

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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A board of trade has been organized in Truro, with J. L. B. McDonald as president.

Rev. Dr. Partridge, Rector of St George's, has been appointed Canon of St. Luke's Cathedral.

A N. B. contemporary, with doubtful taste, heads the accounts of two hangings "Neck-tie socials."

The 10th annual meeting of the Provincial Educational Ass'n will be held at Truro on July 10th and 11th.

Arrangements have been completed for an exchange of postal money orders between Canada and Japan.

The Annapolis and Digby cherry crop will not turn out as well as expected, owing to the ravages of caterpillars.

Mr. James Hunter, an old time Halifax merchant, and a very wealthy man, died in Glasgow, Scotland, on the 27th ult.

Haying has begun in good earnest in the province. The crop is excellent, and the weather seems to promise all that can be desired.

We are in receipt of the Calendar of Dalhousie University for 1889-90, which is of value to all concerned with and interested in that seat of learning.

Mr. P. Innes has resigned his position as manager of the W. & A. Railway and is succeeded by Mr. J. W. King, whose appointment seems to be satisfactory to the public.

The Nova Scotia Government have offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the parties engaged in the robbery of Kirkpatrick's store at Shubenacadie.

G. Skinner, of the Crofter Commission, who has recently returned to Ottawa from the North-West, reports the Crofters doing well and the possibilities of success unlimited.

It is very satisfactory to learn that the American Government has seen fit to concede the bonding privileges sought by the Canadian Railways operating by the Short Line.

The Dominion exports for May show an increase of \$680,000 over May of last year. The imports were a million and a quarter in excess, and the duty collected shows \$110,000 increase.

A telephone exchange will shortly be in running order in Springhill. The instruments have all been placed in position, 24 in number, and it is expected that there will be more before long.

Some of our contemporaries are bound to make Admiral Watson a knight, and his wife Lady Watson. He is simply Vice Admiral Geo. Willes Watson, and his wife, of course, Mrs. Watson.

It is understood that the C. P. R. intend issuing a new time table which will reduce the time between Montreal and Halifax by three hours. The proposed change will likely take place September 1st.

The Government has offered to the Americans unrestricted reciprocity in lumber, and as a guarantee of good faith has reduced the export duty on saw logs from three to two dollars per thousand feet.

The Royal Military College at Kingston closed on the 27th ult. There were fifteen graduates. Sergeant P. E. Murray of Halifax secured the silver medal. Major Nash severed his connection with the College this year.

The "Alphabet of First Things in Canada," by Mr. George Johnson, published by Mortimer & Co., Ottawa, is a quite useful little manual of all sorts of landmarks in the history of the Dominion, with a number of blank pages for memoranda.

The S. S. Halifax took 350 excursionists to Lunenburg on Dominion day. The water was smooth and the pleasure-seekers enjoyed themselves to the top of their bent. The band of the 66th P. L. F. discoursed sweet music. The steamer was much admired by a large number of visitors.

The annual meeting of the Seamen's Friend Society was held last Friday evening in the society's building, S. M. Brookfield presiding. The report for the year is very satisfactory, showing that much good work has been done and that the sailors appreciate it. A new board of directors was appointed.

The *Enterprise* says:—"Quite a number of buildings are being erected in Bridgewater at the present time, and we hear of several persons who are making preparations to build residences here." Bridgewater is a bright little place, and if it is as pleasant to live there as it is to visit, it must be pleasant indeed.

Messrs. Maxime Ingres and Lothar Bober have recently visited this city on behalf of the Berlitz School of Languages, of which they wish to establish a branch in Halifax. This school and the gentlemen representing it are well recommended, and its method of teaching French and German is said to be novel and superior.

Mrs. Scott-Siddons has been starring through the provinces and has had good houses at most of the places she has visited. A P. E. I. paper says that Scott-Siddons is only her stage name, and that her society name is Mrs. Chanter, and her husband is a grandson of Mr. Chanter who did business many years ago at Port-Hill, P. E. I.

During sixteen months, dating from January 1, the Canadian Pacific secured tonnage of over 10,000,000 pounds freight from San Francisco to ports in the United States east of Chicago, by establishing a steamship line to China and Japan, subsidized by Canada and Great Britain, and operated in connection with the Canadian Pacific Road.

The yacht race on Saturday was taken part in by eight competitors for the handsome cup presented to the R. N. S. Y. S. by Capt. Leonard Russell, with second and third prizes given by the squadron, Mr. H. C. McLeod's sloop *Lenore* scoring a victory. The day was very pleasant and the yachts presented a pretty sight from the shores of the harbor.

The steamer *Princess Beatrice* recently purchased in England for the eastern shore route is somewhat similar in appearance to the *Harlaw*. She has accommodation for about 50 first and second class passengers. Her engines are 91 horse power and she makes about 10 knots. She left on Tuesday for Charlottetown, commanded by Capt. Kelly, formerly of the *Electra*.

Some of our Halifax boys have been acquitting themselves well at Windsor, both at the College and School. Prizes were taken by Mr. C. G. Abbott, son of the late Rev. John Abbott; Mr. Payzant, son of J. Y. Payzant of Dartmouth; and Mr. F. W. Symonds. Mr. Mather Abbott and Mr. Bertie DeMille passed the matriculation examination with flying colors. A young brother of Mr. Payzant's took the honors at the Collegiate School.

St. Andrews, N. B., has started as a summer resort with a fine new hotel called the *Algonquin*. The 27th ult. was a gala day there, many distinguished visitors being present. A grand reception was held in the afternoon in the new hotel, which hundreds of people attended. Sir Leonard and Lady Tilley and others did the honors. The day was wound up by a brilliant ball, the dresses of many American ladies present being very beautiful, and the bright uniforms of the officers of the militia in camp there gave the ball room a very gay appearance.

A Battleford correspondent gives us the following information, dated 18th June: Battleford's prospects are good. A party of Northern Pacific engineers arrived yesterday to spy out the land previous to their contemplated purchase of the Manitoba and Northwestern railway, there are also C. P. R. engineers to look after the C. P. R. interests in regard to their purchase of the Regina and Long Lake railway. There is plenty of good land here, what we want is a market for our wheat. The crops give promise of being abundant. Battleford men have secured the contract for the Indian department supplies of flour and beef. The timber for the bridge across the Battleford river (to cost \$30,000) is on its way from Edmonton. Additions and improvements to the amount of \$20,000 are to be made on the industrial school.

William Walter Phelps has been appointed U. S. Minister to Germany.

The steamer *City of Rome* consumes an average of 300 tons of coal a day in crossing the ocean at top speed.

The Flathead Indians are destroying property in Montana, and station agents refuse to remain at their posts. The Indians have fired the woods.

The 27th ult. was commencement day at Michigan University. There were 438 graduates. Yeihero, a Japanese, took the highest honors of the class.

The United States Government begin the work of defining the boundary between Alaska and Canada this summer. It is a big undertaking, as the work will occupy about 18 months.

Mrs. Hayer, wife of the ex-president of the United States, died last week. Her life was a shining example of Christian conscientiousness, and her death will be regretted all over the republic.

The estimated value of California's fruit crop in 1889 is \$24,000,000; that of her wheat crop, \$52,000,000. From barley she is expecting to derive a gross return of \$5,500,000, and from wine \$4,000,000.

The little yacht *Never sink* which left Boston on May 20th for Paris has arrived safely at Havre. The *Never sink* is a keel boat of 36 feet over all, 30 feet water line, and 12 feet beam, with five feet six inches draught.

The *Philadelphia Record* says:—A year of high license has reduced drunkenness one-half, has abolished the debasing dive, has practically wiped out liquor selling on Sunday, and has added \$534,460 to the city treasury.

Martin Burke, John F. Beggs, Daniel Coughlin, Patrick O'Sullivan, Frank Woodruff, Patrick Cooney and John Kuntz were indicted on Saturday last for the murder of Dr. P. H. Cronin. All but Cooney and Kuntz are under arrest.

Something novel in the line of syndicates is the American Executing Company, which has just secured articles of incorporation, at Springfield, Ill. It proposes to take charge of persons sentenced to the death penalty, and carry out the law strictly on business principles and with the utmost skill and despatch. Next!

A trial of the latest improved Sims-Edison electric torpedo was recently made, the speed in a run of over 800 feet being at the rate of twenty one miles an hour. The torpedo is thirty-one feet long, twenty feet in diameter, and weighs 3,000 pounds. It has a screw propeller and rudder, the former being at the stern, and the latter on the back, a few feet from the stern. The hull is supported at a submerged depth by an indestructible float, which, like the hull, is entirely of copper, and is attached to the hull by an upright steel stanchion and steel blades, which run at sharp angles, connecting the hull and float at bow and stern, and thus enabling it to dive under any obstruction met with in running. Another trial will shortly be made before representatives of the English and French Governments, and probably Secretary of the Navy Tracy and Secretary of War Proctor,