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THE MONTH.

Bear River is agitating for a Railway.
 Yellow fever is disappearing in New Orleans and the south generally.

The bubonic plague still continues its ravages in some parts of India.

Hunter and Crossley have completed their maritime campaign and returned to their native province.

The Acadia foot-ball team defeated the Mount Allison fifteen on the 19th inst., by a score of 3 to 0.

Sir William Whiteway, the defeated Premier of Newfoundland, resigned his office on the 16th inst., and has been succeeded by Sir Wm. Winter.

Sir Oliver Mowat was sworn in Lieutenant Governor of Ontario on the 13th inst., and on the same day Hon. David Mills, the new Minister of Justice, also took the oath of office.

The recent snow storm which visited eastern Canada, brought a fall of 22 inches to some parts of Quebec with drifts in some places 15 feet high. Aylesford had scarcely enough to whiten the ground.

Madison Square Garden, New York city is this week the scene of a six days bicycle race in which there are 40 entries from all parts of the world. It is hoped that Teddy Hob's record of 1910 may be eclipsed.

A recent despatch from Rome says:
 "The Pope's encyclical on the Manitoba school question will not be published for some days, but it is understood that it confirms the stand taken by the Canadian bishops."

It therefore remains to be seen how far settled this question really is. Like most questions in which Rome's interests are involved it seems indisposed to stay settled.

Joseph E. Kelly, the self-confessed murderer of Cashier Joseph A. Stickney of Dover, N. H., was on the 12th inst. pronounced guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 30 years in the State Prison at Concord.

Greater New York elected Judge Van Wyck, the Tammany candidate, as its first mayor on the 2nd inst., by an overwhelming majority. The prospects of good government for the world's second city are anything but bright.

London was visited on the 19th inst. by the most disastrous fire in its history, since the great fire of 1666. Over two acres of ground, including 171 buildings, were swept by the fire, and property to the approximate value of \$25,000,000 destroyed.

All the evidence in the Thorn murder trial, with its sickening details, is now in, and the newspapers will have to look in other directions for blood curdling sensations to satisfy the depraved tastes of the reading public.

Sir Wilfred Laurier and Sir L. H. Davies have returned from Washington where they were engaged in informal interviews with the authorities relative to matters of dispute between Canada and the United States. What value their trip will be to the country remains to be seen.

The Nova Scotia Midland Railway Co. has signed agreements with both provincial and dominion governments to construct their projected road from Windsor to Truro. Each government grants a subsidy of \$3,200 per mile and work will be pushed in the early spring.

The execution of Wm. Durant, who murdered the two girls in a Baptist Church in San Francisco, nearly 3 years ago, and whose guilt was agreed upon by the jury at his first trial upon five minutes deliberation, has been further postponed. Such is the gut of tardy justice in the neighboring republic.

Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, D. D., Pastor of 5th Avenue Baptist Church, New York, has just returned home from his fall term of service as preacher to the students of Harvard University. Preaching upon "Religious Life at Harvard," on the 28th inst., he expressed himself as hopeful of Harvard's attitude toward Christianity.

The N. B. Cabinet has been reconstructed and Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Commissioner of Public Works, is now Premier of the province. For the first time in its history New Brunswick has at the same

time a Baptist Premier and a Baptist Governor. If our principles make for righteousness we shall look for good government in the sister province now, if never before.

The Emperor of Russia has signed an Imperial order, decreeing that the colors of the national flag of Russia, shall henceforth be white, blue and red, placed horizontally above one another in the order named.

Rev. Dr. Trotter passed through Aylesford on the 27th inst., en route for Yarmouth, in the interests of the Acadia Forward movement. He reports \$12,000 already pledged in addition to the \$15,000 conditional pledge of John D. Rockefeller. To this sum, Hon. A. F. Randolph contributes \$5,000, Amherst, \$4,000, Truro \$2,000 and Moncton \$11,000. Yarmouth will not be behind in this good work.

For several weeks past the Austrian Reichsrath has been the scene of repeated disturbances occasioned by discussion of petitions against the ordinance to make the Czech language co-optionate with the German in Bohemia. These reached a most disgraceful culmination on the 24th inst., when the president was forced to leave the chair, while the members engaged in a free fight. Many arrests are likely to occur in consequence.

Francis Murphy, the great temperance evangelist, closed a two-weeks' engagement in St. John, N. B., on the evening of the 26th inst., with an overflowing house in the Mechanics Institute. Much enthusiasm was manifested by the audience and Mr. Murphy's closing words were drowned amid their applause. It is stated that between 1000 & 1500 have signed the Murphy pledge. Respecting the work done the *Daily Sun* says editorially, "Mr. Murphy has closed a campaign, which if it has not been spectacular, has been impressive and we believe will be of great benefit to the inner life of the town."

Latest news from the Yukon gold fields indicates great scarcity of food and the certainty of famine in many parts before the early spring, will make possible the replenishing of supplies from outside sources. Already the stores are exhausted at Dawson City, and flour is bringing \$2.00 a sack, while beef steak is worth \$2.50 and bacon \$1.00 per pound. And yet we read that probably a quarter of a million of people will start for Klondike between this and spring. Surely gold still moves the world.