

News of the Week.

CANADA.

Fire in Bathurst, Thursday, destroyed the dwelling of Wm. Petrie. Partial insurance.

The Yarmouth post office shortage has been settled by the postmaster paying the full amount. The department loses nothing. Allen's whereabouts are not known.

A barn at Prince William Station, on the C. P. R., owned by W. G. Hatch, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday afternoon with its contents.

Reuben Dunbar was found dead near Back Mines, Stellarton, N. S., Friday. He had been missing a week. He had fallen into a hole caused by the caving in of old mine workings.

The body of an unknown man was found on the highway near Dorchester Friday.

Senator Wark was given a warm welcome when he took his seat in the Senate Wednesday. He entered upon the arm of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, while all the senators stood and applauded him until he took his seat.

The West Side St. John fishermen are making good hauls of gasperaux, and they are being bought by Nova Scotia fishermen for bait.

Herbert Keith, mayor of Stellarton, N. S., dropped dead outside his store Thursday. He had been mayor for three years. He was in the prime of life.

No new boat has been purchased for the St. John and Fredericton route, and the Majestic and Victoria will probably do the service this season.

In Fredericton, Thursday night, fire broke out in Palmer's Queen Street tannery, caused by overheating near the boiler. The damage is about \$1500.

Montreal painters are on strike because their employers hire non-union men.

G. E. Hasker has been appointed harbor master at Campbellton, N. B.

Mayor White, of St. John, was re-elected last week.

Mr. Jacob Hazleton, Fredericton, who has been on a trip round the world, visiting his brother in Australia enroute reached home last week. He was absent over five months.

Mayor Crosby, of Halifax, was re-elected by acclamation Tuesday.

Building permits for Winnipeg for the year, already granted, amount to over a million dollars.

At a meeting of governors of Kings College, Windsor, N. S., Tuesday, to appoint a president for the college, the choice fell on Ian Campbell Hanna, M. A., of St. John's College, Cambridge, Eng.

The residence of Fred. Lightfoot at Catamount, twelve miles from Moncton, together with a stable, was burned to the ground on Sunday night. Three cows were consumed. Nothing was saved from the house. Lightfoot lost his clothes and a sum of money. No insurance.

An advance of two dollars per month has been granted nurses at the Provincial Hospital for the Treatment of Nervous Diseases.

Jas. Mulroney, aged twenty-three years, second steward on the steamer Lady Laurier, was drowned off the steamer at Yarmouth, Tuesday.

James Alexander, an Italian, who was shot by Chief of Police McAuliffe, of Liverpool, N. S., in a scuffle, died Sunday evening. McAuliffe was badly wounded by the Italian.

A young man named Keaton, of Connersville, N. B., was killed in a Quebec lumber camp with an axe by Louis Lambert, a few days ago.

Mayor Scarfe, of Dartmouth, N. S., has received a bequest of half a million dollars from a brother in Australia.

The Bridgetown, N. S., town council

has decided that any child under the age of sixteen years, found on the streets after 7 o'clock in the evening during the winter months, or after 8 o'clock during the summer months, may be taken into custody by a police officer.

Dr. Saunders, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, claims to have invented a wheat that is especially adapted to the making of macaroni, and is now working on an oat to fill the bill in the manufacture of "rolled oats," which he says makes the most palatable of porridge.

Militia general orders just issued embrace the following: In view of inquiries as to what greatcoat is authorized for the Canadian militia, officers of city and rural regiments are informed that the greatcoat adopted for peace and war services for all arms, whether city or rural, is that described in G. O. 49, para. 18, April, 1903. All old pattern greatcoats can be continued in use until worn out.

The new building of the Halifax School for the Blind was formally opened last week. Twenty-two years ago the school was established with 24 pupils. Today the number is about 100, and the building is surpassed by none in excellence on this continent and under the superintendency of Dr. C. F. Fraser, the school has become a pattern for any in America. The new addition to the building cost \$60,000, on which there is a debt of \$21,000.

The blue book of Sydney, N. S., just issued, shows that for 1903 the expenditures amounted to \$447,594.17 and the receipts \$448,640.77. Since its installation some years ago, the town has spent \$358,286.96 on its water system. There were 790 arrests during the year and \$13,149.80 were collected in fines by the police court. The total cost of sewer systems up to December 31, 1903, has been \$123,023.64.

G. R. Joughins, formerly mechanical superintendent of the Intercolonial, is again in charge of the work. It is understood that he has increased powers and authority. All details are left entirely to his judgment without reference to the general manager.

The Dominion Coal Co., Sydney, N. S., will ship more than 50,000 tons of coal to Sweden this year, the first to be made about the middle of May. Preparations have been made by the company to bring the shipments for the year up to the 3,500,000 mark.

Work on the Liverpool section of the Halifax and Southwestern Railway has been temporarily suspended. There is difficulty about the location of the line. The Liverpool people want the road to run through the town and on to Port Monton, following the shore.

McAdam had a bad fire Thursday night. Sixteen buildings were consumed. The following is a list of the buildings and their owners: Post office, Jas. W. Green; Old Junction House, W. H. Meredith; old station building, C. P. R.; dwelling, Samuel Watts estate; dwelling and shop, Mrs. John Boyd; two dwellings, W. H. Meredith; dwelling and store, C. W. Moffatt & Co.; dwelling and store, W. Lacey; dwelling of three tenements, Jas. Gardiner; dwelling, Clifford Brownell; hall, Order of Foresters; Roman Catholic church; dwelling, John Timmone; two dwellings, Mrs. John Boyd. The loss is estimated at about \$25,000. Partial insurance.

Toronto had the most destructive fire in its history last week. It broke out Tuesday evening and burned well into Wednesday. It was in the wholesale business section of the city, beginning on Wellington Street. It was carried east and south by the high winds that prevailed, and was not under control until it had wiped out millions in buildings and in goods. Stately structures and

valuable stocks were licked up as if by magic. The fire area covers about 14 acres, and includes 14 street blocks of the finest business houses here. The loss is estimated at twelve millions. Insurance companies are hard hit, carrying eight to nine millions risks. Fully five thousand people, perhaps more, were thrown out of employment. There was but one fatality, an old lady who was so frightened that she dropped dead. The work of rebuilding began at once.

THE EMPIRE.

The war in Somaliland has ceased, the Mad Mullah having fled beyond the British protectorate.

The British Chancellor of the Exchequer has submitted his budget. Last year the expenditure was \$15,000,000 larger and the revenue \$13,000,000 less than estimated. This made a deficit of about \$2,000,000. The expenditure for the next financial year he estimates \$714,400,000, and the revenue under the existing tariff \$695,000,000. This would leave a deficit of \$19,100,000. He proposes to meet this deficit by adding a penny on the pound income tax; 2 pence additional on tea; 6 pence a pound on cigars, 1 shilling on foreign cigarettes, and 8 cents on certain forms of tobacco.

The expedition to Tibet has been discussed by the British Parliament and has been sanctioned by a very large majority. This is surely right. Tibet needs opening up. At any rate it was opening its frosty bosom to Russia; and to leave Tibet to Russia would be risky for China and for India.

Large numbers of Newfoundlanders are leaving the colony, seeking employment in Cape Breton and elsewhere. The steamer on a recent trip landed at Louisbourg, C. B., 300 passengers from Newfoundland, 220 of whom were immediately engaged for the various colliers of the Dominion Coal Company.

The Australian Government has resigned.

The difficulty over the Newfoundland French shore treaty has been satisfactorily adjusted. France agrees that the clause terminating the fishery on October 20th each year applies only to her fishermen. Newfoundland, Canadian and American fishermen are not restricted in carrying on the winter her-

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ring fishery. France also agrees to recognize the British consul at St. Pierre, which will practically end smuggling from that place. Great Britain in return agrees to recognize the French consul at St. Johns. The treaty is generally regarded as being of immense benefit to the colony.

FOREIGN.

An express on the Mexican Central jumped the track near Zacatecas, Tuesday. Eight killed; thirty-five injured.

An avalanche from the Spithorn at 2 o'clock, Tuesday morning, swept the hamlet of Muehlback, Switzerland. The inhabitants were asleep at the time and thirteen were killed.

A bill has passed the United States House of Representatives to add two more states to the union. The plan is to unite Oklahoma and Indian Territory under the name Oklahoma, and to unite Arizona and New Mexico under the name Arizona.

At Higo, Mexico, twelve miners lost their lives by being precipitated to the bottom of a shaft 350 metres deep, by the breaking of a cable of the cage containing the men. All were Mexicans.

A Chicago despatch says that several thousands of requests for admission to the hanging of the car barn bandits were received by the sheriff. The requests came in some cases from distant points in Europe and from every part of the United States. They included strange petitions in foreign languages, urgent requests with promises of money, many from women, all voicing the common desire to see the bandits hanged. The execution took place Friday, and was private.

A Texas despatch says: Word has been received that more than 2,800 head of cattle were killed by hail stones in a storm which has swept through the Las Cruces district, in the State of San Luis Potosi, Mexico. The corn crop was destroyed.

The newspapers of Lisbon, numbering twenty-one, have decided to cease publication owing to the demand of the compositors for higher wages.

About one hundred miners have been buried by an immense avalanche near the village of Prugelato, Italy, Wednesday.

There is practically no such thing as luck in business. Behind what is termed "luck" there is always a good and sufficient reason. The "good and sufficient" of "VIM TEA" success has been "VIM TEA" quality, not luck.