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**News of the Week.**

**CANADA.**

Harvest in Manitoba has begun ten days earlier than last year.

The boy, Fred. Goodspeed, is now in St. John jail awaiting trial for attempted murder.

George Rowley, ex-manager of the Elgin, Ont., Loan Company, pleaded guilty to charges of theft, forgery and perjury. He was sentenced to twelve years in Kingston penitentiary.

Charles Rider and Frank Hughes were arrested at Fredericton, Saturday, on a charge of being implicated in the murder of William Urquhart, whose body was found floating in the river on Thursday last. The preliminary examination was commenced on Tuesday afternoon. Both are young and unmarried men, the former being about 21 and the latter about 24, and live in St. Mary's.

Notwithstanding the heavy immigration to the Northwest, there is still a scarcity of farm laborers and domestic servants.

The New Brunswick Coal and Railway Co. will, it is expected, be able to run trains from Norton to Newcastle within a very few days. The addition to the line from Chipman to Newcastle is fourteen miles, and the James Barnes Construction Company have the extension about completed. Sidings have been put in where needed. A large development is looked for in the coal business.

Aubrey, Allen, school teacher, was drowned at Tidnish, N. S., a few days ago. The deceased has taught school at Steeves' Mountain, N. B., and was spending his vacation at his old home in Tidnish. He was 23 years of age.

Fedele Poirier, a leading merchant of Shediac, dropped dead while standing at the counter of his store.

The Woodstock, N. B., town council has passed a resolution setting forth its disapproval of the proposed transcontinental road through "the central and wilderness portion of the province to the city of Moncton, believing that

the best interests of the province and the dominion at large will be severed by the construction of the line to the city of St. John by way of the St. John valley from Edmundston through Woodstock to Fredericton."

**THE EMPIRE.**

A hurricane last week did immense damage on the island of Jamaica. At Port Antonio only six houses were left standing. Several steamers were driven ashore.

Thousands of houses in Kingston were damaged, the wharves were battered, and several coasting vessels were sunk in the harbor. Trade is practically at a standstill. The southeastern portion of the island has been completely denuded of its crops, the rivers are flooded, and many men were carried to sea and drowned. The present estimate is that the death list will reach fifty. Hundreds of persons were injured, and there were numerous hairbreadth escapes. The property loss is estimated at \$10,000,000.

**FOREIGN.**

So far, \$8,500,000 has been expended in the St. Louis World's Fair enterprise.

Manchester, N. H., is suffering from a plague of fierce sewer rats, which are undermining buildings, streets and sidewalks, and seem likely to do much damage. Within a week there have been two bad "cave-ins" in the business section, both caused by rats.

An earthquake shock which lasted for several seconds was distinctly felt in all parts of St. Louis Sunday morning.

The Bulgarian government has presented a memorandum to the powers setting out at great length the condition of affairs during the past three months in Macedonia since the Turkish government undertook to inaugurate the promised reforms. The most precise details, dates, places and names of persons are given in the memorandum, the whole constituting a terrible category

of murder, torture, incendiarism, pillage and general oppression committed by the Ottoman soldiers and officials. These particulars were obtained entirely from official sources, such as the reports of the Bulgarian counsels and agents of the Bulgarian government, and in many instances the reports made by Turkish authorities. Altogether, the memorandum gives particulars of no less than 131 individual and general cases of excesses and outrages committed by the Turkish authorities.

An earthquake shock was felt at Alton, Ill., on Sunday. At East Alton bricks were shaken from chimneys and glass broken in many windows. The shock lasted nearly eight seconds.

The eruption of Vesuvius somewhat increased to-day. The stream of lava flowing from the crater is divided into two branches. The longer reaches a distance of 2,600 feet in the direction of the village of Ottajano; the other is now 2,300 feet towards Pompeii.

**PARLIAMENT.**

*Monday.*—The G. T. P. bill was further considered.

When the railway commission was under consideration, an amendment calling for a two per cent passenger rate on all Canadian railways. It was lost.

*Tuesday.*—The Premier moved the transcontinental railway resolutions. Mr. Blair addressed himself to the subject in a speech of four hours, criticising the scheme very severely.

*Wednesday.*—The discussion of the G. T. P. scheme was continued by Messrs. Charlton, Monk, Fielding and Baker.

**THE MAGAZINES.**

The *Review of Reviews* for August describes three new electric power plants of importance, one on the Hudson River, one in Southern California, and one on Mount Rainier, in Washington State. These developments serve to indicate what might be accomplished in hundreds of other places through the utilization of water power now going to waste.

**ROYAL TEMPLAR MEETING.**—The Royal Templars of Temperance of the Maritime Provinces meet in annual session at Amherst, August 25th. The council opens with a temperance mass meeting on Tuesday evening, when Rev. A. A. Rideout, A. B., of Marysville, N. B., will deliver an address upon the subject, "The Relation of Organization to the Temperance Work." The meeting will also be addressed by the Grand Secretary and others. The usual reduction in fares throughout the two provinces have been arranged for, and the session bids fair to be an interesting one. C. N. Goodspeed, of Marysville, N. B., is Grand Councillor, and Rev. A. J. Prosser, of Wilson's Beach, N. B., is Grand Secretary.

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