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**News of the Week.**

**CANADA.**

The Provincial Exhibition at Fredericton was a success. The weather conditions were favorable, and the attendance was very large. The exhibit of stock and farm produce was fine, and the display generally was most creditable.

According to the statement made by E. H. Wartman, Dominion Fruit Inspector, the apple export trade of Canada to England this year will amount to one million barrels.

Sir William Holland, one of the British delegates to Canada, says the potentialities of Canada, especially in the matter of wheat growing, are so enormous that he is fully convinced that Canada will be able to beat the world in her own home markets without the aid of any preference.

Murray Scott, 18 years old, left Sydney, C. B., a few days ago with about \$600 of his employer's money. He was arrested at St. John Tuesday night, while buying a ticket for Boston. The most of the money was found in his possession.

The St. John city board of works has made an agreement with Alex. J. Maclean, naval architect, under which he will prepare plans, specifications and working plans for a steel-hull, two-propeller ferry steamer, for the harbor of St. John.

The sentence of death on Joseph Carver, Charlottetown, P. E. I., who was to be hanged October 1st, has been commuted to imprisonment for life. He murdered Alex. Stewart, for whom he was working.

The burning of the steamer David Weston will be investigated by Coroner Gilchrist. The inquest is to begin Wednesday.

Over 100,000 head of cattle have been shipped from Montreal this season, and 30,000 sheep.

The utter collapse of the great industries at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario—the Clergue enterprises—is much regretted.

Over three thousand have been thrown out of employment. Doubtless there will be a revival of the business.

The chief of police at Glace Bay arrested Wednesday Wilson Rose, of Newfoundland, for raising a cheque of \$921 to \$9,021.

Another tremendous slide has occurred at Turtle Mountain, near Frank, Alberta. No lives were lost, but all the people of Frank have deserted the town again.

The work of putting the Hampton and St. Martins railroad in shape is proceeding rapidly. Already 27 miles of the track from Hampton, with all the bridges, has been put into condition, and construction trains are running over it daily.

The steamer Beatrice Waring has gone on the St. John-Fredericton route.

A very valuable deposit of iron ore has been discovered at Mira by North Sydney parties.

Statistics are published in the *Economist* showing that Canadians are paying over \$17,000,000 annually for life insurance. Of the total payment, \$10,100,000 goes to Canadian companies, \$5,700,000 to American companies, and \$1,400,000 to British companies.

In face of the fact that the wheat yield in the Canadian west this year will fall short of last year, J. O. Smith, immigration commissioner, after weighing the information received from various agents and other sources at the disposal of the department, has wired the chief officials at Ottawa that the cash value on the yield of 1903 will exceed that of the bumper year previously. Any loss in quantity and color, Mr. Smith declares, will be more than made up by enhanced cash value to the grain. He also reports that the loss to crops from the recent storm will not exceed ten per cent of the quantity in Manitoba, although discoloration will pull down the grade a point of two, while in the Territories the damage may amount to 20 per cent—but not more.

**THE EMPIRE.**

The premier of Australia, Sir Edmund Barton, has resigned, following his appointment to a judgeship in the federal high court. Alfred Beakin, the attorney general, has undertaken the task of forming a new cabinet.

The gale of last week caused havoc on the Grand Banks. A number of fishing vessels have returned damaged and report the loss of men, trawls and fishing outfits. Some vessels were sunk and others badly damaged.

The British steamer Topaza, from Cardiff for Bonne Bay, Nfld., with a cargo of coal for British warships, went ashore on the 10th off Cape Race in a dense fog and became a total loss. The crew were saved.

**FOREIGN.**

It is stated that in Russia alarming labor agitation continues. The state of affairs is said to be like that prevailing in France for the twenty years that preceded the great revolution.

All the Minneapolis flour mills were closed indefinitely on Wednesday. All the men quit work. The strike involves about 1,700 men. The flour loaders who made the demands that caused the strike were not included in the eight-hour agreement a year ago.

More than 5,000 people are homeless on the Island of Cozumel, situated off the coast of Yucatan, owing to the fact that their houses were destroyed during the heavy storm that recently visited Yucatan and other coast states.

According to information received by the Macedonian revolutionary headquarters from Monastir 120 persons perished in the flames of their burning villages near Kastoria. Over 1,200 bodies of women and children are said to be lying unburied in the fields and on the roadsides around Kastoria.

**PARLIAMENT.**

The G. T. P. bill and the redistribution bill occupied the week. Many petitions were presented asking delay in the G. T. P. scheme. Several amendments were voted down, including one requiring a guarantee that western freight should go through Canadian ports.

The redistribution bill passed its third reading Friday.

**THE MAGAZINES.**

Conspicuous among the October fashion magazines is the *Delineator*. It presents up-to-date autumn styles, valuable illustrated articles on topics of fashion, as well as literary contents of a high standard. In this number appears the first of a series of photographic articles, in which J. C. Hemment, the well-known photographer, relates his adventures with the camera at home and in foreign lands. His war experiences, which constitute the first paper, are thrilling. Home-building, particularly the sentimental side of it, is written of by Clara E. Laughlin. The children's department includes a Firelight Story, Sally Lunn's Tea Party. The Sentence of the Brown Owl; the continuation of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon; and the Helpful Sewing Lesson.

The late B. F. Farjeon left the manuscript of a story for girls and boys which is to appear serially in *St. Nicholas Magazine* during the coming year. It deals with London's Madame Tussaud and her celebrated wax-works.

The October *Success* is a big one. The variety is noticeable. The leading feature is a graphic life-sketch of Adelina

Patti. One attractive feature is "Operating the United States Senate," which tells of the inner workings of that body. Charles F. Thwing tells of the embarrassments that arise from a deficient education, and Edward E. Higgins tells about business ventures. There are several short stories.

Mr. John Burroughs is to contribute to the *Century* for 1904 a number of articles on "Current Misconceptions in Natural History," giving his views as to what he believes to be errors of observation, record, or deduction on the part of contemporary writers on nature subjects.



**MOHAMMEDANS.**—There are more than sixty-two millions of people of the Mohammedan faith in India alone. This is thrice the number of people of the same faith under the Sultan of Turkey. There are very few converts to Christianity among them, and the question has been raised whether it is because of the character of their religion, or from a lack of systematic effort in their behalf. Whatever may be said of other Mohammedan countries, this people in India are in close contact with Christian influences. King Edward of England was recently proclaimed the Christian emperor of India. Many who profess this faith are found as governors of large territories, holding positions of trust under the government, soldiers in the British army, and not a few students in the government or Christian schools and colleges. The Bible is translated in a language they can read, and there is no obstacle to its sale. Western civilization is influencing them; justice, peace, and liberty are taught to them. Islam, in India, is being saturated with these ideals under English rule. Its subjects can be approached by the missionary. Already there is a small but noble band of converts won to Christ. The missionaries of India in their late decennial conference entered an earnest plea for more systematic and definite work in behalf of this people.

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