

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Montreal flood has subsided. During the inundation 26 miles of streets were under water.

Black fever and diphtheria are decimating the lumbering population in the St. Maurice Valley, Quebec.

The appointment of Frederick Mowatt, son of Attorney-General Mowatt, as Sheriff of Toronto, is gazetted.

The Intercolonial railway authorities have agreed to allow all train hands extra pay for serving over time. This is but just.

Blood Indians in the Northwest are creating trouble and committing depredations. A company of mounted police has been fired on by the Bloods.

The Orpheus Club has made arrangements with the famous artists, the Trebelli-Muson Company, for a season at Orpheus Hall, during the present month.

An unfortunate woman named Mary Crowe, who was arrested on Monday last on a charge of assault, made two unsuccessful attempts to hang herself in the Halifax police station.

The general opinion of all who heard Sol Smith Russell in "Pa" was, that it was the most laughable comedy presented here for years. "Pa" is overflowing with pure unadulterated fun.

A school of grampus whales got in shallow water on the shore at Harvey, Albert County, N. B., the other day, and seventeen were killed and captured. The whole village turned out with guns, axes, etc.

Our friends in the Magdalen Islands have not yet received their copies of THE CRITIC, the steamer *Beaver* having had to put back, owing to the ice in the gulf. We trust this issue of the paper may reach them within a few days.

The vote of want of confidence in the Mercier administration of Quebec moved by Letellier, leader of the opposition, was defeated by a majority of eight. The Speaker being a Liberal the parties virtually stand, Liberals 37, Conservatives 28.

Manitoba is a unit against the disallowance of railway charters within her borders. The monopoly clause in the charter of the Canadian Pacific Company is their *bête-noir*, but it is not probable that the company will give it up without a cash equivalent.

The first division in the Dominion House of Commons resulted in the government being sustained by a majority of 32. This ensures a good working majority for Sir John McDonald, and at the same time a strong opposition under the leadership of Hon. Edward Blake.

A very lively meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held on Wednesday last. A resolution favoring steam communication with the West Indies, and one supporting the City Council's move to obtain better railway terminal facilities, were adopted after long discussion.

Prince Edward Island has not secured an appropriation for the proposed subway, but it has obtained an additional subsidy of \$20,000 per annum. The Nova Scotian Government should look alive and see if there is not a subway by which this Province can secure an additional subsidy.

Fortunately the Dominion Government have chosen June 22nd as the day on which the Queen's Jubilee is to be celebrated throughout Canada, as Tuesday, the 21st of June, is the natal day of Halifax. This will give all classes of our citizens two consecutive holidays in Jubilee week.

The eloquent Presbyterian divine from Ottawa, who preached last Sunday in St. Matthews Church of this city, had evidently the power of attracting even sinners to hear him. Notwithstanding their attachment to the brief, 37 legal gentlemen went to listen to the long sermon preached on the occasion. O, ye Scribes and Pharisees.

With the firing of big guns and the inspiring strains of band music the first session of the present Provincial Parliament was brought to a close on Tuesday last. No doubt the members will be glad to escape from their legislative duties, which are very much more of a tax upon our representatives than most persons consider them.

The Halifax hotel-keepers are evidently making preparations for a large influx of visitors during the coming summer. Within the compass of one block three hotels, the Halifax, Queen and the Acadian, are undergoing extensive alterations, which, in addition to providing increased accommodation, will greatly improve the external appearance of the hotels named.

Young DeFreytas, a Halifax lad aged 19, has leaped without injury from the famous Brooklyn bridge. A policeman, in endeavoring to prevent DeFreytas attempting the leap, seized the young man by the heel just as he sprang in the air, but lost his hold. DeFreytas fell, but before reaching the water turned head downwards with hands prepared for diving, and thus escaped a horrible death.

In consequence of the wash-outs along the Boston & Maine Railway, the remains of Bishop Binney were brought to Halifax via the G. T. and I. C. railways. The funeral of the deceased prelate will be one of the most imposing that has taken place in Halifax for many years. Bishop Binney's successor will probably be chosen by the Synod of Nova Scotia between the 10th and 15th of June.

A fishing schooner named the *Georgie Harold*, reports that a schooner has been wrecked on Sable Island. A steamer has been despatched from Halifax to take off the survivors, if indeed they have been saved. It is time that Sable Island was connected by cable with the mainland; and it is likewise time that a new chart was made of the surroundings, as these are constantly changing; and if our information is correct, the present charts in general use are utterly unreliable.

Halifaxians, irrespective of politics, agree in their belief that Mr. J. C. Mackintosh was one of the most efficient magistrates who have ever sat in the Mayor's chair. Mr. Mackintosh's success was due to his experience in financial matters, his executive ability and his keen appreciation of the moral responsibilities which rested upon him. Mayor O'Mullin starts with an excellent aldermanic prestige, and he will unquestionably fulfill the duties of his new and honorable position with intelligence.

A correspondent writes, bitterly complaining of the rudeness to which church-goers who are obliged to pass along Brunswick street, are exposed. He says that a disgraceful altercation between soldiers and street rowdies took place on Sunday evening last, and that the obscenity of the language used was beggars' description. As this is a public thoroughfare, and is much frequented, the military and civil policemen should be vigilant, so as to prevent the locality from getting a worse name than it already has.

Granges and Patrons of Husbandry, in the jurisdiction of the Maritime Provincial Grange, are requested to remember that Thursday, the 12th inst. is Grange Arbor Day, and to use every effort to make the day pleasant and profitable, and worthy of itself as a holiday—its objects and the Order. The educational authorities of this Province have, with characteristic zeal for the educational interests intrusted to them, recommended that district schools co-operate with the Grange in the observance of Arbor Day.

Judging from the statements of the Minister of Agriculture, Canada will, this year, secure a large number of desirable emigrants. The Indian and Colonial Exhibition has probably had the effect of inducing many persons to settle in this country who might otherwise have sought other fields. In this connection THE CRITIC may fairly pat its own back, as we have direct proof that the wide circulation of our special exhibition number has directed attention to Nova Scotia as a field for emigration. Among others we might cite the case of a gentleman residing in South America, who after reading the contents of one of these numbers, decided to try his fortunes as a farmer in this Province.

We have much pleasure in recommending to our patrons the excellent preparations manufactured by E. M. Estey, Manufacturing Pharmacist of Moncton, N. B. The preparations made by this house have a very large sale throughout the Dominion. They consist of Fragrant Philoderma—toilet preparation that has become a household word. Estey's Cod Liver Oil Cream—one of the leading preparations of the kind in the market, and Estey's Iron and Quinine Tonic, an excellent Tonic for building up the system. These goods received highest award at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in London, Eng., and Mr. Estey lately made a large shipment to Australia. His business is steadily increasing, and with such valuable goods as Mr. Estey manufactures there is no question but that he has a bright future before him.

It is reported that the Soudanese rebels have been defeated by friendly tribes, and that Osman Digna has been taken prisoner.

The Creoles of Cuba are agitating for home rule, and the Spanish government, in view of the agitation, has made important tariff concessions, and granted subsidies for the construction of local railways.

A despatch from Athens says that a court-martial has sentenced to death three officers for treachery, in having surrendered to the Turks during the frontier fighting. Five others charged with the same offence were acquitted.

Customs officers throughout Great Britain and Ireland have received stringent orders to search all vessels arriving from America, China and the east, the government having been warned that explosives have been sent from San Francisco to ports in the east to be transhipped to England.

Schnaebeles has been released by order of the German Government. He at once left for Paris, where he received a perfect ovation. The Parisians now propose presenting Schnaebeles with a handsome diamond cross. Thus ends an incident which at one time threatened to provoke war between Germany and France.

A dispute has arisen between the Belgian Government and the Vatican, which threatens to a "Kulturkampf" in Belgium. The Beernaert Cabinet wanted the Vatican to instruct the Catholics in Belgium to vote for the army bill, which makes religious students liable to military service. The Vatican flatly refused to do so.

Mr. Gladstone, in excusing himself from attending a meeting of the anti-vaccination society, stated that he was busily engaged in opposing the compulsory inoculation of the whole Irish nation with the coercion bill. As there are no less than 144 proposed amendments to this act, only nine of which have yet been dealt with, both Mr. Gladstone and the British Parliament are likely to be kept pretty busily engaged for many weeks to come.

The Irish members in the British House of Commons are becoming exasperated over the anti-Irish articles which have lately been appearing in the *London Times*. That journal, in addition to charging Parnell with having connived with the law-breakers in Ireland, now accuses Mr. Dillon, M. P., of lying. This is regarded as a breach of the privileges of Parliament, and efforts are being made to bring the publishers of the *Times* to the bar of the House of Commons, in order that they may make good their charges or suffer the consequences.