

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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When a thing good in itself becomes a craze, it becomes a nuisance, and base ball is fast assuming that complexion.

Lt.-General Laurie (Cons.) M.P. for Shelburne, has been unseated for bribery by his agents, personal charges dismissed. The General will, it is said, appeal.

A life-boat belonging to the ill-fated *S. S. Geiser* has been picked up at sea and brought to Halifax. It is in good condition and had seven oars lashed inside.

Col. Irvine, Inspector of Artillery, who has just returned to Ottawa from an official tour of inspection in the Maritime Provinces, reports a marked improvement in the force.

A snow storm was reported in several parts of Quebec on the night of the 5th inst., and considerable damage was done to crops around Montreal by the severe frost of the same night.

St. Jerome, a thriving little town in the Province of Quebec, has suffered from a most disastrous fire. Woollen mills, saw mills and furniture factory were entirely destroyed with contents. Loss \$60,000.

Five large cattle sheds have been erected at the Richmond depot. They are a great improvement on the old ones, and cattle-owners will find them of great advantage in protecting their stock from the cold winds of winter.

A racing pony belonging to Lieut. McGowan, R.A., bolted from before the Engineer Barracks down Mackville street, last Saturday, and broke his neck against a building at the foot of the street, breaking the shafts only of the carriage to which he was attached.

Lieut.-Colonel Curren and the Halifax artillery contingent left for Quebec Monday night to take part in the Dominion artillery competition. The P. E. Island contingent passed through Moncton yesterday. A correspondent telegraphs that they were a fine looking body of men.

Caza, who killed Pelon, the hotel keeper at Coteau Landing, opposite Valleyfield, P. Q., has had his pocket-book containing \$1,100, which he lost in the affray, returned to him by an old scrub woman who picked it up. He has ordered that she be rewarded with \$200 for her honesty.

The Hamburg Steamship Co., owners of the *Wieland*, which rendered such important assistance to the crippled *Thimgalla*, have magnanimously declined accepting any recompense for their humane action: but have intimated to the Danish line that they may turn the amount over to the families of the *Geiser* victims.

Several papers are extraordinarily exercised about the Baronetcy of Sir Chas. Tupper. One thinks the event of such importance as to head with the words "Almost a Nobleman," an elaborate (and quite correct) account of the origin and nature of the dignity. One would think the creation of a Canadian gentleman was the beginning of the end of all things.

Considerable interest attaches to the meeting of the Maritime press association. Important business is to come before the members. An enjoyable excursion has been arranged over one of the most picturesque portions of New Brunswick. This will give those Nova Scotians who have not already been over the ground an excellent idea of the resources of our sister province.

The 1st battalion of the Leicestershire regiment embarked in Her Majesty's ship *Orontes* at Liverpool on September 6 for Bermuda. The *Orontes* is to take the 2nd West Riding to Halifax by September 28, proceeding with the 2nd York and Lancaster to the West Indies by October 20, taking the 1st East Yorkshire thence to South Africa, and bringing home from there the 1st Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, being due at Portsmouth on January 26.

A young lad named Archibald Strong, who lives near Rockhead, took suddenly ill Saturday night, after eating a quantity of canned salmon. A doctor was summoned, who said that some of the acid used in soldering the can must have got into the fish. After working at his patient for upwards of an hour, the doctor succeeded in placing him beyond danger. A retail grocer and his two assistants in Montreal, recently nearly died from the same cause.

A terrible state of destitution prevails among the Cree Indians in the extreme North-West. A letter to Bishop Clui, of the Mackenzie River district, who is now in Montreal, says:—"The crops and hunting failed last year, and a number of Indians died from hunger. Since November last they have come straggling into Athabaska in twos and threes. To the famine succeeded an inundation, and the whole country became a vast sea. The weather up to the middle of June was bitterly cold."

The old established Cape Breton House, 163 Lower Water st., formerly carried on by the late John Lahey, has just been re-opened up by Mr. Robert H. Campbell, who has newly fitted up the stand and put it in thorough repair. Mr. Campbell was the late Mr. Lahey's right hand assistant for over eight years, and the old customers will be glad to learn of his having succeeded to the business. He has in stock a full line of new and well selected groceries, teas, coffee, flour, vegetables and ships' stores generally, and solicits a continuance of the patronage formerly bestowed on the late proprietor.

It is stated that the attention of the Militia Department having been called to the letter which appeared in the *Toronto World*, signed "George H. Douglas, Lieutenant 24th Kent Infantry," dwelling upon the possibility of war with the States and suggesting that "our prime move would be the capture of Detroit," an official communication has been sent to Lieut. Douglas requesting an explanation of his attaching to his signature his rank in the Canadian Militia. The department would not interfere with Mr. Douglas's writing as a private individual. It is the ventilation of his war-like feelings in connection with his rank as a volunteer that is called in question.

The Historical Society will offer its members a very attractive bill of fare during the coming season. Mr. G. Creed will discourse upon the Micmac pictographs, illustrating his subject (which he has studied in company with Col. Mallory, of the Smithsonian Institute) by copious illustrations. Mr. Mascarene Hubbard, the well-known Boston litterateur, will contribute a sketch of his ancestor, Governor Paul Mascarene. Col. Wainwright's paper will probably treat of the Red River Expedition, in which he took part. Interesting and important papers may of course be safely expected from Dr. Lawson, ex-President R. S. C.; Judge Morse, and Professor Russell, who have also consented to lecture before the Society.

It is understood that the trouble in the Governor-General's Foot Guards is temporarily settled. The officers, it is said, will resume their duties by the time being. The settlement is due chiefly to two reasons. In the first place, it is believed that Sir John Macdonald interested himself personally in the matter. Secondly, both Lieut. Col. Macpherson and the officers feel that at this particular time, when there is a possibility of international complications, it is best to sink all personal feelings and co-operate to keep the regiment at its highest pitch of efficiency. It is understood that the officers will withdraw their resignations for a period of six months. If by the end of that time no new complications have arisen, the trouble will blow over.

George and John Thomas while out fishing about six miles east-south-east of Chebucto Head, saw a school of porpoises chasing one another, of which there was a large school. About five minutes after they saw the porpoises, a lot of big fish about 20 in number rose near the boat, one of them being from 20 to 30 feet in length and the others smaller. They had fins about six feet high, with white spots on each side, and a large white spot on the head. Both the men have been fishing 18 years and have been on the Grand Banks, but say they never saw such fish before. One of the fish came very near the boat and struck a porpoise with its tail, lifting it about ten feet out of the water. [A gentleman informs us that he saw some of the above fish off Brackley Point, about a week ago.]

If Janaushek is not to-day the actress whose admirers challenged a comparison with Ristori at her prime, still much of her power remains. Though she is too stout for all of her parts and too old for most of them, yet few people could regret paying a dollar to see such a genuine celebrity. Two or three of her company were admirable artists themselves. Notable among them were Mr. Chaplin, with his capital personations of roles so totally different as "Dandy Dumont" and "Macbeth," and Mr. Tyrone Power, whose rendering of the difficult part of "Dominie Sampson" combined an element of utter absurdity with that touch of pathos, which is a marked feature of the best comic acting. It was this young actor who played "Mr. Middlewick" in *Our Boys*, at the Academy last July, when he was recalled on two consecutive nights in the middle of an act—an honor which, we are told, has never been accorded to any other actor since the Academy was built.

An instance of long delayed justice is afforded by the arrest of a Mormon bishop for a murder committed thirty years ago in Salt Lake City.

Washington naval and military circles are stirred up by a report that an English officer has learned the secret of the torpedo system in use by the States.

Professor Richard A. Proctor, the astronomer, died at New York on the 12th inst. of yellow fever. He was considered one of the highest authorities on modern astronomy.

The dory-yacht *Dark Secret*, which started on its voyage from Boston to Queenstown some time ago, was abandoned at sea by Capt. Anderson, who arrived at Stapleton, L. I., in the Norwegian barque *Nora*.

The Supreme Court of Maine has refused to grant an injunction asked for by the Western Union Telegraph Company against the C. P. R., which will at once construct its line through that state. It is to be hoped the monopoly of the Gould-Wiman people will soon be wrested out of their hands. The Maritime Provinces have suffered long enough from it.

The acting superintendent of the New York Maritime Exchange, in speaking of the sinking of the ocean steamship *Geiser* by the collision with the *Thungalla*, said: "It seems almost impossible to prevent such accidents at sea, unless the masters of vessels adopt the plan of running very slow when the weather is thick. Captains are usually anxious to make good time." The ocean lane system, the acting superintendent thought, might be to a certain extent effectual, but people who go to sea should make up their minds that there are risks which they must assume.

Mr. George Sigourney and Miss Imogene Henriques were married in Buffalo in 1882. Their wedding cards read: "Mr and Mrs Sigourney At home, Thursday, in Sacramento, California, beginning May 10th, 1888" They arrived in Sacramento on the date specified, having spent six years on their wedding tour. There is scarcely a spot on the globe that they have not visited. Children were born en route—twin boys in St. Petersburg, a girl in China and another boy in Brazil. The journey cost them \$75,000, and now they are ready to settle down and see their friends "at home."