

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Exhibition Number of *The Critic* will be on sale at city bookstores and at this office on and after to-day, price FIVE CENTS. Persons residing in the country who desire a copy will please forward a five cent stamp with the order. A discount will be made to booksellers purchasing lots of fifty.

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Mr. G. W. Dakin, who was the prime mover in establishing *The Critic*, and who has been connected with this journal since its inception, has resigned his situation on our staff, and has accepted a position under the firm of Messrs. T. E. Hanrahan & Co., bankers and brokers, being engaged as manager during the absence of the junior partner, Mr. Ladden. Mr. Dakin's many friends will join with us in wishing him the success his energy and enterprise deserve.

In future no depositor in the Dominion Savings Bank will be allowed to deposit more than \$1,000 in any one year. This is a move in the right direction.

Adam Forepaugh's circus is undoubtedly one of the best upon the continent. The shows given at Kentville, Truro, and Halifax, attracted large crowds, at least 8,000 persons being present at a single performance in the city. Adam Forepaugh, Jr., whose skill as an animal trainer must be marvellous, exhibited his trained animals, six elephants fired rifles, and were put through their facings by Mr. Forepaugh in a manner that delighted the audience.

The failure of the Labrador fisheries, and the unusually cold and wintry weather of May and June, has brought about a state of affairs among the inhabitants of that ice and rock bound peninsula which is simply appalling. It is reported that 3,500 persons have died of starvation and cold, and the tale of misery is by no means ended. Relief has been sent to the survivors, but it is probable that many more will succumb before it reaches them. The Hudson Bay Strait is again frozen over, and the shore from Cape Chidley south is blockaded with an immense ice floe.

The royal powder magazine just outside of the city of Constantinople has been blown up. The cause of the disaster is, and will probably remain, a mystery.

A new insect enemy to the potato has appeared on Long Island farms with the past week, and is proving more destructive than the potato bug. It is about the size of an ordinary potato beetle, and eats the under side of the tender leaves, leaving the fibre only.

The anniversary of the first establishment of the Salvation Army in Halifax took place at the Academy on Monday last, when 400 soldiers representing different corps took part in the exercises. These were impressive and interesting, but the effect of the singing was marred by the boom and rattle of the drums. Capt. Nellie Banks received a perfect ovation from the audience. Four thousand persons have, during the past year, enrolled themselves as members of the Army, and it is claimed that membership in the several denominations has been greatly increased through the agency of this new organization.

The Gladstonites secured only sixty seats in the 226 borough elections. This the Grand Old Man believes resulted from the abstention of Liberals from the polls.

Sir John McDonald had a most interesting pow-wow with Crowfoot and his Indian warriors. Crowfoot was dressed in old clothes, being in mourning for Poundmaker. Sir John took the hint and gave the old warrior a new suit of clothes. The Premier is now in Victoria, B. C., and his health is reported as improved.

The railway jubilee of Canada, the anniversary of which fell on the 21st inst., marks the close of a half century's progress. On the 21st July, 1836, was opened the first railway in Canada, which was fifteen miles in length, extending from St. John to La Prairie. To-day the young Dominion has nearly 11,000 miles of railway completed, and equipped, beside nearly 2,000 miles under construction.

"Kentville" says: "Every boy within a 15 mile radius of Kentville has been occupied for the last three months in scraping together enough coin of the realm to take him on a visit to the great Forepaugh. At 6 a. m. on Monday the trains conveying the monster show began to arrive one after another, the swift and dextrous removal of the seemingly unwieldy menagerie from the railway station to the grounds being a marvel of good generalship. From 7 a. m. began to pour in along the different avenues leading to Kentville a continuous procession of vehicles from all directions laden with people determined to have their money's worth. Among so many thousand well dressed people were some queer looking rustic specimens from the remote wilds of Dalhousie, Hard Scrabble, and the regions beyond Gasperau, the feminine portion dressed in costumes of '60, wonderfully and fearfully supplemented with pink calico. Nothing short of a circus can lure these strange looking mortals to civilization from their native fastnesses in the distant pine forests."

No sooner are the Greeks brought to a peaceful state of mind than the Montenegrins rise up in rebellion. Turkey is surrounded by bad neighbors, who seem always ready to pick quarrels with their Asiatic cousin. If this thing goes on much longer Turkey will have to teach them a lesson or lose her foothold in Europe.

The Yarmouth gold mining company have just made a rich find upon a wide lead in the Komptville property. The quartz carries a large quantity of fine gold.

At a recent Socialist riot in Amsterdam twenty five persons were killed, and ninety seriously wounded. The police acted with promptness and bravery in quelling the disturbance.

The Spanish government has determined to free the remaining 26,000 slaves in Cuba. This will complete the work of negro emancipation.

Admiral Lafont believes that the French navy is in a position to cope successfully with that of any other power. He has no fear of the result even were the contest with Great Britain.

A quarrel between neighboring families in Black Point, St. Margaret's Bay, has resulted in the home of one party being burnt to the ground, in retaliation for the killing of his neighbor's ox by the other party interested. Under the cover of darkness, shots have been discharged by unknown parties, and bullets whizzed uncomfortably near the heads of several persons. A dispute as to boundary lines has created the difficulty.

At a recent meeting of the Nova Scotia Medical Society, attention was called to the disadvantages arising from the lack of a register of births and deaths. At a former period, these statistics were carefully collected, but the office of statistican having been abolished, no means of obtaining the information is now within reach.

Aubrey Delomaine, the well known ventriloquist, mimic vocalist, and prestidigitatorial illusionist, will shortly make an extended tour throughout the Province, giving one of his popular entertainments in each of the towns and larger villages. As a ventriloquist, Mr. Delomaine has an enviable reputation, and his illusionary feats are surprising to all who witness them.

"Bridgetown" says:—"Nothing of interest has occurred since I last wrote, except the marriage of Mr. Edwin Ruggles, of the law firm of T. D. Ruggles & Sons, to Miss Minnie Fitzrandolph, daughter of the late Chas. Fitzrandolph, Esq., which took place at St. James' Church, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony for Middleton, en route for a trip through the eastern part of the Province, from which they returned on Saturday last. On Friday, the "Acadia Organ Factory," on Queen street, was discovered to be on fire. The fire was speedily put out, however, the engine arriving too late to be of any assistance. There was no serious damage done. The town is very quiet, and business dull, so say the merchants; not so the farmers, who are in the midst of their busiest season, haying, and the constant whirr of the mowing machine is heard from "rosy morn till dewy eve." The hay crop in some places is very good, in others very light, owing to the long continued drought."

"Windsor" says:—"The farmers in the vicinity report the appearance in their fields of the potato bug. The pest has been unknown here. The appraisers have reckoned the damage of the goods saved from the fire in the Herbin Block at \$3,000. Henry Allison, M. P., was in town on Tuesday last, having just returned from Ottawa. Sunday school, society, and private pic-nics are now of daily occurrence."

"Baddeck" says:—"The County Court opened here on Sunday, Judge Tremaine presiding. Baddeck is steadily increasing in size, the new Post Office is finished, and seven buildings are in course of construction. J. S. Maclean, president of the Bras D'or S. S. Co., and Messrs. Loup and West, were guests at the Telegraph House last week. Through the kindness of these gentlemen quite a number of persons enjoyed a sail in the *May Queen* last Friday. It is understood that a new industry is about to be started here, several of our prominent townsmen having formed a company, intend to establish a sheep ranch."

The shareholders of the Pictou Bank have decided to allow business to be wound up, the losses during recent years having aggregated \$220,000. The Bank of Nova Scotia has taken over the agencies. It is thought that the shareholders in the Pictou Bank will yet realize 50 or 60 per cent upon the par value of their stock.

"Truro" says. "This is one of the go-ahead towns of the Province, building operations are most active, nine new houses are now being erected on Queen street. The Archibald Brothers are building two handsome dwellings. Real estate has increased in value, over 100 per cent. during the past three years. A property, which at that time sold for \$1400, realized at a recent sale \$3,000. Winans' new and convenient situated hotel continues to attract a large number of guests. The hotel has accommodation for sixty persons, the dining rooms, parlors, smoking rooms, and chambers, are handsomely furnished. The traveller is provided with every comfort, and his meals are admirably cooked. Mr. Winans, the landlord, is well known in Colchester as a successful horse-trainer. Mrs. Winans, the landlady is kind and attentive to all, and those who patronize Winans' hotel will have no reason to regret having done so."

A young man named Sam Brodie dropped from the Brooklyn Bridge, New York, to the water, a distance of 120 feet, without sustaining any serious bodily injury. Brodie is a shoemaker of New York, he has contemplated the drop for many months.

The Canadian side of the Niagara Falls is positively to be opened up as a public park, for which all persons contemplating matrimony should be profoundly thankful. Heretofore it cost a visitor to Niagara, 50 cents every time he looked over his shoulder, but now he will be able to take in the beauties of the scene without meeting Shylock at every turn.