

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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It has been cold this week—snow fell on Wednesday.

Thursday, November 12th, has been proclaimed thanksgiving day.

The Point du Chene breakwater was badly damaged by the gale of Friday last.

Mr. Pacaud's evidence before the Quebec Royal Commission has taken up several days.

The patent of nobility for Baroness Macdonald has been issued and transferred to the peeress by the Secretary of State, Mr. Chapleau.

Four young men, Hamilton, Downey, Shaw and Davis (colored) charged with highway robbery, were on Tuesday committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

The first meeting of the N. S. Historical Society for this season will be held on November 10th, when Mr. Peter Lynch will read another instalment of his "Reminiscences."

Proceedings have been commenced against members of the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co. and Hon. Thomas McGreevy for conspiring to defraud the Government.

On Friday night last a New Brunswick man, Daniel Mahar, was killed on the railway track, about a mile from Stewiacke. Some fears of foul play have been entertained.

The statement that part of the \$100,000 in the Baie des Chaleurs case was used to buy a diamond necklace for Madame Angers, wife of Governor Angers of Quebec, is denied.

The first session of the seventh annual Sunday School convention was held in the First Baptist Church, this city, on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance of delegates.

J. Hunter Duvar, the well-known P. E. Island bard, is about to publish a book on the stone, bronze and iron relics of early man all over the world. The volume will appear in England.

Diphtheria has broken out in Africville, two cases having resulted fatally there last week, and others being known of. Precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Six John Thompson's daughter Frankie, twelve years of age, is very ill with hip disease, the result of a fall, and it is unlikely that she will recover. Sir John and Lady Thompson are in great distress.

R. H. McGreevy and O. E. Murphy were found guilty of conspiracy in the case of the \$400,000 note given to Murphy by one of his partners. The interesting pair left Quebec for parts unknown on Friday last.

Hon. Mr. Chapleau, Secretary of State, is said, by despatch to the *Chronicle*, to have sent Mr. Abbott an ultimatum informing him that unless he is given the portfolio of railways and canals he will withdraw from the Cabinet.

James Murray, ex-United States consul at St. John, N. B., committed suicide by shooting himself through the head on Thursday morning of last week. He had been suffering from La Grippe and it is supposed that that had something to do with his rash act.

The warships *Journaline* and *Bussard* went to sea on Monday, and returning at night made an attack on the city, which was successfully resisted by the land forces. It is said had this been actual warfare the ships would have been blown out of the water.

Mr. Harvey, head master of the Victoria School of Art and Design, has rewarded three of the pupils of his last season's evening class in object drawing with prizes. The fortunate lads are Willie Madder, G. J. Creed and John Bowes. This school is a splendid thing for our young men.

The committee of the privy council appointed to investigate the extra payment frauds in the interior department, Ottawa, report that sixty officials are employed and recommend that each be fined one month's salary, that suspended clerks be reinstated and precautions taken to prevent similar frauds in the future.

We have been told that sealskins were going to be very dear, but a despatch from Victoria now says that the sealing men are much disappointed over the market for sealskins. The fall sales at London, which determine the prices for the year, show the market to be overstocked, and prices are consequently lower than was expected.

Mr. Stairs, M. P. for Halifax, protested on Monday to the Postmaster-General against the withdrawal of the Allan and Dominion line steamships from this port for the winter. Mr. Haggart treated the matter very cavalierly, and said the Government had no power to compel the mail steamships to call at Halifax if their owners were unwilling.

The single tickets on the Dartmouth ferry are to be raised to four cents, but purchasers of twelve tickets may still get them for three cents each. The privilege of buying the "scrap tickets" required by drivers of teams at a reduced rate is to be withdrawn and the price of such tickets will be five cents. The commutation tickets will remain at the old rates.

We have received a copy of the October number of *The Argosy*, which is published by the Euhetorian Society of Mt. Allison University. It is printed in our city by Messrs. James Bowes & Sons in their usual neat and appropriate manner. We notice especially how effectively the electrotypes are printed. This firm, we understand, make a speciality of this class of work.

"M'sieu Smeat" is the title of the humorous contribution to the superb supplements to be given away with the Christmas number of the *Dominion Illustrated*, now in preparation. It relates the adventures of an Englishman who came to Canada for a hunting trip, and they are portrayed in the most laughable style. When we state that this contribution was written specially for the *Dominion Illustrated* by the author of the celebrated "Lac St. Pierre," we have said all that is necessary to commend it to the Canadian public.

Mr. Knight's paper, *Canada*, is rapidly winning its way into Canadian hearts and homes. The number for October contains, in addition to the continued articles, a beautiful poem called "Una in the Wilderness," by Thos. C. Robson; an imaginative and suggestive essay by Pastor Felix, "The Heart on the Slove;" a story by L. L., "On the Gatineau;" some fine verses by Erio on "Indian Summer at Montreal;" a rendering in verse of a Danish Legend by the Editor; and some choice selections, including a fascinating story from the *Independent*, "Shon McGann's Toboggan Ride." All who subscribe for 1892 now will receive the last three numbers of this year free. One dollar will pay for fifteen months. Published by Matthew R. Knight, Benton, New Brunswick.

The public school inspectors, Normal School, academic and high school teachers of Nova Scotia on Tuesday afternoon presented an address, accompanied by a gift consisting of a set of mantel ornaments and a handsome clock, to Dr. Allison, the retiring Superintendent of Education. The presentation took place in the executive chamber of the provincial building. Among those present were Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. J. W. Longley, Hon. C. E. Church, Dr. Weldon, M. P., William Conrad, chairman of the school commissioners, Supervisor McKay, Inspector Congdon and Principal Ahearn, representing the teachers of the County Academy. Dr. Allison made a suitable reply and expressed his gratitude that the fates were not taking him very far away from Nova Scotia.

Sweets to the sweet! Judging from the way the new candy establishment on Barrington Street has been, and is being patronized, we must have a large number of sweet folks in this city. We have been amused at the children's appreciation of "kandy kitchen kandy," but after testing this excellent article we do not wonder in the least that all prefer the pure material to the wonderful concoctions we are oftentimes offered under the name of "pure confectionery." The North End, never far behind the central business portion of the city, has now a "Candy Pantry" on Gottingen S., which furnishes a very tempting and superior selection of "homemade candy." It is wonderful the quantities of sweetmeats that are consumed every week, and the business of manufacturing the same flourishes accordingly.

Early on Tuesday morning Dempster's planing mill, on Victoria Lane, was destroyed by fire, together with two dwellings, one on either side of it, and other premises in the vicinity had a narrow escape, being only saved by the most strenuous exertions on the part of the firemen. It is becoming a very serious question whether the City Council is justified in permitting the establishment of wood mills within the city limits, or at least in localities where they are surrounded by other buildings. The great conflagration which on the night of the 1st of this month swept away a considerable portion of the business part of the city, and consumed over a quarter of a million of dollars worth of property was started in one of these mills, and Tuesday morning's fire was only prevented from assuming very serious proportions by the absence of wind and the copious floods of rain falling at the time. These buildings vastly enhance the danger to other buildings near them, so that insurance companies either charge much higher rates than they would if the mills were not there, or else refuse to take risks on any places in their vicinity.

The American edition of the *Illustrated London News* for Oct. 24th is full of good things. A new story by Robert Buchanan, entitled "Come Live With Me and Be My Love," is begun, and there are many fine illustrations. Subscription \$5 a year. New World Building, City Hall Park, New York.

For clear barbarity the following story from a United States paper takes the prize; and these are supposed to be civilized days! "Fred Kempson, a negro, was recently convicted of assault and battery with intent to kill, and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment in the penitentiary. Last week he escaped and went back to Lexington county. He prowled around the neighborhood where his victim, Rebecca Thomas, lived. While he was concealed in the woods the woman came along and was soon in Kempson's power. He gave her the choice of having her throat cut or her ears cut off. She choose the latter. He took a pocket knife and severed her ears. Kempson then made threats against those who were instrumental in convicting him and decamped."

The first number of the nineteenth volume of *St. Nicholas* contains the beginning of a serial for boys, by Brander Matthews. It is called "Tom Paulding," and deals with the search by a New York boy for buried treasure in the upper part of Manhattan Island. Local color is given in the first chapter by the bright flames of an election-night fire. This is Mr. Matthews' first venture in writing a long story for the young. Among the most amusing things in this bright number is "The Barber of Sari-Ann," by Jack Bennett. The author, having in the preceding number taught the readers how to make silhouettes, in this shows his credentials by producing exceedingly funny illustrations to an equally amusing poem, which reads like an Ingoldsby legend. Another clever bit of work is "Lancelot's Tower," by Marjorie Richardson, wherein fun and good counsel are equally blended. C. H. Palmer, an English writer, tells the history of "The Sea-Fight off the Azores" in more detail than is permissible in Tennyson's ballad "The