

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL.

The regular annual meeting of the Amherst Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company was held on 26th inst. The company's affairs were shown to be in a very satisfactory condition, the sales for the year amounting to \$205,000, or an increase of \$38,000 over the previous year. The number of hands now employed is 110. The new factory now in course of erection near the I. C. R. will be ready for occupation in July. The building is a large four-story building, including the basement, which is of brick. It will in every way be admirably suited for its purpose, and will be well fitted out with the latest and most approved appliances. The company will continue to occupy its present premises as a retail store.

A meeting of the Board of Charities was held on Wednesday. In reply to enquiries, Mr. McKerron said that no action was taken that was of any material public interest. But the matter with the doctors was advanced a stage or two. The Board of Charities would follow out their own line of action. They were responsible to the Government for what they did. The hospital had all the medical assistance it required and was in first-class condition. No patient had died since the old staff struck. The hospital had attending physician and surgeon, and a consulting staff—all the medical assistance that was required. There was no truth in the report that Commissioner McPherson had resigned. It is understood that the Board of Charities has instructed Drs. Reid and Sinclair, of the asylum for the insane, who are in the pay of the Board, to do duty at the hospital.—*Herald*.

The Mayor has received the following:

MAYOR MACKINTOSH, Halifax—

MONTREAL, May 26.—Will transport your car free with pleasure.

(Signed)

J. HICKSON.

MAYOR MACKINTOSH, Halifax—

MONTREAL, May 26.—Will take supplies from Montreal to Port Arthur free. Government should have taken transportation from there.

(Signed)

W. C. VANHORN.

The car will leave some time next week. It is said that the boys are badly in need of socks, etc. Parties in the country can render good service by promptly sending to the care of the Mayor donations of that article of clothing.

The report telegraphed from Halifax that an inspector had found the Alert, upon her being returned by the United States to the Government of Great Britain, in bad condition, is received with surprise at the navy department, Washington. Chief Engineer Loring attributes the reported bad condition of her machinery to the natural wear and tear incident to the voyage. The officers who accompanied the vessel to Halifax had not an opportunity to clean her machinery before she was taken in charge by the representatives of Great Britain and before their return trip to New York.

Miners will find every description of stock, in their line, for sale at H. H. Fuller's, hardware merchant of this city.

The usual anniversary exercises in connection with Acadia College will be held this year on Thursday next, the 4th day of June. Arrangements have been made for excursion tickets over the W. & A. and Intercolonial Railways for one fare.

The steamer "Buena Vista," which arrived Thursday evening from Liverpool, G. B., via St. John's, Nfld., met a great deal of fog after leaving the latter port and saw a number of icebergs. She sailed from St. John's at eight o'clock on Monday evening, and between that hour and noon of Tuesday made less than eighty miles, passing through heavy fog very stealthily, to avoid coming in contact with ice. Otherwise favorable weather was experienced the whole passage.

FOREIGN.

Novoe Vremya, St. Petersburg, says that a large number of Russian troops are going to the Afghan frontier.

It is reported that a Russian outpost has fired upon a Chinese outpost in Manchuria.

Political Correspondence believes that arbitration of the Afghan frontier dispute has been abandoned and that a new frontier commission will be appointed.

A portion of the Italian troops at Massowah have occupied Dehalik Island near that town.

The king of Abyssinia desires a treaty with Italy respecting Massowah and environs.

Sickness among the British troops is steadily increasing and the total number invalided in April and May up to date is 1,100. Friendly natives are now joining Osman Digna.

The Czar has presented Gen. Komaroff with 100,000 roubles.

Advices from India report that reinforcements of Cabul infantry have arrived at Herat, and that more are going thither from Candahar and Cabul. Also that the Afghans are busily repairing the defences of Herat. Advices from Sinjon, where the British boundary commission is in camp, say that the Ameer's proclamation was posted on the walls of Herat, and that the Mokasha publicly invoked the blessing thereon. Reports state that the Afghans object to British occupation.

Sheik Melik, a descendant of the kings of Argo, has been appointed by the Khedive governor of the province of Dongola. It will be virtually an independent sovereignty after the evacuation of the province by the British is completed. The British government disclaims responsibility for the appointment and says it will not be answerable for the result. The Constantinople correspondent of the *Times* says that the Turkish council of ministers is undecided as to the occupation of Suakim by Turkey and that the grand visier constantly opposes the British proposals.

General reports are in circulation at Cairo to the effect that El Mahdi has sent Hassen Khalifa to Cairo to arrange terms with the Khedive.

The appointment of the president of Maynooth college, Rev. Dr. William Walsh, by Pope Leo, to be the successor of the late Cardinal McCabe, as archbishop of Dublin, will be received with the heartiest acclaim by the Irish nationalists everywhere. "It is," said an eminent Boston Catholic yesterday, "a great victory over the pro-English party in Rome and the castle retainers in Dublin."

CANADIAN.

The senate passed the third reading of the bill amending the Scott act, including the beer and light wine clause, by a majority of eleven. There is a strong feeling in the Commons that the Scott act as it stood should have a fair and full trial. Probably the senate amendment will not be agreed to.

The Canadian department of the great International exhibition at Antwerp is attracting much attention and is highly creditable to Canada. It is exceedingly representative, though the specimens are not as numerous as a longer time for preparation would certainly have secured. The time for the reception of foreign exhibits has been extended to the 15th of June, so intending exhibitors in Canada will yet have time to forward any further specimens they may wish. All such exhibits will be carried to and from Antwerp at the expense of the Dominion government. Exhibitors from this province can get full information by application to W. D. Dimock, Truro. The condensed milk and canning company of Truro have already achieved a success by their exhibit at Antwerp. Their trophy of canned milk is highly spoken of and agents have readily been found for its sale in the commercial capital of Belgium. The company deserve every success for their enterprise in forwarding such a fine exhibit of their products to the world's exhibition. A gentleman from Fredericton, who has just returned from Antwerp, says, in relation to the Canadian court of the exhibition: "The exhibit itself is a good one, well arranged and in a most convenient quarter. It is representative of the country's products, was favorably noticed by the king of the Belgians on the opening day, and will doubtless tend to clarify continental opinion as to Canada's resources and her distinct nationality."

A despatch from Regina announces that Pie-a-Pot has been holding a sun dance on his reserve. About six hundred Indians are present. There will however be no tortures, as the governor has forbidden them. Governor D'Almeida and some of the Regina people are viewing the dance, and Professor Duell has gone out to take photographic views. Number Five company of the 90th battalion, Quebec, has gone to Edmonton with 175 teams, including Bakers' bull teams, which are taking out supplies. It is said that provisions are scattered all along the trails, having been thrown off to lighten the loads. Those who are in a position to know say that the expense for provisions and transportation will aggregate a figure entirely out of proportion to the number of troops supplied. A gentleman who is in a position to know whereof he speaks says a load of hay delivered at Clark's Crossing costs about \$900. The general feeling amongst the police force at Regina is that Col. Irvine is a clever, fearless officer, and that he would disobey no orders through cowardice. They say that when the whole matter is explained it will be found that he is no way culpable for his failure to join Middleton at Batoche. It was Irvine who rode into Sitting Bull's camp after the Custer massacre with only half a dozen men. A gentleman who has been with Riel's family at St. Vital a good deal since the capture of Louis, states that the family are stricken with grief, the rebel's poor old mother being actually bowed down.

At eight o'clock Wednesday morning a wagon train numbering sixty-seven vehicles arrived at Battleford with the half-breeds, who corralled them just west of the barracks and then laid down their arms. The party numbered about 150 of all told. Their arms consisted of four rifles and seventeen shot-guns. At 11 o'clock an Indian rider in full war paint dashed in, saying Poundmaker would arrive within an hour to surrender with all his councillors. Promptly on time Poundmaker arrived with the captured wagon train, some stock and the wagon loaded with repeater shot-guns and a few flintlocks, numbering in all 210. General Middleton then held a big pow wow, which lasted three hours. Poundmaker blamed Riel for inciting the Indians to rise, and said he came in to let the General kill him so as to save his people. Several chiefs followed, all blaming Riel for misleading them. A scene occurred during the pow wow when General Middleton asked who killed Barney Tremont and Payne. One young brave rose from the circle, knelt at General Middleton's feet, saying the great chief could cut him in pieces, as he killed Payne. He further said he did not want all punished for his offence. Then another acknowledged that he had shot Tremont. At the conclusion of the pow wow, General Middleton ordered chiefs Poundmaker, Break-through-the-Ice, Yellow Mud Blanket and the two murderers to confinement. The remainder were sent to the reserve. The remainder of Poundmaker's party are expected soon. They evidently brought the least valuable of their arms in to-day, and the young braves are believed to have all the best rifles. It is thought they will break into small parties and escape to the United States.