

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Encenia of Kings College was celebrated yesterday.

Yet another idiot has been walking across the Niagara on a rope.

Dr. McGlynn seems, as we anticipated, to have fairly got to loggerheads with his Church.

The exports at the Port of Montreal during May, amounted to \$2,174,011, and the imports to \$3,122,886.

A singular run of mortality seems to have set in among the members of parliament. The death is now announced of Mr. C. X. Cimon, M. P. for Charlevoix.

It is stated that the sentence of death passed upon Alex. McDonald, convicted of murder at Port Hood, C. B., will be commuted to imprisonment for life.

On Tuesday the Halifax sugar refinery at Woodside was sold at public auction to Geo. E. Francklyn, James C. Fraser and Palgrave Simpson, trustees, for \$190,000.

Much indignation is expressed at the inertness of the Quebec police force, in the matter of the recent disgraceful maltreatment of female members of the Salvation Army.

Mackerel are reported to be plentiful in the North Bay, and the American seiners are being closely watched by the Government steam cruiser *Acadia*, to prevent them from fishing within the limits.

The good people who think the running of Sunday cars wrong have been, at least temporarily, successful in obtaining a judgment in their favor from the Stipendiary, but it will be appealed against.

The Victoria Rifles of Montreal have built themselves an armory, which, from the descriptions of it, must be an approach to the perfect accommodations of the famous armory of the 7th New York.

The towns of Yarmouth and Windsor celebrated the Jubilee of Her Majesty, right royally. Parades, torchlight processions, fireworks and games were the order of the day, and visitors to those towns were more than pleased with the attractions offered.

The many friends of Lt.-Col. Chatfield, R. I. R., will be interested in knowing that he has retired with the rank of colonel. The R. I. R. is a regiment in which promotion would be very rapid but that there is a frequent importation of outsiders.

The subsidies to railways in the Maritime Provinces this year amount to \$486,400, of which sum \$108,800 is to be spent on the Nova Scotia Central; \$44,800 on the Cumberland railway; \$41,600 on the Cornwallis road, and \$4,000 per mile to complete the railway at the Joggins.

The Montreal *Daily Witness* has the following:—"The American system of popular election of judges has reached its climax in the election to the bench of a county court in Kentucky of a notorious murderer who has killed about fifteen people. The people were afraid not to vote for him, but the story now is that they have paid him in his own coin by assassinating him. Our system of political appointment is at least better than that."

Politics will be discussed in Digby County during the next fortnight to a considerable extent. The election of a member to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Campbell, its late representative, will be held on the 16th instant. It is also stated that Mr. Baird, who, although he received the smallest number of votes was declared elected by the returning officer of Queen's County, N. B., has tendered his resignation to the government and will contest the seat again.

The *Catholic Times*, with which we have no exchange, inserts in its issue of the 25th ultimo the graceful verses written by His Grace the Archbishop especially for the Jubilee number of THE CRITIC, without any acknowledgment whatever. It further publishes a letter taking exception to an article written therein by Mr. Fraser. Possibly "Zig-Zag" is not aware that Mr. Fraser is absent for a time. But "Z. Z." apparently lacks the discrimination which would preserve him from a somewhat shallow hypercriticism. Otherwise he would have been able to recognize the distinction between the editor of a paper and a gentleman writing an individual contribution to a special number. That Mr. Fraser "is not familiar with the writings of his contemporaries" is simply a gratuitous assumption.

"Arichat" writes:—"The bulk of the male portion of the population of this town are away seeking the finny tribe, and consequently the place seems almost deserted. To those, however, who desire a release from the noise, dust, and din of larger towns during the hot season, and are anxious to spend a few weeks of relaxation in the country, few better places than Arichat could be selected for the purpose. The refreshing breezes from the Atlantic keep the temperature in a most healthful and delightful condition, while the surrounding country is rich in all that attracts the eye or pleases the imagination. Fair accommodation can be had by the tourist at moderate rates, and opportunities are afforded to those who desire to go boating or trout fishing. The lobster and mackerel fisheries have so far proved comparatively unproductive, and an extension of the time limited for lobster fishing ought to be granted. Richmond at the present time enjoys the distinction of having two Sheriffs, the most recent appointment to that office being Mr. A. M. Neil, of D'Escousse."

Joseph Crosskill, Esq., was in the city reporting the Jubilee for the *Moncton Times*.

The latest New England claim is that her people spent their blood and treasure to win Canada from the French. It must have been in pursuit of this claim that they made two or three remarkably unsuccessful invasions of Canada.

Lt.-Col. F. C. Denison, C. M. G., of Toronto, is to receive the Khedive's medal for service in Egypt. He was in charge of voyagers. Col. Denison is in the Governor-General's Body Guards (Cavalry) of Toronto, and was Militia Aide to Col. Wolseley in the Red River Expedition, 1875.

The *St. John Globe* is authority for the following:—"Three elections in New Brunswick are in the distance. Kent will have to select a successor to Mr. Wheten, appointed sheriff; it is stated that W. A. Park, M. P. for Northumberland, will retire to accept the office of Collector of Customs at Newcastle, and rumor has it that Mr. Landry, M. P., will require to come before the electors of Kent again."

The lovers of the legitimate drama have a rare treat in store for them at the Academy of Music next week in the performances of Thos. W. Keene, America's great Tragedian, and his superb company of twenty-six people. They also use a host of supernumeraries in the productions, and the costuming and stage dressing are said to be exquisite. Halifax has never drawn so large a prize in theatricals as Mr. Keene before, and we like to see such attractions appreciated. His repertoire consists of the following plays:—Richard III., in which Keene is admitted to have no peer, Hamlet, Richelieu, Macbeth, Othello and the Fool's Revenge. A great list and hard to make a choice from, but no choice can be a bad one. In the Richard performance over sixty people are on the stage at one time. The box office opened on Thursday morning, and seats are selling very rapidly. Mr. Keene, although bringing such an expensive company with him, has made the prices cheap enough to allow all to see him, and we trust he will be rewarded by crowded houses nightly.

We were able to devote but half an hour to the Art Exhibition, and could therefore only take a very rapid survey of the many interesting objects it contained. The wealth of that peculiar style of miniature which is to be found only in old families of standing, was very noticeable. Of the bric-a-brac, much of it of high class and interest, it is impossible to speak. There were many good pictures. One's attention is naturally first attracted to old masters. Of these the Caravaggio (No. 1) proclaims its genuineness at a glance; as does also the Archbishop's Perugino (No. 24). The interior ascribed to Dominichino (No. 54) struck us as being somewhat harder than most of the pictures of that painter we have seen. We should have liked to know the painter of No. 60, Venice, Turneresque in effect, but with a singular clearness in spite of the mist. Of native talent, Harvey's "In Annapolis Valley," is an excellent specimen; the calm, clear atmosphere is wonderfully true. Almost as good is his "Leafless," and, in somewhat the same style, a small picture owned by Miss Tremaine, "Resting" (No. 78) deserves mention. Visitors must have been much indebted to the courtesy and activity of the secretary, Mr. Crofton, whose exertions we believe were untiring throughout.

The chief of our typos, on a self-imposed mission to investigate the workings of the new Temperance Act in the rural districts (lural he called it), paid a visit to Upper Prospect. In a lucid interval he visited the lobster canning works of N. P. Christian, and was delighted with all he saw. Cleanliness is the order of the day at the works, and although the business is a decidedly fishy one, our would-be temperance missionary is rather disposed to grumble because he could not get even a "smell." The operations are carried on in a large neatly painted two story factory, and everything has been reduced to a perfect system. The lobsters are received from the schooners at the wharf and carried in hand barrows to two large cauldrons, which are always kept at the boiling point by furnaces underneath. The cooked lobsters are next passed to the breakers, then to the deft hands of girls who abstract the meat. The cans are then filled by other hands, the solderers seal them hermetically, and the cans are then sent upstairs to be painted, labelled, and packed in cases for market. The mackerel, only the best being selected, are delivered to the cleaners in hand barrows, are deprived of their "inards" in a jiffy and passed to the canners and sealers, and are then boiled in the cans, air holes being left which are neatly soldered up when the fish is cooked. Like the good Christian that he is the proprietor always insists in giving full weight, and the high reputation of his goods is attested by his inability to fill the large orders he is constantly receiving.

The revolt in Afghanistan is said to be collapsing.

Prince Albert Victor and Prince George of Wales were well received in Dublin on the 27th ultimo.

An amnesty was granted to certain classes of naval and military offenders on the Jubilee day.

Hansom cabs, with india rubber tires, rendering their movement easier, have been introduced into London.

Nearly two hundred and fifty pilgrims have been drowned in the Danube, by the capsizing of their boat in a hurricane.

Orangemen and Socialists got to loggerheads and created a riot in Liverpool over the Jubilee celebration. No serious damage.

The Priests of Umritsir, Punjab, ceased to pray for Dhuleep Singh, when they heard he was intriguing with Russia against England in India.

Bismarck's plan of operations in Alsace-Lorraine reminds us strongly of Strafford's "Thorough;" only—if Bismarck lives—it will succeed.