed to use petroleum as fuel is successfully drawing trains on the railway between Alexander and Cairo. It is estimated that a yearly saving of \$250,000 will be effected on the road.

Lord Ventry has abated the rents of the tenants on his estate at Dingle, County Kerry, 25 per cent. on account of the fall in the price of produce. The tenants are satisfied.

Lloyd's agent at Santo, writing in regard to the earthquake along the coast of Morea, says from what he has been able to ascertain from the captains of steamers and other crafts in their waters at the time of the shock it appeared to originate from the sea. This is not unlikely, as a steamer belonging to the Eastern Telegraph Company which proceeded some months ago to repair the cable below the coast of Navarino, found, on sounding, a subsidence of soil of—if we are not mistaken—a thousand fathoms. We are further indirectly informed that the soundings on many parts of the coast differ materially from the charts of 1864-65, and suggest that an early survey be made of all the waters in the vicinity of and some distance from the coast.

Baron Kaulbach is military attache of the Russian diplomatic agent at Sofia. This appointment is considered significant, as he is admitted to be the best informed foreigner living concerning the military affairs of Austria.

The *Republique Francaise* states that England meditates a grand coup d'etat and will probably claim Egypt as a British possession. She will, however, do nothing until she has sufficient force at Alexandria.

The Bulgarian prisoners now being tried for complicity in the late conspiracy against Prince Alexander, are, if found guilty, to be exiled from the Principality. Three well-known Russian officers are implicated in the plot. Prince Alexander has signified to a friend his intention of retiring into private life.

A new street of tombs has recently been discovered by the excavators at Pompeii. A rush of antiquarians and relic hunters will now be in order.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Advices from New Zealand say that White Island volcano is in a state of active eruption and that a column of flame and smoke many feet in diameter issues from the crater.