

## News of the Week.

### CANADA.

There is an increase of 9,112 in the number of arrivals of immigrants in Canada for the first quarter of the present calendar year, compared with last year.

The vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John B. Wilmot, inspector of weights and measures, St. John, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. James Barry.

The vacancy in the customs department staff, caused by the death of Mr. P. J. O'Keefe, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. W. H. Keltie.

At Fredericton Junction, John Gillespie, an old cobbler, living on the edge of the village, ended his life by cutting his throat. Ill health and alcoholism are supposed to be the exciting cause of his rash act.

A sample of copper ore recently found near North Head, Grand Manan, shown in St. John, is said to be rich in copper. It is said some American capitalists are talking of visiting the island to look over the field.

The Halifax *Chronicle* office suffered from fire Monday night last week. The publication of the paper was not interfered with.

The verdict in the inquest into the death of Mrs. Margaret J. Neal, found dead on the roadside near Fairville, is to the effect that Mrs. Neal was murdered, and that evidence adduced points strongly to John R. Woodworth and Harry Brown, the Granville Ferry bank robbers, now serving terms in Dorchester penitentiary.

At Prince William, York Co., a few days ago, Donald Ross 16 years old, son of Rev. William Ross, Presbyterian clergyman, was kicked by a horse which he was leading to water, receiving injuries which terminated fatally.

The convention of Dalhousie College, Halifax, took place Tuesday. The degree of bachelor of arts was conferred on 23 students, science on five, laws on six, doctor of medicine on twenty, and master of arts on six.

The four-year-old daughter of D. Reid, of Townsend street, Sydney, was attacked by a dog and badly bitten on the face. One cheek was practically torn off the bone, while her nose and other cheek were fearfully lacerated.

The board of school trustees of Woodstock have decided to establish manual training and school gardens in connection with their schools. A special teacher for manual training will be employed and the work started in September.

The Halifax civil election, Wednesday, resulted in the re-election of Mayor Crosby over W. J. Butler by 395.

A. McDonald, working on the South Shore Railway, was killed Wednesday at Hubbard's Cove while attempting to remove a dynamite charge from a rock.

Fire destroyed the house and barn of Dr. Warneford at Hampton Village Wednesday. \$1,500 insurance.

Mr. Osborne, Supt. Atlantic Division of the C. P. R., with headquarters at St. John, has been transferred to Montreal, and made superintendent of the eastern division.

Since October, 1902, there have occurred in Canada 143 railway accidents, causing the loss of 183 lives. It is a terrible record.

The N. S. Agricultural College is to be located at Truro. Truro has now the Provincial Normal School, Provincial Manual Training School, Provincial School of Science, and Provincial Agricultural College.

The long-shoremen's strike in Montreal is a somewhat serious matter. One thousand troops are keeping order. The

strike is estimated to be costing the city \$1,800 a day. Steamship companies are also heavy losers by the delay incurred. All the non-union workers are being fed and housed aboard the vessels, which are also cooking the food for the troops.

The house of the late Rev. Wm. Tweedie, of Hampton, was burned Friday. Supposed to be incendiary.

At Marysville, N. B., Thursday night, two houses owned by Elias Petterson were burned to the ground. One was occupied by the owner's family, and the family of Mr. Chapman had just moved into the other. The house occupied by Mr. Petterson was insured for six hundred dollars, and the other for a smaller amount.

Fire, Thursday, destroyed a house at Hampton Village, occupied by Robt. Bowyer.

At Round Hill, Annapolis, N.S., Wednesday, Wm. McHenry shot and wounded his wife for refusing to live with him. He is under arrest.

Last Wednesday a rock slide almost annihilated Frank, a little coal mining town in Alberta, on the Crows Nest Pass, a branch of the C. P. R. The whole end of the mountain, at the base of which the town was located, slid down into the valley, doing great destruction, burying a number of houses and the people in them. The latest and probably nearest correct estimate is this: Thirty-four men, eight women and 20 children killed; 11 injured, probably only two or three dangerously, only 2 killed near mine, 10 bodies recovered, remainder nearly all buried under many feet of rock. Possibly a few near edge of slide may be recovered. Killed include 21 miners and balance ranchers, merchants, engineers, railway contractors and laborers. Six cottages totally destroyed by rock.

### THE EMPIRE.

Major Gough, in command of a mobile column of British troops, engaged the enemy near Danop, Somaliland. He lost thirteen men killed, including two officers, and four officers were wounded. The enemy had two hundred men killed.

According to an official statement, the weekly India plague mortality exceeds 30,000 persons. The infected area includes nine British provinces and fifty native states.

King Edward seems to have had a pleasant time visiting the King of Italy. Everywhere the Italians were enthusiastic in their demonstrations. He called on the Pope too. Friday he arrived in Paris and was received by President Loubet with much cordiality. Vast crowds filled the boulevards.

### FOREIGN.

If reports now current are to be believed the Belgian officials in the Congo Free State are worse than the Arab slave hunters.

The big prohibition auditorium at Port Richmond, Satan Island, N. Y., was destroyed by fire Thursday, together with two residences nearby, entailing a loss of \$21,000. The fire is believed to have been incendiary.

A poor black man at Shreveport, Louisiana, was lately killed and his body burnt by a pitiless crowd under the conviction that he had committed a crime. He was innocent but they did not take time to investigate. After he was dead they discovered their mistake and set off to hunt up the guilty man that they might burn him too!

The largest saw mill of the Grand Forks, Minn., lumber company has been destroyed by fire.

A train was derailed on Tuesday night four miles from Toledo, Ohio, and twenty-five persons injured.

Wm. A. Kay, of Eastport, Me., a guest at the Hotel Royal, at New London, Conn., shot the proprietor of the hotel, Fred Gavitt, on Tuesday night, and then committed suicide. Gavitt will recover. Kay was at one time sheriff at Houlton, Me.

### THE MAGAZINES.

Dr. Andrew D. White, recently United States Ambassador to Germany, has just sent to the *Century Magazine* the first part of reminiscences of his diplomatic life. The present part covers his recollections of Beaconsfield, the Emperors William I and Frederick, Bismarck, Browning, and other famous European statesmen and writers. Further papers will include recollections of his recent embassy to Berlin. The recollections of his life are likely to be of great interest.

There are some excellent stories by Canadian authors in the *May Canadian Magazine*. An illustrated article on "A Shanghai Season" affords a striking picture of the cosmopolitan life of a Chinese coast-city. The author is a Canadian lady. There is a readable character sketch of Mr. Hays, Manager of the Grand Trunk System, and author of the late D'Alton McCarthy. J. L. McDougall, Attorney-General of Canada, describes some of his unique experiences under the title, "A Quarter of a Century's Audit." This issue opens the twenty-first volume.

The intense interest felt in the ecclesiastical situation in England at the present time is reflected in the April magazines. Two notable articles from "The Nineteenth Century and After" will be re-printed in the *Living Age*. Viscount Halifax's strenuous appeal to the High Church party, entitled, "The Crisis in the Church," appearing in the number for May 9, and Lady Wimborne's earnest presentation of the opposite view, "The Church's Last Chance," in that for May 16.

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The dedication of the St. Louis world's fair is the occasion of a brilliant series of articles in the *May Review of Reviews* on the Louisiana Purchase and its results, the exposition in forecast, and the city of St. Louis. The character sketch of the month is of the Rt. Hon. George Wyndham, who introduced the Irish land bill last month in the British Parliament.

*The Missionary Review of the World* for May contains a very timely article on "The Macedonian Caldron," by Dr. Dwight, who lived many years in Constantinople. The scene of disturbance is the "Storm Centre of Europe," and an important missionary field. An important contribution to this number of the *Review* is on "The Women of India and Intellectual, Social and Religious Reforms." It shows that much progress has been made, but the evils to be remedied are still legion. Among other articles of interest are an account of Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall's visit to India, and a narrative of a Missionary Journey into North Borneo. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$2.50 a year.

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