

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Mr. Edward Blake is reported to have so far recovered his health as to resume the practice of his profession.

Mr. Henry R. Emerson has been returned to the Local Assembly of New Brunswick for Albert County by a majority of 226.

Ex-Mayor Hyman, of London, Ontario, is the champion lawn tennis player of Canada. His name would indicate that he plays many love games. Mr. Hyman is also a first-rate cricketer.

The *American Advertiser-Reporter* (published fortnightly on Wednesdays, 234-5 Broadway, N. Y., the Reporter Printing Company) is an excellent medium in the interest of Newspaper Publishers and Advertising Managers.

The sad intelligence was received last week of the suicide of Mr. Thompson, First Lieutenant of H. M. S. *Emerald*. The deceased officer had been in low spirits, and shot himself with a rifle, the muzzle of which he placed in his mouth.

It is satisfactory to learn that the seconds and others principally concerned in the recent disgusting fight between two women at Navy Island, N. Y., a few weeks ago, have received sentences of from three months to as many years in the penitentiary.

The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. McLelan held their first reception at Government House on Tuesday afternoon, attended by Col. Clerke, Private Secretary, and Lieut. Silver, 63rd, A.D.C. A large number of citizens congratulated His Honor on his appointment.

A *Chart of Elocutionary Drill*, by T. B. Browning, M. A., from the "Proceedings of the Canadian Institute," appears to be an exhaustive and serviceable manual for readers and speakers in public. It is elucidated by numerous diagrams. The Copp-Clark Company, 9 Front St. West, Toronto.

We have received from the *Toronto News Company* a parody, entitled "The Rock or the Rye," by T. C. DeLeon, on Mrs. Amelie Ryves Chambers' "The Quick or the Dead." This burlesque seems to have gone through nine editions, though we confess we do not see much in it even for the small sum of fifteen cents, which is its price.

The Manitoba *Free Press* brings against Mr. Greenway the gravest charges of accepting bribes from the Railway Companies with which he has had dealings, to the amount of \$12,000 or \$13,000, ostensibly for election purposes, and of falsehood and evasion in the matter generally. The *Free Press* challenges Mr. Greenway to take legal steps if he feels aggrieved.

There is a perfect furore among second-rate politicians for bringing actions for libel against newspapers. M. M. Mercier, Faillon, Beaugrande and Champagne, are suing the *Empire*, *Patrie*, *Star*, *Mirror*, and another, Mr. Martin, of Manitoba, is prosecuting the *Morning Call*, and Mr. Greenway, the *Free Press*. The first-rate men in politics let this sort of thing alone.

The first shipment of 27,000 bushels of North-West wheat has reached Port Arthur, the grand distributing point both by boat and rail. Heavy lots will be moved eastward daily from Manitoba and the North-West, although the great rush is not expected until the farmers get their fall ploughing well under way, and have time to attend to the handling of their surplus grain.

While Mr. Robt. S. White, (Conservative) son of the late Minister of the Interior, has been returned to the Dominion Parliament for Cardwell, the "public shame" of Canada is again made conspicuous by the unseating for bribery of Mr. Cochrane (Conservative), M.P. for E. Northumberland, Ont., Dr. Mallory, the previously elected (Liberal) member, having been unseated a year ago.

The Montreal *Witness* exposes and deprecates the use in the Montreal public schools of a French book used in teaching that language, which, at least, the *Witness* says, might be a home article, but is in reality an American work, and in which the words "Montreal or Canada" occur nowhere but on the title-page. *Je suis American* only runs through the whole book. This is how Americans, but not Canadians, are made!

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—E. H. L., Chester.—Your questions have been sent to Immigration Agent for authoritative information, and his replies are not yet received. Meantime, we forward you a copy of the Exhibition Number of THE CRITIC. "Idiom," Pictou.—Your remarks will receive attention when we resume the publication of "Don't." W. D. S., New Glasgow.—We will insert your contribution as soon as possible, probably in about a fortnight.

Many people seem to think that a public holiday to witness naval and military manoeuvres was superfluous. The fact is, that unless favored by invitation or accident as to position, there is not much to be seen from any distance beyond the occasional movement of a few boats or bodies of troops. No doubt, however, some were gratified with what they saw of the naval attack on Halifax, the result of which seems to have been the capture of McNab's Island by the naval force after an abortive attempt by the gun-boat *Ready* in the forenoon, and a successful feint in some force on Herring Cove. However, the weather was propitious, and no doubt many enjoyed not only what they may have been able to see, but the holiday itself.

Says the *Halifax Chronicle*: Halifax is soon to have a bi-monthly journal, to be published in the interest of the medical profession of the Maritime Provinces; the first number is to come out in November. Each Province is to be represented on the editorial staff by two members of the profession, the Halifax editors being Drs. Campbell and Morrow. There is a good field for such a journal, and its appearance will doubtless be hailed with satisfaction by the medical men.

We have before us a very handsome little book, well printed on good paper, on "Painting in Oil, a Manual for the use of Schools," by Miss M. Louise McLaughlin (Robt. Clarke & Co., 61-3-5 West Fourth St., Cincinnati.) It appears to be an excellent manual for students, being one of a valuable series. Miss McL. is herself an accomplished artist, and has previously published equally good works on "China Painting" and "Pottery Decoration." Square 12mo., fancy boards, \$1.00, illustrated.

The *St. John Evening Gazette* is down on the extravagant story of the defence of the American Privateer, "Gen. Armstrong," against a British boat attack in Fayal Roads in 1814, and the *Gazette* is right. It was a disastrous attack, but there are two or three important lies, and two or three equally important omissions in the American account. We intend noticing it, and will bear out the *Gazette*, as soon as we have space, by printing the reliable account of the action from James' Naval History.

Work is being pushed on the Halifax dry dock, and a perfect army of men is employed in the different branches of the construction. Some delay has been caused for want of men; stonemasons have been imported from Scotland and the United States, and laborers from Newfoundland. Some idea can be had of the magnitude of the work when it is stated 5,000 tons of cement will be used for concrete, and 52,000 cubic feet of granite goes into the structure. It is expected the dock will be finished and in operation next year.

Mr. Blaine passed through St. Thomas, Ont., last week, en route to Detroit, and was met by a brass band and "a number of his Canadian friends and admirers." Mr. Blaine having, apparently, been asked to speak, declined to discuss the Presidential question on foreign soil, thereby displaying better taste than the "friends and admirers," who would do better to keep their highly valuable admiration for their own country and institutions. These are the cheap, officious and sensational people who do so much to cover Canada with disgrace.

R. H. Earle's marine distress shell was tested on the harbor, (Halifax) under the direction of Lieut. Burney, chief of the gunnery department of the flagship *Bellerophon*. The experiments, which were made by special request of Admiral Lyons, attracted considerable attention on the water side. Three of the shells were thrown into the water after the attached fuse was ignited, and they exploded with a loud report, and threw a column of smoke to a great height. Lieut. Burney expressed great satisfaction over the result of the test, and the men on the warships thought the inventor worked admirably. Mr. T. R. Gue and others in the city are interesting themselves in the matter, and now await a favorable report from the naval authorities.

Fifty new cases of yellow fever at Jacksonville, Fla., and five deaths were recorded on Tuesday. Total to Monday, 3,208 cases, 295 deaths.

A young woman in Pennsylvania eloped recently with the father of her intended bridegroom, who was left in the lurch at the wedding hour.

The Philadelphians defeated the Irish Gentlemen by 7 runs, the score being, Philadelphia 113 and 167; Gentlemen of Ireland 154 and 119.

It is rumored that Lord Sackville is to be removed from Washington to St. Petersburg, and it is suggested that the British embassy should be given to a Canadian. Such an appointment would be a new departure in British diplomacy, and might be a very good one.

Public Opinion, (the Public Opinion Company, New York and Washington,) on the plan of the English publication of the same name, is an equally valuable paper, one of those, indeed, which, reflecting all views of the great questions of the day, is an indispensable adjunct to the editorial sanctum \$3 per annum.

Wheat has been forced up in price because Mr. Hutchinson, of Chicago, concludes to add a few millions to his fortune, and the poor all over the world suffer. These soulless millionaire gamblers ought to be legislated against, and it is a wonder the socialists and anarchists do not bring some of them to summary account.

The newly accredited Persian Minister to the United States signified his presentation to the President by prostrating himself, and bumping his head three times on the floor, when he seemed satisfied that he had done the proper thing. He, however, was disappointed at the plainness of the Presidential mansion, and thought his reception rather tame by comparison with the pomp of ambassadorial receptions at his own court.

The Alaska Company is endeavoring to influence public opinion in favor of its monopoly by a story that the sealing grounds in Behring Sea are in danger of being depopulated. The statement is, however, false, and the Company has contradicted itself by allowing the fact to leak out that there are eight millions of seals on the Pryvillion Islands—an unprecedented number. The total take of the Victoria fleet outside the prohibited waters for the year was only 21,000 seals.

The Canadian press is giving a good deal of space to the doings of an old scoundrel named Hutchinson, who, by his astuteness in wheat stocks, has brought near to ruin about twenty wheat firms in Chicago, which, no doubt, serves them right, as they are all probably gamblers, and would be just as ruthless as "old Hutch" himself if they had the brains and opportunity. There is no interest in the doings of these sordid American millionaires, except to point a moral.