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**News of the Week.**

**CANADA.**

There was an explosion in the Cumberland coal mine, British Columbia, on Thursday. Owing to a strike only Chinese were in the mine. Of these 12 were killed and seven injured.

S. Edmunds, a brakeman of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, had his back broken and one of his arms taken off on Friday. He was throwing a switch and was struck by the oil boxes of his locomotive and knocked down, the wheels passing over one of his arms. He died in a few hours.

The barn of David Ross, Margaree, C. B., was set on fire and completely destroyed with all its contents, including hay, farm machinery and six head of cattle Thursday night. He also found a valuable horse dead in his pasture with his throat cut.

Friday noon, Justin Murphy, working on the staging around the spire of the R. C. Cathedral, St. John, fell a distance of 112 feet. He died in a few hours.

Messrs. Simmons and Burpee have been awarded the contract for erecting a new bridge at Buctouche, Kent county. Their tender was \$23,000.

Joseph Carver, of Pownal, P. E. I., for the murder of Alexander Stewart in P. E. Island, has been sentenced to be hanged on October 1st.

Returns of the recent N. B. Normal School entrance examinations show that no less than 625 candidates underwent examinations at the several stations throughout the province, exclusive of Restigouche, returns of which are not yet in, and which will probably bring the number up to nearly seven hundred. The result will be announced about August 1st.

The smallpox is spreading at Sydney Mines, C. B. There are now twenty cases.

An Englishman named Payne, who located in Mauderville, S. Co., in the spring, has been missing since June 12. He went to Fredericton that day, and

has not been home since. His wife has knowledge of his whereabouts.

Work on the Mitchell boom was suspended for the season last week, the earliest on record, owing to the great scarcity of lumber. During the season 8,000 joints of lumber were rafted at the boom.

The appointments of Amos Belyea as deputy sheriff for the county of Queens and Fred L. Fairweather, for Kings county, have been approved.

The Fredericton city council has offered \$15,500 for the plant of the Electric Light Co.

**THE EMPIRE.**

The will of the late Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald leaves £4,400 to his son, who is made the sole heir.

**FOREIGN.**

Great devastation has been caused by floods in various parts of Austria.

An epidemic of dengue appears to be sweeping over the Hawaiian islands. More than 1,300 cases have been reported, but there have been no deaths directly attributable to the disease.

Three men killed and two seriously hurt and three buildings destroyed, is the result of an explosion at the Lafin Powder Works, Pa.

A terrible cyclone ravaged the French possession of Tonquin, June 9th. Nine hundred and fifty natives were killed, and many villages were laid in ruins.

It is said the Servian authorities have unearthed a conspiratory to avenge the late King Alexander. A lieutenant of a frontier garrison has been arrested, and a search of his quarters disclosed evidence that twelve officers had formed a league to take vengeance upon the regicides.

At Lynn, Mass., Thursday, Owen Mosher, aged 30, shot and killed his wife, Georgiana, 23 years of age, and then killed himself.

**PARLIAMENT.**

*Monday.*— Private bills received consideration.

Mr. Fielding moved to enable the government to increase its note circulation from twenty to thirty millions, for which a reserve of 25 per cent will be held not less than 15 per cent. Mr. Fielding intimated that the government may issue five dollar bills instead of fours, or both.

A resolution authorizing the government to grant \$60,000 a year to the city of Ottawa for ten years was adopted.

*Tuesday.* The Premier announced that Mr. Blair had tendered his resignation as a minister of railways and canals and a member of the cabinet. He promised a ministerial statement on Thursday.

On the motion to go into supply Mr. Wilson attacked the immigration policy. He condemned the system of medical inspection under which no effort is made to keep out persons suffering from trachoma and flauu. Foreigners rejected by United States agents are allowed to enter Canada. Sifton defended the continental immigrants as the finest class of people that enter Canada.

*Wednesday.*— The Department of the Interior estimates were taken up. The immigration policy was discussed.

*Thursday.*— The Premier explained the resignation of the Minister of Railways, saying that Mr. Blair resigned because he was not in accord with the government's railway policy, which he considered would involve paralleling the Intercolonial railway by the construction of a line from Quebec to Moncton. The government could not see that this would result, and could not accept Mr. Blair's view.

Mr. Blair, following the Premier, made a statement of his reasons for resigning, and read the correspondence between himself and the Premier. He said he did not agree with the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme, and was not willing as Minister of Railways to be responsible for it. Besides, he had not been consulted in the preliminary negotiations concerning the road.

Some Interior Department estimates were voted.

*Friday.*— During the voting of immigration estimates there was considerable criticism of the admission of doubtful classes of people.

The Premier said he would introduce the G. T. P. resolution next week.

**THE MAGAZINES.**

The August *Canadian Magazine* will be of special interest to New Brunswick readers, since it will contain two stories by New Brunswick writers, Theodore Roberts and Elizabeth Roberts Macdonald.

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