

## News of the Week.

### CANADA.

The Montreal strike is practically over, an agreement having been reached Monday.

Ottawa had a most disastrous fire Sunday morning. The fire covered the ground of the great fire of three years ago. Three hundred and fifty houses were destroyed, and great piles of lumber. Two thousand people were made homeless. The money loss is very large, perhaps in the vicinity of a million. The fire was deliberately set by a man named John White, who was only recently released from the penitentiary, after serving a sentence for having started a fire eight years ago.

At Sydney Tuesday Geo. Dagher, convicted of receiving stolen goods in connection with several burglaries, was sentenced to three years in Dorchester.

James Kelly, the victim of a stabbing affray at North Sydney Saturday night, died Tuesday. He made an ante-mortem statement. An Italian stabbed him.

In Amherst, N. S., Harvey Brown, aged 64 years, was found dead in his bed Tuesday morning.

The Central Railway earned last year \$7,332, and it was operated at a deficit of \$29,394.

In Toronto last week, Jas. Frauley was convicted of personating a voter in the referendum last December, and was fined \$400 and twelve months in jail.

The American fishing schooner Gloriana, of Gloucester, went ashore Tuesday night on Thrum Cap, near White Point, Canso. The captain and fourteen men were lost.

A man named Willis dropped dead in the Halifax Salvation Army shelter Wednesday.

On the Canada Eastern Railway, at Weavers, eight miles from Doaktown, Wednesday, a girl named Venoe, eight years of age, was killed. She was playing on the track with two companions. The children were warned by the whistle stepped to one side. When the train was nearly upon them, the girl attempted to cross the track and was struck.

The coroner's jury in the John Mangan case at Musquash, St. John, gave verdict that Mangan was assaulted by Peter Devine and both rolled over the embankment, resulting in the death of Mangan.

It is reported that the head offices of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company are to be removed from Montreal to Sydney, thus affecting a large annual saving.

Fire at the corner of Waterloo and Middle streets, St. John, Friday morning, damaged the houses of J. Swanton and A. Winchester. Partial insurance.

It is estimated that the wages of stream drivers on the Miramichi amounts to \$140,000 a season on the average.

The barns of Charles H. Eaton, Canard, Kings Co., N. S., were burnt on the 5th inst. Thirty-six thoroughbred and fat cattle perished. The loss is at least \$5,000. This fire is said to be the work of an incendiary. Mr. Eaton is the Stipendiary before whom the recent Scott Act prosecutions were tried, and it was on his property that the confiscated liquor was destroyed.

Abner McNuit, of the Oxford Hotel, Truro, N. S., on Tuesday was convicted of the third offence of selling liquor. He was sentenced to thirty days' jail and \$80 fine and costs.

The Montreal city council has voted not to accept Mr. Carnegie's offer of \$150,000 for a public library.

Three immigrant specials passed through St. John Wednesday with about 2,000 immigrants, who landed in Halifax Tuesday. The first two had a motley crowd of about 1,300 Hungarians, Galicians, Roumanians, and Bohemians, who came from Hamburg on the German steamer Adria. On the other train were about 700 English and Scotch-

men. The whole are destined for the Canadian Northwest.

Twelve men were killed and eight others injured by the derailing of a boarding car attached to a work train on the Canadian Pacific Railway at Dexter, Fort Williams, Ont., Thursday morning. The boarding car caught fire after leaving the track, and the bodies of the victims were burned.

### THE EMPIRE.

The Irish land bill has passed its second reading in the house of commons.

The grand jury at Liverpool has returned a true bill against Otto Monson, Gustave Rau, alias August Malahn, and William Smith, alias Dirkerhaar, seamen of the St. John barque Veronica, of St. John, N. B., from Ship Island, Miss., who were indicted on the charge of murder and arson.

### FOREIGN.

Nine men were killed and five others injured, three of them fatally, Wednesday, by a slide of rock at Eggleston Springs, on the Norfolk & Western railroad.

A collision at sea that cost the lives of twenty or more persons and the sinking of the Clyde steamship Saginaw by the Old Dominion Steamship Company's liner Hamilton, occurred between Winterquarter lightship and Fenwick Island lightship on the Virginian coast on Monday. The persons drowned were passengers or belonged to the crew of the Saginaw.

A Berlin despatch says: The coal mining industry at Westphalia is seriously hampered by sickness among the miners arising from an intestinal parasite which has spread so rapidly that the sickness has become almost universal. Twenty thousand men are affected. Some of the pits have ninety per cent of their workers disabled. The disease has hitherto baffled the doctors. Temporary barracks and isolation hospitals are being erected to prevent the spread of the disease and to secure scientific investigation. The parasite, which is a worm, disables the person attacked for weeks, and sometimes months.

Oneida, N. Y., is suffering from an epidemic of diphtheria, which has been spread by cats. The attention of a veterinary surgeon was called to the condition of a valuable cat. In diagnosing the case he said the animal was suffering from diphtheria in its most virulent form.

The daughter of Treasurer James S. Sturtevant, of the co-operative bank at Medford, Mass., was shot and killed Wednesday night on the piazza of her home by a man who attempted to rob her father as he was returning from a bank meeting carrying a satchel containing checks and money. An Italian has been arrested.

The total force serving afloat in the British navy during 1901 was 98,410 officers and men. The health of the force has been quite satisfactory. As compared with the preceding year there has been a reduction under the three headings of "cases," "invalidings," and "deaths." The invaliding ratio of the entire force was 31.58 per 1,000, the highest invaliding rate being on the Mediterranean station. The death rate was 5.34 per 1,000, the highest death ratio appearing on the Cape of Good Hope and West Coast of Africa stations. Of the force, 60.89 per cent. were under 25 years of age, and 1.58 per cent. above 45 years.

### THE LEGISLATURE.

Monday.—Mr. McKeown spoke on the budget.

The house, in committee on bills, agreed to the following: A bill respecting the licensing of extra provincial corporations; a bill to facilitate the opening up to settlement of lands of the New Brunswick Railway Co.; a bill to incorporate the Kent Northern Extension Ry Co.; a bill in further amendment of the New Brunswick Elections Act of 1889, and relating to the general election of 1903 in the County of Madawaska; a bill to incorporate the Beersville Railway Co.; a bill to authorize the bishop of Fredericton to transfer certain trusts to the Synod of the diocese of Fredericton.

Tuesday.—In reply to Mr. Hazen, Dr. Pugsley said that the government had guaranteed the bonds of the New Brunswick Railway and Coal Co. to the amount of \$137,000. Of these \$60,000 had been issued in April, 1902, \$50,000 in September, 1902, and \$27,000 in January, 1903. These bonds had been used to obtain loans by the company.

The vote was taken on Mr. Hazen's amendment and it was lost. Yeas, 9; Nays, 31.

The house went into committee of supply. All the items were passed.

Wednesday.—The bill to amend the Liquor License Act was considered, and progress reported. The following bills were agreed to: A bill respecting the liability of employers for injury to workmen; a bill extending the charter of the St. John Valley and River du Loup R. R. three years; a bill to incorporate the Alexander Gibson Co.; a bill to incorporate the Hammond River Boom and Driving Co.; a bill relating to the Woodstock Electric Railway, Light and Power Co.; a bill relating to sewer and marsh lands in the parish of Moncton.

Thursday.—The house in committee agreed to the following bills: A bill to consolidate certain school districts in Kings Co. was considered. The bill was in connection with the McDonald fund, and is to erect five school districts into one in Kingston village for a period of three years for the maintenance of one graded school, with special branches in nature study, manual training and household science; a bill to enable a railway company to erect and maintain telegraph or telephone lines on its own



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road; a bill relating to the Aluminum Production Co.; a bill to incorporate the Maine and New Brunswick Electrical Power Co. The company is empowered to dam the Aroostook River for the purpose of generating electric power; a bill relating to the Imperial Dry Dock Co. of St. John; a bill respecting the protection of game; a bill to authorize the issue of debentures to the extent of \$200,000 for the erection of bridges.

Friday.—The Railway Subsidy Act was carried by 26 to 11. It was strongly opposed by Messrs. Hill, Hazen and others.

A resolution was passed urging the Federal government that in any charter granted to the Grand Trunk Railway Co. it be specially expressed that the winter port of such railroad be in the Maritime Provinces, and that said railroad be an all-Canadian route from ocean to ocean.

Saturday.—The house was prorogued to-day.

During the session 139 bills were introduced, of which 122 passed.

WATCH THEM.—Now that a bill has been introduced prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of cigarettes, we will see how well the members who voted for the solution will support the bill. Just watch them.