

News of the Week.

CANADA.

In St. John, Tuesday, O'Regan's liquor store, at the foot of Union St., was burglarized. The safe was blown open and some money taken.

At a special meeting of the Queen's county council Tuesday, Robert F. Davis of Gagetown, was elected secretary-treasurer, in place of H. B. Hall, resigned.

At Fort William, Ont., Tuesday, the municipal buildings, fire and police stations, were destroyed by fire. Loss \$30,000, insurance \$20,000. All the town records were destroyed.

Rev. B. Colpitts last week resigned the Scott Act inspectorship of the town of Woodstock, and Chief of Police Gibson was appointed to the office.

In St. John, Edward McHugh, convicted of assault on Mrs. Annie McCabe, was sentenced to three months in the county gaol.

Three hundred weavers in the St. Croix cotton mill, St. Stephen, went on strike Friday. They are dissatisfied with the rate of wages.

Henry Dunham was sent to jail for four months, and Gorham Baker for three months, for assault on officers of the Salvation Army at Fairville, St. John.

Mr. Roland Mellish, manager of the B. A. B. and T. Society, Halifax, died suddenly Thursday night.

Smallpox in Kingsclear, York Co., is spreading. Some of the cases are said to be a virulent type.

Martinea, who stole about \$80,000 from the department of militia, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

Mr. C. W. Speers, Dominion immigration agent, just returned to Winnipeg from a trip through Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Illinois, reports that the movement from these states to Canada this year will be even greater than anticipated. The immigration will be extraordinary large.

W. D. Maunsell, formerly of Kingsclear, York Co., left last week for Hanley, Assa., where he and a party have taken up large wheat areas.

W. H. Gentiles, of Dartmouth, N.S., was on Wednesday convicted of forgery and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Four men were killed in a B. C. mine last week by bad air. Jack McLeod, a brave Cape Breton man, descended six times into the pit to bring up the dead. He collapsed, and another man went down to search; but McLeod rallied and had to go down and save this other!

The marriage license statistics of Nova Scotia, presented to the legislature, show that 2,305 marriages were performed last year, compared with 2,145 in 1901, and that 320 marriage registers were returned showing marriages after proclamation by banns.

The annual report of the Nova Scotia superintendent of education was laid on the table of the house on Wednesday. Number of pupils increased from 98,410 to 99,059. Attendance has been more regular. Boys in attendance, 50,247; girls 48,812. Teachers 2,492. Of these 1,044 had the benefit of normal training.

J. A. Johnston, postmaster at Dalhousie, N. B., is under arrest on two serious charges. One charge is com-

plicity in the robbery of \$500 from his own office last summer; the other charge is that he sent poisoned candy through the mails with intent to kill Geo. Chiverton, who is said to have been his accomplice in the alleged robbery. When the robbery took place, close investigation was made without discovering the guilty parties. Recently Geo. Chiverton was arrested near Rat Portage, Ont., accused of giving poisoned candy to men in the crew with which he was working. All who ate candy, including Chiverton, were ill, but none died. When under arrest some letters were found in Chiverton's possession which seemed to connect him with some crime at Dalhousie. They were put into the hands of some of the detectives who had worked on the P.O. robbery, and they thought the writing was Johnston's. It is also stated that Chiverton has confessed that he robbed the Dalhousie post office, having been instigated by the postmaster, with whom he shared the money stolen. The Dominion police, on the strength of these suspicious things, arrested Johnston. He was at once released on bail. A second arrest was made a few days ago, on the poisoning charge. The trial is to come on this week. Johnston is a young man of about 30, with a wife and two children. His story has not yet been told. In Dalhousie, where he has spent his life, very few think him guilty; and there is a feeling that he will be able to establish his innocence.

Fire destroyed the extensive candy factory of Ganong Bros., St. Stephen, on Saturday. Over one hundred and fifty people were employed in the factory.

THE EMPIRE.

The British navy estimates for the next year provide for an expenditure of \$179,000,000, an increase of sixteen million.

The governor of Natal has proclaimed the King's pardon for all persons who are awaiting trial for treason or other offences committed during or arising out of the recent war.

A parliamentary return just issued shows that 40,401 persons emigrated from Ireland in 1902. Of these 35,472 went to the colonies and foreign countries. The emigration to the United States was 33,683. Since 185 1,400,000,000 persons have emigrated from Ireland.

FOREIGN.

Vesuvius has again become active. The volcano is throwing up ashes and explosive incandescent globes, presenting an imposing spectacle.

Geo. Perry, the young negro who died in Boston jail a few days ago, confessed that he was implicated in the murder of Miss Agnes McPhee and Miss Clara Morton. There is, however, some doubt of the truth of the admissions.

The Czar has issued a decree providing for freedom of religion throughout his dominions, establishing to some degree local self-government and making other concessions to the village committees.

Twenty thousand people will go from Iowa to Manitoba, Alberta, North and South Dakota and the Red River Valley of Minnesota this year, according to estimates of railroad and land men and farmers. Canada will secure the lion's share.

Six persons were burned to death and one was fatally injured as the result of a fire in a small hotel at Leiter, a mining town near Elkins, W. Va., a few days ago.

At Olean, N. Y., Monday night, a score or more people were killed and a large number injured by an explosion of oil.

In Germany there is a strong movement in opposition to the admission of the Jesuits; but the emperor is in favor of opening the gates, and he usually manages to get his own way.

The Macedonian trouble still threatens to disturb eastern Europe. Russia and Austria are striving to ensure the continuance of peace, but their task is a difficult one.

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ROMANISM IN BRAZIL.

To see what Romanism is, we want to see it in those countries where it has had its own way for generations. The Rev. T. W. Lingle says: "The Roman religion as practised in Brazil, consists mainly of strange acts and gaudy services, and processions to the accompaniment of brass bands, jingling bells, and noisy fireworks. Every church, as well as most of the towns and cities, has its special patron saint, whose birthday is made the occasion of much merry-making, carousing, and gambling, ably led by the priests. Indeed the character and practices of the clergy constitute the lamentable feature of the religious and social situation. What wonder that the more intelligent people have revolted in large numbers from the grossness and absurdity of this papal fetishism! Many are still nominally church members, but others have gone over openly to the various forms of skepticism. The favorite of these is that of the positivists. They look to France for their ideals and find them concentrated in Paris, which is the Mecca of nearly all Brazilians."

Be not discouraged at broken and spilled resolutions; but to it and to it again.—SN. Rutherford.

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