

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The annual session of the Royal Society opened at Ottawa on the 7th inst.

Montreal intends celebrating the Queen's birthday by having a military parade and review.

Gabriel Dumont is said to be collecting half-breeds and Indians for wild-west show purposes in Paris.

Sydney Mines has voted for incorporation, 69 for, and none against. The town will embrace an area of about 3,000 acres.

It is said that 2,000 malcontents in the Toronto ranks of the Salvation Army have seceded and will set up a rival organization.

A cotton factory, the largest under one roof in America, is to be erected at Montmorency Falls, Quebec, to be running in September.

It is now stated that Mr. Haggart, the present postmaster general, will be made minister of railways, and Mr. Abbott postmaster-general.

Mr. Van Bruyssel, the Belgian Consul-General in Canada, has been ordered to make Ottawa his headquarters instead of Quebec, as heretofore.

The \$3,000 offered as a reward for the capture of Morrison, the murderer, is to be divided among those who made and assisted at the capture.

The *S. S. Halifax* will leave Boston for this port to-morrow and will continue her regular trips as usual, returning to Boston on Wednesday the 15th inst.

One hundred and twenty men accompanied by a Major and Lieutenant are on their way to Halifax. They will be added to the West Riding Regiment.

Labor Day will be celebrated in Halifax on July 23rd with a monster demonstration in the morning, and a picnic at McNab's Island in the afternoon.

The act authorizing the use of Standard time in Prince Edward Island goes into operation this week. The change is only 12 minutes 29 seconds from sun time.

The ladies of Lawrencetown, Annapolis County, held a bean social on the 9th inst. in aid of the Lawrencetown band. They were assisted by the Middleton brass band.

An Ottawa despatch says that Sir John Macdonald will sail for England on the 23rd inst. to confer with the Imperial Government in regard to the Behring Sea and fisheries.

Private parties are offering to deliver city letters at less than the new postage rate, so that the government will reap no benefit from the increase. So says an Ottawa despatch.

The steamer *M. A. Starr* has been thoroughly overhauled and refitted, painted and repaired, and is again on the route between Halifax and Charlottetown, calling at intermediate ports.

The news of the loss of the brig *Addie Benson* has been confirmed. The *Addie Benson* was a brig of 328 tons. She was built in Bear River and registered at Sydney. The crew were saved.

The *Amherst Gazette* of last week appeared as an eight page paper, and contained the announcement that a tri-weekly edition to be called the *Amherst Record* will make its first appearance on the 11th inst. at noon.

The water act has been carried in Wolfville by a majority of 56 votes. Water has long been needed in Wolfville and the people are to be congratulated on their enterprise in taking hold of the matter and pushing it forward.

Special reports received at the Mounted Police Department give the particulars of the meeting of the half-breeds called by Gabriel Dumont at Batoche. Dumont's discourse is considered anything but hostile to the Government.

Eight business establishments, the Jewish synagogue and the Brooklyn hotel, at Winnipeg, were burned on Monday last. The Zion Methodist Church and other large buildings were damaged. The loss has not yet been estimated.

The new suspension bridge at Niagara, to replace the one carried away by the cyclone last winter, was opened for travel on the 7th inst. The bridge was commenced on March 21st, is 1,260 feet long, 17 feet wide, and 197 feet above the water.

The Kindergarten school in Dartmouth was opened on Wednesday in the Quarl Street school house. It is under the charge of Miss M. A. Hamilton, who recently passed a very successful course of study in the subject under Miss Woodcock at the Normal School, Truro.

The Halifax County Exhibition is to be held at Middle Musquodoboit from the second to the fourth of October. The prize list can now be obtained from Robert Kaulback, Secretary for Exhibition, or from the secretaries of the various Agricultural Societies in the country.

Monday was observed as Arbor Day by the city public schools. This year each school conducted its own exercises instead of gathering at the Academy building. Many of the trees planted last year are said to have been destroyed, and care should be taken to prevent this in the future.

Sanford Fleming has offered to donate \$5,000 to the Canadian Institute.

Mr Wiggins predicts a hot dry summer, and what little rain we get will come from a northerly point, that is to say, from north east or north-west. The old time thunder storms from the south, south-east, or south-west will not get here this year. The prediction is for the whole of North America.

The new Post Office Act is expected to go into effect at once, and then we will have to pay two cents on drop letters or use postal cards, and registration will cost five cents. The only balm in the act is the increase from half an ounce to an ounce in the weight of letters to be sent for one rate.

Mitchell's fruit, confectionery, and ice cream parlors on George Street, which for five months have been cased in by a rough board building, were uncovered on Monday. The building has entirely changed its appearance, being now of pressed brick with freestone trimmings, and is a great improvement over the old granite front.

It is understood that the N. S. Central Railway will have its terminal station under the same roof with the new station of the W. and A. Railway at East Middleton. This will no doubt be a convenient arrangement. Two railway stations in a place the size of Middleton would be more than are required to transact the business of the place.

The *Moncton Times* says:—Mr. Robert Gilbert, of Shediac, son of the late W. J. Gilbert, Q. C., intends to publish a semi-monthly agricultural journal in Moncton. He will be assisted by Mr. Patterson, of St. John. Mr. Gilbert was in Moncton on Saturday. He has had some experience in journalism, having been on the staff of the *New York Herald* last summer.

A fast train will be run between Halifax and Montreal this summer with refrigerator cars attached in which fresh fish will be taken to the Montreal market from the Maritime Provinces. It will leave Halifax twice every week, taking the N. B. fish at Dalhousie. This is no doubt a good thing for the fish trade and for the Upper Provinces, but it is to be hoped that it will not further increase the price of fish here.

This has been a remarkably good year with the seal fishers of Newfoundland. The season for catching seals there runs through the months of March, April, and May, and the catch of the past two months is reported as unprecedented. One vessel entered the harbor of St. John's with 38,000 seals aboard, that had been captured within nineteen days; another took in 32,000, another 31,000, and several others almost as many. Judging from the cargoes already delivered, it is estimated that the spring catch will number over 500,000, worth \$1,125,000. The seals were taken on the ice off the east and north coasts of the island of Newfoundland, and the principal species taken are the harp and hooded seals, which outnumber the square flipper and the dotard. A great many are taken to New York, which is a big market for sealskins.

Barnum has presented the skeleton of Jumbo to the New York Museum of Natural History.

The State Department is advised that Russia will send delegates to the International Marine Conference in Washington, in October next.

It is considered probable, in Washington, that either William Walter Phelps or John A. Kasson will be appointed Minister to Germany.

Owing to his declining mental faculties the venerable historian, George Bancroft has been obliged to desist from all attempts at further literary work.

Sir Julian Pauncefote presented his credentials to President Harrison last Friday. His address and the President's reply were of the most cordial character and augur well for the amicable relations of the two countries.

George Francis Train is still fasting, and his weight has fallen from 198 to 174 pounds. His pulse is down to 60 and is weak. He drinks two pitchers of water and takes a Turkish bath daily. He is determined to outfast Dr. Tanner.

There is much suffering among the Pennsylvania coal miners—many of them are said to be starving, and hundreds of families are destitute. The distress is owing to the long continued idleness at the mines and inability to secure any other work.

Mrs. J. M. Kellogg, wife of the Attorney-General of Missouri, has been installed as First Assistant Attorney-General. She was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court 8 years ago, and is a member of the State Bar Association, as well as a partner in the law business with her husband.

The John Hopkins hospital at Baltimore was formally opened on Tuesday last. It is one of the finest and most complete institutions in the world, embracing seventeen buildings, and surrounded by ten acres more of beautiful parkage. Its construction was begun more than 10 years ago, and the total cost was \$2,500,000. It is a gift to the city by the late John Hopkins.

Mrs. Frank Leslie has received letters from Lord Ronald Gower, offering to present, through her, to some public gallery or collection in New York, his colossal marble bust of Our Saviour, called "It is Finished", now in the Royal Academy of London. This work of art, which is now on its way to New York, will be accompanied by the plaster casts of the Shakespeare monument in bronze lately presented by Lord Ronald Gower to Stratford-Avon.

In northern Michigan no rain has fallen for several months and fires are raging in every direction, threatening destruction to property and heavy losses to lumbermen and farmers. In Midland, Clare, Gladwin and Osceola counties the flames are running through timber and over uncleared farms, and men are trying to check the progress of the fire. Dakota also is a lovely spot. These places have a super-abundance of blizzards, cyclones, cloud

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