

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Messrs. Nannary & Fyffe are running a really first class company at the Lyceum. The plays are all exceedingly well put on and they deserve to be liberally patronized.

An old medal bearing on one side the words—"Sir Isaac Brock, Hero of Upper Canada," and on the other, "Success to Commerce and Peace to the World," was recently dug up at Billtown, N. S., by Mr. David Skerry.

The Lake boats are now making regular trips between Port Mulgrave and Sydney, C. B. Those who desire to take an outing cannot do better than take a trip on the Bras d'Or, which, for beauty of scenery, is unrivalled in the Maritime Provinces.

Johnston's Fluid Beef is acknowledged on all hands to be the best and purest preparation in the market. In the sick room it is a necessity, and housekeepers will find it invaluable as stock for soups and gravies. Miners and fishermen should never go without a full supply.

The North Sydney *Herald* says that the Townsend family of Sydney and Louisburg has fallen heir to an English fortune, said to be up in the millions. The Cape Bretonians must come of good stock, judging by the windfalls that the inhabitants of the Island come in for.

The Halifax School for the Blind will close for the summer vacation on Friday, and on Monday, June 13th, the Principal and the quintette band (all pupils) will start on a concert tour, visiting several leading towns in Cumberland and Pictou Counties, New Brunswick and P. E. I.

There is an exhibition in Smith's drug store an admirable painting of water-lilies by Miss Hatte, of New Glasgow. The drawing and coloring of the flowers themselves, as well as the treatment of light and shade, present a combination of boldness and finish which is only too rare in the efforts of amateurs.

In the vicinity of Murray Bay a severe earthquake shock was felt on Sunday night. The mountain was shaken with great force, the rocks were hurled from its summit and the trees on its side were laid low. Murray Bay is one of the most pleasant of the Canadian summer resorts on the St. Lawrence.

Visitors to Boston should put up at the Hotel Creighton, Tremont Street, if they wish to have every comfort at reasonable rates. The Hotel is centrally situated one block south of Boston Common, and is in close proximity to all the leading places of amusement, as well as being only a few minutes walk from the business portion of the city.

The following are the appropriations made for the jubilee celebration by the Aldermanic Committee: Sports, \$900; salute firing, \$90; printing, postage and secretary's expenses, \$500; firemen's procession, \$500; shifting ordnance, \$100; horse race, \$200; memorial in gardens, \$500; memorial badges for school children, \$200; total, \$2,900.

The Windsor Foundry Co., which has an established reputation for the superiority of its manufactures, is one of the most extensive establishments in the province. Its stoves and ranges are in general use and always give perfect satisfaction. Be sure to examine into the merits of their goods before purchasing, as their prices are the lowest of the low.

Lunenburg, which is one of the most enterprising and thriving towns in Nova Scotia, is now wide-awake to the advantages of town incorporation. With proper sidewalks and well-lighted streets, Lunenburg would be a pleasant place after sundown, but as it is now the darkness and the badly constructed sidewalks make it a place to be avoided after dark.

Minard's Liment, "King of Pain," as it is so deservedly called, is used by almost every family in the Maritime Provinces. It cures pain, relieves swellings, heals burns, scalds, &c., &c., and is a valuable remedy for most of the pains that flesh is heir to. The price per bottle, 25 cents, brings it within the reach of all. The genuine is only prepared by and bears the name of C. C. Richards & Co., Yarmouth, N. S.

The S. S. *Cosipita*, which arrived in Halifax on Saturday last with her forehold full of water, was off the harbor for several hours in the fog. Her captain reports that a sunken wreck was struck by the steamer, but the investigation will probably prove that the ship struck some well-known reef. It is a matter for thankfulness that the accident caused no more serious damages than a wetting of a portion of the freight.

The recent repairs to the cable at Bird Rock, Magdalen Islands, were effected with great difficulty. The Captain of the *Newfield* reports that just as they were about to repair the shore end of the cable it was noticed that the rocks in the overhanging cliff were shaky, and the workmen only retreated in time to save themselves from being crushed by tons of rock which fell on the very spot on which they had been standing.

Steele, the villain who attempted to take the life of Mr. Curry, the bank agent at Antigonish, made an unsuccessful attempt to break jail on Friday last. By means of a spike, drawn from its place in the wall by his blanket, he broke off his handcuffs and then crawled through the grating into the hallway, the outer door being locked he was for a time foiled, but when the keeper entered he pushed him aside and gained access to the outer room, where he fortunately was overpowered by young Joscelyn before discovering the place where the keeper's revolvers had been placed.

The summer time-table on the Intercolonial railway will come into effect on Monday next. Eastern standard time has been adopted, which is an hour earlier than our own true time. The twenty-four hour system will be substituted for the two divisions of twelve hours each, into which the day is now divided. According to Halifax time the St. John morning express will leave here at half-past seven, and the Quebec express at seven o'clock in the evening. The adoption of the twenty-four hour system and the eastern standard time upon our railways is a very doubtful reform.

Taking advantage of the balmy June weather our reporter strolled out to the Provincial and City Hospital to see how the new Victoria wing was getting on. As \$20,000 had been voted for the express purpose of building the new wing and relieving the over-crowded wards of the old hospital, he expected to find the foundations in course of construction and preparations made to lay the corner stone on the 21st with appropriate ceremonies. Instead, the only thing new that was being done, was the erection of a flag staff in front of the building. Outwardly the hospital buildings impress one as being ridiculously small for a City Hospital, let alone Provincial and Marine, and an inspection of the interior proves this to be the case. Every ward was visited (and although chronic cases have been removed as far as possible), nearly all were in an overcrowded condition. The surgical wards are so overcrowded that one patient (a boy whose skull had been so severely injured as to require trepanning) was placed in the operating theatre. The patient, a bright lad, is doing nicely, but it will be necessary to keep him where he is for some time, and other operations are greatly interfered with. In fact, one of the wards had to be turned into an operating room for the last patient operated upon. Some very skillful surgical operations have lately been performed and the patients are all doing well. Although extra beds have had to be introduced into the wards, and the patients are greatly overcrowded, numbers who are entitled to treatment have to be turned away on account of insufficient accommodation, while patients whom the doctors would like to retain longer in the hospital are forced out to make way for urgent cases. Everything about the hospital and premises is strictly clean and not an unpleasant odor is to be detected. The patients all speak in the highest terms of the kind treatment accorded them, and want of room is the only complaint. The new wing is an absolute necessity and not a day should be lost in proceeding with the erection. No more acceptable jubilee offering could be made to Her Majesty, and we trust that the officers of the Local Government will at once move in the matter.

Brooklyn bridge is to be painted to preserve the metal, and 40,000 pounds of paint will be required to do it in the most economical manner.

A generous Brooklyn anonymous giver offers \$30,000 to Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., for a new building for its scientific department.

The hot springs near Carson City, Nevada, have disappeared since the recent earthquake shock, which was felt throughout Nevada and California.

Budhism, according to a correspondent in the *Boston Transcript*, is becoming the fashionable religion among the ultra-blue society of that intellectual city.

News has just been received at Manson that Rev. Dr. Reid, who left last winter to become a missionary in Central Africa, has been killed and eaten by a tribe of cannibals.

Mr. Clark, who has given a million dollars to establish a university at Worcester, Mass., now offers another million provided others will do as much before a year from next July.

The bounty of five cents placed on each jack rabbit scalp is resulting in great slaughter of the pests in California. The *Elko Independent* says that, on a recent day, certificates for bounty on 20,000 scalps were presented to the board of county commissioners; and the *Harvey Valley Item* tells of a wagon load of 7000 scalps starting for the county seat.

Jentic Jeffrey Harrison, the young gypsy queen, who died at Jackson, Miss., on Dec. 31, 1886, was buried at Dayton, O., in the gypsy lot at Woodland the other day. At her death the body was embalmed and sent north. She was the daughter of Henry and Tallie Jeffreys, who own large tracts of land near Dayton, and are related to the Stanleys, who reign over about twenty tribes that make their summer home in the Miami valley.

A body is to be exhumed in Rowan County, N. C., for the purpose of endeavoring to identify it as that of Marshall Ney, the famous commander of the Old Guards at Waterloo. Marshall Ney's skull was trephined, and if the skull of Peter S. Ney is found to have been operated upon in a similar manner, it will be taken as a practical proof that Peter Ney and Napoleon's beloved marshal were one and the same man.

The work of the American Bible Society, the past year, has been large and successful. According to the annual report the cash receipts were \$493,358, and the expenditures were \$554,490. During the year 1,675,897 copies of the Scriptures were printed and purchased. The aggregate circulation in foreign lands was 521,356 copies. In seventy-one years the Society has issued 48,325,916 copies, which have been distributed in all parts of the world.

Of the 121,600,000 bushels of wheat imported into Great Britain last year three-fifths, or 72,000,000 bushels, came from the United States, 20,000,000 bushels from India, 7,200,000 from Russia, an equal quantity from Austria and Germany together, 7,488,000 bushels from Canada, 3,144,000 bushels from Chili, and 2,960,000 bushels from all other countries. With these figures as an index for the future there doesn't seem to be any ground to fear an immediate falling off in the English demand for American wheat, unless the English stomachs must go hungry or be filled with something besides wheat bread.