

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Last week we sent our accounts to subscribers, many of whom are considerably in arrears, and who must understand that we have reached the end of our tether, and now demand immediate payment. Failure to respond will oblige us to take proceedings unpleasant alike to ourselves and to those in arrears.

The horse distemper prevails in St. John.

Girls are prohibited from selling newspapers in Montreal.

Amherst is moving rapidly in the direction of incorporation.

Two hundred gallons of whiskey have been seized by the police at Calgary.

It is proposed to start an umbrella factory in Toronto, in which 200 hands will be employed.

Mr. Joseph A. Massue, Liberal-Conservative, was elected in Richelieu on the 18th inst., by a majority of 334.

The difficulty between Laval and Victoria colleges is now regarded as practically settled, and Victoria students are rapidly falling into line.

The Government have decided to remove 200 feet of the Dufferin Terrace at Quebec, but as yet have taken no steps to prevent another slide.

At the opening of the territorial legislative assembly at Regina on the 17th inst., Governor Royal read a speech from the throne in English only.

A block of wooden buildings opposite the Chaudiere railway station, Ottawa, was burned on Sunday night. About twenty families are made homeless.

The water pipes in Moncton are being choked up by small fishes, and considerable inconvenience is the result. Many taps are completely clogged with them.

The first load of pipes for the Wolfville water works has been sent to Gaspereau. They will be laid under the Gaspereau River before the fall rains set in.

Manager Clark has succeeded in making a contract with E. A. McDowell for a season at the Academy of Music. Mr. McDowell's company is said to be a first-class one.

Jeddore Gould, who lived at Nappan, a few miles from Amherst, was killed on the 21st inst. by the accidental discharge of a gun which he had laid on a wood pile. The gun was heavily loaded.

The Messrs. Allan have increased their fleet of steamships to 33, having let the contracts for two new freight steamers—the *Mongolian*, 4,750 tons, and the *Brazilian*, 4,100, both for the Canadian trade.

The coroner's jury in the inquest on the death of Mrs. MacRae, of St. John, have brought in a verdict of wilful murder against Wm. J. McDonald. McDonald was quite indignant when informed of the verdict.

Next Tuesday evening an attractive programme of indoor sports will be carried out in the Exhibition Building. By the kind permission of Col. Fenn, the fine Band of the West Riding Regiment will be present.

The complaints of the German Consuls at Victoria and Montreal in reference to Admiral Heneage's conduct have been received by the Dominion Government and forwarded to the Imperial authorities without comment.

Detective Power had an assistant jailed in the same cell with Brophy, one of the men who robbed McLeod's jewellery store at Amherst, and by this means obtained a full statement of the robbery. The assistant posed as a criminal of the deepest dye.

The body of an old pauper woman was found last week in the woods, about four miles from Newport, Hants County, in an advanced state of decomposition. The woman had been missing three months, and is supposed to have lost her way in the woods and starved to death.

An exchange says:—"Some time ago a resident of Rockingham, N. S., turned loose a number of English rabbits; it is reported that they have increased rapidly, and the people in that vicinity are becoming anxious, as they fear they may be as destructive to vegetation as they have been in Australia."

Numerous complaints have been made by Quebec citizens against newsboys selling papers on Sunday. The following notice has been hung up in No. 1 police station:—"No. 1 station guards will keep a sharp look out for any boys selling the *Star* and other papers on Sunday at the church doors, corners, etc. It is forbidden."

James Campbell and Michael Brophy were sentenced at Amherst by Judge Morse last Saturday. Campbell gets twenty years—ten for the robbery of McLeod's store, six for breaking into Mattinson's, and four for stealing a horse at Springhill. Brophy gets four years for his part in the robbery of McLeod. They have been sent to Dorchester. Detective Power has been much praised for the skill and talent displayed by him in the capture of these villains.

We have received a number of the *Canadian Queen*, a new monthly magazine of fashion, which gives promise of being acceptable to Canadian ladies. We particularly appreciate it as a *Canadian* publication, believing that such should replace the numerous American fashion periodicals which circulate so largely throughout the Dominion. Published by the Queen Publishing Company, Toronto, \$1.50 per annum. Single copies ten cents. The *Canadian Queen* is well printed and contains much readable matter.

From January 1st to the end of Sept., 24,082 immigrants arrived by water and rail at Montreal, and those arriving since last March have brought \$270,000 with them. The officials state that the demand for domestic servants exceeds the supply.

The Dominion fiscal statement of revenue and expenditure for the last fiscal year has been gazetted. The revenue is \$38,700,000 and the expenditure \$36,800,000; surplus, \$1,900,000—exactly the amount anticipated by the finance minister in his budget speech. The showing for the first quarter of the present fiscal year is equally satisfactory. The revenue is \$9,900,000, an excess of \$400,000 over the corresponding quarter last year. The expenditure was \$5,500,000, a decrease of \$1,200,000 as compared with the corresponding period of last year; surplus, \$4,400,000. The net debt has decreased during the last month \$2,400,000.

We understand that arrangements have been made at the Church of England Institute for the accommodation of chess players, a room having been set apart and good boards and men provided. With the long evenings upon us, and the weather about to make us think of indoor amusements, one of the most enjoyable and useful forms is a contest over the checkered board. To insure opportunity for play, an organization of the chess players should be formed, and times for playing appointed. Almost every town of importance in the United States and Canada has its chess club. Chess clubs have been started in Halifax before, but were short-lived on account of the expense of rent, heating, light and attendance. All this is provided for by the Institute, the only fee being \$2 per annum, which also gives full privilege of membership, the advantages of which in the excellent reading room and other forms of healthful relaxation need not be enlarged upon.

Southern Minnesota is reported to be suffering from draught. Thousands of farmers are hauling water for miles for their families and cattle.

In a wreck on the Texas and Pacific railroad at Madden, near El Paso, on Wednesday of last week, Engineer Bible and Fireman Jones were caught under the engine and roasted to death.

Californians propose to restore and keep in good condition Sutter's Fort, where California gold was first discovered. A hall containing relics of the pioneer era will probably be erected on the lines of the old fort.

It is reported that when the steamer *Corona* exploded on the Mississippi River ten days since, destroying forty lives, nothing was saved except the certificate of the United States boiler inspector to the effect "that the boilers were all right."

The demand for "Robert Elsmere" appears to have slackened. The Mercantile Library, which during the boom found 140 copies too few, now has no use for them, and the Brooklyn Library reports two shelves full, and only four or five calls per week.

There are over 100 cases of small pox on Pelee Island, the great fishing resort of Lake Erie, and it is expected the entire population of 1,000 will contract the disease. All avenues of escape have been closed by the American and Canadian authorities.

There are three cases of small pox in Boston. A young man and two young women have the disease while two children display its symptoms. There are seven or eight other families in the house, and it is feared the disease will spread. The afflicted ones are Italians.

A young man named Enoch Crosby, of Yarmouth, N. S., was shot in Tacoma, Washington Territory, about midnight on the 5th inst. by some party unknown. The murdered man was a son of Capt. Crosby, of Yarmouth. The citizens of Tacoma have offered a reward of \$2,600 for the assassins.

A meeting of the St. Paul Ice Palace and Carnival Association was held last week, and, weather permitting, it was decided to build the most fantastic ice palace ever known, and have the biggest and finest carnival possible, at a time to be set later. Financial backing has already been secured and every indication points to the most successful carnival in the history of the North-West.

William Graham, a florist of Philadelphia, has been awarded a verdict of \$25 against the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. Mr. Graham refused to give up his ticket on a train until he was provided with a seat, whereupon an officer of the company arrested him and took him before a magistrate, but there dropped the matter. Mr. Graham turned around and sued the company with the above result.

The Italian Government has declared a protectorate over Abyssinia.

The Czar during his visit to Berlin gave 100,000 marks for the poor of the city.

The Russian gunboat *Grasar El-Din Shah* has sunk at Batoum. The crew were drowned.

The Italian Government has ordered fifty million cartridges to be made with smokeless powder.

The elections in Portugal on Saturday were peaceful and indicate a strong government majority.

A cable from Port-au-Prince states that General Hippolyte has been unanimously elected president of Hayti.

The coming royal wedding at Athens will be celebrated by a general amnesty of prisoners, over seventy in number.

Admiral Barisch has written an article advocating a ship canal to Berlin. It is said Count Von Moltke approves the project.

The Turkish Government has drawn \$300,000 from the Ottoman bank to provide for the entertainment of the German Emperor.