

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Trinidad Council has voted the sum of £350 to send goods to the St. John exhibition.

An Ottawa despatch says that authority has been given to call for tenders for an eighteen knot Atlantic service.

Lord and Lady Stanley have taken up their abode in the Citadel at Quebec for the summer. They will remain there until October.

The Lunenburg *Progress* says that great improvements are being made in the town in the way of repairing old and laying new sidewalks.

The Ontario Provincial elections were held on Thursday of last week. The Hon. Oliver Mowatt's Government has been sustained by a majority of about twenty-four.

The Presbyterian General Assembly opened at Ottawa on Wednesday. Dr. Grant, the retiring moderator, preached. Rev. Dr. Laing of Dundas was elected moderator.

Mr. Wm. Edgar, general passenger agent of the Grand Trunk Railway, has favored us with a descriptive catalogue of the fishing and hunting resorts along the route of the G. T. Railway. Sportsmen should certainly take notice.

The latest venture in journalism in Nova Scotia is the *Yarmouth Light*, published weekly by C. Carey, Yarmouth. It is independent in political matters, and if it keeps up to the standard of the first number will undoubtedly command success.

A heavy rain and electric storm caused serious damage to bridges, mill dams, etc., in Ontario last week. At Elora part of the roof of the G. T. Railway Station was lifted by the wind and thrown on the track, pulling down all the telegraph wires with it.

Caterpillars are reported to be very numerous this spring. Every effort should be made to destroy these pests before they eat up everything green before them. They can be washed off with a mop dipped in soap suds, or burnt with an alcohol torch, with little damage to the trees.

The Montreal civic delegation to England have been successful in their efforts to float the new civic loan of £600,000. A cablegram has been received stating that they will secure the loan at a minimum of 83, which is a half better than the minimum of last loan two years ago, and tenders are advertised for.

St. John talks of having a mammoth hotel. The intention is to connect the Pugsley and Walker buildings, so that the front on Princess Street will measure one hundred and ninety feet. Plans are being prepared, and if carried out will make the largest hotel in the city. The estimated cost is sixty thousand dollars.

The prize list of the Exhibition Association of St. John, N. B., will possess great interest for our readers. The competition is open to all the Maritime Provinces. The total prizes amount to \$11,364, in addition to which a large number of diplomas and other special prizes will be awarded. Our agricultural readers should lose no time in securing space for their exhibits.

The man named Watt, who stabbed and killed Samuel Torrie in St. John about two weeks ago, has been sentenced to one month's imprisonment by Judge Allen. The case seemed one of unprovoked assault, and the public thought it murder. The jury, however, called it manslaughter, and, as the *St. John Sun* says, the man has about the same penalty as the police magistrate might have inflicted if Watt had contented himself with throwing stones at the man's door. The sentence has provoked much comment.

The last issue of the *Dominion Illustrated* is rich both in portraits and in local scenes. The portraits of the Newfoundland delegates mark an event which is of historical importance, as the present crisis in the island colony, with which their visit was associated, is certain to be memorable in colonial annals. In the views of the exterior and interior of King's College, Windsor, N. S., we are reminded of the dawn of higher education in what is now the Dominion—King's being the oldest of our universities. Address, 73 St. James street, Montreal.

Affairs in Newfoundland continue to grow more serious. The steamer *Harlaw* was not allowed to land her cargo at Bay St. George because the people have pledged themselves not to pay any duty until they are protected by the Government. The next step taken will probably be to organize a volunteer force and build fortifications. The newspapers are very outspoken on the subject and say that England must fight France or abandon her British American possessions. It is suggested that England should evacuate Egypt in return for the French ceding all rights in Newfoundland.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia met in annual convocation in Freemason's Hall on Tuesday morning. Officers were elected, and reports showing a satisfactory state of the craft were read. Rev. David Neish was presented with a handsome past grand secretary's jewel, in appreciation of his services while acting in the capacity of grand secretary after the death of Dr. Curren, the late incumbent of that office. On Wednesday morning the Masons walked in procession, headed by the band of the 63rd R. Regt., to St. Paul's Church, when service was held. In the evening the members of the Grand Lodge were entertained by the Halifax brethren at a grand banquet at the Halifax Hotel. About one hundred and fifty members and guests sat down to a dinner prepared in the *Messrs. Henslins' best style*.

Kings College Encenia and centennial celebration is to take place during the week beginning on the 23rd inst. Every preparation is being made to celebrate the occasion in a befitting manner. A very large number of visitors are expected to be present, and those who intend going to Windsor during Encenia week should make early application for rooms.

"Eileen Oge" will be produced by the Zeffie Tilbury Co. at the Academy of Music on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings of next week. New features will be solos by Messrs Hunt, McAuliffe and Macdonald, and several choruses by the full Company. Miss Tilbury will give her famous "Shadow Dance," and Miss Tilbury and Mr. McAuliffe will dance a real old Irish jig.

The General Assembly of United Presbyterians in session in Buffalo, N. Y. has decided that the use of tobacco in any form must be prohibited not only to clergymen and elders but to laymen.

A number of drunken Indians murdered four members of a surveying party in the Upper Green River Country, Colorado, two weeks ago. The Indians have been captured. The unlawful selling of whisky by ranchmen to the Indians was the primary cause.

A San Francisco despatch says that a telegram from Victoria, B. C., states that a new device has been discovered for circumventing the U. S. revenue cutters. The sealers have established a rendezvous at Sound Point, midway of the Atlantic group of islands, where they will leave their cargo at short intervals and then resume hunting. A swift steamer has been chartered to take the skins to Victoria when her cargo is complete and then return. The work it is said is already in operation.

A man named C. W. Hamrick, at Phillippe, N. J., claims that in an hour he can mummify a body without making an incision of any sort or removing any part of the body, so it may be taken around the world without ice or arsenical fluids. The bodies of two human beings thus prepared have lain in his house two years and are as perfect as in life. The house is filled with specimens of animals &c., similarly prepared. Physicians from New York and other places are investigating the wonderful discovery.

The exhibition of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association, to which we referred last week, will open in Mechanics' Building, Boston, October 1st, 1890, continuing until November 29. The work of women in science, art and industrial lines, will be shown in the Woman's Art and Industry Section, located in the balcony of Grand Hall, where about 12,000 square feet of space will be available for exhibits. Work which can be shown in process of development or construction, designs for manufactures, art textiles, decorative work of all kinds, mechanical models, carpenter work, patents, goods of commercial importance which can be manufactured at the exhibition, will be particularly welcome.

Louise Michel, the female anarchist, is thought to be a lunatic.

Victoria Alexander Violet are the names bestowed upon Queen Victoria's latest Godchild, the Duke of Portland's baby.

The *Daily News* hears that the cabinet has decided to pass the land purchase, tithes and licensing bills by fixing dates on which all the remaining amendments will be forced through committee without discussion.

According to certain Italian journals, the dome of St. Peter's is cracking in a somewhat serious manner. *La Lumiere Electrique* states that a similar state of things was discovered about one hundred years ago, and was remedied by encircling the dome with a strong band of metal. This band was heated, and its contraction on cooling was found to be sufficient to close up the fissures. Our contemporary suggests the use of electricity if a similar method should be tried in the present case.

The steamer *City of Rome*, which struck Fastnet rock on Sunday morning, arrived at Liverpool on Monday. The fog was so dense that lights could not be seen the ship's length ahead. The steamer was so close to the rock that anyone leaning over her bow could touch it. There was intense excitement among the women passengers in the steerage when the steamer struck. Most of the passengers were ignorant of the fact that the fore peak was full of water until the steamer reached Liverpool.

Photography has got the better of Russia's censors, who, with pad and ink, blot out passages in incoming magazines and newspapers which do not exactly hit their fancy. While they are laboriously reading, hacking and dabbing, to the end that the Czar's liege subjects may not be contaminated, minute photographic reproductions of whole pages of magazines and newspapers, so small that a whole page of the *Century* is contained in the space of a postage stamp, are finding their way into Russia, where they are easily read under a microscope. The resources of civilization are too much for officialdom.

A German steamer, which is intended to make the round of the ports of the world, carrying a floating bazaar as cargo, is now being loaded at Hamburg, and the originators of the idea hope that she will sail before the end of June. Stalls are to be erected on the decks, and German goods will be displayed to all advantage. There will be curiosities and side-shows, refreshments peculiar to the German notion and music of the fatherland's composers given by faultless Teutonic bands. A small army of commercial travellers will invite largely all possible customers at every port of call. There was an idea of having young ladies to preside over some of the stalls, but it did not commend itself to favor, some of the older heads thinking the damsels might part with their own sensitive hearts as well as with their goods and quit the ship altogether. Each voyage is to last two years and the first stoppage will probably be New York.