

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Those who took part in the riot at Paspébiac, P Q, have been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Winnipeg is going ahead by leap and bounds. It now has a population of 21,000, and building operations are active.

The health of Hon. J. A. Chapleau is in a critical state. The Minister is now in New York, where he is gone for medical advice.

The increase of crime among the boys of Winnipeg is alarming. A house of correction or reformatory is much needed in that city.

A company is to be incorporated to build a railway toll-bridge across the Bay of Quinte from a point near Belleville to some point in the township of Ameliasburg.

An exchange speaking of an accident says: "One man was killed, and the other had his head severed from his body." We wonder they were not both killed.

Mr. Wm. Purves has been elected warden of North Sydney. This well-governed town owes much of its prosperity to the time and attention devoted by its councillors to municipal affairs.

The Government of Ottawa has received petitions from Winnipeg and elsewhere, praying for the pardon and release of Big Bear. The matter is now under consideration in the department of Justice.

Ten thousand dollars have already been expended in endeavoring to launch the big raft at the Joggins, but happily the prospects of getting it off are now good. Hydraulic screws are being used for the purpose.

At the agricultural show, held at Indian Head, near Regina, the Indian exhibitors carried off first prizes in wheat, barley, potatoes, turnips, and other products. They feel immensely proud of thus having beaten their white brethren.

The widow of John Murphy, of Ottawa, has been awarded by the court \$700 damages in her suit against the contractor Daniel Doyle. The deceased lost his life by a caving in of an excavation, which was imperfectly secured.

Messrs. Sam Jones and Sam Small, the Evangelists, have left Toronto, after having done very successful work. A number of citizens of the Queen city presented Mr. Jones with a check for \$2,500, as a mark of their appreciation of his services in the community.

Mr. James Munro, of Milton, Yarmouth Co., has been appointed "Inspector of Schools for Yarmouth and Shelburne Counties." This is as it should be. Mr. Munro is an old and faithful teacher, and apart from any political considerations is entitled to and well qualified for his new position.

The farmers in the vicinity of Windsor sustained a heavy loss on Saturday last in the burning of the cheese factory with all its contents. Four tons of marketable cheese, the product of the summer's work, was destroyed, and the loss will be very serious, only a partial insurance against fire having been effected.

The old penitentiary, which has for several years past served as the City and Provincial Poorhouse, is now deserted, its occupants having been transferred to the new and substantial structure which occupies the site of the burned building. In their new quarters the poor, aged, and decrepid inmates will be less like sardines in a box than they have been of late.

There was much excitement in Baddeck on Saturday last upon hearing that a can of gunpowder, with a lighted fuse attached, had been thrown through the window into the kitchen of Mr. W. H. Watson, in which his wife and four small children were at the time the only occupants. Fortunately the fuse burned out so that no damage was done, but the perpetrator of the dastardly outrage has so far escaped justice.

The efforts being made by a committee of benevolent ladies to establish a Seamen's Rest in this city, are worthy of every encouragement. 12,000 sailors annually visit the port, many of whom in past years have experienced the blessings of the Seamen's Home, the Mission and the Rest. A combination of these agencies could be made if a suitable building could be procured. At present over half of the funds collected have to be paid out in the form of rents. Mrs. David Allison and Miss Robinson are urging the matter upon public attention with their customary energy. As suggested in our columns some months since the old city building shortly to be vacated would make an excellent Seamen's Home, and with slight alterations could be adapted to the needs of the several agencies now at work.

The elections for county councillors in the 18 counties of the Province will be held on the 16th inst. Electors should see to it that the candidates are broad-minded liberal men. It is the little demagogues who play havoc at the meetings of our municipal councillors, and this class of men should be allowed to remain at home. As a rule the councillors in the Province are men of character and standing in their respective communities.

Of the sixty members of the Mounted Police, stationed at Battleford, who were stricken down by fever, ten have died. Fourteen of the inhabitants of the town were also attacked, and two succumbed. The fever has broken out in the "D." troop, which is now at Fort McLeod, and the inhabitants of the town are panic stricken. The fever is of a virulent type, leaving those who escape death in a prostrate condition, their recovery being very slow.

Macdonald, the young man who some months ago gave himself up to the magistrate at Whycocomach, as the person through whom one McLellan had met his death, was tried at Port Hood last week, Chief Justice Macdonald presiding. The evidence of some of the witnesses went to show that McLellan was the stronger man of the two, and that Macdonald stabbed him in self-defence. The jury after hearing the evidence of both sides brought in a verdict of wilful murder against Macdonald. The young man's father broke down on hearing the verdict, but young Macdonald himself did not appear to realize its purport.

An independent onlooker would be at a loss to know the real state of affairs in Quebec, if he were obliged to depend for his information on purely party papers. Both sides claim victory and each ignores the uncertain element which at present exists. 30 straight Conservatives and 31 straight Liberals were elected, one of the latter has since died, but he will probably be replaced by a Liberal. The 4 remaining members are Independent-Nationalists. The report that a round robin in favor of Mr. Mercier, the Opposition leader, had been signed by 35 members, lacks confirmation. The Independent-Nationalists hold the key of the situation, and it is not yet known with which party they will side.

"Baddeck" says:—"The people are complaining of the increased taxation the county will have to undergo in consequence of having four or five persons in Dudley Warner's stone jail. Although the new Post Office is not entirely completed, the Post Master moved in the first of the week; and now that the building is occupied, people can understand the necessity of paying a janitor, which they could not while the building was unoccupied. In respect to the appearance of the building, a great variety of opinions prevail. Some maintain that it is a thing of beauty, while others compare it to a lime kiln; but these last must surely be those who have not been trained to see the 'poetry of architecture.' Although this difference of opinion exists, all will no doubt unite in giving thanks to the Dominion Government for the crumb that has fallen to Cape Breton from the table at Ottawa; and we trust that ere long, many more crumbs will fall, and that we shall see the iron horse passing through our island. D. Hamilton is about establishing several steam saw mills at the Little Narrows."

The will of Mrs. Stewart, of New York, has been filed. Bequests are made amounting to \$20,000,000.

Landlords in West Clare have made a reduction of 15 to 40 per cent in their rents. The tenants are satisfied, and are paying up their arrears.

A fire at Cleveland, Ohio, has destroyed the magnificent building of the Case School of Applied Science, erected one year ago. It cost \$200,000.

A New York syndicate has offered the Cherokee Indians \$3 an acre for 6,000,000 acres of their reserve, which they propose using for stock raising.

Miss Alice Whitacre, the young Chicago vocalist, was well received at her late debut in London, and the musical critics are enthusiastic over America's new prima donna.

The Faculty of Andover College are at loggerheads over the doctrinal teaching of some members of the staff, which are asserted to be contrary to the provisions of the endowment.

Advices have been received in London, stating that the natives at Enhamban, a town at the entrance of the Mozambique Channel, have revolted and defeated the Portuguese.

32,000,000 bushels of wheat are now stored in the elevators of Minnesota and Dakota. 3,000 wheat-laden cars are on their way eastward; the railways being literally blockaded with freight.

The Bartholdi Statue of Liberty, at New York, was unveiled with imposing solemnities in presence of the President of the United States, the French delegation, and an immense concourse of spectators.

The elections in Massachusetts on Tuesday last, resulted in the return of Governor Ames, by a reduced majority. In the legislature a working Republican majority has been secured, and of the twelve congressional seats, nine have been carried by the Republicans, and three by the Democrats.

Fifty dollars fine with the option of thirty days imprisonment is now the penalty imposed by the law of the State of New York upon any person exposing for sale or wearing the feathers of any song or wild bird. Feather trimming is just now very fashionable in New York city. The law is evidently in advance of public opinion.

The collector at Bangor gives it as his opinion that Canadian fish, when frozen, will have to pay duty. Fresh fish for immediate consumption are at present admitted duty free. This is drawing a fine line between dutiable and undutiable fish, and it will be news to our fishermen that frozen fish are preserved as effectually by frost as if dried, pickled or smoked.