

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office or to the Agents, will find a receipt for the amount enclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

H. M. S. *Bellerophon* will probably arrive here about June 3rd.

M. Mercier, the Premier of Quebec is reported to be seriously ill.

\$5,000 has been placed in the supplementary estimates for a post office for Dartmouth.

An appraisement of the estate of the late J. P. Mott, of Halifax, placed the value at \$756,785.07.

Thirty-two ocean steamers, aggregating 61,354 tons, arrived at Halifax from foreign ports during the month of April.

A promotion examination for persons in the Civil Service of Canada will be held at the various places authorized by the Civil Service Act on May 26.

Amherst is to have a daily newspaper. The *Press* announces that it has secured sufficient advertising patronage to secure the financial success of the undertaking.

The number of applications for the Quebec hundred-acre land grant offered by the Provincial Government to heads of families having one dozen living children, has reached the enormous number of 547.

The budget was delivered in the P. E. Island Legislature on Wednesday week. The estimated expenditure is \$287,270, while the estimate of revenue amounts to only \$237,799.86, leaving a deficit of \$40,472.14.

Despatches from all parts of this Province and the Northwest Territories show that fully two-thirds of the season's seeding has been done. The acreage sown is about twenty per cent. greater than last year.

A terrible conflagration burned down the Longue Point Insane Asylum at Montreal on Tuesday. The loss of life is not accurately known at the time of our going to press, but it is supposed to be over 100.

An English syndicate has opened negotiations for the purchase of the cotton mills connected with the Dominion Associations, and it is reported that Mr. Gault, of Montreal, is in England negotiating with the capitalists.

Halifax is not being neglected by the Imperial authorities in the way of fortifications. Work is progressing on the new fort on Meagher's Beach as well as the fort at York Redoubt. These will be quite an addition to our fortifications.

The choicest bananas are selling in Boston at 10 cents a dozen retail, while in Halifax they sell from 30 to 40 cents. This is a circumstance that many persons who would like to indulge in this delicious fruit desire to have explained.

We have been notified that "The Famous Tennesseans," a musical company highly spoken of by many Canadian newspapers, intend visiting Halifax shortly. Judging by the opinions of the press their entertainment should be worth attending.

Lt.-Col. Thos. Walsh who recently succeeded to the command of the 63rd Rifles was accorded a reception last week and congratulated by the officers of his battalion. Col. Walsh has been connected with his regiment for many years, and is much respected therein.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught will be the guests of Sir George Stephen. While there their royal highnesses will visit Sir George's fishing quarters at Cascapedia, where General Sir Donald Stewart, V.C., formerly Commander-in-Chief in India, will also be a guest.

Lizzie Stewart and her sister, important witnesses in the Weeks poisoning case at Charlottetown, jumped their bail and passed through St. John one night last week, and are now in the United States. They were bailed to appear and testify at the June term of the court.

The annual meeting of the Bank of New Brunswick shareholders was held to-day. The statement showed earnings of over twenty per cent. Twelve per cent. has been paid in dividends, and the balance, after paying taxes on capital and real estate, has been added to rest.

Prince Albert town, at the forks of the North and South Saskatchewan Rivers, is the next point in the Northwest where a boom is expected. The Regina and Long Lake Railway, which the Dominion Government has subsidized, will be completed to that point next August.

The death is recorded of Crowfoot, chief of the Blackfoot Indians. Crowfoot was a loyal adherent of the whites, and remained faithful during the Riel rising, notwithstanding the propositions of the Crees to revolt; perhaps the tendency of their hereditary foes strengthened the loyalty of the great Blackfoot tribe.

We notice with pleasure as a Canadian publication, the May number of the *Ladies Bazaar*, published by the Ladies' Bazaar Publishing Company at 4 Adelaide St. Toronto. We trust to see our own publications by and by take the place of those published in the United States. They are not as yet quite up to the American in the fashion line, but, if duly patronized, there is no reason they should not soon equal them. Price sixty cents per annum, single copies ten cents.

The *Island Reporter*, alluding to an advertisement in its own columns for girls wanted in Halifax, which it considers ought to command a good deal of attention, says:—"Girls are eager and anxious to go to Boston at this time of year, heedless of the very hard and grinding work and sickeningly hot weather they will have to encounter. In Halifax there is a demand for the same girls in good homes at high wages, with a cool and pleasant climate and less expense to get there. Try Halifax first, girls!"

The preliminary investigation in the case of James McLeod, of White Hill, charged with administering poison to his wife, which was in progress at Westville before Stipendiary Munro during the past four weeks, was concluded on Friday last. McLeod was sent up to the Supreme Court for trial.

There is a great promise in the oil regions of the far North-west of Canada. In the Athabaska District, it is stated by Professor Dawson, some of the lakes and rivers are covered with oil exuding from their banks. An exploring expedition is to be sent out by the Federal Government this summer.

It is reported that the Dominion Government, at the solicitation of Northwestern residents, has decided to change the name of the Northwest Territories to the Western Territories of Canada. It is held by people there that the name of Northwest has deterred many people from coming to the country to settle.

The Manitoba and Northwestern Railway Company have sold their entire land grant, consisting of half a million acres, to an English syndicate, who will establish a large colonization company. They intend dividing the land into small homesteads, and will lend settlers \$500 each to enable them to commence operations at once.

The Wilmot Spa Water, so well and favorably known throughout Nova Scotia, is in a fair way to obtain a Continental reputation. The Co. has been organized to bottle and circulate the mineral water of Spa Springs, and judging from the samples supplied to us by Hattie & Mylius it is equal if not superior to Apolinaris water. The ginger ale bottled by the Co. is equal to the best made.

The electric street railway recently put in operation at Victoria, C. B. has been received with such favor, there is now talk of extending the railway into the rural districts. It is proposed to continue the road into the Saanich settlement, so that the farmers can take advantage of it to come into the city. Freight traffic would also be handled. A scheme is also on foot to build electric tramways connecting Vancouver and New Westminster with agricultural settlements in their districts.

All the candidates for the Local Legislature in the forthcoming election are now chosen. Next Wednesday will be nomination day and the following Wednesday, May 21st, election day. The following are the names of those chosen for the contest:

County.	Liberal	Liberal-Conservative
Annapolis	—Hon. J. W. Longley H. Harding Chute	C. S. Harrington Q. C. Benj'n Starratt
Antigonish	—Hon. A. McGillivray C. F. McIsaac	J. J. Cameron, M. D. Arch'd McPhee
Capo Breton	—Joseph McPherson Angus J. McDonald	Wm. McKay, M. D. Colin Chisholm
Colchester	—F. A. Laurence Geo. A. Clarke	Wm. A. Patterson Israel Longworth
Cumberland	—Thos. R. Black R. L. Black, Indt.	Geo. W. Forrest Wm. Oxley
Digby	—E. E. Tupper, A. M. Comeau	R. G. Munroe Danl. LeBlanc
Guysboro	—Jas. A. Fraser A. J. O. Maguire O. S. Weeks	A. F. Cameron Hamilton Morrow
Halifax	—Hon. W. S. Fielding Hon. M. J. Power Wm. Roche	Hugh McD. Henry Q. C. Patk. O'Mullin J. J. Stewart
Hants	—Allen Haley Archd. Frame	T. B. Smith Adams McDougall
Inverness	—Hon. D. McNeil John McKinnon	Angus McLennan M. D. John McKeen
Kings	—Alfred P. Welton John E. Starr	Barlay Webster T. R. Harris
Lunenburg	—Hon. C. E. Church John D. Sperry	Chas. A. Smith Jas. F. McLean
Pictou	—John Yorston Jas. D. Macgregor R. Drummond	William Cameron Chas. E. Tanner Alex. Grant
Queens	—A. M. Hemeon Rd. Hunt	L. S. Ford C. A. Bowlby
Richmond	—Joseph Matheson Capt. Abram LeBlanc	David A. Hearn Roderick Ferguson
Shelburne	—Hon. Thos. Johnson W. F. McCoy, Q. C.	A. K. Smith Chas. H. Cahan
Victoria	—John A. Fraser Norman E. McKay, M. D.	J. L. Bethune, M. D. C. Lauchlan Campbell
Yarmouth	—Albert Gayton William Law	Jacob Bingay Mathurin D'Entremont

The real name of "Nellie Bly," the recent circumambirist of the world, is said to be Pink Elizabeth Jane Cochrane, and she appears to be a young lady of a good deal of humor and some literary talent.

A new opium smuggling scheme was brought to light recently in Chicago. When Jack Lie's opium den was raided the officers found several inmates, and among the smoking paraphernalia several lemon rinds, each containing two ounces of the black narcotic paste. It is said large quantities of opium are being smuggled into the United States in this manner. The lemons are artistically sliced near the end of the pulp, the seeds are removed, and the "hop" or opium is neatly packed in. The cover is then skillfully sealed with cement, and the traces of the seam obliterated with a compound of the same color as the rind.