

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Red River, Manitoba, was never so low as at present.

The students attending Pictou Academy leave \$30,000 annually in that town.

Hattie and Mylius intend opening a drug store at the South end of Halifax shortly.

The town of Parrsboro voted in favor of incorporation by a majority of 26 on the 3rd inst.

Heavy forest fires have been raging in the Rocky Mountains between Banff and Donald.

Amount of plaster shipped from Windsor and outports for month of June, 13,000 tons.

The Telephone line between Lunenburg and Halifax is now completed and will soon be formally opened.

The diphtheria epidemic at St. John's, Newfoundland, is abating. There have been 2000 cases and 360 deaths.

C. R. Burgess, of Kingsport, has a ship of 240 feet keel in frame. She will be the largest ever built at that place.

Dr. Bourinot, Clerk of the House of Commons, was married to Miss Cameron of Regina at that place on the 2nd inst.

Bishop Courtney while on his last trip to the westward purchased a farm at Clementsport, on the line of the new railroad.

A little girl at Dundas, P. E. Island, was so injured by rough play at school, that she died a few days afterwards from the effects.

The death is announced of John Norquay, ex-premier of Manitoba, at the age of forty-eight. Universal regret is felt at his early death.

William Parnell, the St. John's merchant who murdered his partner, was hanged on Monday. The government refused to commute his sentence.

The Nova Scotia Medical Society has elected Dr. W. B. Moore of Kentville, President, and Dr. W. S. Muir of Truro, Secretary-Treasurer.

Potatoes are said to be rotting in many parts of Nova Scotia owing to the wet weather, and in some places the farmers have ploughed them up and planted grain.

The gold medal given by Pope Leo XIII to the most proficient pupil of the Hochelaga Convent, has this year been awarded to Miss Wurtele, daughter of Judge Wurtele.

Moncton is now the best lighted town in Canada. The additional lights put in, together with those in the railway yard, make nearly fifty in all 1,200 and 2,000 candle power.

The bodies of two more of the victims of the drowning disaster in the Avon last April have been recovered. They were identified by friends as being the remains of George Knox and Wm. Reynolds.

Miss Graves, who filled the position of Principal of the Ladies' Seminary at Wolfville so successfully a few years ago, has again accepted the position, made vacant by Miss Wadsworth's resignation.

The Commissioners who held the investigation into the recent collision of the *Cynthia* and *Polynesian*, have decided to reinstate both pilots. Each side to pay its own costs. The decision is much questioned.

A large ship belonging to Churchill Brothers, while recently undergoing repairs on the beach at Hantsport, fell over on its side, breaking the three masts completely off. Fortunately none of the men were hurt.

The St. John Board of Trade, through its secretary, Mr. Ira Cornwall, expresses the hope that the members of the press in the Maritime Provinces may be able to make it convenient to visit that city during its Carnival time.

Mayor Barker, of St. John, who had been ill ever since his election a few weeks ago, died early last Saturday morning. His funeral took place on Monday. He was 45 years of age. I. Allan Jack acts as Mayor until another is elected.

On Wednesday of last week, on the arrival of the accommodation train from Truro, a man was found lying on the break beam under a passenger car. He had come all the way from St. John to Halifax as he had no money to pay his way.

It is reported that the Anderson line of steamers, with which the Canadian Government is said to have finally completed arrangements, will run between Quebec and Plymouth during the summer, and between Halifax and Plymouth in the winter.

It is now claimed that citizens of the United States renting streams from the Dominion Government for fishing purposes, violate the fishery treaty of 1818 and subsequent fishery regulations by using their own steam yachts and boats in these waters.

A shocking accident took place on the I. C. R. near Amherst, last Saturday evening. William Love, a stone mason working at Amherst was run over by a special from Springhill in charge of Conductor Hughes, and literally cut to pieces. He was 40 years of age and leaves a family in Boston. The verdict of the coroner's jury states that he was killed by falling under the cars of a passing train while in a state of intoxication, and that no blame can be attached to any of the hands of the said train.

We observe with pleasure that J. C. Mackintosh has been appointed agent for the London (G. B.) Cheque Bank. The Cheque Bank is an exceedingly useful institution, and it is a very good thing to have an accredited agent for it in Halifax.

It is understood that the Canadian government has made through the Imperial foreign office a proposal to the United States government for the abolition by both governments of import and export duties on all kinds of lumber passing between the two countries.

Hon. Mr. Foster, Minister of Finance, was married on July 1st to Mrs. Addie Chisholm, divorced wife of a former M. P. for Halton, Ont. She is well known throughout Ontario as a talented writer on temperance and kindred subjects, and it is said she will receive a warm welcome at the Capital.

Says the *Toronto Globe*:—"Having enjoyed ourselves on our own Dominion day, we take a friendly interest in the fact that on the fourth of July, four new stars, representing as many new states, were added to the flag of the United States. That will make 42 stars, which is an easy number to arrange."

Says the *St. John Evening Gazette*:—"It would be interesting to learn the names of the New Glasgow cranks who, on the fourth of July, fired off 42 guns in honor of the day, and one for Nova Scotia. That is about the proportion of regard which annexationists feel for their own province as compared with the United States."

Miss Nita Carritte, an Amherst lady well known in Halifax, has been winning high praises for her singing in London, G. B. She made her first appearance at Princes' Hall on the occasion of Signor Luigi Denza's annual grand evening concert, which took place a few weeks ago. She will return to Paris to continue her musical studies in September.

The Procession Committee of the Summer Carnival has issued a circular inviting the assistance and co-operation of all organizations that are in a position to contribute to the success and effect of the demonstrations. The Carnival should be participated in by all classes of our citizens, and we trust the appeal of the Procession Committee will meet with a cordial response.

A meeting of presidents of the colleges in the Maritime Provinces was held at Wolfville on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning of last week, and a reception given them at Doctor Sawyer's on Wednesday evening. Doctors Forrest, Willets, Inch, Anderson and Sawyer were present. This is to be an annual affair. The meeting next summer will be held at King's, Windsor.

The steam boiler in Stephen Harlow's shipyard at Lockeport exploded with great violence at noon on the 6th inst. The boiler house was completely wrecked and the shed adjoining considerably damaged. The debris was thrown in every direction. The boiler sailed through the air about thirty yards and buried itself in an adjoining field. The workmen had a miraculous escape.

The dwelling house and store of Mr. Byrd, at East Chezzetcook, were destroyed by fire at midnight last Saturday, and one of his daughters perished in the flames. Mrs. Byrd received burns which it is feared will prove fatal, and Mr. Byrd himself was badly scorched. Another daughter with the baby in her arms jumped from a bedroom window and was seriously injured by the fall.

The Brockville railway ferry boat, *Wm. Armstrong*, sunk half way between that place and the American shore on the 30th ult. Every one on board had to jump into the river, and all with the exception of Mr. McFall were saved. The boat had on board three heavily-loaded coal cars and a freight car. It is said that her timbers were rotten and that she could no longer hold together. Mr. McFall was one of the most popular railway men in Canada, and the news of his death has been received with universal regret.

The new hotel at Bedford was opened to the general public on Thursday, July 4th. The hotel has comfortable accommodation for about sixty guests. The rooms are tastefully furnished, the parlor, opening on to a verandah, has four windows from which one can command an excellent view of the Basin. There is also a smoking room, office, etc. The dining room looked very attractive with its fresh white damask, bright silver and cutlery. Each table was supplied with a bouquet of roses. The handsome furniture was purchased from A. Stephen & Son and Gordon & Keith. A flag staff has been erected. The grounds surrounding the hotel are being improved, and Manager Hood means to make the Bedford Hotel the hotel of the place. A number of guests have already registered. Mr. & Mrs. J. Robertson, Vermont, Mr. & Mrs. G. G. Cook, Milford, Mass., James McCarthy, H. M. S. Bellerophon, Mrs. S. Tobin, Miss Tobin, Miss M. Tobin, Mrs. H. W. Johnson, Mrs. Miller, Miss Phelan, etc. etc.

Nebraska now claims 1,000,000 inhabitants.

Two hundred and seventy women are clergymen in the United States and occupy pulpits as such.

Chicago City Council has passed an ordinance excluding all foreigners from the service of the city in any capacity.

A full blooded negro girl is about to be sent to Africa as a missionary by the Georgia Women's Christian Temperance Union.

People living at Susanville, in the Sierra Nevadas, have become so accustomed to slight earthquake shocks that they pay no attention to them.

The United States war department is in receipt of despatches confirming the press reports of trouble with the Flathead Indians, near Missoula, Montana.