

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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A manhood suffrage bill has been carried in the Manitoba Legislature by a majority of 24 to 2.

A Quebec Grand Jury has found a true bill against the Salvation Army, on the ground that their processions are a public nuisance.

The new Bishop has made a most favorable impression on all who have met him. He is very affable, and withal is probably very firm.

Lt.-Col. Macdonald, commanding the 66th P. L. Fusiliers, the officer in charge of the Wimbledon team this year, has gone to Ottawa.

Bishop Courtney was enthroned last night in St. Luke's church in the presence of a crowded congregation, to whom he afterwards delivered a short but telling address.

Rev. L. H. Jordan, of Montreal, formerly of this city, has under consideration to resign the pastorate of Erskine church, in order to prosecute further studies in Germany.

The distinguished visitors from the United States will probably few of them remain over Sunday, as the General Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts meets on Wednesday next.

The Montreal *Gazette* announces that the Dominion Government has decided to grant no further subsidies in aid of railway construction, in order to avoid further increase in the public debt.

The bill to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister has again passed the Commons by 239 to 182. It remains to be seen whether the episcopal obstructives will once more be able to throw it out in the Lords.

The appeal taken by Mr. Cook, M. P. for East Simcoe, against the decision of Judge Rose unseating him, has been allowed by consent of counsel. He is therefore confirmed in his seat for the present Parliamentary term.

Thirty-four Nova Scotians, who a few weeks ago went to New York and Massachusetts looking for work and high wages, found neither, and were glad to return home, where some of them are reported as saying a man is better off earning \$1 a day.

Bishop Courtney will give a lecture before the Young Men's Association of St. George's parish on Monday evening, the 30th. The subject will be "Youth." His Lordship will also preach in St. George's church on Tuesday evening. Service at 7.30.

The Manitoba Legislature proposes to disfranchise all Dominion Government and Provincial Government officials, including bailiffs, and also members of the Mounted Infantry school. These very radical propositions have caused considerable comment.

Mr. Geo. Francis Train, of eccentric notoriety, has been edifying audiences in various places in Nova Scotia during the past week. Mr. Train's eccentricity is marked with great shrewdness, and every evidence of very strong natural abilities, and extensive information. He has been a vegetarian for many years.

Deer are increasing in numbers to the west of the river St. John. There are no moose or caribou on that side of the river. Wolves are also being seen in increasing numbers in the woods. These follow on the track of the deer. A few days ago a huge wolf was seen in the woods a short distance back of Harvey station.

The coal industry has pronounced strongly against the admission of American coal free, finding in the upper Provinces markets too strong a trade to relinquish. The Government has consequently taken coal and coke from the list of articles which Canada may place on the free list in the event of the United States doing so.

A lively interchange of courtesies has taken place at Quebec between the *Canadian* and Gabriel Dumont. The newspaper refers to Dumont as "a farceur" and a buffoon, and a "poor imitation of a bear" in Buffalo Bill's circus; and Dumont invites the editor to go to his hotel, and call him these names to his face.

Rev. Demetrius Stanoff, a native Bulgarian, occupied the pulpit of St. John's church last Sunday morning, and St. Matthew's in the evening. His account of mission work in Bulgaria was exceedingly interesting. He has been studying in one of the colleges of the United States during the past two years, and is now on his way back to his own country.

The death is announced of the Hon. Thos. White, Minister of the Interior, at the age of 58, after a week's illness of inflammation of the lungs. Mr. White was an able minister, whose loss to the Cabinet will not be easily repaired. His death is the more to be regretted, that there is a strong opinion that it was actuated by his extreme devotion to the business of his department, which is said to be the heaviest in the Government.

A resident of Cartwright, Ont., has invented a machine for catching and killing potato bugs. It resembles a wheelbarrow, with a fan on each side of it, and is propelled in the same way. It is wheeled between two rows of plants, from which the fans sweep the bugs against a centre-board, on striking which they fall between two rapidly revolving rollers, and are crushed to a pulp. The motive power is obtained from the wheel. It works effectively.

The Imperial Confederation League has a meeting at the Halifax Hotel at 5 p. m. to-day. Its advocates, not without some show of reason, believe that the movement is gaining strength, those, therefore, who endorse it, should not fail to manifest their sympathy by attending.

The *St. John Globe* is entirely incorrect in stating in an editorial (20th April) on the Fishery Question debate, that the American nation, as one man, united against Canada on account of her action against American fishermen. A not inconsiderable section of the American Press in various parts of the Union has from the first condemned the sectional New England outcry, especially in the West. The California Press, so far as we have seen it, has appeared to be almost unanimous in this direction.

A British Columbia contractor, who is in New Brunswick looking for men, says that upwards of \$10,000,000 will be spent in the city of Vancouver this summer in the erection of brick and stone buildings. Sir Donald A. Smith is putting up a block to cost \$30,000; the Bank of Montreal one to cost \$25,000; and an English company a \$50,000 one. Besides these, there are a large number of other blocks, costing from \$5,000 to \$25,000, in course of erection. Labor is scarce out there; stone masons and bricklayers are badly wanted; wages are \$5 per day; and out-door labor can be continued ten months in the year.

The civic elections, which took place on Wednesday, passed off quietly. Mr. O'Mullin was re-elected to the Mayoralty by the handsome majority of 872 over Mr. Wylde, who polled 523 votes. The following are the Aldermen elected:—Ward 1, J. W. Rhuland, by acclamation; Ward 2, W. D. Harrington, by acclamation; Ward 3, J. T. Hamilton, majority 1; Ward 4, M. H. Ruggles, by acclamation; Ward 5, M. T. Foster, majority 101; Ward 6, H. F. Worrall, by acclamation. The city has no doubt done well to re-elect Mr. O'Mullin. There was no apparent reason that His Worship should be the first exception to the custom which has prevailed of late years of affording a good Mayor a second term.

The Scott Act sustained defeat last week in the following nine counties in Ontario by about the majorities indicated:—

Renfrew.....	500
Bruce.....	1,400
Huron.....	1,000
Dufferin.....	200
Norfolk.....	500
Simcoe.....	2,000
Stormont.....	400
Dundas.....	250
Glengarry.....	300

Dr. Courtney, the new Bishop of Nova Scotia, was consecrated at St. Luke's on Wednesday. A large number of Bishops assisted, and the ceremony was very imposing. The appearance and delivery of the new Prelate elicited very favorable comments from the large and appreciative congregation.

A live, full-grown grasshopper was found in the street in Superior, Neb., the other day. There is some doubt whether it is an advance agent or one left over from last season's crop.

The Democrats in the Senate propose to meet Republican opposition to the Fisheries Treaty, by suggesting that action be delayed until the fishermen shall have tested the new provisions by actual practice.

The famous trotter, "Dexter," died of old age at Bonner's stable, New York, last Friday. He was 30 years old. "Dexter" was the first horse to trot a mile in 2.17½. Mr. Bonner paid \$35,000 for him in 1867.

The April number of the *Cosmopolitan* quite sustains its standing. Its illustrated theatrical and operatic articles are excellent. This month it takes for its subject the "Midsummer Night's Dream," as produced at Daly's Theatre.

The wife of Geo. C. Miln has applied to the Divorce Court at Chicago for a divorce from her husband, on the ground of adultery, which he is said to have confessed. Miln was well known, in his professional capacity, to Halifax theatre-goers.

A discussion is promised in the May number of the *American Magazine* of importance to American citizens. Attention is called to the fact that no law has been enacted against the Anarchists, who are said to be actively plotting further disturbances. Their machinations will, it is said, be exposed by a prominent army officer well known in military and literary circles.

Canadians have won every lacrosse match played in England this season.

Four Provinces in Cuba have been placed under martial law for the repression of brigandism.

Forty thousand foreign Jews residing in the Province of Kherson have been ordered to cross the frontier.

A great deal of riotous demonstration, both for and against General Boulanger, has taken place in Paris.

It is reported from Jassy that the nineteenth Russian army corps has been ordered to the Austrian frontier.

The chief clerk of the treasury at Athens has been arrested for embezzling 5,000,000 francs of the public funds.

Cardinal Manning has been engaged on a review of Darwin's "Life and Letters" for one of the English Magazines.

Parnell says he does not intend to raise the question in Parliament regarding William O'Brien's arrest, but will leave it as a spectacle to the English.