

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Some ladies of Truro are trying to institute a cottage hospital in that place.

The Allan service to this port is to be renewed, pending the completion of arrangements for a fast Atlantic line.

The troop-ship *Tyne* left for England on Monday morning with the men brought from the Pacific coast on board.

Hon. Dr. Baillargeson, of Quebec, member of the Dominion Senate since 1874, died on Tuesday at the age of 80 years.

Hon. L. E. Baker, of Yarmouth, has made that town a gift of a lot of land in a central situation, to be used for public purposes.

The fourteen year old son of Hugh Glasgow, Kentville, shot himself with a revolver on Sunday. The wound will probably prove fatal.

Quebec hotel keepers complain that lying stories about small-pox are having an injurious effect on travel and their business is thereby injured.

Ebenezer Seakens, cooper with S. Oland & Sons, was drowned in the Harbor on Tuesday. It is thought he jumped overboard while in a fit of insanity.

Separate schools for all denominations in Manitoba will probably prevail before long. In our last issue "free" schools was by mistake printed for "separate."

The flagship to take the place of the *Bellerophon* on this station is the *Blake*, one of the model warships of the fleet, and not the old-fashioned *Hercules*, as at first announced.

It is necessary that the Atlantic service should be of the best procurable in order to make the all British route to the East complete. It is the one weak link that must be strengthened.

The new killed regiment in Toronto is the cause of some jealousy in the service. It takes the number of the old Frontenac, 48th, and consequently has precedence of many older regiments.

The 12 year old son of John Bell, Shediac Cape, was on Friday last killed by being thrown from a truck which he was driving. The horse took fright at something, thus causing the sad accident.

The Nova Scotia Historical Society is considering the project of amalgamating its library with that of the Institute of Science, in order to provide accommodation for the library left it by the late Dr. T. B. Akins.

Digby's Conservative newspaper, *The Canadian*, made its bow to the public on Saturday. It promises to be a creditable addition to the press of the province. J. E. Jones is editor, and C. E. Farnham business manager.

A stringent order has been passed at Ottawa regarding the granting of leave of absence to civil servants. A doctor's certificate must be produced when sick leave is desired, to show whether or not the illness is the result of the applicant's irregularities.

Angus F. Rankin and Angus W. Rankin, of Mabou, C. B., saved the life of Donald McLeod, one of Pictou's pilots, at the mouth of Mabou harbor on the 5th inst. at the peril of their own lives. McLeod's boat was capsized, and all he owned was lost.

Judges Baby and Davison of the Quebec Royal Commission have reported against the Government. Justice Jette reported exonerating it, but Governor Angers accepted the decision of the majority. The general election will take place within two weeks.

Lord Salisbury has offered, so it is reported, to buy out French rights in Newfoundland by the cession to France of the Hervey islands and the colony of Lagos. Manchester and Liverpool are protesting against the sacrifice of British interests in Africa.

The latest novelty in Montreal is called a tin corset. The article is worn on Sunday, and is lined with ardent fluid which is dispensed at so much a drink to those who will imbibe through a tube attached to it. Quite ingenious, but the dodge has been found out.

Duncan Waddell, the well-known lighterman, who resided in Dartmouth, died on Thursday of last week after a long illness. The funeral took place on Sunday and was very largely attended. Mr. Waddell leaves an estate valued at \$80,000, a considerable part of which is left to various charitable institutions.

Robert Conway, a young man who paid matrimonial attentions to two Halifax young women, was arrested by one of them a few days ago and found the best way out of the trouble was to marry the one who had him arrested. The ceremony was accordingly performed, and now the other girl is taking action for breach of promise against him.

The second meeting of the Institute of Science for this season was held on Monday evening in the Province Building. There was a large attendance. Professor Lawson read a paper by the late Rev. Thos. McCulloch, D. D., entitled "A List of the Trap Minerals of N. S. with localities," also one by himself entitled "Notes for the Flora of Nova Scotia," part 2.

The address to Lord Lorne which was referred to in a recent issue as being offered for sale in an Ottawa second-hand shop, has been taken possession of for Lord Lorne, who is indignant about it, and never knew it had left his possession. The man, Gravelle, who had the address wanted \$25.00 for it. It is supposed that the address was stolen from Lord Lorne.

Happiness often consists in reading a good paper, one that leaves a pleasant taste in the mouth, one that you can rise up from perusing with the knowledge that you have gained something of permanent advantage. There are

papers which do not give this happiness, but which while exciting for the moment, result in permanent evil, although the immediate effect at the moment may not be apparent. The *Montreal Witness* is a paper of the former class. It is good; it does good. The weekly edition is sent to subscribers for one dollar a year, the daily for three dollars, and the *Northern Messenger*, a paper for the younger members of the family particularly and for Sunday Schools, for thirty cents a year.

The *Canadian Almanac* for 1892 is enlarged to 224 pages, and is replete with useful information. This is the 45th annual issue of this publication, which we would scarcely get along without. It contains over 16,000 facts and 17,000 addressees, covering almost every department of information required by the Canadian citizen. There is also a complete report of the census, so far as made public, a list of all the post offices in Canada, and a revised customs tariff. The Municipal and County information now comprises the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba. The clergy list has been extended to include the whole Dominion. Published by the Copp, Clark Co., Limited, Toronto. Price 20 cents.

The Board of Firewardens made a lengthy report to the City Council last week. It does not approve of a paid department, but asks for various improvements, among which are the employment of eleven permanent drivers, more authority for the Capt. of the U. E. C., the sum of \$12,500 for apparatus and the adoption of the telephone fire alarm. If these suggestions meet with the approval of the City Council, insurance rates will probably not be increased as threatened. We observe that a citizen of Dartmouth, Wm. Brooks, makes a sensible suggestion as to water front protection. He thinks instead of going to the expense of a special fire boat, the tugs now on the harbor could be fitted with the necessary apparatus to assist in time of need, and that the cost would not be great.

The Zera matinees are well attended by women and children, and the shouts of laughter with which the performances are received proves how thoroughly they are enjoyed by the little ones. We dropped in at the Lyceum on Saturday last and could not but wonder where all the children came from. There they were by hundreds, row upon row of pretty expectant faces, a sight alone well worth the price of admission. The negro and Irish character sketches and songs which formed the first part of the performance were good, Mr. Nashe's acting of the Irish school scene being side-splitting, but the Royal Marionettes manipulated by the inimitable Zera were the leading attraction. Great mechanical skill is shown in producing the life like antics of the numerous characters introduced, and Zera's wonderful ventriloquist and mimicking powers have full scope in singing the numerous songs and carrying on the dialogues of the very comical performance. Then the delight of the children when the prizes were drawn—nearly all receiving something of value—was beyond description, and was a very pleasant close to an afternoon of real wholesome fun. By all means take the children to see Zera and his Royal Marionettes.

The following figures showing some grain shipments from the port of Halifax, indicate that the place is still alive.

Steamers.	Bushels.
Historian .....	35,000
Damara.....	42,000
Ulunda.....	28,000
Inchulva.....	72,000
Historian.....	75,000
Already shipped.....	225,000
Damara.....	40,000
Concordia.....	150,000
Aicides.....	150,000
Celebes.....	150,000
Colina.....	75,000
Thornholm.....	100,000
To be shipped.....	665,000
Total.....	1,844,000

The public meeting held in the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening at the call of the Board of Trade was in every respect a representative gathering. The resolutions, calling upon the Government to restore and improve the steamship service between Canada and Great Britain, were certainly moderate enough to please the strongest partizan. These resolutions were spoken to by a number of Conservatives and Liberals, and, to the unbiased observer, the views expressed by the representatives of either party never failed to show a distinctive party coloring, which the audience was not slow in appreciating. The address of W. C. Silver was, in the main, moderate and dispassionate. In that of Thos. Kenny, M. P., the Allan service was strongly condemned and a better service called for. His Grace Archbishop O'Brien spoke strongly in favor of a united patriotic action. John F. Stairs, M. P., believed in an improved service, but, in the interim, wanted the former service restored. Mr. Stairs read a telegram from Sir John Thompson, stating that the former service would be continued. Dr. Farrell made an indignant protest against the inaction of the Government in allowing the service to be discontinued. Dr. Weldon, M. P. for Albert, N. B., endorsed the action of the Government in not acceding to the Allan's demand for an increase in the subsidy. Hon. A. G. Jones thought an 18 knot service all that the Dominion could afford to provide. Hon. W. S. Fielding mourned over the broken promises of fourteen years ago. The audience throughout was appreciative and good-natured, and whether or not the meeting will accomplish all that the committee of arrangements desire, it cannot fail to convey to the Government the idea that on the question of a Canadian winter port, the people of Halifax are of one mind, and that unless those in power heed the signs of the time, as one man the voice of Halifax will speak in condemnation.