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**News of the Week.**

**CANADA.**

Wednesday fire destroyed the house of James Braley at Norton. Loss \$700; insurance \$400.

Dr. Ludlow Campbell, of Kings Co., and Byron S. Cronkhite, of Kings Co., have been appointed provincial constables.

C. Merno, arrested on a charge of bigamy, was examined to-day before Police Magistrate Mills, and was sent up for trial.

Surveyor-General Dunn has given notice to licensees of crown timber lands and others interested that he will on August 5th hold a conference of lumbermen and others in Fredericton, for the purpose of considering the advisability of increasing the stumpage on crown timber lands during the present season. The notice assigns as a reason for the increase, — re-forestation, protection against fire and the interest of the department and province.

Nelson Copeland, the driver of the fast freight train which collided with the Atlantic express near Windsor Jct., resulting in the loss of four lives, is to be placed on trial.

The Canadians won the Kolapore Cup at the Bisley shooting.

A young man named Parker was severely injured at the covered bridge, Nashwaak, York Co., Tuesday. He was making some repairs at the top of the superstructure of the bridge, and fell fourteen feet, breaking his nose and receiving other injuries about the head and back.

The main corporation drive has reached the boom limits. The contractor will clean up from Grand Falls down. A telegram from Connor's Station states that the water in the river was falling again and that the prospects of moving any lumber about the Falls were slim.

A man named J. O. Merrill was arrested in St. John a few days ago charged with bigamy. He belonged to Philadelphia. He was taken to St. Stephen, the last marriage having, it is alleged, taken place in Charlotte Co., and has been committed for trial.

Fishing has been good off Grand Manan this season, and good prices have prevailed. Large quantities of hake have been taken.

The number of registered medical practitioners in New Brunswick in 1903 is 259. The registrar says: "When we

consider that the population of the province is practically stationary, there is just cause for considering that the profession is being overcrowded."

The New Brunswick Medical Society held its twenty-third annual session in St. John last week.

The incorporation of Sussex is being agitated.

**THE EMPIRE.**

The Irish land bill passed its first reading in the House of Lords Thursday. The second reading was fixed for August 3rd.

The new battleship King Edward VII, the largest in the world, was successfully launched by the Princess of Wales at Devonport. The vessel cost \$7,500,000.

The London Times announces that it is anticipated in official circles that the British parliament will be dissolved early in the next session and that a general election will occur in March.

After several years of famine and shortage in the food supply, it is announced that this year India's wheat crop will be the greatest she has ever known.

**FOREIGN.**

At Racine, Wis., Wednesday, fire in the plant of the J. I. Case Machine Co. did damage to the extent of between \$100,000 and \$125,000.

A severe electrical storm swept over Athol, Maine, causing a financial loss estimated at \$20,000, and serious injury to two persons. Four houses were struck by lightning, telephone and telegraph wires prostrated, hundreds of tons of partly cured hay in the meadows was practically ruined, and hundreds of acres of growing crops were damaged.

**PARLIAMENT.**

*Monday.*—The fast Atlantic line was discussed.

The Fisheries' Act was amended to permit the issuing of licenses for purse seining in British Columbia.

*Tuesday.*—A speech by Mr. Bourassa on stock gambling occupied the day.

*Wednesday.*—Most of the day was spent in voting supply.

*Thursday.*—No business of importance.

**THE MAGAZINES.**

*Lippincott's Magazine* for August provides much fiction for idle days. The way a medical man sacrifices himself for a friend is told under the title "Another Man's Excuses." A single exception to fiction in the number is a paper entitled "Father Kneipp and His Cure." The verse of the month is up to the usual standard.

The *July Century* is distinctively a fiction number. For readers who want something beside fiction there is no lack of solid reading. Nothing could be more timely than the life of the founder of Methodism.

For the long warm days *St. Nicholas* has provided a rich and full July issue to please the girls and boys. "A Pair of Poachers" is a story for boys quite off the beaten track. "The Story of King Arthur and His Knights" grows in interest. There are interesting and valuable articles.

In the August *Success* "The Sheltering Bees," by Charles G. D. Roberts, is a story of courage in the early days of New Brunswick, when a number of hived bees were used to scatter a party of warlike Indians.

Wm. Davenport Hulbert, the writer of stories of animals in *Success*, is a very young man whose life has been largely spent in the woods of Michigan and Ontario. For a number of years Mr. Hulbert has been an invalid, and his first knowledge of animals was learned when, at his request, his father used to wheel him into the woods in a rolling-chair, and leave him alone with the wild folk. Mr. Hulbert says that the squirrels and beavers and weasles seemed to feel that he could do him no harm and they would work and play in such close proximity and with so much freedom that he had a splendid chance to study their habits.

**DOGS EAT A CHURCH.**

A correspondent of the *Examiner*, writing of the Baptist mission work in the far north, tells of the dogs devouring a church. He says:

"The little Arctic church in Baffin's Land, having nothing else with which to build them a meeting-house, made one of seal skins. A rough frame of wood was erected, and then it was covered with about forty seal skins. It made a very primitive sort of building, but there was great joy in it as night after night the simple Arctic Christians met there for worship, and to hear more fully the story of Jesus. The missionary, Rev. E. J. Peck, used a magic lantern with a great deal of pleasure and profit to the poor people. They had never seen a tree, or a cow, or a sheep, or any such things, nor even pictures of them, until Mr. Peck shewed them his lantern slides. The lantern was used, chiefly, to tell about the life of Jesus. One night, however, the tent-church was eaten up by dogs. It had been a peculiarly hard winter, and the poor Eskimo could not get out to kill seals, and the dogs were almost starved to death. So one stormy night the dogs climbed up on top of the meeting-house and tore off the skins and ate them, and the whole covering was devoured. When Mr. Peck wrote home about this, kind friends sent timber, and a more

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substantial building was put up. Mr. Peck tells, most touchingly, of such evidences that the gospel has a strong grasp upon the hearts of these poor, unintelligent Eskimo, all along the coast of Davis Straits, Repulse Bay and Baffin's Land.