

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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It is with profound regret we chronicle the death, at 2.30 p.m. Wednesday, of Dr. B. D. Fraser, of Windsor. So far as we could learn by telephone and telegram, the venerable gentleman, who was deaf, in avoiding a waggon, was struck by the cars, having one leg and one arm broken, and, of course, being fearfully shaken. Dr. Fraser is so well known to the oldest living society of Nova Scotia, and so universally respected, that any lengthened comment is superfluous. Prof. Fraser, and Mr. A. M. Fraser, of THE CRITIC, left for Windsor at 4 p.m. on Wednesday. When the sad intelligence reached them about noon, they of course hoped at least to see their respected father alive; but it was not to be so. Dr. Fraser's whole family have the deep sympathy of the community. The late lamented gentleman was in his 77th year, and was in the enjoyment of excellent health. Dr. Fraser's long career as a physician in Windsor had endeared him to a large circle of friends, and he will be long remembered by visitors to the university town as one of the most hospitable, genial and kind-hearted men that has ever been numbered among its citizens. To the surviving members of his family the loss is simply irreparable, and the void which has thus been created will be carried to the grave by each of them.

The Hon. Joseph Royal has been appointed Lt.-Governor of the N. W. Territories.

The Bishop and Synod of Nova Scotia have pronounced in favor of college consolidation.

The death is announced of Mr. Geo. A. Ross, M.P.P for Lunenburg, at the early age of thirty-four.

The Church of England Synod of the Province of New Brunswick opened at St. John on Wednesday.

Chief Justice Sir Thos. Galt is administering the Government of Ontario in the absence of Sir Alex. Campbell.

The Canadian Pacific have decided to erect additional car shops at Montreal, to employ about 1,000 workmen.

The Kingston Locomotive Works are at present engaged in filling an order for sixteen locomotives for the I. C. R.

It is reported that an ocean steamship was permitted to land persons having small pox at Levis on Monday. It is to be hoped the report is not correct.

The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia laid the corner stone of the new Church of England Institute, with appropriate ceremonies, on Wednesday afternoon.

The Women's Temperance Union of Amherst are demonstrating their want of grasp of great issues, by an appeal to the electors of Cumberland in behalf of the third party sad.

There is, it is said, authority for stating that the Hon. John Costigan, Minister of Inland Revenue, is about to leave the Cabinet and to be succeeded by Prof. Weldon, the member for Albert.

The Preeper case is again exciting attention. The girl Emily Dillman is now said to state that her evidence on the trial was false, and manufactured. It is very difficult to say where the lying lies.

If a steamship from Europe can finish her voyage at Chicago, as has been recently done, what is to prevent steam colliers conveying Nova Scotia coal to Toronto, Hamilton, and even to points beyond?

Another disastrous fire has occurred at Truro, by which the peg and last factory of Lewis & Sons has been consumed, together with a large carpenter shop adjoining. Loss, \$15,000 to \$20,000. Neither insured.

The Halifax Garrison Artillery beat the York and Lancaster, and the Bellerophon on Wednesday at the Bedford range by a good excess at each of the ranges of 200, 500, and 600 yards. The totals stood: H. G. A., 694, Y. and L., 632, Bellerophon, 609.

For indecently assaulting his 11 year old niece, Minnie Gillespie, of Dutton, Ont., Charles Whiting was yesterday sentenced to two years' imprisonment, and to receive 50 lashes. It is always highly satisfactory to note the administration of the cat in these cases.

The many friends of Mr. Edwards, the popular conductor of the W. and A. Railroad, will sympathize with him in the sad accident which has befallen his son, who, while climbing into a waggon, caught his foot in the wheel, and fractured his leg just above the ankle.

It is understood that General Oliver will retire from his position as commandant of the Royal Military College at Kingston some time in August. The Minister of Militia is in correspondence with the War Office relative to the appointment of a successor in the position.

Hochelaga, now called Maisonneuve, will not suffer from too much commerce if the Legislature of Quebec grants it the power for which it is asking. The town asks for authority to compel every man, of whatever trade or profession he may be, to take out a license, paying not more than \$100 for it, before he can open a shop or hang out his shingle within the municipality. But why should the beautiful Indian name of Hochelaga have been changed?

negative Aubertin, who keeps a "temperance" hotel at Boucherville was fined \$20 or three months in the Montreal police court, for allowing some visitors to drink on his premises some liquor which they had brought with them. This may be law, but it is such an interference with the liberty of the subject, as to amount to a grinding tyranny.

It may be noted by militia men that Major Dunn, of the Governor-General's Body Guards, in the police court, Toronto, charged Wm. Hurst and James Iredale, two privates in that corps, with a breach of the Militia Act in not attending the week's drill. The acting magistrate said he had no option but to dispense the law as he found it. In each case he imposed a fine of five dollars and costs or ten days.

We have received from Messrs. James Hall & Co., Brockville, "Our Dominion Cities, Towns and Business Interests, Historical, Descriptive, and Biographical." It is a well got up advertising medium of at present 260 pages, containing much interesting matter and numerous illustrations, combined with a large number of taking advertisements. It opens with a short historical and physical sketch of each Province.

Mail matter posted in London on May 27th, was distributed in Vancouver, six thousand five hundred miles distant, twelve days later. From an authoritative source it is learned that the directors of the Canadian Pacific recently decided to construct a new line from Hope to Ducks in the Rockies, two stations one hundred and twenty miles apart, reducing the distance over fifty miles. When a fast fleet is put on the Atlantic, the C.P.R. hope to reduce the time between London and Vancouver to ten days and a-half.

It is to be feared there will be a miscarriage of justice in the case of the brute Stevens, who assaulted the young daughter of Mr. L. P. Fairbanks. The ruffian has been admitted to bail in his own recognizances. In ordinary circumstances this might have reflected discredit on the magistrate, but it is inferred that the young lady's examination was made so unpleasant that her father withdrew her, so that there is a failure of evidence. This was probably a trap into which Mr. Fairbanks fell, though he can scarcely be blamed, and is, indeed, rather to be sympathized with, but it is to be regretted. Where regular justice fails in these cases, a little lynch law would seem quite wholesome.

Messrs. Hesslein & Sons, the courteous and gentlemanly proprietors of the Halifax Hotel, seem determined to keep in the very first rank of hotel caterers, and make their house one of the very first in the Dominion. In addition to the many improvements already made, and elegancies added, may be instanced the complete transformation their dining room has undergone. This handsome hall, 70 feet long by 40 feet wide, is now in the hands of the decorators, and will shortly be finished. Heated by hot water radiators in winter, and cooled by large windows in summer, and by patent ventilators, this room will be as comfortable and luxurious as it is beautiful. Mr. Reardon, whose well known taste in such matters cannot be questioned, has had *carte blanche* in the work, and has excelled himself. The flooring is of Southern pitch pine, with shellac finish, and the panelling on the walls is of whitewood, with cherry mouldings and mahogany finish. The ceiling must be seen to be appreciated, for words give but an inadequate description. The design in the centre is formed of two octagons, supported by diamond ornamentation, while squares running the entire length of the ceiling give breadth and massiveness to the whole, relieved at intervals by bronze recesses, gilt heading, and silver finish. Three large plate glass windows afford ample light in the day time, and at night six chandeliers and twelve side lights give a brilliancy that will be reflected back by twelve large British plate mirrors now on their way from Glasgow. Gilt and bronze papers in tasteful patterns ornament the walls. Handsome doors and alcoves pierce the walls at intervals, whilst the main entrance is guarded by swinging doors of heavy plate glass, with fan-light of the same. Guests will be seated at tables of four and six persons respectively, affording accommodation for from 120 to 130 guests, divided into cozy little parties, and entirely new silver ware which has just arrived, will be added. Altogether it is the handsomest room of its kind we have ever seen, and will form one of the many attractions of Halifax.

Intense heat which has caused numerous deaths, is reported from New York.

Frank Byrne, accused of having taken part in the Phoenix Park murders, has had to close his liquor store on Third Avenue for want of customers.

*The Season*, a Lady's Fashion Magazine, monthly, 30 cents, the (International News Company, N.Y., and all news dealers,) is highly recommended.

The many friends of Mr. Pitblado will regret to learn that he is suffering from over-work in his new pastorate, in San Francisco, and that his health is not so good as when he was in Winnipeg.

The consumption of lead pencils in the United States is placed at 250,000 a day. If every woman who uses a lead pencil were to sharpen her own, the consumption would amount to about 250,000,000 a day.

Mr. Levi Morton, of New York, who received the Republican nomination for Vice-President, has promptly evinced his gratitude (the lively sense of favors to come) by a donation of \$10,000 to an educational institution.

The reports of Mr. Blaine's illness have lately assumed a more definite shape. He is—apparently with authority—said to be suffering from Bright's disease. He is reported to have expressed his own doubt whether he will live another year.

The *British American Citizen*, which, on the 23rd June, published a double number of sixteen pages, is still busily setting forth the advantages of Maritime Province summer resorts. Its columns of Canadian news, arranged by Provinces, are also capital.