

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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A Mr. Edward Fulton has, it is reported, been selected at Truro as the Prohibition candidate for Colchester.

Irishmen of Toronto are preparing a reception for the Hon. Edward Blake on his return, in recognition for his services to the Home Rule cause.

We are glad to notice reports of the efficiency of the Shelburne Brass Band, which has turned out in a smart uniform and is now spoken of in terms of high commendation.

Governor Royal of the North West Territories is in Ottawa, and is forthwith to be assailed by the Prohibitionists respecting his alleged issue of licenses in contravention of the law.

The Indian disturbances at the Skeena River in the North of British Columbia, are it seems, sufficiently serious to have led to the dispatch thither of a detachment of C. Battery.

The business men of St. John propose building a dry dock in that city. It is to be 600 feet long, with a width at the bottom of 50 feet, and is to be built by a company with the aid of the Dominion, provincial and local subsidies.

The great raft has been successfully launched. We do not much believe in the big raft idea, but it is better that such an undertaking should be set afloat during the summer months than later. If this one should by any mischance break up it will be full time to legislate against the system.

The "Gripsock"—Facts, Figures and Fancies for Travellers in the Provinces (Knowles & Reynolds, St. John, N. B.) is evidently a very handy manual for travellers of all kinds, embodying condensed time tables, and much short paragraphic information. It should be an excellent advertising medium.

Two aged men have recently been killed by shunting trains on the W. and A. Railway. The infirmities, deafness and partial blindness, of the victims, show precisely where the dangers of level crossings in towns lie. Railway authorities are imperatively called on by these lamentable occurrences to provide full safeguards against a repetition of such disasters.

It is reported that the United States government have agreed to the appointment of a mixed commission to consider the question of American jurisdiction in Behring sea, and also to adjust the claims of British sealers for compensation for illegal seizure. H. M. S. Caroline, which had been ordered to proceed to Behring sea, has had her instructions countermanded.

Mr. Morrison has withdrawn from his candidature in Colchester, which is to be regretted, a straight Liberal candidate being much more desirable than that of the wild cat Prohibitionist aspirant likely to take his place. The mix and muddle made by Third Party fanatics is anything but a desirable feature in politics, giving rise, as it does, to a great deal of very dishonest dodgery which is far from adding weight to their cause.

H. M. S. gun-boat Bullfrog has been relieved by the Buzzard, and sailed for England on Monday. This relief is an augmentation of strength to the Squadron. The Bullfrog was one of the small gun-boats not, we believe, to be continued building, of 4 guns, 465 tons, and 420 horse power. This class is weak, small and very slow. The Buzzard is a new sloop of 8 guns, 1140 tons, and 2000 horse power with, we understand, every modern improvement.

The third number of the *Dominion Illustrated* (Montreal, G. E. Desbarats and Son, 162 St. James street) is before us. We cannot speak too highly of this publication, the last number of which is almost better than the first. The subjects selected for illustration, the pictures chosen for reproduction, are such as appeal to the best taste. The tone and execution of the engravings are alike excellent, and the letter press is quite worthy of them. We heartily wish the *Dominion* every success. Everyone ought to take it.

At the chambers, in Victoria street, Westminster, of the Canadian Agent General there is a room where Canadian as well as English papers and records are to be seen, and where a book is kept in which Canadian visitors inscribe their names and addresses. It affords much facility to Canadians who know each other, and happen to be in England at the same time, to see each other. Might not a similar institution in Halifax be acceptable to our American visitors?

Captain Burchell, the able and courteous Commodore of the Bras d'Or Steam Navigation Company, has become possessed of a decided curiosity—an old French Cannon found at Sydney, which is a breech-loader. We know that as early as the reign of Henry 8th there were breech-loading small-arms, but it was generally supposed the idea had died out, and it is matter of surprise to find that the French had it probably a hundred years or more later. It is understood there is another specimen which Captain Burchell intends to acquire. The Commodore should communicate with Sir Wm. Armstrong, and afterwards prepare a paper for the Nova Scotia Historical Society.

An experiment is being tried of stocking the waters of the Pacific with lobsters and lobster spawn. It is to be hoped it will succeed. The idea suggests itself that a corresponding attempt might be made to stock our coasts with that delightful relish, the shrimp, which is abundant on the Pacific coasts of America. We commend this idea to the energetic Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Mr. Tupper would deserve well of his country for even the attempt to do this, but it seems far from improbable that he might succeed. Why should this delicious luxury of the table be confined to the European and Pacific shores?

The Street Railway wants a little looking after by Mr. Naylor. Their horses are not infrequently driven lame etc., and a third horse is wanted at the foot of Inglis street. Last Tuesday night, two small horses had to pull one of the open cars, as full as it could hold, up that hill, and these cars can be packed to hold nearly fifty persons. We have given a hint or two. We now speak plainly.

The *New York Journal* states that Sister Mary Francis Clare, better known as the Nun of Kenmare, has renounced Catholicity, but the Sister denies it.

Both the *Herald* and *Sun* specials from Indianapolis report General Harrison as being very ill, much worse than has generally been supposed. His physician has ordered him to keep his bed and see no one but his most intimate friends.

One of Ben Harrison's great English ancestors helped to bring the head of Charles I of England to the block. This, says the *New York World*, will perhaps lose him the support of the Stuart family, but will strengthen him with the Nihilists.

In commenting upon the expressions of sympathy with the democratic party which appear in the Canadian press the Republican papers make the very pertinent rejoinder that they are electing a president for the United States, not for Canada.

William Fearing Gill and Edith Olive Gynne, of New York, who married one another by common assent and nothing else, find it hard to be themselves united since the lady's relatives have appropriated her, and the town talk is making something of a guy of him.

Senator Chandler is another "tail-twister," who is, however, or at least pretends to be, in a lull about the unexpected growth of Canada. He accuses the President of allying himself with Britain to break down the tariff, and with abandoning the Monroe doctrine.

The *Youth's Companion* (Boston, Perry Mason & Co., 41 Temple Place, appears to be an excellent publication for young people. It is well printed on good paper, and well illustrated. The number of 26th July contains an article "Life in the Alps" by Professor Tyndal.

The new New York law for substituting death by electrical shock for hanging seems to have met with the approval of the criminals of the State. Three murderers now under sentence of death think it a shame that the new law does not apply to them. It is possible that the new law after all, may suit the condemned classes "only too well."

Chicago appears to be the head quarters of the Foreign Anarchists. Another plot, appalling in its magnitude, has been laid bare. Blowing up the Board of Trade, Court House, newspaper offices, and other public buildings, and the assassination of officials, including Judge Greuch, are included in its programme. Three arch-conspirators have been arrested.

The State of Kansas has 54 murderers in prison. Public sentiment seems to have concluded that a line must be drawn somewhere, and that the most fitting place to draw it would be over the nearest telegraph pole, having first made a noose at one end, and place it around the neck of the objectionable citizen. Judge Lynch, who has lost patience with the ordinary courts, has benefitted the State in this inexpensive and informal way by stringing up four of the too-impulsive gentlemen.

Jay Gould's health appears to be breaking down. Alto' Mr. Gould is but yet 50 years of age it was discovered that he was beginning to age too rapidly. He was warned that paralysis was imminent if he persisted in his absorbing and exciting schemes of finance. His nervous system was overtaxed and he was doubly open to attacks of rheumatism, neuralgia and malaria. Mr. Gould is no doubt a great financier, but the moral of such a career is obvious. What duth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own life?

The cholera prevails to an alarming extent among Europeans at Hong Kong.

We regret to learn that the Cable tariff has been raised to twenty-five cents a word.

The Emperor William has agreed to the proposal that his mother bear the title of Empress and Queen Frederick.

Queen Victoria has purchased the Villa Palmiera, at Florence, which she occupied during her recent sojourn in that city.

We trust that the reports that the health of Mr. Blake has retrograded since his return from Italy have no serious foundation.

Lord Wolseley has presided over a meeting to consider military cycling, and pronounced the bicycle a military instrument of great promise.

So far Pasteur's receipt for killing the Australian rabbits with chicken cholera has failed. The rabbits inoculated showed no signs of disease.

Bishop Freppel introduced a bill in the French Chambers Monday abolishing duelling. He demanded urgency for the measure. The demand was rejected.

The life of another royal personage will very soon be ended. Telegrams from Mexico say that the condition of Empress Charlotte, of Mexico, is now quite hopeless.

The decoration of Commander of the Legion of Honor is to be conferred upon Alexandre Dumas, the dramatist, and the decoration of Knight of the same order upon M. Emil Zola, the novelist.

The last French rifle, as described, has a ball so small that a soldier can carry 220 rounds, shoots with a new smokeless powder, and its bullet pierces a brick wall eight inches thick at 500 yards.