

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Parliament is to be prorogued this afternoon.

Lady Stanley will not return from England until midsummer.

A jury has commenced to investigate the Longue Pointe asylum horror.

The Imperial government will not disallow the Weldon extradition act.

The 24th May has been fixed for the opening of the Studley Quoit Club.

Summer is advancing rapidly in Wolfville, the tennis racquet is in full swing.

Fifteen thousand trees have arrived from Nebraska for the Indian Head experimental farm.

Mr. Adam Hudspeth, M. P. for South Victoria, Ont., died of paralysis at Ottawa on Sunday.

General Middleton is reported to have sent in his resignation as Commander-in-Chief of the Militia.

The Institute of Natural Science held its last monthly meeting of the season on Monday evening last.

We note the annual report of the Halifax Infirmary. This beneficent institution, though medically a success, requires additional funds.

We are pleased to notice the last edition of *Progress* containing 12 pages, enhanced in appearance by several very good and interesting illustrations.

The *Saskatchewan Herald* in an article descriptive of Battleford speaks of the population as numbering 1500; fifteen years ago, or less, it was nil, or next door to it.

There is a great dearth of home news this week, our Provincial contemporaries, as well as those of Ontario, being fully occupied in slinging mud at each other, and at their severally opposed parties in politics.

The amended agreement between the city of Winnipeg and the Assiniboine Water Power Company has passed the council and now awaits ratification by the company, which has three months to accept and finance the scheme.

Temperance people in Wolfville are at present much agitated upon the subject of liquor selling in their usually sober little town. Roughs in a state of intoxication frequent the streets at night, and it is expected that vigorous measures will be used to put a stop to such a disgraceful state of affairs.

Measurements for a memorial window to be placed in St. John's Church, Wolfville, have been sent to England. It is to be given by the children of the late Revd. John Storrs, for many years Rector of Cornwallis and Horton. One of his sons, also the Revd. John Storrs, is the present rector of St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, London.

At Akron, Ohio, on Saturday evening a tornado destroyed 100 buildings.

The U. S. dynamite cruiser *Vesuvius* has successfully passed her final test.

The committee on the site for the World's Fair, at Chicago, have reported in favor of the lake front.

The New York carpenters have practically gained a complete victory in the eight-hour movement.

Mr. Cleveland's guaranteed income from the law firm with which he is connected as special counsel is \$35,000 a year.

It is reported that a cyclone on Friday afternoon killed four people in Fredonia county, Kansas. The wires are down.

Another asylum horror has taken place at Preston, N. Y. The asylum and pauper house caught fire and ten idiots were roasted alive.

Kremmler, the Buffalo wife murderer, whose execution by electricity was expected to take place on the 30th ult., has secured a respite of two months or more.

The chaplain of the United States Congress the other day prayed for less profanity among the members. The chaplain is blind, but it is evident his hearing is still acute.

The recently elected female municipal officers of Egerton, Kansas, having tried to rule with too high a hand, the men have made things so hot for them that they have resigned in disgust.

It is computed that the ocean steamers running out of the port of New York received in passenger fares alone last year over thirty million dollars, and not a penny of that vast sum was earned by a vessel flying the American flag.

Mrs. Betsy Averill, of New Preston, Conn., a pensioner of the war of 1812 and the oldest pensioner on the rolls of the government, celebrated the 103rd anniversary of her birth on Monday. She still enjoys remarkable health.

The coinage of the one-dollar gold piece, and three-dollar gold piece, and the three cent nickel piece is henceforth to be prohibited by law in the United States. The gold dollar has always been a nuisance, as its small size made it inconvenient to handle and very easy to lose.

Two sisters of Delhi, N. Y., aged 14 and 15 respectively, married simultaneously two brothers of inferior station, who proved unfaithful and brutal. They have been granted divorces, but the affair is marked as one of American levity as to wedlock by the statement that the marriages were entered upon in a moment of caprice.

During the last six years there were no fewer than 14,770 murders committed in the United States; 558 murderers were legally hanged; and 975 were lynched. While the existence of laws making murder punishable by death has not prevented that crime taking place, the abolition of the death penalty would prove nothing short of encouragement to that class of criminals.

General Boulanger's friends have resolved to stand by him and continue the struggle.

Mr. Balfour's Land Purchase Bill passed its second reading by a government majority of 80.

The Belgian Government will give a credit of four million francs for a sea canal to Brussels.

James Nasmyth, the celebrated mechanical engineer and inventor of the steam hammer, is dead.

The Eiffel Tower was struck six times by lightning on Friday night, but was not seriously damaged.

Mr. Parnell's friends are said to be indignant at their leader's slackness of attendance in the House of Commons.

The ex-Empress Eugenie suffers much from rheumatism, and has gone to Wiesbaden to undergo massage treatment.

Dr. Rosa Kerschbaumer is the first woman licensed to practice medicine in Austria. She is said to be an uncommonly able oculist.

The English Admiralty says that the total abolition of masts and sails in all future fighting ships has become absolutely necessary.

The Austrian and Hungarian Press express delight with the pacific tenor of Emperor William's speech at the opening of the Reichstag.

Miss Nita Caritte, a well known Canadian prima donna, has been engaged to sing in Grand Opera at Drury Lane Theatre, London, England.

A French physician claims to have the strange faculty of being able to see the color of sound. But till he enables others to do the same nobody is liable to believe him.

Fifty-two anarchists have been arrested at Barcelona, Spain. Documents seized at their residences reveal plans for destroying railways with dynamite and for setting fire to factories.

It is reported that a bridge across the Bosphorus is projected by a syndicate of French capitalists. At the points elected for bridging the channel is about half a mile wide.

Princess Victoria, sister of the German Emperor, has asked an increase of her appendage allowance in order to establish her own household in London, as she does not intend to marry.

A French officer and twelve men, having defended themselves till their ammunition was exhausted, were overpowered, killed and eaten by the natives at Bangui on a branch of the Congo.

Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin, has made a proposition that the corporation of the city of Dublin and the Chamber of Commerce constitute themselves a Board of Conciliation to act as arbitrators in trade disputes.

The negotiations with Germany on the African question are tending toward a satisfactory settlement. Germany claims the Nile from Lake Victoria northward as the dividing line between the English and German spheres.

An English electrician has invented a material that he calls "alterion" for the prevention of corrosion in boilers. The interior of the boiler is coated with the material, and from time to time electrical currents are sent through it.

The King of the Belgians will undertake, during the autumn, a journey to America, to arrange for further development of the Congo, but the ultimate decision depends on the amount of support accorded by his subjects to the scheme now under consideration by his ministers.

66 out of 100 European Roman Catholic Bishops were ill advised enough to consider the present a favorable time for the issue of a manifesto advocating the restoration of the Temporal Power. The Italian Bishops with greater wisdom and foresight unanimously oppose this idea.

The war in Dahomey is practically ended. The king has signified his willingness to exchange prisoners captured by his forces for captive Dahomians in the hands of the French. France will not carry her operations into the interior of Dahomey, but will strengthen her garrisons at Porto Novo and Kotonau.

Mechanical inventiveness has devised a great many labor-saving appliances, but it was reserved to an English inventor, Mr. Booth, to devise an automatic card shuffling table which will shuffle a pack of cards to perfection. The automatic shuffler naturally prevents any cheating in the operation. Every card changes its position, making when passed twice through the machine in twenty seconds a change of fifty-two, thus proving the perfection with which the appliance acts through its ingenious mechanism.

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