

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL.

Mr. G. E. Lavers, general agent of the N. A. Life Insurance Association, was in the city for a few days this week.

Mr. D. McLeod of Broad Cove, Inverness, has been making a short visit in Halifax.

The United States government has presented a gold medal to Capt. C. Clements, and \$25 to each of the crew, of the Yarmouth schooner *Mary Jane*, for saving the lives of the crew of the American schooner *Sarah Louise*, of New York, while that vessel was on a voyage from Calais to Newburyport, in April, 1882.

We would direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of W. H. Johnson, dealers in pianofortes and organs which appears in the *Critic* to-day.

The statement in our Church of England religious news that Rev. H. J. Winterbourne had been offered the rectorship of Christ Church, Dartmouth, appears to have been unfounded.

The new lock boxes in the Halifax Post Office are found very convenient by the business men. The workmanship reflects great credit upon Mr. James Fraser.

The Hon. W. G. Frye has been entertained at a private banquet at the Halifax Club. The popularity of the ex-consul among all classes of our citizens is too well known to require comment. Mr. Frye came among us as a stranger and will leave us as an esteemed friend.

The closing exercises of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb were of a very interesting character, and were attended by a large number of the friends of that deservedly popular school. Mr. Hutton and his co-laborers are doing a grand and most effective work among the Deaf and Dumb of the Maritime Provinces, and the Institution should receive a most liberal support from the public.

The quarterly meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' association was held in Annapolis on Friday, the transportation of fruit to markets abroad, and the propriety of making extensive exhibits of fruit at London and elsewhere during the season, were the subjects discussed.

The Provincial Educational Association of Nova Scotia will meet at the Normal School, Truro, on Wednesday of next week. Addresses will be delivered by Superintendents Allison, Crockett, Montgomery, and others. Any teacher in the Province may become a member of this Association.

The School at Mount St. Vincent has closed for the next two months. There has been a large attendance the past year at this most popular of schools. Among the prize winners were the Miss Purdys of Amherst.

Halifax has been developing of late much latent musical talent. Among the additions to our artists, is Miss Carritte, a daughter of the well-known Dr. Carritte of Amherst. She has been for the past year or so giving exclusive attention to cultivating her voice under the skilled management of Prof. Ross. With youth and beauty we predict a bright future for her as a "bird of song."

Dr. Fraser, of Windsor, brought into our office this week some of the largest strawberries we have ever seen. They were grown in the garden of J. B. Black, M. D., of Windsor. The small-fruit industry would pay the farmers of the Avon Valley handsomely.

We are glad to learn that a second edition of Mr. Whitman's ballad "Canada," has been called for, and that there is every probability of the Dominion Government ordering several thousand copies for distribution in Great Britain and Ireland by their Immigration agents. We hope the ballad will influence the feelings of the better class of old country emigrants towards Canada instead of Australia or other British Colonies.

Among the athletic clubs of this Province, that of Sydney stands well in the vanguard. The record and present status of the Sydney cricket club is quite up to that of any similar organization in the Province. The financial condition of the club is sound, and its members one and all realize that it becomes a true gentleman a true gentleman to accept defeat or victory in a courteous and considerate manner. In this club the Wanderers of Halifax would find foemen worthy of their steel, and it is to be hoped that the season will not be allowed to pass away before a match game shall have been played by the champion clubs of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton. In a recent match between the clubs of Sydney and H. M. S. Northampton, the play of several members of the former club attracted the attention of some old Halifax cricketers among the onlookers—the captain—as wicket keeper, winning golden opinions. The Sydney club have a most suitable field for athletic sports, and have during the past year, expended some seven hundred dollars in improvements and perfecting their capital cricket crease.

Mr. C. F. Fraser, Principal of the School for the Blind, is now editor of the *Critic*. Mr. Fraser wields a strong pen, and has already ably assisted that paper as to its management.—*Hants Journal*.

The steamer *Exangeline* is now on the route between Annapolis and Digby, and passengers can purchase through tickets to all stations on the Western Counties Railway, baggage being checked through.

In order that our subscribers in Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island may receive the *Critic* in the same week in which it is published, we have decided to issue the paper hereafter on Friday, instead of Saturday.

Revs. N. R. Raven, H. A. Herley, M. C. Wado, and J. Moore, were ordained priests at St. Luke's Cathedral last Sunday.

James Stewart, of the *Kontville Chronicle*, fell from his horse last week, and was dragged some distance by the stirrup, and sustained serious if not fatal injuries.

The Dominion government have presented watches to James Allen, Wm. Allen, Earnest Wyman, Jacob Kavanagh, and Eben Crosby, for their human exertions in saving the lives of the crew of the barque *Yarmouth*, wrecked in Yarmouth Sound on the 14th January, 1884.

A violent thunder storm passed over Canning last week, one house was struck but no one sustained any serious injury.

There were shipped from Digby county last year 502 tons of lobsters, 130,000 lbs of finnan haddies, 1,150 cases of canned haddies, 50,000 lbs. of haddock, and 30 tons of fish fertilizer, valued altogether at \$31,720.

CANADIAN.

OTTAWA July 5.—The government have decided to suspend the duty imposed on Newfoundland fish and fish oils, pending negotiations with that island for reciprocal trade. Collectors of customs have been notified accordingly.

The summer freshets on the Upper St. John occurred last week. The river rose sixteen feet at Van Buren. The new work on the Grand Falls Bridge is gone; bridges, houses and mills have been carried away, and the crops on hillside farms washed out. St. Basil flats are flooded. Booms are broken and lumber lost. Serious damage has been done in all directions.

The Indians at Bersinus, on the North Shore of the St. Lawrence, are in a pitiable condition. The unusual severity of the past winter and the scarcity of reindeer brought them so near starvation, that they were compelled to eat their furs.

Walter Shanly, Liberal Conservative, has been elected by acclamation for South Grenville.

The recent local by-elections in New Brunswick were favorable to the Liberals, by whom the seats were held before the vacancies arose.

Hanlan's victory over Lee, at Sylvia's Lake, New York, restores to the Canadian sculler some of the prestige he lost by his defeat in Australia.

WINNIPEG, July 5.—A despatch from Battleford announces the embarkation of the troops for home. They are expected to reach here next Saturday. The sad intelligence is conveyed of the death of Col. Williams of the Midland battalion, of brain fever. The news has cast a gloom over the entire force.

In reply to a petition from Riel's sympathizers in the United States, Hon. J. A. Chapleau says that he cannot regard Riel as anything but an enemy of Canada. He further states that were he not a member of the government, his views respecting the rebellion would be precisely the same as now.

"Whatever the mental attitude of other French-Canadians may have been during the rebellion," says the *Winnipeg Sun*, we know of three that have acted a most manly, honest, *British* style. These three are Messrs. Caron, Chapleau, Langovin.

Hon. J. B. Finch, the temperance orator, having finished his tournament with Goldwin Smith is lecturing in Nova Scotia. A correspondent of the *Montreal Post* says that Mr. Finch perfectly understands Mr. Smith, and, indeed, anticipated the latter in throwing out the epithet "blackguard." We do not believe Mr. Smith would apply the word to any gentleman. He "uses fine weapons and cuts clean."

Toronto, July 7.—A *Globe's* cable, dated London, July 6, says:—"It was officially announced by the Antwerp exhibition commissioners to-day that the jury of the inspection of cereals considers it is bound, before proceeding further, to indicate that the awards bear the most complimentary testimony to the beauty and high quality of the cereals exhibited by Canada, which are undoubtedly superior to those shown by any other country."

Immense quantities of phosphate are being exported from Montreal to Great Britain and Germany.

MOOSE JAW, July 8.—We embark to-morrow afternoon at 4.45 for Winnipeg. Capt. Cunningham, from the Rockies, and Lieut. Silver, from Clarke's Crossing, returned this evening. There is great rejoicing in camp to-night.—*Mail*.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

LONDON, July 5.—It was decided at yesterday's cabinet council to abstain from any declaration of a foreign policy on the reassembling of Parliament.

Boston, July 5.—In the single scull race on the Charles river yesterday, between Gaudaur, Hosmer, Hamm, McKay, Buckley, Green and Casey, three miles, with a turn, Gaudaur won in 20 minutes, 50 seconds; Hamm