

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The winter arrangement on the Intercolonial goes into operation on Monday next.

The receipts from Quebec Crown Lands for the past year aggregate \$786,000, an increase of over 50 per cent. over those of the preceding year.

The Allan steamer *Polynesian*, the first weekly mail boat of the winter season to Halifax, sailed from Liverpool yesterday week, and will be due on Saturday.

The steamer *Yarmouth* has made an excellent record of passages this year, having, we understand, not missed connection with a single train during the season of travel.

It is evident that the Hon Edward Blake broke his health by excess of work. It is much to be lamented, and it is to be hoped the Hon gentleman will see the necessity of preserving himself more carefully in the future.

Messrs. Hattie & Mylius have put their messenger boys in uniform. This is a good move and the example might be followed with advantage. Why should we not have a regular Brigade of messenger boys in Halifax?

A very sad accident happened on Saturday to a laborer named Daniel Hunt, who got his foot crushed between the steamer *Carroll* and Phelan's wharf, in rescuing an intoxicated passenger who fell overboard. This he succeeded in doing, but his foot has had to be amputated.

It is announced in Government organs that the Dominion Government has decided to formally request the Governments of Australia and New Zealand to send delegates to Ottawa to negotiate for closer commercial relations between those colonies and the Dominion, as well as to consider the question of a Pacific Cable between Vancouver and Australia.

The Manitoba Legislature has met, having been called together to consider the railway question. The Lt.-Governor in his speech justly remarks "that it was believed the question had been set at rest, but that unfortunately it had been revived in a different form." Mr. Greenway moved for a Royal Commission to investigate the charges brought against his government by the Winnipeg press.

Capillaire is a berry of delicious flavor peculiar to Newfoundland, and a new industry has been started there in picking and preserving it. As an indispensable requisite to introducing it, the proprietor has despatched two large glass jars, in a beautiful walnut case, filled with capillaire preserves, which will be presented to her Majesty the Queen. Will not some of our Halifax importers give us a chance of seeing what it is like?

This is an age in which intelligent young ladies desire positions which will relieve them from dependence upon parents or relatives. For one or more of such we now have work in connection with *THE CRITIC* and applications should be made without delay. We desire to secure the services of one or more independent active lady canvassers, the work of canvassing to be confined to cities, towns and villages, and we promise liberal remuneration to those whom we may engage as canvassers for *THE CRITIC*. Here is a chance for the self-helpful girl.

The Manitoba Legislature is said to have decided to defer action on the proposal to enact retaliatory legislation against the C. P. R. till the January session. If this be correct the action is creditable to the Manitoba Government. It certainly seems that the action of the C. P. R. is against the spirit of the concession of their monopoly, for which they received and obtained the guarantee on interest of \$15,000,000, and if this be so their opposition to the crossing would seem vexatious and provocative of dissatisfaction and violence.

Our subscribers will please read this notice. We have just prepared a special list of handsome premiums suitable for Christmas gifts, which we propose to offer to any one sending us in the names of new subscribers. These premiums consist of a variety of ornamental and useful articles and few persons can afford to lose the chance of securing one or more of them. Send for our list of special premium offers which we will mail you free. If you do not care for the list yourself let some friend have the benefit of this offer. Sample copies of *THE CRITIC* mailed free to any address.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF THE GLOBE.—It is evident from the announcement made in our advertising columns that the *Globe* has in preparation something above the average of Christmas numbers, and there is, we should say, no doubt, from what we gather from its announcement, that its Holiday paper will be one of the handsomest ever published in Canada. The colored plates will include a very fine one of Vancouver Park, British Columbia, from a painting by L. R. O'Brien, one of the very first of Canadian Landscape painters. The number will doubtless be well worth the 25 cents which will be its price. Orders may be sent to any newsdealer, or to the *Globe*, Toronto, direct.

A terrible coal mine explosion is reported from Pittsburg, Kansas. 160 men were 120 feet down in the mine, and it is considered certain that they are all dead.

The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain arrived at New York on Monday by the *Aurania*, and started for Washington. His marriage with Mrs. Endicott took place yesterday.

Fresh cases of yellow-fever, and more deaths, are still reported from Jacksonville and Decatur, Fla.

The usual sad story comes from Gloucester, Mass., at the close of the fishing season. Fourteen vessels and 63 lives were lost. The vessels were valued at \$63,000. Insurance \$54,000. Last year 13 Gloucester vessels went down, with 85 men.

A man (said to be a French Canadian) named Pilon brutally assaulted two married women at Grayling, Mich., last week. At midnight a party of fifty masked men took him from the house in which the sheriff had confined him, and hung him in a neighbouring grove. "No jury in this county" it was remarked "would convict the vigilantes."

A terrible fire occurred at Rochester, N. Y., on the 9th, instant. The premises consumed (those of the Steam Gauge and Lantern Company) on the brink of the Genesee Falls, were seven stories high. Several men were caught on the third story. Fourteen jumped and were frightfully injured. Ten of them died and four or five more bodies were supposed to be in the ruins.

We are in receipt of *Miss Parlo's New Cook Book*, (Estes & Lauriat, 301-305 Washington St. Boston) Miss Parlo is the author of several works of this description, and the one before us is doubtless valuable from the experience it embodies. It is a prepossessing looking volume and the price, 30 cents, postpaid, is very low. The edition is limited to 100,000 copies.

Minnesota has just tabled the result of a year's operation of high license. The result in the state, as wherever high license has been tried, shows a bigger revenue from a consumption of less whiskey. The two thousand eight hundred saloons of last year are represented now by sixteen hundred. The revenue last year of \$840,000 from \$300 per license is increased to \$1,040,000 from \$650 per license.

There is a well known lady in Wilkes county, Ga., who has enjoyed perfect health since the earthquake. For several years her health had been declining, and she was then quite feeble. The trouble was that she never perspired. When the earthquake came she was considerably frightened, and in a few moments the perspiration came freely from every pore. She began to improve, and soon entirely regained her health.

The following has been put forth as a possible forecast of General Harrison's ministry:—Ex-assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Chas. E. Coon (Rep.) thinks that Mr. Sherman will be secretary of state; Mr. Warner Miller, secretary of the treasury; Mr. Blaine, minister to England. The Mail and Express, (Rep.) thinks that Gen. Alger will be secretary of war, though Gen. James H. Wilson, of Delaware, has a chance; Senator Frye, secretary of the navy; Mr. Michener, of Indiana, attorney-general; Senator Allison or Warner Miller, secretary of the treasury. That Blaine will succeed Mr. Frye, and Mr. Reed, of Maine, be speaker of the house. Thursday afternoon, Secretary of the Senate, Edward McPherson, said: Information obtainable justifies the opinion that the next house will consist of 173 Republicans and 152 Democrats.

An old house in London collapsed on Lord Mayor's day, killing six and injuring 20 persons.

Lord Mayor's day (the 9th.) was this year devoid of the usual mediæval pageantry, which will probably never be revived.

The Austrian press now denies the statement that the Empress, under medical advice, is going on a voyage to the West Indies and America.

Mr. Redmond has been unconditionally released from Wexford Gaol, three weeks before the expiration of his sentence, on account of his health.

A "Professor" of the art of training animals is exhibiting in London a troop of twelve "performing cats" which he has succeeded in educating to the accomplishment of a number of tricks.

M. Nausen, curator of the museum at Bergen, with four Norwegian athletes, started from Copenhagen in May to explore the interior of Greenland, and have succeeded in crossing the inland ice.

A Miss Sterling, "colored," in the Salvation Army in Switzerland, has been sentenced at Orbe to 100 days imprisonment for continuing to make proselytes of minors in despite of the Swiss regulations against it.

The rearranging of the Russian troops in the vicinity of the Austrian frontier proceeds actively in response to the movement of the Austrian forces. No change in the relations between the two countries has taken place.

The veteran statesman Mr. Bright, the Speaker of the Commons (the Rt. Hon. Arthur Wellsley Peel), Lord Tennyson, and Mr. Laurence Oliphant, the author, are all reported to be in a very weak state of health, the condition of the latter being very critical.

A significant article has appeared in the *Esercito Italiano*, the Roman War Office Organ, indicating the imminence of war, on account of the necessity which exists for France to endeavor to burst the trammels imposed upon her by the Italo-Germanic alliance.

The Cunard Steamer *Umbria* collided with the French Steamer *Iberia* shortly after leaving New York, in a dense fog, and cut off about 14 feet from her stern. The *Umbria* returned to New York, her stern being started, and having a hole in her bow. No loss of life is mentioned.

The appointment of Sir Arthur Blake to the Government of Queensland does not find favor in that colony. Both the Premier and ex-premier of Queensland agree in condemning it. The Queensland Government seems to desire a voice in the appointment of their Governor, which Lord Kintford says it is impossible to allow. Hence may arise serious difficulties. It seems to be a hasty decision, likely to raise a great question.