

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The New Brunswick Legislative Council have voted for the abolition of that body.

The Wimbledon team leave for England, June 18th, in the steamer *Polynesian*.

The death occurred on Sunday of Mr. Hugh Hartshorne, in the 86th year of his age.

W. A. Lockhart was on Tuesday elected mayor of St. John by a majority of 404 votes.

The Quebec Legislature was prorogued on the 2nd inst., it had been nearly three months in session.

Amherst town council has ordered the construction of several sidewalks in different parts of the town.

The rate-payers of Antigonish have voted in favor of water-works, the sum to be paid not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

Hon. C. H. Tupper left Ottawa on Monday for Washington to assist Sir Julian Pauncefote in negotiations in connection with Behring Sea.

A gentleman of Parrsboro has applied to the local government for an act to incorporate a company to bring water into, and light the town by electricity.

Mr. T. C. Connor, of Moncton, has been awarded the contract for the erection of the Dominion Immigration building at Halifax. It will cost \$7000 or \$8000.

James D. McGregor, of New Glasgow, John Yorston, Pictou, and Robert Drummond, Stellarton, have been nominated as Liberal candidates for Pictou in the ensuing local elections.

We understand that Mr. J. W. King has resigned his position of manager of the W. & A. Railway, and that Mr. K. Sutherland has been appointed assistant and acting manager, by the Board at London.

James McLeod, against whom a verdict of poisoning his wife was secured, and who was bailed on \$5,000 security, was arrested on Saturday in Stellarton. His bondsmen feared he was going to skip and went back on him.

Messrs. Hattie & Mylius have issued a neat little card giving the times when the street cars pass their south end pharmacy, corner of Morris and Pleasant Streets. They invite the public to make use of their store while waiting for cars.

Mrs. B. T. Weeks, accused of poisoning Mrs. Sutherland of Charlottetown, has been sent to the Supreme Court for trial. Mrs. Weeks has been released on bail, her bondsmen being J. J. Davies, and Thos. A. McLean in \$2,250 each.

The ratepayers of Kentville held a meeting recently to consider the advisability of adding \$6000 to their water debentures to enable them to fully complete the system. The resolution to that effect was voted down by a majority of 14.

The strike in the Harris car works, St. John, has been settled by a compromise. The men returned to work on nine hours per day, but submit to a reduction of five per cent. in summer wages. This movement seems to be making headway.

The assessment, by the Assessor's Returns published by the Local Legislature, of the City of Halifax for 1890 stands as follows: Real Estate, \$15,122,495; Personal, \$6,572,041; Total, \$21,694,536. Income is not assessed in the City.

It is estimated that fully 2,000 souls have been added to Manitoba's population already this season, and that of that number 700 were heads of families and adult males, the balance being their wives and children. And the season's operations will not open for two or three weeks.

Judge Botsford fell out of a window, about fifteen feet from the ground, on Saturday evening, sustaining injuries which resulted fatally. The Judge was in the 77th year of his age and weighed upwards of 200 pounds. He was a prominent Freemason, Botsford Royal-Arch Chapter, established in 1870, being named after him.

William McKenzie, of New Glasgow, is just finishing a beautiful red granite monument for the Swan family in New Annan. On the stone is an inscription to Annie Swan, the famous Nova Scotia giantess, who was married to Captain Bates, of Kentucky, and who died in 1888. The late Annie Swan was the tallest woman in Nova Scotia, and was seven feet nine inches in height.

Much dissatisfaction is expressed by Ontario lumbermen at the shortage of Grand Trunk transportation facilities. The *Canada Lumberman* says the line is deficient in rolling stock, and the inconvenience is aggravated by the large amount of ice requiring transport. One Ontario firm is said to contemplate shutting down some of their mills because they cannot obtain cars to take their produce to market.

The April number of the *Toronto Ladies' Bazaar* indicates steady improvement, and we are glad to be able to give it the recommendation we always desire to afford to Canadian publications. Besides fashion plates and information we observe a number of very practical hints on many points of domestic economy. The *Ladies' Bazaar* Publishing Company, 4 Adelaide St., Toronto—60 cents per annum, 10 cents per single copy.

There are sixty miles of snow-sheds on the Central Pacific railroad.

One million persons are employed by the railroads of the United States.

One thousand plumbers in Chicago have struck for increased wages and a half holiday on Saturday.

The highest railroad bridge in the United States is the Kinzua viaduct of the Erie road—305 feet high.

A woman has been elected Mayor of Edgerton, Kansas, and a City Council of five women will assist in managing civic affairs.

The *Season* for May is just received, and its pages are as usual filled with appropriate designs in costumes and full information concerning them.

Dilworth Choate, the New York *World* reporter who concealed himself in the room where the jury in the Flaek case were deliberating and took notes of the proceedings, has been sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment and fined \$250.

The annual income of John D. Rockefeller, founder and head of the Standard Oil Company, is said to be about \$6,000,000, which is equivalent to an accumulation of nearly \$750 an hour. He gives away large sums for charitable and religious objects.

The U. S. House Committee on Railways and Canals has ordered a favorable report on the bill providing for the construction by the United States of a ship canal around Niagara Falls. \$1,000,000 is appropriated to begin the construction. The canal is to cost \$28,000,000.

George J. Tyson probably does the largest business in the smallest space of any man in the world. He owns nine or ten hotel news stands, and conducts them all from the head one in the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York city, where he has a stand only three feet wide by ten feet long. His business amounts to a million and a half annually.

A New Haven ice dealer, who went to bed bemoaning the short ice crop, dreamed that the pond where he usually secured his supply had suddenly frozen over. Being anxious to find out how thick the ice really was, and supposing that he was throwing a stone upon it, he jumped out of bed, grabbed a costly vase from the mantel and threw it with all his might through a French plate mirror. His customers will pay for it next summer.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Times* says the Emperor William will meet Queen Victoria at Darmstadt on April 20th.

An exhibition of 1000 different sorts of horseshoes, including some made by the ancient Romans, is now going on in London.

The English Admiralty says that the total abolition of masts and sails in all future fighting ships has become absolutely necessary.

Andrew Lang and Rider Haggard have written a novel in collaboration, which is called the "World's Desire," and has for its hero Ulysses.

The Marquis of Normanby, for several years governor of Nova Scotia, died last Friday at Brighton, aged 72 years. When governor of Nova Scotia he was known as Lord Mulgrave.

London is to have a censorship of music-hall songs, all performers in such places being required to submit to a censor copies and descriptions of the songs, sketches and dances that they propose to give.

The unveiling of the monument erected by Queen Victoria in memory of the late Duke of Albany, was performed on the 6th inst. by the Prince of Wales in the Albany chapel of St. George's on California Hill.

The Royal Palace and the Town Hall at Brussels are being prepared for the reception that will be given to Henry M. Stanley upon his arrival there, April 20. He will remain there for five days and then proceed to England.

As a result of experiments made lately in army manoeuvres in France with smokeless powder, it is thought the traditional red trousers of the French infantry will be discarded, as they furnish too plain a mark for an enemy.

An exhibition of toys is about to be opened in St. Petersburg. It is intended to illustrate the history of toys from the earliest ages. Particular attention is to be given to Asiatic toys, which are said to be marvels of taste and fine workmanship.

It is said that Prince Bismarck has expressed the intention to send communications to the press at frequent intervals on important political questions of the day. He is also compiling a memoir for publication, which will comprise 25 years of his official life.

The *Standard's* Berlin correspondent says England was informed beforehand of the projected Emin expedition. Emin after talking with Stanley, became imbued with a belief that the latter aimed less at his rescue than at the possession of his province and stores of ivory.

A Canton, China, paper estimates that 750,000 people die every year in China by fire and flood, but it is not satisfied. "The fact is," it remarks with cold-blooded cynicism, "the great need of China is the sudden removal of two or three million inhabitants to make elbow room for those who are left."

One of the boldest preachers in the English Church is Alfred Williams Momerie, professor of Logic and Metaphysics in Kings College, London. His recently published volume of sermons, entitled "Church and Creed," is attracting general attention, and may be taken as the latest expression of the rapidly-growing Broad Church school of thought in the English Church.

In Dorchester, England, a bounty of 8 cents per dozen is offered for old sparrows, 4 cents per dozen for young ones, and a cent and a half per dozen for eggs. The sparrows have grown so numerous all through Dorsetshire that in some places they are said to destroy half the crops, while in villages they ruin the gardens and even strip the thatch from buildings.