

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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It is reported that a Baronetcy has been conferred on Sir Charles Tupper.

Much damage to crops along the shores of the St. Lawrence is reported from the continuous heavy rains.

The Government of Manitoba has concluded an amended agreement with the Northern Pacific Railway.

Gabriel Dumont will return to the Northwest in a fortnight. His admirers in Montreal are getting up a purse for presentation to him.

Sir John A. and Lady Macdonald were received with the greatest cordiality in Cape Breton, and much enjoyed their visit to that interesting Island.

Mr. Waldie (Liberal) has been returned to the Commons for Halton, Ont., by a majority of 28. This intelligence was accidentally omitted in last week's CRITIC.

A good deal of damage seems to have been done by Monday night's thunder-storm. A barn at Bristol, Queens Co., one at West Berlin, and one at Rockingham, are reported destroyed.

The Hon. J. S. D. Thompson, Minister of Justice, has been created a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George, in recognition of his services in connection with the Fisheries Commission.

The Allan S.S. *Parisian* has made the fastest passage on record between Liverpool and Quebec—7 days, 23 hours—four days, 13 hours from land to land. Her mails were landed at Rimouski in 6 days, 13 hours.

After, we believe, two abortive attempts to procure the attendance of a quorum of the City Council, that august body succeeded in getting together on Tuesday afternoon, and in transacting their business quietly.

The Charlottetown *Patriot* mentions that rain has fallen there almost every day since the 14th July, and that the oldest inhabitant does not remember so wet a summer. A great deal of hay has been spoiled on the Island.

A cabman named Spain had the shaft of his cab struck by lightning during the storm on Monday night. Spain was struck insensible, and his nervous system sustained a severe shock. One of his horses was also injured in the leg.

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Acadia College was duly celebrated on Wednesday. The venerable Dr. Crawley, to whom Acadia College owes its foundation, is to be congratulated upon being spared to witness its Jubilee.

The fraternal congratulations of THE CRITIC are added to those of the other numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. (nee Agnes A. Wallace) Jas. W. Power, whose marriage took place on Monday last. We cordially wish them every happiness.

A new militia regulation has been issued by which if a man who has enlisted wants to leave he will be permitted to retire from the force on the payment of \$30. This amount, it is supposed, will cover the value of clothing and kit issued to him for his use as a soldier.

A discovery of coal is reported on Wolfe Island, near Kingston, Ont. It is said not to be in quantity payable to work, but it is remarked that its presence in a bed of lime-stone is destructive of the theories of geologists. Remember the Bowmanville coal fiasco, and wait to hear what the geologists have to say.

Another accident occurred lately at Perth, Ont., owing to the Salvation Army nuisance. Their drums rendered a horse unmanageable, and it kicked a lady on the head. The lady was reported as very low. The Salvationists, with their usual callousness, would not stop their drums, and were pelted with eggs.

The famous Madame Januschek is to appear before Halifax audiences next week. There is every reason to believe that those who can appreciate a really great tragic actress will have the opportunity of gratifying a cultivated taste. The great Bohemian is said to be almost unrivalled in the wonderfully powerful part of Meg Merrilies.

The last bank statement shows that twenty-six million dollars of Canadian bank capital is now employed in the United States, an increase of two millions during the month of July. This is independent of the many millions of Canadian capital which private individuals have invested across the line. Canadians had far better invest their money at home.

The Canadian Pacific Company are building six new postal cars for service between Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. When finished they will be very handsome. One has been completed and is now doing service, while five others are soon to receive their finishing touches. There will be 16 postal cars altogether, ten of which are being reconstructed out of old coaches.

Les Jeunes Nationaux, of Montreal, being solicitous about M. Mercier's health, presented him with an address, in which they assure him that "the sacred interests of the Province and the national cause are in his hands, and will be safely guarded," and that "he may count upon them." M. Mercier replies with an amount of bombastic balderdash which would lead innocent folks to imagine that French-Canadian institutions were menaced with annihilation. M. Mercier and the late M. Riel, of sacred memory, have many points in common.

The directors of the Kingston cotton mill have received orders from three houses in China offering to take all the cotton the mills can make up to January, at advanced prices.

The annual camp at Aldershot will begin on Tuesday the 4th prox. The 69th (Annapolis,) Col. Starrat; the 75th (Lunenburg,) Col. Kaulbach, and the "King's" troop of Cavalry, Capt. Ryan, will assemble there this year.

Much good has been done in the Halifax Brigade Garrison Artillery by the introduction, under Col. Curren's regime, of a system of examination for Non-Commissioned officers. This is a point of great importance. No private volunteer in any corps ought to receive Corporal's stripes without a strict examination before a regimental board. Of course the requirements for a Sergeant's chevrons are higher.

Judge Wallace, of the Supreme Court of New York, who was a passenger per steamer *Farmouth* from Boston on Wednesday last, expressed himself in warm terms of praise of the steamer *Farmouth*, her officers, and accommodations. His intention had been to take another route to Cumberland, but from the favorable opinion he had heard of the *Farmouth*, he was induced to change his mind, and was glad he had done so.

Canadian immigration returns for July show the number of arrivals during the month to have been 19,621, being an increase of 4,290 over the same month last year. The number of settlers in the Dominion during the month was 11,196, being an increase of 3,106. During the first seven months of the fiscal year the total arrivals have been 104,164, of whom 51,519 settled in Canada, an increase over last year of 18,068 arrivals and 7,283 settlers.

The recent practice of the Halifax Brigade of Garrison Artillery has been very satisfactory. This corps was inspected on Monday by Lt. Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery. A very marked improvement in every respect in this force, the material of which is excellent, has been apparent since it passed under the command of Lt.-Col. Curren, who has spared no time or pains in carrying out his duties. The Deputy-Adjutant General has, we are glad to observe, received the most cordial assistance, under the orders of Sir John Ross, from the Imperial Artillery.

Howe's circus, which showed here on the 28th and 29th insts., although not a circus in any sense of the term, was a very fair variety show. Its advent here was heralded by huge posters representing wild western scenes, savage steers, bucking bronchos and the like, with other adjuncts of the ring, all of which were conspicuous by their absence. The entertainment however, on the whole, was good, but it should not have professed to be what it was not. What it was was simply a variety show. The performance on the slack and invisible wires, juggling, club swinging, trapeze and acrobatic feats generally were well worth seeing. The shooting of Rattlesnake Bill was clever, and the clown was funny. A burlesque in pantomime concluded an entertainment that seemed to be thoroughly appreciated by a large audience. If report is to be trusted it has the distinction of being Canadian and not American. American circuses extract large amounts of money from Canada.

The World's Fayre Gazette, which has been loyally calling attention to the varied attractions of that show, deserves a little notice itself. On the whole this little effort of special journalism was a lively sheet, and reflected credit on its managers. Among the more creditable contributions were "Mr. Peppy's"—which reminds us of "the touch of a vanished hand," of a golden arm, a contribution from Professor Roberts, three or four little gems of Miss S. M. Almon's; "Lalah Bell's" lines—cynical, sinful, and Swinburnian, but clever withal; Mr. Townend's warm and slightly gushing tribute to Halifax and Nova Scotia; and of the shorter poems, one or two by "J. A. R." The little story "Bon Garcon," is also well written. It was given out by the management that some bright and desirable contributions were crowded out, which has made us wonder somewhat at the publication of a certain "Laye," whose length was greater than its brilliancy. The voting for the ladies and gentlemen most eminent in various lines must not, of course, be looked on as a serious test of public opinion. The thing was intended to amuse. The wag who originated it no doubt anticipated ludicrous results, and (except in two or three notable instances) was not disappointed. Many of the votes cast were given in a spirit of chaff, irony or partisanship. Some enthusiastic voters begged, bought or borrowed ten or twenty coupons, and the results were in many instances absurd enough to satisfy anyone's sense of the comic.

The "World's Fayre" has been a remarkable success. It was thronged from the first night throughout last week, and the entertainments, so far from flagging, culminated in the Saturday night's procession, which deservedly commanded universal and unqualified admiration. It might have been supposed that exertions so long and arduous as those undertaken by the fair promoters of the cause of Art, would have told upon them in a weariness not to be concealed, but this was far from being the case, and their energy was as conspicuous on Saturday as on Monday night, while custom had not "staled," but only perfected them in sustaining their several parts. Beyond appreciating the successful efforts of the "Fayre" press, and those of the ladies (Mrs. Tobin especially) and gentlemen, who contributed to the histrionic entertainment of visitors, we have no space to particularize; only regretting that the writer of a little book of descriptive poetry should have had her talent handicapped by the fearful odds of having to introduce every name connected with the enterprise. The fair versifier had, we think, the *Bridal of Tricmaine* running in her mind and shaping her metre at first, and here and there something of the *Allegre* peeps out, but all is presently swept away by the deluge of names. It was an unhappy necessity. We presume the net gains will not be known for a day or two. We only hope they will be such as to leave a feeling of satisfaction in the mind of every contributor to the unique and excellent scheme.