

News of the Week.

CANADA.

For three months Halifax merchants have been victimized by two young girls, Hazel and Irene Gray, aged 18 and 16, respectively, whose home is at Princess Lodge. They would telephone into the city from Bedford or Rockingham to various stores, using names of residents in the vicinity, and have goods sent out on the suburban train and dropped off at some small station. They consulted the chief of police, who put a detective on the case. Bogus parcels were sent out to Birch Cove. In a short time two girls came and took the parcels. The police captured the girls.

Jas. Maxwell, foreman of Morrison's mill, Fredericton, lost two fingers Tuesday in a circular saw at that mill.

Cleophas Beausoleil, postmaster of Montreal, died Tuesday.

The Halifax chemical fire engine was struck by an electric car and turned completely over. The engineer had a leg broken. The car was knocked off the track and the passengers badly shaken up. The engine was damaged.

Near New Glasgow, N. S., Wednesday, John McDonald was killed and Daniel Hood badly injured by an I. C. R. train. They were walking on the track.

In Toronto, Alex. Martin and his wife were committed for trial on the charge of murdering their infant child. The evidence showed that they took the child out in a boat in the bay last August, the father killed it with an oar and then threw the body into the lake.

The leaks in the wrecked May Queen are found not to be very serious. She will probably be floated and repaired.

Fire at Burton village, Digby Co., N. S., Monday, destroyed Augustus Perry's house and barn, and damaged John Spercht's house, Wm. Spercht's house and the Baptist church.

The dwelling and sash and door factory, with a lot of lumber, the property of Robert McLean, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night at Nash's Creek Station, Restigouche County.

At Whitehead, N. S., the dwelling of Hugh P. Munro was burned to the ground Saturday night with nearly all its contents. Loss \$2,000; no insurance.

The N. B. government has passed an order providing for payment of a per capita allowance to the school for the deaf and dumb at Lancaster Heights.

Toronto bakers have advanced the price of bread two cents a loaf.

The Marconi tower at Glace Bay, Cape Breton, is to be moved some distance inland to a less exposed position.

Guy Hawkins, farm hand, from Nova Scotia, while working near Carievale, N. W. T., fell into the cylinder of a thrasher and lost one leg. The other was badly crushed.

James Cail, aged eighteen years, was drowned on Saturday while crossing the Richibucto River in a leaky boat.

One of the largest shipments of flour ever made from this country is being sent from Montreal by the Ogilvie Company, which is sending 65,000 barrels of its flour to St. John's, Newfoundland. It is probably the largest freight contract ever made in Canada, and will require two-thirds of the cargo space on seven steamers to carry it. Canadian manufacturers have within the past three years captured the whole flour trade of Newfoundland.

The Bank of New Brunswick is about to establish a branch on the island of Grand Manan.

At North Sydney, Wednesday, a lad named Carruthers was thrown from his team and instantly killed.

A workman in Murray & Gregory's mill, St. John, was caught in the

shafting a few days ago, and before he could free himself he was practically shorn of his clothes. All that remained were his boots. Except for a few bruises he escaped unharmed.

Howard and Williams, tried in Fredericton last week on the charge of pocket-picking, were acquitted. Grant, who escaped from jail a few days before the trial, has since been arrested in Boston on another charge.

J. Lorne Hale, the defeated Liberal candidate in North Renfrew, Ont., has sworn a civil action against James Vance, Liberal organizer, and Hon. J. R. Stratton, who, he claims, promised to pay the balance of his election expenses, which amounted to \$40,000. He says he paid \$10,000 himself for expenses.

The May Queen has been towed to St. John, and will be repaired and on the route again in a few days.

The Mispic Pulp Mill is now the property of the City of St. John. The amount paid for it is one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.

At Humphrey's mills, Wednesday, Johnnie Polley, ten years old, met a horrible death. The lad jumped on the passenger car. When a few hundred yards from the station, in jumping off, he fell under the flat car at the rear of the train and was instantly crushed to death.

At Hartland, a few days ago, fire originating in the storehouse of Chas. Taylor, destroyed several tons of pressed hay, also a car loaded with hay on the track was consumed with its contents; also the stable of the Commercial Hotel. N. C. Rideout had his left hip dislocated while assisting at the fire.

Samuel McRae, aged 75, a patient in Falconwood Hospital for Insane, Charlottetown, was found dead in the bathroom, with his head horribly battered. A fellow patient, George Manson, was found with blood stains on his shirt, proclaiming him the slayer. He had been mad the past twenty years. The keepers had a terrible fight to secure him.

The West Lake Gold Mining Company's property at Mount Uniacke was burned Monday, the stamp mill, crusher and everything about the place. Loss, \$10,000.

The Louisburg Club House was destroyed by fire on Monday night. The building was valued at \$2,000, and was insured for \$1,400.

In connection with the arrest of the two Gray girls at Halifax for procuring goods under false pretences, the police on Tuesday arrested three more of the same family: Mabel, aged 14; Alfred, 19; and Daisy, 22.

Tuesday morning fire broke out in the interior of Archibald and Chisholm's livery stable, Amherst. The horses and equipment were removed. The building was burned.

The strike of laborers employed on the ore pier of the Nova Scotia Steel Company at North Sydney has been settled. The men have gone to work on the cut, which was from \$1.80 to \$1.30.

FOREIGN.

Henry C. Payne, postmaster-general of the United States, died Wednesday.

The village of Glouck, in Southern Russia, has been wiped out by fire. Five hundred families are without shelter or food.

A strong shock of earthquake was experienced Sunday in the south of Italy, accompanied by floods of rain. Three horses fell at Scylla, and many others were rendered unsafe.

Mont Pelee, in the island of Martinique, has been in eruption for some days.

In New York, Friday, an automobile touring car containing nine persons, dashed over an embankment just as a train rounded a curve and struck the automobile. Three persons were killed, two were seriously injured and the other four badly bruised and shaken.

Bangor had a \$40,000 fire Friday. Taney's drug store, Dillingham's book store, Black and Co.'s clothing store, and Rogers' jewelry store were badly damaged.

The Quoddy Hotel at Eastport, Me., was burned to the ground Tuesday morning of last week. The guests were obliged to run for their lives in their night clothing. The loss is estimated at \$25,000; insured for \$18,000.

After three days' exposure to the weather, Henry Wilkins, formerly of Canterbury, N. B., charged with the murder of his wife, Laura Wilkins, gave himself up to the authorities Wednesday.

The Greek steamer Kelmentink foundered a few days ago, and seventeen of the crew, including the captain and other officers, were drowned. Eight survivors landed near Oporto, Portugal.

A jury in a Chicago court has given a verdict that John Alexander Dowie is not entitled to \$55,000 left to him by the will of Fred. Sutton, a wealthy New Zealand sheep herder, who died in Dowie's "Hospice" several years ago. The jury found that Sutton was not in his right mind when he made the will. The bequest was contested by the dead man's brothers and sisters, who came from New Zealand to testify.

FROM TREE TO NEWSPAPER.—A trial was recently made in Austria to decide in how short a space of time living trees could be converted into newspapers. At Eisenthal at thirty-five minutes after seven in the morning three trees were sawn down; at thirty-four minutes after nine the wood, having been stripped of bark, cut up and converted into pulp, became paper, and passed from the factory to the press, whence the first printed and folded copy was issued at ten o'clock, so that in one hundred and forty-five minutes the trees had become newspapers.

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THE MAGAZINES.

Lippincott's for October has the usual variety of entertaining reading. There is a paper on "Old English Sacred Drama," illustrated.

The October number of *The Missionary Review of the World* contains many unique and valuable features. "The Normal State of Affairs in Turkey" is an interesting article. It gives an inside view of conditions in Turkey which shows why it is rightly called the worst governed country in the world, and why missionary work is more difficult there than among the cannibals. In "Some Signs on the World-wide Horizon," Dr. A. T. Pierson takes a bird's-eye view of the conditions in China, Japan, India, Africa, and Europe, showing the causes for encouragement and the dangers to be avoided. "The Layman's Place in the Missionary Campaign," and "A Motor Car Mission in France," are good reading. These are but a sample of the varied table of contents. No other periodical keeps you posted on the progress of the kingdom in all its branches throughout the world. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 44-46 East 23rd Street, New York. \$2.50 a year.

The October *Canadian Magazine* is a Progress Number. The facts presented are based upon the records of the thirty-seven years since Confederation. Mr. Archibald Blue is one of the contributors. If he is no more reliable in his figures about farmers and manufacturers than in his census, his article is worthless. Among the general features of the issue are a description of "The Death of Wolfe;" a picture of Japanese social and religious life; a summary of Current Events Abroad; and short stories.

The illustrations of the October *St. Nicholas* are noteworthy, including full-page reproductions of "The Flying Dutchman." There is also a page picturing "An Autumn Day at the Zoo." And beside, the October *St. Nicholas* has plenty of jolly and pretty verse, and the always interesting departments, Nature and Science, etc.

The frontispiece of the October *Century* is a drawing in color, called "The Dust," representing life of fifty or sixty years ago. The war in the East is touched upon in two articles, an anecdotal paper on Admiral Togo and an illustrated paper on "The Cossacks." An article of novel and widespread interest is "Inoculating the Ground," which sets forth a remarkable discovery in scientific agriculture. A practical article on "The Real Dangers of the Trusts," includes suggestions as remedies. The fiction of the "Sea-Wolf" is interesting.