

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Sir Alexander Campbell has assumed his duties as Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

Writs have been issued for election in East and West Algoma. Nomination day is June 23rd and polling day July 7th, in both constituencies.

Efforts are now being made to induce the Dominion Government to disallow the Nova Scotia License Act, which it is held is *ultra vires*, on account of its prohibitory clauses.

Every Nova Scotian will feel a genuine pride upon hearing of the honor conferred upon Professor Lawson by the Royal Society of Canada, which last week elected him as its President.

Mr. F. A. Wiggins, of St. John, N. B., who died recently in London, G. B., left a fortune estimated at two million seven hundred thousand dollars, his immediate family were his heirs.

The Western Counties Railway is to get the half million dollars promised by the government. This will enable the company to complete the missing link and put the railway in a first-class condition.

Sir Adolphe Caron and General Middleton are going to British Columbia next August to inspect the state of the military defences there. General Middleton will begin the inspection of the Canadian militia about the 14th inst.

A return brought down by Hon. Mr. Pope shows that between July 1st, 1885, and May 31st, 1887, 1,113,686 bushels of grain were carried on the Intercolonial from River du Loup to Halifax, the freight on which amounted to \$41,318.

The closing exercises in connection with the institutions of Acadia and those of Mount Allison College took place this week. A large number of visitors were in attendance, and the reports from both Wolfville and Sackville were in every way satisfactory.

The Cape Sable *Advertiser* says: A sturgeon, weighing nearly 300 lbs., was caught in the Green Island trap, Clark's Harbor, on Saturday. It was taken out and placed in an empty lobster car in order to keep it alive till it could be shipped to Boston on Tuesday.

The Indian Commissioner at Lennon Island, Prince Co., P. E. I., was recently assaulted by an Indian named Pelu Francis, who alleges that he has been unfairly dealt with in the matter of seed and employment of men. A warrant has been taken out for the Indian's arrest.

The death of Mr. John Campbell, M. P. for Digby, which took place on the train near Ottawa, was as sudden as it was sad. Mr. Campbell was in the prime of life, and his friends looked forward to his enjoying a long and useful political career. Through his death Digby loses a most promising candidate.

Thomas MacLellan, president and manager of the Maritime Bank, St. John, N. B., has been placed in jail by order of the liquidators, in order to prevent him carrying out his purpose of visiting the United States. Mr. MacLellan's detention is deemed necessary in the interests of the depositors and note-holders.

The first train which reached Vancouver over the C. P. Railway was looked upon as a great event on the Pacific coast. On the shield, on one side of the engine, was a banner with the inscription, "our national highway," and on the other "from ocean to ocean." The whole town was draped with bunting and banners. The town had been tastefully decorated for the occasion with arches, evergreens, etc.

Very general satisfaction is expressed in Halifax at the settlement of the Sumichrast-Hind libel case. The defendant, Professor Hind, pays the costs of the suit, and in addition pays Mr. Sumichrast the sum of \$1,500. The public trial of this case might have given the gossips something to talk about, but it would have served no public good, and it is well that the parties interested agreed upon terms of settlement as they did.

The Point Pleasant Park, notwithstanding that it is looking at its prettiest, is just now one of the most unpleasant places in the city's environments. This is owing to the fact that it is made a resort of by persons carrying mysterious bottles, which, we should judge, would hold the proverbial pint. At any rate these persons invariably become intoxicated, and many nurses and children have been frightened by them. The police authorities should see to it that the park is not used as a drinking garden.

We note that the Hospital authorities are now using letter paper, envelopes, etc., bearing the stamp of the Victoria General Hospital. By the way, what about this hospital? If, as a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee, its name is simply to be change from the P. & C. to the Victoria General Hospital, the memorial is more general than specific in its character. The legislature voted \$20,000 for the purpose of constructing new wings to the present hospital, but the government has since pigeon-holed the project, and its jubilee egg is still in the incubator.

One of our city exchanges contains the following news item from Guysboro, which, while sad, is yet most curious:-- On the night of the 23rd a heavy thunder storm was very much felt here, but fortunately only lasted a short time. At the Intervale settlement, about ten miles from town, a child three years old and a dog were killed instantly. Singular to say the child was sleeping between its parents in the same bed, but neither of the latter were injured. The lightning entered through a window, smashing it, and after killing the child and dog, and destroying the cooking stove, passed out without further injury either to the house or furniture.

The three young men who, at the instance of Mrs. Slaughter, of Preston, were brought up for preliminary examination before Stipendiary Magistrate Griffin, charged with having murdered a colored man named Slaughter, have been discharged, there not having been one iota of evidence to prove that they were in any way concerned with his death. So far as can be ascertained, Slaughter accidentally fell out of the boat in which the young men were fishing, and, after sinking, did not again rise to the surface.

Mr. E. M. Estey of the Medical Hall, Moncton, proprietor of the excellent preparation known as Philoderma, as well as Iron Quinine Tonic, Cod Liver Oil Cream, and other medical preparations of more or less note has, by the display of much pluck and perseverance, under somewhat adverse circumstances, within the past two or three years built up a reputation in the Canadian business world that must stand him in good stead in the future. The *Moncton Times* has been interviewing Mr. Estey, and finds that he is receiving orders from the Hong Kong, Shanghai and Japan trade. A large shipment was about being made to Adelaide, and agencies have been established in New York, Adelaide, Sydney, South Australia, Montreal, St. John and Halifax.

The resignation of the Executive Committee appointed to carry out the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, and the throwing of the responsibility of its proper observance upon the City Council of Halifax, under the circumstances, is the best move that could have been made. The general and sub-committees were certainly not very farsighted in not having representative aldermen as members, and their want of policy resulted in the aldermen becoming piqued, and by a subterfuge upsetting the pre-arranged programme. No one questions the loyalty of the aldermen, nor would the aldermen themselves have hagpled over the amount to be expended had the Council been fairly represented on the committees. But they held the key to the position, and refused to vote supplies, thus rendering nugatory the work of the committees. It is to be hoped that as the City Council now have the full management of affairs they will go to work with a will, and push the preparations so as to ensure success to the Jubilee celebration.

The concert given by Mr. Ross's Choir at the Orpheus Club Hall on Tuesday evening last did not draw as large a house as the merits of the entertainment deserved, and hence throughout the rendition of Bennett's Cantata, "The May Queen," there was a certain deadness or a lack of responsiveness about the audience which had a marked effect upon the singers. Mr. Parker, the Boston tenor, is one of the most charming singers that it has been our privilege to listen to for many a day. His style is simple, yet elegant, pure, yet impressive, and his voice, full, sweet and sympathetic. As the Lover in the "May Queen" he made an irresistible suitor, and left the impression upon the audience that he had already played a similar part in real life. Mrs. Taylor was a most queenly singer, singing her part with a dignity and richness that could not fail to please. Miss Shoff, who desires still to be considered as an amateur, took the part of the May Queen, and so far as the execution of the somewhat difficult passages were concerned, did remarkably well. Mr. George Boak, as Robt. Hood, was most acceptable, and altho' his tones were sometimes off pitch, he sang with a certain freedom that implied careful study of his part. In the miscellaneous portion of the programme the chorus for ladies voices, Rossini's "Angel of Concord," was beautifully rendered. Miss O'Leary executed her solo with brilliancy.

Barlow Bros. and Frost's minstrels gave a series of excellent entertainments on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week, and the superiority of the troupe was attested by the large audiences that attended each evening. The first part, which included the usual solos and choruses, accompanied by side-splitting jokes from the end men, proved that as actors, the company could not be excelled. The singing, however, was below the average, and in this respect "minstrels" hardly apply to them. The jokes were capital, only one chestnut being indulged in. In Part II. Woods and Connor scored a great success in their Shadowgraphs, and the concluding naval combat between a Chinese Pirate Junk and an English man-of-war was very fine. Mr. Eddie Foys was especially good in his violin solos and imitations. His imitation of the music at a country dance was perfect, and brought down the house. Barlow Brothers in their comic song and dance act, and Mr. Tom Granger, the comedian, were good in their respective lines, and W. Goldie gave solos on a great variety of instruments. We will pass over Mr. Harry C. Horton, the male soprano, whose burlesque female selections were passable, but we cannot bestow too much praise on Nelsoni, the wonderful juggler, whose performance alone was worth the price of admittance. An evening replete with enjoyment was brought to a close with the laughable farce, "Pleasant Companions." Barlow Bros. and Frost's minstrels is by far the best company we have heard in this city, and Manager Clarke deserves great credit for his enterprise in bringing it here.

In strolling along Hollis Street our reporter paused in front of the Halifax Piano and Organ Co.'s large show windows, attracted by the facsimile of Beethoven's piano, a quaint, spindle-legged, yellow-keyed instrument, manufactured in the year 1800. A glance from it to the upright Steinway standing just behind, both the best types of their respective periods, showed the wonderful advance made in the manufacture of pianos during the present century. Enticed by the artistic display in the windows, he entered the premises and passed a pleasant half hour inspecting the choice stock of pianos and organs within. Finding their old premises in the Sichel building too small for their rapidly increasing business, the company some months ago rented two large stores at 157 and 159 Hollis Street, and employed a large force of skilled artisans to renovate them, and, as a result of their enterprise and good taste, they have now as large and convenient premises in their line of business as can be found in the Dominion. The