

News of the Week.

CANADA.

Fredericton is going in for municipal lighting. The council has voted to undertake the operation of the street lights. It is estimated that the cost of installing the plant and lights is about \$18,000, and that it will take about \$6,000 a year to operate.

Word from Cumberland County, N. S., is to the effect that the damage done on the timber lands there is very great. Many thousands of timber land have been burned over.

The Balfour Block, Winnipeg, owned by the British premier, was gutted by fire Wednesday. The loss is about \$80,000; fairly insured.

Smallpox has broken out again at North Sydney, N. S.

Talmage Carr, of Geary, Sunbury Co., is under arrest on the charge of setting fire to Jas. E. Smith's buildings at that place.

Hon. G. H. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia, says, "As the result of a number of interviews we have had with members of the Dominion cabinet, I would say that it is altogether probable that the government will increase the bounty to be offered any company that will erect a ship-building plant in Canada.

About \$800 has been subscribed to reimburse C. H. Eaton for the loss to his barn while discharging his official duties in connection with the Scout Act cases. His loss was \$4,000, and it is expected that a large part of it will be raised.

There is every prospect at the present time of a large crop of apples in the Cornwallis and Annapolis villages.

At the last session of the supreme court at Kentville, N. S., before Judge Townsend, Robert Parker was sentenced to twenty years at Dorchester for cutting down apple trees, burning and injuring buildings and for theft. Norman Kelly six years for breaking into several buildings; Norman Sweeny five years for breaking into a store and theft; Harlan Tupper two years for perjury.

The Nova Scotia telephone company has three thousand instruments rented in that province. The earnings for the year just closed were \$111,000.

While Dr. Hallett and his eight year old daughter were crossing the D. A. R. track at Weymouth, N. S., their team was struck by a hand car, injuring the doctor and breaking the little girl's right arm.

The crop prospects for the season are most encouraging. For a time the want of rain caused very serious anxiety but copious showers have fallen all over the land, and from every quarter we now have good news. In Manitoba and the West the prospects were never better. In Ontario the outlook is good. Hay will likely be short, but grain and fruit promise well. In the Maritime Provinces the much needed rain has come and although the hay crop will be light in quarters all the other crops look well. The fruit crop will likely be one of the largest we have ever had.

THE EMPIRE.

Fourteen men are killed and thirteen injured by an explosion in the lyddite factory at Woolwich, Eng. Several of the victims were literally blown to pieces. The building was completely wrecked.

Premier Balfour announced in the British house of commons that the future diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Serbia was under consideration. The agreement to retain the ministers at Belgrade appears to have met with strong objection on the part of some of the powers. The British government first made known its desire to withdraw the minister to Belgrade, but later concurred with the other powers. The ministers, however, will not be considered to have relations with the present Servian regime until the parliament at Belgrade freely expresses its will.

FOREIGN.

A memorial monument to negro slaves and their descendants, in recognition of valuable domestic and patriotic services before the revolutionary war, was dedicated at Barrington, R. I., on Sunday. So far as known this is the first memorial of the kind.

As a result of the storm that has been sweeping along the New England coast since last Friday, between 8,000 and 10,000 barrels of scup which had been held in ponds owned by various fishermen, have been lost. The fish were valued at nearly \$50,000.

Late reports from Hepner, Oregon, indicate that the loss of life will be much greater than at first supposed. The property loss and destruction of buildings alone will aggregate probably \$1,000,000.



PARLIAMENT.

Monday.—Several bills, including the railway bill, were advanced.

In reply to Mr. Fowler, the Minister of Railways said it is not intended to build either a new round house or a new railway station at Sussex.

Tuesday.—Sir Richard Cartwright announced that two tenders for the fast Atlantic service had been considered, and the government had decided not to accept either.

The railway bill was further considered. A motion favoring adequate protection of market, garden produce and vegetables was defeated.

On the recommendation of Mr. Blair in the railway committee the clause permitting the Grand Trunk Pacific to build within thirty miles of established railways, except in the northwest, was adopted.

The house in supply took up the estimates of the Department of Agriculture. The vote for the census was considered. It gave rise to a discussion, started by Mr. Fowler, of Kings Co., and participated in by Mr. Wilmot, of Sunbury and Queens, and Messrs. Fisher and Fielding, concerning the enumeration of Free Baptists.

Mr. Fowler called for an explanation as to why the Free Baptists in New Brunswick had been confused with other bodies.

Mr. Fisher claimed that the presence of five branches of the Baptist church in New Brunswick was the cause of the mixup.

Mr. Fowler declared the explanation was ridiculous, and asked for the correspondence in connection with the dispute.

Mr. Fisher charged that Rev. Dr. McLeod had distorted the facts in the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER. He started to

read census commissioner Blue's version of the matter, but Mr. Fowler called upon the minister to give both sides of the story.

Mr. Wilmot also complained of the neglect of Free Baptists in his constituency. He asked Mr. Fisher to investigate the census of the whole province.

Mr. Fisher read a long statement from Mr. Blue which was characterized by Mr. Fowler as absurd. Mr. Fowler asked the minister to do common justice to the Free Baptists and have a correct compilation of their numbers made.

After a lengthy discussion Mr. Fisher promised to have a correct enumeration of the Free Baptists made in St. John, Kars, Kings Co., and other places.

Wednesday.—On motion to go into supply, Mr. Tarte moved for an amendment calling for immediate revision of the tariff, so as to adequately and firmly protect Canadian industries, and the inauguration of a policy which will provide Canada with ample facilities for transportation. He said he considered the time for revision of the tariff opportune, as the government had a buoyant revenue and a large surplus to work upon. Our resources were abundant, and would enable Canada to supply all her wants and make a bid for the trade of other countries as well. The first object in the changes in the tariff should be in the interests of farmers, and after that the wage earners should receive consideration. He asked for higher wage and permanent employment for Canadian workmen. He advocated raising the tariff against foreign countries, and at the same time giving greater preference to Great Britain. He endorsed Mr. Chamberlain's imperial policy. The motion was lost.

Thursday.—The house passed items of supply in supplementary estimates for the mounted police and \$100,000 additional for militia drill. A vote of \$275,000 for steel rails on the Intercolonial passed. Other general items were passed to facilitate public business.

Friday.—Mr. Fisher introduced a bill to prevent the improper marking of butter, and the manufacture of a substitute for butter.

The house went into supply and Marine and Fisheries items were voted.



THE MAGAZINES.

The Living Age adds another to its notable series on European politics by reprinting, in the number for June 13, the striking article from the last *Quarterly Review*, entitled "The Macedonian Maze." The writer is outspoken in his criticism of the methods of the Macedonian Revolutionary Committee.

The carefully prepared article on the late Archbishop Temple, which has just appeared in the *Church Quarterly Review*, will interest many readers. *The Living Age* for June 20 reproduces it.

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