

News of the Week.

CANADA.

St. Andrews has voted in favor of incorporation by a majority of 82.

Aldrich Thibedeau, a lad of fifteen, is under arrest for bulgarizing three shops at Memramcook, W. Co. He has confessed.

The post office at Arcola, N. W. T., was robbed Wednesday night. The robbers cut open the Winnipeg mail bags and secured over two thousand dollars in cash and valuable papers amounting to six thousand dollars.

The People's Tavern Company, an organization now being formed in Toronto, is applying for incorporation. The object of the company will be to furnish places of temperate entertainment. The capital will be \$100,000.

Mr. Adam A. MacKay, barrister, Halifax, son of Rev. H. B. MacKay, left his home on April 4th, apparently in the best of health, and has not since returned.

According to Dr. MacKay, of Halifax, Engineer Copeland, who is thought to be responsible for the Windsor Jct. disaster on the I. C. R., was not seriously hurt. His only injury is scalding on places in his face and arms. He can walk and talk, but will not be allowed to make any statement until he testifies at the inquest.

At Apohaqui, Kings Co., Thursday, the house of Beverly Burgess was burned. No insurance.

The two-year-old son of Daniel McKellar, Red Rapids, Tobique, while playing around the door Wednesday, was struck in the stomach by a ram and instantly killed.

The amount Wm. Stevens, I. C. R. station master at Dartmouth, N. S., is charged with embezzling, is over \$9,000. The preliminary examination will begin on the 23rd inst.

Among recent appointments by the N. B. government are: York County—Jarvis L. Law, of Canterbury, to be issuer of marriage licenses in room of Alex. Bennet, deceased. Charlotte Co.—Lewis A. Mills to be police magistrate for St. Stephen in room of Daniel Critley, resigned.

Byron McNally, of Queensbury, made a shipment of 204 gallons of maple honey to parties at Revelstocke, B. C., last week.

The freshet caused by the heavy rains of last week did a great deal of damage to the roads and bridges in the eastern part of St. John County.

The C. P. R. has purchased another steamer, the Monmouth, which makes the company's ocean fleet fifteen.

A delegation composed of Sheriffs Ritchie, of St. John; Sterling, of York; Tibbits, of Victoria; Legere, of Kent; McQueen, of Westmorland, and Hayward, of Carleton, waited upon the government last week and asked that their remuneration be increased. The government promised to give the matter consideration.

Alexander Stewart, aged 45, a prosperous farmer of Southport, P. E. I., was shot dead by one of his hired men, Joseph Carver, after a dispute over wages.

In order that all the wooden bridges along the Canadian Pacific Railway line to the Pacific Coast may be replaced by steel bridges as soon as possible, the management has contracted for the construction of 242 bridges, all of which are to be delivered during the present year. The bridges vary in length from twenty to one hundred feet.

One of the Dominion Coal Company's big 115 ton locomotives and a string

of empty coal cars went into the Mira river Tuesday, through the drawbridge which was open. James Parsons, aged 55, the driver, was drowned.

While playing along the I. C. R. track near Memramcook, Tuesday, three young sons of Oliver Breau found a partly used can of canned goods, the contents of which they ate. Subsequently the lads were taken ill and one died.

Friday morning a disastrous fire occurred at Sand Point, St. John, destroying two large warehouses, a dozen or more C. P. R. cars, a considerable section of the C. P. R. elevator chute, some of the cattle pens, seriously damaging the wharves and the railway trestles, scorching the immigration building and the steamers. The loss is estimated at something over \$100,000, about \$30,000 being the city's loss, the balance being the C. P. R.'s.

Friday night St. John had another \$100,000 fire. It began about 10 p. m. in the Burpee building on Prince William street, occupied by the Canadian Drug Co. Owing largely to the inflammable drugs and spirits composing the contents of the building, the fire was one of the fiercest and hardest to fight. The Burpee building was completely gutted, the stock of the Drug Company was totally destroyed, the adjoining Gardner building was considerably damaged, and the cigarette factory of the Imperial Tobacco Co. was ruined. Altogether the loss will aggregate well on to \$120,000, a good part of which is covered by insurance.

Geo. W. Welch, a superintendent for the Great Northern Paper Co., was drowned while fishing in Ebden pond.

THE EMPIRE.

At Malta, Friday, King Edward held a review of 10,000 soldiers.

Steamer Neptune with 24,000 seals, and the steamer Ranger, with 18,000 seals, arrived a few days ago at St. John's from the seal fishery of Labrador. The steamer Harlaw, with 8,000 seals, has arrived from the Gulf of St. Lawrence and reports that the Algerine has made a catch of 18,000 seals, and the Nimrod 4,500 seals. Half the fleet is now home with a total catch of 230,000 seals.

FOREIGN.

Nine persons were killed and an appalling loss to property was caused by a tornado in Monroe County, Ala., a few days ago.

The London Times correspondent at Constantinople, says the Bulgarians have destroyed a small village of exclusively Musselman population. One hundred and sixty-five persons were massacred. The women were subjected to indescribable mutilation.

New England was swept by wind and rain on Thursday.

Six men are reported to have been killed and several seriously hurt by an explosion at the mines of the Pearl City Coal Company, near Vivian City, Va.

On Wednesday a careless woman kicked over a lantern at one of the Caldwell oil wells on Block 38, Hogg-Swayne tract, Texas, and started a fire that resulted in the loss of property valued at \$1,000,000. There were 175 wells, and only five of the derricks and pump houses are left standing. None of the companies had insurance.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Tuesday.— The time for the introduction of private bills was extended five days.

Mr. Pugsley stated that as there was much interest being taken in the question of the readjustment of the representation, he would state the present condition of the case. The question to be decided was: Did the words aggregate population of Canada, in sub-section four of section 51 of the British North America Act, mean the four original provinces of Canada, or all the provinces of Canada, including those since admitted? The question affected Ontario and Nova Scotia as well as this province.

The house went into committee on bills.

Mr. Pugsley explained that bill eight proposed to enable the government to remove from office any member of a board of license commissioners at any time before the expiration of his term of office.

Mr. Hazen objected. He had been informed that this legislation was to fit the case of the commissioners of Campbellton, who had refused to grant a larger number of licenses than the law allows.

Mr. Pugsley said no license commissioner would be removed for obeying the law. Bill agreed to.

Bill authorizing the municipality of Victoria to issue debentures to the amount of \$6,000. The money to pay for the new registry office. Agreed to.

Mr. Pugsley moved the resolutions in regard to the claims of the provinces to the Halifax fishery award.

Wednesday.— In reply to Mr. Fleming, as to the conditions of the school book contract between the government and C. Flood & Sons, Mr. Tweedie read the contracts with that firm. One condition is that the publishers were to call for tenders for printing these books, and if from the tenders it was found they could get such books printed in New Brunswick for not more than ten per cent above the price at

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which they can secure the printing elsewhere in Canada, the books were to be printed in New Brunswick.

The house went into committee on bills, and agreed to the bills to incorporate the Maritime Christian Missionary Society, to authorize the Municipality of Carleton to assess in aid of the hospital, and to incorporate the Sackville Water and Sewerage Company.

Mr. Clark resumed the debate on the fishery resolution. In 1880, when this subject was under discussion in the parliament of Canada, he said, it was shown that if the amount of the award were to be paid over at any time to the provinces they would also have to assume the burden of protecting and developing the fisheries.

Several members spoke to the resolution, which was adopted.

Thursday.— Mr. Tweedie laid before the house the report of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

The house went into committee on the bill to authorize the closing up of
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