

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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An excursion from Manitoba to Paris next July is being mooted.

The proposed connection of St. John with Boston by Sunday trains has been abandoned.

The Board of Trade and people of New Glasgow are considering the advisability of having a public park.

Sir Charles Tupper will return to England on the 17th of May in the *Parisian*, which sails from Quebec on that date.

The *Springhill News* says:—"The pits are still working about half time, and a number of men are leaving almost daily."

St. Luke's vestry have recommended extensive repairs and alterations to the church building. The proposed outlay is about \$4,000.

The *Bridgetown Monitor* began its seventeenth volume on the 10th inst. and celebrated the event by a new dress of type in its reading columns.

The steamer *Arbutus*, 35 tons, for the Petitcodiac Steam Navigation Company, was launched from the Burrill-Johnson works on the 13th inst.

The *Toronto Mail* intends to make a strong defence of its position against the Jesuits. The *Mail* will carry the case to every court in the realm if necessary.

Winnipeg proposes to hold a grand fancy carnival in August, with the object of showing off the crops and the advantages of the city to the sporting world.

The S. S. *Vancouver* which sailed for Liverpool last Saturday took no Canadian mail for England, orders having been issued to forward the mail via New York.

The town council of Berlin, Ont. have ordered the chief of police to ring the town bell at nine o'clock at night and arrest any children found on the streets after that hour.

Over one thousand immigrants arrived at this port last Saturday and Sunday. 280 were Scotch crofters from Isle Lewis and all are bound for Wolsley, North-west territories.

The "*Monticello*" is giving satisfaction. She made the run recently from wharf to wharf, Annapolis to Digby, in 52 minutes, the fastest trip, probably, ever made on the Basin.

Louis Frechette, the Canadian poet laureate, and ex-M. P. for Levis, has been appointed clerk of the Legislative Council of Quebec in place of George de Boucherville, superannuated.

The *Cumberland Leader* says—"We understand the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company have awarded the contract for 18,000 tons of Coal to the Cumberland Railway and Coal Co."

Parents desirous of sending their sons to the Royal Military College at Kingston, will now have to pay \$500, instead of as formerly \$100, entrance fee,—the amount having been raised to that extent.

A pack of thirteen wolves were recently seen at Port Logan Lake, about 20 miles from Campbellton, N. B., in pursuit of three cariboo. It is about twelve years since they have been seen in that locality in large numbers.

The Newfoundland sealers have had remarkable success this season. It is said that already about a quarter of a million seals have been secured. This is good for Newfoundland and means plenty of money in circulation.

A clergyman of the diocese of Montreal has fallen heir to £20,000 sterling and has instructed his attorney to take the necessary proceedings in Chancery to recover the amount. A portion of the funds will be devoted to missionary objects.

The *Charlottetown Patriot* says:—"Most of the Academics in Nova Scotia for some time had Dalhousians as principals. Last summer five graduates from other provincial colleges failed in the examination for grade A licenses, while all the Dalhousians who competed were successful."

The legislature of Nova Scotia was prorogued by His Honor the Administrator at 3.30 p. m. on Wednesday. Lieut-General Sir John Ross and staff attended. The Guards of Honor were furnished by the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and the 63rd Rifles, Canadian Militia.

Mr. Chisholm, the well known violinist of the Mount Allison ladies college, expects to spend next year in Paris, under the tuition of the famous Leonard. His place will be temporarily filled by Robert Mahr, of Berlin. Mr. Mahr is a pupil of Joachim, the greatest living violinist.

The office of A. G. Jones & Co., on their wharf, was burglarized last Saturday night. The thieves only took fifty cents in coppers, a few cigars, and sampled a demijohn of wine. The whole office was ransacked, but not finding money they left without doing any further damage.

The "color" question is causing a great deal of excitement in Dartmouth just now. The colored children have enjoyed the privilege of a separate school and a licensed teacher for a number of years, and were quite satisfied with the arrangement, but the new school board have resolved to abolish the colored school and admit the colored children to the white school. The feeling is very strong against their action and it is probable that many parents will take their children away from the school so soon as the colored children are admitted.

The will of the late Hon. J. H. Pope has been made public. The value of his possessions did not exceed \$350,000, and all went to his family, except \$4,000 to the endowment fund of the Church of England at Cookshire, and \$4,000 to the public school, and \$2,000 to St. Francis district hospital at Sherbrooke.

It is expected that a larger number of visitors and tourists will come to Halifax this summer than ever before. There is a great demand for board, and those who can accommodate people for the summer months should at once let the fact be known. Halifax is unrivalled as a summer resort, but if good hotels and boarding houses are not provided people will soon tire of our city.

It is estimated that the wheat average in Manitoba this year will be 650,000, as against 520,000 for last year. A great many people have emigrated from Ontario to Manitoba this spring, and as the price of C. P. R. lands has been reduced, and private speculators are willing to sell, the new arrivals are willing to stay in Manitoba instead of going further west. All, or nearly all, the wheat is planted, and a warm rain which has fallen will give the crop a good start.

There is great excitement in Toronto over the new Cavalry School to be established there shortly, and military circles are discussing names in connection with the office of Commandant. Major Howard, of Quebec, is mentioned by the *Quebec Chronicle* as a candidate for that honorable position, though it says:—"Of course, for our sakes, we would prefer to keep the gallant major here, but it would be wrong to interfere with his promotion, and so he has our support, if he wants to command the Toronto School."

The Halifax board of trade held a meeting in the Halifax hotel on Tuesday evening, at which there was a fair attendance. No encouragement has been received from officials of the W. & A. Railway in regard to reduction of freight rates. A resolution in favor of Halifax as the terminus of a fast mail line was passed and is to be sent to our representatives in Ottawa to be brought before the government. Mr. A. E. Curren in moving the resolution said:—"The people of Halifax, realizing the immense advantages of this port over all others, are content to await the survival of the fittest. We don't need to indulge in abuse of St. John, and can afford to treat with contempt its ill-natured references to Halifax."

It is stated that Edwin Booth, the actor, who was taken suddenly ill in New York recently, has entirely recovered.

The New York Yacht Club has accepted the Earl of Dunraven's challenge to race next fall for the "America" cup.

It is estimated that there are 365 colleges in the United States, 4,856 institutions of learning, and 65,718 students in them.

Boston has increased the tax upon saloons from \$1000 to \$1500, first class; from \$600 to \$1200, second class, and all others from \$400 to \$1000.

The U. S. Court of Claims have appointed Miss Mary Seymour a commissioner of that Court for the whole country. This settles the question that women can legally hold office.

A Cleveland despatch says: It is learned that when John D. Rockefeller's daughter Bessie was married a short time ago to Charles A. Strong her father presented her with a million dollars in cash.

Agent Harrison, of the Northern Pacific Railway, has perfected an electrical invention which rings a bell in an hotel office and registers the room number, when some verdant blows out the gas.

Mrs. Cleveland denies that she is writing a book, translating a French novel or preparing a magazine article. She says that she is fond of literature and reads as much as she can, but she has not and never had any desire to emulate the achievement of Rose Elizabeth Cleveland in the realm of letters.

A bill before the Pennsylvania Legislature providing a penalty ranging from \$300 to \$1000 for violation of the act requiring the semi-monthly payment of wages, and prohibiting manufacturing and mining corporations from being interested in company stores, has received its final passage in the House.

The Washington Inauguration Centennial Committee have suggested to President Harrison to issue a proclamation calling for special religious services in all the churches of the country on the morning of April 30th, at nine o'clock, the hour at which services of prayer were held in the Churches in New York city 100 years ago.

Mr. Russell Harrison, son of the President, was arrested on the 11th inst. in the office of *Judge*, charged with libel. Bail was fixed at \$5,000, which was promptly furnished. The libellous article referred to, accused ex-Governor Crosby of having stolen jewels from a Washington lady, and was published in a paper in which Mr. Harrison owns an interest.

A raid has been commenced on the telegraph poles and wires in New York. A corps of axemen, a gang on each side of Fourteenth Street and Union Square, began cutting down the poles at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning. Hundreds of people gathered to witness the novel sight. It is the intention to level all poles on Sixth Avenue from 23rd Street to 50th Street.

A despatch to the New York *Herald* says:—"The five central American Republics, Costarico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras, in February agreed upon a treaty which provides that if any difficulty shall arise between any of them, it shall be settled without war by the arbitration of any one of the following nations:—United States, Argentine Republic, Chili, Mexico, Switzerland or any of the great European powers. That none of the five Republics shall form alliance with outside nations without the consent of all, and that delegates from the Republics shall meet annually