

News of the Week.

CANADA.

Word has been received at Halifax that the British North American and West Indies Squadron is to be increased.

Thane M. Jones has been appointed referee in equity in Carleton Co., in room of Stephen B. Appleby, deceased.

From the Barnardo Homes in England 1,200 boys and girls were sent to Canada last year, and 15,000 since the work began.

The immigration commissioner has received advice of the coming of 2,000 Britishers early in the spring for the Barr colony.

As an aftermath to the Ottawa post office fire, there will be claims estimated to aggregate more than \$10,000 made against the government for losses of express and mail packages, which were in the building at the time, and for the safety of which from injury or water no trouble was taken.

Jas. McLennan, working near a vat of boiling water in the Manufacturers' box factory, at Tulu Island, B. C., fell into the vat and was boiled to death.

Wm. Patton, in charge of the trading post at Fort Norman, Mackenzie River, was shot and killed while cleaning his gun.

Dawson City had a big fire Thursday. Loss \$150,000.

York County Council voted \$500 to the Victoria Hospital, instead of \$300 formerly.

Sydney Town Council is taking steps to establish municipal ownership of the gas plant at a cost in the vicinity of \$75,000.

The locomotive shed of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company at Sydney was destroyed by fire Thursday night. The shed contained two or three engines that had been there for repairs, and were damaged.

Five of the open hearth furnaces at the Dominion Steel Company's mills that were closed a few weeks ago for repairs, were re-lit Wednesday, and are now in active operation. Large portions of the plant are being now reconstructed and work on the unfinished plant is being pushed.

Mr. E. G. Nelson, the well known bookseller of St. John, died last week in Montreal, where he had gone for treatment. He had many friends. He was known throughout Canada as the author of the patriotic songs "My Own Canadian Home," "Up With the Union Jack" and "Raise the Flag." For these he wrote the music as well as the words. He was a most ardent Canadian and imperialist.

A large barn at Gibson, belonging to R. M. Bailey was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday evening, together with all its contents, consisting of hay, grain and farm machinery. Mr. Bailey estimates his loss at over \$2,000, with \$750 insurance.

The town elections in Woodstock resulted in the election of John Lindsay, mayor, and Messrs. Jones, Dibble, Burt, I. W. Foster, Stevens and Gallagher as councillors.

Plans for the proposed bridge across the Strait of Canso, between Cape Breton and Nova Scotia, are in course of preparation by Waddell and Herrick, an engineering firm of Kansas City. The bridge will cross the strait between Cape Porcupine and Hastings. The proposed bridge will be a cantilever, with the centre span 1,800 feet long. The total length of the bridge will be 3,300 feet and will cost in the vicinity of five millions.

There is a case of smallpox in Newcastle.

A young man named Tidd fell into a pot of boiling lye in the I. C. R. paint shop, Moncton, a few days ago, and was terribly burned about the lower part of

the body. It is thought he will recover.

Thomas Millan, of Reach township, Ont., Friday, was found in his pig pen with the pigs devouring him. It is supposed that Millan, who was subject to fainting, fell into the pen.

Councillor Frank Brooks, of Southampton, was elected warden of York Co. at the annual meeting of the County Council last week.

Capt. John Ferris is the new harbor master of St. John, in place of Capt. Taylor deceased.

Capt. Thomas Lawrence, of Maitland, who was reported drowned in the Clallam disaster, was up the west coast of Vancouver Island, 200 miles from the scene of the disaster, when it occurred.

Messrs. D. W. Hoegg & Co., will establish a canning factory in Sussex. Sweet corn, tomatoes, beans, peas, cucumbers, onions, squash, punkins and cauliflowers will be put up.

Montreal had two large fires during the week. The first damaged five business places on Notre Dame St., causing a loss of \$125,000. The second destroyed a Roman Catholic church; loss \$100,000.

Fire in Peterboro, Ont., Tuesday night, destroyed half a dozen stores, including Dominion Express Co.'s offices.

At a lumber camp near Fernie, B. C., Louis Gillier, hotel keeper, shot and killed John McKee. McKee was drunk and insulted Gillier's wife.

A Winnipeg letter to the Sun says a bank building eleven stories in height is being erected there, and with six million dollars of new buildings in 1903, there is not a house to rent in Winnipeg today.

It is estimated that there are more than 1,000 cases of grip in Halifax under treatment by physicians.

A bill has been introduced in the Nova Scotia Legislature to exempt from taxation all property belonging to the Sisters of Charity in the province.

There is said to be a movement on foot, promoted by some leading men abroad, to form the fishing interests of eastern Nova Scotia into a trust.

Captain Marshall Stinson, of St. Andrews (N. B.), has been appointed a member of the pilotage authority for the district of Charlotte county.

Counterfeit five-cent pieces are in circulation in St. John.

During the last month forty-six British vessels were wrecked, involving the loss of 120 lives.

THE EMPIRE.

The Hon. Sir Henry Keppel, admiral of the fleet, is dead. He was born in 1809. Admiral Keppel lived under five sovereigns and fought in every quarter of the globe.

Nearly thirty persons were drowned and three hotels and 176 houses destroyed as the result of the bursting of a reservoir at Bloomfontein, Tuesday of last week. Hundreds of persons have been rendered homeless and destitute by the disaster.

Advices from Somaliland say that Kennas Somali mounted infantry surprised a body of the Mullah's forces Jan. 17, in the vicinity of Eilinaad, killing fifty spearmen and capturing 3,000 camels and thousands of sheep.

The great experiment of irrigation in Egypt has proved in the first year of it, splendidly successful. The great bridge-dam is soon to be raised much higher in order that the store of water may be greatly increased and the area under cultivation doubled. Egypt never had such a cotton crop as she has this year. Prices are also high, and the result is that Egypt is remarkably prosperous.

FOREIGN.

Four men were killed by a cave-in of earth in the East Gray Rock mine, Butte, Mont., Wednesday.

An insane mother in Oakland, N. J., beheaded her 8-year old son Wednesday.

Fire in the Grand Palace hotel, Chicago, early Wednesday morning, drove 200 guests into the street half clad.

George Francis Train died Wednesday in New York.

Boston had a \$75,000 fire Wednesday night. The wool warehouse of Garrity & Co. was destroyed.

In Boston, Wednesday, while Mrs. Jennie B. Humphrey, aged sixty, was filling an oil stove, her clothing caught fire and she was burned to death.

A Cincinnati paper has collected some statistics about train robberies in the United States. The total number of trains held up in 14 years is 341. There were 91 persons killed. Those shot numbered 109. Thirteen trains were held up in 1903 and 22 in 1902. Stage robberies numbered six last year.

In San Antonio, Texas, Wednesday, Everett E. Bourne shot and killed his wife and his mother-in-law, shot his wife's stepfather and then committed suicide.

The New York Herald says: Never in the hottest days of August have there been so many dog bite cases as in the last three weeks. There have been 36 cases treated and some of them are serious. Physicians declare the extreme cold is accountable for the savageness of the dogs.

There is an average of eighty deaths

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a day in Chicago, one every fifteen minutes. Every five hours somebody suicides. Every third day there is a murder.

At Johnstown, Pa., Thursday, twelve persons were killed and twenty-five more or less injured by the bursting of a fly wheel and big steam pipe in the boiler-room of the Cambria Steel Works.

The latest reports from the relief centres in Macedonia show that there are now 100,000 persons who are homeless and without means of support for the winter.

Whether Russia and Japan will go to war is yet undetermined—at least unannounced, though at this writing war seems imminent.

As a result of the tornado which swept over Moundville, Ala., on Friday, 37 persons, 32 of whom were negroes, were killed and more than 100 injured, and every house in town, with the exception of a small drug store, was completely destroyed.

THE MAGAZINES.

If excellence in magazine-making consists in combining authority with entertainment, the February *Everybody's* should find even greater favor than its predecessors. There are good papers and good stories. David Graham Phillips' phillipic, "The Madness of Much Power," diagnoses the strenuous disease now epidemic in America. The "Autobiography of a Mother," is said to represent the personal experience of a well-known writer of fiction.

Readers of *Success* will find much to delight them in the February issue. The leading article tells "How Wall Street Makes Something Out of Nothing," and throws interesting side lights on that great money mart. In a symposium on Lincoln several writers express their views on what effect a college education would have had upon the life and character of the Great Commoner. "A Plea for Good Manners," "Books Worth Reading," "The Humorous Side of the White House," "The Wit of Women," and "Vitality and Success," are articles of interest. The fiction is good. There are several new and worthy poems. "Superiority, the Best Trade Mark," is the subject of an editorial.

—Encouraged by the success of the mid-week noon preaching service for men at the London City Temple, two Baptist churches in London have begun similar services. The attendance has been good, and they give promise of being more and more useful.