

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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A great gush of natural gas has been struck at Forest, Ont

Yarmouth will spend \$50,000 in street improvements and \$5,000 in buying a public park.

The New Brunswick Legislature has been called to meet on Thursday, March 28th, for the despatch of business.

A number of gentlemen are asking incorporation from Parliament to bridge the Ottawa River from Ottawa to Hull.

Dr. Montague, Conservative, has been elected to the House of Commons for Haldimand, Ont., by a majority of 232.

Hon. L. F. R. Masson, ex-Lieut. Governor of Quebec, has been called to the Senate to succeed the late Senator Reder.

The Winnipeg health officer has discovered a disease among the newly-arrived Russian and German emigrants which greatly resembles leprosy.

The trustees of Toronto University have decided to accept an unconditional grant of \$50,000 from the City Council to aid in restoring the building.

Frank D. Carroll, of Picton, won the mile, half-mile and five mile skating races at Ottawa on Wednesday and becomes the amateur champion of the Dominion.

A requisition to have the Town of Yarmouth incorporated has been signed by about two hundred rate-payers, and a poll will be held on March 13th to decide the question.

We are in receipt of the *Canadian Agriculturist and Home Magazine* for February, published at Petersborough, Ont. An excellent and improving Canadian agricultural journal.

The Bank of Nova Scotia has added \$100,000 to its rest; the Merchants Bank of Halifax, \$75,000; and the Halifax Banking Company, \$30,000, as the result of last year's business.

The first colonist train of 1890 for Manitoba left Toronto on Tuesday. It was made up of 85 Ontario farmers, who go to take up land in the vicinity of Brandon and Calgary.

S. Durell Grimmer, of St. Andrews, has in a pond 2,000 live lobsters, which he proposes to ship as opportunity offers to Boston and Montreal. He catches the lobsters outside in deep water.

The Fourth Annual Report of the Convention of the Dairymen's Association of Nova Scotia contains a large amount of information of great value and interest to all engaged in that important industry.

On the vote for the Annapolis post office, Mr. Jones urged the government to build a public building at Dartmouth. That town was more entitled to such a boon than many towns that had public buildings erected therein.

A man named Rudolph Dubairs, of St. Albans, Quebec, has murdered his wife, two children and his mother-in-law. The deed was done with an axe, and the bodies of the victims were much mutilated. The whereabouts of the murderer is unknown.

A large deputation of Toronto citizens waited upon the Minister of Education recently and urged that the Canadian flag be hoisted over the Public School buildings on days when national events are celebrated. The Minister consented to give effect to the views of the deputation.

The preliminary examination of Mrs. R. T. Weeks for attempt at poisoning Mrs. Sutherland, was commenced in Charlottetown on Tuesday in the city court room. Mr. Peters is counsel for the defence. So far nothing to connect the prisoner in any way with the poisoning has come out.

A few miles from Tatamagouche, N.S., there is a child which, at its birth a few months ago, had a father and mother, two grandfathers and two grandmothers, three great-grandfathers and three great-grandmothers, and one great-great grandfather and one great-great-grandmother—these two last being husband and wife—all living.

We are in receipt of a handsome calendar issued by Messrs. Henderson & Potts, of the Nova Scotia Paint Works, Halifax, which is unique as being surmounted with a square embracing thirty-five colors (in smaller squares) manufactured by the firm. The colors are of artistic tints, and are enamel paints known as the **Anchor Brand**.

The *Maritime Agriculturist* is a rapidly improving farmers' and stock-breeders' journal. We have before us the first February number, which is very good. Paterson and Gilbert, Sackville, N. B., \$1.00 per annum in advance. We are always glad to note advance in home specialties of this description, so much contained in those of the United States being inappropriate to Canadian farming conditions.

It is understood, though not authoritatively published, that the Wimbledon team this year will be commanded by Lt.-Colonel Prior, M.P., of the British Columbia Garrison Artillery, and that Major Todd of the Governor-General's Foot Guards will be the Adjutant. No better officers could be selected. Major Todd raised a company of sharpshooters for service in the N. W. in 1885, and rendered efficient service.

The reclaiming of ten thousand acres of tidal flats on Mud and Boundary Bays in British Columbia has been begun. A dyke or sea wall, sixteen feet on top, will be built. This and the dividing dykes will be used as public roads. Large parallel ditches will be built on the section line, which will serve to drain the reclaimed land. The company expects the Dominion will grant them the reclaimed land.

To show the way in which Toronto is developing, it may be mentioned that a million more letters were delivered in that city in the first 10 months of last year than in any previous twelve months.

Says the North Sydney *Herald*:—"Quite a funny incident happened at our County Asylum lately. The matron expected two harmless unfortunates who were due to arrive, when two ladies happened along on a tour of inspection and she mistook them for the expected patients. It took some persuasion to prove they were what they represented themselves to be. They did not think the institution so interesting as they thought they should."

Two jail birds who had just completed a term of imprisonment in St. John's, Newfoundland, penitentiary, reached the height of impudence and audacity when they burglarized the penitentiary a short time ago. They broke into the kitchen, made a good meal there, and then with the aid of a ladder broke the window of a cell in which one of their friends was confined and passed in to him a flask of whiskey, some tobacco and sundry eatables.

The C. P. R. is arranging to have a line of three or four steamers to go round the world, as straight as the intervening land will allow. They will start from Montreal, Halifax and New York in the fall, so as to avoid the summer heat in India and the Suez Canal. The route will run through London, Gibraltar, Malta, Suez, Penang, Colombo, Calcutta, Hong Kong, Yokohama and Vancouver and the passengers will be on the same steamer throughout the voyage.

A subscriber in referring to the advertisement in our columns of Mr. J. F. Kelly, asks us whether we should double the final s's "or other such letters, or not," apropos of the words "harness" and "collars." We confess we do not quite catch our correspondent's drift, but we may say that we see no occasion for doubt. The word "harness" as used in Mr. Kelly's advertisement may, we take it, be considered a collective noun embracing all the sets of harness in his stock. "Collars" is the perfectly simple plural of "Collar."

The Allan Line steamer *Manitoba*, which arrived at Halifax on Wednesday afternoon, brought the captain and 33 men of the French steamer *Nautique*, which left Havre for Baltimore on the 16th of January. The crew were about to abandon the *Nautique* and take to rafts, when they were rescued. Heavy gales had been encountered, and the seas came on board and went down into the engine room extinguishing the fires. On the 29th of January a stream of water was discovered coming in below the engines. The crew had been pumping for eighteen days.

The World's Fair is to be held at Chicago.

John Jacob Astor, the New York two hundred millionaire, died on the 23rd inst.

California is in danger of having to put a mortgage on this year's crop of oranges in order to fit out its citizens with snowshoes.

Dr. Lucien Howe says that blindness has increased in the state of New York during the past five years thirteen times as fast as the population.

Mollie Corwin, the much married woman, has just been joined to her ninth husband at Shelbyville, Ind. The victim's name is Cusick, and six of his predecessors still survive.

Mrs. Langtry's friends are greatly alarmed at her condition. She is considered to be dangerously ill, and the fact has become known that she is suffering from blood poisoning.

The town of Hanover, in Maine, has neither doctor, lawyer, minister nor pauper, and last year had money enough in the treasury to meet expenses without assessing the inhabitants for poll taxes.

The largest American sailing ship afloat is the *Rappahannock*, launched at Bath, Me., January 6th. The vessel is 287 feet in length, and has a gross tonnage of 3,185 tons. When loaded she will draw 28 feet of water.

The dedication of the Carnegie free library of Allegheny City took place on the 20th inst. The institution was declared open by President Harrison. Mr. Carnegie made the presentation speech to which Mayor Pearson replied.

Bishop Walker, of North Dakota, is having a gospel car with a seating capacity of eighty persons, and supplied with a robing room, pulpit and font, constructed. The car is to be of rich design, and is to be completed in fifty days. Bishop Walker with his car will now be able to conduct confirmation services with appropriate surroundings in the barren country where few churches exist and where the villagers are devout.

Last Saturday a dam at Walnut Grove, near Prescott, Arizona, broke and the water rushed down a narrow canyon in a solid wall 80 feet high. The body of water one and a half miles square and sixty feet deep was emptied in an hour. The bodies of 200 people have been recovered and the survivors are in the greatest destitution, having neither provisions nor clothing. A camp of workmen building a flume have not been heard from and it is feared that they are lost.

His Holiness the Pope will enter on his 81st year on the 2nd March.

An Austrian professor claims discovery of an absolute cure for hydrophobia.

There is a probability of a famine in Japan. Rice is very scarce and abnormally high in price.

Belgium has officially accepted Germany's invitation to take part in the Berlin labor conference.

Col. Cody (Buffalo Bill) has opened his Wild West show in Rome. The attendance has been immense.