

News of the Week.

CANADA.

John Chittick died suddenly of heart disease at St. Marys, N. B., Wednesday. He had come recently from Boiestown.

A young man named Barney McKeown, crazed by drink, attempted to jump off the Suspension bridge, St. John, Tuesday.

John McCrae, charged with killing his father in a drunken quarrel at Glace Bay, N. S., was acquitted Tuesday.

Two hundred and fifty men of the Canadian militia at Halifax are at Sydney to prevent rioting by the strikers at the steel and iron works.

Tuesday, at Chatham, the carriage factory of the Alex. Robinson estate was burned.

Wednesday, at Sussex, Miss Annie Flewelling while crossing the I. C. R. track, at the regular crossing, was struck by the locomotive of an express train and badly injured that she died Thursday.

The body of Frank King, who fell off a wharf at Fredericton and was drowned Saturday night, 3rd inst., was found near the railway bridge Thursday. The man was about 55. He had been drinking; a bottle of gin was found in his pocket.

The seven year old son of John Cain, Fredericton, fell from a team Tuesday, a wheel passed over his head and he was instantly killed.

The department of justice has refused to interfere with the sentence of Geo. Gee, and he will be executed at Woodstock on the 22nd inst.

It has been found necessary to hold a special criminal session of the Supreme Court at Halifax because the jail is full of prisoners. Eighteen criminal cases were handed to the judge to be laid before the grand jury.

An appropriation of \$25,000 has been made to exterminate the dog fish pest in the Maritime Provinces.

The residence of the late Hon. Robert Young at Caraquet, Gloucester Co., was struck by lightning a few days ago and burned to the ground with most of its contents; loss \$10,000, insurance \$3,000.

The St. Stephen Board of Trade will oppose the passage of the New Brunswick Southern Railway bill for a bridge to connect with the Washington County road on the ground that it would seriously interfere with navigation.

Reports from Grand Manan are to the effect that fishermen are not reaping rich harvests. Some hake are being caught, but the number is not very big.

Garret McGivner, of Stanley, was held up on the road between Green Hill and Bloomfield recently and robbed of \$33.

The York Co. Council, in session last week, instructed the Secretary-Treasurer to communicate with the Attorney General about the trial of the three men charged with pocket-picking, claiming that the county ought not to be saddled with the costs of the trial as the crime with which the men are charged was committed in St. John.

The great mortality among children in Montreal during the summer months is attracting attention. During the past two weeks over two hundred under two years of age have died.

John Pineau, an I. C. R. brakeman, was killed in the Campbellton yard on Wednesday evening while uncoupling cars. He was caught between the two cars and squeezed about the breast.

Lewis Mitchell, a well-known resident of Macnaquac, York Co., was drowned Wednesday in the stream which crosses the rear of his farm. It is assumed that the deceased was stooping over the bank when he slipped and fell into the water. Deceased was over seventy.

Official immigration returns for the last fiscal year show the total number of arrivals to be 130,329, to which will be added 1,000 or 2,000 more for later arrivals. This is an increase, according to the present returns, of about 2,000 more than the previous year, when the number was 128,364. The returns are as follows: British Isles, 50,915, as against 41,792 last year; continent of Europe and miscellaneous, 36,241, as against 37,099 last year. United States, 49,173, as against 37,099 last year.

Geo. B., the 9 year old son of W. H. Perkins, was drowned at Long Wharf, St. John, Monday morning.

One of the Grand Trunk shops at Point St. Charles, Montreal, was burned Sunday. Loss, \$20,000.

Friday, near Grand Bay, two young men—Geo. Usher and James Malcolm—were drowned while in bathing. The latter perished in an attempt to rescue the former. Malcolm was a St. John young man, a graduate of Dalhousie, and a student for the Presbyterian ministry, very promising and greatly esteemed.

Police Magistrate Marsh sent the prisoners, Howard, Grant and Williams, accused pickpockets, up for trial at the next court, which meets in October.

The Trade and Commerce Department has received a report from the Canadian Commercial Agent in Jamaica. It says that the imports of Canadian produce into Trinidad in the year up to March 31st were valued at \$119,186, as compared with \$132,962 for the year previous. For the same period the imports of American produce amounted to \$675,769. The Canadian goods sold in Jamaica amounted to \$600,000, as against \$4,000,000 from the United States. The Canadian agent is satisfied that with a permanent exhibition of Canadian products in Kingston the market for Canadian goods would be doubled.

With fires, strikes and riots, Cape Breton is having a hard time. Last week fire at Sydney Mines, bursting from the woods, consumed Sydney Mines Hotel and ten dwelling houses. No lives lost. Insurance very light. The dwellings were all new ones. At the same time as the Mines fire there was a similar scene at Sydney. Five dwellings were destroyed. Reports from the districts over which the fire swept shows that not only were houses and barns destroyed, but cattle and crops suffered severely. The district covered by the fire extends some fifteen miles, mostly wooded and farm lands. The people who were not burned out suffered considerable damage to their crops and to their household effects.

THE EMPIRE.

Premier Balfour announces that under no circumstances will there be a dissolution of parliament this year unless he should fail to secure the support of his colleagues.

The fort held by 7,000 Thibetans was captured by a mere handful of British and Indian soldiers on Wednesday. British ten-pounders made a breach in the wall between the towers on the face of the cliff, the wall falling down in great masses. Shortly afterwards an explosion occurred in a powder magazine of the Thibetans by which many must have been killed.

The Russian press commendation of the gracious act of Great Britain in offering to police and protect the seal fisheries of the Kommandore and Copper Islands of Kamchatka during the war are regarded as highly significant.

Of 774 souls on board the Danish steamer Norge, 128, including Capt. Gundel, are known to have been saved. For the missing 646 souls small hopes are entertained.

Leprosy is quite prevalent in South Africa. Dr. Turner, the health officer of the Transvaal, reports that whereas there were 109 cases in his charge in 1895, there are now over 200. Dr. Turner adds the remarkable fact that no one knows how many lepers there are in the Transvaal. He says that a medical officer who had been in charge of the lepers asserted that there were at least 3,000 in 1900. Dr. Turner is convinced that contagion is the most usual means of the spread of leprosy. He believes it will eventually be proved that some vermin is the cause of the infection.

FOREIGN.

By a railway collision in New Jersey, Saturday, 17 people were killed and 50 injured.

Fifty-two killed and 3,049 injured, some of them fatally, is the United States fourth of July demonstration record.

At Saco, Me., Wednesday, lightning set fire to the farm buildings of Miss Martha Faban, destroying them. Loss, \$3,000.

A fire, caused by fourth of July explosives, at Corrina, Me., burned nine buildings to the ground, causing loss estimated at \$100,000.

As a result of the investigation of the assassination of General Bobrikoff, governor general of Finland, twenty arrests have been made. The *Pavalehti*, organ of the young Finnish party, has been suppressed.

A Chicago Peoria & St. Louis passenger train was blown from a bridge at Petersburg, Ill., on Tuesday. A baggageman was killed and 15 or 20 persons were injured.

A despatch from Batavia, capital of the Dutch East Indies, says that the commander of the expedition to North Achin, Northern Sumatra, attacked Likat on June 20. The Chinese losses were 432 killed, including 281 women and 88 children, and 54 wounded. Seventeen prisoners were taken. The Dutch casualties included the commander, a lieutenant, two sergeants and 13 soldiers wounded. On June 23 the Dutch troops attacked Langat Bars, when the Achinese losses were 654 killed, including 186 women and 130 children, and 49 wounded. Twenty-eight persons were taken. The Dutch losses were a captain, 22 soldiers and six coolies wounded.

Tuesday night of last week the immense grain elevator of the Boston & Maine Railroad Co., one of the largest in the world, together with freight houses Nos. 1, 2 and 3, on piers 1 and 2, Mystic wharf, Charlestown, Mass., were burned, entailing a loss that will exceed \$1,000,000. Three lives are supposed to have been lost—those of sailors of the Allan line steamer Austrian which was lying at pier, and who, with thirty-four fellow seamen, jumped overboard to save themselves from the flames.

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which had communicated to their vessel. Most of the crew swam to the shore, but eleven of their number, who were more or less singed or bruised, were rescued by boats and taken to the hospital. Before the fire on board the steamer could be gotten under control by the fleet of tug boats that had hauled her out into the stream, all the upper works had been burned to the deck.

It is a startling fact that out of the total of 140,496,135 women in India, only 543,495 are able to read and write; 197,662 are under instruction, the great majority of them in missionary schools. The total number of illiterates recorded in the country is 246,546,176, leaving 47,814,180 of both sexes unaccounted for. Latest statistics show that 3,195,220 are under instruction.

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