

Ex-Premier McKenzie is in a dying condition. The end is thought to be very near.

The Liberal candidate in Prescott, Ont., Mr. Preulx, has been elected by 259 majority.

British Columbia sealers claim \$500,000 damages for losses under last season's modus vivendi.

The Wanderers' A. A. C. holds its annual meeting at the Halifax hotel on Tuesday evening next.

Blackadar's Mills, at Hectanooga, Digby, were destroyed by fire on Tuesday night. Loss about \$35,000.

Lloyd's bonded warehouse in St. John, N. B., was partially burned on Monday. There was considerable loss on goods.

It is reported that votes in Quebec were purchased with notes that are not valid owing to the lack of a signature. The habitants are very much disgusted.

The members of the Ontario legislature received a shock on Friday, when Mr. H. E. Clark, one of the members for the city of Toronto, dropped dead while addressing the House.

King's College Record for March contains a virile article on "The Literary outlook of Canada," by the late G. B. Roberts. It should be read by all who take the slightest interest in the subject.

There are a good many sorrowful hearts in Parrsboro over the loss of the schooner *Glenariff* of that place, which is supposed to have foundered in a recent gale. She left Parrsboro with a load of Springhill coal for Digby, and has not been heard of since.

Two Dartmouth girls took such a violent fancy to the Kickapoo Concert Company, that when the company left the town the girls tried to escape from home and join the Indians. Fortunately their fathers were on the alert and stopped the foolish proceeding.

The annual meeting of the N. S. Barriers' Society was held on Tuesday afternoon. The following officers were elected:—President—H. McD. Henry, Q. C.; Vice-President—C. S. Harrington, Q. C.; Treasurer—Hon. S. L. Shannon; Secretary—W. R. Foster.

W. A. Black and Geo. E. Boak have been commissioned by the executive committee of the Board of Trade to visit Ottawa and press upon the Government the questions of the railway extension, Canada's trade relations with Newfoundland and the Spanish treaty matter.

A very serious accident occurred on the C. P. R. near Hull on Wednesday. The express train, including several immigrant cars, was turned on an open switch and ran off the track. The engine and two cars rolled down the embankment. The fireman and driver were killed.

Hon. M. Ryan, president of the New Brunswick Legislative Council, died at Fredericton on Wednesday. At the same time that this sad event occurred, Hon. D. L. Harrington was taking farewell of his colleagues in the House of Assembly in view of his promotion to the bench.

The conduct of Judge Elliot, who recently gave a decision having the effect of replacing on the voters' list 200 names which the revising officer had struck off for cause, is exciting some comment. By this decision Mr. Carling took his seat, and there are those who do not see any justice in it.

The transport steamer *Atlas*, with troops from England via the West Indies, arrived in port on Friday last. She had cases of yellow fever on board, but notwithstanding this the troops were disembarked. There has been some indignation over this action, but we hope nothing serious will result.

It is sad to see by the penitentiaries report that the number of youthful convicts is rapidly increasing in Canada. Mr. Moylan suggests that a central penitentiary be built at Ottawa for the whole Dominion, to be used exclusively for criminals under 30 years of age, with a view to their reformation.

Mr. Henry Lawson, a well-known resident of Halifax, died at his residence on Thursday of last week. Mr. Lawson was 80 years of age. Two sisters, Mrs. Stirling and Miss. Isabel Lawson, died just previous to Mr. Lawson, and there now remains only Miss Ann Lawson, who is her brother's sole heir.

An employee named Ferguson of the inland revenue department at St. John stood guard over the officers of the department at the custom house fire and resisted the members of the salvage corps with a drawn revolver. The salvage corps proposes to see whether this was proper behavior and the case has gone into court.

The Creelman-Gough case was commenced in Stipendiary Motton's court on Wednesday when Gough's testimony in the matter was taken. A large crowd was present. Creelman's counsel are Messrs. Russell & Ross, assisted by Vincent Paton, and the prosecuting committee were represented by Harrington, Huggins and Drysdale.

Mrs. Hunt, said to be the most eloquent woman in America, is to address the House of Assembly this evening on the subject of scientific temperance teaching in schools. She is the guest of T. R. Gue, Victoria Road, while she stays in the city. There will doubtless be a large attendance of those who are interested in temperance to-night.

Ottawa has not yet handed over its contribution to the Springhill relief fund, and at a meeting on Wednesday it was decided to correspond with the treasurer of the Halifax fund to ascertain the intention of the Halifax contributors. As Halifax is the nearest city to the scene of the accident it is thought that her action in the matter should guide others.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is offering special inducements to settlers going West. On Tuesday, April 12th, a special excursion will leave different points in the Province, the bare fare (second class) being only \$13.50 to Winnipeg, with correspondingly low rates to other points. For particulars enquire at nearest station agent.

Clark's Hotel, Washington Street, Boston, was almost entirely destroyed by fire on Wednesday. Several guests were injured and one has died. Loss \$25,000. A few more of these hotel horrors will seriously alarm people.

Dr. Tilden, formerly chemist of the National Museum, Washington, says that Guiteau, President Garfield's assassin, was drunk when hanged, the doctors having given him a big dose of brandy to keep him from collapsing. The assassin's body was taken to the boiler room of the museum, where it was boiled until the flesh came off, and the bones were then bleached. The skeleton will probably be placed among the museum's exhibits some day.

The House of Commons has rejected a bill restricting labor in mines to 8 hours a day.

Count Eulenburg has been offered, and has accepted the Presidency of the Prussian Council.

Emperor William's primary education bill has been abandoned owing to the stubborn opposition of the Prussian people. It was expected that the bill would have to be modified, but this complete back down was not looked for.

It is now said that the confession of Deeming to having committed several of the Whitechapel murders is mere boasting, because he was serving a term in goal at the time they occurred. His appears to be an extreme case of depravity and he is unfit for any good in the world.

Another terrific dynamite explosion has taken place in Paris, this time at the house of the public prosecutor. The house was wrecked and the shock was felt a long distance off. The attempt was made on M. Boulot's life, but he was not injured. Seven people in the house were severely hurt.

Lord Dufferin, the new British Ambassador to France, presented his credentials to President Carnot on the 21st ult. The ceremony was conducted with great pomp. A squadron of cuirassiers escorted Lord Dufferin from the Embassy to the court yard of the Palace of the Elysee. In the court yard were massed detachments of infantry, and as the British Ambassador drove into the square drums were beaten and bugles sounded. The greeting was followed by the band playing the British National Anthem, "God Save the Queen." After Lord Dufferin had made a formal presentation of his credentials to the President, he and M. Carnot entered into a cordial conversation. When Lord Dufferin left the palace he was given the same honors that had marked his coming, the only difference being that the band played the "Marseillaise."

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