

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Rev. H. A. Harley, lately curate of Windsor, has been elected Rector of Pictou.

It is rumored that Rev. Dr. Partridge will be asked to accept the Rectory of Dartmouth.

The *Militia Gazette* is down on both helmet and forage cap, which latter, it is said, is the only article of which the Indian will not clear a camping ground.

Rev. John Harrison, of Falmouth, has accepted the position of missionary at Tusket and Barrington. He has done a good work at Falmouth. His parishioners will be sorry to lose him.

We regret to learn that Dr. Leo H. Davidson, Q.C., editor and proprietor of the *Church Guardian*, is seriously unwell from overwork, and may have to give up the management of his paper.

The *Sardinian*, bound to Liverpool from Baltimore, passed numerous timber logs, and on May 12th "passed the timber raft." Surely the sending to sea of these great rafts should be legislated against.

The officers of the 66th P. I. F. are "at home" this evening at 8 o'clock at the Masonic Hall. An enjoyable smoke, enlivened by good music, may be anticipated by those who are favored with invitations.

Archbishop Lynch, of Toronto, died suddenly on the 11th inst., from the effects of a cold caught while visiting St. Catherines. The deceased was highly esteemed and respected as a liberal minded Prelate.

The April army orders make a clean sweep of a lot of useless manoeuvres. All countermarching, right and left wheels, and furling to the right or left about from fours or files, disappear, and there is no more wheeling into line (like a gate) or charging front by wheels.

The Bishop of N. S. has appointed four examining chaplains. The Ven. The Archdeacon, the President of King's College, Canon Brock; Rev. C. E. Willets, D.C.L., head master of the Collegiate School; and Rev. Francis Partridge, D.D., Rector of St. George's.

Arthur Rehan's company of comedians will on Monday night begin an engagement at the Academy for the performance of Augustin Daly's comedies "Nancy & Co." and a "Night Off." The pieces are said to be good, pure comedy, and the company talented.

Lt.-Col. Van Straubenzee, D.A.G. of No. 5 Mil. Dist., was recently entertained at dinner by a large number of prominent citizens of Montreal previous to his departure from that city to assume command of another district. The D. A. G. is a most popular officer, and was presented with a magnificent silver service for Mrs. Van Straubenzee.

Mr. J. C. Ashton has been appointed superintendent of the Halifax Cotton mill, in succession of Mr. Louis Simpson, who resigned his position to take charge of the works of the Montreal Cotton Co., as reported in our last issue. From our knowledge of Mr. Ashton we have to congratulate the directors of the Halifax Co. in having secured the services of so competent a manager.

Nautical sports are much interested in Mr. David Lynch's model of a yacht which has been designed to compete for America's cup. Mr. Lynch is the most skillful and experienced of Canadian shipbuilders, and claims, with every show of right, that the hollow midship section was first seen in America in his fleet pilot boat *Lightning*. The Americans are regarding Mr. Lynch's progress upon a new and competitive model with considerable curiosity.

The attention of the public is called to the card of the Mutual Relief Society, of Nova Scotia, which appears in our columns. This home company has entered upon its seventh year. The confidence of the public has been secured by this company by its fair dealing, prompt payment of death claims, and cheapness. No insurance company has come under our notice that equals it for cheapness, as no plan can do better than provide insurance at the simple net cost. Cheapness, if coupled with safety, is the essential of insurance.

The daily press has published a *resumé* of the deaths and fires due to the electric light. The former are said to have amounted to over a hundred in the States alone, and the latter are becoming very numerous. There has been great want of scientific care and foresight in the wire used, the coating of which has proved to be utterly inefficient. This the jury in the Crocker case took account of, their verdict insisting on the adoption of an insulator impervious to damp, and on there being distance enough between the wires to allow of the ascent of a man amongst them without danger of contact.

Lord Lansdowne visited the Military College at Kingston on the 14th, and addressed the cadets. His Excellency said that he had had some figures prepared by his own special request, which showed that "out of 173 young men educated at the college, only 13 are at this moment serving outside the limits of the empire, while 41 are in civil employment within the Dominion." His Excellency also spoke of the probability that out of the cadets holding Imperial commissions many, under the rules of Army Retirement, would eventually gravitate to their native land. It should not be forgotten that the country is indebted for this admirable institution to the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie.

"A Manual of Engineers' Calculations," from the pen of Mr. D. McLaughlin Smith, of St. John, N.B., has recently come to hand. It is intended chiefly for the use of young mechanics who are desirous of passing the prescribed examination entitling them to a certificate of competency as mechanical engineers. The author seems to have spared no pains in collecting and tabulating much valuable information, and, though his diction is somewhat crude, it is nevertheless intelligible, and his work well merits the perusal of all interested in the subject. Unfortunately typographical errors are very frequent throughout the book, and numerical statements particularly should therefore be accepted only with considerable caution.

A new feature of travel is from Halifax to Montreal via Yarmouth. At the present time, a traveller leaving Halifax on Saturday morning, may reach Montreal Monday morning. When the W. & A. summer time table comes into operation, a person leaving Halifax Wednesday will reach Montreal the next night. This beats the Intercolonial by six hours in time, gives a great variety of scenery and pleasure, and on the fare a traveller saves \$2 or \$3—the difference between the cost of a berth on the steamer, \$2, and a through Pullman to Montreal, \$5. By the Yarmouth route the passenger passes through the Annapolis Valley, thence to Yarmouth, a 15 hours sail on the *Yarmouth* to Boston, thence connecting with the Vermont Central fast train, leaving Boston at 1 p.m., and reaching Montreal at 11 o'clock that night; and through passengers for the West can connect with the night train for Chicago.

The second Chamber Music Concert of the Beethoven Trio, which took place at Orpheus Hall on Thursday evening last, attracted a large audience. The concerted selections were from the works of Schubert & Rubenstein, and the performers more than sustained the place won by them at their first concert. Such delicacy of expression, accuracy in execution, and in short, finished excellence in rendition, have seldom been heard by those who have not had the good fortune to listen to some of the artistes in great musical centres; but although the selections were in every way admirable, a friendly critic might suggest that the once hearing of a masterpiece is not sufficient to allow amateurs to gain any knowledge of its full depth and beauty, and the Beethoven Trio would lay Halifaxians under obligation if they would select some meritorious work, and let it stand as the principal number in each programme of the concerts given during the season. Herr Klingensfeld's violin solo, by Franz Ries, was admirably rendered, the second movement being particularly pleasing. The vocal work of the evening was undertaken by Dr. Slayter, who, although suffering from a slight cold, succeeded in winning two encores for the finished manner in which he sang the numbers allotted to him. "Severance," a little gem of a poem written by Professor C. G. D. Roberts, and exquisitely set to music by Mr. C. H. Porter, was rendered by Dr. Slayter in a most pathetic manner, and the audience were not altogether pleased when the Doctor, in responding to a spirited encore, chose a new selection, rather than repeat the one he had just sung. Considering that "Severance" is one of those charming songs which, despite its apparent simplicity, is in reality quite difficult, taxing the powers of the singer in no small degree, Dr. Slayter was quite justified in not attempting it a second time. The Trio is to be congratulated upon the success of its concerts, which, considering the high standard of the music, is phenomenal.

The Fenian brotherhood of New York repudiate and condemn the Papal Rescript, and declare "Parliamentary agitation an utter failure," which of course means murder and dynamite.

A Bill is before Congress to aid the construction of an aerial ship. It provides that the Government shall not be called upon to pay until the ship shall have stood tests, to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy.

The Canadian Club of New York, finding the great majority of its members are not Canadians, but Englishmen, Scotchmen, North Country Irishmen, Welshmen and "Colonists" from all over, very sensibly proposes to assume another title.

In Steuben Park, Utica, N. Y., a broken wire hung from an electric light, several young men standing around dared each other to touch it. Finally Thomas Murphy, aged 18, reached for the wire with a short stick. Immediately he seemed to be drawn towards the suspended wire, and then fell down and died in a few minutes.

The French Canadians resident in the United States now number 1,000,000, and are to hold a convention at Nashua, N. H., on the 26th and 27th of this month. Ten thousand of them signed a petition to President Cleveland, urging him to attend, and he promised to do so if he could leave Washington at that time. The invitation was entwined with the national color, beautifully embroidered with the names of the delegation. The red in the centre of the roll bore a golden eagle at each end, and in their backs were streamers with the names of the twenty states.

The sensational story of Miss Minnie Freeman, the Nebraska school teacher, who was reported to have saved her pupils by tying them together and leading them through the blizzard, is now said to have been purely fictitious, and that if two of the big boys had not escorted her home, she would have perished. Probably most of the other blizzard stories are of the same sort. This one is said to have been concocted by the girl's lover, a telegraph operator, for an Omaha paper. By and by it will be sufficient to see an account in a newspaper to pronounce it a lie.

General Boulanger has tried his hand at phrase-making. Speaking at a luncheon at Douai, he called the constitution "a ridiculous compromise between a pseudo-monarchy and a false republic." There is no particular brilliancy however, and scarcely much truth in the *mot*, and the Republic may possibly prove too strong a fact for the General.