

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount enclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Millie Fraser.

Recently we sent our accounts to subscribers, many of whom are considerably in arrears, and who must understand that we have reached the end of our tether, and now demand immediate payment. Failure to respond will oblige us to take proceedings unpleasant alike to ourselves and to those in arrears.

Manitoba temperance people claim that province will be for prohibition in two years.

Mr. Colby's majority in Stanstead, Quebec, was 1:15. Mr. Colby will shortly return to Ottawa.

The influenza epidemic has reached the United States and medical men expect it in Montreal soon.

Three sons of Lord Stanley, who are attending school in England, are spending their holidays at Rideau Hall.

Commencing next Monday the Canadian Pacific Short Line train will leave here at 7.50 o'clock, Halifax time.

A man named Kew in Toronto, convicted of criminally assaulting a little girl, has been condemned to imprisonment for life.

An interim copyright has been granted in Canada for Gilbert & Sullivan's new comic opera, "The Gondoliers, or the King of Barataria."

January 11th being Sir John A. Macdonald's seventy-fifth birthday he will be presented with an address by the citizens of Ottawa, irrespective of party.

The Liberal-Conservatives of Shelburne have unanimously nominated Charles H. Cahan and Capt. A. K. Smith to contest the county in the coming local election.

The N. S. Central regularly commenced traffic on Monday with over 40 passengers from Bridgewater to Lunenburg and a large number from Bridgewater to Middleton.

The Sydney Advocate says there is a boy residing at Mainadieu shore, who can stand on his head on the beam of a small sled and coast down a hill in that position.

A special train on the Intercolonial railway collided with a team while crossing the track near Rimouski a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Lavoie and their sons were pitched out, Mrs. Lavoie being killed.

The Committee which had charge of the Summer Carnival at Hamilton, Ont., is in the hole to the extent of over \$3,000. Of this amount about \$1,500 is owing to the newspapers for printing and advertising.

By an arrangement which has been made between the New Brunswick and Canadian Pacific Railway passengers from the west will not have to remain in St. John over night, but can come on to their destination.

Rev. W. A. Pratt, Pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, has accepted a call to western New York, and will close his work in this city next Sunday. He will be succeeded by Rev. Thomas B. Gregory, of Maine.

We are in receipt of the Christmas number of the Youth's Companion, together with a very handsome double card of announcement. This is a handsome publication, well illustrated and contributed to by many eminent writers. (\$1.75 per annum, Perry Mason & Co., Boston.)

The Liberal-Conservative convention which met in Halifax on Thursday evening of last week, unanimously nominated Hugh McD. Henry, Q. C., Patrick O'Mullin, and J. J. Stewart, of the Herald, as candidates in the ensuing local election. The gentlemen accepted the nominations.

The "King's Daughters" will be interested in the news from St. Louis that Roman Catholic women of that city, with the approval of their pastors, have started a society of "Daughters of the Queen." Its chief work will be to shelter homeless girls out of employment and establish a training and industrial school.

On Saturday last the jury in the McDonald case brought in the following verdict:—"The jury are of the opinion that the prisoner is guilty, with the plea of insanity." Judge King concurred in the verdict, and it has given general satisfaction to the public. It is probable he will be sent to the Criminal Insane Asylum at Kingston.

An unknown lady, dressed in black and heavily veiled, administered a horse whipping to a well known man in Ottawa on Friday last. The man realizing that "discretion is the better part of valor" took to his heels, and the woman disappeared immediately afterwards. The police were not in sight and only two or three spectators were on the scene.

Yesterday week Mr. J. Estis Wilson was presented with a handsome silver pitch and salver, accompanied by a highly appreciative address from his brethren of "Mystic" Lodge, I. O. O. F., in recognition of his valuable services in the organization of the Lodge. Mr. Wilson is to be congratulated on the deserved estimation in which he is held.

The Cumberland Leader says:—"Robert Barr, of Barr's Settlement, Nova Scotia, noticed in September that one of his cows showed signs of illness, decreasing in flesh and the amount of milk lessening. The owner did all he could, but the animal grew worse, and about two weeks ago she died. Mr. Barr made an examination of her intestines and outside the lining of the heart he found a live lizard 5½ inches in length. The heart was twice its natural size and discolored."

The closing exercises of the Halifax Business College took place last Friday evening at the college rooms. The principals treated the pupils to a bountiful supply of Christmas cheer, and a very pleasant time was spent. The pupils presented Messrs. Frazee & Whiston with an address and two handsome piano lamps, which were suitably acknowledged by the recipients.

We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of calendars from Messrs Rhodes, Curry & Co., from Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & A'lis, St. John, and from the Queen Insurance Co., Stephen Tobin, Esq., General Superintendent for that Company in the Maritime Provinces. These are all neat, elegant and perspicuous, the last especially large and visible.

Three Salvation Army leaders have been convicted in Parrsboro for making themselves a nuisance by marching on the sidewalks. Jas. N. Phinny, one of the defendants, paid his fine but the other two concluded to go to jail. However, they did not remain long in "durance vile." A gentleman of the town paid their fines and they were allowed once more to breathe the air of freedom.

A special cable from London to the Globe says Sir Chas. Tupper denies that there is any authority for the statement that Canada would refuse to renew the *modus vivendi* on account of the inaction of the United States government. Another cable dispatch to the same paper says the news that the Dominion government intends to modify the duty on mining machinery is received with satisfaction.

The Eastern Journal, Port Hawkesbury, says:—"The harmless insane belonging to the county Inverness, numbering twenty-one, were brought from Mount Hope Asylum, Dartmouth, by Dr. Chisholm and D. F. McDonald. They are now safely lodged in the Inverness asylum at Mabou. A great saving to the county is expected as compared with the cost in the Provincial asylum. This will be watched with considerable interest."

We are advised of an ingenious invention which, if it be found to work satisfactorily, may not improbably supersede the present method of voting by ballot. The arrangement, or machine, is such that by the touching of a knob a mark is perforated in a slip of paper opposite the candidate's name. The new invention is to ensure absolute secrecy and rapidity of voting, and when the poll is closed the returning officer unlocks the drawer and the strips of paper show at a glance, without addition, how many votes each candidate has received and in a couple of minutes the result is announced. The invention is that of a clever French Canadian, and it is quite probable it will ere long be the system of voting in Canada.

A railway is to be built from Omaha to Forest City in South Dakota.

A \$250,000 fire occurred at St. Louis on Friday last, caused by crossed electric wires.

The City of New York has been thrown into darkness by the cutting down of the dangerous electric light wires.

Mrs. Clarissa Jackson, who has just died at Goshen, N. Y., aged 77, was the sister of Noah Webster, of dictionary fame, who formerly taught school in that village.

Miss Bisland is said to have got ahead of Miss Nellie Bly in the race around the world. The prospect is good that Miss Bisland will reach New York a week ahead of Nellie Bly.

A new indictment for conspiracy to bribe Cronin jurors has been returned by the grand jury against John E. Graham, A. L. Manks, Fred W. Smith, Mark Salomon, Jeremiah O'Donnell, Thomas Kavanaugh and Joseph Konen.

O'Sullivan, one of the convicted Cronin murderers, is said to be dying of consumption, and a confession is not improbable. He appears to be suffering from remorse, and on Wednesday week as the gaoler was passing his cell he heard him exclaim: "I cannot face my God with this load on my mind."

The Jews are said to be rapidly increasing in numbers, wealth and influence in New York. Four new synagogues were recently opened within the space of ten days, and the city now has forty seven of these places of worship, which is a larger number than can be found in any other city in the world. The Hebrew population has doubled in ten years. Some trades they almost entirely control.

The ban has been removed from the offensive hand organ in New York, but certain restrictions are to be imposed on the street musicians. A license must be procured which will cost \$1 per annum and the number of licenses will be limited to 300. This, coupled with rules about places and times, when and where they are not to perform will make their presence bearable to those sensitive people who object to them.

The plans of the ice palace for 1890, at St. Paul, Minn., have been accepted and construction will be begun as soon as there is ice enough in the Mississippi. The castle will be 360 feet long, and will vary in width from 48 to 200 feet. There will be one central tower 54 feet square, and rising in the air to the height of 150 feet. Seven smaller towers will be erected at different angles, their height ranging from 40 to 80 feet.

Malietoa has been proclaimed King of Samoa, and formally recognized by the Consuls.

The baby King of Spain is the thirteenth of his name, which fact makes his mother feel nervous about him.

The Emperor of Germany has been so ill as to be compelled to keep his bed. The trouble was catarrh with fever which provoked a recurrence of his ear complaint.