

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Messrs. Haley and Frame have been unanimously renominated as the Liberal candidates for Hants.

Adams McDougall and T. B. Smith are announced as the Liberal-Conservative candidates for Hants.

Messrs. John C. Starr of Cornwallis and A. P. Welton of Aylesford are the Liberal Candidates for Kings.

The legislature of Ontario has been dissolved. Nominations will take place on May 28th and polling on June 5th.

Messrs. Barclay Webster and T. R. Harris are the Liberal-Conservative candidates for Kings in the ensuing elections.

Mr. Jacob Bingay has taken Mr. Thos. E. Corning's place as Liberal-Conservative candidate for Yarmouth County.

The Liberals of Lunenburg have nominated Hon. C. E. Church and J. D. Sperry, Esq., as candidates in the forthcoming elections.

The death occurred last Friday of Mr. Peter Ross of Halifax, in the 72nd year of his age. He was a well known business man.

American fishing vessels are coming in numbers for licenses, many applications have been made at Canso during the last few days.

Active operations have been begun on the Wolfville water works and it is expected that the service will be completed and in operation early in July.

Wood Bros. new sign is an ornament to Granville street and to Halifax. It is the largest in the city and was purchased in England recently by Mr. A. L. Wood.

The election in Ottawa on Saturday last, to fill the seat made vacant by the death of W. D. Perley, resulted in the return of Mackintosh, Conservative, by a majority of 850 votes.

Randolph Dubois, who murdered his wife, two children and his mother-in-law, in the village of St. Albans, Quebec, a couple of months ago with an axe, has been sentenced to hang on June 30th.

The new bait law of Newfoundland, requiring that fishing vessels pay a license fee of a dollar a ton for each baiting, is going to be very detrimental to the fishing industry of Nova Scotia if it is enforced.

The Merchant's Tea Company, who have been holding out the tempting bait of diamonds, watches, rings etc, to purchasers of their tea, have been obliged to discontinue this feature of their business as it is unlawful.

The senate of the University of Toronto has approved of plans for the re-construction of the University buildings at a cost of \$226,000. A separate building is to be erected for the library at a cost of \$50,000.

Yesterday was moving day, and, fortunately for those who had to transfer their household goods to another dwelling, the day was fine, which facilitated the business being done with a minimum amount of discomfort.

Captain Hill of the steamer *Halifax* is taking a well earned holiday. He has gone to Banff, N. W. T., and will be absent about three weeks. Capt. Ellis, first officer of the *Halifax*, takes command during his absence.

Mr. N. H. Meagher, Q. C. of Halifax, has been appointed to the vacancy in the Supreme Court bench, caused by the death of Judge Smith. Mr. Meagher is head of the law firm of Meagher, Drysdale, Newcomb and McInnes.

The closing exercises of Pine Hill College took place in St. Matthew's Church on Wednesday evening. A very large audience was present. The number of students from Prince Edward Island was generally remarked upon. Rev. Dr. Burns presided.

The civic elections in Halifax on Wednesday, resulted in the return of David McPherson as mayor by acclamation. As aldermen, Geo. E. Boak, William McFatridge and W. F. Pickering were elected without opposition, and W. Dennis, D. E. Power and James Adams by a majority of votes.

The Newfoundland delegates on the French Shore and *Modus Vivendi* question arrived in Halifax on Monday. They have had an interview with the Board of Trade, and it is to be hoped that some arrangement will be arrived at by which this vexed question will be settled. They want the cooperation of their fellow colonists.

The denizens of the North-West Territories are dissatisfied with the name of their portion of the Dominion, claiming that it has a very frigid sound. Mr. Orr, Mayor of Calgary, has presented to the government a petition from the people of his district praying that the name be changed to the British Canadian Territories. In some places the name Western Territories is preferred.

The American schooner, *Abbie M. Deering*, put into Canso with a sick man on the 21st of April. Fresh fish was smuggled ashore from her and sold, and she also purchased rice. Not being fortunate enough to escape detection, as perhaps other fishing vessels are at times, a penalty of \$800 was imposed and paid. The case is being looked into at Ottawa and a portion of the fine may possibly be remitted.

The capsized schooner *W. D. Richard* which the steamer *Bridgewater* had in tow some days ago and had to abandon, was found by the schooner *Can't Help It*, and towed as far as Portuguese Cove. The steamer *Harlow* being then sighted, an agreement was entered into for the steamer to tow both schooners into Halifax Harbor, where they arrived on Saturday morning. The crew of the *Richard* lost over \$100 in cash when she capsized. The question of salvage is not yet settled.

The butchers of Halifax held a meeting on Wednesday evening to consider the state of their business and see what could be done in view of the increase in the first cost of beef. After full discussion it was decided to increase the price to consumers of beef as follows: Steak, 18 cents, roasts, 17 cents, for best cuts, and other cuts in proportion. The public are asked to accept these prices as the best that can be done.

A sad poisoning case occurred in Halifax on Saturday night last, by which Mrs. James Anderson, wife of a truckman, lost her life. Paris green, which she had been using to destroy bugs, was left in a cup and set in the cupboard where it was forgotten. She afterwards drank hop beer from the cup and was taken violently ill and died early on Sunday morning. This is another warning against careless handling of deadly poisons.

We have received the programme of a work which may be called National. It is entitled "Lovell's Gazetteer and History of Canada." It is to contain a description and history of every county, district, town and village in the Dominion, with full statistics and eight Province maps. It will fill eleven volumes containing over 8,000 pages. The scope and nature of the work may be estimated from the subscription price which is \$75, John Lovell, Publisher, Montreal.

A very interesting meeting is to be held in the Young Men's Christian Association of this city to-morrow, Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock, which will be addressed by Mr. Wilson, superintendent of the home for Indian boys and girls. The purpose of the meeting is to interest philanthropic men in the welfare of Indian youth, and to make a systematic attempt to preserve in readable form the traditions and folk-lore of this ancient race. The meeting will no doubt be largely attended.

We have been favored with the perusal of a poem by the Archbishop of Halifax, published by Appleton of New York. It fills a neat and well printed volume of about 150 pages. The poem is entitled "Aminta, a Modern Life Drama," and sets forth the overthrow of agnosticism in the minds of the actors by the influences of religion. The subject is treated in verse which sometimes reminds us of Moore, but we fancy His Grace has found himself somewhat trammelled here and there by the exigencies of the several metres he adopts. Dr. O'Brien has introduced a novelty in poetry by making the telephone subserve the loves of the hero and heroine. His Grace's book will no doubt be widely read.

Texas is experiencing very destructive floods.

Lincoln's monument has been such a mark for relic hunters that it has been found necessary to protect it with a stout iron fence.

The Hendricks monument has reached New York from Florence, Italy. It weighs 200 tons and will require fifteen cars for transportation to Indianapolis.

In a letter received at Louisville, Ky., Mary Anderson, after confirming the report of her engagement to Mr. Navarro, states she will never again appear before the footlights.

The United States census enumerators want it understood that ladies refusing to tell their ages are liable to a fine of \$30. Does any such law obtain in Canada? If so, ladies should take notice.

Cremation has now so far become general in the United States that for twenty-five dollars a body can be cremated in St. Louis, an urn for the repose of the ashes being included in this total outlay.

A terrible hail storm visited Baltimore on Sunday last, doing considerable damage. The hail stones were larger than hens eggs and very sharp. Horses suffered severely, as they were abandoned in the street.

A man who was in undue haste to get to the front in the gallery of a New York theatre one evening recently, fell over the rail into the orchestra, with the result that he was seriously hurt. The wonder is that he was not killed.

Prescott's fascinating "History of the Conquest of Peru" has, because of the expiry of the author's copyright, been published in cheap form for the first time by John B. Alden, New York. The great reputation of the work will no doubt secure for this issue an immense sale.

The great Lick Observatory telescope is not likely to long enjoy the reputation of being the most powerful in the world. The little city of San Diego, California, is determined to possess a bigger one. The great lens, forty inches in diameter, arrived from Europe the other day at Cambridge, Mass., where it will undergo months of careful and patient rubbing and polishing with finger tips moistened with rouge to shape it to the exact nicety of convexity desired before re-shipment to the Pacific coast. San Diego enjoys a rarely clear climate for astronomical observation, and the powerful telescope there ought to add materially to such discoveries as yet remain for the telescope to make.

Stanley arrived in England on April 26th.

Since April 1 fifty-five strikes have been broken in Austria.

Sir Chas. Tupper has returned to London from the Riviera much improved in health.

Emin Pasha has left Zanzibar for the Interior with 600 porters, 5 German Officers and a large body of Nubian soldiers.

Mr. George Augustus Sala has been awarded £5 damages in his suit for libel against Mr. Furniss, the caricaturist, in London.

A London woman announces that she is about to open a barber shop where all the barbers shall be women, and the newspapers speak favorably of the scheme.