

## News of the Week.

### CANADA.

The hay crop will be short in Nova Scotia.

In Winnipeg Ralph Vincent was killed by falling beneath the wheels of a car which he was attempting to board. He was 14 years old, and son of Rev. W. C. Vincent, Baptist, formerly of Sackville, N. B.

Nine large cattle sheds at the Winnipeg Industrial Grounds were completely destroyed by fire Monday.

Andrew Casey, Chatham, was drowned while intoxicated.

The Board of Health has closed several roads on the borders of Kent Co., and it is likely that other roads leading from the smallpox infected districts will be closed.

Wednesday the New Brunswick Petroleum Co. on the lower Dover road on Chas. Powell's farm, at a place called Colpitts, they struck oil at 346 feet, and twelve feet of oil flowed into a ten-inch hole.

Counterfeit 50-cent pieces are in circulation in Cape Breton since the visit of the circus. The counterfeits are exceptionally good imitations of the Newfoundland half-dollars dated 1900, but can be detected by the ring when thrown on a counter.

The Globe Laundry, Fredericton, was destroyed by fire Thursday night.

The Murray & Gregory mill, Saint John, will be re-built.

Immigration from Newfoundland to Nova Scotia increases. During June 852 passengers, about 700 of whom were laborers, landed at Sydney, an increase of 300 over May.

A terrific rain storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, passed over parts of Westmorland and Albert Counties Tuesday night. At Lower Coverdale hail stones as large as hens' eggs fell, doing much damage to fruit and young crops, smashing windows and injuring horses and cattle in the fields.

The prospects for the crops in Manitoba and the Northwest are so good that a great harvest may be expected. This fact, combined with the fact that a very large additional acreage is under crop this year, will, other things being equal, give returns far and away beyond those of last year, splendid as they were. The interesting feature in this year's reports is that they come in so many instances from land hitherto unbroken. "The granary of the Empire" is proving worthy of its name.

A terrible fatality occurred Saturday on Lower Robinson street, Moncton, by which Maggie Gaudet, aged five years, had her life crushed out. The little child was playing on the side of the street when a heavy truck team was driven along. Some men walking along the railway track near by attracted the attention of the driver for an instant, when the child appears to have walked out into the street. The first the driver saw was that she was in contact with the front wheel of the truck which knocked her down and the hind wheel of the truck passed directly over her head, crushing it badly and causing blood to gush from the nose, ears and mouth. Death was almost instantaneous.

Hon. A. G. Blair placed his resignation in the hands of the Governor-General on Monday.

Joseph Carver, for the murder of farmer Stewart, in P. E. Island, has been sentenced to be hanged on Oct. 1st.

Thomas Ramsay, of St. John, while riding on a heavy two-horse sledge on Monday, fell off, and one of the hind wheels passed over his stomach. He will probably die.

### THE EMPIRE.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons on the number of British, American and Japanese warships in the Gulf of Pechili and the object of the gathering of the Russian and other fleets there, Admiralty Secretary Arnold-Foster said there were twelve British ships in those waters, but the Admiralty was not aware that any special gathering of warships had occurred or that there was any special object aimed at by the powers responsible for the movements of the vessels in Chinese waters.

The women of Great Britain and Ireland, in order to give tangible expression of their esteem and admiration of Victoria the Good, have been collecting money for a Woman's Memorial to the late Queen, and the sums thus gathered will be devoted to the endowment of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses' Institute. More than \$400,000 have been raised. The women are to be congratulated upon the wise disposition they have made of the funds.

The agricultural and commercial bodies of the Island of Barbados and of Demerara have adopted resolutions heartily favoring the Zollverein proposals of Mr. Chamberlain, and expressing appreciation of the importance of drawing closer Great Britain and her colonies. The resolutions declare that the adoption of Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy will tend to cherish and develop mutual commerce.

For the first time in the history of Spain a working man has been elected a member of the Cortes. His name is Jaime Angles, a cooper by trade.

### FOREIGN.

Chicago has passed the two million mark. Its present population, according to the publishers of the Chicago directory for 1903, is 2,231,000.

In Chicago, Wednesday, there were six deaths and a score of prostrations from heat.

For some time past Vesuvius has been in a state of moderate activity. It has now become intensely eruptive, and visitors are not allowed to approach the crater.

Twenty-three persons were killed and nine injured in a collision on the Virginia Midland R. R. Wednesday.

The Pope has suffered another relapse, and Tuesday morning he was in a more critical condition than at any time since the middle of last week. The semi-comatose condition into which he fell at midnight and the confused state of his mind on his awakening at an early hour, accompanied by still greater depression than during Monday, are regarded as symptoms of the gravest nature and as pointing to an imminent dissolution.

### PARLIAMENT.

**Monday.**—Private bills occupied considerable time. The House then went into supply, voting steamship subsidies.

**Tuesday.**—The railway bill had more consideration. Some supply was voted.

**Wednesday.**—The special supply bill for one-fifth of the amount of the main estimates for 1904 was passed, covering \$18,342,669. An item of \$708,179 for 1903 was also assented to.

The House then took up the railway commission bill.

**Thursday.**—The railway bill again.

### The Reaction of Christian Science.

Christian Science ought to keep a loss account as well as a profit, and reckon up the number of homes into which there come misery and death through this false faith. Three years ago there was no happier family in Mt. Carroll, Ill., than that of our brother and sister, Edward and Cora Holman, and their baby girl. Mrs. Holman became a "scientist." Troubles at once arose. The domestic happiness was broken up. When the child was sick and the mother refused to administer medicine, the father, a telegraph operator, would sometimes leave his work every two hours through the night, ride home and attend to the babe. The child was delicate, and this spring took tonsillitis, a disease rarely dangerous to children. The father told his pastor that he had begged the mother if she would not give the little girl medicine, at least to keep her in the house, but he said she would not recognize any disease, nor any danger of taking cold. Then the child died.

Natural grief is forbidden by Christian Science; the mother did not weep—she went insane. And in her insanity she thought she had murdered her child! Two "scientists" lay down with her on her bed and tried to give "demonstrations," but she seized one of them, her mother, by the throat, and would have choked her to death, her husband told me, if he had not interfered. Then they sent her to the Watertown Insane Asylum.

On a following Sunday, April 19th, the pastor, believing that the occasion called for strong words, preached on "Christian Science, the American Juggernaut." As one has remarked, "every kind of man was there." The whole community, county, is aroused against Christian Science. The sermon is being published in pamphlet form by the man who is left childless, the husband of an insane woman.

Brethren, don't admit too freely, as some of you are doing, that Christian Science brings health, peace, and every heavenly joy. Look on both sides of the ledger.—*Journal and Messenger.*

The interior of the Free Baptist parsonage, Grand Manan, is being built over for an early occupancy by Rev. Mr. McNinch, of Yarmouth, who will take the pastorate of the Free Baptist churches.

### Marriages.

**GALLOP-PETERS.**—At the residence of the bride's father, Victoria Street, St. John, on June 24, by Rev. David Long, Harry C. Gallop to Laura M., daughter of Howard L. Peters.

**CRONWELL.**—At the residence of the bride's father, Geo. B. Cronwell, on June 24, by Rev. David Long, Bessie Mabel Cronwell to Charles Holden Rigby, of Fredericton, N.B.

**SANSON-BILLINGS.**—At Gibson, N. B., July 2nd, by Rev. A. D. Paul, Charles Sanson, of Millville, York Co., and Miss Harriet Billings, of Central Hainesville.

### Deaths.

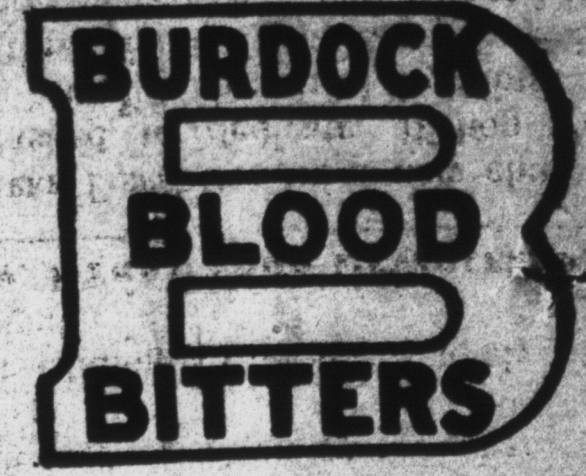
**VANWART.**—At Tennant's Cove, K. Co., on the 4th inst. of paralysis, Valentine VanWart, aged 73 years. Two daughters, and one son, with many friends and relatives, survive him.  
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THREE DEFECTS.—Of a new church he was asked to dedicate. Bishop Potter said: "It is a beautiful building, with only three faults: you cannot see in it, you cannot hear in it, you cannot breathe in it."