

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Sir Leonard Tilley is visiting British Columbia.

There are 1,318 miles of railway in New Brunswick.

Winnipeg's proposed new hotel will be seven stories high and will cost \$150,000.

75 acres of cucumbers, the *New Star* says, will be planted in the Gasperaux Valley this year.

Twelve carloads of fine white clay are shipped from Shubenacadie to the pottery at Enfield every year.

The citizens of Farnsboro have decided to take the necessary steps to secure the incorporation of the town at once.

It is estimated that in Manitoba 636,000 acres of wheat and 357,000 acres of other grains will be seeded this year.

The centre of revictualling the ships of the French squadron on this station, will in future be Halifax instead of Sydney.

Montreal assessment this year shows an increase of five million dollars, or an increase of twelve millions in the last two years.

A Children's Home has been secured in Winnipeg by the purchase of the late residence of E. M. Wood, Fort Rouge, for \$4,750.

A largely signed petition has been presented to the City Council, asking to have Detective Power re-instated in the employ of the city.

George A. Barker has been elected Mayor of St. John, by a majority of 668 votes over Chas. A. Everett. The contest was a sharp one.

Sir John Lister Kaye is developing an immigration scheme under which it is expected seven thousand people will be brought out next season.

There has been a post office robbery in Shubenacadie. One of the burglars has been arrested. There are said to be three others at large.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was convened in Toronto on Wednesday. Principal Grant was elected moderator.

Toronto is making every preparation for the celebration of Dominion Day in a manner befitting both the anniversary and the Queen City of the West.

The strike of moulders at Sackville is ended, as far as the Enterprise Foundry is concerned. The men in that establishment have recommenced work.

Steel rails have been purchased for the Annapolis and Digby sections of the W. C. Railway. They will be landed at Annapolis and Digby in a few weeks.

Two young men who started to cross the Niagara in a boat just above the rapids on the 9th inst. were carried over the Horseshoe Falls. Nothing has been seen of the bodies.

Yarmouth celebrated its natal day on the 17th in good style. Everything went off well. The Yarmouth firemen won the one hundred dollar hose reel competition, and Windsor came in second.

Granville, Annapolis Co., experienced a cyclone one day last week, which blew down barns, trees, and fences. The cyclone's path was about 20 rods wide, and it travelled from south-west to north east.

A tremendous rain-storm visited Cobourg and the townships of Haldimand and Hamilton, Ont., last week, carrying away mills, dams, and bridges, inundating houses, and destroying gardens and railway embankments.

There have arrived at Winnipeg a number of settlers from Glen Ulm, Dakota, who intend making their home in Manitoba. In a five years trial of Dakota they have lost their crops every year, and leave that country in disgust.

J. C. Ayer & Co., of Lowell, have commenced an action in the exchequer court at Ottawa against the Dominion Government for \$124,000 damages, on account of the illegal seizure and detention of their goods by customs officials.

Mayor Langelier of Quebec has gone to England. He will present Madame Albani with a gold brooch in the form of a Canadian beaver, which Hon. Mr. Mercier sends her as a souvenir of her visit to Quebec and Montreal.

Fenwick Hamilton and Mrs. W. H. Middleton, who eloped from Ottawa about 18 months ago, were married in Boston the other day. Mr. Middleton obtained a divorce from his wife at the last session of the Dominion Parliament.

Messrs. Hubbard Bros., of Philadelphia, announce the publication next month of a book of stories entitled "Hairbreadth Escapes of Major Mendax," from the pen of F. B. Crofton. The illustrations are by Bennett of New York.

The Brotherhood of Engineers have been holding a grand union meeting in Moncton this week. Several guests outside of the Brotherhood have been invited. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers now extends to all parts of the continent.

British Columbia sealers have no intention of tamely submitting to the U. S. cruisers this year. They will boldly enter Bebrings Sea and claim the rights of British seamen, as on ocean waters common to all nations everywhere else on the globe.

Parties from Port Lebear and Port Jolie, about twenty five miles east of Lockeport, reported quantities of wreckage coming ashore at these places on the 10th inst. Numbers of fat cattle also came ashore. The fog was so dense that investigation was impossible.

The death is recorded of Lt.-Col. Do Bellefeuille, District Paymaster of No. 5 Military District. The deceased officer was a Lieutenant in the 100th Regiment, was senior captain of the Quebec Rifles in the 1870 Red River expedition, and subsequently held staff appointments till his death at the comparatively early age of 54.

A fortune of \$30,000,000 has been left by a miserly old lady named Innes, who died in Scotland in 1840. She had made a disposition in trust to the nearest of kin whomsoever, and claims are now put forward by the descendants of one Robert Innes living in Cumberland County and elsewhere in Nova Scotia. There are about sixty or seventy persons interested.

Messrs. Wiltshire & Co., Real Estate Agents, of Kontville, have issued an interesting pamphlet calculated to draw the attention of intending English settlers to the advantages and beauties of the Annapolis Valley. We wish these gentlemen every success in their endeavors. The Messrs. W. have on their books about 120 properties for sale in that fertile and interesting region at prices varying between \$1,000 and \$10,000.

Hon. John Hamilton Gray, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, died on the 4th inst. from paralysis, in the 75th year of his age. He was born in Scotland in 1836, was educated at King's College, Windsor, studied law with William Blowers Bliss and was admitted an attorney in New Brunswick in 1836. He was appointed a judge of the supreme court of British Columbia in 1872, eventually succeeding to the chief justiceship.

Sackville, N. B., has had a sensation, caused by the deeds of three youthful sons of respectable parents. They have during the past six weeks entered several houses and shops and stolen sundry articles, but worse than that, they had laid plans for assassination and highway robbery. Five of the young villains were arrested, but two of them were released on bail of \$200 each to appear as witnesses. The other three have been committed to the county jail to await their trials at the July term of the Supreme Court.

The American Association for the advancement of science will meet in Toronto on the 27th August next to remain in session one week. This gathering of probably a thousand prominent scientific men will prove an interesting event for all who desire the diffusion of systematized knowledge, and its outcome cannot fail to be of benefit. The discussion of scientific subjects, the interchange of experience, and the application of its results, must stimulate the material as well as the intellectual progress of the country.

The great Sioux war-chief Sitting Bull, who has been seriously ill of pneumonia, is much improved and is now considered out of danger.

The negro population of Mississippi is increasing at a much faster rate than the white. In 1870 the number of negroes in the State was 445,080, and of whites 384,549. In 1880 the negroes numbered 653,550, and the whites on y 481,728.

The superintendent of prisons has received an offer from a Philadelphia man to act as a victim to science by testing the efficacy of the new apparatus for executing by electricity. The applicant says he is a poor man and is willing to be a trial victim if \$5,000 is paid to his family.

A terrible cyclone swept through Arkansas city last Saturday night. The Methodist and Baptist Churches and several residences were wrecked. The roof of the Arkansas elevator, in which is the Missouri Pacific Depot, was blown across the track. Several persons were killed and injured.

The distance between Montreal and St. Paul has been reduced by 120 miles by the opening of the Canadian Pacific Sault Ste. Marie route. It is such competition as this that causes the uneasiness among American railway managers, which is showing itself in hostile moves in Congress and before the Inter-State Commerce Committee.

The responsibility of the Pennsylvania disaster is being brought home to the millionaire owners of the reservoir. They appear to have been repeatedly warned of the danger to the valley, and the dangerous condition of the dam, and the Mayor of Johnstown had proposed to represent the matter to the State authorities, but neglected to do so.

The considerable town of Seattle, in Washington Territory, has been nearly destroyed by fire. It is estimated that the total loss in buildings alone is \$10,000,000; the personal losses will probably reach \$20,000,000. It is thought many persons must have perished in the flames. Giant powder was used to blow up buildings in the hope of staying the progress of the flames, but to no effect.

The work of clearing away the ruins of Johnstown, Pa., is being pushed on. The enlightened modern principle of charity is being put into operation in relieving the sufferers. All who are in want and able to work are provided with employment for many weeks to come. Of course this is supplemented by direct giving of money and stores for the aged, children, women, the wounded and the sick. It was the "South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club" that owned the dam which burst and flooded Johnstown. The Club house and cottages belonging to the Association now stand far away from the nearest running water, which is now at the bottom of the valley. Among those believed to be lost by the flood are Blind Tom, the well-known pianist, and Mrs. Lew Wallace, wife of General Lew Wallace, author of "Ben Hur."

The strike of seamen and firemen has paralyzed the shipping business of Belfast.

A London despatch says complete anarchy prevails in Crete. Outrages and murders are frequent.

The Pope has ordered the clerical journals to cease their polemics against the Bruno monument.