

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The new United States Consul-general, Mr. Frye, has arrived at Halifax.

The new St. James' Methodist Church at Toronto, has a seating capacity of 2,700.

Bishop Cleary, of Kingston, has been nominated Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, Ireland.

July 3rd is the day set by the Sheriff for holding the election for the incorporation of Parrsboro.

The City Council have declared Alderman Smith's seat vacant, and have ordered a new election in ward two.

Heavy floods did much damage about Londonderry last week. Three houses were carried away, as well as several barns.

Tramps are reported to be very thick about Truro. It is thought that they are the parties who are operating on safes throughout the country.

The Victoria Park at Truro is now open for picnics. It is a beautiful spot, and Sunday Schools going for an outing could not do better than go there.

Mr. Justice Strong, of the Supreme Court of Canada, has declined the position of Principal of the Toronto Law School, and will not resign his seat on the bench.

The carpenters' strike in Halifax is ended, their demands for an increase of 2 cents per hour and nine hours a day having been acceded to by nearly all the builders.

Summer visitors to Wolfville are becoming so numerous that there is talk of using the new Academy boarding-house on the cricket ground for a hotel during vacation.

The potato bug is making great ravages in Cunard, Peraux, and other parts of Kings Co. Paris Green is in great demand, and the farmers are kept busy applying the poison.

At a meeting held in Truro on the 20th inst., it was resolved to vote a bonus of \$30,000 to any company which would construct the Hants Central railway connecting Truro with Windsor.

A man named Jones lost his life at Sydney Mines on Monday last. He had been cutting coal and an explosion took place, it is supposed caused by after-damp. Another man was injured but not fatally.

The Orangemen of Medicine Hat, N. W. T., are appealing to their brethren throughout the country for ten-cent subscriptions to furnish and provide nurses for the Medicine Hat General Hospital.

Springhill will celebrate Dominion day by a procession of the children of the public schools in the morning, and in the afternoon various sports, as well as a procession of the various societies, will take place.

A large specimen of a sea cow (walrus) was seen off Louisburg, C. B. recently. It is very unusual to observe one so far south. In former years they were not uncommon about the Magdalens, but none have been reported of late years.

It is proposed to supply Port Williams with water as well as Wolfville, the same reservoir, Black River, doing for both. Pipes will be carried along the Cornwallis bridge. The expense, however, may make this scheme impracticable.

In a few days another war-ship will be in Halifax harbor. A Dutch frigate was spoken on the 22nd day of June bound for Halifax. She was then 20 miles east-south-east of Cape May. Another French man-of-war, the Bison, is also expected.

Traffic over the C. P. R. Short Line to the Maritime Provinces is most satisfactory and beyond all expectation. The receipts of the company show a large increase since the opening of the Soo and this route, and will probably be nearly \$400,000 this week.

The North Sydney Town Council have decided to ask for tenders for a loan of \$5000 for the town's expenses in connection with the railway right of way. They are also inquiring about the cost of electric and other lighting systems, with a view to lighting the town.

The Allan steamer Nova Scotian, on her last trip to this port from Baltimore, came into collision with a three-masted schooner during a thick fog. The schooner lost her mainmast, but very little damage was done to the steamer. It is said the schooner was to blame.

Charles DeBaun, the defaulting Cashier of the National Park bank, who came to Canada with \$95,000 of the bank's funds, has been extradited and taken to New York, where he has pleaded guilty and has been condemned to five years and seven months in the State prison.

The United States authorities having prohibited Canadian boats and boatmen from plying between American islands on the Upper St. Lawrence, Mr. Taylor, M.P., of Leeds, is urging the government to retaliate by prohibiting American boats from touching Canadian islands or ports.

Messrs. N. C. Corbett, of Moncton, and Clifford Patterson have purchased the remains of the Leary raft as they lie at the Fingerboard on the Nova Scotia shore. Among the timber is 70,000 feet of hard pine, 85,000 feet of spruce, 30,000 of birch, a 30 horse power engine and a lot of other material.

A detachment of A Battery of Artillery, Kingston, was called out at midnight Saturday and marched to the penitentiary. A plot on the part of the prisoners to escape had been revealed to the warden by one of the conspirators. All the desperate characters in the institution are implicated.

Mr. Douglas Sladen, the Australian poet, was in Halifax for a day or two this week. He has been travelling over North America for the past year, accompanied by his wife and child. Mr. Sladen left on Monday evening to visit Windsor and the historic places about the land of Evangeline.

The German training ship "Nixe" arrived here last Friday from Norfolk, Va. She has 120 boys on board, carries eight Krupp guns in her main battery, and six revolving guns. She presented a pretty appearance as she came up the harbor under full sail. She will remain here about two weeks.

It is reported on apparently good authority that the much debated fast steamer service between Canada and Great Britain is now assured, the Andersons and the Government having reached such agreements as to enable the company to raise in England all the money required to construct a fleet of swift steamships.

Laborers while working at the widening of St. John Street, Quebec, recently found a lot of copper coins bearing the date 1600 and the likeness of Henry IV. of France. A cannon ball and old style bayonet also were found. They will be kept as relics of the conflict between the French and English at the birth of this country.

The "early closing" movement is receiving attention in several of the country towns. Fifty-four Truro firms have given notice that in future they will close their places of business on Wednesday and Friday evenings, except in the month of December, to give their employees opportunity for recreation. This is a good movement.

Ship building in Hants County is looking up. At Windsor a big four-masted schooner is in frame. At Avondale a large vessel probably 1,500 tons is under way, and a barquentine is ready for launching. At Hantsport the frame for a large vessel of about 1,700 tons is up, and at Maitland a 600 ton barquentine is in progress of construction.

The Italians who were working on the Cape Breton railway works have nearly all been discharged, and the local laborers, who are now through their farm work, engaged in their places. The work is being vigorously pushed, and the North Sydney *Herald* says that that end of the line will be all ready for track-laying in September, and a large portion by the end of July.

Mr. Charles Murray, son of Lieut-Col. Murray, Superintendent of Stores, of this city, came out second highest in the final examinations recently held at Kingston military college, winning a silver medal. The first man, winner of the gold medal, does not intend going into the army. Mr. Murray will thus have first choice, and it is understood will chose a commission in the Royal Engineers.

Owing to representations and enquiries from revising officers a supplementary circular has been issued to them, in which the general course to be pursued is outlined, but revising officers are informed that no instructions will be issued as to the interpretation of the Franchise Act. They are chosen as competent by their training to interpret and apply the law, and must be guided by their own reading of the statutes.

The English schooner yacht Lady Evelyn, 81 tons register, Captain Cook, arrived on Wednesday from New York via Newport. She is owned by Sir Roderick W. Cameron, who is on board with his family. He resides in New York. The yacht belongs to the Royal Yacht Squadron of England, the New York Yacht Club, and the Canadian Yacht Squadron. She will proceed to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and thence to the Mediterranean.

The Waverley House, of Canning, has been put in thorough repair, several new rooms being finished and furnished to accommodate the ever-increasing summer travel. The genial proprietor sends daily a coach to meet the afternoon train at Kentville, thus adding to the convenience of tourists and the general public. Its proximity to the beautiful Basin of Minas, the far-famed "Look-Off," and historic Blomidon, aids in its attractiveness during the summer season.

His Lordship the Bishop of Nova Scotia having decided to create three archdeacons in his diocese instead of one as formerly, the news will be received with pleasure by the readers of the *Reporter* that Rev. Dr. David Smith, of Sydney, who for several years has been the efficient rural dean of this section, has been offered and has accepted the office of archdeacon for the district of Cape Breton. Dr. Smith having resigned the rural deanery in accordance with his appointment, Rev. Mr. Bambrick, of North Sydney, will probably succeed him in that position. The induction of Rev. Dr. Smith will probably take place during the Bishop's visit to Sydney in August next.

The Encœnia of Kings College University, Windsor, took place yesterday with the usual celebrations, addresses, etc. This delightful re-union of Professors, students, and Alumni always attracts visitors from Halifax, fathers and mothers go too see honors conferred on their boys, and those who have once gone always wish to go again. This year true Encœnia weather prevailed, warm and bright. On Wednesday afternoon the fair ones proceeded to the cricket field, there to watch the progress of the match, now and then a cricketer joining a group of girls to report progress, etc. In the evening the usual conversation was given by the president, professors and students of Kings College, and invitations were extended to five or six hundred people. This year it seemed particularly bright, and poetic influence was redoubled by the presence of Mr. Sladen, the Australian poet. The sons of Kings love to flock back there in the sweet June-time and live over again the scenes of yore. The students in their gowns and hoods prom-naded with the ladies to the strains of sweet music. Several young ladies