

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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H. M. S. Forward arrived at Halifax on Monday morning.

Portland, St John, had decided against the Scott Act by a majority of 444.

Messrs. Gayton and Law are again to be the Liberal standard bearers in Yarmouth.

Lieut. Governor Angers of Quebec was married on Thursday of last week to Mrs. Arthur Hamel.

Pictou and Cape Breton mines have contracted to deliver 367,000 tons of coal in Quebec markets this year.

D. A. Hearn and Roderick Ferguson have been nominated as Liberal-Conservative candidates in Richmond.

The N. B. Legislature was prorogued on Wednesday afternoon, after one of the longest sessions in the history of the Province.

Mr. Thomas E. Corning and Mr. Mathurin D'Entremont have been nominated as Liberal-Conservative candidates in Yarmouth.

Alderman O'Donnell has resigned his seat in the City Council, having been disqualified on account of renting a shed to the City.

Diphtheria, scarlet fever and measles are epidemic in many of the country towns. In Truro and Amherst many children have died from measles.

The ferry steamer *Goliath* was driven ashore by the ice near Point Tupper, C. B., on Wednesday, where she now lies in a dangerous position.

The House of Assembly for this Province has been dissolved, and the elections are announced to be held on the 21st of May. Wednesday, May 14th, will be nomination day.

On Monday in the N. B. Assembly a motion expressing that the charges against Hon. Mr. Blair had been proven groundless, and adopting the majority report of the committee, was carried 21 to 9.

Chas. S. Lane, the Granville Street hatter, has moved into new and commodious quarters in Anderson, Billing & Co's building, and is showing a new and extensive stock of goods in his line of business.

A new bed of oysters has just been put under contribution to supply St. John trade. The bed is some miles above Chatham, and the oysters obtained from it are very fat and large and of good flavor.

J. McI. Cromar, who skipped on the 14th inst. from Edmunston, N. B., with funds of the People's Bank of Halifax to the amount of \$7,000, has been arrested near Sandy Beach, Michigan, by Detective Power.

The Cape Breton Telephone Co. are at present putting in their branches around Cow Bay, Louisburg and Glace Bay, and are also extending their line to the old Ontario Mines. The branches are to be put in at North Sydney next week.

The Government steamer *Newfield* left on Wednesday for Sable Island with supplies. The Rev. J. O. Ruggles, at the request of the Bishop, went to attend to the spiritual needs of the Church of England people, of whom there are about sixty on the island.

Manitobans are considerably agitated over the reported union of the Northern Pacific and Grand Trunk for the construction of the line west from Winnipeg to the coast through the Canadian Northwest. Such a line would seriously affect the Canadian Pacific.

It is understood the Canadian Pacific will take possession of Yellow Head Pass through the Rockies on the first indication that the Grand Trunk is looking that way, and that the recent construction of the Regina and Long Lake branch was pushed forward with that object in view.

McGill College is again in luck. It is announced that Peter Redpath, late of Montreal, but now of Chislehurst, England, will erect a large convocation hall, together with dining room and gymnasium. The amount of the cost is not yet known, but will be announced on convocation day.

The troopship *Tyne*, Capt. Goodridge, arrived at Halifax on the 17th inst. from the West Indies and Bermuda. She brought reinforcements for the Royal Artillery and also some additions to the Medical Staff. The troopship took from here Nos. 1 and 20 Batteries of the Royal Artillery to Bermuda.

The Parliamentary Committee appointed to investigate the General Middleton fur scandal made their report to the House of Commons on Wednesday. The report pronounces the confiscation of Bremner's furs unwarrantable and illegal. Mr. Bremner is willing to accept \$4,500 as compensation.

Mr. Freeman, M. P., has made arrangements for the stocking of the lakes at the head of the Port Medway, and Liverpool river in Queens county with white fish, salmon and trout, and to have an overseer appointed for the headwaters of the two rivers. It is understood that David Freeman of Kempt has been appointed overseer.

The Halifax Board of Trade has adopted resolutions urging the Dominion Government to grant the C. P. R. running powers over the Intercolonial between St. John and Halifax, and to subsidize the projected road between Edmunston and Moncton, so as to give the G. T. R. an all Canadian route to the Atlantic. The Board passed strong resolutions denouncing the present mail and passenger service between Liverpool and Canadian ports, and urging the Government to subsidize only boats of not less than sixteen knots making Canadian ports their termini. The increased duties on fruit, flour, beef and pork were also protested against.

Miss Alice Elliott, aged 23, of Ottawa, while suffering from dementia, swallowed a small penknife with the blades open. So far she has experienced no unpleasant results, but Dr. Bell is watching the case with great anxiety. At latest accounts she was still alive and a powerful magnet is suggested as a means of drawing the knife from her stomach.

Mr. Alexander Cameron, a wealthy Toronto lawyer, who married a rich Detroit widow named Ward, has returned from Europe, but Mrs. Cameron and her step daughter, Miss Ward, are still in Paris, and it is announced to the friends of the young heiress that she will in June be wedded to Prince De Benyon Caraman, of France. Miss Ward is but seventeen. With his bride the Prince will receive an income of nearly one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

An unfortunate Chinaman, Lem Sing, who tried to cross the suspension bridge at Niagara with two of his fellow countrymen, was refused admission to the United States because he had not the necessary papers, and when he attempted to return to Canada the customs authorities prevented him. The poor man was kept on the bridge for a long time, but was finally allowed to land in Canada. He has disappeared from public notice since. It is well to avoid being a Chinaman in these days.

Jean Francois Millet's great masterpiece, "The Angelus," the last sale of which in Paris for \$120,000, created world wide excitement, is now in Montreal. The owners were forced to choose between paying about \$30,000 duty on the picture or removing it from the United States. As the result "The Angelus" is now in safe keeping at the Bank of Montreal. The picture was imported into the United States and has been exhibited there in bond during the last six months. Importers of works of art are allowed six months in which to find purchasers for their pictures; upon a sale being effected or the expiration of the six months, the duty has to be paid. "The Angelus" arrived in Montreal just in time to escape the American Customs, and will remain for a considerable time. It is probable that it will be placed on exhibition at the Art Association.

The Pan-American Conference adjourned *sine die* on Saturday last.

Carpenters of Boston have pledged themselves not to work over eight hours a day after May first.

We gather from a contemporary that the lamp posts of Cincinnati were recently draped with crape in memory of a deceased director of the gas company.

All the employees of Castle Garden, New York, were discharged recently, the Government having ceased to use the place as an immigrant landing station.

It is announced that the Murphy Varnish Co., the largest manufacturers of varnish in America, has been sold to an English syndicate; the purchase price is not known. The company was incorporated in New York in 1887 with a paid up capital stock of \$1,000,000.

Contracts for lighting New York with gas for a year from May 1 have been awarded. All bids from electric light companies were rejected, the Mayor and his colleagues believing that a combination existed between the companies for the purpose of charging the city exorbitant rates.

The Massachusetts State Legislature has rejected the bill granting municipal suffrage to women. The Senate adopted a resolution to Congress favoring a thorough revision of the tariff and a reduction of the duties upon the raw materials of manufacturers and upon the necessaries of life.

The legislature of Iowa, which has just adjourned, has conferred upon physicians the right to dispense liquor without let or hindrance of any kind. There are at present about 5,000 doctors in the State, but the demand for diplomas will undoubtedly increase at once, in view of the broad field opened for enterprise in that direction.

Mr. John Warren, of Acton, is the owner of a Durham grade cow which gave birth on the 16th inst. to two calves, one a Durham grade and the other a Jersey grade. The cow is seventeen years old, and these make sixteen calves, having had the first in 1876. She has now her third pair of horns, having broken the other two pair fighting with other cattle.

Miss Minnie Davis, the eldest daughter of Jefferson Davis, the late President of the Southern Confederacy, is going to be married to Mr. Alfred Wilkison of Syracuse, N. Y., the grandson of Samuel J. May, the great abolitionist leader. The story of the courtship is said to be very romantic. Thus are the differences of an older generation disposed of. Miss Davis is at present in Europe.

The Inman line steamer City of Berlin was seized by the customs authorities at New York on Monday for unloading part of her cargo without having entered at the Customs House. The steamer was released by order of the Treasury Department on Tuesday, but the government does not waive its claim against the steamer, it only does not wish to put the company to needless expense while the case is being adjusted.

A suicide club was formed in Bridgeport, Conn., about five years ago, by five Germans and an American. They played with dice for their lives, the loser binding himself to commit suicide within the year. A ghastly record of six deaths is the result of the compact, one man who had applied for membership adding his name to the list of self-destroyers. Only the President of the club is now alive and he says he will commit suicide if he chooses, but if he is not left alone there will be a murder first. He is a promising candidate for admission to a lunatic asylum.

A Washington despatch says:—It is understood that Mr. Blaine has practically agreed that the rights of the Canadian vessel owners for compensation for the loss of their vessels, which were seized by the United States revenue cutters in Behring Sea, shall be admitted. Minister Tupper