

## News of the Week.

### CANADA.

Wednesday afternoon last week, Chas. McFarlane, aged 28, was instantly killed on the river bank at Lower Southampton, York Co. He and Charles Allen and Ludlow Bradlee were rolling logs when a log he was lifting jumped and broke his neck. Death was almost instantaneous.

An attempt was made a few days ago to burn the residence of Scott Act Inspector Bowles, of Digby, N. S. The rum gang is equal to any villainous undertaking.

Charles F. Melvin, arrested in Carlingford, N. B., for the murder of his wife in Maine, was arraigned before Justice Ramsay at Blaine and pleaded guilty. He was bound over to the April term of the Supreme Court.

In the intercollegiate debate Thursday between Mount Allison and U. N. B., the Sackville institution won by one and three-quarter points.

The Boston Herald, April 7th, contains a picture of Mr. Zebedee Estey Cliff, president of the Somerville, Mass., Board of Trade, and an account of the annual banquet of the board. Mr. Cliff, who is a Fredericton man, is serving his third term as president of the board. He is one of the largest suburban contractors and builders in the vicinity of Boston.

Winnipeg will soon boast of having the largest dairy farm on the continent. There has been acquired half a mile from the city limits a solid block of land, comprising 1,750 acres, and it is the purpose to have a herd of 600 cows. The capital stock of the company is \$200,000. This is another evidence of the greatness and growth of our western heritage.

The steamer "David Weston" made her first trip for the season from St. John to Fredericton, Tuesday.

At Coleman, P. E. I., Tuesday, the boiler in McKinnon's saw mill exploded, causing a terrific shock. Fred. Profit, aged 21, fireman, was instantly killed. John McKay was badly injured about the body. Two other men escaped with slight injuries. The mill was blown to fragments, and parts of the boiler were carried one hundred yards.

Sir William VanHorne, John Bertram, Toronto, and Harold Kennedy, Quebec, have been appointed a commission to inquire into the question of transportation.

At Hillsboro, A. Co., a few days ago, Oliver Myers was accidentally struck in the eye by a pick in the hands of a fellow-worker, and the eye had to be removed.

The boy, Sinclair Bonnell who put obstructions on the I. C. R. track at Shubenacadie, N. S., was sent to the Industrial School for three years.

Wednesday night, Moody Stubbart, a shot-firer in Reserve Mine, C. B., was instantly killed. He had laid a shot, and supposing the squib had gone off returned to the place; the shot went off and he was killed.

Gilbreth, found guilty of the theft of \$115.00 from Andrew Carr, at Sussex, was sentenced to six months in jail.

The parents of four Halifax children not attending school were fined for neglecting to send the children to school. They are the first cases of this kind. But it is the intention of the board to strictly carry out the compulsory act provisions.

Brown and Smith, convicted of robbing the Union Bank at Granville Ferry, N. S., were sentenced by Judge Savary on Thursday. Brown got twelve years in the penitentiary, and his companion seven years.

Through a sluice cut from a dam made on the shore of the Atlantic ocean, water is pouring into the colliery at

Dominion No. 1, Sydney, at the rate of eighty million gallons every twenty-four hours. The pit is now flooded up to the seventh level. There are four more levels to be flooded before the fire is reached. This will require over four hundred and fifty million gallons of water. Altogether five hundred and forty million gallons of water will be used in extinguishing the fire.

The party of English emigrants brought into Canada by Rev. Mr. Barr arrived at St. John Saturday. They number 1,964. They are a good class of people, and are a valuable addition to Canada's population.

The residence of H. A. Austin, Mount Pleasant, St. John, was burglarized Friday morning, and Mr. Austin's gold watch and chain, and a sum of money and a bunch of keys taken.

A young man named Herbert Frost has confessed to being connected with a recent burglary of the express office at St. Stephen, and the theft of a lot of sugar from C. P. R. cars.

Near Windsor Junction, N. S., Saturday night, on the I. C. R., the Atlantic express to Halifax, and the fast freight from Halifax, came together with disastrous effects. Driver Wm. Wall and Fireman Oakley, of the express, and Fireman Edward Hill, of the freight, were killed instantly. Brake-man Albert Thorpe, of the freight, was horribly and fatally injured. He lived fifty minutes after the accident. Driver Nelson Copeland, of the freight, was seriously injured, but may recover.

### THE EMPIRE.

The army estimates for 1903-4 amount to £34,245,000 for 235,761 men, as against £69,305,713 for 420,000 men in 1902-3.

According to a parliamentary paper issued the other day the national debt, which on March 31st 1901, amounted to £69,992,621, has increased by 31st March of last year to £747,911,107.

King Edward was present at Gibraltar Wednesday night at a state banquet given by Sir George Stuart White, the Governor of Gibraltar and the defender of Ladysmith. During the banquet the King announced that he had promoted Sir George White to the rank of Field Marshal.

### FOREIGN.

Great strikes and disorders are reported from Motovilo, in Russia, as a result of a crisis in the metal industry. One hundred thousand workers are idle in the Ural government, and fifty thousand have been reduced to wages of twenty-five cents a day.

At Newton, Mass., Wednesday, Maud Redmond, five years old, set fire to her clothes while playing with matches. She died.

Lieut. Governor Tillman, of South Carolina, is on trial for the murder of a newspaper editor, Gonzales, last January.

The Maine General R. R. car shops at Portland, Me., were burned Friday night. Loss \$150,000.

News has just been received from Canton of an explosion in the powder factory of the arsenal there, in which fifteen hundred persons were killed.

By the explosion of a 12-inch gun on the battleship "Iowa" on Thursday in the Gulf of Mexico, three men were killed and five injured, two seriously.

It is rumored that Russia, Austria and Italy have a secret agreement looking to the partition of European Turkey.

Bulgarian inhabitants of thirty villages in Okhrida district, totalling three thousand men, and supported by the bishop and a number of revolutionary bands, have risen against the Turks.

They surrounded a small detachment of Turkish troops in the mountains; but the troops succeeded in cutting their way out.

President Schurman, of Cornell University, announces that Andrew Carnegie, who is a trustee of the university, desires to be allowed to pay all bills incurred by students of Cornell University on account of sickness during the recent typhoid fever epidemic at Ithaca, in all cases where the students or the parents will permit it.

### A SURPRISING THING.

What has happened to Dr. Funk? is what they are asking who have regarded him as a man of strong common sense. He seems to have been caught in the net of some spiritualistic fakirs. The *Presbyterian Witness* says:

Dr. Funk, of the great book firm of Funk & Wagnalls, has lately enjoyed an interview with the spirit of the late Henry Ward Beecher. The conversation was extremely insipid, and of brief duration, for the spirit had an engagement elsewhere. Dr. Beecher's ghost assured Dr. Funk that there were spirits and that under suitable circumstances they could appear and communicate with their friends. The interview being completed, Mr. Beecher "appeared to sink to the floor and fade away." How unlike the genial self-assertive orator we need not say. Surely he ought to have vanished in some more comely way than through the floor. Was there not a chimney flue available? Was there not a ventilator in some window—or a keyhole in some door? It would be more in accord with the flashing genius of Beecher to have vanished with a smash and a crash through broken glass than to have slunk downward through the floor. The place where Dr. Funk met Mr. Beecher was a darkened room at a Spiritualist Seance. It was hardly necessary to make this explanation. What stirs one's curiosity is that Dr. I. C. Funk should haunt such a place and should be soft enough to be fooled by some one skilled in "materializing" ghosts. The methods of spiritists are fairly well known by this time.

## SOFT CORE

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### A MOSLEM MESSIAH.

A Moslem Messiah has arisen in India and is causing considerable excitement. His name is Mirza Ghulam Ahmed, and he claims to be both the promised Mahdi and the promised Messiah. The functions of the two are so different, however, that many oppose his claim on that account. According to orthodox Moslem belief El Mahdi is to be a descendant of Fatima, the daughter of Mohammed and a man of war, destined to overthrow the unbelievers. A man of war, too, will be the Messiah whom Mohammedans expect, but he is to be the Lord Jesus Christ at his second coming. Of Mahdis the Mohammedan world has had several, but for the first time in Moslem history the claim of Mahdi-Messiahship has been advanced. The present claimant, who comes from Quadian, a small town in the Punjab, teaches that Jesus did not die on the cross at Jerusalem, but at Srinagar, in Cashmere, at the advanced age of 110 years. He does not claim to be the very Christ in person reincarnated in India, but that he has come "in the spirit and power of Christ," as John the Baptist came in the "spirit and power of Elijah." And he has come, he boldly affirms, in fulfillment of the prophecies given to Jews, Christians and Mohammedans. He is learned in the Scriptures and exhibits a singular facility for adapting them to his astounding claims. Strangely enough, he rejects the Koran, as "the fabrication of man." This Mahdi Messiah claims to work miracles. He carries on an extensive educational work and freely uses the press. It is said that he now has 50,000 disciples. He issues bold challenges to discussion, and it is reported that he has in preparation a challenge which he purposes sending to John Alexander Dowie of Chicago, whose claims to be the Prophet Elijah Ghulam Ahmad, of course, scornfully rejects.