NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Canadian Gazette of the 2nd inst' asserts that inquiries made in the highest quarters failed to disclose any intention on the part of the Duke and Duchess of York to pay a visit to Canada in 1897, as has been stated and widely published that they would do.

At the department of trade and commerce, Ottawa, a large number of replies have been received from boards of trade to the departmental communication asking for suggestions by which the trade could be promoted. When these suggestions have been collated they will make a somewhat lengthy list.

MIRACLES TO-DAY

William H. White of Portugese cove, Racked by the Tortures of Rheumatism, is Quickly Relieved and Permanently Cured by the Great South American Rheumatic Cure.

"I was a martyr to acute rheumatism for years. All the known remedies and best doctors were given a trial, but nothing ever gave me any permanent relief until I obtained your great South American Rheumatic Cure. It has done so much for me that I gladly give my testimony, that other sufferers from the agonies of rheumatism may take my advice and try this great remedy. I am satisfied it will cure them as it has me." Sold by

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Advices from St. John's, Nfld, of the 2nd inst. say that negotiations have been concluded whereby the colony buys out the Newfoundland railway company which operates fifty-seven miles of road from St. John's, meeting the transiasular road at Whitborne, which latter road is 460 miles and is virtually controlled at present by the smaller one. The deal ends a series of costly law suits between the colony and the railroad company.

The United States and Hayti Telegraph and Cable Company, having laid a cable direct from New York to Hayti, is now open for business to all South American points. This cable gives the Canadian Pacific railway's telegraph, Postal Railway Telegraph Cable Co, and Commercial Cable Co. a more direct connection with all points in South America which has heretofore been monopolized by the Western Union Co. via Florida. The service was inaugurated this morning with a substantial reduction in rates.

Dr. Leander S. Jameson was released on last Wednesday night at 9 o'clock from Holloway jail, London, in compliance with the order of the home secretary, Sir Matthew White Ridley. Dr. Jameson underwent a serious operation in the jail on Nov. 10, and the release was ordered on medical grounds. He was sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment on July 28 last on a charge of violating the neutrality laws of the South American republic at the head of the Jameson raid.

Two Gloucester fishermen were brought to New York by the S. S Dresden, who were picked up in mid-ocean, after being adrift in an open boat through bitterly cold weather, without food and drink for five days and four nights. They are Patrick J. Foley and Joshua E. Foye, of the little fishing schooner Florence of Gloucester. They lost sight of their vessel last Saturday morning while engaged in trawling, and when taken on board the Dresden last Wednesday afternoon, were in a pitiable condition Their hands, feet and faces were frost bitten and they were almost crazed from haunger and thirst. They lost their oars in a storm and were beaten back by the wind after having rowed half way to Nova Scotia.

Last week a freight train of thirty cars, loaded with lumber and shingles, going west, got beyond control on a heavy grade, east of the Mullen Tunnel, near Helena, Mont., on the Northern Pacific road and ran away. Twenty-six cars were scattered along a distance of eight miles, where the engine left the track. Edward Jarbeau, head brakeman, was thrown down an embankment with several cars and was killed. Fireman Young jumped and escaped with a broken collar-bone, severe scalp wounds and other injuries. Engineer J. Flynn's leg was broken besides internal injuries. Conductor John McKean's thigh is broken, his back wrenched and his shoulder thrown out of joint. It is the worst wreck ever known on the Northern Pacific railway in the point of damage to track and rolling stock.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

DR. JAMESON has been released from prison on the grounds of ill health.

REV. JOHN A. MCDONALD eturned home on Friday last from a trip to the United States.

A HOLE was burned in the roof of the railway station at Tignish on Thursday last. The fire was caused by a defective flue.

A FIRE brigade has been organized at Tignish, with Mr. J. A. Brennan, as captain, Rev. D. M. McDonald, treasurer, and Mr. A. J. McFadyen, Secretary.

THE latest analysis of product of Cape Broyle, Nfld., gold claims show them to be less valuable than supposed. One English syndicate has withdrawn from working their claim.

WE commence to-day the publication of an excellent story entitled "Philomena or a Daughter's Holocaust." We feel sure our readers will find it most interesting, and in every way a first-class serial.

IT is confidently asserted in Toronto and Ottawa, that Hon. J. D. Edgar, Speaker of the House of Commons, will be the next Lieut. Governor of Ontario. Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick's term expires in May.

OWING to thick vapor, the Princess was detained at Pictou on Wednesday night last. She returned Thursday forenoon, and afterwards made the round trip to Pictou and back, returning about 9 o'clock

A VERY disastrous fire occurred at Ottawa last Thursday morning. The largest dry goods house in the city, C. Ross, & Co., was totally destroyed, besides heavy damages to other firms. Loss about $400,000.

WE publish in this issue an article on the "School Settlement," from the Montreal Gazette. This is a moderate and fair view of the question, from a Protestant point of view, and is well worthy of perusal.

A JACKMAN, ME., correspondent reports that Mr. John Gregory, of Charlottetown, had his leg and arm fractured by the falling of a tree in the lumberwoods a few days ago. He is doing well under the doctor's care.—EX,

FOR the first time in the history of Montreal, every man employed on the police force has been given notice to quit at the end of the year. Naturally a great many will be re-engaged, but the move portends important changes in the force.

IT is understood that the Boston and Marine Railway Company has ordered between 200,000 and 250,000 tons of coal from the Dominion Coal Company this year, and it has been sufficiently satisfactory to warrant the continuation of its use.

THE Government has purchased all the rights and property of the Newfoundland Railway Co., for $1,776,000. Payment will be made in Government debentures bearing interest of 3 per cent. The road is to come under government control after New Year's.

MR. HOGAN, M. P., of the Imperial House of Commons, representing the Huddart steamship interests, was in Ottawa the other day, and had an interview with the Premier, with the object of ascertaining the intention of the Government regarding the fast Atlantic service.

IT is reported that a cold wave of extreme severity is prevailing throughout England, and several deaths of tramps and others from exposure to the weather are reported. Many of the streams, lakes, ponds, etc., are frozen over with ice of sufficient thickness to permit skating, which is being generally indulged in.

THE annual dinner of the Canada club took place at the Allison Tavern, London, last Wednesday evening. There were sixty guests present, and Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian high commissioner, presided. The principal guests were Lords Selbourne and Litchfield, Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian members of the Pacific cable commission, Richard Dobell, the lieutenant governor of Ontario, Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, and Hon. A. R. Angers, formerly Minister of Agriculture.

DR. MCPHAIL, professor of bacteriology at Bishop's College, has been authorized by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to proceed to England to complete his researches in the famous pathological laboratories of London into the matter of the blackening of lobsters. The Minister is satisfied with Dr. McPhail's discovery of the causes of the blackening and the remedy therefor, but before announcing it to the public he had thought it well to encourage Dr. McPhail to proceed his researches further:

THE aged widow of Angus McLean, who lived with her little granddaughter in a small house at Melville, was burned to death a few days ago. It seems that the little girl went for some water, and upon her return discovered smoke issuing from the door of the house. She alarmed the neighbors, and the fire was extinguished But the poor old woman perished in the flames, most of her clothing having been burned to cinders. It is supposed that in the absence of the little girl, Mrs. McLean, who was blind, went too near the stove and her clothing took fire.—Ex,

A MIDDLE-AGED man named Michael DeCourcey was brought to the city Thursday from Mount Stewart and placed in the Hospital for the Insane. DeCourcey's case is a very sad one. His wife and three of his children died some time ago, and two of his children are very ill of consumption at the present time. DeCourcey has been acting very queerly for about a month past, and on Monday he became violent. He got possession of an axe with which it was feared he would do some harm, and it required the united efforts of several men to take the weapon from him.

Between Life and Death.

For 25 Years, Says Mrs J. D. Stoddard of Ashbury Park, N. J. and Two Bottles of Dr. Agnew's Cure For the Heart Restored the Lost Treasure.

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Silk Veiling, in a large variety of patterns,	10c
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Men's Heavy Braces, many worth up to 50c.,	19c
Men's very heavy Linders and Drawers, marvellous value,	50c
Ladies' stylish Jerseys, black, Cardinal and navy,	$1.00
Children's heavy Ulsters, just the thing for little ones,	$1.00
A marvellous bargain in Grey Flannel, don t miss it,	15c
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Dreadful Tragedy at Dundas.

A horrible murder occurred at Dundas on Saturday last of which the Examiner gives the following details:

Margaret Mackenzie, about fifty-five years of age, was brutally hacked with an axe at Dundas on Saturday last, and died from her injuries Sunday afternoon. Her slayer, a young man named Archibald Macgowan, is insane, and was Monday evening brought to the city and placed in the Hospital for the Insane. Miss Mackenzie was housekeeper for Duncan and Johnathan Matheson, living at Dundas. Macgowan is a son of the late John Macgowan of Dundas. Last summer young Macgowan was sunstruck, but there did not seem to be anything very noticeable in his demeanor excepting that when in the house he seemed melancholy and morose. But this feeling seemed to wear off when he was in company.

It is stated that on Friday evening Macgowan attended a meeting of the Good Templars Lodge, where he acted in the capacity of sentinel. On Saturday morning he complained of a severe pain in the head. Subsequently he began to talk incoherently, and spoke of getting a bicycle and going to Boston and South Africa. Leaving home he went to John K. McLean,s grocery at Albion Cross, about a mile distant. Mr McLean noticed that there was something the matter with Macgowan, and asked him what it was. Macgowan did not answer, and left the store immediately. John K. McLean and James Morrison left the store shortly after Macgowan, and followed in the direction he had taken as they did not think he was in a fit state to be at large. Hugh McLean, a neighbor of Macgowan's, at the request of Mrs. Macgowan, also set out after the young man. Matheson's house was about twenty chains from McLean's store. The men were not close enough after Macgowan to see him enter the house, which is near the road, but they saw him when he reappeared. Hugh McLean arrived at the place about the same time.

Macgowan, who was swinging an axe which he had procured at Mathesons' house, angrily demanded of the men what they were following him for, and told them to mind their own business and leave him alone. Hugh McLern said they were looking for sheep, whereu[illegible] Macgowan, dropping the a[illegible] there were thousands of them there on the road. As soon as Macgowan dropped the axe it was seized by Hugh McLean, who held it over Magowan's head as if he was going to strike him. This hostile act had the effect of frightening Macgowan, and he returned quietly to his own home with McLean.

John K. McLean and Morrisen then called at Mathesons'. They did not know the Matheson men were away and never suspected that anything was wrong at the house. They found the door open and when they stepped inside a horrible sight met their gaze. Margaret Mackenzie, the housekeeper, lay on the floor with a large gash on her head and another on her neck. The blood was flowing freely, and there were several pools of the liquid on the floor. A few faint moans could be heard escaping from her lips. They promptly gave the alarm, and Drs. Donahoe and Nicholson were summoned, who dressed the wounds and did all in their power for the sufferer. The cut on the right side of the neck was found to be about an inch and a half deep, and extended to within about a quarter of an inch of the jugular. The cut on the head was circular in shape, and was just above the right ear. The hacking character of the wounds is thought to have been the result of battle offered the woman's assailant by a dog which was in the house, and which followed Macgowan when he left the house and did not return untill eleven o'clock that night. On Sunday afternoon, when the wounds were being dressed, the same dog stationed itself outside the window, and with its paws upon the sill peered in and seemed to take the liveliest interest in what was being done.

Miss McKenzie did not recover sufficiently from her injuries to give any information regarding the trouble. Once or twice she moaned as if in pain, but no other sound escaped her lips. It is thought by some that when Macgowan entered the house and attacked her she set the dog upon him to protect herself. But of course this is all supposition.

Macgowan remained at home on Saturday night, sleeping well except for a slight restlessness. On Sunday morning he arose and dressed himself, but declined breakfast, complaining that his stomach was bad. Not long afterwards he began to act very excitedly, and was arrested by constable Archibald Currie and John R. Campbell, and lodged in Georgetown jail. That night he did not rest any, and became very violent. He was examined by Dr. Stewart and pronounced insane. Last evening the same constables brought Macgowan to Charlottetown. He was very violent, and it was necessary to strap his feet besides handcuffing him. He presented a sad picture indeed.

Macgowan's father has been dead six or seven years. Besides his mother he has four sisters, three of whom are in the United States, and three brothers. Macgowan is about twenty years of age.

Miss Mackenzie belonged to the Head of Cardigan, and had been with the Matheson's as housekeeper for about two years. She had just finished scrubbing the house when she was attacked. The nearest neighbors say that about the time the attack was made upon Miss Mackenzie they heard some loud talking, and also noticed the furious barking of a dog. But they did not suspect anything wrong, and thought no more of the circumstance until they heard of the terrible butchery.

The body of Miss Mackenzie was to be interred at Dundas to-day. An inquest is being held.

Word comes from the Hospital for the Insane that Macgowan is very quiet to-day.

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CAPTAIN DELISLE, of the steamship Tiber, was committed by Judge Desnoyers in the police court, Montreal, on Wednesday, to be taken back to Newfoundland to stand trial for manslaughter. Captain DeLisle is charged under the Fugitive Offenders act at the instance of Sir William Whiteway, attorney-general of Newfoundland, for causing the death of thirteen persons on the schooner Maggie. His Honor, after reviewing the evidence of the case at considerable length, said he felt obligod to surrender Captain DeLisle to the authorities at Newfoundland. Had the unfortunate accident happened within his jurisdiction it would have been his duty to commit the accused for trial. A writ of habeas corpus will be applied for.

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[illegible]	0.30 to 0.40
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Geese,	0.50 to 0.70
Ham, per lb	0.12 to 0.13
Hay, per 100 lbs	0.30 to 0.35
Hides	0.06 to 0.6½
Lard	0.10 to 0.12
Lamb skins	0.30 to 0.40
Mutton, per lb	0.06 to 0.00
Mutton, carcass	0.05 to 0.00
Mangles	0.12 to 0.05
Oatmeal (black oats) per cwt	2.75 to 2.75
Oatmeal (white oats) per cwt	3.00 to 2.20
Oats	0.00 to 8.02
Pork carcass	0.04 to 0.00
Potatoes	0.20 to 0.25
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What They Fought for.

(Halifax Herald 2nd. inst.)

The grit writer in a leading organ of the Laurierite government, appears to have expressed the all-pervading thought of his party when he asked the question: "If we are not to get offices, what did we fight for?" And he and other grit writers have shown the predominance of this idea in their minds to the extent of declaring that this party allegiance was based merely on the hope of getting office. Thus one of these office-seeking gentlemen who called himself "Justice," wrote as follows: "We placed these men in power. They are having a good time, and have, through us, reached the height of their ambition. They rule the country and handle its resources. We also demand a share of the results, emoluments, and perquisites, comforts and gains, of this victory." There is a widespread, intense feeling of discontent amongst the liberals of the country over the matter and unless soon allayed in some way many will be loosened from their allegiance." When Mr. Beaugrand spoke of the "voracious appetites" of Quebec, and the "soup ladles," he might have extended the description to the members of his party in the other provinces as well. As their spokesman aptly put it, "If we are not to get offices, what did we fight for?"

Commenting on, and as it were answering this question, the Mail and Empire appropriately says:

"A good many of us supposed that they had been fighting for the country—to get us free trade and protection, reciprocity and revenue tariff, lower taxes and prosperity. Such, at all events, was the declaration at the time. But this was all a blind. What they were after was, each for himself, an income derived from the taxes of the people. The argument of the moving spirit was frankly accepted by one of the Ministers—Mr. Blair. That gentleman promptly laid it down as a rule of his administration that if a Liberal member of a Liberal candidate came to him and said that an employe was a partisan, that official should be dismissed without further ado. It was a convenient rule. The candidates or members, looking after jobs for their friends, had merely to select the offices, enter a general charge of partisanship, and the thing was done. A case occurred the other day on the Intercolonial. Somebody wanted the position of storekeeper for that railway. Mr. Russel, one of the members for Halifax, thereupon reported that the present storekeeper, who had worked well in the service of the country for twenty-five years, was a partisan, and the official was at once given notice to quit."

And he is but one of many. A fresh batch of notices of dismissal were distributed along the line yesterday, and the prospect is that the wholesale dismissal of experienced public servants who have always performed their official duties carefully, faithfully and well, has only just begun, and that in the various public departments, in some cases with an investigation, in others on the mere private word of some grit accuser, the the spoils system will be pursued to gratify the insatiable grit office-seeker, and secure the party loyalty of the most offensive and vicious elements of the grity party.

Nor is this all. The methods pursued by the grit ministers and their helpers are worse than would have been thought possible in any British country at the present day. They treat efficient and faithful public servants of the country worse than the law permits accused criminals to be treated; they condemn them without trial; and in cases where they can get no one with sufficient hardihood to make an open accusation, or able to give any evidence in a support of any charge against an official, they proceed by sending friendly letters to him, and by sending hypocritical spies to him, to obtain if possible from the official himself some confidential admission which they then proceed to twist and misrepresent to accomplish, and apparently justify his condemnation and dismissal. Such are the detestable and damnable methods to which these spoil-hunters and their political friends are resorting. Under these circumstances it behooves the public servants of the country, who are liberal and conservatives, and are not ashamed to say so, to look prudently to their own defence. They may not be able to save themselves from dismissal; but they can and should insist that their accusers and judges shall themselves prove them guilty, or else condemn them without any appearance of such proof. Public officials, who are liberal-conservatives, are being treated as criminals and worse than criminals; let them use the right of such accused persons, and, having employed counsel, plead "not guilty" and say no more, put insist on their accusers furnishing all the evidence. Beware of the grit "friendly letter" and the grit spy, prepare for your defence and keep mum. This is the right of all accused persons. Let the accusers furnish the proof if they have any. We do not say this for the concealment of the truth, or from any likelihood that public officials have any need to conceal under ordinary circumstances; but because there is not a shadow of a doubt that any admissions whatever, admissions of perfectly proper and innocent facts, will be distorted by grit spoilsmen, place-hunters and henchmen, and twisted and misrepresented into excuses and grounds for condemning and dismissing from the public service much better men than themselves and their party friends. Let those who accuse come forward publicly with their proof or else let the Laurierites be driven to dismiss without proof of any wrong doing, and thus come under the condemnation which the reasonable and moderate men of this country are preparing for them.

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