

News of the Week.

CANADA.

John Macey's house, St. Stephen, was destroyed by fire Wednesday. Small insurance.

George A. Montain has been appointed by the government to be chief engineer of the national transcontinental railway.

James Magee, K. C., has been appointed to the high court bench of Ontario, in place of the late Justice Ferguson.

Mr. J. Arthur Freeze has been appointed town clerk and treasurer of Sussex.

At Fredericton Junction James McClosky, an eccentric old man, who followed peddling, committed suicide by drowning in the north branch, Oromocto River.

Miss Jessie Gibbons Vince, Woodstock, was among the graduates of Radcliffe College, Harvard University, last week.

Edward Weyman, B. A., of Apohaqui, for the past year principal of the Superior school at Gogetown, has been awarded a scholarship at Yale University and will continue his post graduate studies there next year.

In Montreal, Tuesday, six thousand dollars' worth of silks, shawls, etc., were stolen from the store of Armand Giroux by burglars.

The Catholic church in Aylmer, Quebec, was burned down Thursday. It cost about \$40,000.

At Shawinigan, Que., Thursday, two lads, G. H. and A. Benoit, sons of F. B. Benoit, and G. Guay, were drowned in St. Maurice river. In company with an older brother of the Benois they were bathing in a dangerous spot.

Aaron Perry, Woodstock, N. B., M. A., Yale, 1903, was awarded a university fellowship in English and other modern languages by Yale University.

Grand Anse station, on the Caraquet Railway, was totally destroyed by fire, with contents, Wednesday. Loss about one thousand dollars; no insurance.

Tuesday of last week Humphrey & Kinnear's livery stable, Moncton, was destroyed by fire. Thirty horses perished, fourteen of them being boarders. Twenty carriages and thirty sleighs were burned. The loss is put at about \$12,000. Small insurance.

The strike situation in Sydney is unchanged. It is suggested that a royal commission be appointed to investigate. It is understood the men would accept such a proposition.

Samuel Fillick, an agent who is wanted in Amherst, N. S., for theft, was arrested in Montreal Wednesday.

Hugh Nealis, aged 63, clothier, St. John, was taken suddenly ill on the street, Tuesday, and died while being removed to the hospital.

At Coverdale, C. Co., a few nights ago fire destroyed the house of John Hill. Four children and their grandmother were in the house. Three of the children were burned to death, and the other was so badly burned that she died next day. The grandmother escaped.

A fatal accident occurred in Murray & Gregory's mill, St. John, on Saturday afternoon. Archie Craig, aged 17, was struck on the head by a deal end hurled with terrific violence from the edger and killed instantly.

Principal Herbert M. Graham of the Simcoe street Normal Training School, London, Ont., was being taken to sanitarium at Guelph, Saturday, for treatment, when suddenly he stepped behind his wife and leaped in front of the locomotive, being ground to pieces under the wheels.

The Dominion Iron and Steel Company, Sydney, N. S., are making preparations for the resumption of the manufacture of iron and steel within the next few days. The operations for the present will be confined to two open hearth

furnaces, the blooming mill and the rod and wire mills. They are offering skilled employees higher wages than they were paying before to induce them to go back to work, but it is understood that experienced workmen among the union refuse to go back.

Fire destroyed the house of F. Eastman, St. Stephen, Monday. Insured.

Hanford Brown, of Maugerville, died suddenly of heart disease in bed Tuesday night. He retired in usual health.

Adolphe Tanger, for setting fire to the C. P. R. stockyard stables at Fort William, Ont., was sent to the penitentiary for 12 years.

At Port Dalhousie, a farmer named Belson, who had erected a barn over the grave of a former owner of the farm—a United Empire Loyalist, was last week ordered by the Judge of the High Court to remove the barn, restore the gravestone and pay all the costs of the action brought against him.

More than 2,000 of New Brunswick's militia are in camp at Sussex.

The factory commission, appointed by the local government under authority of an act passed at the last session of the legislature, will be constituted as follows: John Palmer, mayor of Fredericton, chairman; Kilgour Shives, Campbellton; Charles McDonald, manager of St. John Iron Works, St. John; Michael Kelly, secretary of the Longshoremen's Union, St. John; and Mrs. E. S. Fiske, St. John. James G. Stevens of St. Stephen is to act as secretary.

During the storm of the 21st, the residence of Mr. George Slipp, Queensbury, York Co., was struck by lightning, and Mr. & Mrs. Slipp, Mrs. Burden and Mr. H. M. Manzer narrowly escaped death. The lightning struck the roof and, following the chimney, passed down through the room in which they were, to the cellar. All were partially stunned by the shock, Mr. Slipp's condition being more serious than the others. The ladies of the party had their hair singed and were severely shocked. Mr. Manzer's hair and eyebrows were slightly singed. The lightning set fire to the house, both in the cellar and attic, but the fire was extinguished by Mr. Manzer before great damage had resulted. In the cellar a quantity of eatables was completely wrecked.

At the Supreme Court at Sydney, Tuesday, Ferdinando Montinierno, an Italian, was tried, charged with having murdered Alexander Zispolo, by stabbing, at Glace Bay in February last. The jury failed to agree, and a new trial was ordered.

The blacksmith shop and iron shed in connection with George McFarlane's wagon works at Nashwaaksis, York Co., was burned to the ground Thursday morning. Nearly all the machinery and plant were destroyed, including engine and boiler. There was a large quantity of manufactured work destroyed in the blacksmith shop and a large supply of iron in the iron shed. The loss will probably exceed three thousand dollars. No insurance on the machinery and only two hundred dollars on the buildings. The two other shops were saved by the hard and well directed work of the neighbor and a squad of firemen from Fredericton and St. Marys.

THE EMPIRE.

Gen. Macdonald, with reinforcements, entered Gyantse, Thibet, June 26, after a somewhat severe fight with the Thibetans at the Naini Monastery, six miles distant. The monastery was strongly held by the Thibetans, who were driven out after four hours of artillery, infantry and hand-to-hand fighting.

A Gyantse, Thibet, despatch of June 29, says: Lama came in today under a

flag of truce from the Thibetans asking an armistice pending the arrival at Shigatse of officials from Lhasa, who will be prepared to negotiate with the British expedition. The British will undertake the negotiations providing the Thibetan officials have sufficient authority.

FOREIGN.

The Chicago limited on the Wabash R. R. was wrecked and burned at St. Louis Sunday night. Twenty persons perished and forty were injured.

Twenty-two Russian sailors were drowned at the Baltic works Wednesday during experiments with a submarine boat. Four officers and thirty men were on board when the signal was given to submerge the boat without first properly closing the manhole.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the steamer Gen. Slocum disaster makes the directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, the captain of the Slocum, the commodore of the company's fleet, and other officers criminally responsible. Warrants for their arrest were issued.

Three persons lost their lives and half a dozen were injured in Philadelphia Monday, as the result of the explosion of a small bundle of fireworks.

Thirty-three persons were killed near Spanishtown, Jamaica, on Monday, in the main conduit of the West India Electric Co. Nearly 100 laborers had been detailed to remove the sand from the enormous pipe which is a mile long. The work had practically been completed, when by accident or carelessness the full force of water was turned on with the result named.

The Paris correspondent of the London Mail claims to have indisputable authority for the following details of recent events in Armenia: The villages of Darnet, Adelpoum, Arniz, Kari, Verlok and Mekrokoum were sacked and burned. The inhabitants in many cases were massacred. Mekrokoum was pillaged by Kurds, who were accompanied by Turkish soldiers. Its church was plundered and profaned. Every able-bodied man was stabbed, Turkish soldiers violated the women. On the arrival of the British and French consuls, women rushed to them begging for mercy. Judging from a trustworthy estimate, founded on an enquiry made by the British and French consuls, 28 villages have been destroyed and 6,000 persons massacred.

A locomotive and six freight cars destroyed, and one man terribly scalded, was the result of a head-on collision Sunday morning between a regular and an extra freight train on the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division of the Boston and Maine railroad. The collision was about a quarter of a mile east of the West Rochester station and less than 100 feet east of a covered bridge.

Over 700 Danish and Norwegian emigrants bound for New York, are believed to have drowned in the North Atlantic. Out of nearly 800 souls on board the Danish steamer Norge which left Copenhagen June 22, only twenty-seven are known to be alive and for the rest no hope is held out. Early on the morning of June 28 the Norge, which was out her course in heavy weather, ran onto the Rockall reef. The Norge was quick-

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ly backed off, but the heavy seas poured in through a rent in her bows and she quickly began to go down by the head. Eight boats were lowered and into them the women and children were hurriedly put. Six of these boats smashed against the side of the Norge and their hapless occupants were swallowed up by the heavy seas. Two boatloads got away safely from the side of the sinking ship. The Norge foundered suddenly and some six hundred terrified emigrants were thrown into the water or drawn down with the sinking ship. The boat occupied by the survivors landed at Grimsby was a lifeboat.

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