

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Halifax Medical College is, owing to the Hospital difficulty, to be closed during the coming winter. The College has during its existence done excellent work, and as a preparatory school for the study of medicine has been of great service to the young men of the Maritime Provinces, its suspension will be a serious loss to its under graduates.

From private advices we understand that the Indians in the North-West are in a most restless state, and fears are entertained of an Indian uprising during the coming winter. Fore-warned is fore-armed, the government. should not again be caught napping.

We cannot in this issue undertake to give our impressions of the Rev. G. M. Grant's able lecture upon Imperial Federation, suffice it to say that the lecturer fully sustained his well earned reputation as a deep thinker, and an eloquent speaker.

Dr. Washington's numerous friends and patients will be pleased to hear that the doctor has decided to make his head quarters at Halifax.

Mr. Erb, whose advertisement appears in another column, is prepared to supply his customers with flours of the best qualities.

The experiences of the Halifax battalion in the North-West, as set forth by Mr. R. A. Sherlock of the Garrison Artillery in a neat pamphlet, are depicted in a lively and interesting manner, and will be read with pleasure by those unfamiliar with the doings of "Our Boys" while sojourning in the great Lone Land.

Mr. F. C. Kimble, President of the Colliery Association of Cape Breton is, in conjunction with several leading members of the Association, taking active measures to provide for the suitable entertainment of the Mining Engineers, who may visit the Island. The Railway and Steamship owners will do well to arrange for a grand Cape Breton excursion in order that those who have not visited the Island, might be induced to take a trip down the Lakes.

The *Pictou News* has honored one of our contributors by publishing his pretty little verses, entitled "The Deity of My Dreams." Our contemporary however, neglected to credit the same to THE CRITIC, but as a clever rejoinder appears in our issue of to day, we think it well to mention the fact, in order that the readers of the *Pictou News* may not be debarred from the pleasure of its perusal likewise.

Seldom have our pleasure seekers been more fortunate as regards weather than they have been during the present summer, in fact the beautiful clear weather seems to have stimulated the natural inclination for outdoor recreation, and picnics have in consequence been the order of the day. McNab's Island, Bedford, and Hosterman's grounds at the head of the Arm, have each attracted their full quota of picnic parties. On Tuesday next the pretty fishing village of Herring Cove will probably be invaded by an army of picnickers from this city, and as the trip by water will be new to many, it will doubtless be doubly enjoyable.

The total disbursements of the Short Line Commission to date exceed \$95,000.

A glance at the new Methodist Church on Robie Street shows rapid progress in the work of construction. The corner stone ceremony which takes place on Tuesday, September 1st., promises to be a most interesting event. One meets the sellers of tea tickets, which are but 25 cents, at every turn.

The Granville Street Baptist Church and congregation propose building a new church on their grounds, corner of Spring Garden Road and Queen Street, and are preparing to commence the present season. They are therefore desirous of selling without delay, the substantial stone structure in Granville Street. The committee entrusted with this matter have been instructed to solicit tenders from parties desirous of purchasing the same. Any further information required will be given and tenders will be received up to the 15th day of September by the Committee.

W. C. DELANEY,
H. H. READ,
S. SELDEN, Chairman.

Rev. W. H. Murray, the famous preacher and lecturer of Boston is coming to Yarmouth. He will deliver his celebrated lecture on Canada.

OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—Henry Ward, conservative, was elected for East Durham to-day by the large majority of 380. The following are the majorities given for Ward: Port Hope, 32; Manvers, 274; Cavan and Millbrook, 262; total, 668. The majority for Preston in Hope is 188, leaving a majority for Ward of 380, Port Hope turned a Grit majority of 87 in the 1882 election to a liberal-conservative majority of 33, and Millbrook turned a Grit majority of 64 into a liberal conservative majority of 75.

The Halifax School for the Blind will be opened on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd.

Halifax is at length to have a genuine dramatic treat, and we have no hesitation in recommending lovers of the drama to take advantage of it. Mr. Redmund and Mrs. Barry have received high encomiums from leading journals throughout the United States, and their representations are always natural, fresh, and vigorous.

Robt. Ballou Esq., has returned to Cape Breton County. He says that work is about to be resumed at the Block House Mine, Cow Bay.

The Reserve Coal Mine, Cape Breton, (Sydney and Cape Breton Counties), is now ahead of last year's orders.

The railway connecting the Victoria Mine (General Mining Association) with Sydney Harbor, is to be extended this fall back to a new seam at Low Point. Scarcely any work has been done at the "Old Ross," Low Point, since six years. The seam about to be tapped is believed to be one of the best in the Provinces.

"Americus" thus summarizes his impressions of Cape Breton County.— "This County is one of the most important in the Maritime Provinces. Great are its wealth and resources, but greater the hospitality of its people. Some phases of it of course have certain peculiarities which a visitor observes and notes, without however, forgetting that, all in all, Cape Bretonians' "failings lean to virtues side." Many of the leading men of North Sydney have been endeavoring to put down liquor in the natural way, that is, they have been striving to make the sale of ardent spirits impossible in the community. It is said, and we have reason to believe that is true, that there is not a town of the size of Sydney in this Province where one finds more intelligence, good sense, real culture, and genuine hospitality. Louisburg, Maindieu, Bridgeport, Glace Bay, Grand Narrows, and Sydney Mines are places which never fail to interest the visitor, while the kindness and hospitality of their inhabitants is proverbial.

The Eastern development Co. of Cape Breton County have shipped ten tons of iron ore to Boston with a quantity of coke from the Reserve Mines, and lime stone from Point Edward.

ROME, Aug. 24.—Kussegna says that the letter addressed to Signor Dorides, editor of *Moneture de Dons*, who was arrested recently for selling plans of Italian maritime defence to a foreign power, has been stopped at the post-office at that place and shows that Dorides was acting as a secret agent to France.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The *Standard* this morning confirms the statement that Russia has abandoned her claims to Zulficar Pass, and says that peace is thus secure.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—Russia is rapidly pushing her railway extension in the direction of India.

M. Foye, a French astronomer, contends that the earth and all the planets of our system are older than the sun, which was a nebular mass far outside their orbits, and consequently passed over to the centre and became consolidated as the controlling power.

Gladstone walked eighteen miles last Wednesday.

The King of Bavaria is declared to have a bankrupt treasury, and is unsuccessfully trying to make new loans.

CAIRO, Aug. 22.—The mudir of Dongola has returned. He thinks the Mahdist movement is killed in the Soudan, and that the next outbreak will likely occur at Algeria.

The English liberals are anxious to hear from Hartington who is to make a speech on the 29th. They want to know whether he endorses Chamberlain's views about land. When Hartington's father dies, he will own land to the value of twenty-five millions of dollars.

The British treasury has, on the recommendation of the lords of the admiralty, granted a pension of £500 a year to Admiral Sir Cooper Key, G. C. B., in recognition of his distinguished services throughout a period of 32 years, but more particularly as first president of the Royal Naval college at Greenwich for five years, and as first naval lord of the admiralty for six years. Before leaving office Lord Northbrook urged that the admiral's long services deserved the recognition to which the present board of admiralty has given effect. Admiral Key was on the British North American station for several years, and is, of course, well known in Halifax.

MADRID, Aug. 22.—The irritation against Germany increases hourly. The official press is more indignant over the seizure of the Caroline Islands than the opposition press. The newspapers generally advocate reprisals. Count Von Sabino Sonnnewalde, German ambassador to Spain, now abstains from attending the theatres and avoids public promenades. It is reported here that two Spanish warships have occupied Jap, the chief island of the Caroline group. The feeling in Madrid against Germany, because of her assumption of the possession of these islands, is so bitter as to cause alarm. At a meeting of the Geographical society last night, various members made speeches violently denouncing the action of Germany.

The reply of Germany to Spain's protest in reference to the former's annexation of the islands, has been received by the government here. It is couched in friendly terms, and in it the German government offers to submit the claims of Spain to the Carolines to a fair examination. It is officially stated that the government intends to rupture the commercial and diplomatic relations existing between Spain and Germany, unless Germany abandons her claims to the Carolines.

The yacht *Arethusa*, with Prof. Hyatt and his party of scientists from the Boston Institute of Technology, who were here a couple of months ago on their way to the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, arrived in port on Saturday afternoon. During the cruise Prof. Hyatt secured a very large number of valuable fossils, and his collection now is believed to be one of the finest, if not the finest, in the United States. The party are now on their return home, and did not intend calling at Halifax, but the heavy storm of Saturday morning struck the yacht fifty miles off the harbor and compelled her to come in.