

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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

Those who wish to secure pleasant and profitable reading matter for the winter evenings should note our exceptional offer which appears on page fifteen. For \$2.50 in cash we undertake to send THE CRITIC to any subscriber for one year, supplying him in addition with seventy-nine of the most readable of readable books. Those who are renewing their subscriptions, as well as new subscribers, should take advantage of this offer.

Liverpool Harbor was quite open on the 1st Feb.

Truro possesses the only Kindergarten in the Maritime Provinces.

Twenty-nine bears and thirty-one wild cats were killed in Queens county last year.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia is summoned for the despatch of business on the 23rd inst.

The C. P. R. will construct a line from Sudbury to Claremont, which will save seventy miles of distance.

It is reported that twenty-five victims of the British Columbia mining horror were natives of Pictou county.

Mr. D. Henderson, (Conservative,) has been returned to the Dominion Parliament for the County of Hallow, by 149 majority.

The *Vancouver's* last run was one of the fastest trips on record at this time of year between Liverpool and Halifax, her daily average being 323 miles.

The owners of the sealers seized in Behrings sea last summer, have just sent counsel to Sitka to apply to the courts for the release of their vessels and skins.

A Pictou lady was the first to translate the scriptures into the Burmese language, Ann Hazleton Judson translated the first Christian book in the Siamese language.

Lt. Col. A. K. Mackinlay was yesterday elected, without opposition, to fill the vacancy in Ward 4, caused by the appointment of Ald. Theakstone to the tax-collectorship.

Startling evidence has been given before the Labor Commission, at Montreal, of brutal treatment of children, and revolting immoralities prevalent in cigar factories.

Miss Grey, a Salvation Army Captain, is said to be the last of thirteen girls who joined that irregular corps from Truro, who, on fully understanding its practices, decided to withdraw from their connection with it.

A large sale of bank and other stocks, belonging to the estate of the late Sir Wm. Young, was held on Wednesday. Stocks of all sorts realized prices which indicate a very healthy state of the money market in Halifax.

The numerous friends of Mr. Peter Jack, late Cashier of the People's Bank, will learn with regret of his demise on Wednesday last, after an illness which began to show serious symptoms towards the close of last year.

Some more bank scoundrels—Canadians this time—the president, cashier, and principal directors of the Central Bank have exchanged countries, as far as residence goes. How long before these rascals can be extradited.

Mr. A. Campbell, the Central Bank liquidator, admitted that while he was interim liquidator he did some things that could not easily be discovered from the books, as to the expediency or the loyalty of which there might be differences of opinion.

The strike in the Cornwall cotton mills has collapsed. The Stormont Cotton Company have started again with half their usual number of hands, and the full complement (600) will be at work in a few days at the reduction—10 per cent—made by the managers.

Judge Neilson, who presided over the Tilton Beecher case was a Canadian, and having died last week, his remains were conveyed to Morven, Lennox County, and there interred. He was born in Earnestown in 1813, and left the country when a young man.

The Comptroller of Mounted Police has been advised of the destruction by fire of the Mounted Police Hospital, with all the medical stores, at Fort Saskatchewan. The buildings were inexpensive, and will be easily replaced. The total loss will probably be less than \$1,000.

The *Yarmouth Times* intimates that the Capt. of the *Vancouver* has been heard from stating that he would have attended the trial of his brutal officers if he had been aware of it in time. A very improbable story. If he is in Nova Scotia he ought to be arrested at once.

On this day, 1840, Her Majesty the Queen was married. Other anniversaries of the week are—on the 6th, the birth of Irving, the actor, 1838, and the death of Charles 2nd, 1685; 8th, the beheading of Mary, Queen of Scots, 1587; and 9th, the murder of Darnley, 1567.

The *Halifax Philatelist*, the first number of the second volume of which is on our table is, as its name implies, devoted to the science of postage stamps, a subject which it succeeds in making far more interesting than would be supposed by those who have not studied it.

It is understood that the Rev F. R. Murray, who recently resigned the position of Rector of St. Luke's parish, has been called to do temporary duty in a leading congregation of Kingston, Jamaica. The Rev. gentleman will leave for his new field of labor next week, accompanied by the prayers and best wishes of the members of his congregation, the majority of whom will hope that before many years roll round he will revisit Halifax with health and strength renewed, fitting him for labor in a northern clime.

Hon. Alexander MacKenzie, who holds an honored place among Canadians of both political parties, recently completed his 66th year. Though he sits in Parliament, it is to be regretted that his health is impaired that he is unable to take an active part in debate.

It is now authoritatively stated that Lord Lansdowne is to succeed Lord Dufferin as Governor-General of India, and will be succeeded by Lord Stanley, of Preston, better known for many years as Colonel Stanley. Lord Lansdowne will, it is said, leave Canada about midsummer.

Blackmailing has been resorted to at Nanpesset in connection with the Scott Act agitation. Hotel men have been threatened with prosecution for alleged offences, if they do not pay an informant large sums. Temperance people do not give countenance to the disreputable business.

The marine department has received a gold watch and gold medal from the president of the United States for Capt. Steele and Reinhard Petersen, mate, of the schooner *Scots Bay*, of Windsor, for their humanity and courage in rescuing the crew of the American schooner *Marcus A. Davis*, wrecked 27th March last.

The movement of grain on the C. P. R. is unprecedented. Train hands are making forty and fifty days a month. Elevators are being rapidly filled up at Montreal, and an immense amount is being shipped to Boston and New York. The grain blockade on American transcontinental roads is reported much worse than in Canada.

The Wanderer's Amateur Minstrel Company gave their second performance on Wednesday evening. The audience was perhaps not quite so large as on the previous occasion, which is much to be regretted, as the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyable. Had they been more fortunate in the weather, there is little doubt their exertions would have been better rewarded.

We note that Messrs. J. A. Leaman & Co. have bought out the well known butchering and general victualling business of Messrs. Fader Bros. Mr. Leaman, the head of the firm, is from Truro, where he carried on an extensive pork-packing business, as well as general butchering, for 22 years, and has achieved a provincial reputation for his excellent brand of cured hams. Mr. Creelman has had an experience of 18 years in the business, and will be well known to many of our citizens as having carried on business in this line on Jacob street. Mr. Edwards, who gives his attention to the office work, was formerly proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, Truro. The firm will carry on the business in a similar manner to their predecessors. In the season, they will keep full supplies of game, poultry, butter, eggs, vegetables, etc. With such competent heads of the several departments, and a full and effectual staff, they cannot fail of success in their new venture.

The question of the eligibility of Alderman Hechler, of Ward 4, to his seat in the City Council, was, after being held in abeyance for nearly eight months, brought up by Aldermen McPherson and Mosher last week. The reason assigned for their action, if true, is not very creditable, and carried its own punishment, as, if the Recorder's decision is good law, even though Mr. Hechler was not legally elected, still his actions and his votes while sitting as an Alderman are legal and will hold. We have frequently pointed out the necessity for a change in the law regulating the eligibility of the Mayor and Aldermen. The provisions as to the payment of taxes is quite unnecessary under the present strict lien law, and should be abolished. The \$2,000 qualification of a candidate for Mayor or Alderman is a useless provision. It is doubtful whether some who have held aldermanic positions have possessed that stipulated amount clear of their liabilities; and as there is really no means of enforcing the law, it might just as well be repealed. The point raised against the legality of Alderman Hechler's election is purely technical, and we cannot agree with the Recorder that it was sufficient to disqualify. Mr. Hechler is one of the best of citizens, and though of foreign birth, we trust the latter fact is not the true reason for the attempts made to unseat him.

Land at Bar Harbor, a noted summer resort on the coast of Maine, was sold by Judge Emery for \$24,000 an acre.

Mrs. Langtry has the handsomest turquoise in America. It is set as a pendant with 27 diamonds, and is valued at \$5,000.

The air current produced by a railway train drew a six-year-old New Haven boy toward the track, and he was hit by a car step and killed.

The public debt statement shows a reduction of the United States debt in January of \$15,387,320. Total cash in the treasury, \$550,992,687.

Exiled Russians are making a strong effort to prevent the passage of the extradition treaty between Russia and the United States, on the ground that it will affect political offenders.

California has been treated to a cold wave. At Los Angeles, the thermometer registered 40 below the freezing point, and snow fell as far south as the Mexican boundary, for the first time in many years.

R. K. Fox, proprietor of the *Police Gazette*, has been arrested for violating the penal code by encouraging prize-fighting. The technical charge against Fox is of aiding and abetting prize-fighting in defiance of the law, by holding stakes, publishing details and preliminaries of fights, and making his office a rendezvous for men bent on violating the law.

Bridgeport, Conn., is to be a great gainer by P. T. Barrum's will, which was made several years ago. It contains 700 pages, and is an altogether unique document. He has tried to provide against any contest by stating that if any legatee brings suit, he shall forfeit his legacy. But the strongest barricade against anything of this kind is the sum of \$100,000, which is set aside especially for fighting, if needs be. He leaves \$10,000,000 to 27 direct heirs, and then remembers his old home and that of his great show.