

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Correct answers to Double Diagonal Diamond Puzzle published last week were received from G. E. Frye, City, Miss C. B. Clarke, City, S. G. Purcell, Port Mulgrave, and Miss Eliza Schurman, River Philip.

The artificial culture of oysters has proved successful at the hatching station of the New York Fish Commission, at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island. Spawn and milt taken from living oysters in July were hatched in pans and afterwards placed in tanks and a pond supplied by the tide. The young oysters thus produced are now "as large as a dime."

Queen Victoria dislikes the memory of her grandfather, George III., so much that she never visits the royal park and palace of Kew, his favorite residence.

The King of Bavaria is personally in debt to the extent of \$7,500,000. His Royal Highness has somewhat extravagant ideas as to the style of residences befitting royalty. On one establishment alone he has expended upwards of \$4,000,000, quite a large sum for an impecunious prince.

Mr. Geo. Fraser has been appointed Agent of the British American Mercantile Agency. The object of this agency is to supply the merchant with information as to the financial standing of his customers, not as it was twelve months or twelve days ago, but at the time the transaction is about to take place, by means of resident agents in every city and town throughout Canada. Any merchant wishing to know a person's standing calls on or writes to the agent and gets the latest information. The agency also has communication with over 5,000 agents in the United States. The subscriber's book contains list of agents in Canada, collection-laws of each Province, telegraphic code, etc. There is also in connection a Collection Agency with fixed charges. We congratulate the Directors of the agency upon having secured the services of such a well known and reliable agent for this Province.

Mr. Wm. Moody, of the London House, has for sale a fine assortment of fur trimmings.

The Government has leased the buildings on Hollis Street owned by Mr. Faulkner. These will be remodelled and fitted up as Dominion offices for the Excise Department.

Mr. W. J. Dayton, of the New York Mutual Insurance Company, has arrived in the city. He will assist Mr. Stearns in managing the growing business of the Company in the city and province.

The new Acadian Hotel is again becoming the headquarters for miners visiting Halifax.

Wood Brothers display in their windows a fine painting from the studio of Grove & Wells. The picture is a fine work of art, and has attracted the attention of many passers by.

At the examinations for entrance to the Academy of Halifax, eighty-five candidates were successful. Supplementary examinations next week will probably lead to a further increase in the attendance.

As has been for some time expected, Sir Leonard Tilley has resigned his seat in the Cabinet, and has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick.

Up to Nov. 1st, 2,661 deaths from small-pox had occurred at Montreal since May. As the death rate does not seem to be decreasing, the prospects for the cold season are anything but bright, small-pox spreading more rapidly during cold weather.

Puttners Emulsion is deserving of the high medical encomiums which it receives.

The city of St. John's, Newfoundland, contains 28,000 inhabitants. The increase since 1857 has been only 4,000. The slowness of the city's growth is due to the lack of manufactures, the absence of good agricultural land in the neighbourhood, and to the poor success of her fisheries during late years.

The Salvation Army held a great jubilee in Halifax on Sunday and Monday last. Their meeting at the Academy attracted an immense throng of people. The banquet at the barracks was sumptuous, and was partaken of with relish by members of the Army and their friends.

The British Government have decided to send their mails to Hong Kong via the Canada Pacific railway. This will shorten the time from London to Hong Kong by ten days. Passengers follow the mails. The outlook for the C. P. R. brightens.

Messrs. Connors & Co. have opened a new tailoring establishment on Granville Street.

The aldermanic election in Ward 1, caused by the resignation and appointment to the recordership of the city of Mr. Sodegwick, will probably result in the return of Mr. Barnstead without opposition. Mr. Barnstead is a merchant in good standing, and should prove a useful member of the City Council.

Several enquiries have been made as to the probability of a branch of the St. John Ambulance Association being formed in this city. Our young ladies are on the *qui vive*, and if some one will now move in the matter, the establishment of the Branch will become a fixed fact.

Griffin & Keltie, monument engravers, have on hand the finest stock in the city, it certainly is splendidly finished and is well designed.

Mrs. Van Buskirk, of Bedford, came to an untimely death by falling from a bridge, crossing a meadow stream in that locality. The *Herald* undertakes to hold the Provincial Government responsible for the accident, but as the bridge is not upon a public road, it is difficult to see the force of the contention. It is supposed the unfortunate lady missed her footing in the darkness during the storm of Monday evening last.

Mr. J. McN. Gabriel, the obliging and popular First Clerk of the Inter colonial Postal Service, leaves in a day or two for the United States, where we hope he may thoroughly enjoy his well earned vacation of three weeks.

The great Anglo-Saxon race is, according to Joseph Cook, to hold the continent of North America, that is provided the Teutonic element does not so modify it as to make it somewhat different from the original. The foothold gained by Germans in the United States may be judged from the number of newspapers now printed in that country in the German language. The *Belletristisches Journal* has a circulation of 34,000. The *New York Sontag's Journal* will probably soon have a much larger circulation, as it is well edited and beautifully printed.

Our native woods are now much more largely used in the manufacture of furniture. A. Stephen & Sons have in their warerooms some fine sets of bed room furniture, made from home-grown ash.

The Canadian North-West will this year have a surplus of 5,000,000 bushels of wheat over and above home consumption. Whether or not due allowance has been made for the wants of the half-starved Metis it does not appear, but with such plenty, there is no room for a famine in the land.

The "tight little Island" of Prince Edward is now seeking representation in the Dominion Cabinet. The Western section of Nova Scotia as well as Cape Breton is without direct representation in the Government, but the Island forms a distinct province, and as such claims to be represented.

The resignation of Hon. Edward Blake, the leader of Her Majesty's opposition in the Canadian House of Commons, has been several times announced in the columns of Government journals; but in each instance the announcement has proven false. When Mr. Blake does lay aside his political robes everyone will smile, feeling confident that nothing of the kind has taken place.

Investigation into the state of the St. Roche Hospital, Montreal, proves that institution to have been in a most unsatisfactory condition. The uncleanliness of the surroundings is, however, a small matter as compared with the utter disregard, not to say ill treatment, of the patients. Small-pox may be a revolting disease, but he who can heartlessly refuse the request of a dying man for water is ten times more revolting than a leper.

Four of the Roger's fishways, one of which is 150 feet long, have been placed by the Government in the Magaguadavic River, N. B. This fine stream, the Indian name of which signifies "river among hills," is upwards of 60 miles in length, and when accessible is a favorite spawning ground for salmon, alewives, and other fish.

The motive power of the Montmorency falls, near Quebec, is to be utilized to operate a railway to the shrine of St. Anne. The number of visitors annually visiting the shrine of this saint is estimated at from 50,000 to 100,000.

Tennyson's new poem, entitled "Vastness," deals principally with religious and political subjects. Tennyson's belief in a future state may be plainly read between the lines. Age has by no means dimmed the old man's faith.

Mr. Parnell is no longer to have it all his own way in Ireland. A new organization has sprung into existence under the name of the Irish Loyal Patriotic Union, which promises to make the coming elections most exciting. Parnell has played upon the fiddle strings of faction successfully, but they have now snapped. The Irish leader will have to look sharp after his laurels.

The Marquis of Hartington has issued a manifesto, in which he declares that come what may, the union between Britain and Ireland must and shall be maintained. So say we.

Bismarck has refused to acknowledge the priority of the Spanish claim to Yap. The blood of the Spaniards is again up, and the people are in a state of feverish excitement.

King Alphonso of Spain is said to be seriously ill, and Don Carlos is making preparations to visit Spain in the event of the young king's demise.

The prospects of Col. Duncan winning his election in Holborn are very good. Col. Duncan is the only Conservative candidate, but upon the opposite side there are three aspirants for parliamentary honors.

The "Great Eastern," which has proved such a gigantic failure, was recently sold for \$180,000.

Paris is said to be one of the most enterprising cities in the world. In proportion to her population, her manufactures, her places of amusement, and her hotels are the most numerous; her shops are most magnificently fitted up, her boulevards are the widest and most costly, and last but not least, her public debt is greater in proportion than that of any American or European city.