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The grocery store of Messrs. King & Asbell, at Sussex, was broken into a few nights ago, and about forty dollars worth stolen.

The Fredericton Gas Light Co. has accepted the city's offer of \$15,500 for the company's electric plant and equipment.

A militia general order just issued provides that officers of permanent corps below the rank of captain will only hold their commissions so long as they remain unmarried. The rule does not apply to officers appointed prior to 1901.

At Welsford, N. S., George Parker, an elderly man, returning home on a load of hay drawn by oxen, when the animals got annoyed by gad flies and bolted, throwing Mr. Parker off the load, breaking his neck and killing him instantly.

At Harborville, N. S., James Cahill met his death by being run over by his ox team while hauling in hay.

The steamer Queen, which has been running on the Washademoak route, was burned at Marble Cove, St. John, Wednesday morning. The old tug Ada G. was burned also.

A summary of coal shipments from Nova Scotia for the half year shows an increase at Port Hood of 18,589 tons over the same period last year.

At the Chignecto mines, Tuesday, Alexis Blenkorn, attending the cage in the pit, was thrown over the drum, his forehead severely fractured, and his collar bone broken.

P. E. Island suffered considerably from a storm of hail, accompanied by thunder and lightning, which passed over it Sunday night, 26th.

The mills of Smith Bros., at Central Blissville, S. Co., were totally consumed by fire Monday afternoon of last week. The loss is estimated at \$7,000; partial insurance. The fire originated in the sawdust pile and fanned by the fierce wind prevailing, quickly enveloped the buildings.

McKenzie & Mann have bought

the Middleton & Victoria Beach railway, and will make it a part of the Halifax and Southwestern system. The road is under construction, and will run from Middleton through the Annapolis Valley to Victoria Beach.

Dundalk, Ont., had a \$75,000 fire Tuesday.

Sixty-four million bushels is the C. P. R. estimate of this year's wheat yield of the Northwest.

Carr's mill, twelve miles below Woodstock, on the Gibson branch of the C. P. R., was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. A quantity of lumber was also burned, the total loss being \$8,000, it is estimated. There was some insurance.

The hay crop in Nova Scotia will be less than an average one, and much smaller than last year's large yield.

Small pox is epidemic at Sydney Mines, and three more houses are quarantined.

At Sydney, N. S., W. H. Willard was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for abducting a 13-year old girl.

The results of the Canadian Pacific year show a surplus, after ordinary dividends, of \$3,776,400, being considerably in excess of expectations.

Robert Briggs, Fredericton, has been committed for trial at the Supreme Court on a charge of criminal assault on Elizabeth Hartney.

The output of coal by the Dominion Coal Company for July is 275,850 tons—an increase of 9,875 over that of June.

Tuesday, during an electric storm, the house of Crowell Pennys, at Southside, Cape Island, N. S., was struck and shattered from roof to foundation. Every room was broken, floors torn up and furniture destroyed. The family were in bed, but, strange to say, none of the inmates suffered any injury beyond a slight shock.

Thomas Murray, aged 18, son of John Murray, was struck by a falling tree while chopping in the woods

near his home at Eagle Settlement, W. Co., Tuesday, and injured so badly about the head that he died the next day.

THE EMPIRE.

A militia general order issued says: "At the conclusion of the recent war in South Africa a large number of Boer families found, on returning to their farms, that their family Bibles had disappeared. The Boer inhabitants of the South African colonies set great store on their family Bibles, which often contain family records of some antiquity, being even in some cases the only repository of such records, in consequence of the unavoidable destruction of church registers. If any member of the Canadian contingents or others who have served in South Africa, or their friends, to whom they may have been given as relics, have in their possession any of these Bibles, it is requested that they be forwarded to the adjutant-general, militia headquarters, Ottawa, for despatch to their owners."

At the opening of the annual conference of the British Medical Association last week, Dr. Griffiths, the president, declared that Great Britain loses annually sixty thousand lives that could be saved by even moderate improvement in the sanitary law and in its administration. The loss was largely of children under one year of age, the mortality among them having increased in the past thirty-six years. This, and the diminished birth rate, were two ugly facts that were discreditable to the country and modern civilization.

FOREIGN.

Cotton is the most valuable crop in the United States except corn. The 11,000,000 bales in this year's production will bring planters about \$500,000,000.

Boston capitalists who own timber limits in the State of Maine, which are situated near the Grand Trunk railway lines, will sue the railway company for \$250,000 for damage caused to these timber lands by forest fires in June last, alleging that the fires were started from sparks thrown from the engines.

An eruption of Mount Vesuvius began on Wednesday and is increasing in violence.

A terrific cyclone has passed through the district of Tohernigof, Russia. Three villages were destroyed in a few minutes. Churches and houses were lifted bodily and carried a long distance. The loss of life was great.

The report of the interstate commerce commission on railroad accidents in the United States for three months shows that during that quarter 300 persons were killed and 2,834 injured in train accidents. Other

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kinds of accidents, including those sustained by employes while at work and by passengers in getting on and off cars, making the aggregate casualties 827 killed, 11,841 injured. There were 1,650 collisions, and 1,181 derailments, causing \$2,491,016 damage to cars, engines and railways.

Thirteen prisoners escaped from the Sacramento, Cal., penitentiary a few days ago. They killed one guard and wounded two others.

Thirty-three female field laborers were burned to death in a barn near Schalpfka, Russia. They had locked themselves in a barn to escape molestation from male employes on the farm. The latter, in revenge, set fire to the building, and then callously listened to the shrieks of the doomed women.

In the burning of the Sea View House, at Old Orchard, Me., two old ladies, sisters, were burned to death.

On Thursday three persons were killed and more than a score injured by lightning at New Hope church, Appomotox county, Va.

Twenty-five persons, mostly French Canadians, were killed and fifty injured by the explosion in the powder mills at Lowell, Mass., on Wednesday. The property loss is \$75,000.

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