

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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A re-constitution of the Cabinet is about to be made at Ottawa.

Thursday, November 26th, has been appointed Thanksgiving day.

The British warship "Bussard" sailed from Bermuda, on the 23rd inst. for Halifax.

The winter arrangements of trains on the I. C. R. is expected to go into effect on Monday.

A heavy south-east rain storm accompanied by high wind prevailed here on Wednesday.

More apples are being shipped from Montreal to Great Britain this year than in any former one.

It is rumored that further boodle transactions on the part of the Mercier government are about to be disclosed.

The powder magazine at Stellarton blew up on Wednesday night, causing a tremendous shock, but there was fortunately no loss of life.

The agency of the Halifax Banking Co. will soon move into new and handsome apartments in the new Pugsley building, Princess St., St. John.

It has been proved that the United States has not violated the Bering Sea Modus Vivendi with Britain by taking more than the specified number of seals.

It is reported that the steamer *City of Rome*, with cattle on board, has been wrecked off Newfoundland, and that only one man survives to tell the tale.

We have received the catalogue of Picton academy for the year 1890-91 and course of study for 1891-92. This well known educational institution is doing good work.

It is announced that Hon. Mr. Haggart will prosecute Rev. Principal Grant for libel in assuming him to be guilty of the crimes with which his name has been connected.

Smallpox has been spreading alarmingly in Quebec, but precautions are being taken to put a check on it. There are about twenty cases reported. Diphtheria is also prevalent.

Reports to the department of agriculture from various stations in the Northwest show that the yield will be, in some instances, as high as 50 bushels to the acre for wheat and 100 for oats.

Three prisoners in Montreal jail received their second instalment of lashes on the 26th inst. for the foul crime of indecent assault. One man cried out, but the other two bore the "cat" without flinching.

The reports of the British Farmers' delegates will be eagerly looked for after they return from their trip in the Provinces. The course they have been pursuing may seriously prejudice them against the country.

A photograph of Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, premier of Canada, comes to us from H. Shorey & Co., wholesale clothiers, Montreal, with an "ad" advising us of the intending visit of the representative of the firm to solicit orders.

Last Thursday at Bathurst, N. B., two children quarrelled and in the fit of one of them, six years old, stuck a knife into the back of his opponent, aged nine years. A doctor was called in and declared that the wounded one's life is in danger.

It is deplorable that no agreement has yet been come to between the striking painters in this city and the employers. The loss on all sides is very heavy and will be severely felt as the winter comes in. Perhaps cold weather will hasten a settlement.

A good many politicians, and other people too, are making a great fuss now-a-days about clergymen interfering with politics, but the pulpit continues to think that politicians should no more be spared denunciation when they go astray than any other sinners.

The work of re-constructing the buildings in the burned district on the water front is being pushed. Messrs. Brookfield Bros. have opened a temporary office for the transaction of business on their wharf. They will erect a large building in place of the old one.

The Times of London says it is understood here that the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Commercial Cable Company have secured the controlling interest in the Halifax and Bermuda cable with a view of extending telegraphic communication to the West India Islands.

Mr. O. Blois has submitted to the City Council a letter offering to erect an oil warehouse on a site on Hanover Street, according to plans previously submitted to the Council. A large number of prominent merchants approve of the scheme. The question has been referred to the Board of Works for report.

Rumors are rife that the Imperial Government intends to increase the number of troops at Halifax and establish permanent military stations at Quebec and Esquimaux on the Pacific coast. It is reported that this step is contemplated for two purposes, one to protect the new military highway, the Canada Pacific Railway, and the other to provide British officers with experience in the Canadian climate.

A petition signed by a large number of influential merchants on the water side has been presented to the City Council objecting to the proposed erection of a steam saw-mill by Brookfield Bros. on the site of Millin's Mill on Taylor's wharf; they objected because it would make it next thing to impossible to secure insurance on their properties. The petition asked that the act be enforced to prevent the erection of the mill.

Number one pilot boat "Cambridge" was run into off Devil's Island on Sunday by the schooner "Annie Simpson," Captain Langlois, and badly damaged. The foresail and jib, all the main rail stanchions, bulwarks and fore-rigging were carried away. It was clear at the time. The "Annie Simpson" was bound hence for Little Glace Bay, but was returning for shelter at the time. After the collision both vessels were obliged to anchor in order to get clear of each other. They afterwards came up to the city. Capt. Hayes will bring an action for damages against the "Annie Simpson."

It is nearly three weeks now since John Taylor swallowed part of a toy whistle. At present he is breathing through the whistle, and as it has made no whistling noise since the first day after the accident, it is thought the rubber attached to the wooden mouth-piece must have dissolved. The incision made in the boy's throat shortly after his admission to the hospital is healing, and he will be discharged in a few days. The lung seems healthy, and the lad's general health seems improving daily. The doctors think it possible that the whistle may yet be dislodged by coughing.—*St. John Telegraph.*

Last Friday evening Claude Barnes, news agent on the W. & A. Railway, was missing from the train, and it was suspected that he had fallen off. A message was telegraphed to a special freight that was following to keep a sharp lookout, which was done. The unfortunate man was found about half a mile this side of Bedford with his arms extended across the track, and had word not been sent to the special both his arms would have been cut off. Barnes was unconscious and sustained serious injuries. How he fell is not explained, but it is thought that owing to his having a sore hand he was unable to steady himself while passing from one car to another.

The royal commission is sitting at Quebec. Judge Jette in opening the session said: "We—myself and my colleagues—hope to do our duty to the best of our ability. We run the risk of losing some of the reputation we have for impartiality, and it will take all our coolness and care. But we hope the lawyers engaged in this case, whose names and reputation are so well known, will assist us as much as possible in doing our duty, and will not allow the heat of debate or their zeal to cause them to use expressions which we do not like to hear." Before closing he made the startling announcement that two of the commissioners had already been the recipients of threatening and anonymous letters. "We are accustomed," he said "to receive anonymous letters as judges, and I suppose we should not be surprised to receive them as commissioners; but though the commission may be revoked it cannot be intimidated or ruled." So far the evidence from C. N. Armstrong, who was called as the first witness, does not differ from that given before the senate committee. Mercier was present but Pacaud was not.

Phillips Brooks was consecrated Bishop of Massachusetts on Wednesday.

The post of honor at the World's Fair will be reserved for Spain as a souvenir of the discovery of America.

The trial for heresy of Dr. Briggs will begin on November 4th. The New York presbytery will have its hands full.

A fine equestrian statue of Ulysses S. Grant was unveiled at Chicago on the 7th inst. The city was *en fete* for the occasion.

The publishers of *Puck*, the well-known comic paper, have been granted space, 50 by 100 feet, for a building on the Exposition grounds, World's Fair, Chicago, in which to show fully every detail of the process of editing and publishing a humorous paper.

George Francis Train attempted to deliver a lecture a few days ago to an American audience, but was howled down by the mob. Mr. Train finally said: "This is the last time I will ever speak to an American audience. Hereafter I am dumb except to children. I shall not fast, but will pack up my things and go to Chicago where I shall spend the balance of my days. Damn the American people anyhow, they do not appreciate me; henceforth, I belong to the little ones."

The November number of *The Season*, just out, is filled with beautiful designs for the fashioning of garments for ladies and children; every garment is plainly represented in the very best manner, and for all occasions. This number should be sent for at once, as the illustrations are of a superior style, and so plain and practical that they can be easily reproduced. Price, 30 cts. each monthly part; yearly \$3.50. The International News Company, 83 and 85 Duane Street, New York.

Serious rioting is reported from Rio Janeiro.

The Czar will visit the German Emperor about the end of this month. The cause of Mr. Parnell's death was acute rheumatism, which affected his heart.

There is trouble in British Honduras between the administration and the legislature.

The Queen will raise to the Peerage the widow of the late Right Hon. William Henry Smith.

The story connecting Prince Albert Victor with the suicide of a chorus girl in England is said to be a pure "fake."

It is rumored that Pierce Mahoney, member of parliament for North Meath, will be selected as leader of the Parnellites.

Mr. Richard C. Jubb, the famous Greek professor of Cambridge University, was last week elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Postmaster-General, Mr. Raikes.

Do not wait till your delicate wife or child is past hope of recovery; but take warning now, and faithfully administer Puttner's Emulsion according to the directions. It will be the best investment you ever made.