

News of the Week.

CANADA.

Frances O'Connor, assistant appraiser at Halifax, has been relieved of his duties. His place has been filled by the appointment of John Wallace.

There is a strike on at the Minudie coal mines, River Hebert. The dispute is over "docking" the boys.

The Montreal Woollen Mills shut down last week. The mills have been in continuous operation fourteen years.

It is estimated that 2,000 skilled mechanics in Montreal are out of employment. The shops at Hochelega laid off 500 men last week, with more to follow.

One hundred and ninety-four bogus bills were found on a man named Cleveland, arrested by the I. C. R. police at Campbellton last week. He had passed one bad \$5 bill at Rimouski, and was sent there for preliminary trial.

A curious legal point has been raised in connection with the recent drowning tragedy at Beaver River, N. S., as the right to certain property depends on the question of the priority of the death of one or other of two of the parties drowned. Lawyers are now investigating the matter to determine which of the two first succumbed in the accident.

John Rooney was drowned at the St. Croix River Friday afternoon by the sinking of a boat in which he and a companion were crossing to St. Andrews.

Two young bank clerks, J. C. Patterson and H. D. Hill, were drowned at Sault Ste Marie, Ont., by the capsizing of a boat, Friday.

Fire destroyed a large furniture factory in Waterloo, Ont., Friday. Loss \$125,000. Partial insurance.

The board of conciliation has failed to bring about an agreement between the Grand Trunk Railway and the company's telegraphers.

An unknown man, probably a laborer engaged in double-tracking the I. C. R. between Bedford and Windsor Junction, was run over and killed by the Sydney train Monday night near Bedford.

The apple crop in the Annapolis Valley and adjacent country suffered severely by the heavy storm of last week. The trees were considerably lightened of their fruit by the wind, and in many cases the trees were damaged.

Edward Gould, aged 25, was brought to Moncton Tuesday night from Worcester, Mass., on the charge of stealing some \$450 from Wm. Steeves, livery stable keeper, Moncton, a month or two ago.

A movement is on foot to erect a monument in Newcastle, N. B., to the memory of the late Hon. Peter Mitchell.

Ralph Jones was hurt at Appleby's quarry, Spoon Island, a few days ago by a blasting accident. He was badly hurt about the eyes.

Four men were drowned near River du Loup, Monday, by the upsetting of a boat.

Mrs. Norman Jones, Weymouth, N. S., was thrown from her carriage, Tuesday, her neck being broken.

Two United States schooners were seized last week for breach of the customs regulations—one at Westport, and the other at Pubnico.

At Notre Dame, about twenty miles from Moncton, Henry West had raised his dwelling house and made excavations for a cellar. The house was on posts, and Sunday morning's gale pitched it bodily into the excavation, which was about seven feet deep. The building was badly damaged.

A prominent lumberman says there will be a curtailment of 50,000,000 feet in the cut on the St. John river next

season, so the cut will amount to between 80,000,000 and 100,000,000 feet.

Last week the three pickpockets, Williams, Grand and Howard, applied for speedy trial before Judge Wilson at Fredericton, and were refused.

The Woodstock Press has been purchased by a newly formed joint stock company, known as the Press Printing Co. Mayor Lindsay is president, Mr. Geo. E. Balmain is secretary-treasurer, and Mr. John P. Malaney is business manager and editor.

The N. B. government has reduced the stumpage on fir as a result of their recent conference with the Lumbermen's Association. The reduction is from one dollar and twenty-five cents to eighty cents per thousand superficial feet.

Mrs. Weyman and Mrs. McDonald, who were thrown out of a car in St. John a few days ago, have begun an action for damages against the St. John Railway Co.

William Hickey, aged 45, employed at J. M. Clarke & Co.'s lumber mill, Summerside, was killed Thursday by the bursting of an emery wheel.

J. D. Seaman, principal of Prince Street School, Charlottetown, P. E. I., and president of the Maritime School of Science, had part of his left hand blown off by the discharge of a gun Thursday.

The Queen City rink, Toronto, used as temporary premises by Brown Bros., stationers, were burned Sunday. Loss, \$100,000.

Chas. Beckwith, son of ex-city clerk C. W. Beckwith, Fredericton, accidentally shot himself at Saskatoon, N.W.T., Thursday, and died on Saturday. Deceased joined the N. W. T. police three years ago.

It is expected that one result of the ending of the present war in favor of Japan will be the immigration to the Canadian Northwest of large numbers of Finlanders. Immigration of this desirable class of settlers has been prohibited by the Russian authorities. Should Russia meet the disaster that seems likely to overtake her, it will no longer be possible to enforce this policy, and many of the peasants of Finland will doubtless seek new homes in Canada.

THE EMPIRE.

Prime Minister Balfour announced on Thursday that the government had ordered two cruisers from the squadron at the Cape of Good Hope, without delay, to locate the Russian volunteer fleet steamers Smolensk and St. Petersburg, and to convey to them the orders of the Russian government that they must not further interfere with neutral shipping.

Vice Admiral Bosanquet has been appointed commander-in-chief of the North American and West Indian stations, to take effect September 1st.

A good deal of feeling has been aroused in Newfoundland over the action of Canada in deciding to establish a custom house in Hamilton Inlet, Labrador, which Newfoundland claims as her territory. The government will protest strongly to the British government against the alleged encroachment.

FOREIGN.

Fire in the freight yards of the Boston and Maine R. R. between, Charleston and Somerville, Tuesday, caused loss of \$60,000.

Prolonged drought has spoiled two-thirds of the wheat and hay crops in Austria, and the maize crop is in great danger.

By the capsizing of a small boat off Boston Light on Monday, three persons lost their lives.

A severe wind storm swept over a

region in the northeast part of South Dakota, Tuesday night, killing two persons. At Willow Lake every building was damaged. Three churches, a school house and all the elevators are lying in heaps.

At Old Orchard, Me., Wednesday, watches, rings and other jewelry to the value of \$4,000 was stolen from the rooms of the Misses Shaw and the Misses Holt, guests at the Dawson House.

A tornado swept through Chatauqua county, New York, Thursday, leaving death and destruction in its path. Four persons attending a picnic were killed and several were injured.

By the explosion of some dynamite caps, and in the panic that followed it, three persons were injured at Chicago, Thursday.

Death to ten persons, injuries to many others, and destruction to property, both private and public, estimated in round numbers at \$1,000,000, resulted from a furious gale which tore down the valley of the Mississippi. With a roar it descended on St. Paul and Minneapolis and their environs. A tornado also struck the townships of Rich Valley and Bergeron, Minn., killing four persons.

NEWS OF CHURCHES.

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reports from the churches showed that the various departments of church work are progressing. Clark's Harbor church has paid the old debt of over \$800. Centreville pastorate has paid \$100 on their debt. The church at Port LaTour has begun repairs, which will cost not less than \$200. At Stony Island eight have been received into the church. Newellton reports 3 conversions. Barrington 16 additions.

The Sunday schools reported growth and prosperity. All the churches with the exception of South Side have pastoral care. The monies raised during the session were devoted to Home Mission work. All the pastors were present, but Rev. J. B. Merrill, who by reason of throat trouble, was present only on Saturday afternoon. Rev. J. K. West favored us with a visit which all present enjoyed. Friday Rev. A. H. McLeod preached. The Conference Saturday afternoon was one of much blessing; Saturday evening Rev. J. W. Smith presented the subject of Home Missions. The services of the Lord's day were as follows: 10 a. m., prayer service; 10.45, Rev. J. W. Smith spoke on "The Foundation of the Church"; 2 p. m., Sunday school; 3 p. m., Rev. A. H. McLeod spoke on "The Church of the Future"; 7.30 p. m., Rev. J. K. West spoke on "The Edom Conqueror."

MINISTERS.—Rev. A. W. Currie has resigned his charge of the Millstream pastorate.

Licentiate T. D. Bell has been invited

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to remain another year with the Tobique churches, and has accepted.

Rev. J. B. Daggett has tendered his resignation of the Fredericton Junction and Tracey churches.

Rev. C. T. Phillips was in Carleton Co. last week.

Rev. A. D. Paul preached in Fredericton last Sunday morning, and Rev. A. A. Rideout in the evening.

Rev. J. N. Barnes was at Gibson and Kingsley last Sunday.

Rev. R. Heine is to remain at Keswick another year.

Rev. R. W. Ferguson was in Houlton, Me., Sunday, 21st inst., and spent a few days last week at Marsyville.

Rev. F. A. Currier, Woodstock, is back from a three weeks' vacation in Nova Scotia.

We are glad to hear that the friends of Rev. Gideon Swim, Moncton, propose to raise a fund to enable him to get the treatment of a Montreal specialist.

Rev. W. C. Kierstead was married last Saturday. The bride was Miss Gertrude Seely, of St. John west. Congratulations.

President Roosevelt is determined to try to give the Indians fair play—something they have not had much of in the United States. He says: "Indians were in my regiment. They were good enough to fight and die, and they are good enough for me to treat as squarely as any white man."

Hon. George E. Foster returned to Toronto, Friday, after several weeks vacation in this province.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH.

The St. John Business College (S. Kerr and Son) has issued its 37th annual catalogue. It is very attractive, and full of the information needed by those who desire a first-class training for business life.

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