

News of the Week.

CANADA.

The N. B. militia camp will be at Sussex September 1st.

P. J. Broderick has been appointed chief of the Halifax fire department.

The house of Stearns Vance, at Folly Village, was burned to the ground Tuesday. House and furniture total loss. No insurance.

At Salisbury, N. B., a few days ago fire consumed a grist mill and tannery owned by Albert Price, and a house and two barns, with horses, cattle and farm implements, belonging to Watson Parlin. Neither held any insurance.

A Nova Scotia syndicate, with B. F. Pearson at the head, have secured an option to purchase the New Brunswick and Cape Tormentine Railway. Their intention is to improve the internal facilities at Cape Tormentine and put on a fast line of ferry boats between P. E. Island and the mainland.

Mrs. Jas. Dougan, aged 84 years, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed her son's dwelling in Prince Edward Island Wednesday.

At Amherst Thos. R. Wood, aged 60, is dead, as the result of being ejected from the Cumberland House Wednesday. Bener, who ejected him, is now in jail.

The strike of the Montreal street car employes is over. The strikers gave it up. They seem to have been without any real grievance.

The Pictou, N. S., light house was burned down Wednesday.

The St. Martins people are making a vigorous protest against the St. Martins and Upham Railway Co. for not operating the road.

Leavitt, the fifteen-year-old son of Harrington Guptill, was drowned at Whitehead, Grand Manan, Tuesday of last week. He and Arnold Ingersoll were taking a boat load of wood to Seal Cove. The boat filled and Guptill was drowned. Ingersoll was rescued. It is only a few weeks since the body of a brother of deceased was brought home from Boston to be buried on the Island.

St. John lumbermen begin to fear that more than 40,000,000 feet of logs will be hung up, and every day that passes without rain makes the condition more serious. It is said that 17,000,000 on the Aroostook alone will not be got out. Of course hope has not been altogether abandoned, and a few days' heavy rain would bring out some of the logs. So far as can now be told, not more than 90,000,000, or about two-thirds of the cut, will get to the mills.

The dwelling house, barns and other outbuildings, with contents, of Mr. C. Curtis, at Middle River, twelve miles from Bathurst, were totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon. No insurance.

By the casting vote of the mayor, Fredericton city council voted against the purchase of a steam roller for street work.

Militia orders give notice that the 10th and 12th field batteries will be in camp at Sussex from the 16th to the 27th of June.

On Wednesday, the Congregational parsonage at Sheffield, S. Co., with all its outbuildings, was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$2,000; insurance \$800.

Tuesday night fire destroyed about 1,500,000 feet of spruce and pine lumber two or three miles below Fox Creek, on the Memramcook road.

Forest fires have done much damage in Albert and Kings counties.

An old woman, Mrs. W. Smith, living alone near Baddeck, C. B., was found burned to death Wednesday.

In Fredericton, Friday, a little boy, Thos. Belyea, son of Harry Belyea, was crushed and killed beneath hemlock logs in the rear of Palmer's leather factory.

He had been playing about the logs, which fell over on him.

The cheese factory at Manhurst, W. Co., was burned Friday night. No insurance. It was a new factory.

Forest fires have done much damage in Annapolis county, N. S.

On Tuesday night, the dwelling and outbuildings of Matthew Sheardon at Albany, N. S., were destroyed.

Word has been received from Captain J. Zino, master of the fishing schooner Peerless, reporting that dories from his vessel, manned by twelve men, had been lost. The men all belonged to Ketch Harbour, N. S.

The British Columbia government has been defeated in the House, and an appeal to the electors is likely to be taken.

There are now fourteen cases of small-pox in Moncton.

Immense forest fires all over Yarmouth county are destroying valuable timber and wood lands and causing consternation among residents.

Guy M. McCallum, employed in the Royal Bank at Halifax, is missing, with \$11,000 of his father's money.

On account of the low water, the steamer Aberdeen has discontinued running between Fredericton and Woodstock.

The town of Frank is still unsafe as a place of habitation. There was neither earthquake nor volcanic eruption—simply a tremendous land slide, 2000 feet deep. It is likely Frank will be entirely deserted. The debris covered two square miles.

George Saddler, of Glen Margaret, Halifax county, has found the body of his boy who had been lost in the woods last fall. A fire had destroyed the bushes and thus exposed the corpse.

The fire in the mining pit Dominion No. 1, Sydney, has been drowned by millions of gallons of sea water. Pumping operations will now be the order of the day for weeks to come.

THE EMPIRE.

Mr. Balfour announced in the House of Commons that the government was prepared to contribute to the relief of the officers and men of the Antarctic steamer *Discovery*, now icebound in the Antarctic regions.

Otto Monson, one of the three seamen of the St. John barque *Veronica*, from Ship Island, Mississippi, who were sentenced to death in Liverpool, Eng., May 14, on the charge of murdering Capt. Shaw and six other members of the *Veronica's* crew, has been granted a reprieve. The other two condemned men, Gustave Rau, a German, and Wm. Smith, an American, will be executed Tuesday of this week.

Advices from Asiatic Turkey show that a terrible earthquake occurred April 29th at Melazgherd, in the village of Van, eighty miles southeast of Erzurum, on the Euphrates. The town was totally destroyed, with its entire population, numbering 2,000 souls, including 700 Armenians, as well as the troops forming the garrison of Melazgherd. In addition, over 400 houses in the neighborhood collapsed.

In Great Britain they have been complaining of excessively cold weather till a few days ago.

Sir Thomas Lipton's flotilla, consisting of the *Shamrock III*, the *Shamrock I*, the steam yacht *Erin*, and the ocean tug *Cruiser*, whose combined crews number 150 men, is now on the way across the Atlantic.

Lady Henry Somerset has retired from the presidency of the National British Woman's Temperance Association on account of her health.

The deaths from the plague in the Punjab from January 1 to May 2 number 141,789, according to a statement

made by the Indian Secretary in the House of Commons.

New Zealand is trying another experiment in socialism by having its government take up the dead-meat business. The government is to buy up the exportable meat in New Zealand, and to open agencies in Great Britain for the sale of it at prices to cover cost.

FOREIGN.

King Alfonso, of Spain, has inherited \$7,500,000 under the will of his grandfather, King Francis.

A railway supply factory at North Avenue, Chicago, collapsed and nine men were buried in the ruins.

A terrible case of superstition is reported from the Russian village of Vajandur, in which a man, as a thank-offering for his own restoration to health, offered the life of his son by slaughtering him in the church.

A series of heavy storms, two of which developed into the worst tornadoes that have visited Southern Nebraska for years, passed over portions of Clay, Franklin and Kearney counties on Sunday evening. Fifteen persons are known to have lost their lives and over a score of persons were injured.

Reports along the route of the first stage of the Paris-Madrid automobile race show six persons killed, two so dangerously injured they may die, and ten seriously injured.

Laconia, N. H., had nearly 100 buildings burned, 350 persons made homeless, and a loss of between \$350,000 and \$400,000 Tuesday.

Iowa was storm-swept last week. Three tornadoes resulted in the loss of six lives, fatal injury to three persons and a serious injury to a score of people—besides great loss of property.

Reports come of dreadful famine in the province of Kwang-se, China.

Ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, has been sentenced to penal servitude for six years for accepting bribes for the protection of disorderly houses.

Senators and Lieutenant-Governors in Missouri are confessing to having been bribed and bought to promote dishonest legislation.

It is confidently reported that Mr. Pierpont Morgan's great steamer trust is likely to come to grief. Its competitors are strong and numerous, and the ocean is wide and free.



"HELP THE PASTOR—HOW.

A writer in the *Christian Observer* (Presbyterian) says things which may help others than those he addresses. He says:

Undoubtedly, it is right and proper for the minister to keep out of debt, if he can; and I do not believe that any of our pastors will run into debt willingly, but sometimes it is absolutely necessary for them to do so in order to live.

The just debt due the pastor is often the last to be paid, and in such a case he is helpless, and well nigh hopeless. I do not wish to blame, or find fault with, any congregation that is doing its best, but would like to make a suggestion. Let the pastor be paid promptly, liberally; and as far as possible, let us

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I know of one good brother who is in the habit of laying aside every Saturday night the sum promised by himself and family for the pastor's salary, and the next day their contributions are always on hand, and they are never behind. This is an example worthy of emulation.

Our preachers, as a rule, get very moderate salaries, and, in my humble judgment, it is easier for the people to pay them promptly than it is for them to keep out of debt if this is done.

Until preachers learn to live without eating, they must necessarily contract debts if their salaries are small and payments on them long delayed.

ABOUT LABELS.—A correspondent of an exchange wrote about his address label thus: "The label on my paper is not ornamental." To which the editor replied: "To be sure it isn't. It is not intended for ornament, but for use. The figures on it tell a story of interest to us, and, we trust, to you also. Look at them and see just what they say."

Perhaps some INTELLIGENCER labels are not wholly ornamental. They look their best when they bear a date well in advance of the present.