

NEWS SUMMARY.

The bank of Montreal has bought a \$200,000 site in Winnipeg, on which it will erect a bank building.

It is expected the Allan line will establish a Pacific ocean service upon the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Mrs. Frederick Delano, of New York, at Sound Beach, N. Y., on Tuesday, swam three miles on a dare, and was perfectly fresh at the conclusion.

The Ottawa city council has referred to the finance committee, with instructions to report upon it, a proposal to impose a tax on bachelors.

The friends of Hon. James Sutherland regret that the news received from Danville, N. Y., regarding the state of his health is not encouraging.

The biggest labor parade ever seen in New York will take place on Labor Day, when more than 10,000 workers in the miscellaneous trades will be in line.

Lord Templemore, who has been a member of the House of Lords for 62 years, and who is the father of that assembly, has entered his 84th year.

West End (London) tradesmen are taking measures to prevent people copying the designs from goods in their windows. "Fashion pirates" are now requested by a commissionaire to "move on."

German cremationists are petitioning the Pope praying that the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church shall no longer be denied to persons wishing their remains to be cremated.

An English farmer has had several cats killed, stuffed and placed in threatening attitudes among the branches of his fruit-trees. Not a bird will come anywhere near the orchard.

The summer home of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Centre Island, Toronto, was totally destroyed by fire on Monday. The loss is heavy, as the building was only slightly insured. The club will at once rebuild a better house.

Shortly after eleven o'clock Tuesday night fire was discovered in the door and sash factory of Donald Giles, Sydney, and before it was extinguished did damage to building and contents, including machinery, to the extent of five thousand dollars.

King Edward has approved the appointment of Dr. Osler to be regius professor of medicine at Oxford in succession to Sir John Burdon Sanderson. Dr. Osler is a Canadian who has achieved fame as a member of the medical faculty of Johns Hopkins, Baltimore.

September 1 is the date set for the opening of the steel plant at Sault Ste. Marie. Everything about the plant is in readiness to start work and the management is sending notice to a number of steel workers, including many former employees, to report so that operations can be commenced the first of next month. The first ore for the blast furnace will arrive from Buffalo in a few days.

The inquest into the drowning of Gerald Woodward, the young Englishman who lately lost his life at St. Mary's, York county, was concluded on Monday evening before Coroner Mullin. The jury brought in a verdict to the effect that the young man was drowned while in an epileptic fit, and attaches no blame whatever to his companions.

Robert MacMurray, brakeman on the Indian town branch of the Intercolonial, was killed while shunting at Newcastle, Monday. He went between cars to withdraw a broken drawbar, when the driver not knowing of his whereabouts, backed the engine and caught him about the breast, crushing his life out. MacMurray was forty-five years of age and leaves a wife and family.

The Railway Commission is in receipt of a large number of applications from farmers

in various parts of the country asking for permission to construct what are known as farm crossings across railway lines. They are all being held till the board has determined whether permission should issue for more than one of these private crossings per farm. The railways are naturally anxious to limit the number as far as possible.

A heavy thunder and lightning storm, accompanied by a deluge of rain, passed over the Annapolis Valley Monday. At Port Williams, the home of Bedford Chase was struck and slightly damaged, and at Wolfville the Presbyterian church was struck, the stroke entering the belfry and passing down the front of the building both inside and outside, ripping off the clapboards and finish and throwing the debris across the yard into the street.

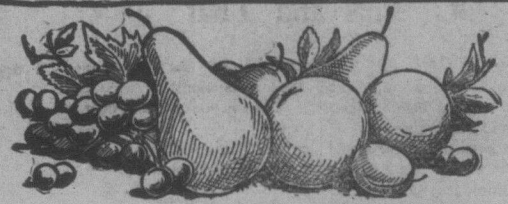
A daring robbery was perpetrated at the residence of Jesse P. Freek, St. Thomas, Ont., on Monday morning. Burglars secured entrance through a window occupied by Freek's eldest daughter, Miss Edna, a teacher at Alma College, and before she could make any outcry had bound and gagged her with a clothes line secured from the yard and some rags which they carried. They threatened to shoot her if she made a noise. The room was then ransacked, and a diamond ring, a pearl ring and \$15 in money taken.

At Truro Wednesday the first meeting of the Nova Scotia Provincial Educational Association was held. Dr. A. H. McKay, superintendent of education for Nova Scotia, presided. The first paper read was by Dr. McKay on Some Present Day Problems. An afternoon session was held at two o'clock, when President Ian C. Hannah, of King's College, Windsor, spoke on university extension in England, and Pro. Murray, of Dalhousie University, Halifax, read a most exhaustive paper on Technical Education and Manual Training. A discussion was opened by President Trotter.

At Boston on Tuesday 26,000 survivors of the Union forces of the civil war assembled from all sections of the United States and marched through the streets. Almost three score dropped from the ranks from exhaustion or prostration. The death of one soldier marred an otherwise happy day. He was Col. John P. Prydon, who died from heart failure, induced by exhaustion. At least two hundred spectators, mostly women fainted during the parade. When the column swept up Beacon Hill they were reviewed from the state house by Governor John L. Bates, who was accompanied by distinguished personages, including Baron Lanoko, the Japanese minister to America; Governor Vansant of Minnesota; former Governors N. Murray Crane and George S. Boutwell, of Massachusetts; Senator Lodge and Booker T. Washington. At city hall Mayor Collins reviewed the parade, having as his guests the mayors of a dozen cities. Then at the end of the route Commander in Chief John C. Black, of the G. A. R., finally inspected the many thousands of his comrades. The living flag, as presented by 2,000 children dressed in white, red and blue and seated in one great body was one of the features of the day.

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