

## News of the Week.

## CANADA.

Diphtheria is prevalent on the West Side, St. John.

The Exhibition in St. John last week had good weather throughout, and the attendance was large.

Mr. Alex. Baird, son of Mr. William Baird, of Little River, Cumberland Co., N. S., went out shooting Thursday, expecting to return at noon, and not returning, searchers found him lying dead from a wound in the breast. In climbing an old fence the gun was discharged.

Friday, the jury in the case of Haley, at Windsor, returned a verdict of not guilty. Haley stabbed a boy, who was teasing him, killing him almost instantly.

The government cable steamer Tyrian, reports mackerel fishing on the Magadalen a complete failure this season, while lobster fishing has been very poor.

Banners specially designed and prepared by the Imperial authorities for presentation to the various colonial contingents which served in the late war in South Africa, will be presented as a special mark of his Majesty's favor to the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles, Royal Canadian Field Artillery, Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery, Royal Canadian Regiment.

The Imperial Limited, eastbound, and Transcontinental Express, westbound, were in collision at Medicine Hat, N. W. T., Monday. Eight passengers were injured, though none seriously.

Herbert Leaman, committed for trial on the charge of stealing from the I. C. R. transfer shed, Moncton, has been released on bail.

At Amherst, N. S., the 18-year-old son of Abel Smith, who committed suicide a few days ago, has been pronounced insane, and will be sent to the institution at Dartmouth. Brooding over his father's rash act unbalanced his mind.

Peter DeRoche, 22, fell from the wharf being built at Fort Lawrence, Wednesday, and was drowned.

Three barns near the Canada Eastern station house, at Chatham, belonging to the J. B. Snowball Company, were totally destroyed by fire Wednesday. Besides groceries, the building contained eleven puncheons of molasses, six barrels of beef, a large quantity of hay and feed, farming implements, two crates of dishes, all of which was lost.

In Montreal, Wednesday, fire partially destroyed the premises of the Canada Hardware Co., and of M. Chaput, wholesale grocer. The loss is estimated at \$350,000. Insured.

In addition to the \$50,000 gift by Lord Strathcona to the faculty of medicine at McGill, Principal Peterson has announced that his lordship intends to give \$25,000 as a starter in a subscription list to erect a \$100,000 college gymnasium, and furthermore, that Sir William MacDonald has also promised to give \$25,000. Sir William MacDonald has already given \$100,000 towards the students' union scheme.

Mr. Wm. H. Anderson, one of Fredericton's oldest citizens, died Wednesday. He was eighty years old, and was the oldest Orangeman in the province.

Middle Sackville has the distinction of possessing the only mushroom factory in America. Factories for this purpose are operated in France, but no similar factories are on this side of the Atlantic, except the one owned and operated by J. R. Ayer. This is his third year in the business. The present year has been most successful. Over sixty cases are already ready for the market. About fifteen persons are already employed in picking mushrooms. They are abundant on the marshes. Two varieties of the article are manufactured, the mushrooms whole, which are delicious, and mushroom catsup, which is considered a great delicacy. There is a great demand for the article.

Robert Ford, a farmer, aged 50, suicided at New Glasgow road, P. E. I., Thursday. Mr. Ford had business difficulties, and previously attempted suicide.

At Windsor, N. S., Thursday, Trefry was found guilty of manslaughter, with a strong recommendation for mercy. He was sentenced to one year in jail. Trefry's crime was shooting a boy, who had been annoying him by throwing turnips at his house.

An accident occurred Thursday on the Truro-Mulgrave division of the I. C. R. Seven cars of a special freight were derailed about a mile east of Mulgrave. The derailed cars rolled over and scattered their contents in every direction. No one was injured.

John F. Stairs, prominent in Halifax business and politics, died suddenly in Toronto Monday.

At Mabou, N. S., John McDonald, while trying to prevent Daniel Nicholson from forcing an entrance into the house of James Basker to obtain liquor, was shot in the head by the latter on Saturday night. Basker was committed to jail.

In Montreal, Magloire Hogue, convicted of murdering his wife, on April 18, has been sentenced to be hanged on November 18.

The Workmen's Political Association at Hamilton, Ont., intends to nominate two candidates for the coming federal elections.

Odbur M. Hartt, who has filled the position of post foreman of the Hartt Boot and Shoe Company, Fredericton, has tendered his resignation, to take effect the first of October.

Vernon, the thirteen-year-old son of James Benjamin, of Amherst, had his right hand badly shattered by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge which he was playing with.

The fire in Halifax last week caused loss to the amount of \$170,000.

The heavy storm of wind and rain of the 15th inst. did great damage to the fruit crop and trees throughout the Annapolis Valley. A conservative estimate places the loss at nearly one-quarter of the crop. At Maitland not only were trees uprooted, but lumber for market was strewn around and the end of a shop carried away by the storm.

Falling from an overhanging staging on the barge Grandee, discharging coal at the I. C. R. Pier, St. John, Tuesday, Albert Johnston struck his head on the side of a coal scow beneath and was killed instantaneously.

The steamer Degama sailed from Sydney last week for Vera Cruz, Mexico, with a cargo of 400 tons of coal for the Inter-Oceanic Railway of Mexico. This is the first cargo of Canadian coal shipped to that country, and is for the purpose of experimenting.

## THE EMPIRE.

A fierce gale swept St. John's Nfld., on Wednesday. Schooner Ripple, of Quebec, was lost, with five men. It is feared that last week's gale has devastated the Labrador seaboard. Reports from St. Pierre show that gales have severely damaged the French fishing fleet. The catch of cod is the poorest in ten years.

## FOREIGN.

At Pleasant Ridge, near Cincinnati, Ohio, Friday, nine school girls were suffocated in a vault during recess. A score of others narrowly escaped the same horrible death. All the victims were from the primary grade. On opposite sides of the spacious grounds in the rear of the building are two outhouses. About thirty of the smaller girls were in the outhouse assigned to them, when suddenly the floor gave way, precipitating them into the vault below, twelve feet, and walled with stone. Four feet of water stood in the vault.

Timbermen who have visited Columbia County, Oregon, since the recent forest fires in that section, say the fires have destroyed timber to the value of \$8,000,000.

Russia is displaying the greatest activity in securing coal at Liverpool for Vladivostok. They offer \$6 per ton, plus three per cent upon the ship's departure, and \$6.25 on arrival at Vladivostok. The firms generally are fighting shy, but a few ships have been despatched, Hong Kong being the ostensible destination.

Russia maintains that Great Britain has broken faith in the matter of the Thibetan treaty. According to the Russian view, Great Britain's pledges to Russia regarding the scope of the expedition contemplated only the regulation of trade between India and Thibet, and she disavowed any purpose to meddle with the internal or political affairs of the country. Instead, Russia claims that a treaty was forced upon the Thibetans, which goes much further, creating a virtual protectorate over the country.

The inner wall on the north side of the new St. Anthony's Catholic church, at New Bedford, Mass., fell on Thursday, killing one man and seriously injuring six others who were working on the structure.

Forty-one people are dead and 125 injured as a result of a railroad accident near Knoxville, Tenn., Sunday.

At Melrose, Mass., Wednesday, an electric car was blown to pieces by striking a fifty-pound box of dynamite that had fallen from an express wagon. Six people were killed outright, three more died from their injuries within an hour, and nineteen others on the car were taken to the hospitals suffering from all sorts of wounds. At least a score of people in the immediate vicinity of the explosion were treated for cuts from flying glass and splinters.

Vesuvius is gradually becoming more active. The crust around the crater has broken away and produces magnificent flurries of red hot-ashes and sparks of fire, which rise occasionally in immense columns to a height of seven hundred feet, accompanied by loud detonations and slight earthquakes, the sound resembling a bombardment by artillery.

Prince Herbert Bismarck died on Sunday. Since he ceased to be foreign minister on the retirement of his father, in 1890, the prince has taken part in public affairs only as a member of the Reichstag. Prince Bismarck was born in 1849.

THE BOERS.—The pertinacity of some of the Boers is astonishing. Here is the latest example: According to a Blue Book of Ceylon, just issued, the camp for prisoners of war was broken up in August, but there still remains five out of the original 500 interned in the island who refused to take the oath or the declaration of allegiance, and at the same time declined to proceed elsewhere than to South Africa. Two of the five subsequently complied with the condition, and were accordingly repatriated. One of the last three has died in the island, and the remaining two still continue to glory in voluntary exile.

## THE MAGAZINES.

The October *Delineator* is a many-featured number, containing, in addition to a complete survey of the Autumn fashions, special articles of wide interest. A series on "The Loves of Great Composers" begins with the story of Beethoven and his "Immortal Beloved," which is filled with interest, not only for music lovers, but for everyone who has a liking for romances. Physical Exercise is discussed in "The Fountain of Youth." For young people are provided stories and pastimes that amuse as well as instruct, and the domestic interests are treated practically.

There will be much food for thought for wide-awake boys and girls in George Ethelbert Walsh's article in the October *St. Nicholas*, entitled "What a Lump of Coal Could Do." He shows that a small lump of coal, suddenly converted into steam, if its energy were utilized, would be sufficient to run an electric motor car full of passengers two and a half miles at a rate of twenty miles an hour, or would carry a train or ordinary care and a heavy Pullman sleeper and dining-car one-sixth of a mile at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour.

The sanctified life does not need to be proclaiming its purity all the time. The fact is that continual reference to our own goodness is a proof that we lack either goodness or wisdom—perhaps both. Years ago we heard a man arguing with another for a holy life. Said he: "If you were sanctified, you would not need to work so hard on your farm." The sanctification that conduces to indolence is a counterfeit stuff, and has a ring of deadness about it. The same man, according to his own testimony, had not sinned for seven years. The chief thing that he lacked was getting close enough to Jesus Christ to realize his own sinfulness. The sanctified life is not boastful.—*The Telescope*.

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