news of the Week.



CANADA.

Charles S. Taylor, harbor master of the port of St. John, died very suddenly on the 12th inst. He appeared to be in his usual good health up to within ashort time of his death.

At the International Colliery, Bridgeport, C. B., Wednesday, Michael Mc-Kinnon, twenty-five years old, was killed by a fall of coal.

At Dominion No. 3 colliery, Cape Breton, Wednesday, Chas. Jonson, 27 years of age, was killed by a heavy fall of stone.

Herbert Jameson, of Canterbury, who had his arm badly crushed while feeding a threshing machine, had to have the arm amputated below the elbow.

The coal raised in Nova Scotia during the past year is reported at 4,572,000 tons, an increase of 354,000 tons over the preceding year.

The assessors for Glace Bay have completed their work of assessing the property and taking a census of the town. The valuation of property is placed at \$1,675,000, an increase over 1903 of \$297.745, and \$515,020 over the year 1902. The population is 10,276, an increase over the Dominion census figures of 3,331.

Numerous complaints have reached the department of fisheries recently regarding the prevalence of dogfish on the coast of Nova Scotia. It is claimed that this class of shark is doing great damage to edible fishes. The government is being urged to appoint a commission to investigate into the habits of dogfish and to devise a scheme for their extermination.

The N. B. Lumbermen's Association has taken steps to fight the recent stumpage increases. They do not so much object to the increase on spruce, but against other increases they are protesting.

John Lyman, president of the Northrup & Lyman Co., manufacturers of proprietary medicines, died at Toronto, Wednesday, in his 84th year.

In the N. S. House of Assembly a bill has been introduced to encourage the formation of mutual associations in the agricultural districts of the province. Nova Scotia once had such an Act, but it was omitted in the revision of the statutes.

The Carleton County Council has increased Scott Act Inspector Colpitt's salary from \$300 to \$400 per year, During the past year the Inspector had a surplus of more than \$300.

John Colbert is under arrest charged with stealing \$380.00 from Mrs. Brensnahan, St. Stephen, with whom he boarded.

Mr. Hedley C. Taylor, barrister, elected Mayor of Edmonton, Alberta, recently, is a native of Florenceville, Carleton County.

The main building and offices of the Canadian Pacific Telegraph and the Dominion Express Co., Quebec, were destroyed by fire Thursday.

The C. P. R.'s plan for extensive irrigation in the west has become an assured fact. The project will be started near Calgary, and if it proves as successful as the C. P. R. engineers believe it will, over 3,000,000 acres of land will be reclaimed and rendered cultivatable. It is believed that the irrigation plan will render fully 1,500,000 acres fit for growing cereals of all kinds, while the remainder will be devoted to grass cultivation and grazing purposes.

Two soldiers, Coates and Endall, of the Infantry school, Fredericton, deserted Wednesday.

The Brier Island fishermen are reap-

ing rich harvests just now. Haddock are very plentiful. One fisherman the other day captured \$65 worth of fish in a couple of hours.

The store of Herbert Lawrence, of Lower Prince William, York Co., was burglarized one night last week and a quantity of groceries carried away.—The store of W. E. Scott, of Dumfries, was burglarized in the same manner a few nights previous.

John Kane was sentenced to nine months in the Kings Co. jail for defraud in a horse trade with Wm. Garret. He concealed the fact that there was a bill of sale against the horse he traded.

Mr. Allan Palmer, an aged and much esteemed resident of Kingsclear, York Co., died suddenly Thursday night. He was 84 years old.

Immense elevators and storage warehouses are being built at Port Arthur, where grain will be stored for the opening of navigation. One elevator has a capacity of one million and a quarter bushels.

The miners at Chignecto Mines, Cumberland, have struck over the question of carrying the picks to and from their work.

Winnipeg has 50,000 population; 51 miles paved streets, 17 schools, 51 churches. 9 colleges, I university. There is no other city in the Dominion that has made such growth.

At Calgary N. W. T., Friday, six stores and a theatre, aggregating in value \$150,000, were burned.

Lord Strathcona has given McGill college his old Workman residence for the use of the Conservatory of Music.

At the N. S. Steel and Coal Company's blast furnace, Sydney Mines, Friday, a chain hoisting a heavy weight broke and knocked down a stage on which were six men. Two were killed, three injured and one escaped.

Among the 54 who were lost by the foundering of the steamer Clallam near Victoria, B. C., were several former residents of the Maritime Provinces: Capt. Thomas Lawrence of Maitland; R. C. Campbell, of Lunenburg, and Mrs. A. J. S. Galletly and Miss Galletly, Halifax; N. P. Shaw, Victoria, C. Co.; Lawrence, son of Capt. W. D. Lawrence; Mrs. Charles Cox and little daughter, Maitland.

The Department of Fisheries some time ago adopted a system of propagating lobsters in ponds. It has been a success. The Department will continue and extend this work.

Two freight trains on the C. P. R. met in a head-on collision Thursday afternoon, and a serious wreck resulted. Fortunately there was no loss of life. The road was blocked for many hours, delaying express trains.

Three Grand Manan men, whose combined ages are two hundred years, are Charles Ingalls, 90 years old; David Young, 90, of Grand Harbor, and Simeon Cheney, 90, of Castalia. These are natives of the Island. Two ladies, whose ages aggregate 169 years, and who are hale and hearty, are Mrs. Sarah Bancroft, 84, and Mrs. Amelia Ingalls, 85.

According to Toronto's new directory, just issued, the population is placed at 279,526.

A number of schools have been closed in Manitoba and the Territories through lack of eachers. Many men teachers have abandoned the desk to take to farming.

The roof and smokestack of the Sussex Packing Company's building were damaged by the wind on Wednesday.

The Municipal Council of Colchester Co., N. S., has bought a farm and will erect a county Poor House. It is three and a half miles from Truro.

The school trustees of Moncton have decided to increase the salaries of the female teachers of the city.

For burglary at Dominion Mines, C. B., Hugh McMillan was last week sent to the penitentiary for seven years.

A fire which broke out in the Joggins Mines, N. S., on Sunday night has been placed under control without serious loss

The long distance line of the Nova Scotia Telephone Co., which is being extended from Halifax to Sydney, is now down as far as Orangedale, while the poles are placed as far as the Barrachois. Communication is already established between Hawkesbury and Halifax.

THE EMPIRE.

The British war office on Monday has given out the following despatch from General Egerton, commanding the Somaliland expeditionary forces, and which is dated from Jidballi, Somaliland, Jan. 11: "Advanced this morning twelve miles to Jidballi. The total strength was: Of regulars, 2,200; irregulars, 1,000. Jidballi was held by 5,000 dervishes. The mounted troops engaged the enemy's right, and infantry advanced within 700 yards of his position. The dervishes advanced, but were unable to face the frontal fire, coupled with the

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thank attack. Dervishes killed are estimated at one thousand mostly in the pursuit. Many prisoners and four hundred rifles were taken. Two officers of the regulars were killed and nine officers wounded. Five of the rank and file were wounded. Of the native troops, seven were killed and sixteen wounded. Of the irregulars, two were killed and two wounded. I am inclined to think this is the Mullah's main force."

It is reported in English papers that during the past year over 1,600 children were burned to death in that country, mostly from their clothes accidentally catching fire.

It is reported that Germany has notified Great Britain officially of her readiness to appoint commissioners to negotiate a commercial treaty with Canada.

The Transvaal Legislative Council passed a motion in favor of the introduction of Asiatic labor into South Africa by a vote of 22 to 4.

Eight hundred machine workers in Lancashire, England are on strike against a 25 per cent, reduction in wages.

So superabundant was rain in England that in some sections the crops had not been secured in November.

FOREIGN.

Gen. J. B. Gordon, the last of the leading officers in the Confederate army, died in Florida last week.

The situation in the Balkins is causing increasing uneasiness. In addition to the Albanian movement in opposition to the new international gendarmerie in Macedonia, a despatch from Gettinje says that the government of Montenegro has decided to take steps for the immediate expulsion of all Albanians.

In Lowelt, Tuesday night, three brick blocks in the business section, occupied almost entirely by a large department store, were burned out. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. Five firemen were injured during the fire.

The steamer Clallam, of the Seattle-Victoria fleet, sank on the 9th inst. in the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and fifty-one persons were drowned. It all occurred within three miles of the shore, but owing to the heavy seas that were running it was impossible to carry the passengers ashore in boats. The attempt was different times made, with the result that those who were in the boats went down in sight of their friends on the steamer. Every woman and child

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