

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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For the 19th time, Mr. Keeley, the inventor of the supposed wonderful Keeley Motor, has demonstrated to the satisfaction of those present the importance of his discovery, but although his experiments created surprise, no one appears to be a whit the wiser as to whence the magic power he uses is drawn. In these days of wonders it would be presumptuous to question the ultimate success of the Keeley Motor, but "hope deferred maketh the heart sick." It is time Mr. Keeley brought his invention to a head.

On Wednesday last, Yarmouth, which is one of the most enterprising towns in Eastern Canada, celebrated the 125th anniversary of its settlement. Upon each of these mile-stones the progress of Yarmouth is indolibly written.

Dr. Rand, who was for many years intimately connected with public education, both in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and who but recently resigned his professorship at Acadia College, has been appointed to the Principalship of the Baptist College, at Woodstock, Ontario. This College, through the princely gift of Senator McMaster of \$250,000, has a bright future before it.

The old College building at the University of Kings, Windsor, which is a well built, substantial structure, is now undergoing thorough repair, and will, at the College Encenia, Thursday, June 24th, present a creditable appearance. The professors' houses are being rebuilt in separate dwellings, prettily located in the rear of the college, near the college park.

Many leaders of fashion among the ladies of Paris have dispensed with head coverings in the street. Milliners and dealers in hats and bonnets are complaining of hard times.

The Shah of Persia is coquetting with the Russian bear. He desires to keep on friendly terms with the Monarch of the North, but fears that too close an intimacy may create unpleasant complications. The Czar has two objects in view, a Russian port upon the Persian Gulf, and entire Russian control of the Black Sea. Booshire and Constantinople should, in his judgment, be the out posts of the Russian Empire; but the Shah of Persia and the Sultan of Turkey prefer home rule.

When a ship loses its reckoning, and diverges from its course, the captain is held responsible; but who is responsible for the miscalculation of the big whale recently killed in the River St. Lawrence, 150 miles from its mouth.

The city fathers of Philadelphia have, for the past 14 years, been expending the loose change of the corporation upon a monster city hall, which will, before it is completed, cost \$12,000,000. Such an outlay appears to be out of proportion to the needs of a quiet going community like that of the Quaker city.

How many untaxed dogs are there in Halifax, and at what ratio are these increasing? Europe has 14,000,000 dogs, or 1 to each 25 of the population. At the same rate, there must be 1600 dogs in Halifax.

How many young ladies will envy Mrs. Cleveland? The President's bride received, in the form of wedding presents, gifts to the value of \$100,000. Never mind, there can only be one lady presiding in the White House.

New Yorkers are tired of the diminutive lobsters usually sold in that market. They have tasted the fine large ones brought from Nova Scotia, and now big Nova Scotian lobsters are in demand.

French Cambric Shirts are just the proper thing for this season of the year. Millican & Co. are prepared to supply their customers with well-fitting shirts at moderate rates.

The Mexican Congress, it is stated, is considering favorably a bill providing the penalty of death for all offences against railways and trains. Even the cutting of railway telegraph wires, tampering with switches, or the placing of the slightest obstruction on the track, will be visited with the death penalty.

There is tremendous excitement throughout Great Britain over the defeat of Gladstone's Irish Home Rule measure in the House of Commons, by a majority of 30. The grand old man may comfort himself with the knowledge, that although his bill is defeated, the principle which it embodies has been accepted by the British public. It is impossible at this date to say what the effect of this vote may be, but it is feared that serious disturbances in Ireland will follow.

A correspondent says.—"If not too late, I would like to suggest to the managers of the Halifax street railway the following circuit route in the south-end. From the Post Office south through Hollis to Morris, up Morris to Pleasant, down Pleasant to Inglis, up Inglis to Tower Road, along Tower Road to South, and thence through South Park, Spring Garden Road, Barrington, Sackville and Hollis streets to the Post Office. This circuit line would accommodate the great bulk of the population living south of the Citadel, and with cars running both ways would be extensively patronized."

Minard's Liniment has an excellent reputation in Nova Scotia, but the public should see to it that in purchasing what they suppose to be Minard's Liniment they are not fobbed off with other white liniments said to be "just as good."

A prize of fifty dollars is offered by the Alumni Association of Dalhousie College for the best Essay (provided it be of sufficient merit) on the History of Dalhousie. The competition is open to all persons, whether members of the University or not. The Essays may be of any length, but conciseness is recommended. Competitors are required, in making statements of fact, to cite authorities, but are advised not to make lengthy quotations. Essays must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Alumni Association (H. W. C. Boak, Esq., Halifax) on or before the 1st March, 1887. Each must be distinguished by a motto, and must be accompanied by a sealed envelope, endorsed with the motto of the essay, and containing inside the name of the author. The essay to which the prize is awarded will become the property of the Association.

The excellent article of Prof. Hind, on the "Rationale of Manuring and Pruning an Apple Orchard," will be concluded in the next number of THE CRITIC.

New Brunswick has got through the agony of her local elections, and in Nova Scotia the election fever is at its height; and Prince Edward Island, not to be outdone, proposes to have a local contest, the elections to take place on the 30th inst.

The first number of a bright and newsy paper comes to us from Barrington, N. S. The Cape Sable Advertiser is devoted to the "fishing and commercial interests of Western Nova Scotia."

The Messrs. Southworth, who represent D. Appleton & Co. of New York, are now in Halifax, and propose during the next few months visiting the chief centres of population throughout the Province. They are the sole agents for the splendid American Encyclopedia, which is only fully appreciated when an excellent work of reference is required.

Again there is peace in the land of the Olive. Little Greece was prepared to fight, was anxious to fight her big Turkish neighbor, but the big European powers would not hear of a conflict. They blockaded the Greek ports with their big iron-clads, and little Greece finding the outlook discouraging agreed for the time to bury the hatchet. The blockade has now been raised.

The Pope has been pleased to consecrate Archbishop Taschereau of Quebec a Cardinal, and it is generally admitted there was no more fitting person upon whom to bestow the dignity.

The political parties in Newfoundland are now based upon religious creeds. The Protestants have the majority in the House, the Opposition party being entirely composed of Roman Catholics. A few days since the government brought down a measure for the encouragement of agriculture in the Island, whereupon a member in the Opposition moved a vote of want of confidence in the ministry, which was seconded, when, to the surprise of all, the Opposition members, with the exception of the mover and seconder, rose and left the house, thus plainly indicating that they placed country before party. This courteous action on the part of the Roman Catholic members will do much towards healing the religious differences which now unhappily divide the Island.

Our Baddeck correspondent writes:—"The meeting of the delegates from the four counties of the Island, which was to have been held at Baddeck, on the 3rd, to take measures to secure the separation of Cape Breton from Nova Scotia, was indefinitely postponed for, we understand, two reasons—the death of one of the leaders of the agitation, and the Railroad policy of the Dominion Government, which is considered by the Island as general as being very satisfactory. Last Tuesday was a gala day for Baddeck, being the first day of the Supreme Court, and also nomination day. There are six gentlemen anxious to take charge of our affairs in the Local Legislature. Of course, each one is assured of success by his friends. We tender our sympathies to the four unfortunates who are sure to be disappointed. Our Dominion member, Hon. C. J. Campbell, has returned to our midst, and looks remarkably well after his winter's work. W. F. McCord, Esq., has also just returned from a week's visit to the North. He seems well satisfied with the progress of events in that portion of the country, and feels confident that his Liberal friends, J. A. Fraser and J. J. McCabe, will not be found on the list of unsuccessful candidates after the election."

Mr. W. H. Hart, whose office is at the corner of Bedford Row and Sackville street, Halifax, has just been appointed agent of the Anglo-American Marine Insurance Co. This company, which has its headquarters at Washington, D. C., was organized in 1884. It has a capital of \$1,000,000, 50 per cent of which is paid up. The record of the company is good.

The uses to which the Great Eastern has just been put are doubtless such as her designer and builder never dreamed of. She is engaged, as may be remembered, to fill out the remainder of her days at Gibraltar as a coal hulk, and meanwhile she has been sent from Milford Haven, where she has been for a dozen years, to Liverpool, in order to have her engines lifted out. Accordingly, an enterprising clothing establishment of the latter town has hired her during her stay. A circus is to be put into one of her big cable tanks, which is 75 feet in diameter; a menagerie in one of her saloons; stalls for wares on her decks; while the trail of the advertising poster will be all over the ship, and especially on her huge sides, divided and let out for the purpose. Certainly, the last stage in the career of the unfortunate monster, an humble but respectable coal cellar, will be less garish than its impending employment as a floating bill board.—N. Y. Sun.