

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The Manitoba legislature prorogued on Monday.

The salmon fishermen at Liverpool, N. S., are beginning to throw their nets.

Moncton is to expend \$2,000 in laying asphalt sidewalks. The persons whose sidewalks are laid will pay one half the cost.

Halifax is the third port of importance on this side of the Atlantic in the number of ocean steamships entering and clearing during the year.

Prof. Roberts will lecture in Amherst on Tuesday evening 8th, on "Notes on the Threshold." He will also deliver this lecture in New Glasgow.

Mr. Perley, M. P., of Ottawa, died rather suddenly on Tuesday. Sir John Macdonald made a touching reference to his memory in the house.

The Amherst public schools, which were closed on account of scarlet fever being prevalent, have been re-opened, as no new cases have been reported for some time.

H. M. S. Ready is expected here from the West Indies in about a fortnight's time to go into the dry dock. She will then proceed on the Newfoundland Fishery Protection service.

The British sealing schooner Pathfinder was seized and taken to Portland, Oregon, on Friday night by the U. S. revenue cutter Corwin. By orders from Washington she was released on Saturday.

The *Island Reporter*, C. B., records the death of Flora, widow of Donald McLeod, in the 101st year of her age. She leaves children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to the number of 124. Mrs. McLeod is a native of Scotland.

The new nine inch steel rifled guns of the Sydney Field Battery are expected to arrive in Halifax from England in a few days and will be despatched to Sydney forthwith. This species of ordnance is effective at two miles distance.

The men of the Painters and Glaziers Union in Halifax have made a demand for a day of nine instead of ten hours work during the summer months. A good many of them began the nine hour system on Monday. It is said the bakers will also demand the nine hours system.

A remarkably neat and handy *vade mecum* has been forwarded to us by the publishers, Messrs. A. & W. MacKinlay. It is the *Pocket Atlas and Gazetteer of Canada*, a compact and exceedingly well got-up little volume, pocket size, containing 300 pages and 36 maps. It is apparently a very complete little work. Price \$1.00.

The Prince Edward Island Legislature opened on the 27th inst. Mr Patrick Blake, member for Charlottetown, was elected speaker. All the members were present, and an appointment of one of the house officers was carried by a majority of one. The government will have to keep a sharp watch on the attendance of their supporters.

This year is apt to witness a Queen's Birthday review of an unusual character, it being expected that the Duke of Connaught, who is about returning from India *via* Canada, will spend the anniversary in one of our chief cities. Such being the case, no pains should be spared to make the parade of the militia worthy of the occasion.

A human skeleton has been found at the north end of the Lake of the Woods. The skeletons of seven wolves and a revolver with seven empty cartridges were also found near by, and it is supposed that the man was attacked by wolves and had fought desperately for his life, killing seven of the animals before the pack overpowered him.

Lizzie Stewart, the missing witness in the Weeks Sutherland poisoning case, was found at Crapaud on Wednesday of last week. She and her sister had their hair cut short, and are said to have escaped the vigilance of the police by dressing as men. The case was resumed on Tuesday morning, when Lizzie Stewart gave testimony damaging to Mrs. Weeks.

The late Jane Hendry, who died at Chelsea, bequeathed \$1,000 and a lot of land in Halifax to the S. P. C. of this city. It now appears that the signature of the testatrix was witnessed by only two people and the law in Mass. requires three, so that it is extremely unlikely that the S. P. C. will get the money. The lot of land and house on Ross Street will, however, go to the society.

The *New Dartmouth Ferry* was started on Tuesday, when the steamer *Bridgewater* was secured for the day. She was well patronized all day, carrying the greater number of the people who crossed the harbor. On Wednesday the *Electra* took the place of the *Bridgewater* and will continue to run until the *Arcadia* is ready. She leaves Campbell's Wharf in Dartmouth and City Wharf in Halifax every half hour. The citizens of Dartmouth are determined to break the monopoly.

One day last week, says the *Sydney Herald*, several very large moose or cariboo, probably in search of food, ventured from their forest homes near Cape North, and being chased by dogs ran to the beach of a small settlement near by. The dogs surrounded them, preventing their return to the woods, and for several hours the moose led them a very merry chase up and down the beach. Several of the people gathered, but there were no firearms in the district, and at last in desperation the moose discovered a path leading to the forest and vanished from among the people, as one of the onlookers says, "like smoke." The moose are described as being the largest and finest ever seen there.

Burbell, the supposed Princeton murderer, has been receiving gifts of books, flowers and other attentions from the morbidly philanthropic. While it is right to hold the man innocent till his guilt is proved it is decidedly wrong to make a hero of him. Kind and charitable people may easily find far worthier objects for their pity than this strangely constituted young man.

The bill admitting Wyoming to statehood has passed the United States House.

At a special meeting of the Ways and Means Committee at Washington, Chairman McKinley presented the Republican tariff bill. He will be allowed ten days in which to offer amendments. The bill will effect a reduction of \$45,000,000 in the revenue.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina has decided that no city or town has the right to foster manufacturing enterprise by exempting them from taxation. The court grounds its decision on the principle that such exemption is an unconstitutional discrimination in favor of one interest at the expense of others in the matter of taxation.

Louisville, Kentucky, was visited by a terrific cyclone on Thursday night of last week. Ninety-two persons were killed and many others seriously injured. The central and western parts of the city were badly wrecked. The property loss is estimated at \$2,500,000 with very little insurance. Many adjacent towns were also visited by the tornado and suffered in proportion.

Among the rules of a New York livery stable, where the animals of many wealthy men are kept, are the following:—"No man will be employed who drinks intoxicating liquor. No man shall speak loud to any of the horses, or in the stable where they are. Horses of good blood are nervous, and loud excited conversation is felt by every horse who hears it, and keeps them all nervous and uneasy. No man shall use profane language in the hearing of horses."

Brooklyn is excited over a Jekyll-Hyde burglar who has been living very quietly with his wife, in Montclair, N. J., respected and even admired by his neighbors, whom he was stripping of their valuables at night by adroitly entering their houses. This is the story of the genteel burglar in Florence Warden's "House on the Marsh" over again. The burglar was captured in Brooklyn just as he was preparing to begin operations there. When arrested he had just come from church. He denies all knowledge of the burglaries, but is identified by a scar caused by a wound which a neighbor, whom he woke up on entering her house, had given him.

The floods in the district along the Mississippi River have done an immense deal of damage. In the Laconia circle, Despatch county, Ark., comprising about 20,000 acres, the scene is heart-rending. This strip is inundated to the depth of from 5 to 20 feet, and the inhabitants, numbering between 20,000 and 30,000 people, whites and negroes, women and children, are perched on the house tops and in the trees. The live stock not already drowned are maintaining a precarious existence with their wretched owners, in some instances on the roofs of residences and elsewhere on improvised platforms of wreckage. Starvation is telling on the cattle, and the human victims are in scarcely a less deplorable condition as to food. From Helena the entire Mississippi delta country from Vicksburg west to Shreveport and down to New Orleans seems doomed to destruction.

The Mikado has opened the industrial exhibition in Yokohama.

A French gunboat has been sunk at Rochefort by collision with a man-of-war.

Fighting has occurred in Dahoney, between the French forces and their native allies. Three men were killed and twelve wounded.

There is a remarkable rush for membership in the London Stock Exchange, and the entrance fee is to be raised from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

A high conclave, including Li Hung Chang, has convened at Peking to confer with the Boards of War and Admiralty regarding Russia's designs on the frontier.

The *Journal de Comercio*, Lisbon, publishes Makololo's formal submission to the Portuguese authorities in East Africa. The natives express regret at the rebellion and declare that the uprising was incited by English agents.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales embarked at Bombay on the 28th ult. on his return to England. A large and enthusiastic crowd gathered to bid him farewell. He made an address, saying that his tour of India had greatly surpassed his expectations.

The English admiralty have determined to introduce a new kind of saluting in the navy. Up to date sailors have saluted their officers by raising their hats. In future they will bring the hand up to the head after the military fashion, only with the side of the hand to the front instead of the palm.

The British and Foreign Bible Society, which has spent \$50,000,000 in the dissemination of the Scriptures, recently celebrated its eighty-sixth birthday by a great entertainment in London for its juvenile agents, who are chiefly young girls, and for whom it had made as one of the features of the occasion a cake that weighed eighty six pounds.

Mr. Balfour's Land Purchase Bill provides for a guarantee fund of £33,000,000, purchase by tenants to be on the basis of 20 years net rental, interest at four per cent, and payments may extend to 49 years. Purchase to cancel all arrears of rent. One per cent of the interest to be devoted to the erection of dwellings for working people. £1,500,000 is to be drawn from the Irish Church surplus to aid the poor in crowded districts and to assist in developing the fisheries.