

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The closing exercises at Mount Allison University, Sackville, took place this week.

Senator Knapp, of Lewiston, has been appointed United States consul-general at Montreal.

Ex-mayor O'Mullin sailed for Liverpool on the *Caspian*. He will visit Paris and "do" the exposition.

A large number of Mormons are reported passing through Montana en route to join the colony in Alberta.

The post office department has authorised proceedings against refringements of the postal law in several cities by private letter carriers.

Archdeacon Gilpin has been promoted to be Dean of the diocese and Rev. J. A. Kaulback, of Truro, has been made Archdeacon of N. S.

Three hundred miles of railway will be built in Manitoba this year. Laborers are in great demand, \$28 a month and board being offered.

The action of the French in the assertion of their assumed treaty rights on the coast of Newfoundland seems not unlikely to breed some trouble.

The express business over the Intercolonial Express company's connections will from and after 1st June next be conducted by the Express company.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries has decided to establish at Halifax, at once, a fisheries intelligence bureau, to furnish fishermen with movements of bait, etc.

The first C. P. R. express to Halifax from Montreal will reach here next Monday evening at 11.30. The first outgoing express leaves on Tuesday morning at 6.50 o'clock.

The summer carnival scheme for Winnipeg will probably fall through. The local government has offered \$1,000 towards the carnival, while the promoters expected \$8,000.

The return of traffic earnings on the C. P. R. for the week ending May 14th, is \$238,000, being an increase of \$16,000 over the receipts of the corresponding week last year.

Two English and three American men of war have been ordered to Behring's Sea, and in view of the American pretensions to denominate that water, things look a trifle threatening.

The Hon. Thos. Ryan died at Montreal on Sunday, aged 85 years. He was a member of the Quebec Legislative Council up to Confederation, when he was raised to the Canadian Senate.

It may not be generally known that the increase of letter weight to an ounce instead of half an ounce, does not apply to letters to Europe, which are still limited to the half ounce weight.

The *Toronto Mail* thinks the Government should send some one in authority to Batoche, where it scents another possible rising of the Metis, and the wish is evidently father to the thought.

St. John's, Newfoundland, is suffering under the most severe scourge of diphtheria which has ever been known in the colony. Thirty deaths is the record for ten days—April 29th to May 9th.

The very desirable step has been taken by the Carnival Committee, of publishing in leading newspapers in the United States, as well as Montreal and Toronto, a full programme of the demonstrations which will combine to lend their attractions to the forthcoming festival.

A lot of Spring Hill rowdies visited Parrsboro on the 24th inst., and made things very lively. The amount of liquor consumed was tremendous. The roughs were finally got rid of by the people of Parrsboro, but not until a respectable citizen had been severely treated by them.

A despatch from Victoria, B. C., says the British warships *Swiftsure* and *Armphion* have left for Behring Sea. Several American war vessels have also left San Francisco for the same destination. The United States government intend to claim supreme sovereignty over the Behring Sea.

If it be not one of the off-season sensationals, the fishing schooner *Sistara*, when fishing 20 miles off Yarmouth, captured a shark of unusual size, 25 feet long, and weighing probably two tons. His liver alone filled two barrels and a half, and his head weighed between 600 and 700 lbs.

The Spa Springs Hotel, Middleton, Annapolis County, was totally destroyed by fire on Monday night. It was a new building, and cost \$15,000, on which there was only \$5,000 insurance. Much sympathy is felt for the proprietor, Capt. J. R. Hall. It was a favorite health resort.

The Short Line via St. John will, it is reported, be opened for traffic on the 2nd June, and arrangements will be made for fast trains to run daily by this route from Montreal to Halifax. It is expected the trip between those points will be reduced to 26 hours if the railway department will only make the necessary arrangements.

The schooner *Laburnum* was successfully launched from the shipyard of Joseph McGill, Sherburne, on Saturday. She has been built with a view to speed, and it is understood that the Marine Department have her in view for use in the fisheries protection service, where her sister ship, the *C. H. Tupper*, has been a decided success.

C. W. Knowles, the well known newspaper man and stationer, died at Windsor on Saturday last, of consumption. He had recently visited the Pacific coast for the benefit of his health, but came back unimproved. He established the *Windsor Mail* and *Windsor Tribune*, and carried on large book stores in Halifax and Windsor. He was 40 years of age and leaves a wife and five sons.

The imposing bronze statue which has been erected in the grounds of the Ontario Education Department in memory of the late Egerton Ryerson has been unveiled by Sir Alex. Campbell, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, before a vast number of the late chief's friends and admirers. Hon. G. W. Ross presided, and delivered a eulogy on the life and work of Dr. Ryerson. The statue cost over \$8,000 and is admirably designed to represent Dr. Ryerson pleading the cause of education before the Legislature.

The annual meeting of the Halifax protestant industrial school was held on Thursday evening of last week in Argyle hall. The institution is in need of funds, and the benevolent people of Halifax should give a hearty response to the appeal for subscriptions. The shoe shop, under the able management of Mr. Meynell, the energetic secretary and oldest director of the institution, has been doing well for the past year, and the boys are learning a useful trade. A high tribute was paid to the memory of the late chairman of the board, J. S. Maclean, by Rev. Dr. Burnis, who urged the boys to emulate him.

Professor Macoun, Dominion Naturalist, and his son, also a member of the exploratory survey, under Dr. Selwyn, have been in British Columbia for some time obtaining specimens, and studying its flora and fauna. In 1875 Professor Macoun visited Vancouver Island, and spent the greater part of the summer there, adding to the collection of the Dominion Museum at Ottawa about 40 varieties of plants, etc., unknown to science. He also visited Burrard Inlet. This time he and his son propose to spend the greater part of the season in British Columbia, and so far they have been very successful in collecting. Their mode is to collect specimens, devoting themselves almost exclusively to land animals and plants, and as soon as a suitable quantity of these for shipment can be properly dried and prepared, they are sent to Ottawa. When the entire British Columbia collection has been completed, it will contribute to Canadian national science. British Columbia is a rich field for the naturalist, as many of the animals and plants of the Pacific slope are peculiar to the coast and to a certain extent form races of themselves.

They are still having snow storms out in Michigan.

Small pox is prevalent in Pennsylvania. There are twenty cases now at Nanticoke.

Laura Bridgeman, the wonderful blind deaf-mute, died on the 23rd inst. She was sixty years of age.

Some friend of the institution in New York has made a gift of \$25,000 to the endowment fund of Rutgers College.

The U. S. Navy Department intend building three new cruisers. The cost of the vessels is estimated at \$700,000 each.

The S. S. *City of Paris* made the trip from Sandy Hook to Fastnet light in 5 days, 22 hours and 10 minutes, the fastest time on record.

The U. S. S. *Yantic* arrived at New York on the 25th inst. in a disabled condition, having been struck by a hurricane on the 21st inst.

Henry W. Sage, of Ithaca, N. Y., has made another magnificent bequest to Cornell University in the shape of \$300,000 endowment for a library.

Capt. Josiah Lawlor, Hans Hansen and Edward S. McKinley have sailed for France from Boston in the sail boat *Neversink*, which is only 36 feet long.

The bill to enable the Canadian Pacific Railroad to build a bridge over the Niagara River, and make connection at Buffalo, has been beaten, 3 to 20, in the Senate.

Extraordinary brutalities are reported in the treatment of the insane at an asylum at Chicago. The keepers who perpetrated them are being brought to justice.

A Syndicate controlled by British investors has purchased all the breweries in St. Paul, Minn. The property comprises eight establishments valued at \$400,000.

There is some difficulty in the U. S. Cabinet. Three Cabinet officers have tendered their resignations to the President, to take effect at once if certain changes are not made.

The U. S. S. *Boston* is to be sent to Hayti with a commission invested with power to ascertain and report upon the state of affairs at Hayti, and see if any action is required on behalf of the United States.

The installation of the electric motor as a means for stationary power is becoming more noticeable each year, and estimates carefully made rate the number of those in use at the present time for driving machinery in the United States at between 6,500 and 7,000.

P. H. Cronin, an Irish-American, who disappeared from Chicago some weeks ago, and was said to be on his way to Ireland to give evidence in the *Times-Parnell* case, was murdered. His body has been found in a Chicago sewer. He was suspected of being a spy. Several arrests have been made.

The directors of the Browne Mills Corporation, Fall River, Mass., have announced their intention of adopting the plan of profit-sharing with their operatives. The arrangement will begin July 1st, and extend to the 1st of next January as an experiment. The result of this new departure in Fall River mill management will be watched with interest by other corporations.