

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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A boating club is about to be organized in Pictou.

A large force of men are at work dredging the harbor at Parrsboro.

Hants Co. is excited over an elopement. Both parties are married.

245 students are enrolled at the Pictou Academy for the winter term.

The legislature of Newfoundland have passed a manhood suffrage bill.

The Government of Newfoundland propose establishing a model farm at a cost of \$25,000.

Measles have broken out at the Royal Military College at Kingston, and quarantine has been declared.

Rev. J. F. Dustan was inducted into the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Bridgewater on Tuesday.

Rufus Hardwick, who has the contract for the erection of the light house at Annapolis, N. S., recently began work on that structure.

Two men were recently drowned in the Restigouche River, N. B., by breaking through the ice. Several others have had narrow escapes.

Reports of the North-west Indians show that their condition is more favorable than ever before. The industrial schools are a great success.

The majority vote for the incorporation of Amherst has been declared void, as it appears that several persons voted who were not qualified to do so.

Gabriel Dumont, whose visit to Winnipeg was kept very quiet, he remaining with friends up the river, has gone to see his brethren in the Saskatchewan.

The Toronto World says that the official announcement of the appointment of Bishop Walsh of London to the Archbishopric of Toronto will be made in a few days.

Of 1,150 votes polled in Colchester county on the Scott Act, only 43 were recorded against the repeal of the act. The town of Truro voted 200 for repeal and 13 against.

The promoters of the St. John sugar refinery are hard at work, and have taken steps to lay before the public at an early day the plans of the refinery which were prepared in the United States.

The people of Ottawa celebrated the 25th anniversary of the entrance of Sir Hector Langevin into the Privy Council, on the 30th ult., by presenting him with an appropriate address and a \$3000 dinner service.

The Minister of Militia has refused permission to the Hamilton, Toronto and Brantford battalions to go into camp this summer for four days, on the ground that he would have to assent to similar requests from all quarters.

The earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway in February were \$844,045, and the operating expenses \$643,501. In January and February the net profits amounted to \$232,298, as compared with \$116,000 in the same period last year.

The Royal Gazette announces the incorporation of Springhill. The News says:—"The provincial government cannot be accused of any undue haste in giving its decision; yet the announcement will be hailed with pleasure even at this late date."

The Pictou News says:—"Jas. A. Fraser, M.P.P., will retire from the management of the Eastern Chronicle this spring. He will give attention to gold mining, which he will no doubt find slightly more remunerative than the newspaper business."

The work of constructing the Cape Breton railway is reported as being vigorously pushed. The contractors have taken advantage of the mild winter, and have kept up the work practically without interruption. It now seems probable that the new railway will be completed considerably within contract time.

Water has recently been brought into Vancouver, B. C., from Capitona River, across Burrard's Inlet. Across the mouth of the harbor many novel engineering difficulties have delayed the enterprise, but Vancouver has now a water supply unsurpassed in quantity or purity by that of any other city on the continent.

An Ottawa press despatch says:—"Lieut. Stairs, so prominently mentioned by the Explorer Stanley in his account of the relief of Emin Bey, is a Canadian. He is a son of the late Mr. J. F. Stairs, ex-M.P., Halifax, and graduated at the Royal Military College some time ago. He is still unaware of the death of his father, who left him an income of \$2,000 annually." This is a mistake, Lieut. Stairs is a son of the late John Stairs, of Halifax, and not of Mr. J. F. Stairs, ex-M.P., who is not dead. Lieut. Stairs is a cousin of Mr. J. F. Stairs.

On Thursday, the 20th ult., five young men, three of them married, started from Avondale in a small boat for the head of the river, with a supply of chain to assist in floating a raft of timber. The expected help not arriving, the crew at the mills went to Windsor to inquire why the men had not been sent. Search parties were organized, and on Sunday they discovered the boat bottom up near Sangster's Mills two miles above Windsor. Some of the hats of the unfortunate men were found inside the boat, which left no doubt of the fate of the occupants. Windsor and all the country around is excited over the calamity.

The annual meeting of the Infants Home was held in the parlor of the Home on Monday. During the fourteen years of its existence it has sheltered and cared for 688 babies. The report for the past year was read and adopted, and the committee re-elected, with the addition of Mrs. A. McKenzie of New Glasgow.

Mr. William Gossip, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, died last Friday, at the age of 80 years. Mr Gossip was an Englishman, and was warmly attached to the mother country. He was at one time Editor of the Times, a Conservative journal, but for some years had been engaged in the stationery and book business. He will be much missed by his many friends.

The Springhill News does not approve of the quality of the butter sold there. It says:—"Much of the butter sold in Springhill would seem to possess in an eminent degree two Samsonian characteristics:—strength and hairiness. If the ancient slayer of Philistines had possessed two pounds of this article, instead of the jaw-bone of an ass, the slaughter would have been simply appalling. For, unaided and single handed, this butter has been known to put to flight the most cheeky and stoutest-hearted boarders." Verily Cumberland butter has no honor in its own county, but it has a good name throughout the rest of the Province. The News hopes that the N. S. Dairyman's Association may have some influence in improving the quality of the butter.

We are indebted to Mr. J. Theo. Robinson (Publisher, Montreal) for two works recently issued by his house. "Silken Threads" and "Mr. Naydian's Family Circle." They are got up in a manner perfectly creditable to the publisher, and we wish we could say anything more in their favor, but that is impossible. The former novel is just readable, and barely that. The latter, an extraordinary account of the Christmas meeting of a large family, all the sons of which are heads of branches of the firm, is destitute of point or object. We are not even told what the business is, though the entire talk is shop, and of a most vulgar kind. The question of loyalty to the head of the firm, which is the keynote of the endless chatter, is as misty as the rest. There may be a purpose or a moral of some kind, but we confess to being too dull of apprehension to discover it. We sincerely wish Mr. Robinson better material to work upon.

President Harrison is the fourteenth lawyer to hold the Executive chair.

It is reported that Yale College has received a single gift of \$50,000 for the new gymnasium.

The United States is sending three new war ships to Samoa, the Richmond, Alert and Adams.

It is reported that an American syndicate has purchased the entire railway system of Jamaica.

Mr. Robert T. Lincoln has accepted the British mission, and will sail for England about the 15th of May.

Many California vineyardists intend this season to dry their grapes, instead of selling them at low rates to wine-makers.

J. H. Kidder, of the Smithsonian Institution, died suddenly at Washington on the 8th inst. His death will be a severe loss to the scientific branch of the Government service.

The commission appointed to recommend a suitable site for a navy yard on the Pacific coast, north of California, have selected a site on Puget Sound, Washington Territory, just below Seattle.

Mrs. Harrison is substituting white for colored servants at the White House. She will take more interest in matters below stairs than either of her immediate predecessors were able to do. She likes the details of household life.

Dakota was visited last week by a sand blizzard and prairie fire which devastated a large area. Many farms, together with the live stock, were burned. The loss is calculated to be about \$2,000,000. Dakota seems to be a hard country to live in.

John McCabe, foreman of Frank Leslie's illustrated newspaper for thirty years, has committed suicide in Brooklyn, while despondent over the receipt of a notice from the new management of the paper, that his services would not be needed after May.

Grover Cleveland has been appointed one of the Commissioners to assess the value of lands taken for the High Bridge Park. The salary is \$10 for every day the Board meets, and Mr. Cleveland will earn his salary by an honest effort to do justice to all concerned.

A statue of Miles Standish is to be erected on the summit of Captain's Hill, at Duxbury, Mass. The statue is to be fifteen feet high, in bronze, standing on a granite pedestal 100 feet in height. The hill is on Standish's farm. The sculptor is J. S. O'Kelly, of Boston, and the monument will cost \$75,000.

Mrs. Wilson, widely known by her maiden name, Ida Lewis, has added another to the long list of lives saved by her in Newport Harbor. Her uncle Henry Lewis, 70 years of age, while returning from fishing in a small skiff, fell overboard in the harbor near Lime Rock lighthouse, of which she is keeper. She saw the accident, put out in her boat and rescued her uncle in an exhausted condition.

Storm, fire and flood have been having things their own way in some parts of the United States during the past week. Norfolk, Va., was visited on the 6th inst., by a terrible storm which destroyed a great deal of property. The tide rose 18 inches higher than ever recorded before, and did much damage, flooding the lower part of the city. Pittsburg, Pa., and Savannah were the scenes of destructive fires.

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