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Personals.

Rev. E. E. Gates returned last week to his Church in Noank, Conn., after a pleasant vacation of five weeks in Halifax. During these weeks he supplied the Nouth Church, Halifax, and the Windsor Church each one Sabbath, and was heard with much interest. Mr. Gates reports that the work in Noank is prospering. Seventy were added to his Church last winter. The membership of the Church is now 570. He has been pastor in Noah for five years and was previously pastor at Sennett, N. Y. for six and a half years.

Rev. York A. King of Providence R. I. has recently returned from a trip to England, Scotland and Wales, in the course of which he attended the Baptist World Congress, the Keswick meetings and a convention of the great revival in Wales, all of which he has greatly enjoyed, and is returning to his work refreshed and with expectations of large blessings in his Church work during the coming year.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

The barns of Alex. Lounsbury, a prosperous farmer of Lewis Mountain, Westmorland, were burned on Tuesday with most of the season's crop.

At a meeting of the Nova Scotia exhibition commission on Tuesday night Judge Longley was appointed president. The outlook for the exhibition this year is good.

The Hon. George H. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia, has received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from St. Francis Xavier College; also Dr. A. H. McKay, Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia.

Detective Roberts, of Fredericton, went to Londonderry, on Wednesday morning to seize two horses, taken there by John Thomas, the horse thief, who is wanted by the authorities of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The Provincial Board of Education met on Wednesday morning. The principal matter considered was the proposed consolidation of the schools at Hampton. It was decided to refer the matter to the chief Superintendent of education, who will endeavor to obtain more information.

The directors of the New Brunswick Telephone Co. have decided that a central energy system will be installed in Fredericton as soon as their new building for head offices and exchange is completed. It is estimated that the installation of their new system and apparatus will cost about \$15,000.

By a vote representing 1,253,000 members against 26,000, the trade and labor congress at Henley, Eng., declared for free trade, asserting that any "departure therefrom would be detrimental to the interests of the working classes, upon whom the burdens of protection would press the most heavily."

The rate of absorption of Canada's free lands is increasing. During the month of August there were 3,059 homestead entries made. During the same period last year the entries were 696 fewer. The heaviest entry list comes from Regina, where 919 entries were granted.

The license commissioners of North Oxford, Ont., have addressed a letter to the people of the county, asking for their assistance in enforcing the license law, and reminding them that unless they are as fully prepared to assist in that enforcement as they are in that of all other offences, they cannot justifiably look for any improvement in the situation they deplore.

Statistics gathered in San Francisco in regard to the Japanese engaged in business show that they have entered into lively competition with Americans in a large number of occupations which the Chinese do not invade. There are eighty-five Japanese hotels in San Francisco, sixty restaurants, sixteen intelligence offices, nine shooting galleries, eleven billiard rooms and seventy-five house cleaning offices. These are all licensed; and there is a large number of unlicensed cobblers, butchers, janitors, porters and domestic servants.

President Loubet will be the first Chief of the Third Republic to retire under normal conditions at the completion of his term. Theirs resigned, so did MacMahon, and though M. Grevy completed one term, he had to quit office before the expiration of the second. Carnot was murdered, Casimir-Perier left the Elysee in disgust, and Felix Faure's career was cut short by his sudden death.

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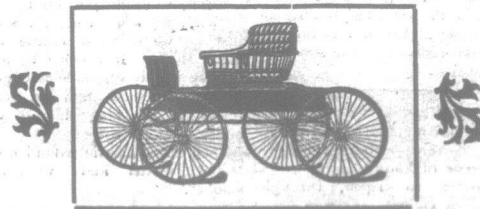
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