

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Yesterday was Thanksgiving Day. Did you go to church?

A new \$15,000 Methodist church was opened in Moncton on Sunday.

The Governor-General paid a flying visit to Halifax last week and is now back in Ottawa.

Many people took advantage of the excursion rates on the railways yesterday and went out of town, and vice-versa.

The S. P. C. is moving for the release of the children confined in jail in Yarmouth for theft, to which we refer in our editorial column.

The 63rd rifles were inspected on Tuesday evening by Deputy Adjutant-General Gordon, who complimented the men very highly on their creditable appearance.

Monday was the birthday of the Prince of Wales. He completed his fiftieth year. The citadel flag staff was decorated with flags in honor of the occasion.

Owing to the enormous yield of wheat in the Northwest it will take the C. P. R. till next summer to draw east the great crop. There is a regular wheat blockade.

Col. C. J. Stewart, of Halifax, is having a very handsome memorial window put in the Episcopal church at Amherst in memory of his daughter, Mrs. Boileau, who died on April 10th, 1890.

The Dartmouth ferry rates are now settled at 4 cents for a single ticket, the purchaser having the privilege of buying 20 tickets at the rate of 3½ cents. The commutation rates will remain undisturbed.

The Nova Scotia Historical Society met in the Province Building on Tuesday evening. There were a number of applications for membership, and Mr. Peter Lynch read his Reminiscences of Halifax.

The Cumberland *Leader* says that A. F. Bently, of Five Islands, is getting out a vessel frame for J. B. North, of Hantsport, to be built this winter, and expects to finish another for Mr. North before the spring.

On Thursday of last week Judge Johnston sentenced a negro named Davison to ten years in Dorchester Penitentiary for attacking and robbing a sailor at night. The man's confederates, Downey and Shaw, were sentenced to four and three years respectively.

A young brakeman, named C. Michael, was killed on the Short Line Railway, near River John, Pictou, on the 4th inst. He was in the act of jumping off the engine and fell beneath the wheels. After five hours suffering he died, leaving a widow to mourn her loss.

Hon. Samuel Chipman died at his home in Cornwallis on Tuesday at the advanced age of over 101 years. He was a well-known figure in the public service of the Province for many years, and enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest mason in the world.

A sad story of vice is reported from Amherst. No place is obliged to put up with disgraceful and censurable behavior on the part of any of its citizens, and we doubt not that the authorities of Amherst will take immediate steps to break up the operations of the gang complained of.

Says the Moncton *Transcript*: "A man was observed standing over one of the city catch basins, a few days ago, with one foot extended and rubbing his hands. When asked what he was doing he said: 'Them there things may be good enough to warm a church, but they ain't no good for a city!'"

We are glad to hear that the long delayed Yarmouth Street Railway is at last likely to materialize. The Edison Electric Company people have viewed the route, and we understand will put in an electric plant and build the railway, using the overhead or trolley system. Work will likely be well under way in the spring.

The steamer *Halifax*, whose familiar whistle is usually heard about 7 o'clock every Sunday evening, did not get in on her last trip until after ten o'clock on Monday morning. A good deal of anxiety was consequently felt. The steamer encountered very heavy weather all the way from Boston, and was delayed by it. She rode out the storm without any damage.

The Halifax Board of Trade discussed the Winter Port question on Thursday evening of last week. The Board of Trade favors a Dominion subsidy such as would command the services of a first-class modern line of steamers, averaging 19 knots an hour, that one of 17 knots be secured, and further, that there be a Canadian terminus for Canadian freight, and that this be a condition of the Atlantic mail service.

The turning loose of two Chinese lepers caused great excitement in Vancouver on Wednesday of last week. They were sent there by the New York authorities en route to China, but the C. P. R. had refused to take them in their steamers, and the lepers were confined for two months in a hut on the outskirts of the city. Finally the guard was removed, and the lepers finding no shelter open to them in the city went back to the hut where they had been confined.

The annual meeting of the Institute of Science was held on Monday evening. The following officers were elected: President—Dr. M. Murphy. Vice presidents—H. S. Poole, of Stellarton, and Professor Lawson. Treasurer—W. C. Silver. Cor. secretary—A. H. McKay, superintendent of education. Rec. secretary—Supervisor McKay. Librarian—M. Bowman. Councillors—Prof. Macgregor, Dr. Somers, Principal Ahearn, City Engineer Doane, Inspector Gilpin, Augustus Allicon and H. Pierz.

The Y. M. C. A. observes this week as a week of prayer.

A dispute of an international character has arisen over the copyright question between the United States and Canada. The United States claims that under the treaty with Great Britain United States authors have a right to obtain copyrights in Canada. Several applications have been refused on the advice of Sir John Thompson, who contends that the copyright arrangement does not apply to Canada.

The oldest representative of the corps of Royal Sappers and Miners, now Royal Engineer, died in Dartmouth last week. His name was Edward Barley. He had enlisted at the age of 14 years in the year 1829, and was discharged with a pension as a private of the Royal Sappers and Miners in 1850, thus serving 21 years with the Colors under the reign of three English sovereigns, George IV, William IV and Queen Victoria.

The Entertainment Committee of the Church of England Institute is arranging a very interesting series of lectures, concerts, etc., with two or three receptions for the winter course, which will begin within the next few weeks and will without doubt prove very acceptable to our citizens. The past record of this association warrants anticipations of many profitable as well as pleasant evenings throughout the winter upon which we are entering.

M. E. Tooke's planing mill at Sundridge, Ont., was wrecked on Friday by the explosion of the boiler. The engineer was driven through two partitions and had both legs broken and was terribly scalded. Wm. Cassidy, carpenter, had a leg and arm broken by falling machinery. Several others were scalded and otherwise injured, but not seriously. The boiler rose 80 feet in the air and landed 100 yards away, fortunately taking a direction in which there were no other buildings.

Ship railways are expensive undertakings. The Chignecto ship railway has already cost about \$3,500,000, and the company requires another \$1,500,000 in order to complete it. This they have been unable to raise, but application is to be made to the Government for a readjustment of financial arrangements that will make matters easier. The company will probably ask the Government to guarantee four per cent. upon the whole issue of bonds in lieu of the subsidy of \$170,000 a year for twenty years, already granted by parliament. This arrangement, the company says, would effect a saving to the Government while it will insure the early completion of the railway, work on which was recently suspended.

A correspondent sends us the following. We have seen the story before, but it is a good one, and our readers may appreciate it:—"Your sensible paragraph in *THE CRITIC* of 6th inst. regarding the 'hypocrisy' of ministers in assigning reasons for accepting 'calls' to larger congregations and salaries reminds me of a story. A minister had such a call and asked for a month's time in which to 'pray for light' before deciding upon the matter. His congregation were anxious to keep him, but could not hold out any inducement equal to the salary advantages offered by the 'call.' One of his parishioners meeting the little daughter of the parson, when only a part of the month had elapsed, was curious enough to ask her if they were going to move to B—. The little one quickly answered him, "Well, father is still 'praying for light,' but most of the things is packed."

Says the Yarmouth *Times*:—"Mr. James Dempster's steam planing mills at Freshwater, Halifax, were destroyed by fire last week. Mr. D. started at once for Yarmouth and purchased the machinery of the Milton Manufacturing Company. On Saturday it was on its way to Halifax, and by the end of this week the Dempster mills will be in operation again in the northend building, Kempt Road. Mr. Dempster's loss by fire was serious, but there is so much building going on in Halifax he hasn't time to sit down and mourn, but must get right to work again. Halifax is by no means lacking in just such quiet, courageous, unobtrusive 'hustlers,' and trade returns show the city has nothing to be ashamed of in comparison with other cities, even if the practice does prevail among all classes of grumbling at everything and calling each other a 'sleepy crowd.' How many visitors have come away from Halifax with the fixed but absurd belief that Halifax is kept from starvation by the trade of the military, and if the soldiers were taken away the place would collapse—an impression gained entirely from Halifax people."

The friends of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and other temperance organizations have been enjoying this week a series of interesting addresses by Mr. Nicholls, one of the most eloquent and earnest temperance lecturers that we have heard in Halifax for many a day. Mr. Nicholls opened the week by his lecture in the Academy of Music on Sunday evening, when, taking for his subject "The Home and its Enemy," he delivered to a crowded audience an able and practical discourse. Mr. J. C. Mackintosh presided over the meeting, which was closed with a duet entitled "I Waited for the Lord," beautifully rendered by Miss Lizzie McKenzie and Mr. George Bargoyn. Lectures have been delivered by Mr. Nicholls in Charles St. Methodist Church and in other parts of the city and Dartmouth, and to-morrow afternoon he proposes to hold a children's service in Argyle Hall, when he will probably be listened to with interest by a large gathering of the young of our city. On Tuesday next he will lecture in Orpheus Hall, and all who are interested in the temperance work should not fail to take advantage of this opportunity to gain new ideas on the subject. Mr. Nicholls is here under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. of Halifax and Dartmouth, and there is little doubt but that the work of this estimable and energetic association will be materially aided by the efforts that have been put forth this week to interest our people in the subject so dear to the hearts of this band of workers, who bravely and proudly wear their badge of white ribbon into the darkest corners of our city and rescue many from their misery, degradation and sin.