

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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A great number of election petitions have been filed.

May 12th is to be observed as Arbor Day in the Halifax schools.

A petition against the return of Sir John Macdonald has been filed.

Hon. John Carling, minister of agriculture, has been called to the senate.

The steamer *Ulanda* is now out of the dry dock and the repairs will be done at the wharf.

H. M. S. *Pelican* arrived in port last Saturday from Bermuda on her way to Newfoundland.

Major General Herbert speaks well of the Canadian Militia. At the same time he advises more drill.

Judge Morse has decided that Daniel Murray, who shot McKean at Oxford Station, was insane, and has acquitted him of the offence.

Michael Shea was given in charge of truant officer Webster on Tuesday for refusing to attend school. He was released on promising to attend in future.

The P. E. Island Legislature was opened on the 23rd of April. After the transaction of some routine business the House adjourned until June 16th next.

An action for \$10,000 damages has been entered against the town of Pictou on behalf of the parents of the Dutch sailor Bourental, who was burned to death in the lockup some months ago.

Extradition proceedings in the case of a Texan named Pigot, arrested in Halifax last week for swindling banker Sullivan, of San Antonio, out of about \$40,000, have been continued until to-day.

One of the large panes of plate glass in W. & C. Silver's store was completely knocked out by a large roll of carpet inside falling against it on Monday evening. New glass was put in on Tuesday.

Narcisse Larocque will be tried at the L'Original Assizes for the murder of the McGonigle girls in a wood near Cumberland village, Ont, November last. It will be remembered the crime was particularly brutal.

Sighting shots are to be allowed at the Bisley, Eng., rifle meeting this year. The matches commence July 13. It is likely that the Canadian rifle team will be sent from Montreal by the *Parisian* on June 24th.

The Bisley team is now complete, and consists of 15 from Ontario, 3 from Quebec, and 2 from New Brunswick. Only three of the leading 20 declined. These were replaced by Cartwright, Hilton and Beach.

Edward Hanlan and Wm. O'Connor have agreed to row a race for the single scull championship of America. The course has not yet been decided upon, but it will probably be the championship course at Lachine.

A Canadian Newspaper Clipping Bureau has been organized at Ottawa under the management of B. Mullen, G. H. Wilson and P. Hurcomb. It will no doubt prove of great value to all public men, as well as to the press of Canada.

An error which escaped our proof-reader last week made us say "inadequate" instead of "adequate" in an editorial note on the Legislative Library. The good sense of our readers will enable them to see that it was merely the work of the compositor.

Last Saturday night, or rather early Sunday morning, seven prisoners made their escape from the police station in the new City Hall by picking a lock and then getting out of a window. This does not look as if the security is very firm.

Bessie Pace, aged 10 years, daughter of Mrs. Cassie Pace, of Birch Ridge, Cumberland Co., was shot in the eye in the usual manner, by a boy with a revolver, which he did not know was loaded. The child was brought to the city, and her eye was removed at the Victoria General Hospital on Tuesday.

The *Empress of India* arrived at Victoria, B. C. on Tuesday. The steamer's time is ten days, fourteen hours and thirty-four minutes from Yokohama. The quickest trip ever made from Yokohama to San Francisco was made by the steamer *China*, December, 1889, in twelve days, twenty hours and fifty-four minutes.

Cablegrams received at Montreal state that at a meeting of the Grand Trunk shareholders in London, on April 28th, Sir Henry Tyler's nominees were re-elected as directors by an overwhelming majority. The stockholders thus supporting Sir Henry Tyler's policy. Tyler's nominees received the votes of 47,330 shares, while 20,799 shares voted against him.

The first session of the Seventh Parliament of Canada was opened on Wednesday. Hon. Peter White was unanimously elected speaker. One hundred and ninety-six members were sworn in, the largest representation on record at the opening of Parliament. The Governor-General did not see fit to declare the causes for summoning Parliament until Thursday.

The civic elections on Wednesday went off very quietly. Mayor McPherson was elected for a third term by acclamation. The results of the voting in the wards are as follows: Ward 1, T. C. Allen 264, John McCrow 162. Majority for Allen 102.—Ward 2, H. V. Wier 124, A. G. Hesslein 110. Majority for Wier 14.—Ward 3, J. L. Hamilton 186, E. W. O'Donnell 103. Majority for Hamilton 75.—Ward 4, J. F. Ryan 121, M. H. Ruggles 77. Majority for Ryan 44.—Ward 5, Miner T. Foster, no opposition. Ward 6, C. W. Outhit 192, Isaac Creighton 189, P. J. Griffin 140. Majority for Outhit 3.

The Yarmouth Steamship Company intend putting their splendid new steamer *Boston* on the route between Yarmouth and Boston just as soon as the "missing link" is completed, which will be in about a month. Meanwhile the *Yarmouth* is running. Mr. Brown, assistant steward of the *Yarmouth*, is a general favorite on account of his polite attentions in looking after the comfort of passengers.

A party of men left Quebec a few days ago to seize some whisky concealed down the river, but were compelled to return home without it. They arrived all right at Isle Aux Coudras, on which the whiskey is stored, and were shown large quantities of contraband cigars and liquor of all kinds, the value of which is estimated at \$60,000; but the entire populace armed themselves with various weapons, chiefly firearms, and defied the officials to make any seizure.

We invite attention to the advertisement in another column of J. Godfrey Smith, Druggist, who, having purchased the late R. A. Nisbet's preparations, which were so popular, keeps in stock and is prepared to supply the "Milk of Cucumber," "Davis' Antibilious Root and Herb Bitters," Cashmere for the Hair, etc. Mr. Smith is agent for Laurance's Axis Cut Pebble Spectacles, Opera Glasses, Microscopes, Miner's Magnifying Glasses, etc. A recent improvement in spectacles has been introduced by Dr. Laurance, by having a slight blue shade along the top of the glasses. People who have to read by electric light will find the strain on their eyes greatly lessened thereby.

"Old Hutch," the famous Chicago grain gambler, is missing.

The case of the schooner *Sayward*, involving the question of the jurisdiction of the United States over the seal fisheries in the Bering Sea, and the Lottery case, both of which were set down for hearing in the United States Supreme Court on April 20th, have been postponed until October 19th next. Counsel for both sides were ready to proceed, but the court desired that both cases be heard by a full Bench, which the illness of Justice Bradley at present renders impossible. The briefs of both sides have been made public. They are documents of nearly 200 pages each, and there are also copious appendices. Attorney-General Miller and Solicitor-General Taft prepared the argument for the United States, and Mr. Joseph H. Choate, of New York City, and Mr. Calderon Carlisle, of Washington, that for the petitioner.

British victories are reported from Manipur, India.

Owing to the friction between Italy and the United States, Americans are afraid to travel in Italy.

A lady who has died in Glasgow has bequeathed \$350,000 to Gen. Booth for the Salvation Army.

The reported serious mutiny in 3rd Battalion of the Grenadier Guards is now said to have been much exaggerated.

Strikes in Germany are assuming gigantic proportions. Ten thousand miners are out at Dortmund. In Belgium the situation is also serious.

Honolulu advices report that Minister Carter has resigned from the cabinet, and the people are clamoring for a republic. It is said the life of the Queen is in danger.

The death of Grand Duke Nicholas, an uncle of the Czar, is announced. The Grand Duke was a Field Marshal in the Russian army and Inspector-General of Cavalry and the corps of Engineers.

The inhabitants of Cape Town are jubilant at the action of Lord Salisbury in promptly checking the projected Boer invasion of Mashonaland and Manicaland, with the object of establishing there a new Republic.

Mr. Parnell is now at liberty to marry Mrs. O'Shea, the legal period of delay after the decree of divorce having expired. The *Daily News* says it has reason to believe that the marriage will occur soon, the date having already been fixed.

The death of the Grand Duke Nicholas, uncle of the Czar, was announced on Saturday. He was a field marshal in the Russian army, and inspector general of cavalry and corps engineers. He was born in 1831 and became incurably insane in October last year.

According to the latest despatches from Chili, two of the war-ships of the Insurgents have been blown up by Government torpedo boats. It is also stated the Government steamer *Florence* has gone over to the insurgents. It is thought the rebellion will soon come to an end.

The Czar, Czarina and the other members of the Imperial family were present on Sunday at the ceremony of the formal admission into the Greek Church of the Grand Duchess Sergius of Russia, who is a daughter of the Grand Duke Louis of Hesse and a granddaughter of the Queen of England. The Court chaplain and the Metropolitan of Moscow and St. Petersburg officiated.

The budget was submitted to the House of Commons on April 23rd by George J. Goschen, chancellor of the exchequer. Goschen said that there was an excess of £1,760,000 over the surplus, which he suggested in 1890. He added, however, that there was no certainty that the progressive increase would be maintained, as the needs of Ireland had increased the expenditure by the sum of £200,000.

Great excitement exists in Corfu because of the murder of a Christian boy in the Jewish quarter. The populace believe that the child was killed by the Hebrews as a Passover sacrifice. The Hebrews are terrified at the threatening attitude assumed by the Christians and have barricaded their houses, in which they have taken refuge, and have called upon the Government for protection.

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