

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

It is understood in Wall Street, New York, that the silver dollar law requires the Government to coin 2,000,000 silver dollars a month.

The W. H. Harris' Nickel Plate Show exhibits at Halifax on Monday and Tuesday, July 27 and 28. The Harris' Show has made the tour of Canada, and is very highly spoken of wherever it has exhibited. The ring performance is first-class, and the Show is in every respect all it is advertised.

The Critic is the name of a neat weekly paper, published at Halifax. It deals with marked ability with a great variety of subjects, and is one of the most valuable weeklies in the Dominion.—*The Canadian Manufacturer and Industrial World*.

Copies of the Price List of the Provincial Exhibition, to be held in Kentville on Sept. 29, and till following days can be had on application to W. Eaton, Secretary, Kentville, N. S.

The Dominion Parliament was prorogued on Monday last, after a session of nearly six months. The 9th battalion, Quebec volunteers, arrived in time to take part in the closing ceremonies. The Governor-General's speech was brief, and to the point. The legislators who had not already left the capital took their departure immediately after the prorogation.

The trial of Louis Riel commenced at Regina on Monday the 20th inst., Riel's solicitors appear determined to block the wheels of justice by every means in their power. Riel himself, though apparently nervous and ill at ease, speaks in confident tones of the result of the trial.

Harpers Monthly for August promises to be of unusual interest. Victor Hugo is the title of an article by George William Curtis, in which the writer points out the idealism of the French people in their worship of Hugo. The number likewise contains a charming little story full of mystery and uncertainty entitled "The Mystery of Easthampton," by A. A. Hayes.

"The Toronto batteries that have been doing service in the North-West," says the *Montreal Gazette*, "have won by their gallantry a creditable reputation not only for themselves but for Canada also."

One of the best known houses engaged in the book and stationary trade in the Maritime Provinces is that of J. C. Allen and Co., formerly Buckley & Allen, at 124 Granville St. This establishment contains a stock of goods in every department that are always noted for their freshness, variety, and standard quality, as well as for their moderate prices.

Mr. H. E. Twining, formerly of Halifax, now a resident of New York, and a member of the *Art Students' League* of that city, is forming a class for instruction in drawing and sketching from nature during the months of July and August. Those wishing to fill the remaining vacancies may apply to Mr. Twining, 98 Morris Street.

The return of the Halifax battalion after three month's absence in the North-West, will be a source of satisfaction to their many friends in this city. Our young citizen soldiers have performed without a murmur the duties which devolved upon them, and they have displayed in a marked degree those powers of endurance for which Nova Scotians are proverbial the wide world over. In the ovations which they have received during their homeward journey, and in that tendered them by the citizens of Halifax, our volunteers will recognize the hearty expression of a grateful people for the sacrifices and hardships which they have endured in the interests of our common country.

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Y. M. C. A., is to be held in St. John, August 13th, and it is confidently expected that the gathering will be the largest ever held in the Maritime Provinces. In addition to the delegates from the three Lower Provinces there will be present some of the leaders of the Association in the United States. The programme of the proceedings is varied and interesting, and it fully carried out should be the means of arousing a deeper interest in the work now being carried on by the Y. M. C. A.

During a recent trip of the S. S. *Marion* on the Bras d'or lake the passengers were much interested in the feat of a horse owned by Mr. McPherson, which followed its master from the ferry boat to the steamer up a very steep incline as nimbly as a cat.

Our American cousins visiting the Bras d'or Lake frequently express their surprise at the fact that more Nova Scotians are not attracted thither during the summer season. The truth is that it has only been during the past few years that the lake has been made accessible to travellers and it will doubtless soon become a favorite resort for Nova Scotians as well as American tourists.

The old fortress of Louisburg, famous in the annals of early colonial history, is now scarce discernible, and were it not for the occasional mound, with here and there the remains of the old fortifications, the tourist might leave the place with doubts in his mind as to whether he had really visited the proper locality. Louisburg is now a thriving village and along the shores of its commodious harbor are dotted the neat and comfortable homes of many a prosperous fisherman.

Should the British government succeed in its attempt to secure for the people of Newfoundland the exclusive control of the west coast of that island, Sydney and North Sydney would soon build up an extensive trade with that section of the ancient colony.

We regret to record the death of Henry Hesselein, for many years the popular proprietor of the Halifax Hotel. The deceased was 75 years of age. He leaves a wife and two sons.

All the window-glass factories in the Pittsburg district have closed down for the summer vacation, that is, until September 1. The season has been an extremely unprofitable one, and unless business improves it is probable that many factories will not resume work on the date fixed.

The Mormons at Salt Lake City on July 4, it is said by orders from the head of the Church, hung the United States flag at half-mast on public and private buildings, saying that the Fourth of July was a day of mourning to "this people, whose best men were in the penitentiary by virtue of Federal officials' perversion of all principles of law and liberty."

TESTING THE NEW BRIDGE.—Locomotive No. 22, of the New Brunswick Railway, driven by the Supt, Mr. F. W. Cram, crossed the bridge at the falls on Monday with five flat cars. No vibration was perceptible. Among the gentlemen on the cars were Mr. Abbott, President of the bridge company, Mr. Hogan, the contractor, Mr. Archibald of the I. C. R., Mr. T. B. Robinson, Mr. E. R. Burpee, Mr. Howard McLeod, Mr. J. Henry Leonard and others.

There are in the United States but three hundred clerical wheelmen, including twelve doctors of divinity, ten theological professors, some twelve authors, several editors, and many pastors of prominent churches. About forty or fifty of these gentlemen are to unite in a tour of three weeks in Canada, riding over 621 miles of the best roads on this continent. The arrangements have been under the supervision of the Rev. Sylvanus Stall, of Lancaster, Pa. The start is to be made at Niagara Falls, August 5, and the route by daily stages leads through Hamilton, Galt, Woodstock, London, Goderich, Stratford, Guelph, Toronto, Newcastle, Brighton, Napanee, Kingston, by steamer among the Thousand Islands, and return to Niagara Falls August 26. The entire expenses of the tour, including hotel bills and transportation while in Canada, is not to exceed \$30. A western division starting at Detroit, is to join the Eastern party at London.

The following portion of our epitome of the proceedings at the Provincial Educational Association could not appear last week:

At the evening session on Wednesday Dr. Allison, Dr. Rand, Superintendent Crockett, (N. B.) Superintendent Montgomery (P. E. I.) and Professor Higgins, each delivered an address exhorting and encouraging the teachers to still greater efforts, with a view to preparing the sons and daughters of Nova Scotia for the great battle of life.

On Thursday a paper was read by Principal McKay of Pictou on "English Orthography," and another by Inspector McKenzie on the Common School Course of Study. Mr. McKay's paper advocated the entire abolition of the present English alphabet and the substitution of about forty marks or signs representing the elementary sounds of the language. He gave many figures and calculations to show that such a phonic alphabet, once adopted, would be highly advantageous. Inspector McDonald, Antigonish, considered Mr. McKay's paper a most valuable one. He gave his reasons for this belief, and also for the opinion that there would yet be a revolution in English spelling. Professor Eaton, Assist-Secretary McEchen and Principal Calkin, while pleased that this interesting paper had been read, deprecated the idea that such a wholesale change would ever be practicable. Professor Eaton believed that any person that learns to read English can become a good speller simply by a careful and extensive reading. Assist-Secretary McEchen was disposed to regard Mr. McKay's ingenious arguments as a huge and clever joke. He knew that English spelling might be greatly simplified just as French spelling has been; but had good reasons for believing that the process of simplifying would have to be supervised by some such authoritative, competent body, as the French Academy is with respect to the French language. A lively discussion followed the reading of Inspector McKenzie's paper. It was begun by the Assist-Secretary when he introduced the subject of "Grammar text books," and it was continued by Messrs. Hall, Johnson, Burbridge and Cameron. From the cordial way in which the meeting received some of the assailants of the new grammar, it seemed clear that that book, as a text-book for junior learners, is far from popular with the majority of our teachers.

Afterwards Superintendent Montgomery gave an interesting sketch of P. E. Island schools, which we understand are under very efficient supervision. Addresses by Professor Eaton, Dr. Allison and others, closed the meeting for this year.

The Lady Readers of the Critic will please observe that "Smith's Freckle Lotion is a perfectly harmless preparation for removing Freckles, Tan, Moth Patches, and all undue Roughness and Redness of the Skin, leaving the complexion fair and velvety. And gentlemen, try a bottle of "Smith's Pimple Wash," if you are troubled with Pimples, Eczema, Tetter, Barber's Itch, etc. These preparations are sold at the London Drug Store, 147 Hollis St. J. GONFRER SMITH, Dispensing Chemist, Proprietor, and Agent for B. Laurence the London Optician, whose Glasses and Spectacles have benefited so many.

KIND WORDS FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR PUTTNER'S EMULSION.

Dear Sir.—The bottle of PUTTNER'S EMULSION my wife ordered of you last month, was duly received. You wish to know the effect it had upon the patient, and I very cheerfully give it to you, as it saved my little one's life.

The child to whom it was given, aged one year, had been very sick with bowel complaint and teething for about two months, seemed to receive little or no nourishment from milk, beef tea, or any other kind of food. As a last resort, the attending physician prescribed a bottle of the Emulsion, giving him first a sample bottle which you had sent him. That sample bottle had wrought a change for the better within twenty-four hours after he had commenced taking it, and has gained rapidly ever since, and to-day is well.

Please accept our hearty thanks for the bottle of Emulsion you so kindly sent, and have no doubt it saved my little one's life. Wishing you success, I remain,
PUTNAM, CONN. Yours truly, L. M. WILLIAMS, Druggist.