

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office, or through Agents, will find receipt for the amount inclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

Recently we sent our accounts to subscribers, many of whom are considerably in arrears, and who must understand that we have reached the end of our tether, and now demand immediate payment. Failure to respond will oblige us to take proceedings unpleasant alike to ourselves and to those in arrears.

Amherst has decided in favor of incorporation by a majority of 37 votes. 288 votes were polled.

Dean Gilpin has returned from England, where he has been for some months, in the *Peruvian*.

The compulsory education law, compelling all children between the ages of 8 and 14 years, to attend school six months of the year, is to be enforced in Halifax.

Dredging for the last pier for the Canada Atlantic railroad bridge over the St. Lawrence has been finished. The bridge will probably be opened for traffic in January.

The Protestant committee of Council of Public Instruction, Quebec, have accepted the \$64,000 granted in connection with the Jesuit money, The vote stood 11 to 2.

We again draw attention to the opportunity afforded us by the publishers of the *Cosmopolitan* of furnishing our subscribers with a first class magazine and *THE CRITIC* for \$3.00 per annum.

Telephone connection between Westport and Digby was made last week by the laying of the submarine telephone cables across Grand and Petite passages by the Government steamer *Newfield*.

The formal opening of the current annual session of the Provincial Normal School took place on Wednesday afternoon. A fair sized audience was present. The classes were very well attended.

Through the breaking of a mill dam at Alton, Ont., on Wednesday, six mills and dams were carried away. Two lives were lost, four bridges were wrecked, and a large amount of other property destroyed.

It will be interesting to Guysborians to know that Otto S. Weeks will not be a candidate at the coming elections. A. F. Cameron, warden, will undoubtedly be the next M. P. P. for that county.—*Exchange*.

Mrs. Goudge, daughter of the late Dr. Honeyman, has for the present been appointed to take charge of the Provincial Museum. Mrs. Goudge is well acquainted with the work, as she frequently assisted her father.

We have upon our table *The Season* for November. This useful and popular magazine seems to improve every month, and is always too full of good things for any paper to give even a brief outline of them all.

Grip's Comic Almanach for 1890 is to hand. Both in matter and illustration it is perhaps more than equal to any previous year. The calendar of future events is not the least apt and amusing feature of its drolleries.

Mr. Bender Montmagny, now in London, England, cables that he has succeeded in forming a syndicate of English capitalists to construct a bridge over the St. Lawrence at Quebec, and build a railway line to the straits of Belle Isle.

The jury in the case of the death of the man named Sharkey, at St. Andrews, have brought in a verdict that the deceased met his death from a blow with a blunt instrument, but by whom delivered does not appear in the evidence.

The elections in Newfoundland on Friday last resulted in the defeat of the Government. The Whitewayites captured 21 out of 27 seats. Morine and Morrison, Government supporters, were elected. It was a struggle of the masses against the classes.

The committee of the Halifax City Council, appointed to look into the matter of electric lighting, have recommended the City to obtain legislation to enable it to own its plant and do its own lighting, and that the Chandler Company be given six months notice under the contract.

Premier Sullivan of Prince Edward Island has been appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of that province, in the place of Chief Justice Palmer who died last week. Mr. Neil McLeod, now a member of the local government without portfolio, is to be the new provincial premier.

The news of the death in London of Lt.-Colonel A. K. Mackinlay was received on Wednesday afternoon with much regret. The deceased gentleman had only been in London a few days, and his sudden death from heart trouble was a shock to his many friends. He was 58 years of age.

Tuesday was the opening evening of the season of the Historical Society. It was inaugurated by the reading of a paper by Mr. C. F. Fraser on the interesting subject of the U. E. Loyalists. Several new candidates for membership were elected, and a number of papers were promised.

The woman Jane Doyle, who some days since was married to a young man named Chapman, belonging to Dartmouth, has been sentenced to six months in Rockhead, for keeping a house of prostitution. Her boy husband has gone to the same place for ninety days for violation of the liquor law.

It is expected that Judge Foster of the Grand Trunk Railway will shortly visit Halifax in order to sound leading men of the Board of Trade and others, on the proposed extension from Edmunston to Halifax, making Halifax an ocean terminus. Mr. Mosher of the Toronto *Empire* will accompany Judge Foster.

Amherst is having an epidemic of typhoid fever, about seventy persons are said to be suffering with the disease at the present time.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of the first number of a new weekly journal—the *Halifax Catholic Summary*. As its title indicates, it is devoted to information more specially interesting to the members of the Roman Catholic faith, and will doubtless prove a satisfactory organ of that Church.

The November number of the *Illustrated Home Journal* is to hand. It is an excellent publication, well got up and nicely illustrated, containing fashions, music and much interesting matter, but we confess we should like to see Canadian publications take the place of the American periodicals with which Canada is inundated.

The alleged extremity of sickness at Turn's Bay turns out to have been much exaggerated, the first reports having been either got up or used to make political capital. Both sides seem to have misrepresented facts, one side investing them with imaginary horror, and the other making too little of the poverty which no doubt exists.

Mr. J. C. Morrison, who so successfully ran the "Myrtle House" at Digby, has taken the Lower Hotel at Bedford. Mr. Morrison tells us that he intends to make the "Bedford" a second "Myrtle House," and no one will doubt his capacity to make it a thoroughly acceptable resort to the public. The fact of Mr. Morrison's leasing the "Bedford" will probably give the village of Bedford quite a new impetus.

We have to notice the first number of the *Commonwealth*, a new weekly published in Ottawa which will no doubt fill a requirement. The *Commonwealth* aims at a national breadth of views and says, "The only people who need see in it anything but the warm hand and heart of those who recognize the glorious brotherhood of races that now form Great Britain and her Colonies, are those who cannot rejoice in that grand old flag, 'The Union Jack,' as the emblem of the most perfect liberty, complete protection and glorious traditions that any nation could call its own."

After the reports of great poverty and distress among the fishermen at Turn's Bay and Lower Prospect which have been current in the city recently, more than ordinary rejoicing was manifested last Saturday when the good news came that the mackerel had struck in in great numbers along the western shore. The city wharf on Saturday morning presented a busy scene where the schooner *Cambridge* was being relieved of her funny freight. The mackerel are large and fat, and it is to be hoped that the fishermen will be able to take enough of them to make their condition for the winter more comfortable.

The new 2nd class cruiser *Amphion*, which struck a rock while conveying the vice-regal party from Victoria to New Westminster, is now undergoing repairs in the dry dock at Victoria, B. C., but it is thought she will have to return to England to be put in first-class condition. Thirty-five plates will have to be renewed. Several ribs are bent. The point where the vessel struck is the bluff on Henry Island, at the north end of San Juan, about thirty miles from Victoria. The water was 149 fathoms in depth where the vessel struck. She was but a few yards out of her proper course. General sympathy is expressed for Commander Hutton, who is popular. It is said that the damage to the vessel will amount to \$100,000.

Washington territory has been made a state in the union.

Twelve hundred delegates are in attendance at the Roman Catholic Congress in Baltimore.

San Francisco, Cal., has now a home for unemployed girls, which was lately furnished at a cost of \$32,000.

Mrs. Amelia Rives-Chanler is so passionately fond of the violin that she will arise in the dead of night and play a tune.

The steamship companies in New York have been notified that all aliens brought to that port by them will be taxed 50 cents per head, children included.

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, ex-Secretary of State, was married to Miss Mary Willing Clymer, on the 8th inst., in the presence of a distinguished company.

The clothes and surgical instruments belonging to Dr. Cronin were found in the sewer at the intersection of Evanston Avenue and Buena Avenue, Chicago, on the 9th inst.

It is said enormous quantities of opium have been smuggled into California during the past six months. The loss to the government is estimated at \$400,000 for the above period.

Miss Kate Drexel has taken the white veil of the Sisters of Mercy at Pittsburg. It is thought that if at the end of her three years noviate she becomes a professed nun, her work will be among the Indians or the Negroes.

It has been said, possibly to an audience of marines, that fifty men, engaged to procure tickets for the new season of Boston Symphony Concerts, took their places near the office five days before the opening.—*Musical Times*.

Chicago must be a cheerful place to live in. The anarchists are said to be better organized than ever before, and they intend to destroy property by fire instead of taking life. Can this be said to be "out of the frying pan into the fire?"

We have been favored with a neat small volume of 100 pages by Mr. John Taylor, the author of one or two other educational text books, entitled "Notes of Lessons for Young Teachers." The hints given seem very plain, simple and practical, and quite worth the attention of the class for whose benefit it has been written. Boston School Supply Co., 15 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass., Price 50 cents.