

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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There is no aitement of the diphtheria epidemic in St. John's, N. W. foundland.

Wakefield G. Frye, of Maine, has been appointed to be Consul General of the United States at Halifax.

The potato bug is said to be putting in his work in various parts of the Province with his accustomed diligence.

Two young men were drowned in Digby Basin on the 13th inst. by the upsetting of the boat in which they were sailing.

Eben McKay, B. A., head master of the New Glasgow high school, is to succeed A. H. McKay as principal of Pictou Academy.

In the cricket match between the Garrison and Wanderers on Saturday last, the latter were the victors by an innings and five runs.

Toronto has voted \$3,000 for the Johnstown sufferers, and many other places are showing their sympathy in a substantial manner.

One hundred children from Middlemore Emigration home, Birmingham, England, arrived in Quebec recently, destined for Western Canada.

The excavation for the foundation of the new Roman Catholic Church at Amherst is finished and the work of laying the stone has commenced.

Three cases of leprosy in an advanced stage have been discovered in Cape Breton. The victims have been taken to the lazaretto at Tracadie.

A farmer in good circumstances, in Wallace, committed suicide last Saturday by drowning. He was about 70 years of age and in good health.

Friends of Senator Carvell, of P. E. Island, are urging his appointment to the Governorship of that Province. Governor Macdougald's term expires in August.

The ferry steamer *Dartmouth* has received a fresh coat of paint, and is ready for the picnic season. She will commence her weekly excursions to Bedford to-morrow.

A well dressed lady committed suicide at Niagara Falls last Friday afternoon. She was carried over the American Fall and the body was recovered shortly afterwards.

The Westport and Digby Telephone Company are proceeding vigorously with their work, tenders for the construction of the line are called for. The work is to be completed by 31st of July.

The government intends to make a regulation prohibiting deputy ministers from commanding militia regiments. This will deprive Lt.-Col. Tilton of the command of the Governor-General's Foot Guards.

The work of improving the Dartmouth common has commenced. It is under the charge of a competent committee, and the park will be much enjoyed as a pleasure ground by the people of Dartmouth.

The Provincial Educational Association of Nova Scotia will meet in Truro on July 10th and 11th. A full programme has been published, and a large gathering of the Educationists of the Province is expected.

The Nova Scotian team won the inter-provincial rifle match, which took place at St. John on the 13th inst., by 65 points over New Brunswick, the scores being Nova Scotia, 658; New Brunswick, 593; P. E. Island, 588.

Samuel Gordon, alias Gikorsen, has been arrested at Toronto, charged with having brought stolen money into Canada. Gordon is wanted at Springfield, Mo., and will be the first man to test Dr. Weldon's extradition act.

The Wimbledon team left for England in the *Parisian* from Quebec yesterday. The Nova Scotians are Major Weston, 66th; Major Egan, 63rd; Lieut. Dimock, 78th; Lieut. Blackmore, Sergeant Corbin, Sergeant Mumford, 63rd.

The barque *Atlantic*, which was wrecked on the western shores of Newfoundland and towed to sea by the *Harlow* last year, has been sold to Quebec parties for \$1,000. The balance of her cargo of deals will be shipped to Ireland.

The death is announced of the somewhat eccentric Lord Adalbert Cecil who, some 28 years ago, left the army to devote himself to preaching. Lord Adalbert was a member of the Plymouth Brethren and visited his co-religionists in Nova Scotia two or three years ago.

The Halifax Ladies' College closing took place on Tuesday. A large audience was present. Rev. Mr. Laing presided and addressed the graduates and presented diplomas for the special two years' course. Addresses were also delivered by Dr. Burns and other prominent men.

Capt. Hall, proprietor of the Spa Springs hotel, recently destroyed by fire, intends to rebuild and have the new house ready for next summer's visitors. The baths are still available, as the bath house was untouched by the flames. Good board may be secured in the neighborhood.

Death has been busy recently with the military staff and force, having taken off three members within a very short space of time. These were Lt.-Col. de Bellefeuille, Lt.-Col. Lamontagne, and the lamented Major Short. They were all comparatively young men, the oldest being three years short of three score. They led useful and honorable lives, and their memories will be cherished by many a brother officer of the force.

Last Friday morning the works of the Canada powder company, near Brockville, Ont. blew up with terrific force. Fortunately the men had not gone to work, and no lives were lost. Several horses and sheep were blown to atoms. A number of plate glass windows in town were smashed. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Arrangements are being made for holding County exhibitions in most of the counties this autumn. The Cape Breton counties, Inverness, Victoria, Richmond and Cape Breton, are uniting so as to hold an "island exhibition" at Mabou. The Prince Edward Island exhibition for agriculture and local industry will be held at Charlottetown on 2nd and 3rd October.

The Board of Trade of Montreal has published a handsome paper, "*The Globe*," of large size, printed in excellent type on very fine paper, giving a vast quantity of commercial intelligence and statistics of Montreal business and commerce generally. It is finely illustrated with numerous views of the public buildings of the city, portraits of the Board of Trade Council, and a fine picture of the handsome new G. T. R. station. Altogether it is a most creditable production.

Among the attractions for to-day will be the races at the Riding Grounds, of which there is a promising programme of not less than eight events, which will be a pleasant and interesting feature of the enjoyments for the City's Natal Day. There is also a concert at the Public Gardens at eight o'clock in the evening, at which the excellent bands of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and the 66th (P. L. F.) Battalion will assist. Both will no doubt be highly enjoyable.

The *St. John Evening Gazette* says:—The new Round House at Moncton, for which tenders are asked, will have stalls for 28 engines. It will be of brick with iron roof. The new erecting shop will be 201 by 100 feet, and will be erected between the present shop and the Round House. It will also be of brick. A new coal shed is also to be erected between the round houses. It will be 160 by 30 feet, and will be fitted with steam hoisting apparatus. It is understood that the I. C. R. shops in Moncton will shortly be lighted throughout with the Electric Light.

We have to thank the National Publishing Company (37 Yonge Street, Toronto,) for four new books of the "Red Letter Series of Select Fiction." They are "Harvest," by John Strange Winter, "The Last Coup," by Hawley Smart, "The Girl from Malta," by the author of "The Mystery of a Hansom Cab," and "Under a Strange Mask," by Lieut. Frank Barrett. We have not had time to read these works, but the names of the authors are sufficient guarantee. The dark purple covers and red lettering of this series, and their very good type, render the issue very attractive.

Chippewa Indians in the vicinity of Mille Lac Lake, Minn., are at work butchering inoffensive settlers.

An English syndicate, it is said, has made an offer to buy the Elgin Watch factory for about \$10,000,000.

It is announced that \$1,000,000 has been subscribed for the cable between Honolulu and San Francisco, and that the work of laying the cable will be commenced within 18 months.

It is reported that General Lloyd S. Bryce, of New York, will succeed the late Allan Thorndyke Rice as editor of the *North American Review*. General Bryce says he is unable to give any definite information as to the report.

It is now thought that three thousand is nearer the number of lives lost at Johnstown than fifteen thousand. Work is progressing and the people are getting their houses cleaned out by degrees. Contributions are given liberally for the relief of the sufferers.

Mr. Anthony Comstock has arrested Olin D. Chase, manager of the Gast Lithographing and Engraving Company, and seized over 1,000,000 lottery tickets, fifteen lithograph stones, etc. Mr. Comstock believes his raid will stop the swindling of numberless people.

A bill has been signed by the Governor of the State of New York authorizing an extraordinary sum for repairing the streets of the City of New York. In all \$3,000,000 can be thus expended in three years, or \$1,000,000 each year. In addition to this there is an ordinary appropriation of \$500,000. If all that money is expended on the streets they should be kept in apple-pie order.

A full-blood Sioux, the first of her race to enter a Catholic religious community, has just been received into the novitiate of the Benedictine nuns at Zell, Dak. For four years she had been under the care of the Benedictine nuns at Fort Yates, and had repeatedly asked the favor of joining the community. She has been invested with the white veil, and, after spending two years in the novitiate she will be professed. Her name in religion is Sister Mary Josephine.

The coroner's jury in the Cronin murder case brought in a verdict charging Dan Coughlin, P. O'Sullivan, A. Sullivan and Woodruff alias Black, either as principals or accessories, or that they had a guilty knowledge of the plot to murder Dr. Cronin and conceal his body, and that they should be held to answer before the grand jury. The details of this atrocious crime are most revolting. Woodruff has made a series of "confessions" which do not agree in many points.

Madame Adelina Patti is seriously ill.

George Argustus Sala is reported to have declined the offer of knighthood.

A despatch to the *Lancet* from Rome, says the Pope is well and hearty.