

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Dr. Trembley of Bequimant Island, in Ottawa. He says measles have been very prevalent among the Indians in his section, and that in a tribe of two hundred thirty have died.

The National Council of Bern, Switzerland, by a vote of 10 to 9, has adopted a bill making insurance against sickness compulsory in the case of all persons not having independent means.

Toronto's niggardliness in only voting \$500 for the relief of the Prescott fire sufferers created much adverse comment. It is felt the immediate disaster result has been to induce Montreal to cut down its grant, although need was never more urgent.

The coasting steamer Triton, from Bahama for Bahia, struck on a rock near Havana on the 19th and sank. Fully 150 people were on board. In the frantic effort to save them two boats were capsized when lowered, and large numbers perished in the waves. Only 42 have been saved.

The various towns of the Dominion are contributing sums all the way from two hundred dollars to five thousand, besides private subscriptions from citizens. His Worship Mayor Dawson will be pleased to receive and acknowledge through the City Clerk any contributions from citizens for the above charitable purpose.

Montreal advises that the feeling there is that Graham has been most harshly dealt with. Not only has he to spend six months in jail, but he has to furnish bonds of \$50,000 to keep the peace for two years, at the expiration of his sentence. Judge Wriels is said to have been all along gloriously partial to the prosecution, and his course is subject to general and unfavorable comment.

The Dominion and Allan lines make a joint proposal to the Dominion Gov't for a weekly mail service, promising to give a direct fortnightly steamer from St. John to Liverpool and a steamer to Portland, calling at Halifax both ways on alternate weeks. This is not in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Government, which asked for a service to Canadian ports only, but in the absence of other satisfactory tenders may perhaps be accepted.

Referring to a remark of Mr. Blake at the Toronto Laevrier demonstration that he had been a failure in politics, an admiring journal remarks that Mr. Blake presumably meant he had been a failure as a politician, adding that "statements usually are." For this, however, there are, as in other cases, compensations to the party. If Liberal statesmen have failed, Laurier and Tarte have achieved a brilliant success.

The engineers of the colony of Victoria, Australia, have voted \$2,500 to help the striking engineers in Great Britain.

Col. Bliss, deputy assistant adjutant general, son-in-law of Hon. John Costigan, is lying at death's door as the result of a fracture of the skull. Mr. Bliss took his children out for a drive. The horses took fright and ran away. Mr. Bliss dropped the children out of the carriage, but with the nurse girl remained in it. The carriage overturned and Mr. Bliss and the nurse suffered such frightful injuries that they may have a hard struggle for life.

The government machinery of the Northwest is undergoing another process of development, and the territories will presently be under the administrative care of a responsible ministry, with Mr. Haughton as chief. In the beginning there was a lieutenant-governor with a nominative council; then a partly elective and partly nominative council; then an elective assembly with an advisory committee. Now there is to be a regular responsible executive council. The old method was cheap.

The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which cut 1 hour 56 minutes off the westward voyage record between Southampton and New York, has on her return to Plymouth, taken what is equivalent to 13 hours off the eastward record. These are first time performances and better may be expected when the machinery has been in operation a while. The Dutchman was slow in going into the ocean grayhound business, but, entering it, they have gone in to win.

Last year Dr. A. MacPhail, professor of pathology in Bishop's college, Montreal, was commissioned by the minister of marine and fisheries to investigate the cause of discoloration of catfish and lobsters. His report has just been issued. Dr. MacPhail found the discoloration to be due to bacteria, and after elaborate experiments proved that the bacteria could only be destroyed by the application of heat to the fillet can, the use of germicidal fluids being out of the question. The process is simple enough, and when adopted will save hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly to Canadian canners.

The formal opening of the Drummond county railway takes place on Friday, Oct. 22nd. A special train will run from Montreal to Lewis, returning to Montreal in the evening. All the members of the cabinet, including several members of parliament and other gentlemen, are invited to participate in the late night. In the meanwhile the D. C. Ry. Co. is pressing for the payment of the subsidy of that portion of the line which has just been built, but before the subsidy can be handed over it must, of course, be officially passed upon by a government engineer.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

TORONTO Insurance companies tendered for between two and three millions of the new Canadian loan.

The revenue of the Dominion for the quarter shows a decrease of half a million dollars. The expenditure increased \$300,000.

It is said the Ontario elections will not take place until next June or July. Consequently another session of the Legislature will be held before dissolution.

In Montreal the other day, Judge Wriels sentenced Greater to six months imprisonment and bound him to keep the peace for two years for libelling Tart.

The great dome of Robinson's Opera House at Cincinnati, collapsed during a performance the other night. Three persons were killed, five fatally injured, and twenty-six more or less seriously injured.

ONTARIO advises indicate that the cheese market there is less active and if anything weaker. In Montreal cheese is dull at 1/4 to 3/4 for finest September. Best country butter sells for 1 1/2 to 1 3/4, with market weak.

The remains of the late Colonel Perley Walsh, son of Mr. James P. Walsh of this city, who died in the Galatelli mountain, N. Y., whether he had gone in search of health, arrived home on Monday evening, and was interred yesterday.

In the race at Summerside yesterday, Fleetwood owned by Mr. Henry Paterson of this city took second prize in the 2.40 class. Fleetwood is a splendid animal with great natural speed. With good training he will doubtless develop into a very fast trotter.

On Sunday next, the 24th inst., his Lordship Bishop McDonald will bless and erect Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's, Indian River. His Lordship will also preach on the occasion. The pastor, Very Rev. Mr. Gillis will take up a collection in aid of the new Church.

At Antigonish last week, before Chief Justice McDonald, Davidson tried for shooting Bowman at Tracadie, in August last. The jury found the prisoner guilty of murder. Lawyer Gregory, for the defence raised legal objections to some of the evidence. The Chief Justice reserved the point for the full bench; consequently sentence was suspended.

The heavy northwest gale of Sunday accompanied by very high tides did considerable damage to the wharves along the coast. The gale was accompanied by a heavy rain, and the water was so high that the wharves were washed away to such an extent that no trains could pass on Monday. Gangs of men were set to work making temporary repairs. The bridge at the Head of St. Peter's Bay was torn from end to end. At St. Peter's harbor much damage was also done, boats and stages being swept away by the tide. The vessels in the harbor here had a hard time to save themselves on Sunday. On Monday the Steamer Jacques Cartier layd in the schooner Crestline, from the black buoy, where she had been at anchor since the previous night. She was water logged. The Crestline was loaded with boards and shingles at Bathurst for Pictou and had been leaking considerably for the previous few days, but Sunday off Sea Cove she sprung a new leak and became completely water logged. When brought to this port she was full of water to the deck. She had been out nine days, and the crew had not been below for a night during that time. About four o'clock Sunday another schooner came into port with its sails fore and aft, leaking badly and with two or three feet of water in her hold.

Our readers will remember that notices appeared in the papers regarding the mysterious disappearance of M. J. Scanlan of Boston, who came to the Island about the 1st of this month, and on the 3rd was suddenly missed from Murray River, where he was staying at the time. Efforts to discover his whereabouts having failed, a number of his friends arrived here from Boston on the Halifax Thursday night last. They were Messrs. Furness, Cronin, Beale, Roche, Wolfe and James O'Reilly. They in company with a number of others, about 200 in all started on Sunday last to make a thorough search of the surrounding country. About noon they found the dead body of Scanlan, about five miles from the house of Mr. McDonald, where he had been staying and a mile away from the road in a low swampy place. It appears he had started out for a walk when he left the house above mentioned and never was seen or heard of until the body was found at above related. The deceased must have crossed several fences before reaching the place where the body was found. The body was found face downwards, and no marks of violence were evident. A watch chain, ring and keys in money were found on the body. A coroner's inquest was held and the jury returned a verdict of "Drowned." He had evidently been dead several days. It is said to have had \$8,000 or \$10,000 insurance on his life, and some friends brought to this city in charge of his effects and conveyed hence to Boston.

To Jim Byrne. The following poem by Mr. James Jeffrey Roche, Editor of the Boston Pilot, addressed to his friend, our genial and worthy citizen, Mr. James Byrne, appeared in the Examiner of Monday last. My DEAR FRIEND, JAMES BYRNE, Esq. When first I met you, short and stout, You wore a velvet roundabout, Yellow and red, and filled it out. On your nose, like wisps, a bifocal smile; The heart beneath it knew no guile; You have't yet forgot the style. One day to test out school-boy grit They set us fighting, and we fit, And when 'twas over, I was "It". I loved you then; I love you now, Though forty years have tried to plow In vain, some furrows on your brow. But now you're getting old, J. B. The leaves are turning on the tree; May Autumn treat you tenderly. And when your latest day is done, And all your deeds weighed one by one, I'm sure the sentence will not run "Jim, Burn!"

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The first autumn cabinet meeting of the Imperial Government was held on Saturday.

The Paulist Fathers opened a mission at St. Joseph's Church, Vernon River, on Sunday last. It will last one week.

MADRID advises say that \$5,000 additional soldiers will leave Spain for Cuba before the end of the present month.

THE Le Rollins has declared a dividend of \$30,000. This is the twentieth dividend in two years, and swells the total to \$325,000. This is a pretty good showing for a British Columbia "baby."

The surveying steamer Gulnare arrived here Thursday from the Newfoundland coast where she had been stationed during the past season. She will go into winter quarters.

THE St. John N. B. Globe announces that the department of Railways is purchasing what property for an additional deep water terminal, and that another project is to be added. The price stated is \$100,000.

A MAN who is thought to be Thomas Harrell Bell, formerly a sailor at Kensington, in this Province, was recently found dead by the roadside in Newport, Washington. It is believed that he had been murdered and robbed.

THE Victoria sealing fleet has been fairly successful in the season's catch, but most of the seals have been taken on the coast of Asia. The best return so far reported is by a schooner fitted out and mainly owned in Cape Breton.

MESSRS. FAURIE and GODBOY, of St. Hyacinthe, P. Q., contractors for the new mill at Point St. Charles, near the site of the contract for placing a new roof on the west block of the Parliament buildings, Ottawa, rendered necessary by the fire of last winter.

MR. PETERLOD, for some years past manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Charlottetown, has been transferred to the branch office about to be opened in Toronto. He expects to leave in a short time. His place as agent here will be taken by Mr. Richardson, of Yarmouth, N. S.

A NEW customs regulation has been promulgated from the Department of Ottawa. It provides that on and after October 31, all goods, when the exporter's declaration is not filed with the entries. If parties furnish the exporter's declaration after entry refund claims can be made.

THE steamer Elliott has returned to this city from the wreck of the steamer Baltimore City, at Flat Island, Straits of Belle Isle, bringing a cargo of seals, oats and wool. The wreck of the Baltimore City was washed away to such an extent that Captain McMillan deemed it advisable to postpone the attempt to float the wreck until next summer.

CHARLES POLLOCK, a nephew of Baron Pollock, started from Eastbourne, England, in a balloon, the other day, in an attempt to cross the channel. The balloon descended safely about four o'clock the same afternoon near Boston, fourteen miles from the starting point. Mr. Pollock telegraphed that the trip was a great success.

OSCAR, the 11 year old son of Oscar McKnight of Stewarston, King's County, N. B., and his younger brother went to the pasture on Tuesday for the cows. George tied the end of a rope around a cow's neck and the other to his body. The cow started to run and the poor little fellow was dragged over the rough stumpy trees. He, in turn, was dragged until he reached the spot a few minutes later and the boy was dead.

AS we intimated a short time ago Mr. H. W. Anderson, for many years mechanical foreman on the C. P. R. Railway, and whose disappearance was a matter of public interest, has been decapitated by the political guillotine. He is succeeded in the position of locomotive foreman by Mr. H. S. Pegg, who has been in the railway employ for upwards of twenty years. He, in turn, is succeeded as car foreman by Mr. Henry Coffin.

ON Tuesday morning some of the school children went into the house of Ross Cosack in New Ireland, Albert County, N. B., and discovered the body of the old lady, who lived alone, stretched on the floor. Assistance was immediately called and she was found to have been dead some time. She had milked her cow and the milk stood there in the pail. She had evidently fallen from her chair while in the act of eating her breakfast, as the things remaining on the table clearly showed. Maple Leaf.

REFERENCE to the ten million dollar loan issue to the London money market by Finance Minister Fielding, the tenders for which were opened on Thursday last, Mr. Courtney, deputy minister, says he thinks it realized an excellent price, more especially since the money market is closing, the Bank of England rate having been advanced recently. Some tenders as high as 2 1/2 per cent. were received, the average being 2 1/2 per cent. to the tender, or the lowest rate of interest ever paid on a colonial loan. Mr. Fielding telegraphed that the total number of tenders for the loan was 179.

MUCH excitement prevailed at Dorchester, N. B., Saturday last due to the fact that just after the warden had received word from Five Islands, near Parrboro, that O'Brien, the prisoner who two weeks ago escaped from the Maritime penitentiary, was in custody there, Guard Miller reached the prison and reported that another prisoner, Reid of Cumberland, who had been at work on a building outside the walls had also made good his escape. He was working at a pigery. Officers who could be spared from duty were stationed at various points, hoping to capture Reid who could not have gone far.

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