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**News of the Week.**

**CANADA.**

It is said that the Midland Railway Company, which has purchased the Victoria Beach Railroad, in course of construction from Digby along the shore to Middleton, the new line building from New Germany to Windsor and the Nova Scotia Central will put on a line of steamers from Boston, the Nova Scotia port being Digby.

The fruit crop of Nova Scotia gives promise of realizing large profits to orchard owners this year. The apples will be a full crop, and are expected to be in exceptionally good condition. There will be from 300,000 to 400,000 barrels for export instead of 70,000, as last year. The plums are backward on account of the cold weather, but will be in good quantity.

Cornelius Taylor was found dead a few days ago in an old building at Springdale, near Penobscus, Kings Co., with his neck broken. He evidently fell through a trap door while under the influence of drink.

Frank Hughes and Chas. Rider, of St. Marys, opposite Fredericton, are under arrest charged with the murder of an old man named Wm. Urquhart, whose body was found in the river at Fredericton.

A heavy electrical storm passed over Amherst, N. S., and lightning struck the house of James Ritchie, Jr., on Spring street, passing through the main house setting fire to the roof.

Recent advices indicate that the Ontario fruit crop will be unusually good this year. Plums are exceptionally good.

An express train on the D. A. R. ran into a team at Port Williams, N. S., and killed Mr. Louis Messenger, of Canard. The horse, also, was killed.

The County of Kent, for the first time in eighteen months, is entirely free from smallpox.

George Blackburn, aged 23, of Lower Prospect, N. S., was found drowned in a Halifax dock.

Last Saturday's pay roll of the Dominion Coal Company's mines was the largest on record, \$137,000 was paid in wages alone.

Fire destroyed the Canadian Pacific freight repair shops and twenty freight cars at Winnipeg, causing a loss of \$25,000.

A hail storm at Boiesvairs, Manitoba,

last week, damaged the crops considerably.

While serenading a newly married couple at Smith's Cove, near Digby, N. S., Wednesday night, Howard Cosby had his left hand shot off by an exploding gun. Stanley Weir had his face badly burned at the same time.

On Thursday Woodstock voted a bonus of \$5,000 for a furniture factory to be established by Mr. A. Henderson.

Mrs. Philip Popham, wife of the messenger of the Bank of B. N. A., Halifax, committed suicide Thursday by jumping into the harbor. She had been in poor health for some time.

Thomas A. Peters, deputy commissioner of agriculture for New Brunswick, reports as follows about this year's crops: No fall wheat grown. There is an increased acreage of spring wheat. Everything now promises an average yield. Oats will be an average crop. Barley will yield about the same as last year. Very few peas grown. What there is looks well. Very little corn grown, except for fodder. Rather under the average. Hay on well-cultivated land is average crop. On old meadows the drought in May and June affected it badly, and the crop will be not more than one-half an average. Roots generally look well, a good acreage crop. Apples promise well, a good average. Plums good. Pastures poor early in season, but they are now fair.

Peter Redmond, of St. John, dropped dead on Main street, Kentville, Friday morning.

**THE EMPIRE.**

The London Mail asserts that Great Britain, Russia and Turkey are laying in abnormal quantities of Welsh steam coal, presumably in preparation for all eventualities. It further understands that unless the Macedonian situation improves all the powers will probably send squadrons to Turkish waters. It is said that Admiral Domville, commanding the British Mediterranean fleet, now off Portugal, has received urgent orders to detach some vessels to the neighborhood of Salomica immediately.

The Grand Banks fisheries continue a complete failure. Owing to the scarcity of bait more than 250 vessels are now in Newfoundland waters. It is estimated

that the total catch of the cod fisheries of North America for the present season will be the smallest in twenty years. The French have fared the worst, their catch being only about one-third of the average.

The India Irrigation Commission has issued its report. It proposes to lay out \$150,000,000 in twenty years in protective works, and also \$2,000,000 annually in loans for private irrigation works, the necessary funds to be raised by loans. The keynote of the policy advocated is the vigorous use of the national resources of protective works, irrespective of their productive character, and to increase the general resources of the country and its resisting power in the battles with famine.

A snow storm in New Zealand caused the loss of half a million sheep.

Lord Milner is planning irrigation on a large scale in the Transvaal.

India has no fear of famine this year. The British government has ordered three new battle ships 18,000 tons, speed nineteen knots.

In Australia the craze against Chinese and colored races is stronger than even in Canada and the United States.

**FOREIGN.**

While a party of children were out boating at Richmond, the boat capsized and five of the party were drowned. They were all girls, ranging in age from 8 to 14.

Three men have been killed and ten wounded in Randolph county, Alabama, by a negro. A party of white men helped themselves in the negro's melon patch. The negro warned them to stop. He went for his gun and emptied it into the crowd.

The harvest of this year in the Argentine Republic is unprecedented. Exact data cannot be obtained, but the best estimates show that the crop of corn will be, approximately, 3,500,000 tons.

In Michigan first cousins who contemplate marriage with each other must have the ceremony performed before September 17 or go to some other state or country than Michigan. The law of the last legislature to prohibit the intermarriage of first cousins will become effective on that date.

The Manchurian problem is not yet solved. Russia is making great preparations to hold that part of China. Japan still insists that Russia should only retain enough territory to insure the safety of her railways. Japan insists also that Russia should keep her hands off Korea.



**PARLIAMENT.**

**Monday.**—The debate on the C. T. P. R. was continued by Mr. Lennox, Col. Hughes and Mr. Russell.

**Tuesday.**—Mr. Russell concluded his speech, endorsing the G. T. P. scheme. Mr. R. L. Borden followed, criticising the scheme.

**Wednesday.**—The G. T. P. scheme discussion was continued by Messrs. Guthrie, Kemp and Bennett.

**Thursday.**—Messrs. Robinson, Logan, Osler and Ganong spoke on the G. T. P.

**Friday.**—Two speeches on the G. T. R. scheme.

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