

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money either direct to the office, or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount included in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

Mr. Chapleau is ill.

The new Royal Commission in Quebec is at work.

James McShane was re-elected mayor of Montreal on Wednesday.

Lord Wolseley's name is mentioned as the next Governor-General for Canada.

McLennan, Conservative, was elected in Glengarry by a majority of 374 votes.

There has been an unusual number of fires in Halifax since the new year came in.

Joseph Gillies, Conservative, and E. P. Flynn, Liberal, have been nominated in Richmond County.

Manitoba has been experiencing very severe weather. The mercury has gone as low as 30 degrees below.

It is stated that Mr. Chapleau will definitely leave the cabinet immediately after the Quebec elections.

The Canadian Express Company's business, it is stated, will be taken over by the Grand Trunk Railway.

Mr. E. C. Bowers has been nominated by the Liberals, and Mr. Herbert Jones by the Conservatives in Digby.

It is reported that Rev. Dr. Burns is about to resign the pastorate of Fort Massey Church on account of ill-health.

It is reported that Edward Campbell, a pedler, has eloped with the wife of Matthew Raymond of Gullivir's Cove, Digby.

The woman Lavinia Lindsay, charged with shooting Robert Longdon in St. John some time ago, has been adjudged guilty of manslaughter.

The post office at Ottawa was badly damaged by fire on Sunday. No mails were destroyed, although some letters and papers were damaged.

John A. McDonald and Hon. William Ross, were nominated by the Conservatives and Liberals respectively in Victoria, C. B., on Tuesday.

The Bishop of Toronto leaves for England next week and hopes to induce the Archbishop of Canterbury to visit Canada in September when the Synod meets in Toronto.

This has been the most extraordinary winter on record. There was a regatta held on Charlottetown harbor on the 17th—a most unprecedented occurrence in the winter.

It is understood that only one tender for the Atlantic Service has been received by the government and that was from the Allans. It will receive the early attention of the council.

Since the middle of October three quarters of a million bushels of grain have been carried over the Intercolonial and a quarter of a million is yet to come before the season closes.

The Conservative meeting at the Academy of Music on Saturday night was largely attended. The speeches of the evening were made by Sir John Thompson, Mr. Kenny and Mr. Stairs.

It is reported that H. F. Donkin is to succeed J. J. Wallace as district Superintendent of the I. C. R. between Halifax and St. John. Mr. Wallace will succeed Geo. Taylor as General Freight Agent.

The election in Queens takes place Feb. 5th, with J. N. Freeman returning officer. The election in Peel will be Feb. 4th. The date of the Halifax election has been fixed for Feb. 11th instead of as before announced.

The Earle Publishing House of St. John, N. B., have issued the Life of Charles S. Parnell, which will be read with interest by all who desire to become familiar with the career of the "Uncrowned King." For sale by agents.

Commissioner Saunders left Ottawa on Tuesday for Chicago to make preliminary arrangements for Canada's exhibit at the world's fair. He estimates that Canada will require 100,000 feet of space, 20,000 being required for the Agricultural exhibit alone.

Among the victims of gripe at Ottawa are the Dowager Countess of Cavan, who died at her son's residence here on Monday; and Mrs. Crawford, principal of the Coligny ladies college, who during the past three years has successfully built up one of the best institutions of its kind in Canada.

Sir Adolph Caron, who has just returned to his office after a severe attack of grip, gives an emphatic denial to Tarte's slander that he received \$15,000 of harbor commission boodle. He says he never received a dollar either directly or indirectly, and courts the fullest investigation in the matter.

The annual championship skating games of the Maritime Provinces Athletic Association will take place at the Victoria Rink, St. John, N. B., on Wednesday evening, February 17th, at eight o'clock. Those desiring information should apply to J. F. Maher, Secretary skating committee, P. O. box 352, St. John, N. B.

The Newfoundland census returns have been completed. They show the population of Newfoundland and Labrador to be 202,000, an increase in the last seven years of only 4,100, or at the rate of 2½ per cent. This showing is a great disappointment. The last census, in 1884, showed an increase of 22½ per cent. for the decade ending with that year. Emigration is the main cause of the decline. The population of St. John's decreased by more than 2,000 in the last seven years.

County Stipendiary Griffin has been engaged all this week with the preliminary examination of Frederick Renault, charged with wrecking the Dartmouth train. The evidence has been strong against the prisoner. A decision was given yesterday, but we were unable to learn it in time for press this week.

Speaker White is in Ottawa making arrangements for the session. The bar in connection with the commons restaurant will be abolished and two restaurants provided, one of which shall be for members of the commons exclusively. Even the press representatives will hereafter refresh themselves in the second, or pilgrim's hall.

Four men, William Boutilier, Stephen Tobin, Joseph Moles and John White, all of Halifax, charged with burglarizing Evan Thompson's store at Elmsdale, were under examination at Windsor on Monday—Moles turned Queen's evidence. The three others have been committed for trial at the next sitting of the Supreme Court and Moles is held as Crown witness.

The reception held at the Church of England Institute by the congregation of St. Stephen's church to welcome the Rev. Mr. Webster, who has lately taken charge of the parish, passed off very pleasantly. After an enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental music had been carried out the company partook of refreshments provided by the ladies auxiliary of the Institute.

We take it for granted that our readers would not be pleased were we to fill THE CRITIC with political stuff, but we will endeavor to give all news of events transpiring in the political world in as brief a form as possible. The by-elections in Nova Scotia, are of course, exciting much interest, especially that in our own county, but we shall content ourselves with merely giving the more important facts in connection therewith.

Messrs. Dick, Ridout & Co., of Toronto, makers and printers of cotton and jute bags, have sent us two most useful paper weights, which combine a good "ad" for themselves and a benefit to us. They are small bags of satten filled with sand and stuck full of pins; an admirable idea for editors and others who need pins to keep the leaves of "copy" together. Messrs. Dick, Ridout & Co. have our thanks for their courtesy.

The entertainment which was to have been given last evening at the Church of England Institute has been postponed until later in the season in order that more extensive preparations may be made. The programme arranged for the occasion consisted of a presentation of Mrs. Jarley's wax works, which will probably prove all the more enjoyable on account of the efforts being made to render the exhibition of these wonderful figures more complete.

Among our exchanges we notice with pleasure the *Canada Lumberman*, which comes to us very much improved since 1891. This is another proof of the extensive development of newspaper culture in the Dominion of Canada. We are not critics of the lumber trade, but as casual observers of what is going on we should say that the *Canada Lumberman* fills the bill in this particular branch of the trade, and should be on the desk of every wood worker in Canada.

*Our Monthly* is the title of a journal devoted to the interests of life and accident assurance, of which we have just received No. 1 of vol. 2. The cover bears a portrait of Mr. J. B. Paton, managing agent of the Manufacturers Life and Accident Insurance Companies for the Maritime Provinces, and a column of reading matter is also devoted to a sketch of his life. The paper is full of interesting matter for members of the insurance business. It comes from that city of newspapers and Sandy rest—Toronto.

A fire on Saturday night removed the ancient and unsightly wooden building on South Brunswick street known of late years as the "Salvation Army Barracks." This is fortunate in that its destruction makes room for the erection on that site of a better building, more durable and more in concurrence with modern ideas and tastes. It is a pity that more of the unsightly and delapidated houses on that and adjoining streets are not destroyed, as those streets could and should be among the handsomest and best in the city, and their proximity to the business centre and to public offices and institutions would speedily make them popular, fashionable and valuable. South Brunswick street is improving and has done so for the past twenty years or more, but the progress is very slow.

Mr. Blaine is again ill.

Matters are not yet settled between the United States and Chili. The United States is concentrating her naval forces at Valparaiso.

The President of the United States is engaged preparing a proclamation of retaliation against those countries which have refused to enter into reciprocal trade relations with the U. S. This action is based on section three of the McKinley Tariff Act.

A terrible accident occurred on the Northern Pacific Railway at Jonesville, Minn., on Saturday. A broken rail was struck while the train was running at full speed. A sleeper was dashed down the embankment and immediately took fire from the lamps. The Andrews Opera Company was on board and ten ladies of the troupe were burnt to death. Twenty passengers were more or less injured.

A sensation was created in industrial circles by the announcement that the Riverside Iron and Steel Company will retire at once from the manufacture of nails. The Riverside was the largest cut nail producing factory in the world, and was the strongest concern in the cut nail organization. It was driven out of the business by the wire nail competition. Cut nail makers here generally agree that the end of their cut nail industry is not far off.

"Line upon line, and precept upon precept." We repeat what we have said before, that Futtner's Emulsion is invaluable for Coughs, Weak Lungs, and General Debility.