

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Pugwash had a fire on Wednesday week. Estimated loss, \$50,000.

This week has been observed as a week of prayer as is the usual custom.

The firm of Gordon & Keith has dissolved. Mr. Gordon retires from the business.

Moncton had a fire on Monday morning. The Colpitt's building was badly damaged.

The civic expenditure for 1891 in Halifax is estimated at \$335,115, or about \$25,000 over that of last year.

The Cape Breton Railway is open for traffic. The first train from Sydney arrived at Point Tupper on Saturday last.

The public schools re-opened on Monday after the Christmas vacation. The Ladies' College re-opened on Wednesday.

The Summerside *Journal* promises its readers a series of articles on Canadian literature. The first one appeared in its last issue.

The West Riding Regiment is ordered to Barbados on the 2nd day of March. The 17th are expected here on February 25th to relieve the West Riding.

The *Farmer's Advocate* presents its readers with a splendid chromo portrait of Hon. John Carling, Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada.

The Globe Hotel was destroyed by fire on Dec. 31st. During the week an investigation into the cause has been held, which stands adjourned until Monday.

The first number of the *Temperance Index*, the official organ of the Sons of Temperance, published by Firman McClure at Truro, has made its appearance.

There was a strike at the New Glasgow glass works for two weeks past which ended on the 4th inst. The men will return to work on Monday at their own terms.

Sir Joseph Hickson, General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, has retired. Mr. L. J. Sergeant succeeds him, and Mr. Wainwright becomes assistant General Manager.

The late Consul-General Zohrab, who left Hayti in February 1890, and subsequently came to Halifax to reside, died at his residence, Tower Road, on Monday. He has been ill for some time.

Hon. Mr. Foster, Minister of Finance, has returned from his trip to the West Indies. He advises exhibitors at the Jamaica Exhibition to give all possible information about Canada, which is eagerly sought for.

The United States is going to add seven war-ships to the American fleet in the Pacific for the protection of the seal fisheries. Meanwhile Lord Selisbury states that British subjects will be protected in their rights. There may yet be trouble.

The steamer *Harlaw*, Capt. Farquhar, arrived at Halifax on Wednesday night with the crew of the American schooner *Admiral*, wrecked at Byron Island, near the Magdalenes. Rescuing these men was a difficult and dangerous piece of work through the ice.

New Glasgow wants the Provincial Exhibition to be held there this year. If Halifax does not get it we hope New Glasgow will. The Agricultural Society of that place has issued a circular setting forth the advantages New Glasgow offers, and the reasons why the exhibition should be held there.

A man named John Riley jumped out of a second story window of the Sarmatian House, Upper Water Street, on Monday night while suffering from an attack of delirium tremens, and was killed. He came to the city on the night of his death, and obtained no liquor at the Sarmatian House.

Messrs. I. S. Johnson & Co., of Boston, are issuing a neat little daily memoranda calendar "unlike any other" for vest pocket use. Good for any month. Any of our readers who would like to have one, will by sending their address to Messrs. I. S. Johnson & Co., 22 Custom House St. Boston, receive it by return mail.

We have received the Christmas number of the *Colonist* from St John's, Newfoundland. It is a highly creditable production. On the cover is a portrait of the Madonna and child, and the whole paper is religious in tone. Archbishop O'Brien contributes a sonnet, and there are several other poetical pieces of merit, besides interesting prose matter. The illustrations are very good.

A useful Calendar is issued by the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company Agent in Halifax, Charles J. Wyld. It has Sundays and holidays printed in red ink, and other days in black. The Queen Insurance Company always sends out a fine Calendar, and this year's is no exception. The large card pictures a fine engine drawn by two horses going to the fire as fast as possible. Stephen Tobin, General Superintendent for the Maritime Provinces. Herbert Harris' Calendar is very artistic. A bunch of pink, white and yellow roses, with their stems drawn through the thumb hole of a white palette on a blue ground, reminds us that the Halifax Nursery is the place to order flowers from. The Invincible and Peg Top Cigar Factory, L. O. Grothe & Co., Montreal, sends us a mammoth Calendar. The figures are visible to the naked eye at a long distance.

It is a fact worth knowing that of all the medicines put on the market for the relief of coughs and colds, none are equal to the Oxford Cough Syrup. The effect produced by a few doses is simply marvellous.

Mgr. Labelle, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Quebec, died on Sunday morning last after a short illness. He was in his 58th year.

The Halifax schooner *Ellie*, from Porto Rico, arrived here on Sunday after a week of terrible battling with wind and weather. Most of the crew were ill and one man died at sea on the last day of the year.

The sons and daughters of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island enjoyed an "evening at home" on New Year's night in Tremont Temple, Boston. The gathering was an unqualified success in attendance and enthusiasm.

There were 108 MSS. sent in for the *Toronto Week's* prize story competition. Miss Alice, daughter of Hon. A. G. Jones, took the first prize, Miss Christina R. Frame, daughter of Archibald Frame, of Maitland, taking the second prize. The third and fourth went to Ontario. Miss Jones' story is entitled "Hidden Treasure" It was published in *The Week* of the 2nd inst.

There are evidences of a murder having been committed at Belledune, N. B. Five men named Cameron, Culligan, Yound, Arseneau and Guitier have been arrested, and an examination has been conducted at Dalhousie during the week. There is great excitement over it. The victim is a Swedish sailor named Williams, who went to Belledune in October, and was attacked by three men. He has never been seen since.

Emma Abbott the singer died at Salt Lake City on Monday.

The *British American Citizen*, of Boston, sends us a "Loyal Buyer's Guide" for the use of shoppers in the Hub. The owners of firms who do not discriminate against Protestants are given.

The Fifth Avenue Theatre, N. Y., was burned on Friday night last, and Hermann's Theatre adjoining was badly damaged. Fanny Davenport lost all the costumes and scenery of "Cleopatra," costing over \$40,000.

The Indian war is still going on. A desperate battle was fought between 120 Indians and 500 men of the 7th Cavalry, under General Forsythe, at Wounded Knee on the 27th of December. The Indians were shot down like dogs with Hotchkiss guns. Another battle took place on Clay Creek soon afterwards. Several cavalry men were killed. A great battle is imminent. The Indians are determined to die hard.

One of the pleasant surprises which the editor of *St. Nicholas* is fond of offering to subscribers, is an unannounced little fanciful serial, "Elfie's Visit to Cloudland," by Frances V. Austen, with just the sort of pictures that children like, and plenty of them too. The Pratt Institute, Brooklyn's "Great Industrial School," is fully described by a well-informed writer, and explained by the artistic illustrations of Mr. Wiles, and the young people will marvel at this wonderful school wherein are taught all things teachable, from high art to dusting a room. Andrew Lang continues his "Story of the Golden Fleece;" J. T. Trowbridge and Noah Brooks vigorously carry on their serials, and Mrs. Jamison's "Lady Jane" promises the conclusions in the next number. As usual, the magazine is distinguished by being eminently attractive without a trace of sensationalism.

A Washington despatch says:—The crusade against the Canadian railroads has begun in earnest. The Vanderbilt system has set the ball rolling. C. M. Depew has planned a campaign which will be aggressive yet conservative. It is to place the Canadian roads under the authority of the interstate commerce commission. Just before Christmas a bill was introduced in the house by representative Burton, of Cleveland, O. John Newell, president of the Lake Shore road, was here about the same time. The Burton bill requires any railroad doing business partly in the United States and partly in adjacent foreign countries to obtain from the interstate commerce commission a license to engage in such business, which license may be revoked if the holder violates the interstate commerce laws. The Vanderbilt roads have had their representative here for a fortnight past, feeling the congressional pulse and preparing the way for legislation. He is Gen. John McNulta, an Illinois lawyer and politician, who enjoys the confidence of Chairman Cooly of the interstate commerce commission in a marked degree, and is a neighbor and political and personal friend of Senator Culom, chairman of the interstate commission.

Prince Ch'un, father of the Emperor of China, is dead.

It is stated that an epidemic of black small pox prevails in the Trans-Caspian Territories.

Very cold weather has prevailed in Europe for some time. A thaw has set in in London.

Thirty-two thousand deaths from small pox have been reported from April to September.

The railway strike at Glasgow, Scotland, is not yet over. The strikers are confident of success.

Mr. Parnell will probably retire if Wm. O'Brien is made leader of the party in place of Justin McCarthy.

The barquentine *James H. Hamlin*, of Halifax, was reported fever stricken about 15 miles north of Navassa by the steamship *Newport*. Offers of help were declined by the barquentine.

The following appointments by the Queen have been announced:—Sir Edward Cecil Guinness has been raised to the peerage. Sir Hercules Robinson becomes a baronet. Hon. Josiah Rees, Chief Justice and Judge of the Vice Admiralty Court, is made knight, and Southerland, chairman of the Peninsular and Oriental steam navigation company, has been named a Knight Commander of the order of St. Michael and St. George.