

News of the Week.

CANADA.

Amos Carlee, of Perth, V. Co., a brakeman on the C. P. R., fell between two freight cars at Enniskillen Station, a few days ago, and was so crushed by the wheels passing over his thigh that he died before they had reached Victoria Hospital with him. He had a wife and four children.

The post offices at Raymond and Bloomfield Corner, Kings County, have been closed, and those at Passekeag and Bloomfield Station have changed hands—the former from the residence of the late G. R. Campbell to that of John McVey, and the latter from the store of J. E. Titus & Son to that of B. C. Williams.

According to the report of the Provincial Auditor on the public accounts of P. E. Island, submitted to the legislature, the receipts for 1902 were \$324,670.37, and the expenditure was \$336,792.48. The deficit is \$12,122.11.

A delegation of prominent shipping men from all parts of Canada will wait upon the federal government this week to ask the abolition of canal tolls in the interest of Canada's grain trade export.

Frederick Nichols, of Toronto, has presented Dalhousie College with an electrical switchboard valued at \$300. Last year he gave the college a motor generator set valued at another \$300.

C. E. Swanson, Scandinavian colonization agent, says between three and six thousand well-to-do Swedes and Danes are coming from the United States to take Canadian land this summer, some from the Western States. He brought 1,600 last week, and a party of 1,200 is now on its way from Dakota and Minnesota.

Frederick Christie, section man between Truro and Valley, on the Intercolonial, was struck by an engine, knocked down near Pictou crossing Thursday morning. His injuries are quite serious.

At Rexton, Kent Co., Mrs. Thomas Johnson gave poison in preserves to her family a few days ago. She took it herself also. None of them died. She is said to be insane.

Another case of small pox has made its appearance at Chipman, Q. Co. The schools and public assemblies have been closed.

Leo Purdy, a miner at Springhill was instantly killed yesterday while at work, by the falling of stone.

The iron product of Canada for the past year was 319,557 tons pig iron. There is a bounty of \$3.00 a ton on pig iron from native ore, and \$2.00 when made from foreign ore. The bounty will amount to the enormous sum of from \$690,000 to \$700,000.

Geo. McKnight, of Collina Corner, Kings Co., lost his house and barn by fire on Monday evening. Nothing saved; no insurance.

Sinclair Bownell, arrested on a charge of attempting to wreck a passenger train near Shubenacadie, admits he placed the obstruction on the track, but claimed he did not know there was any harm in it.

THE EMPIRE.

King Edward is to visit Ireland soon.

British shipbuilders can construct a first-class man-of-war in ten months. In France and Germany from three to four years are required to build a first-class ship.

The seal catch of Newfoundland for the spring is expected to be 360,000—a fairly successful catch. One vessel reports 25,000, another 23,000, another 28,000, and so on.

The bubonic plague has re-appeared in some parts of Egypt. Several cases are reported at Alexandria.

A number of oil tanks at Bajbaj, Province of Bengal, belonging to the Standard Oil Co. and two other concerns, were burned Tuesday night. The damage amounts to about \$1,200,000.

Experiments now concluded on the banks of the Nile show the quality of cotton grown there to be the equal of any in the world. There are available 15,000,000 acres of irrigated land, and only hands to work it are lacking.

FOREIGN.

Mrs. Deering, Brewer, Me., charged with killing her husband, has confessed. She is dying with cancer. She claims that he had treated her cruelly for years.

A severe earthquake visited Jerusalem last Sunday.

Seven great cotton mills at Lowell, Massachusetts, are closed down. The hands were arranging a strike, but the proprietors anticipated the strike by a lock-out. It is loss on both sides.

The Panama canal will be 46 miles in length; its cost to the United States will be not less than \$140,000,000; likely it will exceed that amount by \$10,000,000. The people of France have lost in that canal job quite enough to construct and equip it. The canal will shorten the distance from Japan and China to Liverpool 4,000 miles. It will save the ships the long battle with storms off Cape Horn.

One person dead, eight more or less seriously injured, twenty-two families were driven into the street, and a property loss of \$10,000, make up the result of a fire Thursday night in a five-story tenement house in Rivington street, New York.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Monday.—Mr. Pugsley, in reply to Mr. Hazen, gave a history of the negotiations with regard to the Halifax award. The Dominion government has agreed that a case shall be submitted to the supreme court, but has not yet agreed to the exact terms of the reference.

Mr. Pugsley, in reply to Mr. Fleming, gave the following statement of the amounts paid on account of the consolidation of the statutes, \$12,175,35. The debate on the address was resumed by Mr. Pugsley.

Tuesday.—Mr. Dunn, in reply to Mr. Hazen, said since the publication of the Hickman hand book (so called) another book had been prepared, giving information in respect to the province and its resources. It was written and compiled by Dr. Hannay, and printed at the Gazette office. The cost was \$3,817. The number of copies published was 15,000.

Mr. Pugsley, in reply to Mr. Fleming, gave a statement of the amount paid by the province on account of small pox in 1902 and 1903: \$55,743.26. A large amount still unadjusted.

Mr. Labillois, in reply to Mr. Glasier, said a contract had been awarded for the erection of a permanent sub-structure across the Oromocto river, at

Oromocto Village, to T. A. Baird. The tender is \$10,940.

Wednesday.—The committee on the Winding Ledges Damming scheme reported against the project. The report was adopted by a vote of 31 to 7.

Mr. Pugsley, in reply to Mr. Smith, said the amount paid George Robertson, M. P. P., for services in connection with the royal visit was \$1,500.

Mr. Loggie gave notice of motion with regard to the method of voting by ballot.

Thursday.—Hon. Mr. Labillois, in reply to Mr. Hazen, said no steel bridges were put under contract during the last fiscal year.

Mr. Tweedie, in reply to Mr. Glasier, said that John Shehan was appointed vender of liquor under the Canada Temperance Act for the parish of Gladstone on the recommendation of Messrs. Harrison and Peake, and the government had no knowledge of Shehan having been fined for a violation of the Canada Temperance Act.

Mr. Labillois, in reply to Mr. Hazen, said the cost of damage to the Harris bridge, across the Oromocto river, which was damaged by having one of the spans removed in order to enable one of the Dominion government dredges to pass up the Oromocto river, amounted to \$809.23. A claim has been made against the owners of the tug "Sea King."

Mr. Tweedie gave notice of a resolution for Monday next concurring in the Quebec resolutions with reference to the subsidies to the several provinces.

The talk on the address was continued by Messrs. King, Morrison and Carpenter.

Friday.—Several bills were introduced, and notices of motion given. The talk on the address was continued by Messrs. Osman, Hartt, Sweeney and Tweedie.

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THE MAGAZINES.

From the *Contemporary Review*, a striking article, entitled, "The Reign of Terror in Macedonia," is re-printed in the *Living Age* for April 15th.

The tinted pictures and colored cover of the *Easter Canadian Magazine* are attractive and indicate the rapid development of color printing. The *Canadian Magazine* is showing that Canadian engravers and printers are keeping pace with the world's progress. The article on "The Burning of the Parliament Buildings" recalls an exciting period, and explains why Montreal ceased to be the capital of Canada. "From Quebec to James Bay" shows the possibilities of industrial and agricultural development in a region until recently thought uninhabitable. There are several stories, besides the serials and departments.

The April-June *Forum* contains a valuable account, by Mr. H. Harrison Suplee, of the progress of the last quarter in "Applied Science." He deals particularly with the relation of the modern engineer to industrial and commercial achievements, the applications of the mercury-vapor electric lamp, the use of the steam turbine, and high speeds in railway and steamship travel.

Two great railway projects—the Trans-Canada and the South Australian land-grant line—are described in the April *Review of Reviews* by E. T. D. Chambers and J. H. Gordon, respectively. The Canadian scheme contemplates a continental line paralleling the Canadian Pacific to the northward. The Australian proposition involves the grant of 75,000 acres of land per mile for the building of something over 1,000 miles of road.

WHY NOT?

A freak reformer in Massachusetts urges that innholders be allowed to sell liquor after eleven o'clock at night to accommodate young men who might take their lady friends to worst places after the theatre when they want to treat them. Why not designate certain banks and mansions where burglars may operate lest they resort to robbery and common thieving?—*Morning Star*.

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