

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Massachusetts House of Representatives, passed on Friday last, 61 to 59, a bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

An explosion of fire dam occurred in a colliery at Danny, near Stirling, Scotland, on Friday last. Thirteen men were killed.

Replying to Mr. Perry the other day Hon. Mr. Foster said that no borings were now in progress on the Northumberland Straits, but that negotiations were now in progress to have the work resumed.

Hon. Mr. Costigan answering Mr. Perry in the House of Commons on Thursday last said that the Government had not extended the time for the payment of the lobster fishing fees.

Two thousand tailors are out on strike in New York city. Some thousands of women, girls and boys, who work in shops upon the tailors, have also been thrown out of employment.

Justice Andrew of New York in the supreme court special term on Thursday last decided that George J. Gould must pay taxes on the assessment of \$10,000,000 levied by the tax commissioners.

Archbishop Langens, of St. Boniface preached in Notre Dame Montreal on Sunday last. He referred to the school question in Manitoba. His Grace declaimed strongly against any compromise and said that they would not be satisfied with an inferior position to the Protestants of the province of Quebec.

The result of the election for a member of parliament in the East Division of Wicklow, Ireland on Friday to succeed John Sweetman, who resigned his seat on account of refusing any longer to vote with the McCartyites and who sought re-election as a Farnellite, was as follows: Mr. O'Kelly (McCartyite), 1,191; John Sweetman (Farnellite), 1,191; Col. Tottenham (Unionist), 1,105.

Messrs Peake Bros & Co. launched their new coal barge from the slip at No. 2 wharf on Thursday last. This lighter has a capacity for 200 tons of coal, and has built by the firm during the winter under the direction of Mr. Kimble Coffin. She will be used for lightening coal about the harbor and rivers. The firm are to be commended for their enterprise in the coal business.

The dispute between Great Britain and Nicaragua was brought to a close on Friday last. Nicaragua refused to accept the British ultimatum and pay one cent possession of Carriaco. They were unopposed, the garrison withdrawing to the interior. It is not known what the result will be, but many think that England will now retain a foothold in the country.

A sad affair is reported from St. John's, Quebec. Noel Agne, a farmer of the locality, had gone to see his pastor to make arrangements for the funeral of his wife, who had just died, and having completed his business with the priest, suddenly fell ill. He asked for a drink of water, but before it was brought he fell on the floor dead, and the husband and wife were buried together at the same time.

Capt. Joshua Sloum and his forty-foot sloop "Spray" on Friday last sailed from Boston on a round-the-world voyage. It was Capt. Sloum's original intention to accept a tour to New York which had been offered him, but as he wished to visit Gloucester on business and had not time to call on him to New York, he decided to start his voyage in the same way that it will be conducted under sail. So Gloucester will be the first port he will make, and from there he will sail for Panama or for Cape Horn, as circumstances may dictate. Capt. Sloum has taken out a yacht license at the Boston Custom House, so that the Spray now has on her port the insignia of a yacht and will have proper papers to show in whatever port she may enter.

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