

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The importation of Italian rags into Canada has been prohibited, owing to the prevalence of Asiatic cholera in Italy.

The writ for a new election in Colchester has been issued. Nomination will be on the 20th, and polling on the 27th of October.

Hon. Edward Blake has sailed for Europe, where, it is said, he will remain some time, and will probably visit France and Italy.

A new summer hotel, named "The Frontenac," is to be erected in Quebec on Mountain Hill, on the site of the old Parliament buildings.

Edward Graham, who is said to be a native of Halifax, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life, for having thrown vitriol in the face of Louis Sievert, of Toronto.

Five hundred new cars are now being built for the Intercolonial railway, four hundred of which are to be constructed in the car shops of James Harris & Co., of St. John, N. B.

The Wanderer's Athletic Club of Halifax is now preparing its new grounds north of the public gardens. These, it is claimed, will be the best grounds of the kind east of Boston and Montreal.

Joseph Richardson, who has been working in Bridgewater, N. S., for the past twelve years, has gone to the Isle of Man, where he has lately fallen heir to a snug fortune of twenty thousand dollars.

The "Kerry Gow" is to be put on at the Academy for the first three nights of next week. When this company was here some two years ago they gave a first-class entertainment, and they will probably be greeted with crowded houses on their return.

The *St. John Globe* says:—"The telephone and electric light wires of this city came into collision. Some of the telephones were burnt out by the accident, thus rendering them useless until repaired. We also understand that one of the operators received a slight shock."

A large increase is noted in the number of exhibits at the Antigonish Co. Exhibition, but the attendance was meagre. The show of roots and vegetables was particularly fine, and the exhibit of cattle was unusually good; The C. P. R. exhibit attracted much attention.

An effort is now being made to establish a milk standard for Canada. The law of Massachusetts provides that at least thirteen per cent. of milk solids shall be contained by all milk offered for sale. The standard in Canada will probably require twelve and a half of milk solids.

The cable on Wednesday announced the death of Hon. W. Annand at Sydenham, England. Mr. Annand was a central figure in N. S. politics for over thirty years, although lately he has been residing in England. His death will be generally regretted, and our sympathy is extended to his bereaved family.

Mr. W. A. Henry, of Halifax, to whom the Canadian team are indebted for many of the best scores secured in the matches with British eleven, has returned home, and the members of the Wanderers athletic club have given him a most cordial reception. A banquet to Henry and Tracey is said to be on the tapis.

That was indeed a well-deserved prize of merit which was awarded last week at the Dartmouth exhibition to John Ross, of East Halifax, who exhibited one of the largest yearling calves that has been seen in this Province for many a day. The animal, which was fourteen months old, girted 5 feet 8 in., and tipped the scale at 314 lbs.

Forty of the veterans of the late Prince Consort's regiment met their old commander, Lord Alexander Russell, in Hamilton, a few days ago. The men presented their former colonel with a congratulatory address, and the meeting was evidently one of mutual satisfaction, twenty-three years having elapsed since they had seen each other.

Senator Senecal, who has frequently been referred to as the "uncrowned king," on account of the strong political influence which he was supposed to have wielded, died at his residence, in Montreal, after a short illness. It is said that the parting between the Hon. Mr. Chapleau and the late Senator, who had been his life-long friend, was very affecting.

Benjamin Wade, of Waterloo, Lunenburg County, recently endeavored to set fire to the schoolhouse, and when one of the trustees looked in casually to see what was going on, the fire fiend deliberately drew a pistol and shot at Mr. Oikle, the ball fortunately missing its mark. If Wade is captured, it is to be hoped that he will be punished according to his merits.

The burglars who, last week, took the trouble to bore a hole and blow open the safe of Evan Thompson, of Elmsdale, only to find that the door was unlocked and the safe empty, have created no little merriment at their expense. It reminds us of a story that is told of two burglars who entered a bank in an American town during the temporary absence of the cashier. They began boring a hole, preparatory to blowing open the safe, but finding that their time was getting short, they made off with some loose change, which was lying on the counter. The cashier, on his return, was delighted to find that the rascals had not made way with the two hundred thousand dollars in money and securities deposited in the safe, the door of which he had carelessly pushed to without locking.

Halifax is instituting a suit against the mill owners at the lakes from whence the city draws its water supply, to insure the right of access to the pipes. Considering that the property holders have always been most courteous in aiding the city officials in any way that they have been able to, it does appear somewhat ungrateful upon the part of the city to take the question into the law courts.

A murderous attack on one of the guards named Murray was made at the city prison, on Saturday morning last. A prisoner named McIntosh, who, with hammer in hand, was preparing for his day's labor at stone cracking, suddenly turned upon the guard and dealt him two furious blows with his hammer. Fortunately, the guard's hard hat broke the force of the blows, so that his injuries, though painful, are not dangerous.

Dr. Willets, the head master of the Collegiate School, Windsor, is evidently determined to keep his Academy in the very front rank of educational institutions, and parents who entrust their boys to his care will have the satisfaction of receiving monthly statements giving a clear and yet concise reports of the standing of those in whom they are interested. The physical development of the pupils receives special attention.

We have received a copy of the catalogue of the Pictou Academy for 1886-7. The pamphlet gives full information as to the course of study, examination, etc. Three hundred and fourteen students are now in attendance, and their number continues to increase yearly. Principal McKay, the efficient head of this Academy, is deserving of the highest praise for the manner in which he maintains for this school its high reputation.

The Newfoundland Government has entered into a contract with Mr. Joseph Wood, of Halifax, for the carrying of mails to and from the ancient colony. Two steamships, one for the northern coast and the other for the south and west coast, are to be employed in the service. By this arrangement, Newfoundland makes an annual saving of \$14,000, having for many years paid the Allan Company a postal subsidy of \$80,000 per annum.

William Larkin was accidentally shot to death at Upper Woods harbor, Barrington, while attempting to lift his gun from a boat, the muzzle being towards him. The young man was the only surviving male in the family, his father and brother having been lost on the Banks in the spring. When will persons learn to handle firearms properly? In seizing a bowie knife by the blade the danger is apparent, but the danger is none the less real in handling a loaded gun by the muzzle.

The Cape Breton Exhibition was opened at Mabou on Tuesday, by the Hon. A. C. Bell, who, being a practical farmer, made a speech full of interest to agriculturists. Mr. Bell pointed out, that compared with the West, Cape Breton could not produce cereals to advantage; but that its great stretches of arable land were admirably adapted to the rearing of stock, and as Great Britain offered a limitless meat market, Cape Bretonians should share in the profit of supplying it. The exhibits of root crops and fruit were exceptionally good, and that of cattle well up to the average. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was not as large as expected.

The Edison Phonograph Company has been incorporated, with a capital of \$1,200,000.

New York has a new evening paper named the *Evening World*, of the first edition of which over one hundred and eleven thousand copies were sold.

The New York *Herald*, which is generally recognized as one of the most enterprising journals of the age, now publishes a daily edition of its publication in Paris.

In its new volume, beginning with the November number, *The American Magazine* will add some very important features to its monthly departments. These will include book reviews by Julian Hawthorne, a "Calendar of Health," by Dr. Hutchison, and "Household Art," with illustrations, by Jennie June.

J. M. Bailey, once famous as the wit of the Danbury News, has faded from the humorous world, and is now an actor in a daily repeated domestic tragedy. His wife is insane and demands his entire attention. He must dress her and arrange her hair, and attend to all her wants. She is like a child, and he gives her all his affections, time and attention. His devotion is described as something heroic.

A contract for what will be the largest river steamboat in the world has just been concluded with the A. & W. Fletcher Company, North River Ironworks, New York. The new boat, which is to be named the *Puritan*, is to be added to the fleet of the Fall River line as a companion boat to the *Pilgrim*, which up to the present time has been the largest river steamboat in the world. The *Puritan* is to be larger than the *Pilgrim*, and is to have some improvements. She is to be 404 feet long at the water-line, and 420 feet over all, or 30 feet longer than the *Pilgrim*, a length approximating the average of ocean steamers.

A terrible railway accident took place in Indiana on Tuesday. An east bound train, which had left Chicago, had stopped near Kentz to make some temporary repairs, when a freight train, which was coming on behind, dashed into and telescoped three passenger cars, which at once took fire and burned to ashes. Thirty of the occupants were at once killed or burned alive, and fifteen or twenty other persons were seriously injured. In our pity for the sufferers we are too apt to overlook the causes which lead to such an accident as the above. A little precaution on the part of the conductor of the train might have averted this accident. Train men appear to become callous to danger, and to this cause three-fourths of the accidents are attributable.