

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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It is now nearly two years since THE CRITIC was established. Its readers have had a good opportunity to judge of the tone, character, enterprise, and worth of the journal, and if they deem its merits are worthy of their continuance and support, we ask their co-operation to still further increasing its circulation. Any subscriber renewing his subscription will, upon forwarding to this office \$2.50, be entitled to two copies of THE CRITIC for the ensuing year, one to be mailed to his own address, the other to any person he may desire. Ask your neighbor to club with you for THE CRITIC when you next renew your subscription; or, if you have a brother, son, or relative, resident in any other part of Canada or the United States, send in your order for two copies, and we will send the absent one THE CRITIC for the next year, post paid.

Next year, the great telescope at the Lick University will be completed, and through it many astronomical discoveries are expected to be made. The apparent distance of the moon from the earth will be greatly reduced, so that our satellite may be viewed as if seen by the naked eye at a distance of 100 miles from the earth's surface.

Justin McCarthy, who is playing a prominent part as an Irish Nationalist and Home Ruler, is shortly to visit Canada and the United States. Judging from the favorable reception accorded to his principal work, "The History of our Own Times," by Canadian and American readers, Mr. McCarthy will attract large audiences should he consent to speak from the public platform. The sons of Ireland living in Halifax should persuade their talented countryman to visit this city.

A foreman in one of the shops at Moncton, named Charles Robinson, has invented a car coupler that seems to fill the bill completely. It is simple in construction, easily worked, and reliable every time. It is patented in Canada, and ought to have a very extensive sale.

The state entry of the Marquis of Londonderry into Dublin was made with the usual official demonstration, but was devoid of interest. The Marquis was accompanied by his wife. They were received into Westland Row by a crowd which cheered them. Both the Marquis and Lady rode thither from the station on horseback. Lady Londonderry, in tribute to the Irish people, wore a dress of white poplin. When the couple departed from the railway station they were greeted with cheers followed by groans. The Marquis recognized the greeting by lifting his hat, bowing with a smile to the crowd. The entire route from the railway station to the Castle was lined with troops. Most of the buildings were decorated and the streets looked gay; the Hibernian Bank building was conspicuous by the total lack of decoration. Kildare Street Club House was filled with people. In Nassau a banner with the inscription "The Queen and the Constitution" was displayed. During the progress of the vice-regal procession cheers were nearly everywhere accompanied by groans, but the cheering predominated. The vice-regal party was welcomed at the Castle by a large crowd of Loyalists who cheered heartily. There was also a hostile crowd there, which did its best to offset the welcome by cheering lustily for "Parnell and United Ireland." The hostiles attempted to follow this up as the Marquis and Lady Londonderry entered the Castle, by singing "God Save Ireland;" but the police rallied and put a stop to it.

The Prince of Wales has sent a letter to the Lord Mayor of London, suggesting as a suitable memorial of the Queen's jubilee the establishment of a permanent imperial, colonial and Indian institute on the basis of the present exhibition, for the promotion of emigration and the expansion of colonial trade.

News received from Belle Isle indicates that a large ocean steamship has probably been wrecked or has had her decks swept in a heavy gale. Much wreckage has been washed ashore in the Straits. It consists of cabin doors and bedding, spars and other material. A number of dead cattle have also been thrown up by the sea, but nothing has yet been found by which to discover the identity of the wrecked vessel. Several steamships have sailed from Quebec for Liverpool and London within the last few days, and all, or most of them, carried cattle. Among them were the "Lake Superior," "Dominion," "Oregon," "Parisian" and "Erl King."

Succi, the faster, has successfully accomplished his task of subsisting thirty days, without ordinary food, on mineral waters and an extract from an African root. He finished the task without being at all exhausted.

The Digby Courier calls upon the county representatives to take some active measures towards securing the construction of the missing railway link between Annapolis and Digby, but regretfully admits that the question of building this much-needed road, has now become a party shuttle-cock.

On Sunday evening last, 300 Spanish soldiers, quartered in Madrid, revolted against their officers and paraded through the city endeavoring to incite a revolution. The affair ended in a fiasco, and the rebels are to be dealt with in a summary manner.

The Executive Committee of the Maritime Provincial Grange held its session at Truro on Wednesday last. The Worthy Master, Hon. A. McQueen, Sheriff of Westmoreland Co., N. B., was unavoidably absent, being detained by official duties. The other members of the Committee were present. The interests of the Order were carefully and thoroughly discussed. A full report of the business transacted at this session, will be published in our next issue.

The physicians of Charlottetown report fever as prevailing to an alarming extent in that city. No cause is assigned, but presumably there is bad drainage.

The Railway Convention at Truro was a success. About 800 employees of the I. C. R. took part in the religious services.

November 18th has been appointed as Thanksgiving Day throughout the Dominion. Good-sized gobblers will be in demand.

The daily press severely criticises the action of Mr. N. H. Meagher for excluding the reporters from the trial of the David J. Adams case. Mr. Meagher is of the opinion that the publication of the evidence would prejudice his case, but fails to substantiate his views by logical reasoning.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 18.—The Government has prohibited the circulation in Denmark of the *Danish Pioneer*, published in Omaha, Nebraska. This was done under the provisional law of August 13th, which the Ministry has proclaimed without the sanction of the Legislature, and contrary to the will of the people. No special reason is given for the prohibition.

The oyster fisheries in P. E. Island are now being vigorously pushed. From 600 to 700 barrels of oysters are now being daily secured from the beds.

The sculling race on the Thames for the championship of the world was hotly contested. Gaudaur, the American sculler, twice led his opponent, but Beach finally succeeded in rowing him down, crossing the line in five and a half seconds ahead of the American. The race was one of the most tightly contested that has taken place for many years.

If anything worthy of note happens during next week, Professor Wiggins will claim that he predicted it. As it is, he now prophesies for the 29th inst. earthquakes, the outbreak of volcanoes, tidal waves and heavy storms. These will occur somewhere between the Rocky Mountains and the Balkans. As severe shocks of earthquake have been felt at Savannah and at other points in the United States during the present week, Wiggins will have these to fall back upon, in the event of his predictions not proving correct.

The will of Abbe Liezt has been made public. It makes Caroline Wistzenstein his sole heiress.

The authorities of London contemplate presenting the freedom of the city to Prince Alexander.

In an interview with Prince Bismarck M. Dogiers, Russian Foreign Minister, distinctly promised Russia would not occupy Bulgaria.

At the French army manoeuvres a Russian General congratulated the commander of the 12th Army Corps upon the splendid appearance of the men, saying: "With such troops you have nothing to fear from any one."

"Mill Village" says: "The closeness of the cricket match played by our boys with the Bridgewater team, has caused much excitement. The Bridgewater eleven won by twenty runs. Several more matches will be played this season. The saw mill of Stewart, Freeman & Co. will close down this week. This is the only mill now in operation on the Medway River. Forty men have been employed throughout the season. The firm referred to are making extensive preparations for pulling in timber during the coming winter, and it is hoped that their enterprise will meet with the success it deserves."

Sobrance has resolved to prolong the state of siege in Bulgaria, also to court-martial eighteen officers connected with the kidnapping of Prince Alexander in order to restore the discipline and morale of army. England, Austria and Italy have recognized the Bulgarian regency.

Parnell's Land Bill has been defeated in the British Commons by an adverse majority of 195 votes. The Gladstonites supported the bill.

Miss Charlotte Worth, who enlisted and remained in the Salvation Army against the wishes of her parents some time ago, has been married to General Booth's son. General Booth has departed for the United States.

Specialists declare that the new Monu-Licher repeating rifle, now being manufactured for the Austrian army, is the most perfect rifle ever invented. It fires forty rounds a minute.

The *Japan Gazette* says: "The total number of cases of cholera throughout the country since its first appearance this year is 59,000, of which 37,000 ended fatally. The epidemic is now abating. Cholera is still raging throughout the Corea. The official returns state that the fatal cases for July were 38,600."

Nubar Pacha, the Egyptian Prime Minister, has, at the request of the British Government, started for London to assist in the settlement of Egyptian affairs. The hostile Arabs of the Soudan have assembled in force in Dongola and now threaten the Egyptian frontier.