

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the Office, or through Agents, will find receipt in next paper.

The agencies of the Bank of Pictou in Amherst, New Glasgow, and Stellarton, have been taken over by the Bank of Nova Scotia. The latter institution is fast assuming the provincial character which its name indicates.

The Province of Quebec is generally credited with extravagance in the conduct of its provincial affairs. This year the Budget announces a surplus of \$180,000. Quebec may after all have some knowledge of domestic economy.

General Middleton's proposed visit to England is said to be on official business connected with the Militia Department. The rumor as to his probable retirement is without foundation.

The question of reciprocity in trade between Canada and the British West Indies is again looming up. If we could secure such a treaty and make a similar arrangement with regard to the Spanish West Indies, our American cousins living in Gloucester would move to the provinces bag and baggage.

Now that it has been brought out in evidence that the officers of the *Oregon* found it impossible to close the bulkhead when the water began to rush in, and that the divers have discovered the break in her side had been caused by a concussion from without, sufficient to drive in her plates and damage the cargo, we need not expect to hear any further insinuations as to the accident having been caused by dynamite.

On Sunday next the ministers in Cleveland, Ohio, are to preach upon the evils of the Sunday newspaper. They will doubtless recommend their congregations to boycott Sunday journals.

The low price at which apples are selling in the English markets has caused a panic among the wholesale fruit dealers in the United States. As this is the season in which the pie-plant, rhubarb, is in demand, the home market for apples is flat. Choice varieties are now being sold at from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per barrel, and even at these figures the market is glutted.

Montreal bankers are at their wits end. The sufferers by the flood require temporary assistance to tide over their present difficulties, and the bankers find it no easy matter to discriminate between sound and unsound business establishments, as it is yet impossible to ascertain definitely the losses for each and every firm.

## Return of goods in bond at Halifax, April, 1886:--

Brandy.....	12,296 Gals.	\$25,838	Value.
Gin.....	9,951 "	3,379	"
Rum.....	21,573 "	5,528	"
Whiskey.....	13,098 "	12,832	"
Wines.....	7,745 "	11,344	"
Sugar.....	227,568 Lbs.	6,494	"
Molasses.....	43,727 Gals.	8,565	"
Beef.....	219,000 Bbls.	8,531	"
Pork.....	101,100 "	4,426	"
Other articles.....		91,734	"

\$178,671

The *Nebraska Daily State Journal* contains the obituary notice of Mrs. Hay, wife of the assistant superintendent of the Lincoln Hospital for the Insane. Mrs. Hay was born at Stillwater, Guyeboro Co., and was the daughter of Mr. E. F. Archibald, of Thomson, Cumberland Co. The *Journal* refers to Mrs. Hay as a most estimable lady, highly educated and well qualified to discharge the onerous duties which devolved upon her.

A lively war is going on in the New York press respecting the merits and demerits of the varied systems of life insurance. The *New York Witness* has come out as a pronounced advocate of that system by which the insured simply pays the cost of insurance in addition to the cost of economical management. By this system the poor man as well as the rich can protect his family against want in the event of the bread winner's death. The *Witness* claims that the premiums now paid for insurance in many companies are an insufferable tax upon the thrift of the community, and that the millions rolled up in reserves never find their way back to the pockets of the people. Cheap and reliable insurance is a necessity of the age, and companies following out the natural system adopted by the Dominion Safety Fund Life Association deserve to be encouraged.

The Industrial School continues quietly to carry on its work of reform among the young vagrant classes in Halifax. During the past year thirty-two boys have been under training in the Home, eight of whom have been sent out fully prepared to earn an honest livelihood. An expenditure of \$4,950 for general purposes has left the School in debt to the extent of \$1000. This should not be. Who will be the first to subscribe \$100 towards the liquidation of the debt.

The Lizzie Evans Comedy Company, which occupies the boards at the Academy this week is drawing good houses. The plays are well put on and Miss Evans well sustains her reputation as "the little electric battery."

Henry W. C. Bork, L. L. B., Barrister-at Law, Solicitor, Notary, etc., 103 Hollis Street, Halifax. Mercantile Collections and Commercial Litigation a specialty.

A magnificent spotted seal, nine feet in length and weighing 580 pounds, was shot last week by Mr. George Wilson, on the Londonderry shore of the Cobequid Bay. Mr. Wilson was at the time out duck-shooting, and while clambering along the rocks, came in sight of the great sea calf. He was armed with a repeating rifle, from which he discharged four bullets before he succeeded in dispatching the animal. Eight gallons of seal oil were subsequently obtained from the carcass. Mr. Wilson succeeded in capturing the seal's young calf, which weighed 180 pounds, although apparently only a few days old. This has been sent to Ontario.

A portion of the pretty woods on the Brne, owned by Mr. G. A. S. Crichton, of Dartmouth, were recently burned, the fire having been started by some thoughtless youngsters. Parents should warn their children against lighting fires in the woods. The practice is becoming too general.

The amount paid by Mr. Sinclair for the Hall-Anderson Gold Mine at Fifteen Mile Stream, was \$9,500. The property was sold at auction on Tuesday last by James Shand, at Halifax.

The outlook for the stockholders in sugar refineries is brighter than it has been for many months. The Halifax Refinery, situated in Dartmouth, commenced operations on Monday morning last with its full complement of men.

Our home markets are not always supplied with beef of the first quality, but at seasons such as Christmas and Easter excellent beef is obtainable. Among the many fine animals sold for Easter beef in different parts of the Province, the Durham two-year old heifer, raised on the farm of Mr. David Lyons, North River, deserves special mention. The animal weighed on foot 1560 pounds, the dressed weight being 980 pounds. Mr. James Barnhill of Belmont, Col., sold for Easter beef a magnificent pair of oxen, weight on foot 3836 pounds, weight when dressed one ton. The Truro beef-eaters must have enjoyed their dinners on Sunday last.

The cool reception given by the citizens of St. John's, Newfoundland, to the new Governor, Sir George Des Voeux, is attributable to the reaction which has set in since the cancelling of Sir Ambrose Shea's appointment to the Governorship of his native Province.

St. George's Society had a right merry time on Tuesday evening last, when the centenary of the organization was celebrated by a public dinner at the Halifax Hotel. One hundred and twenty three members and guests sat down and partook of the bountiful supply of good things. His Lordship Bishop Binney, the Patron of the Society, responded to the toast, the refrain of which placed Archbishop O'Brien, Bishop Binney and the Clergy generally all in the same category as "jolly good fellows."

The Provincial elections in New Brunswick have resulted in the Government being sustained by an overwhelming majority. The liberal newspapers in our sister Province attribute the victory to the confidence of the public in the Blair administration, while conservative journals claim it to be the result of the indifference evinced by the members of the Lib-Con party in provincial affairs. Whatever may have been the cause, Mr. Blair's government is in for a second term with a strong backing.

Year by year the markets for the sale of boneless codfish are extending, and when these are supplied with an article such as that put up by Mr. F. W. Hart, of Halifax, boneless fish will be as much in demand throughout Canada as it now is in Halifax.

The aldermanic elections which took place in Halifax on Wednesday last, resulted in the return by acclamation of J. E. Irish; and the election of T. E. Cooke, M. E. Keefe, J. J. O'Brien, J. M. Lyons, and Saul Mosher. J. C. Mackintosh, being unopposed, will occupy the position of Mayor for the ensuing year.

The proprietor of the Albion Hotel must have the faculty of pleasing those who frequent his comfortable house. Every sleeping apartment in the building is at present taken up.

An irate fellow entered the office of the *Acadian Recorder* of this City one day this week, flourishing a whip, and calling vociferously for the editor. The chap soon left with a changed countenance.

Black teas, green teas, all first-class teas may be obtained at the establishment of J. E. Moore & Co.

The only correct answer to puzzle published last week was received from Douglas Clark, cor. Cedar and Chestnut Sts., city.

The members of the Congregational Church at Milton, are fortunate in having secured as their minister the Revd. Mr. Goddard, of Brighton, G. B. This gentleman comes to the Province highly recommended. We extend to him a hearty old-fashioned Nova Scotia welcome.

Fishermen, shipbuilders and others should read the advertisement of Stair, Son & Morrow, which appears in another column. This firm has, through its enterprise and close attention to business, become favorably known beyond the confines of Nova Scotia.

The *Toronto Week* issued a handsome special Easter number of 24 pages. The *Week* is unquestionably one of the best journals of the kind published in North America, and as such is a credit to Canada. The style and matter of many of its editorial and contributed articles are gems in literary finish and perspicuity of thought.

Messrs. A. Stephen & Son have on hand a stock of bed-room sets made of oak in antique style.