

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Irish leaders, Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien, will probable visit Canada after their American tour is completed.

The Editorship of the *Toronto Week* has been accepted by Mr. T. E. Moberley, a Yarmouth, N.S., man. He has been practising law in Toronto for many years.

A young man named Frank Dupois was killed on the railway track at Moncton on Thanksgiving Day. The railway authorities were exonerated from all blame.

The commercial traveller, the country produce man, and the lame and the halt and the blind of the four corners of the earth, have returned to Springhill, with the good times.—*Springhill News*.

Mr. Edmund Butler, a member of the Iron and Steel Institute, was in Halifax on Tuesday and Wednesday. He expressed himself as highly pleased with what he has seen of Nova Scotia and its natural elements of wealth.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Minister of Finance for Canada, has gone on a trip to the West Indies, with the object in view of promoting closer trade relations between Canada and the West Indies. He will be absent until about Christmas.

Frank Nicholls, a boy of 15 years of age, was killed while jumping off and on a shunting car at Aylesford on Friday last. No blame is attached to the railway in this case, but care should be taken to prevent monkeying with shunting cars.

The Department of Railways has notified the Town Council of North Sydney that the Government will extend the railway from the present station to a deep water terminus at the ballast ground, so called. The Council have acted on the notification, and have voted the money necessary for the purchase of the right of way. It is said the work will be proceeded with promptly.

The steamer *Vancouver*, of the Dominion Line, passed Father Point, Quebec, on Wednesday and reported having encountered a succession of heavy gales. The bridge and chart house were washed away, and Captain Lindall and one of the ship's quartermasters were lost on Friday morning last. The *Vancouver* left Liverpool on October 30th and had eighty passengers.

It has been decided by the Minister of Marine to make some improvements to Halifax harbor. They include the transfer of the steam fog whistle from Sambro to Chebucto Head, the whistle at Sambro to be replaced by bombs; an additional automatic whistling buoy to be placed at Sambro Tower Bank, and additional bell buoy at Never Fail Shoal. The buoys in the harbor will be improved in character.

The *Canadian Manufacturer*, Toronto, announces that its subscription price will hereafter be one dollar per year instead of two dollars as heretofore. The size of the pages and the number of them will remain unchanged, and it will be issued twice a month as it has been ever since its establishment in 1882. It is devoted to the manufacturing interests of Canada, and is a staunch supporter of the National Policy.

Pictou experienced a disastrous fire on Saturday. It started in the jail, and before it could be controlled destroyed some nineteen buildings. A sailor belonging to the Norwegian bark *Prima Donna*, who was a prisoner in the jail, was burned to death. The *Standard* was burned out—loss about \$4,000. The total loss is about \$50,000, with less than half that sum insurance. The firemen all did noble work in fighting the flames.

The Furness Line of steamers, which have for years been running a monthly line between St. John, Halifax and London, will next month put on the route a fine new steel steamer, fitted with the most modern equipment, and lighted with electricity. The Furness Line will thus be able to give a sailing every sixteen days. This will be especially appreciated just now, when egg and poultry shipments are being made to British markets.

The Minister of Justice has addressed a circular to the attorneys general of the provinces and judges charged with judicial functions in criminal matters, in which he says: "The question of the expediency of abolishing grand juries in relation to the administration of criminal justice has on several occasions been brought to the attention of Parliament, and intimations have from time to time been made to the Government by municipal bodies, judges and others interested in criminal jurisprudence, that abolition would be in the public interests. It is my intention to lay before Parliament in the near future a bill codifying the criminal law of Canada, both as regards substantive law and procedure. Before submitting it, however, I would be very glad to be favored with your views upon the question above mentioned."

The Government encourages the raising of large families in Quebec by granting 100 acre lots to fathers of twelve children, or more. Advance sheets of the report of the Minister of Agriculture show that the total number of applications was 1009, of which seven, with a total of eighty-four children, came from the United States. The father of the largest number in one family is John Hope of Vauderville, who lays claim to have twenty-three children living. Amongst the applicants beside Hope are four with eighteen children, six with seventeen, one with sixteen, twenty-seven with fifteen, forty-five with fourteen, and twenty-seven with thirteen. In regard to the number of applications, Megantic comes first with sixty, a total of 723 children. Beauce fifty-one, a total of 634, Wolf fifty-one, a total of 629, and Ottawa 49, a total of 593 children.

It is reported that Jay Gould has secured control of the Union Pacific Railway.

November 27th has been proclaimed as Thanksgiving Day in the United States.

McKinley was among last week's defeated in the U. S. elections, to the tune of 300 votes.

The American Art Association has sold Millet's "Angelus" to agents in Paris for 750,000 francs, as against 553,000 francs paid a year ago.

The American Committee for the relief of famine in Ireland has issued a circular withdrawing requests for American money and clothing, as Great Britain has practically promised to see that no famine shall exist.

All attempts to glorify the Hebrew in dramatic presentations hitherto have failed. The nearest approach to it is found in the character of a Jewish banker in "Men and Women," the new production at Proctor's Theatre, New York.

The corner stone of the Women's Temple, which is being erected by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, was laid in Chicago on November 1st with interesting exercises, a feature of which was singing by a trained chorus of 2,000 children. The building will cost \$1,100,000, and will be 13 stories high.

Among the alterations contemplated in the reconstruction of the big Academy, New York, for the past four years, the home of "The Old Homestead," is the erection on the roof of the theatre of a handsome summer garden. During the stay of the play at the Academy the play has made a fortune for everyone connected with it, and has made enough money to pay for the extensive Academy's site as well as for the building itself.

The November number of *The Old Homestead*, a literary and domestic monthly published by Davis Bros., Savannah, Ga., U. S. A., is now ready. It contains forty large pages of original stories, sketches, poems, essays, etc. There is not one line in its columns that will offend delicate tastes, and the matter throughout is carefully freed from sensational effects. The subscription price, unlike the costly magazines, is very low, being only \$1 a year. Send for sample copy, free. Davis Bros., publishers, Savannah, Ga., U. S. A.

A Chicago paper states that a syndicate of Chicago, Montreal and London capitalists has set on foot a scheme to place Chicago and the North-West in connection with the Atlantic seaboard by means of a ship railway designed to connect the lakes with the St. Lawrence River and ocean. Three routes have been considered, either one of which would reduce by at least 400 miles the distance between Chicago and the Atlantic Ocean and Liverpool. The construction of the ship railway would make the time between Chicago and Liverpool for a fast steamer only two days longer than from New York to Liverpool. As near as can be learned, the most favored route is to connect the Georgian Bay with Lake Ontario by means of the railway, which is to be about 66 miles long. The direct course is through Lake Michigan, Superior and Huron, through Georgian Bay to Lake Ontario, and thence to the St. Lawrence. The railway would cost about \$12,000,000. It is said a franchise for the operation of the syndicate on Canadian ground was secured from the Dominion Parliament in such shape as to escape notice. The project is the first great step toward uniting the commercial interests of the United States and Canada. It is said to have been originated by prominent Canadian business men and capitalists. Erastus Wiman, it is stated, is one of the leading movers in the scheme. A subsidy for the enterprise will be asked of the Canadian Government and the scheme will also be brought to the attention of Congress.

The diet of Prussia was opened on Wednesday with a speech from the Emperor.

London's new Lord Mayor, Joseph Savory, was installed on Monday with great pomp.

Queen Emma, of Holland, has been appointed regent to govern the kingdom during the illness of King William.

Zanzibar advices state that letters from Emin Pasha say his expedition is advancing steadily and that all hands are well.

A disastrous fire visited San Francisco on November 3rd. The Grand Hotel and many other buildings were destroyed or damaged. The total loss is about \$1,500,000.

The British torpedo cruiser *Serpent* has foundered off the coast of Spain. She went on the rocks during a gale on Monday night. Out of 250 persons on board only 3 were saved.

The Guards Wellington Barracks, at London, were almost destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. All the adult inmates were rescued by means of ladders. The fire originated under the staircase in the married men's quarters.

The police precautions at the Imperial palaces at St. Petersburg have been increased. No loiterers are permitted in the vicinity of the Anitchikoff winter palace. The railway stations between St. Petersburg and Gatchina are double guarded, and the minutest examinations are made of every route traversed by the Czar.

Canon Doyle has published a fiery letter exhorting Irishmen to reject Mr. Parnell's suggested alternative or any other land purchase scheme leaving out one half of the tenantry, as Mr. Parnell's scheme does. He protests against Mr. Parnell proposing such a scheme without consulting the Nationalist party, and declares that the very stones of Mitchellstown and Tipperary, red with blood of their murdered brothers, would rise in mutiny at the thought of such a re-establishing of hated landlordism. The letter has caused a sensation.