

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Smallpox is spreading in Ontario.

The new Campbellton newspaper is to be called the *Pioneer*.

The Prince Edward Island Legislature will meet on the 14th of this month.

During the past year \$1,407.36 have been deposited in the Dartmouth school savings banks.

The International Line boats will be put on the route from Annapolis about the middle of this month.

George Fraser, ex-Mayor of Halifax, fell down stairs in his house in Truro one day last week, and has since died from the effects.

The \$400,000 granted to the Jesuits will be distributed between Laval University, the Bishops of the Province, and the Jesuit Fathers.

Dan Hunt, the hero, who lost his foot while saving a fellow-being from death, has been awarded the silver medal of the Royal Humane Society of England.

A weekly paper has been started at Prince Albert, Manitoba, called *The Critic*. There is plenty of room between Halifax and Prince Albert for both of us. We wish it all prosperity.

A lady at Big Bras d'Or, aged 82 years, is ill with the measles. She is probably in her second childhood, but is to be hoped that no more of the diseases of first childhood will attack the old lady.

The Glebe House, at Victoria Mines, was destroyed by fire early on the morning of the 24th ult. Most of the furniture was saved, but the loss on the house is about \$3,000, there being no insurance.

The Blank Books mentioned in our last issue as being used by the Town Clerk of Dartmouth, were supplied him by Messrs James Bowes & Sons, Printers, whose advertisement appears in another column.

So much confusion was caused by the use of the three different systems, railway, standard, and local time, in Yarmouth, that the people decided to adopt standard time, and went to church by it on Sunday last.

The reading room in Dartmouth is highly appreciated by the people of that town. There is a plentiful supply of fresh reading matter and the room is a comfortable place to put in odd minutes for those who miss the ferry boat.

A number of railroad men have been in Lunenburg running lines, and trying to secure the most convenient line through the town for all concerned. No one knows yet where the track will be laid, but it is expected that it will soon be known.

The New Glasgow *Enterprise* is advocating a Board of Trade or Chamber of Commerce for that business-like, live town. It states the various reasons why such an organization is needed, and the benefit it would be to the young men of New Glasgow.

Springhill has a Merchants' Association, and the Amherst *Gazette* says that there ought to be one in Amherst, as there are few places whose tradesmen would work together more harmoniously, and therefore more effectively for the general interest, than there.

Mr. Walters introduced in the Ontario Legislature a bill to extend the Franchise for Parliamentary elections to widows and spinsters. About two hundred prominent ladies were present during the debates, and in the face of that array the bill was rejected 53 to 21—brave men!

The Prince Edward Island Hospital was partially destroyed by fire last Friday morning, and was also damaged by water. The patients were removed without any injury. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue, and started in the attic. Loss \$3,000; fully insured.

The Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday afternoon and the Annual Report was read. It touched on all the great points affecting the Maritime Provinces and is on every point creditable to the Chamber. We shall have some remarks to make on it next week.

Natural gas has been discovered under the Baptist Church at Collingwood, Ont. The discovery was made while pumping water for baptism, by the top of the pump being blown off. It cannot at present be estimated what quantity of gas is escaping. Great things are expected for this find.

On Tuesday night a large force of men worked all night ice-harvesting in Dartmouth. The ice was not safe to take horses on, so boats were used to draw the blocks to the ice-house. The ice is of poor quality, often breaking when it touches the slide, and only half the usual crop has been harvested.

Two houses at Acadia Mines were burned to the ground on Sunday last about two o'clock in the morning. The inmates just escaped with their lives. No furniture was saved in the first house, and only a part of the furniture of the second one which was burned. There is no fire protection in Acadia Mines.

The Moncton *Times* says:—A movement has been on foot for some time among the residents of Sunny Brae to have the name of that place changed to East Moncton or some other that would be more suitable than the present name. It is claimed that the name should be changed, if at all, before a post office is located there.

After the opening of navigation on the river, Captain Oakes will put his packet *Pansy* on the route between Bridgewater and Halifax until the new steel steamer arrives from Scotland, which will be about the 1st of May.

A second railway horror has taken place near the scene of the one at St. George Ont. last week. A mixed train from Brantford to Stratford was standing at the Paris station on March 1st, when the freight train from Hamilton, having come by way of Brantford, crashed into the rear of the passenger coach, killing the two lady occupants of the car.

The music loving public will be pleased to hear that the Young People's Association of Fort Massey Church, intend holding an organ recital on Friday evening next, to which no admission fee will be charged. In addition to the organ playing there will be songs from Mrs. Kennedy-Campbell and Mrs. Taylor, and a violin solo from Herr Mahr. This attractive programme will insure a large attendance.

The Civic slate is being rapidly made up—Robert Taylor will offer in Ward 2 to succeed ex Ald. Harrington. The retiring Aldermen, Messrs. Cooke, Keefe, O'Brien, Hechler, Lyons and Mosher, whose terms end May 1st, will all offer for re-election. In Ward 1 J. D. Mackintosh or W. H. Harrington will probably oppose Ald. Cooke. In Ward 3 E. W. O'Donnell will again offer. In Ward 4 R. J. Sweet will oppose Ald. Hechler, and in Ward 5 ex-Ald. Ead and Ald. Lyons will contest.

Sir Charles Tupper has returned to Canada. He will probably remain about two months. Speculation is rife as to the object of his visit. Sir Charles says he has been called home to give evidence before an arbitration committee, which is investigating some matters in dispute between the Government and the Canada Pacific Railway, having reference to the construction of the Onderdonk section of the railway during his tenure of office a few years ago as Minister of Railways and Canals.

A number of the people of Dartmouth are petitioning against the town Council's action with respect to the proposed water supply and sewerage system. They allege that the meeting of rate-payers was not a representative one, and that a large majority of rate-payers are opposed to the scheme, and they ask that the House of Assembly do not grant the Council the right to borrow the money. It is not to be expected that the rate-payers living in the vicinity of the lakes and enjoying an abundant supply of water, free, would meekly submit to be taxed to pay for it for other localities. Added to this that the proposed source of supply is not very good in the summer time, and the action of the petitioners is easy to understand.

The railway accident at St. George, Ont., last week was one of the worst that has happened for a long time. Eleven persons were killed and twenty-eight injured. The cars fell through the bridge a distance of sixty-five feet. Only one span of the bridge is broken and this can easily be repaired. Some of the leading officials of the Grand Trunk have been on the scene of the disaster trying to estimate the damage, and it is likely that less than \$100,000 will not cover the whole bill. A dining car and a Pullman coach were destroyed and the locomotive and smoking car were badly shaken up. The damages to those injured will probably be very heavy. Miss Nicholson of Hamilton, showed great presence of mind and gave most valuable assistance to her fellow sufferers by the accident, breaking the car windows and helping those inside to get out, and then she tore up parts of her clothing to bind the wounds. The disaster was due to a broken axle of one of the driving wheels of the engine, and the G. T. R. is exonerated from any blame in the matter.

Oregon is said to be a hunter's paradise at this time, being overrun with game of all sorts.

It is stated that a ten thousand spindle cotton mill, to cost \$200,000, is to be erected in Waco, Texas.

President and Mrs. Cleveland held their last reception at the White House on March 1st. Over 2000 persons called, most of whom were ladies.

A bill has passed the legislature of Pennsylvania, authorizing the appointment of female physicians in insane asylums where women are confined.

The Inaugural ball took place in the Pension building at Washington on Monday evening last. The great court room was elaborately decorated with flowers, bunting, silk draperies and colored lights.

H. W. Westmoreland, owner of a Kansas cattle ranch, has sold four buffaloes to T. W. Hardwick, of Sioux Fall, Dak. Their departure marks the disappearance of the last buffalo from that part of the country.

The Duke of Sutherland is going to marry Mrs. Blair, one of the ladies of his party who accompanied him to the United States from England in November. The Duke's wife has died in England since his arrival in America.

Miss Mary Anderson is reported to be much distressed at the criticisms of the St. Louis Press, on her performances of *Galatea* and *Perdita*. Whatever justification there may possibly be for adverse opinions, the expressions of them recorded are simply brutal.

The ceremonies at Washington were very imposing on the occasion of the inauguration of the new President and Vice-President on Monday last. Thousands of people thronged the streets along the line of the procession, which was the most imposing demonstration ever seen in the country.

The President's Cabinet nominations have been confirmed by the Senate. They are: Blaine, Secretary of State, Windon (Minn.), Secretary of the Treasury; Tracy (N. Y.), Navy; Proctor (Vermont), War; Noble, (Missouri), Interior; Wannamaker (Penn.), Postmaster General; Miller (Ind.), Attorney General; Rusk (Wis.), Agriculture.