

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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C. E. Creighton & Co., of this city have suspended payment.

The trial of Larkin, Connolly, & Co. and McGreevy was commenced on Tuesday at Ottawa.

The City Club building is expected to be ready for occupation some time during Christmas week.

The seats for Kings and Queens counties will be vacant, as both Borden and Forbes have admitted bribery by agents.

The Halifax election case, Jones & Farrell vs. Kenny & Stairs, has been set down for hearing on December 21st.

The wreck of the steamer *Ottawa* was sold for \$35 to S. T. Lantalum of St. John, and the cargo to the same person for \$20.

The steamer *Premier* got ashore at Peter's Point, near Charlottetown last week, but got off again with no damage to speak of.

The Moncton Board of Trade has passed a resolution supporting the action of the Halifax B. of T. on the winter port question.

Mr. Tarte, at whose instigation the Larkin, Connolly, etc., inquiry was made in parliament has resigned his seat for Montmorency.

St. John, N. B., had a \$14,000 fire on Saturday. The vinegar factory and cornmeal mill of Thos. McCready & Son were totally destroyed.

The population of Toronto, according to the census taken about two weeks ago, is 188,914, an increase of 7,700 over the Dominion census.

Miss Maggie Clark, a young girl, committed suicide by drowning at Cavendish, P. E. I., on Nov. 10th. She had been in a melancholy frame of mind for some time.

The total eclipse of the moon on Sunday was witnessed with interest by a great number of people. It occurred at a seasonable hour, and all the conditions were favorable to a perfect view of the phenomenon.

A complimentary address and testimonial were last Friday presented to Mr. A. H. MacKay, Superintendent of Education, by the teachers and pupils of the Halifax Academy, of which he was recently principal.

At a Cabinet Council meeting at Ottawa it was decided to make a contract with the Allan Steamship Company for the conveyance of mails at the old rates. During the winter months the mails are to be sent via Portland, Me.

It is said that T. A. Soper, of this city, whose wife left him a short while ago and returned to the United States, is about to sue for an absolute divorce. Mrs. Soper is in New York contemplating, it is said, also suing for divorce.

A man named J. E. Peaks, who has been sojourning in Nova Scotia for about two months, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling from the Boston & Albany Railway Company, in whose employ he was. He is to be extradited.

The *Dalhousie Gazette* for November is out, and presents an acceptable bill of fare. The proof reading is not by any means perfect, but perhaps when the football is dead there will be more time for attention to such an uninteresting but important detail.

Great indignation is felt over the news that the Allans are to be paid to carry the Ocean mails via Portland, Me. The Board of Trade has taken up the question, and at its meeting on Wednesday protested against Halifax being discriminated against in this manner.

A boy named Casey received a severe gun shot wound in his leg while shooting near Truro on Thanksgiving Day. It is a marvel that more accidents do not occur since it is no uncommon thing for boys totally ignorant of the proper handling of fire arms to sally forth in quest of game.

The Halifax Board of Health met on Tuesday evening, and among other things decided to recommend to milk dealers the use of glass bottles for delivering milk. This was the result of a petition from the Halifax Creamery Company, signed by twenty doctors, certifying that bottles are better than tin cans for the purpose.

Mr. John A. Nicholls illustrated historical lecture, entitled "The Camp fires of Napoleon Bonaparte" given in Orpheus Hall on Tuesday evening was delivered to a large and appreciative audience. Mr. Nicholls is a talented and fluent speaker, and his lectures in Halifax have been much enjoyed and well attended.

The funeral of policeman Manning, who died last week, took place on Sunday and was very largely attended. The police force, the Union Protection Company, the Union Engine Company and St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society turned out in force and made a long procession. The floral offerings were very handsome.

The steamers *Fastnet* and *Heather Belle* collided a short distance outside of Charlottetown Harbor on the evening of Nov. 12th. The *Heather Belle* sank, but no lives were lost. The *Fastnet* afterwards went ashore off Cumberland Cove, but was got off uninjured and proceeded on her way. The fog was dense at the time of the accident. An effort is to be made to raise the sunken steamer.

The War Office has made an offer of large proportions to the City. In brief it proposes that Halifax shall spend about \$150,000 for the right of way through R. E. Park and the Glacis Barracks. It appears to us that this right of way is an expensive luxury. The letter from the Department was read at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, and was put on the order of the day for future consideration.

The *Dominion Illustrated* for Nov. 14th contains much of interest for Nova Scotians. The Historical Society is given a prominent position, and the portraits of the officers take up a whole page. There is an excellent picture by Notman of the officers of the 66th P. I. F., as well as gossip from Nova Scotia. The other contents of the number are of a high order, as befits a representative national paper.

Some Halifax men have decided to start a new enterprise and establish a line of steamers between this port and Leadon or Liverpool. The steamers *Ulunda* and *Barcelona* have been secured and will begin their trips within two weeks. These pioneer boats of the new line are freighters, with a limited passenger accommodation. The Company will be known as the Halifax, Liverpool and London Steamship Company.

The young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in connection with Fort Massey church held a very successful At Home in their School room on Tuesday evening. Invitations were issued to all the young of the congregation as well as to sister societies in the city and Dartmouth. Music and conversation made the evening pass rapidly and after refreshments had been served in the bountiful and tasteful manner for which the ladies of Fort Massey have won an enviable reputation the guests took their departure, feeling they had spent a profitable as well as pleasant evening. These societies of Christian Endeavor in Halifax are growing in number and usefulness and are well worthy of encouragement.

The rivers of Maine are so low that it is feared the ice crop will be a failure.

Increased fears are being entertained that the water supply of New York is going to fail. There is a water famine at Nashville, Tenn.

The World's Women's Christian Temperance Union was opened on the 11th inst. in Faneuil Hall, Boston, by Miss Francis Willard, who afterwards placed the meeting in charge of Lady Somerset.

Senor Montt, the new Chilean Minister to the United States was formally presented to the President on Saturday. To judge by the elaborate expressions of good will on both sides there should be little danger of a fracas between the two republics.

The custom house officials at New York have unearthed one of the most gigantic schemes for the smuggling of opium ever known. At present but little can be learned. One arrest has been made and six others are to follow. A large amount of opium has been seized.

The piano manufacturers of New York have decided on a standard pitch, which will harmonise with the French, Austrian and Italian standard—17 vibrations lower than the present pitch in America. After July 1, 1892, all musical instruments will be attuned as thus indicated.

The trial of Almy, the famous New Hampshire murderer, is going on at Plymouth. It has been positively proved that "Almy" is George H. Abbott, the escaped Vermont convict. The prisoner was on the stand on Wednesday and told the story of his love for Miss Warden and said the shooting was purely accidental at first.

The argument has been concluded in the *Sayward* case before the U. S. Supreme Court. The decision is not yet given and is awaited with interest by all concerned. The announcement that an arbitration treaty has been concluded with Great Britain on the Behring Sea matter appears to be correct. It still requires the ratification of the Senate.

The fourth and last of Prof. Frederick Starr's papers on dress and adornment in the *Popular Science Monthly* will appear in December. It deals with "Religious Dress," including the dress of religious officers, of worshippers, of victims, of mourners, amulets and charms, and the religious meaning of mutilations. It will be copiously illustrated.

An interesting article on the descent of peagee through the female line appears in the *Illustrated News* of November 14th. It is written by Mrs. Fenwick-Miller for The Ladies' Column, and is apropos of the peerages recently bestowed on Lady Macdonald and the widow of the Rt. Hon. Wm. Smith. \$5.00 a year; New World Building, City Hall Park, New York.

The Season for December, just received, is an excellent one, and is exclusively devoted to the illustrations and descriptions of original designs only, for ladies' and children's wearing apparel; also, very new and carefully illustrated designs for art work in every kind of material. A new feature of this journal is the illustrations and descriptions of drawing room, dining-room and bed-rooms, libraries, cosy corners, and handsome draperies, which will have a corner in each issue. Ladies who have not already sent in their subscriptions should do so at once; while those who desire making a desirable holiday present should bear in mind "The Season," which is always "a thing of beauty, and a joy forever." Yearly subscriptions \$3 50; monthly parts 30 cents. The International News Company, 83 and 85 Duane Street, New York.

A plague of rats is reported from Peru.

Last week England again suffered from a gale.

The famine in Russia is said to be far more terrible than the reports indicate.

The dowager Marchioness of Westminster, daughter of the first duke of Sutherland, is dead.

The Czar of Russia celebrated his silver wedding on Nov. 9th in an extremely quiet manner.

John A. Dawson, Esq., Ex-M. P. of Picton, N. S., writes:—"I was troubled with Dyspepsia of the very worst kind for twenty years. K. D. O. cured me completely. It is worth its weight in gold. Will give information to anyone who will write me."