

News of the Week.

CANADA.

Mr. J. W. McCready has been appointed city clerk of Fredericton, in succession to Mr. C. W. Beckwith, resigned.

The steamer Queen is being re-built for the St. John-Fredericton route.

The water in the St. John has risen very fast the last few days.

Harold Crandall, three years old, was drowned at Dorchester Saturday.

The schooner Orora, of Halifax, was lost off Chebucto Head, at the entrance of Halifax harbor, Saturday, and Capt. Atkinson, and his crew of six perished.

A fire at Ferrie, B. C., Friday, did considerable damage.

At the Joggins Mines the men quit work Thursday, not having been paid for several weeks.

The rural militia on a peace footing will be called out for training this year. The number will be about forty per company, the total in all probability being 40,000.

Toronto fire underwriters dealing with claims for fire losses place the insurance loss at very little less than \$10,000,000. Of this sum, British companies carry about forty per cent; United States companies about 35 per cent, or a little less, and Canadian companies about 25 per cent.

As a means of keeping American lumber out of Canada, lumbermen of the Canadian Northwest have agreed to reduce the price \$1 per 1,000 feet, providing that the railroads would also reduce rates from 40 cents a hundred to 38 cents.

President Diaz, of Mexico, has approved of a two cent postage rate on letters between Mexico and Canada, and when the representative of the Mexican government comes to Canada during the present session to arrange for a steamship service between both countries, the details of the reduction in postage will be settled.

George Gee, charged with the murder of his cousin, Millie Gee, was tried before Chief Justice Tuck, in Woodstock, last week. On Thursday the jury, after being out forty-five minutes, brought in a verdict of guilty. Friday the sentence of death was passed on him. The sentence will be executed July 22nd.

Thursday, at Hampton, K. Co., Janie Vaughan, five years old, daughter of Mr. John Vaughan, was drowned in the creek near her home. It is supposed she fell from a platform in front of the house.

There have been several desertions from the Infantry School, Fredericton, recently.

An explosion of an acetylene gas machine in the residence of J. J. Gartshore, Toronto, resulted in the destruction of the place by fire.

The C. P. R. is preparing to build a million dollar hotel in Winnipeg.

The Ontario legislature was prorogued on Tuesday of last week.

A steamer was burned at Winnipeg Thursday. She was making her first trip of the season. Loss, \$10,000.

The re-appointment for the year of the several sheriffs of the province is gazetted.

George McDonald, aged twenty-four years, a switchman in the I. C. R. employ, was killed Thursday morning by an engine running over him at Richmond, N. S. He leaves a wife and two children.

Wednesday evening the warehouse on Rodney wharf, St. John, West, occupied

by A. C. Smith & Co., was destroyed by fire, with the hay and straw it contained. A. C. Smith & Co. estimate their total loss about eight or nine hundred dollars, and on this they carry \$500.00 insurance. The building was the C. P. R. property.

The shipment of live stock from the Sand Point stock yards, St. John, for the season of 1903-04, just closed, compares most favorably with the shipments in 1902-03. Since last November there have been shipped 27,255 head of cattle, 21,643 sheep, and twenty-nine horses.

Acadia College, Wolfville, N. S., and King's College, Windsor, N. S., have been given full affiliation with McGill.

John Winters' two barns on Mountain Road, near Moncton, were destroyed by fire Wednesday evening. Three horses were burned to death. Loss about \$1,500.

The inquests held in the county of Cape Breton from April 5th, 1890, to April 5th, 1904, were 341, an average of about 24 each year. Nearly all were over victims of violent death. Most of the accidents were at the mines or the steel works at Sydney. In 1902 there were sixty inquests, and fifty-two in 1903, the two years during which the construction of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. was in progress.

The fire at Ferrie, B. C., destroyed about nine-tenths of the town. Loss estimated at half a million.

The house of Robert Hamilton, at Hibernia, Queens Co., was burned a few days ago. Contents of house burned also.

The steamer Aberdeen, on the trip from Woodstock to Fredericton, Friday, collided with the wire ferry at Hawkshaw, and lost her smokestack.

THE EMPIRE.

The oat crop is next in importance to wheat in the States of Victoria and Tasmania, but is much neglected in New South Wales. The crop in 1901 for the six states was 9,784,838 bushels from 461,320 acres of land, an average of 21.2 bushels per acre.

At Johannesburg, Tuesday, the collapse of a cage in the Robinson mine precipitated forty-three natives 2,000 feet to the bottom. All were killed.

Col. Younghusband, commanding the political mission to Tibet, reports that the situation is improved. The Dalai Lama is now aroused to a sense of the British power. The Thibetan officers at Lhasa are greatly perturbed and want the difficulty settled. The people of Gyantse are friendly to the mission.

It is reported that the Russian agent at Lhasa has, in view of the British expedition now in Tibet, urged the Dalai Lama to take refuge in Russian territory.

Owing to the short time now being worked in the English cotton industry and the consequent hard times, a great emigration movement is just commencing of cotton workers. Some are seeking work in the cotton mills of the United States; but a large proportion are abandoning the cotton business to take up farming in Western Canada.

The British House of Commons has unanimously adopted a resolution, affirming that it is incumbent upon the government to do its utmost to encourage cotton growing in suitable parts of the Empire, to co-operate with commercial organizations therein, and to

establish experimental farms. Colonial Secretary Lyttleton outlined the experiments and developments that are going on in Egypt, the Soudan, Rhodesia, Central Africa, West Africa, and the West Indies. He said that the government had just concluded commercial arrangements with the Cotton Growing Association to develop the industry in West Africa.

There is a measure before the British parliament intended to regulate immigration of undesirable persons from the continent. Large numbers come year by year to England of the poorest of the poor, especially Jewish poor.

FOREIGN.

The State of Kentucky has enacted a law forbidding the educating of white and black in the same institution.

In seven districts of Paris there is an epidemic of typhoid fever. Parisians are now warned to boil their drinking water, also their milk; and to use boiled water with the tooth brush.

At Fairland, Indian Territory, half a dozen business blocks were destroyed by a tornado. Seven persons were killed outright and a number injured.

About 200 houses of the Town of Buczacz, Austria, have been destroyed by fire. Some 3,000 of the inhabitants are homeless. Buczacz has a population of about 11,000.

Several of the sardine factories at Eastport have resumed operations.

The caving in of a coal mine at Tocina, Seville, Spain, on Thursday, buried many miners. Fifty bodies have been recovered. Ten miners were rescued, but all of them badly injured.

Thursday night W. E. Osgood, of Hiram, Me., shot and killed his wife, and then shot and killed himself. The shooting was done on a Maine Central train, west of Augusta, Me. Some domestic troubles caused the tragedy.

Cattle are dying by the hundreds on the ranches in West Texas for want of water and grass. The drought is the severest experienced for many years.

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PARLIAMENT.

Monday.—Supply for the Customs department was voted.

Tuesday.—The G. T. P. bill was considered in committee. Clarke, Toronto, moved that the scheme should be submitted to the electorate of Canada before being finally adopted. The motion was lost by a majority of 19.

Wednesday.—Replying to Mr. Borden, the Premier said the government is considering the establishment of a steamship line between Canada and Mexico. The consideration of the G. T. P. bill was continued. It passed the second reading by a majority of 44.

Thursday.—After much discussion, one clause of the G. T. P. bill was passed at midnight.

There was an historic scene in the Senate. A portrait of Senator Wark was unveiled and the patriarch of the upper house was then presented with an address. It does not come to every country every century to have in active ranks of its statesmen a man over one hundred years old. The floor of the chamber was crowded with commoners and visitors, including many ladies. Sir Wilfred and Mr. Borden, the opposition leader, occupied seats to the right of the speaker. Hon. David Wark entered the chamber, escorted by Hon. Mr. Scott and Sir Mckenzie Bowell, and everybody arose and applauded the New Brunswick veteran. Speaker Power read an address, to which Senator Wark replied. There were speeches by the Premier, Mr. Borden, and others.

Friday.—The G. T. P. bill discussed, chiefly the legal phases of the agreement.

PETER'S PENCE.—A Rome despatch says a commission of cardinals is endeavoring to devise a plan to overcome the uncertainties of the Peter's Pence contributions. It is stated that France has nearly ceased to subscribe for the expenses of the church, and Italy's, Austria's and Spain's contributions are so insignificant that almost the whole support of the central authorities of Rome falls upon the Catholics of the United States and other English speaking countries. It is planned to impose a tax, proportioned to the income of each diocese.

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