

News of the Week.

CANADA.

Stickney and Brooks' new steam saw mill at Gordonsville, C. Co., was burned Sunday, 20th. The mill had only been running for a fortnight. Loss about \$3,000. No insurance.

Clement Goyette, found guilty of murdering Daniel Colligan, in Alfred, Ont., was sentenced to be hanged April 28th.

In deciding to permit fish traps to be used in British Columbia the government has also arranged that only white or Canadian labor be employed. Only those who are engaged in the industry will get license. Four hatcheries will be located at the head of the waters on the Fraser River.

The staff of workmen at the Halifax dock yard has been increased to more than 600, the largest number employed for many years.

At St. Scholastique, P. Q., Friday, Theophile Buanger, a farmer, was sentenced to be hanged June 10th for the murder of his brother-in-law, Antone Seguin, in February 13th, 1903.

The act of the British Columbia legislature, which aimed at the exclusion of Japanese from employment, has been disallowed by the Governor-General in Council.

There are now sixteen patients in the leper-lazaretto at Tracadie—ten males and six females less than last year. There are also two suspicious cases under observation in the neighborhood. Four deaths occurred in the year, and one new patient was admitted.

In Halifax, Friday, fire damaged the stock of J. F. Crowe & Co., wholesale grocers, to the extent of \$20,000, and the stock of Charles Brister, ships' stores, \$5,000.

A Toronto jury has found Lieut. Col. John Gray and his son, Frank Gray, guilty of conspiracy in tampering with ballots cast for the board of education at the last municipal election in the interest of Dr. R. B. Orr, one of some twenty candidates. They have not yet been sentenced.

At Cornwall, Ont., Friday, James Riley was killed in Stormont Cotton Mills.

The crew of the St. John barque Mary A. Troop, abandoned at sea on a voyage from Pensacola to Rio Janeiro, have arrived at Southampton, and tell a terrible tale of suffering. Their vessel was disabled and waterlogged in a severe gale. After being at the mercy of the seas for nineteen days, all the food was eaten, and the crew chewed lead and wood. The steamer Cairnsla rescued the suffering men, who were almost living skeletons.

The house of Geo. Bull, Woodstock, occupied by Wilmot Bullock, was burned Friday.

The Grand Trunk Railway is reducing its staff, owing to reduced earnings this year.

A serious driving accident occurred at Boundary Creek, near Moncton, on Thursday. F. W. Winter, of Moncton, was driving across the railway bridge with his wife and Mrs. John White, when the horse staggered and fell over the side of the bridge, dragging the sleigh. Mrs. Winter and Mrs. White went with it. Mr. Winter jumped out. Mrs. Winter's right arm was broken, and she received injuries to her back. Mrs. White escaped with a slight shaking up.

A man named Rayworth jumped from the Montreal express at Westfield Wednesday and had his collar bone broken, and was otherwise injured. The train was going forty-five miles an hour.

J. Harvey Brown has asked for a provincial grant of \$10,000 for the new Deaf and Dumb School at St. John.

The annual meeting of the Farmers'

and Dairymen's Association of New Brunswick was held in Fredericton last week. The attendance was not so large as in previous years. Bacteria, care and breeding of horses, beef cattle, care of dairy cows, milk for butter and cheese, and other subjects were discussed. Mr. B. Fawcett, Sackville, was elected president.

In Winnipeg, Thursday, frightened by a dunning letter threatening him with arrest, Antoine Welsh, fifty-five years of age, suicided.

Chas. Baldwin, working at the shipping pier of the Coal Co. at Louisburg, Wednesday, slipped and fell through the opening of the drop table into the water.

In Montreal, Wednesday, Alex. Gougeon, foreman for the Dominion Bridge Co., was instantly killed from falling from a building. Gougeon was in charge of the erection of a steel frame of a building being constructed on St. James street for the Metropolitan Bank.

There is talk of the amalgamation of the Joggins and Chignecto Coal Mines. Elsie Williams, colored, was found dead near Digby a few days ago. She was 109 years old.

Michael McDonald fell over a cliff near the Marconi towers, Glace Bay,—more than fifty feet.

Tuesday afternoon Mark McLeod, employed in the Portland Rolling Mills, had one leg crushed under a heavy bar of iron.

Geo. Gee has been committed for trial on the charge of murdering Millie Gee. The trial will take place at the court which meets the fourth Tuesday in April, the Chief Justice presiding.

A new Orange hall at Newcastle, N. B., was opened last week. It cost about \$10,000.

Last week an immigrant passenger at Winnipeg was found to be suffering from smallpox. The party of 130 immigrants were quarantined outside the city. All are Scotch.

The large warehouse of A. C. Smith & Co., at East Florenceville, C. County, was burned to the ground Tuesday morning of last week. The building contained about 450 tons of pressed hay, 100 bushels of oats, and a large quantity of other products, all of which were destroyed, with the exception of the oats. The loss is estimated at \$8,000, against which there is \$4,000 insurance. The fire extended to the warehouse owned by Messrs. Bohan & Co., and it, with all its contents, was destroyed. Their loss is about \$1,000.

THE EMPIRE.

Over 200,000 rats—220,782, to be precise—have been caught at the London docks within the last five weeks. They have fallen victims to the official rat-catchers, who visit every ship that comes into port.

Mr. Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, replying in the house of commons to a request for information concerning the working of the Irish land act, said he believed that if all the parties concerned worked in the same spirit as last year, great success would attend the operations of the act. Now that the land act stock had been very successfully floated, they could proceed with greater energy.

A Johannesburg despatch says an outbreak of bulbonic plague has occurred in the Indian coolie section. Thirty deaths have occurred since Thursday.

FOREIGN.

German horse butchers are establishing a restaurant in Berlin to educate the upper class in the use of horse flesh.

At Higginville, Mo., fifty buildings were partly wrecked, one man mortally

wounded, and several others hurt as the result of a tornado which swept over the town one night last week. The hail on some of the streets was a foot deep.

In Boston, Wednesday, Emanuel Burnett, colored, shot and killed his wife because she went out when he forbade her.

Flood and fire caused damage of more than \$250,000 in Beloit, Wis., Wednesday.

A proclamation of the rebel leader, Yuan, who, at the head of a thousand opium smugglers, recently defeated a detachment of Chinese troops near Chung King, says he has no intention of causing trouble to the Chinese or to foreigners in China, but, being determined to eradicate the false foreign religion, he will raise 10,000 men, march to the western ocean and destroy the Christian religion of foreign countries. The proclamation especially condemns the Roman Catholics.

The long drought has been broken in the Kansas wheat belt. It is the opinion of elevator and grain men that these timely rains will ensure a yield in Kansas of 50,000,000 bushels.

At Presque Isle, Me., Friday, the Aroostook Lumber Company's mill was completely destroyed by fire. The property was valued at \$40,000; partially insured. One hundred and fifty men are thrown out of employment.

A severe storm passed over Chicago

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Thursday night, and did much damage in the suburbs. In Indiana harbor, 20 miles away, one man was killed and fifteen injured. Eighteen residences were blown down. Other places suffered, too.

Disastrous prairie fires have swept large ranges in Nebraska. The ground being dry the fire burned the roots of the grass in the ground, destroying it for grazing for three years. One strip burned is six by twelve miles; another is more than twenty miles long and very wide, while another strip, still burning, north of the Niobrara river, seems to have been more extensive. Ranch sheds, barns, groves on timber claims, and property along the railroad, have been destroyed.

A tornado did great damage to property and caused at least one death in Central Arkansas, Wednesday.

Lightning struck a powder magazine at Diegosuarez, Madagascar, on the 19th, causing an explosion which killed twenty persons in and around the magazine. It contained 5,000 shells and a million francs worth of stores and ammunition. Seven more people were killed in a village about two miles away where the houses were riddled by falling stones from the magazine.

THE MAGAZINES.

Everybody's Magazine, April number, opens with an article on The Greatest World's Fair. The president of the Exposition Company furnishes the text, and Vernon Howe Bailey the illustrations. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis contributes an important article on the subject of Consolidating the Churches. The fiction in this number is good.

THE N RAYS.—More wonderful even than the X rays, or than the emanations from radium, are the N rays, which are now being experimented on in Paris, and presumably in other centres of scientific research. The N rays are given out by living bodies. They are invisible rays, but have the property of causing fluorescence when they impinge on properly prepared surfaces. And it is found that this fluorescence changes according to the degree of muscular action, or thought action, so that actually muscular and thought action can be registered and measured on the fluorescent screen. Practically, therefore, a man can stand before such a screen and see himself think, or at least see the variations caused in the fluorescence by the degrees of intensity of his thought.—The Guardian.