

News Summary.

Hon. Mr. Mulock sailed from Australia on the return home on June 4.

Ex-Governor H. S. Plagge, of Michigan, died in London on Tuesday.

The culture of daffodils has become quite an industry in the southern part of Lincolnshire, England.

The examination of Harris McLaughlin, the alleged Charlotte county murderer, has been adjourned until June 25, and the prisoner has been taken to St. Andrews jail.

The hay barn belonging to Mr. Samuel Jones, on the Salisbury Road, near Moncton, was destroyed by fire Monday night, June 17th. The barn was empty and the loss is very slight.

John Dujay, committed for trial last week by Stipendiary Magistrate Kay on the charge of stealing a \$500 express package at Shediac on May 29th, was admitted to bail at Dorchester Tuesday.

The first census of Russia took place as far back as 1790, when the number of inhabitants was set down at 14,000,000 in round figures; in 1897 the number was given as 120,000,000, including Finland.

Cheyenne men owning ranches in Utah county are authority for the statement that there is absolutely no truth in any of the reports which have been sent out from that section to the effect that serious trouble is imminent between sheep raisers and cattle owners.

At Amherst, Tuesday morning, fire in the factory of Rhodes, Curvey & Co., in the engine room, which was quickly put out, did about \$4,000 damage. The chief damage was to the machinery and was due to the deluge of water; fully covered by insurance.

A London despatch states a curious fact is revealed by the "Peerage" with regard to the Earl of Leicester. He and his father married, and just one hundred years lie between the dates of the two ceremonies. Both men had two wives, and the present earl is a son of his father's second marriage.

The Toronto citizens' committee decided in favor of an art museum and gallery as a civic memorial to Queen Victoria; \$40,000 in subscriptions is already promised. This makes three memorial schemes under way. The others are a provincial statue for which the government supplies the funds, and a memorial organ for which \$11,000 has been contributed.

R. J. Campbell, president of the Cape Breton Extension Railway Company, announced at Montreal on Monday that the financial arrangements have been completed for the building of the line from the Straits of Canso to Louisburg. It is understood Dr. Webb of the Vanderbilt system will become president when the board is reorganized.

A letter from Hon. Mr. Mulock says that the Postmaster General has been very ill on his way to Australia and after arrival there, and was in a private hospital for some weeks. The letter was written on May 11. He expected to leave for Europe in a couple of weeks. After spending some time on the continent he will leave for Canada, arriving home about the middle of August.

Henry Labouchere, M. P., presided at a public meeting in London on Wednesday night, when resolutions were adopted condemning the government's policy in relation to South Africa. There was much excitement, owing to the presence of many "jingoes" inside and outside the hall, and several collisions between the crowd and the police took place.

It has frequently afforded the MESSENGER AND VISITOR pleasure to call the attention of its readers to the merits of the Maritime Business College, Halifax. When this Institution was recognized by, and admitted into affiliation with, the Business Educators' Association of Canada, it afforded us ample proof of the correctness of our statements. At the recent meeting of the Institutes of Chartered Accountants of the Province of Nova Scotia, the college was admitted into affiliation with the same. This is an honor much coveted in any country, and the Maritime is the only College east of Ontario, having secured this honorable distinction. All graduate students of the Business Department of this college are exempted from the preliminary examinations of the Chartered Accountants.

Note the Solid Progress of Confederation Life Association.

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1878	145,922.67	24,124.38	170,047.05	456,839.39	5,344,249.53
1883	309,376.60	64,006.01	373,382.61	1,149,427.40	11,018,625.00
1888	512,005.46	129,672.17	641,677.63	2,542,041.75	16,616,360.50
1893	796,505.04	185,894.86	982,399.90	4,520,133.04	24,288,690.00
1898	965,626.36	265,571.03	1,231,197.39	6,825,116.81	29,521,189.00
1900	1,063,748.59	329,121.84	1,392,870.43	7,799,983.89	32,171,215.00

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A young man named Amasa Brown, while driving a load of grain to Victoria mills, near Salisbury, on Saturday, in some unaccountable manner fell off the wagon, which passed over him, injuring the unfortunate man very badly.

The house and three barns of Chas. McNutt of Hammond were burned on Sunday night. Part of the house furniture, together with all farm implements, including mower and rake, four tons of hay, were consumed; insurance \$600.

The police at Chatham made a raid on the club room kept by Archie Frecker Saturday afternoon and seized a quantity of liquor; they next visited his home, where they secured nearly a sloven load. The liquor—over \$300 worth—was taken to the wharf and allowed to run out. On Saturday George Morris was fined \$50 for violating the Scott Act.

At a meeting of the Ottawa Anglican Synod on Wednesday a resolution was passed providing that in cases where ministers marry after fifty years of age, their widows or children will not participate in the widows' and orphans' fund.

The Czar of Russia inherits from his mother the Danish characteristic of repugnance to any form of sport entailing suffering to animals, and has said that a boy who robbed a nest or tortured a cat or dog should be punished in Russia by the law as he would be in Denmark.

A German surgeon has in his service an old military man who has neither arms nor legs, and half of whose face was carried away in the war of 1870. He wears a metallic mask, which has been so skillfully adjusted to his face that he still retains some semblance of humanity, and has preserved his sight.

Rev. Edward Schuedhorst has been pastor of a London church for forty-three years without a salary. He is a man of independent means, who in 1838 dedicated his life to the uplifting of the poor in the East end of London. The church owns a large building on the Roman Road, in North Bow, where almost every kind of religious and philanthropic work is carried on.

Rev. R. Barry Smith, Baptist, who has had a pastoral charge at Port Higin, has accepted a call to Washdemack. This pastorate includes three churches, McDonald's Corner, Mill Cove, and the Narrows, where a new parsonage is being built.

At Fredericton, Wednesday, in the county court, in Smith vs. the Canada Eastern Railway Co., the jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff for \$2,500. Smith, a brakeman, while coupling cars had a leg taken off. He sued for \$10,000.

Frederick H. Davies, a prominent civil engineer of Chicago, was killed on Sunday while trying to get a hand car out of the way of an approaching train.

President Loubet of France is a literary man. He has read enormously, and because of his habit of early rising, quite common among country people, even at the Elysee Palace he finds time to read; and not only read newspapers, but the reviews and books. He reads quickly, seizes well the gist of a writing, criticizes fairly and in consequence gets much profit from his reading. Besides that, he is assisted by a fine memory, which not only recalls to him what he has read, but also every scene through which he has passed. In that way he has accumulated a vast experience relating to men and things.

The first issue of the coinage of King Edward VII. will be made in about six weeks' time. The designs have been settled and the dies sunk, and some of the coins have already been struck. It is understood that the first to be issued will be silver coins, then the bronze money and later in the year the sovereigns and half-sovereigns. Pains will be taken by pronounced distinction between the coins in the new coinage to make fraud more easily detected. Thus farthings will be made of a metal which will preclude their being passed as sovereigns when gilt. Sixpence and half-sovereigns are also to be altered. One coin will probably bear the head of the sovereign, the other the full figure.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that renewed labor riots in the iron works and cloth factories of St. Petersburg have been suppressed by the military authorities.

The American refining company has reduced all grades of refined sugar ten points. The National Sugar refining company has followed this suit, but Arbuckle's prices remain unchanged.

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Nine hundred strikers on the Central railroad of New Jersey, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., have been notified that unless they return to work to-morrow their places will be filled.

A Free Thinkers' procession in Madrid unday mobbed the Infanta Isabella, and while shouting "burn the convents" were dispersed by the police.

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