

News of the Week.

CANADA.

The total coal production of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. collieries for the month just closed amounted to 35,000 tons, an increase of 20,050 tons compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

Jennie Butler, a Kentville girl fourteen years of age, who was lost in the woods from Monday till Saturday, was discovered weak and worn, with her dog beside her, having subsisted for five days on leaves and spring water. It was necessary to carry her on a stretcher ten miles through the woods. Her faithful dog had never left her side.

The clerks in the I. C. R. offices at Moncton have been given an increase of salary.

At Truro, N. S., on Friday, a fatal railway accident occurred. A. E. McLaughlin was killed by a shunting engine. Deceased was a yard brakeman, and, while climbing on to a moving car, he was struck by a blind switch and knocked under the wheels.

The suspension of Ames & Co., of Toronto, bankers and brokers, last week caused a great shock in financial circles. The amount of the firm's liabilities is placed at \$7,000,000. They claim to be able to meet their obligations if given a little time.

The house of Capt. Daniel King, and two barns of Daniel Hamilton, at Curry's Corner, Hants Co., N. S., were burned Friday. Partial insurance.

Wm. Richards, the well-known lumberman of Boiestown, is dead. He had been ill more than a year. He had many friends.

Letters of administration in re the estate of the late John Angus McBean, of Nashwaak, were granted to his son, Angus McBean, Wednesday. The estate is valued at \$10,000. H. F. McLeod, proctor.

Simpson was sentenced to two years in Dorchester penitentiary for breaking into the post office at Stewiacke, N. S.

The coroner's jury, in the death of Private Marosh, of the Royal Regiment, Fredericton, returned the following verdict: "That Charles Morash came to his death from a bullet wound in the head, said bullet being discharged from a Lee-Enfield rifle in the hands of said Charles Morash, and was so discharged by his own act while temporarily deranged." It came out in evidence that deceased, besides being a hard drinker, was addicted to the morphine habit.

John B. Hawthorne has been dismissed from the office of deputy sheriff of York county by Sheriff Sterling as the result of friction in the affairs of the office extending over a considerable period.

Forest fires are destroying much property in Nova Scotia. The continued drought is very severe.

A rush for mining areas has occurred at the mines office, Halifax, as the result of a big strike of copper ore, reported from Cheticamp, C. B. An immense seam, more than 100 feet wide, is said to have been found.

Geo. P. Thomas, a Moncton barrister, is under arrest, charged with accepting \$10 from Alphonso Bourgeois of Shediac to drop proceedings in a charge of forgery which Thomas had preferred against Bourgeois.

Dr. Colter, P. O. Inspector, and Geo. Ryan, Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, were in Carleton Co. a few days ago, taking evidence in the matter

of the loss of four registered letters, one said to contain \$25, and mailed at Waterville, destined for Houlton, the other three mailed at Avondale. All four letters were lost between the offices at which they were mailed and the office at Somerville.

The Presbyterian church at Fairville, N. B., was slightly damaged by fire on Wednesday.

The steam yacht Phantom, owned by Mr. Pearl Jordan, St. John, which mysteriously disappeared some few days ago, was found near Milford, sunk in a deep hole in the river. Seven auger holes had been made in the hull below the water line. The guilty parties have not yet been discovered.

Ottawa had another fire Thursday. The sash and door factory and planing mills of Messrs. Davidson & Thackeray, the printing and lithographic establishment of Mortimer & Co., a paint shop, a vacant store, and ten dwelling houses, were burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at about \$400,000.

Forest fires have raged during the past week in many parts of New Brunswick, doing incalculable damage. The reports from various sections show that:

Musquash and Prince of Wales, St. John Co., were almost wiped out. Dunn's Pork Packing establishment, Knight's mill, three churches, 110 buildings being burned, and about 300 people rendered homeless. The fire burned so fiercely that women and children were hurried away to the marshlands for safety.

At Bonny River, Charlotte Co., saw mills and 32 buildings were burned.

At Picadilly, Kings county, Mrs. Linden and Miss Teakles, sisters and both elderly women, were burned to death while endeavoring to save a horse from a burning barn.

At Westfield, Kings county, the houses of G. R. Willett and W. Wallace were burned, and much other destruction was done.

In some sections of York county fire has raged. Telephone lines are down, and it has been difficult to get definite information. In the vicinity of Stanley and along the Nashwaak much lumber land has been damaged.

In Sunbury county they have had to fight fire vigorously. Juvenile Settlement suffered.

In Queens county, at Briggs Corner, the Sayre & Holly mill and adjoining properties, and three or four residences were burned.

At Hopewell Cape, the shire town of Albert county, twenty-one houses, the court houses and two steamers were burned.

At this writing there have been, probably, over two hundred buildings burned in different parts of the province, and perhaps 400 people made homeless. The destruction of lumber lands is very great.

In Nova Scotia, also, extensive fires have been burning, and much loss has resulted, though, so far as has reported, not so great as in New Brunswick.

THE EMPIRE.

Nearly 15,000 English women have been sent to various stations in South Africa since 1901 by the South African Expansion Committee, and most satisfactory reports have been received from the majority of them. The women travel in charge of a matron, and on their arrival are placed in care of a govern-

ment department until they enter situations.

Last year Scottish sea fisheries exceeded, both in quantity and value, that of any previous year. The total catch was 6,866,000 cwts., value £2,502,000, being an excess over the previous highest record (in 1898) of 308,000 cwts., and £623,000.

Last year British coal exports (43,159,046 tons) were over a million and a quarter tons more than those of 1901.

It is officially announced that King Edward and Queen Alexandra will arrive in Dublin July 21, on their visit to Ireland.

Dougal, the English soldier who is charged with murdering five wives, and two of them while he was stationed at Halifax, has been found guilty of murder by a coroner's jury in London.

FOREIGN.

Famine is severe in some parts of the Chinese provinces — due to alternate drought and destructive floods. The Central Government does not help the needy, does not seem to care, whether the people perish or are fed.

Eight people were killed and seven injured in a collision between two trains at Stillwell, Kansas, on Thursday.

There are 165,000 idle men in New York, notwithstanding the fact that every line of business is booming in the city.

The dead by the Topeka, Kansas, flood now number 78.

Mont Pelee, Martinique, is again active. For some days past the volcano has been emitting flames and clouds of vapor.

A law has been published in St. Petersburg giving a list of 101 towns in Russia in which Jews are allowed to acquire land and live without restriction. Jews are temporarily forbidden to buy land outside the places where they will be legally settled.

Forest fires have destroyed a million dollars worth of property in New England.

A tornado at Gainsville, Ga., Monday, killed 100 people, wounded many more, and levelled 100 cottages. Of the killed two-thirds were women and children, operatives in the cotton mills.

The Russian Admiralty has decided not to place any further orders for the construction of warships with foreign firms.

PARLIAMENT.

Monday.— The Railway Commission bill was further considered. A clause abolishing the railway committee of the Privy Council and substituting therefor a commission to be composed of three members, to hold office during good behavior for ten years, subject to dismissal for cause, was adopted.

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In the Senate the claims of the provinces for increased subsidies was discussed. Among those opposed to the increase were Secretary of State Scott and Mr. Ellis.

Wednesday.— The Railway bill again, 127 clauses were passed.

Thursday.— Several bills were advanced a stage. Mr. Borden moved his resolution in favor of duties on iron and steel, but at the suggestion of Mr. Fielding action was deferred. The house went into supply, taking up marine and fisheries estimates. Mr. Tarte suggested that when the government needs new ships Canadians be asked to tender for the work. Mr. Pope condemned the purchasing of supplies without tender.

Friday.— More clauses of the Railway bill were passed.

SUNDAY CARS.— Dundee, Scotland, had a plebiscite on the question of Sunday street cars. The vote stood 7,324 for, and 11,461 against — a majority of over 4000 in favor of a quiet Lord's day.

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