

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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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.

A number of Windsor ladies and gentlemen are about forming a dramatic club, and intend giving entertainments during the winter.

The Duke of Connaught will arrive at Vancouver from Japan about the middle of May next, and will spend about a month in Canada.

The McDonald trial in St. John is proceeding slowly. The testimony of George A. Sawyer, the Boston expert in short hand writing, was taken on Wednesday.

A flock of wild geese alighted on the St. Croix river near the lower steamboat wharf on Saturday last. After a few hours rest they continued their journey southward.

Mrs. Colin Campbell, whose elopement with O'Connor created such a sensation, returned to Ottawa on Tuesday. She pleaded for a reconciliation with her husband which was refused.

The jubilee celebration in connection with Queen's University, Kingston, took place on Wednesday. Lord Stanley was presented with the degree of L.L.D. He made a happy reply.

La Presse, Montreal, announces positively that Mgr. Labelle is to resign his position as Deputy Minister of Agriculture at Quebec, and will either go back to his parish at St. Jerome or go to Europe on a special mission for Mercier.

Lt. Col. W. M. Herchmer, assistant commissioner of the N. W. Mounted Police, has been granted substantive, instead of retired, rank in the Active Militia, and has been appointed an Extra Aide-de Camp to the Governor-General.

The first number of the *Weymouth Free Press*, a new journal which has taken the place of the late *Weymouth Times*, is to hand. It gives promise of being an acceptable addition to the strength of the Maritime Press, and we wish it every success.

The streets of Montreal will be paved next year either with block or asphalt. The expenditure will be \$500,000. It is to be hoped that our City Council will be able, before long, to see their way clear to doing something of the same kind for Halifax.

We are in receipt of a very neat, handy and useful note book for 1890, issued by the North American Life Assurance Company (Geo. E. Lavers Esq., Provincial Manager, Halifax.) This little calendar and note book is of a most convenient size and shape for pocket use.

The Liberal-Conservative convention of Colchester County have nominated Lt. Col. W. M. Blair and William Patterson as candidates for the Local Legislature in the ensuing election. Mr. Patterson has accepted the nomination, and it is believed that Col. Blair will also accept.

There is a discussion going on in Annapolis over the question of pipe for the water system. The *Spectator* advocates the use of iron pipe rather than lead, owing to the latter being liable to dissolve to a dangerous extent when the water is soft, as it is said to be in Annapolis.

There is a strong movement on foot to petition Parliament to adopt the American banking system, as the charters of the Canadian banks expire in 1891. It is opposed by the banking interest on the ground that it would restrict the circulation of bank notes, besides depriving the country of an elastic currency.

The Montreal papers state that the Dominion Government has decided to put the incandescent light in all the public and parliament buildings at Ottawa. And at the last meeting of the Montreal Windsor Hotel Company it was decided to fit up the hotel with incandescent light. No doubt the world is indebted to Edison for one of the greatest comforts, a pure, pleasant, safe light, that is within the reach of all.

The enterprise of the New Brunswick press is well illustrated by a "majority number" of the *Moncton Times* and a "holiday edition" of the *St. John Progress*. The former is of 16, the latter of 20 pages, of large size, both beautifully printed on paper of excellent quality and full of illustrations of very high merit. These numbers are worthy of the reputation gained by the energy and enterprise of these papers.

An officer of the Royal Engineers, who is somewhat of a curio hunter, bought an antiquated looking desk at an auction room at Halifax a short time ago, and after getting it home proceeded to have it renovated, when the discovery was made that it had been a presentation from the citizens of Halifax to the Duke of Kent, which must have been more than 99 years old. He sent it to England and by the last mail received \$1000 for it.

The nomination of Major Chas. A. Boulton to the Senate will be received with satisfaction throughout Canada. He succeeds Lt. Governor Schultz. Major Boulton took part in both the N. W. rebellions, narrowly escaping death at the hands of Reil in the first, and rendering essential service with the splendid force of Scouts he had raised in the second. He has also written a reliable, as well as readable, account of the rebellions. Major Boulton was a captain in the 100th Regiment, part of which he recruited himself when it was raised in 1858.

The annual meeting of the Halifax School for the Blind took place on Saturday last. The reports of the Board of Managers and Superintendent, which were read at the meeting, show that 31 pupils are now in attendance, that the school is being appreciated by the parents and friends of the blind, and that additional accommodation has become an immediate necessity. Mr. W. C. Silver, the President of the Board, in a few well chosen remarks outlined the growth of the School and its advantages to those deprived of sight. The meeting cordially endorsed the proposed extension to the building, which, it is understood, is to contain in addition to sleeping and music rooms a fair sized assembly hall. The estimated cost is \$10,000, and it was intimated that immediate steps would be taken towards raising the requisite funds. During the meeting the cornet band of the school played several pleasing selections.

Florida growers will soon have strawberries in the market.

Within the last twenty years Kansas courts have granted 7,191 divorces.

H. H. Warner, of Rochester, has sold his safe cure interests to an English syndicate for \$4,000,000.

A whole family in Big Rapids, Mich., named Ackley, ten in number, are in jail for shoplifting and similar offences.

The loan collection of paintings exhibited at the Hebrew Institute Fair, which opened in New York on Monday evening, is worth a million dollars.

Mrs. Clarissa Jackson, who has just died at Goshen, N. Y., aged 77, was the sister of Noah Webster, of dictionary fame, who formerly taught school in that village.

A conference of leading colored men from various parts of Virginia has been held, at which resolutions were adopted memorializing Congress to pass a general election law, which would guarantee them better rights of suffrage than they now possess.

The Lynn fire destroyed fully 60 per cent. of the shoe and leather houses of that city. The number of shoe firms burned out was over eighty, while fifteen sole-leather cutters and about sixty dealers in tops, stiffenings and other shoe findings were also burned out.

The President has transmitted to the Senate an extradition treaty with England negotiated by Mr. Secretary Blaine and Sir Julian Pannecote. By its terms the number of extraditable offences is largely increased, the most important addition being embezzlement.

Some absurd and mischievous articles are going the rounds of a portion of the Press, which ought to know better than to insert such stuff, about "warlike preparations," because some annual inspections are being made, and they are of course got up for American papers, notably the *Chicago Times*.

Three of the Cronin murderers have been sentenced to imprisonment for life, Illinois juries, it would appear, having the peculiar power of determining punishments. These sentences, as they will probably not be carried out, are little less than a victory for the notorious and infamous Clan na Gael.

Peter Jenuings, an old sailor, has turned up in San Francisco and claims to have been a passenger many years ago with an old pirate, who on his death-bed divulged the secret hiding place of \$250,000 treasure in Spanish doubloons. The place is Wall Island, in the Pacific Ocean, three degrees south of the equator. He has succeeded in interesting Eastern capitalists to look for the treasure.

A pretty young woman employed in the Government Printing Office at Washington dangled a toy mouse in the face of a sister clerk, who fainted, and the faint was followed by spasms. The joker then became frightened, fainted and was taken seriously ill. For a time it was feared that both women would die. The mouse is so deadly an enemy of womankind that it is not safe for women to trifle with it, even in its wooden state.

Mr. Stanley proposes to remain in Zanzibar several weeks. He will go from there to Cairo, and thence to London in the spring.

The Madhi is said to be perfecting a plan in conjunction with the Emirs, by which they shall make a combined invasion of Egypt.

Despite the amnesty declared in Crete twenty Christians were recently brought before the authorities, being chained and beaten with canes.

Dom Pedro persists in refusing any gratuity from the Republican Government of Brazil, saying that he will take only the amount allowed by the law.

Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland will shortly visit that country, where he will remain several weeks. The object of his visit is to ascertain the feeling in regard to an extension of the scope of the land purchase bill.

CITY CHIMES.

The performance of 'Moths' at the Academy on Saturday evening was very good. The scenery and costumes were excellent, but we must again give the accomplished ladies of the troupe a caution against over-painting. The effect of too strong a darkening about the eyes is in some cases almost ghastly. 'Moths' is a strong play, and requires much and good acting, which was undoubtedly afforded it. The only drawback is that it is too much drawn out by the kind of high speechifying which so mars the 'Rivals' in the parts of Julia and Falkland that the greater portion of those roles is always excised. The hits at society baseness and frivolity in 'Moths' are excellent, and, on the other hand, points of rectitude and integrity were so heartily appreciated that the most cynical must