

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Water in the Saskatchewan is reported to be lower than it has been for 15 years.

M. Ingres, of the Berlitz school of languages, is establishing a school at Ottawa.

Stellarton is to be incorporated, the vote taken on Tuesday resulting in a majority of 22 for incorporation.

The proprietors of property wrecked by the land slide in Quebec have decided to ask the Dominion Government to recoup them for their losses.

The chair of veterinary surgery in Laval University has been abolished. A private course of lectures has been opened for students by Dr Couture, the late professor.

Rev. Neil McKay, of Chatham, N. B., has been elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of the Maritime Provinces, which has been in session in Pictou this week.

The exhibition at New Glasgow was closed on the 4th inst., the weather being beautifully fine, and quite a crowd present. The exhibition was a most successful one.

H. M. S. *Amphion*, the largest ship yet docked at Victoria, B. C., entered the dry dock at Esquimalt last week. The *Amphion* is a vessel of 4,300 tons and is 300 feet in length.

The British Pacific squadron will, it is said, test Canadian anthracite coal on the war vessels, with a view of adopting it in preference to Welsh coal if experiments prove satisfactory.

A recent southerly storm did serious damage to the Partridge Island pier, near Parrsboro, carrying away a portion of the outer end and leaving it in such a condition that the ballast is falling out.

The *Maritime Sentinel* says: "The roof of the Amherst freight shed is to be covered with tin tiles. The material for doing it has arrived. The freight houses all along the line are to be similarly covered."

We understand from the *Amherst Record* that all the hotels in that town have closed their doors to the public. The *Record* urges boarding-house-keepers and citizens generally to make provision for entertaining strangers.

Sir John Thompson and Hon. C. H. Tupper visited Annapolis and Yarmouth last Friday and Saturday, where they were accorded cheering receptions by their political friends. They addressed meetings in both places.

Last Saturday night two pigs kept by Governor Murray, of Rockhead, were frightfully mutilated by some unknown fiend. Governor Murray has offered a reward of \$20 for the apprehension of the party or parties who did the deed.

It is estimated, says the *Calgary Tribune*, that Sir John Lister Kaye will have about 120,000 bushels of grain on his farms this year, which will leave a surplus of at least 40,000 bushels after supplying the farms with food and seed. This is not bad for the first season.

From British Board of Trade returns it appears that the value of the exports to Canada for the eight-months ending 31st August was £3,763,802 against £3,767,632 for the corresponding period of 1888; and the value of imports from Canada was £4,493,245 against £3,935,433.

Rev. Silas Tertius Rand, D.D., D.C.L., LL.D., died at Hantsport on Friday last, in the 80th year of his age. He was master of many languages, and for several years was pastor of one or another Baptist Church. Since 1846 he devoted his life to missionary work among the Mic-Mac Indians of the Provinces.

Telegraph despatches from Montreal state that Miss Mulcahy, or Mrs. Husson, and her mother are still trying to work up a case against Miss Tibbits of Fredericton. It is to be hoped that these cranks will not succeed in further annoying Miss Tibbits, who has suffered enough in being falsely arrested in Montreal some weeks ago.

The jewellery store of C. S. McLeod, at Amherst, was burglarized on Monday night. About \$2,000 worth of watches and jewellery was stolen. R. Miller's tea store in the same block was also entered, and the cash draw relieved of about \$5, as well as a large amount of groceries being carried off. The robberies are supposed to have been committed by the same gang.

A number of Portage la Prairie farmers shipped recently several car lots of wheat to Duluth via the new Northern Pacific and Manitoba branch for storage. This wheat it has now been learned has graded No. 2 according to Duluth standards. The wheat was loaded on cars from wagons, and not having been put through an elevator was pretty dirty, hence the low grade.

The court martial on the officers and crew of the *Lily*, which was held last week on board the *Bellerophon*, has resulted in the reprimand and dismissal from their ship of Commander Russell and the Navigating Lieutenant, Mr. Sharp. Want of proper precaution was shown, but much sympathy is felt for the officers whose future Naval career will be seriously damaged by the result of the investigation.

The wife of Rev. Dr. Macrae, of St. John, was killed by eating poisoned candy sent to Dr. Macrae through the post. Strychnine was found in the remainder of the candy, as well as in parcels sent to three other ministers. It is thought that a sufficient chain of evidence has been secured before the Coroner's Jury in the case of the poisoning of Mrs. Macrae to fully justify the arrest of Macdonald. The inquest was still under adjournment at the time of our going to press.

The Canadian live stock trade is flourishing. The exports to date, both of cattle and sheep, being largely in excess of those of last year. The increase to date in cattle shipments is 19 per cent. over 1888 and 6½ per cent over 1887. In sheep the increase is 58 and 52½ per cent respectively. This trade owes much of its increase to the fact that United States cattle are subject to quarantine on arrival in England.

The ocean steamer *Geographique* ran into and sank the Nova Scotian sailing vessel *Minnie Swift*, forty miles off St. Pierre, on the 1st inst. The crew of the vessel were taken on board the steamer, which was on the following Wednesday found to be sinking, and had to be abandoned. The steamer was laden with cattle, sheep and merchandize, and was bound from Montreal to Southampton. Some of the boats containing the men are still missing.

A special cable to a Toronto morning paper, dated London, Oct. 4th says. "Mr. Shaughnessey, Assistant General Manager of the Canada Pacific Railway, states that the company has just closed a contract with the Barrow Ship Building Company for three steamers of six thousand tons each for the Pacific service, to be delivered within a year. Regarding the Atlantic service the company has not yet decided whether to run the service itself or transfer it to a new company."

The correct time is to be given to the people of Truro every day by the railway authorities. At one o'clock Time is received on the wires from St. John, N. B. This will be transmitted on the new fire alarm to the Chambers' Electric Light and Railway Company's station and sounded on their whistle. A Truro paper calls attention to the poor time hitherto kept in Truro, especially in the churches. Now that the new arrangement is in force, the churches will have to be up to the mark, also the church-goers.

A man named Van Veller has signified his intention of attempting to walk across the Niagara river upon the ½ inch wire cable which has been suspended between the two railway bridges for over two years. Van Veller lately came to this country from Australia, and has numerous letters telling of his skill as a rope-walker. He will at once set about getting the cable properly guyed, and if nothing happens will make the attempt on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. His wife, who is also an adept at this fascinating business, wishes to try her skill on the wire, but her husband will not permit her to do so, at least not until he has walked himself.

The *Season* for November is to hand. The *Season* is a valuable fashion publication, and the present number is fully up to its usual mark.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, the authoress, is seriously ill. She is suffering from a shock caused by the overturning of her pony trap.

Of the 1,060 men in the Eastern Penitentiary of Pennsylvania only 19 were bred mechanics, a fact which shows that men who are trained to work seldom become criminals.

The *Railway Age* states that over 3,300 miles of main railroad line track have been laid in the United States since January 1, and that probably over 5,000 miles will have been completed before the end of the year.

We are in receipt of a notice of Geo. P. Rowell & Co.'s Newspaper Advertising Bureau, (110 Spruce St., N. Y.), which issues a book of 200 pages devoted to newspaper advertising, and also a journal, *Printer's Ink*, devoted to the same end. The latter is issued twice a month.

We are enabled through the liberality of the *Cosmopolitan* to offer it, together with THE CRITIC, to our subscribers for \$3.00 per annum. The *Cosmopolitan*, as is probably known to many of our readers, is a first-class magazine, containing excellent serials, and of attractive appearance. Its price alone is \$2.40 a year.

Great peat fires are burning near Geneva, Minn. It is estimated that 5,000 acres of land have been burned over and 6,000 tons of hay destroyed. There was no means of saving the hay. The fire is in the peat, under the surface, and it is unsafe to drive a team near it. Experts estimate the value of despoiled land at \$1,000,000. The damage by burning hay is \$30,000.

Mr. Frederick Douglass, United States Minister to the Haytian Republic, has gone to his post in a United States war-ship, leaving the Harbor of New York under a salute of fifteen guns. Mrs. Douglass, his accomplished wife, goes with him. The honors paid to Mr. Douglass, the fact that he, a colored man and once a slave, has been entrusted with this important mission, is an encouraging omen to all well-wishers of the colored race.

The founding of sixty permanent scholarships for poor boys in the public schools of New York city, by an unnamed donor of a fund for the same, is a refreshing departure from the practice which has hitherto confined these endowments to the colleges. Twelve boys who have completed their grammar school course will be selected each year, and to each of them will be given a scholarship of \$250 a year, making the annual cost to the donor \$15,000 when all the sixty scholarships have been assigned.

A new monthly magazine will shortly make its appearance, hailing from literary Boston, and, while it will in a sense compete with the standard periodicals of its class, it is designed to occupy a field entirely its own, dealing chiefly with American subjects by American authors. A chief feature of the earlier numbers will be a short serial story by a young writer whose name already ranks with the highest among American authors of fiction. The *Boston Monthly Magazine* will consist of about 168 pages each issue, with cover of handsome and tasteful design, and in typographical and general appearance, as in the quality of its contents, is intended to be a worthy peer of the leading magazines of the day. The Boston Publishing Corporation, 48 Winter Street, Boston, are the publishers and the projectors of this new enterprise, which deserves the success it is no doubt destined to achieve. We have no doubt that the new magazine will be a welcome addition to serial literature.