

News of the Week.

CANADA.

John Martin, of Balmoral, Restigouche County, accidentally discharged a rifle which he was carrying through the woods, Thursday, the charge entering his throat, causing almost instant death.

A public meeting at Hillsboro Thursday endorsed the proposed extension of the Albert railway to Moncton, and took steps to further the undertaking.

A fire in the I. C. R. station, Moncton, Friday, did considerable damage to the despatcher's office.

As a result of a gas explosion in D. F. Hoar's harness shop, Moncton, about \$500 damage was done to the building and furniture.

At Granville, N. S., Thursday, Gilbert Ellis had his hand filled with shot by the accidental discharge of his gun.

Surveyor-General Dunn says he expects the receipts from the sale of game licenses in this province during the past season will reach \$17,000.

Smelt fishing has opened up well at Buctouche.

In Quebec, the machinists have definitely decided to sign the agreement prepared by the shoe manufacturers. This means the deadlock is broken and the resumption of operations in the twenty factories in the city.

I. C. R. engineers and firemen are asking for an increase of fifty cents a day.

The increases guaranteed by the Canadian Pacific Railway to its engineers, range from 7 to 25 per cent, and the firemen from 8 to 22 per cent. The maximum day is fixed at ten hours. The agreement is not for any fixed period, and may be terminated after thirty days' notice.

Ottawa University (Catholic) was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. The loss is estimated at \$250,000; insured about \$200,000. Several priests and students were seriously injured.

There is a strike at the Springhill Mines, N. S. About a thousand men are out.

News has reached Winnipeg telling of the destruction by fire of the Anglican mission building, including boarding school, at Wapuskow, which is four days' journey by dog train from Athabaska landing. Rev. C. R. Weaver and the mission staff, with two Indian children, had a narrow escape. All the clothing and supplies of the mission were destroyed, and the people will have to endure severe hardships.

Hon. Arthur Drysdale, Nova Scotia commissioner of works and mines, returned from England Friday, having succeeded in floating a large loan to enable the province to pay subsidies and advances on account of the Halifax and Southwestern Railway from Halifax to Barrington.

Over 12,000 homestead entries, representing an area of nearly 2,000,000 acres, were taken out this year in the Yorkton government agency, Manitoba. The settlers are mainly Americans, one-third Englishmen and the remainder consists largely of Swedes, Germans and Galicians.

The house of a man named Green, at Nashwaaksis, has been quarantined for small pox.

At Sydney Mines, C. B., last week, the Rarig Engineering Company's entire plant was destroyed, throwing about 300 men out of employment. The company were engaged in the construc-

tion work for the Nova Scotia Steel Company.

The two-year-old son of Wm. Gould, Amherst, fell backwards into a tub of boiling water, causing his death.

The three sons of Mrs. Nellie J. Read, aged 17, 14 and 8, were drowned at Blackstone, Mass., a few days ago.

The threatened strike at Sydney has been declared off, the men accepting the reduction on the ground that the closing down of the works meant the ruin of Sydney.

THE EMPIRE.

A very rich copper mine has been discovered in the Garhwal district of the Himalayas. A company with a capital of 1,500,000 rupees (about \$750,000) is being formed in Calcutta to develop the mine.

England is always keeping her eyes on Russia, and the English officers in India are fond of taking long hunting leaves and going into the mountains after animals which they never seem to get. Now 111 English officers, most of them in the Indian service, have qualified as interpreters of the Russian language. Some officers will wound a bear on a hunting trip one of these days and then there will be trouble.

There is a proposal on foot in England to start a fund for a national memorial to the late Lord Salisbury, to take the form of hospital endowments.

Great Britain has purchased the two battleships, Libertad and Constitution, built at the Clyde for Chile, the price being \$9,385,000.

It is estimated that 30,000,000 sheep will be shorn during the present shearing in New South Wales. In twelve months the flocks have naturally increased by 4,000,000. A prosperous lambing is predicted. With the return of good seasons and pastoral industry the state is making a quick recovery, and a few years will see the effects of the recent drought totally remedied.

FOREIGN.

The survey has been completed for a railroad from Kiakhta, Siberia, to Peking, by way of Ougou. The length of the road will be about 1,000 miles. It will give a short cut to the Chinese capital.

Cuba has been experiencing very cold weather recently, and at Placetas, in the province of Santa Clara, the fields were covered with snow, presenting a novel sight to the Cubans.

Advices have been received from South China of the loss of thousands of lives as a result of the destruction of several hundred fishing junks in a typhoon off Swatow.

Violent storms and bad weather prevailed over Italy last week, and in some places great damage has been done.

Three negroes were lynched at Belcher, La., for complicity in the fatal shooting of Robert Adger.

It is estimated that 102 persons lost their lives in the recent storms on the North Sea.

The *Tribune* says: "Nineteen lives were lost on the football field during the season of 1903 in the United States. One boy was driven insane from injuries. Thirteen players were severely injured, some of them disabled for life. The number of minor but painful accidents runs into the hundreds, and the list of the severely injured is incomplete."

THE MAGAZINES.

The December *St. Nicholas* is a real Christmas-stocking number, brim full of holiday stories and pictures, verse and fun. First there is a jolly rhyme on Santa Claus, "An Interrupted Auction," with pictures of the children's friend. There is a merry jingle of "St. Saturday," with a page picture of the old Saint. Six full pages of glad, romping girls and boys, with the cheeriest of verses. And there are other shorter jingles pleasant to read between the stories.

The poetry selected for the Christmas number of *Lippincott's Magazine* is typical of the season. The poets and their verses are: Agnes Lee, "Two Nurses;" Charles Hanson Towne, "A Ballad of the Nativity;" Minna Irving, "Wind and Snow;" Lizette W. Reese, "A Christmas Folk-song;" Helen M. Richardson, "A Gift."

The colored cover of the Christmas *Canadian Magazine* is emblematic of the season and of the contents. There are several Christmas stories, and an article on Sandringham House, where the King and Queen have spent Christ-

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mas for forty years. The colored illustrations for this article give brightness to the number. The symposium on "Canada and Mr. Chamberlain" is informing in that different views are given. The departments are interesting.

The December *Century* presents a large variety of seasonable material both in text and in pictures, and is particularly rich in color work. The colored frontispiece is a "Madonna and Child." Among the holiday contributions are Murillo's "Adoration of the Shepherds," "A Christmas Rescue," "How 'Santa Claws' Treated Pop Baker," "Christmas Mangers" and a "Christmas Dilemma." Dr. James M. Buckley writes of "Fanaticism in the United States." There is a variety of poetry and short humorous sketches.

GOOD WORDS.—A Methodist minister says these good words of the INTELLIGENCER: "I have prized very much the visits of your valuable paper. With its comprehensive and clear-eyed survey of current events, its high moral tone, its catholic spirit, and evangelical ring, and its strenuous and uncompromising advocacy of temperance principles, it well fills the place and wisely wields the power of a denominational organ. May it wax stronger and stronger in strengthening the bulwarks of Zion, and in putting to flight the armies of the aliens."

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