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News of the Week.

CANADA.

W. B. Ralston has been appointed postmaster at Amherst, N. S.

Byrn's mill at Beresford, near Bathurst, was burned Sunday.

Small's smoke house at White Head, was burned a few days ago and destroyed his season's catch of fish.

The fishing station at Dark Harbor, Grand Manan, was gutted by fire recently. Three smoke houses and two fish sheds were consumed, and ten or fifteen thousand boxes of smoked herrings were burned up. The loss is estimated at \$2,500.

At Sydney, N. S., Tuesday, John McKenzie, of Reserve Mines, was killed by an electric car.

In Woodstock, Tuesday afternoon, the house of Geo. Chase was burned. Small insurance.

Judge Landry sentenced Fred Goodspeed to two years in the penitentiary for assaulting Keeper Marr at the reformatory, adding the unfinished term of his last sentence, which makes nearly five years that he will have to serve.

The result of the British Columbia elections give neither party a working majority, the result being practically even, with four points to hear from. Eighteen liberals have been returned, 17 conservatives, two Socialists and one labor representative.

John Douglas Black, city editor of the Fredericton Gleaner, is lying at the point of death at Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, as a result of a bullet wound in the breast inflicted Saturday evening. The dreadful deed was committed on McDell avenue, at the lower side of Wilmot Park, shortly after nine o'clock. Henry Anderson, who resides on the avenue, heard the report of a revolver, and on going to the door to investigate, was startled to hear somebody cry out, "My God, I'm shot." He ran across the street and found Black standing with one hand on the fence, and the other pressed against his breast. He was in his bare head, and his coat and waistcoat were unbuttoned. A few feet away was his bicycle resting against a fence, and his hat was hanging on the handle-bar. On the ground, near his feet, was his revolver with all the chambers loaded except the one recently discharged. The unfortunate young man was removed to Mr. Anderson's residence, where he was

made as comfortable as possible. He retained possession of his senses and seemed able to recognize those about him. He spoke several times in answer to questions, but declined to offer any explanations in regard to the shooting.

The Dominion Tar and Chemical Co. of Sydney, C. B., commenced the manufacture of the crude products of coal tar at their new works. Two of the mills have been started. The company employ all native labor, with the exception of a foreman who was brought out from England, and at present thirty-five men are employed. The market for this product is limited only to the whole world, and at present they have a large demand from the United States, Canada and England, as well as from France and Belgium. The plant is under the management of John Craven of England, and its construction cost in the vicinity of half a million dollars.

The customs reports show that during last week 250 hhds. and 220 bbls. of sardine herring were cleared in small vessels for Eastport from St. John. This quantity does not, however, represent the total quantity of these herring taken in the harbor and sent down the bay, as they did not all go to Maine ports.

The Patterson child who fell from a brigge near Mispic Saturday afternoon, is improving and prospects are good for his recovery.

FOREIGN.

The military strength of Russia in the far east is now as follows: In Manchuria proper, 50,000 men of all arms, including eighteen batteries of artillery; on the lines of communication between Port Arthur and Tallenwan, 50,000 men. Thirty forts have been erected at Port Arthur and fifty others are under construction.

A tornado struck St. Charles, Minn., on Saturday and ruined the town. Six persons are reported killed and a large number injured.

During a squall Sunday night on Lake Michigan, the steamer J. H. Hackley capsized and twelve persons were drowned. The Goodrich line steamer Sheboygan rescued the other seven on board the Hackley after they had drifted all night in Green Bay, clinging to wreckage, and brought them to Fish Creek.

THE MAGAZINES.

With the October number, *The Canadian Magazine* closes its twenty-first volume. The current number contains an account of the famous Battle of Lundy's Lane, by Dr. Hannay; an illustrated resume of the Commercial Congress at Montreal; and a bit of romance from British Columbia history. There are stories and poems. The departments are interesting.

"The Socialistic Legislation of New Zealand" is the subject of an article in the *Review of Reviews* for October, by Dr. Lucien C. Warner, who has recently made a journey to the Antipodes and observed the operation of the much discussed laws which Australia and New Zealand have placed on their statute-books in recent years.

Everybody's Magazine begins to be something more than an entertaining ten cents' worth. An identity has been developed, full of interest and promise. The key-note of this individuality is the article in the October number, "The Madness of Much Money." This is a scathing attack on the vulgar displays of great wealth to which the new generation of millionaires has treated the country. Throughout this number the magazine shows a purpose to depart from the baleful worship of Mammon and its possessors which characterizes so much of the writings in current periodicals. The Ridgway-Thayer Co., Union Square, New York.

The *Methodist Magazine* for October has an illustrated article on "Rome Revisited." Booker T. Washington writes on "The Future of the American Negro." An interesting account of Jerry McAuley's New York mission is given by George Kennan. "The Apostles of the South-East" is concluded. A sketch of the late Lord Salisbury, Current Topics, etc., make up a strong number. Toronto: William Briggs. \$2.00 a year; \$1.00 for six months.

The *October St. Nicholas* is one that the girl or boy will find it hard to lay aside till every page is read. The leading story is just as good for girls as for boys, and is well worth reading aloud in the family. "Dandy Dash and How He Gave the Alarm" is the story of a dog. Rosalind Richards tells about "The Great Clock of Wells," nearly the oldest and certainly one of the most interesting clocks in existence. W. T. Hornaday tells his remembrance of Chico, the largest chimpanzee ever seen on this side

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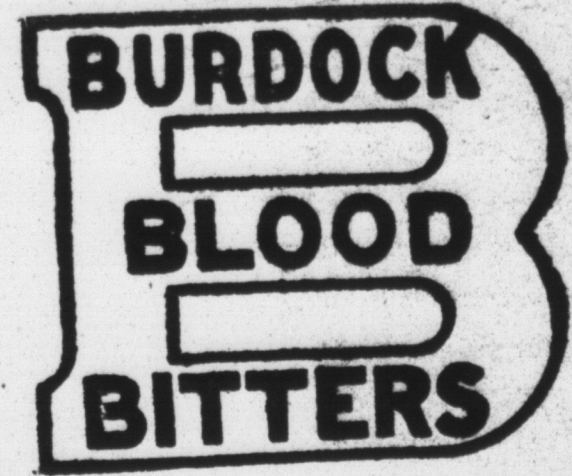
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of the Atlantic. There is a page of funny drawings. "The Sorrows of Three Little Coons," and several pages of verse and jingles. The departments are all up to their usual standard.

The *Century* for October is a very attractive number—especially for sportsmen. The fiction is entertaining. In the editorial department the increase of lynching in the United States is dealt with.

Origin of the China Inland Mission.

"In China's Millions" G. T. Howell tells how Hudson Taylor was led to organize the mission.

At the time of the formation of the China Inland Mission, thirty-six years ago, there were only ninety-six missionaries working in China, and all these were located upon the coast-line of the six maritime provinces, except one station at Hankow, in the central province of Hu-peh. Nothing at all was being done for the 200,000,000 Chinese in the eleven interior provinces. God laid these millions of souls upon the heart of Mr. Taylor, until the burden became so great that he had to dedicate himself to this new work to which the Master was calling him. The existing societies were approached, but without result. So it came about that the China Inland Mission was formed, and formed along certain well-defined lines.

In answer to prayer, two workers for each of the eleven unreached provinces were given, and not only the workers, but the means necessary for sending them to China. This was without any solicitation of funds from man, or any appeal to men at all. And now the number of its missionaries is about 800, while all the other societies combined have only about 2,000.

—Rev. Dr. Boremus Scudder, who has been travelling extensively in Japan, reports that deep down in the heart of the nation the principles of Christianity are winning assent, are molding a new life, and giving birth to numberless manifestations of true brotherliness. The country is being dotted over with institutions which radiate the sweetness and life-giving power of the gospel.

—Presbyterianism has done a great work in the Livingston mission in Africa. Founded in 1875, its first convert was baptized in 1881. "Now the mission occupies six chief centres, has a staff of 42 European missionaries, 100 out-stations, 3,000 communicants, 130 schools, with 300,000 scholars, the whole knit together in a Presbytery of Nyasaland." The work here is of the most encouraging character.