

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Presbyterian Synod is in session at Moncton, N. B.

The P. E. Island Fair opened at Charlottetown on Tuesday.

The Victoria School of Art and Design will re-open on the 13th inst.

The Maritime Provinces Amateur Athletic Sports will take place at Truro to-morrow.

"The more we advertise, the greater our business grows."—C. F. Adams, *Home Furnishing House*.

The Governor-General and party will arrive at Halifax on the 11th inst. and remain until the 17th.

"Printer's Ink is to the business world what food is to humanity."—John Keeler, *Restaurateur*.

Toronto has been suffering from a scarcity of water. Something has gone wrong with the reservoirs and pumps.

"We consider that it is just as essential to advertise as it is to unlock the store-doors."—*The Albany News Company*.

The Shelburne and Lunenburg County Exhibitions were opened on Wednesday. The weather is perfect for them.

"Shop-worn goods are hard to sell. Advertising keeps the stock bright and fresh."—Frank W. Thomas, *Music Dealer*.

Dartmouth is again talking of a water supply and a system of sewerage. A committee has been appointed to enquire into the sources of supply, etc.

The report that diphtheria of a malignant type is prevalent in Windsor is utterly untrue. Windsor was never in a healthier state than at the present time.

The death is announced of Mr. Thomas Bayne, the well-known retired merchant of Halifax. His illness was very brief, and his sudden demise was a shock to the community. Mr. Bayne was 75 years of age.

The Birchall trial was concluded on Monday. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and Birchall was sentenced to be hung on November 14th. Birchall takes it very coolly, but it is thought he will endeavor to commit suicide.

Diphtheria is said to be dying out in Halifax. The closing of the schools, both week day and Sunday, has probably helped to diminish the spread of the disease. Dr. G. E. DeWitt has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to this city.

The St. John, N. B., Exhibition has been a great success. That enterprising journal *Progress* was issued daily in the building, the whole process being open to the inspection of the public. *Progress* gave an interesting account of the exhibition, which closes to-morrow.

Dr. Ross of Lunenburg left for Halifax this morning for the purpose of introducing his "Diphtheria Cure" into the almost numberless afflicted homes of this city, where diphtheria is now rampant and taxing the energy and skill of the medical men beyond description.—*Progress*.

The rails are now laid on the Annapolis and Digby Railway almost to Clementsport. By the end of this week the Clementsport bridge will be ready for crossing, and the rails will soon reach Bear River. Here the work is going on well, but it will be some time before it is completed.

All Nova Scotians ought to be pleased to hear that Miss Maud Sanders, of Lawrencetown, Annapolis County, has not only won the county prize in the Montreal *Witness* Prize Competition for stories, but also the prize for the Dominion. The Marquis of Dufferin was the judge. The prize was a \$500 piano.

The fate of the man Andrew Young, who was found dead in a room in the Royal Hotel in this city on Monday morning, should be a warning to drinking men. The Jury acting on the advice of the coroner found a verdict of "Death from acute alcoholism," which means in plain English poisoned by drink.

The Grand Jury of Digby County have brought in a true bill of manslaughter against R. F. Stark, the druggist who recently caused the death of Mrs. Crozier by dispensing strychnine in mistake for the medicine ordered. He will be tried at the next June term of the Supreme Court at Digby. Public sympathy is largely with Mr. Stark.

This is how they did things at the St. John Exhibition, according to *Progress*: "A lady who enjoys a joke was walking along the main floor, Friday night, when she felt herself clasped around the waist, from behind, by a pair of masculine arms. Supposing it was her husband she turned with a loving smile, and was confronted by the horror-stricken visage of a St. John merchant who had mistaken her for his wife. Profuse apologies were in order and were gracefully accepted."

A dastardly attempt was made on Monday night to wreck the C. P. R. train from Halifax at Anagance, about 30 miles from Moncton, N. B. A stick of timber was placed across the track, but fortunately the engineer saw it in time to put on the brakes, so the train did not run into it at full speed. The train was thrown off the track and upset, but no lives were lost. The escape of the fireman and engineer was marvelous. Every effort should be made to discover the perpetrators of the outrage.

The latest issue of that fine pictorial weekly, the *Dominion Illustrated*, is fully up to the high standard which it long ago established. In portraits the public is favoured with a striking likeness of Miss Duncan, author of "A Social Departure," a Canadian lady writer of whom the Dominion may

well be proud, while the new Consul-General of Spain also occupies a place in the number. The Sporting Scenes on the Jacques Cartier, Canadian Horses at Detroit Fair, and the Artillery Competition at Quebec, are all capital. A picture of universal interest is the group of leaders of French Protestantism, taken on the 20th of June last, on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Mission on St. Helen's Island, opposite Montreal. Altogether it is a good number. *The Dominion Illustrated* is published by the Sabiston Company, Gazette Building, Montreal, J. P. Edwards, Business Manager.

Captains Smith, R. N. R., and Hunter delivered their decision in the *Uluksa* case on Saturday. The captains held that the stranding of the vessel was due to the extraordinary current which the captain of the *Uluksa* did not allow sufficiently for; that the ship's compass was in good working order, and that all errors were correctly ascertained from time to time and a proper course was steered; that the ship was insufficiently manned for a voyage of the character in question; that the lookouts when the vessel entered the fog were not sufficient; that the captain is not to blame for this as the small number of his crew would not allow more watches; that the captain was shown to be a thorough temperance man and has been known to be a good officer, the testimonials received from many reliable sources having fully established that fact; that when entering the fog the captain should have made a cast of the lead; that the fog horn was not heard by any of the crew, and that the captain was in the fault to some extent in not casting the lead when he failed to hear the fog horn. The court suspended the captain's certificate for three months.

Colonel Iver John Caradocch Herbert, of the Grenadier Guards, who is said to have accepted the commandancy of the Canadian Militia, was born on the 15th of July, 1851, and commissioned an ensign and lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards on the 5th of November, 1870, and a lieutenant and captain on the 25th of November, 1874, and raised to the rank of brevet-major on the 18th of November, 1882, and captain and lieutenant-colonel on the 2nd of May, 1883, being promoted to a colonelcy on the 26th of August, 1889, becoming regimental major on the 26th of October, 1889. Colonel Herbert has had much experience on the staff service, having been brigade major of the Home District from the 25th February, 1882, to the 31st July, 1882; was brigade major of the expedition force to Egypt from the 4th of August, 1882, to the 6th of November, 1882, and brigade major of the Home District from the 11th of November, 1882, to the 1st of May, 1883. He became commander of the school for the auxiliary forces, Wellington Barracks, on the 1st of November, 1885, holding the position until the 6th of April, 1886, when he was appointed military attache at St. Petersburg on the 5th of May, 1886, which position he held until the present time. The new Commandant of the Canadian Militia is highly in favour with Lord Wolseley, and has distinguished himself in the British regulars. He is only 39 years of age and has an enviable military record.

The wool clip in the United States for 1889 was 262,000,000 pounds. The clip of 1890 may be estimated at 272,000,000 pounds, since the increase in the number of sheep during the year is nearly 2,000,000.

There are said to be at least a hundred thousand acres of phosphate rock scattered through the western part of the State of Florida. The deposits average ten feet in depth, and are rich in phosphate of lime.

Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant has been induced by a New York editor to tell the story of her courtship with General Grant and the warrior's proposal to her, and the article will appear in the October number of *The Ladies' Home Journal*.

P. T. Barnum is developing a strong taste for literary work, and he is busy nearly every day writing a series of articles to be published in the forthcoming numbers of *The Ladies' Home Journal*. The great showman is said to write very easily and fluently, his manuscript showing but few corrections.

It may not be generally known that San Francisco possesses the best kindergarten system in the world. Among the best results of the work of these schools are reckoned growth of affection in the households of the poor, a higher value put upon children, a steady growth in moral quality, and in sobriety, industry, economy, thrift, self-independence and good manners.

According to a statement in *The World of Science*, upward of one million American white fish have been propagated from ova by Mr. John Burgess, at the Midland Counties Fish culture establishment, Malvern Wells, England; the ova having been sent by the United States Fish Commissioners with the object of assisting Mr. Burgess in his efforts to establish this valuable food fish. The ova were hatched out with a very low mortality, and the young fish are doing well.

During the Grace Church scene of the "Old Homestead," when the play returns to the Academy, New York, October 6th, the walls will suddenly become transparent, revealing the interior of the church with a choir of surpliced youngsters engaged in sacred song. The snow scene which is to distinguish the coming season of the "Old Homestead" at the Academy has just been delivered by the artists, who have been engaged on the new feature since early in June.

Nothing like the *Liliputians* in their gorgeous fairy burlesque, "The Pupil in Magic," at Niblo's, has ever before been seen in New York, and nothing could be more successful. "Claudius Nero," the dramatization of the powerful romance of Ernest Eckstein, which is to follow the *Liliputians*, is in four acts and seven tableaux, one of which will graphically picture the historical burning of Rome. Four hundred auxiliaries and nearly one hundred principals will assist in the production, preparations for which are fast being completed.