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The Aged Clergyman.

Some of the more thoughtful of the newspapers of the United States are giving their attention to a question which is becoming a matter of more importance in that country, the fate of an aged and middle aged clergyman. In every other profession except the church the years that a man has been employed in it are a factor in his favor. The aged physician, who has kept his knowledge up to the times, possesses a store of experience which is of infinite value to him, and which causes him to be trusted and employed as long as his mental faculties remain unimpaired. The aged or middle aged lawyer possesses similar advantages from his long practice in the courts and his familiarity with the leading cases in which the great principles of law are laid down. So much is this knowledge valued that no man will trust a very important case to a young practitioner alone and without the aid of a man of more experience. The editor who for thirty or forty years has enjoyed the acquaintance of public men, and who has taken an active part in the discussion of the great public questions of his time, has an enormous advantage over a younger man for which no brilliancy on the part of the latter can quite compensate for knowledge is better than rhetoric. But the clergyman who has passed the age of fifty years, has in the United States, it appears, become to a large extent what is termed "a back number," and is frequently hardly more than tolerated by the congregations to whom he ministered when he was a younger man. If he should be so unfortunate as to be forced out of his church by the presence of those who want a young preacher fresh from the college, he finds it almost impossible to obtain another charge. Such is the state of affairs which exists in so many cities of the United States. Are we tending in that direction in Canada? We trust not, but we would be glad to hear from some of our readers on this subject.—Telegraph.

On Wednesday John J. Ross, of St. John, a lumberman, was arrested at Brownville, Me., by Game Warden Nicholas and was taken to Dover and arraigned before Judge Durgin, of the Dover Municipal court, charged with killing moose in close time. Ross pleaded guilty of killing moose at Northeast Carry on September 11 and 12, 1896. One charge was for killing a cow moose and the other case was not pressed. Ross was unable to pay a fine and was committed to the Bangor jail for sixty days.

News Summary.

Mr. Fielding leaves for England shortly to float a loan for which authority was given last session.

The failures in the Dominion last week were twenty-five, as against thirty-one for the same week last year.

A movement is on foot in San Francisco to organize a national league for the propagation of Christian socialism.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has accepted an invitation to visit St. John and open the Provincial Exhibition on the 14th inst.

South Brant, Ont., election protests were dismissed Thursday without costs. Heyd, the Liberal member, being confirmed in his seat.

Premler Laurier left Ottawa for Arthabaskaville Thursday afternoon. He will be in Montreal to attend the banquet in his honor on the 16th.

Friday evening there was a terrible explosion of coal dust in the Old Sunshine mine near Glenwood, Col. Twelve bodies have been recovered.

Bridgeton, N. S., voted for incorporation on Saturday, the 4th inst. One hundred and thirty-two votes were polled, of which ninety-one were in favor of incorporation.

The preliminary investigation of Henry Davidson, charged with the murder of Charles Bowman at Antigonish, N. S., began on Friday. No motive was shown for the crime.

Frank Pedley, the newly appointed commissioner of immigration, and Deputy Minister Smart are coming east on a tour of inspection of immigration agencies and will visit Halifax and St. John.

Burke Perkins, ninety-four years old—whose children numbers twenty-four, and whose grandchildren are uncounted—the other-day wedded Mrs. Elizabeth Goings, seventy six years old, in the town of Greysville, O.

A man named McKenzie, from Colchester, N. S., got lost in the woods about Lepreaux. He wandered about from Friday until Wednesday, and when found was nearly exhausted. He was sent to the Public Hospital St. John.

Eight Armenians who have been convicted of taking part in the recent bomb outrages at Constantinople have been sentenced to death. Two Armenians who were charged with complicity in the outrages have been acquitted.

Thomas Jefferson Sappington, who died recently near St. Louis, saved Gen. Grant from capture by the Confederates during the civil war. Some men were lying in ambush for the general, but Sappington learned of their plans and warned Grant in time.

Russell D. Ward, an Englishman who created a sensation a short time ago by eloping with the wife of Millionaire John Bradbury, of Los Angeles, California, committed suicide by throwing himself from a Chicago Northwestern railway train at Wheatland, Iowa, Friday morning.

Governor Elleslie, of South Carolina, has given orders withdrawing the State constabulary force from every village, town and city in the State. This action removes the chief cause of friction in the enforcement of the State law, and will save the commonwealth \$50,000 a year.

At a picnic in aid of the Catholic church in Bridgeville, Pictou county, N. S., a few days ago, the flag of Corner Stone Orange Lodge of the same place proudly floated over the field. The Orangemen loaned their Catholic brethren the seats from their hall and assisted them in many ways to make the picnic a success.

The semi-annual meeting of the Bank of British North America took place in London on Thursday, Canada, it was announced, is on the eve of a great business revival. The bank's profits for the half year were £34,031, against £25,941 for the preceding like period. The interim dividend was 2½ per cent., compared with 2 per cent.

The most important matter to come up in the sectional meeting of the British Medical Association at Montreal Thursday was a very interesting discussion on the utility of quarantine. Dr. Montizambert, superintendent of the Canadian quarantine system, introduced the question in a paper giving an expose of our system and contrasting it with that of Great Britain. Dr. Mitchell Banks, of Liverpool, delivered an address on surgery. The members were entertained at luncheon on Mount Royal at noon by Mayor Wilson Smith. In the afternoon the foundation stone of the Jubilee Nurse Home in connection with the general hospital was laid by Lord Lister. The annual banquet took place in the Windsor Hotel in the evening.

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The meeting the 11th inst., Baptist S. S. C. ing of Friday. was in the ch delegates were present officer a fuller meeting day morning Ervine in refer counties, and parish of St. M. Albert County the brethren p in their various . The evening reading of the a model lesson lesson was Ron dress by Rev. M. Teachers. In a teach, the spea ful teacher,—R Knowledge of verance: Pray Ghost.

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