

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Subscribers will please note that **July 1st is approaching.**

Gaddy and Racette, the murderers of McLeish, have been hanged at Regina.

A movement is said to be on foot in Toronto in favor of Independence for Canada.

It is expected that a thousand Icelanders will arrive in Manitoba during the summer.

The new Dominion three per cent loan has been placed at a fraction over ninety-five.

Four Scotch built locomotives have arrived at Quebec for the Intercolonial Railroad.

A Portage la Prairie incendiary named Mick, has been sentenced to five years penal servitude.

At the nomination for Pictou, on Monday, the Hon. Chas Tupper encountered no opposition.

The recently arrived Crofters who settled in Manitoba are delighted with their location, and have written home favorable reports.

Strawberries are likely to be a short crop this season—not more than a two-thirds average—many of the plants having been winter killed.

The health of Mr. C. J. Coursoll, M. P. for Montreal east, is reported to be in a very precarious state, and the worst is apprehended by his friends.

Salmon fishermen are meeting with considerable success. Two gentlemen fishing in the Restigouche captured twenty eight in three days, the smallest weighing 16½ lbs.

The fourteen year old Truro boy Walsh has been sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary for manslaughter, and the woman Kent to ten years as an accessory to the crime.

Hon. Edgar Dewdney has been appointed Minister of the Interior. It is very doubtful if the choice is a judicious one. Recent changes have certainly not strengthened the Conservative Cabinet.

Very careful measures have been taken by the Ontario Cricket Association to select the best men for the international team which is to play the United States on the 4th and 5th July, on the Toronto ground.

As an evidence of the estimation in which the Imperial authorities hold the Kingston Military College, four commissions in the artillery are offered to graduates this year in addition to the annual offer of one in each arm of the service.

Owing to the holiday yesterday in commemoration of the foundation of the City, we are unable to give any account of the festivities in celebration of it, as it entailed on us the necessity of going to Press twenty-four hours earlier than usual.

A brutal cabman was seen on Monday afternoon holding in, at the same time furiously lashing, one of his pair of horses. Whether the brute was drunk or not, could not be ascertained, nor could the scoundrel be followed by our informants.

Thirty-nine candidates for admission to the Royal Military College, Kingston, entered for the examinations of last week. Twenty-four is the number of entries allowed each year, unless special cases arise which require an order in council.

The Recorder draws it pretty strong when it says that nine tenths of the Honourable Artillery Company of London are tailors, but if they were they would only be like a very gallant regiment of regulars, the 15th Hussars, which really was, when first raised, recruited very largely from men of that trade.

A great simplification in the accounts between Postmasters and the Government is to be brought into operation on the 1st July. The fact that the change will entail considerable work in the offices of the Inspectors probably accounts for the resignation of Col. Macdonald as Commandant of the Wimbledon Team this year.

Inspector of Fisheries Rogers is making it rather lively for lobster packers who have been making use of fish less than nine inches in length. At Yarmouth the other day he imposed a heavy fine and made a seizure of material at a well known factory. The fisheries department is determined to see that the law is strictly carried out.

The new Dartmouth ferry-boat of that name began to run on Sunday. She is satisfactory in every way. On Saturday afternoon the Presbyterian clergy, both those of the city and the visiting ministers, enjoyed an excursion in the Dartmouth round the basin, and up the N. W. Arm. Outside she shipped rather a heavy sea, but we believe it did not much mar the enjoyment of the excursionists.

The great Presbyterian Assembly was still sitting when we went to press. Noticeable among the subjects of deliberations are the Deceased wife's sister question, and Prohibition. On the former we are glad to observe a growing breadth of sentiment, and an abandonment of the untenable ground that such marriages are prohibited by Scripture. The latter was upheld in a report worded with dignity and moderation.

A pair of impious fools are said to be arranging to go over Niagara in a barrel, constructed for the purpose. It is to be presumed they will be prevented, as it is quite time this wicked folly should be put a stop to.

The Aurora, 12,500 tons, 8500 horse power, one of the new second-class armored steam cruisers, is spoken of as the new Flag-ship in place of the Bellerophon, which will go home with Vice-Admiral Lyons at the end of the summer, the recent deaths of senior Flag Officers having brought him to the head of the Vice-Admiral's list, so that one or two more retirements, due during the summer, will raise him to the rank of Admiral.

The closing exercises of the school for The Blind took place on Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Mackenzie, who has for seven years been a most valuable teacher, tendered her resignation, to the regret of both the principal and the pupils. She was presented with a handsome tea set by the board of managers as a slight token of their esteem. There was a large attendance of friends of the school, and the exercises passed off in the usual smooth and pleasing manner.

The Encœnia of Kings College University, Windsor, is to take place on Thursday the 28th June. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.30 a.m., and the procession forms at 10 o'clock. The Anniversary service commences at 10.30, the sermon to be preached by the Revd. G. G. Roberts, Rector of Fredericton, N. B. Convocation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. After the degrees are conferred, J. P. Silver, Esq., B. A., will pronounce the Valedictory, and E. J. Hodgson, Esq., Q. C., the Alumni Oration. The Ven. C. E. Stevens, D. C. L., Archdeacon of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Bishop of Nova Scotia will deliver addresses, and there will be pleasant festivities to wind up with, the Terpsichorean Society giving a dance at the Clifton Hotel in the evening.

"A Churchman" writes to correct a mistake in a paragraph in our last week's issue, arising from our having overlooked the ecclesiastical significance of the word *Province*. "*Province* used ecclesiastically, denotes a cluster of Dioceses, under a Metropolitan or Archbishop; e.g. York, Canterbury, Armagh, and Dublin. It is proposed that the *Metropolitans* of the *Ecclesiastical Provinces* in Canada, should, according to ancient precedent, be also *Archbishops*, one of whom should be Primate of the whole Canadian church. The venerable Bishop of Fredericton, Metropolitan of an *Ecclesiastical Province*, containing nine Dioceses, of which Nova Scotia is one, would, in that case, be also an Archbishop. *Vide Province, Archbishop, Metropolitan, and Primate*, in "Hook's Ecclesiastical Dictionary."

Ex Governor St. John, of Kansas, the well known advocate of prohibition, lectured on his favorite subject to a large audience at the Academy of Music on Monday evening last. Although claiming to be a plain, uneducated man, with no oratorical powers, he proved to be a forcible speaker and a rare teller of comical stories. Mr. St. John has the courage of his convictions, and dealt many powerful blows not only at the liquor traffic, but at the hypocritical politicians and weak-kneed supporters of the temperance cause. His main contention was, that it was useless for prohibitionists to look to either of the new parties for redress, the only course open being the formation of a prohibition party. For an hour and a half he delighted the large audience, his sallies evoking rounds of applause or roars of laughter, as the occasion demanded.

A Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography, (Toronto, Rose Publishing Company) is a work which we are sorry to be obliged to say does no credit to its publishers. Absurdly trivial minute and lengthy details are given of the most common place lives, while doings of men of real eminence are altogether omitted, and others have a very small space allotted to them. The omissions are astonishing. A very cursory glance over the index reveals the absence of Archbishop O'Brien, Archbishop Taché, Bishop Medley, Metropolitan of Canada, Mr. Goldwin Smith, Dr. Burns, Judges Smith, Weatherbe, Townsend and several others; Dr. Rand and Dr. Akins, Dr. Fraser, Principal Forrest, Dr. McGregor, &c., &c. Mr. John Fraser, M. P. P., is placed, while the name of Mr. Jas. A. Fraser, M. P. P., does not appear. One Militia officer, not at all widely known, recounts every camp he has ever attended, while such names as Col. Powell, the able Adjutant General for many years; Col. G. T. Dennison, who took the Czar's great prize of \$5000 for the best work on Cavalry; Col. Otter, D. A. G. of Toronto, and others, are conspicuous by their absence. The work is of little worth or value.

Walt Whitman, the poet, is reported to be growing weaker.

Mary Ann Prescott, authoress and poet, died on Friday night at Newburyport, Mass.

Sixteen thousand children under five years of age are said to die every year in New York city.

It is estimated that the State of Illinois contains one-seventh of all known coal in North America.

The *Etruria* beat her own record in the passage of the week before last, having made it—from Queenstown to Sandy Hook—in 6 days 2 hours.

The condition of General Sheridan seems to be steadily improving, as far as can be gathered from the somewhat meagre reports which appear.

Captain Paul Boyton has been essaying to walk on the water by means of some extraordinary kind of shoes, but seems to have done about as much diving as walking.

The apparently definite retirement of Mr. Blaine from the Presidential contest, can only mean one thing—that he is more than doubtful of the success of the party.

James E. Creighton, who graduated at Dalhousie College, Halifax, with first honors in moral and mental philosophy, and took the governor general's silver medal, has just been elected to a fellowship in Cornell university.