

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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The new Algonquin Hotel at St. Andrews is crowded with guests.

The cost of repairs to the Allan steamer *Polquesian* will, it is said, amount to \$90,000.

Kingston, which was one of the Suffragan Sees of Toronto, has been made an archdiocese.

G. R. Parkin, the Imperial Federation delegate, has been warmly received at Melbourne, Australia.

A man named Edmund Dillon, living at Guysboro, lost his life by being gored by a bull last Sunday.

Charlottetown has been created a port of registry under the act respecting the registration and classification of ships.

A Quebec despatch says the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre was visited on Sunday, the 21st ult., by over 3,000 pilgrims.

Donald Morrison, the Megantic murderer, is said to be permanently injured by the wound he received at his arrest.

Five thousand dollars are to be spent on St. Luke's Cathedral in modernizing the interior and repainting the outer walls.

C. B. McDougall, late of the *Pictou News*, is negotiating with the publishers for the purchase of the *Campbellton Pioneer*.

Reports from Canning, state that cholera infantum is doing deadly work among children. There were several deaths last week, and one this.

A warrant for the extradition of Burko, charged with complicity in the Cronin murder, was forwarded from Ottawa to Winnipeg on Wednesday.

The American Association for the advancement of science meets in Toronto on 27th instant, and will continue its session to the 7th September.

The Telephone Company is rebuilding its lines between Halifax, the North West Arm and Bedford. Direct connections and better service will result.

Some Italian laborers who were recently working in Nova Scotia, have gone to Albert County, N. B., having been engaged to work on the Albert Southern Railway.

Pictures representing scenes at Johnstown during the flood, have been drawing good houses in St. John, and, says a St. John paper, were much enjoyed by those present.

The streets of Truro are being improved by a coating of slag from the iron mines. The beautiful park is being liberally patronized by picnickers, and business in the town is brisk.

The Dominion Government is now paying out annuities to Indians under treaty, and the amount of trust moneys held by the Government for the benefit of Indian tribes exceeds \$4,000,000.

Rev. D. M. Gordon, now in London, has been advised by Sir Morell MacKenzie to take a long sea voyage for his health. He will sail at once for Japan, returning to Canada via Vancouver, B. C.

The buildings at the Acadia Iron Mines were partially destroyed by fire on Monday, and it was feared at one time that all the buildings would be lost. The men by superhuman efforts succeeded in saving them.

Major Carpenter writes to the *Canadian Gazette* urging that a fund be started to provide the Newfoundland fishermen with arms to defend their rights in the event of no British protection against French aggression.

Work is progressing favorably on the Chignecto Ship Railway, being carried on both day and night in some parts by the aid of the electric light. The time set for the completion of this big undertaking is September, 1890.

We are in receipt of the Regulations and Prize List of the Kings, Hants, and Annapolis Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, to be held at Kentville on the 24th 25th and 26th September next. The prizes aggregate \$2,500.

A despatch from Rome says Bishop Walsh of London, Ont., has been elected Archbishop of Toronto, to succeed the late Archbishop Lynch. The news has been received with rejoicing by the Roman Catholic clergy of Toronto.

Another Behring Sea outrage is reported. The British Schooner *Black Diamond* has been seized by the American Cutter *Rush* and sent to Alaska. Some of our sealing vessels have tough crews, excitement is high and trouble is anticipated.

Mr. Douglas Sladen, the Australian poet, and his party, who were recently in Halifax, are now in Quebec. They visited Windsor, Annapolis, St. John, Fredericton and other places en route. Mr. Sladen is writing a poem on the Loyalists.

The town of Wolfville has come into line with the "early closing" movement, the merchants of that place having decided to close their places of business on Thursday evenings, and so give their employes a chance to enjoy the beautiful summer weather.

We draw attention to the advertisement in our columns of Mr. D. B. Woodworth, Q. C., who has taken up his abode and intends to practice the profession of the law in Halifax. We believe that Mr. Woodworth will be an additional strength to the Nova Scotia Bar.

The Imperial Government is appointing a departmental committee to report on the question of the investment of trust funds in colonial securities. Sir Charles Tupper and other colonial spokesmen were hopeful of the result.

A mill at Granville Ferry, owned by the Carribean Co., was destroyed by fire on Thursday night of last week. Other buildings were also destroyed as well as a vessel in course of construction. There was no insurance on the buildings and the loss was \$12,000. The vessel was insured for \$6,000.

A sensation has been created at Kingston, Ont., by the arrest of a son of Marshal H. Switchell, U. S. Consul, on a charge of being the masked burglar who entered Mrs. Martin's residence, and it is said he has confessed. Switchell is but a mere boy, and up to the present has borne an unblemished character. He is thought to be insane.

Details of the arrangements for the two big artillery competitions to be held in September have just been issued to the Dominion Artillery Association. The Garrison Artillery meeting to be held at Orleans Island; Quebec, will open on the 9th September, and the Field Artillery meeting at Kingston will open on the 24th September; each will continue five days.

The Dominion Government have decided to withdraw the privilege of loading and repacking fish in bond, hitherto enjoyed by the French fishermen of Miquelon. It is contended that this withdrawal will be regarded as an unfriendly act by the French government, and will spoil Sir Charles Tupper's efforts to negotiate a commercial treaty with France.

Mr. O. S. Weeks, who was arraigned in the Police Court last week on the charges of firing two revolver shots at Annie Killam and assaulting his nephew, was released on bail of \$4,000. When the case was called on Thursday Mr. Weeks failed to appear, and his default was endorsed on the bail bond. On Friday, however, he was on hand, but the prosecuting attorney was absent. Mr. Weeks was allowed to leave, but of course is still liable to arrest.

The St. John Carnival has been, on the whole, a success. Our sister city has been treated to "pet" weather, crowds of people have flocked to the merry making, and now that it is over, many of them are coming to Halifax to enjoy another season of fun and pleasure. We extend to each and all a hearty welcome, and trust that next week will prove to them that old Halifax has lots of life, and that Halifaxians are warm hearted, and treat their guests well.

It would naturally be thought that the fact, that it is not quite safe to go over Niagara Falls in a boat, barrel or any other contrivance, would be pretty well understood by this time. Some crank, however, has been recently trying experiments with a barrel-boat in which he was cruel enough to place a dog. The boat was dashed to pieces and the dog has not been seen since. The best thing that cranks can do is to experiment on themselves and so exterminate the species.

The Dominion Illustrated Company is keeping its promise to make its journal worthy of the Dominion. Some of the grandest features of Rocky Mountain scenery are a theme for artist and writer in the last number. The Minister of the Interior, of whom a capital likeness is given, represents the progress of the North West. The Kolapore Cup reminds Canada that her sons are doing their duty in the Old World. A good number on the whole. *The Dominion Illustrated* deserves to be encouraged.

The new "Home" of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was opened last week. The building is on the corner of Grafton and Sackville Streets, and has been comfortably fitted up for the purpose. A large number of guests were present including several clergymen. Miss S. Robinson, the President of the Union, opened the meeting with an address of welcome, and invited Mr. Herbert Harris to take the chair, which he did. A letter was read from Mayor McPherson expressing his regret that he was unable to attend the meeting, enclosing \$10. The sum of \$36 was collected at the meeting.

We are in receipt of a communication from Mr. J. C. Morrison, Proprietor of the Myrtle House, Digby, enclosing a list of his guests, which is too lengthy for us to publish. Mr. M. states that Digby is full to overflowing of visitors, and that he himself has had to refuse no fewer than 52 applications for accommodation, and that additional hotel accommodation is much required. Mr. M. speaks of a Tennis Tournament which took place in his grounds on the 31st, and a schooner picnic on the 30th ultimo, and the first ball of the season is to be held early this month. Mr. Morrison further tells us THE CRITIC is placed on file in the Myrtle House and "duly appreciated" by his guests. Evidently there is a fair field for hotel enterprise at Digby next summer.

A battle was fought last Friday week between rival Alabama families. Five of one family and three of another were killed.

Two hundred people in Wilson County, Tenn., have banded together to drive the Mormon elders and converts from the county.

The cotton outlook in Texas was never better, indications pointing to a yield of 27 million bales, being 50,000 in excess of 1882, the biggest crop ever raised.

The *British American Citizen* is authority for the statement that the Clan-na-Gael has won in the fight against justice, and that the Cro in hwa and cry is now practically over, much to the relief of that benevolent institution.

Floods did tremendous damage in West Virginia last week. Many houses, stores, fences and crops were washed away, and several lives were lost. Hundreds are bankrupt and will have to be supported temporarily by the country.