News of the Week.



CANADA.

E. B. Tollinson, aged 23, North Sydney, was drowned while swimming on Sunday.

The Town Hall, the Massey-Harris Co.'s warehouse, and five other buildings at Somerset, Man., were destroyed by fire a few days ago.

A large hay and stock barn owned by J. B. Steeves, in Coverdale, was burned Monday morning.

At Truro, Monday, an unknown man was killed while attempting to board a moving train.

Six men were suffocated in the Shakespeare gold mine near Sault Ste. Marie Tuesday. They entered the mine too soon after the explosion of a blast, and the fumes overcame them.

At Dresden, Ont., Tuesday, Rev. T. H. Harrison, Methodist minister, dropped dead.

Nelson McDougall's house and barn, near Moncton, were burned Tuesday. The family were away at the time.

Lord Monk Britton, who was private secretary to Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, is in Toronto. He will inquire into tariff affairs.

There is a rule for passengers entering or leaving railway cars or street cars, which ought never to be broken: Here is a dreadful example of overlooking the rule: A few days ago at St. Flavie, Quebec, a young lady, Miss Delia Hamilton, jumped off the train on to the platform while the car was in motion, fell on the track under the wheels, and had her legs cut off above the ankle. She is not likely to live. The girl had been away from home for twelve years, and was paying the first visit to her family. Her father was at the station a witness to the terrible scene.

The mineral production of British Columbia from January 1 to June 30, 1904 was: Gold, 123,339 ounces; silver, 2,037,061 ounces; copper, 17,513,886 lbs.; lead, 16,500,000 pounds. The total production during the year 1903 was: Gold, 232,831 ounces; silver, 2,996,201 ounces; copper, 31,395,921 pounds; lead, 18,089,283 pounds.

Gerald H. Woodward, a young Englishman with Mr. Bowder, at St. Marys, in the orchard business, was drowned Wednesday evening while in swimming. He was a son of a retired colonel of the English army.

James G. Fraser, for several years with Manchester, Robertson & Allison, committed suicide Thursday. He was at Ashburn Lake with friends. He took a small boat and went out alone to the middle of the lake and jumped overboard. He had been mentally unbalanced for a while, and had only recently come out of a Montreal sanitarium.

A thunderstorm passed over Halifax Tuesday morning, during which a church was struck at Ferguson's Cove, destroying the tower and doing other damage. At Berwick a new house belonging to Chas. Foster was struck and damaged. In Waterville a house belonging to Frank Kinsman was struck, and a house at Wolfville was seriously injured inside and out. An employe of the creamery at Astock Farm sustained a shock.

The mortality in Halifax for July reached 75, as compared with 67 for the previous month. Twenty-four of the deaths were children under four years.

The late Hon. L. E. Baker, of Yarmouth, bequeathed \$8,000 for a public library, on condition that \$8,000 more was subscribed. A committee of ladies

raised \$4,500, and one citizen has offered \$2,000 more, leaving only \$1,000 to be raised to secure the library.

Wednesday Barclay Waddell, aged 14, had one of his feet so badly crushed by a car going over it at Pictou Landing, N. S., that it had to be amputated.

The Fredericton Boom Company's statement of work up to July 31st shows joints rafted 30,201, the lumber being made up as follows: hemlock, 31,450 feet; cedar, 5,692,740 feet; pine, 813,790 feet; spruce, 57,251,309 feet, making a total of 63,789,289 feet.

Fire in Montreal Wednesday night caused \$60,000 loss on St. Paul street.

The Marysville cotton mill is shut

down for August. A new driving wheel is being installed.

MacKenzie & Mann have filed a plan of the route of the Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Co. chartered by parliament last session. The line will run from a point in Quebec through the State of Maine to Woodstock, and thence to Fredericton, with a branch to St. John, and have its terminal at Pugwash, N. S., thence by Intercolonial short line to Pictou and on to Country Harbor. This is in continuation of this firm's transcontinental system, and may mean much to the G. T. Pacific

An immense quantity of canned lobsters are arriving at Halifax from Cape Breton and the north shore of New Brunswick. The steamer Sicily is taking a cargo for England.

At Campbell Settlement, York Co., on Tuesday, Bert Dunham's three-year-old son stepped in front of the mowing machine, and the father called to him to run out of the way. Just then the horses started. The cutter caught the lad's foot, completely severing it at the ankle.

There have been two daring hold-ups within the past two days near Dorin Ridge, York Co. Rev. Mr. Stevens, on Thursday, while riding on his bicycle near Jones' Forks, two men threw some stuff on the road to stop him, and when he jumped from his bicycle they grabbed him and made him hand over whatever money he had. William Morris, of Caverhill, was driving to Fredericton when a man jumped out from the bushes and tried to grab his horses. Mr. Morris hit the man on the head with his whip and got away.

Geo. Lattie, a farmer and lumberman of Lattie's Brook, near Truro, was swept off a load of hay passing under an apple tree a few days ago, and died of his injuries.

Eight persons were drowned near Bear River, N. S., Thursday. A party consisting of Capt. Chas. Hersey, of Digby, Mr. Vedito and his wife and child, Geo. Leach, manager of the woollen mills of Nasenville, Rhode Island, who had been camping at Pickney's Point for several days, Mrs. O'Riley, of New York, a relative of Leach, who has been summering at Beaver River, and her two children, were making for Bear River station, at which point a buckboard was to meet hem and take them to Bear River. Near the mouth of the river, the yacht touched the bar. The tender, which was in tow, was used to convey the party to the shore, about half a mile. The boat was a small one, and it sank. The driver of the buckboard, looking for his party, saw the boat and a man clinging to it. He gave the alarm, and with others started for the nearest boat. When they reached the boat they found Vedito in a state of exhaustion. He alone was saved.

THE EMPIRE.

Great Britain's naval estimates for next year are just double those of the United States.

There were 392 vessels of 993,088 tons gross under construction in the United Kingdom on June 30, which is about 4,000 tons more than at the end of the March quarter.

It is reported that South Africa's contribution to Imperial defence will be increased from £50,000 to £500,000.

There is a glut of apples in the British market. From Tasmania alone some 20,000 to 30,000 boxes are arriving weekly, and these are superior to the Spanish and Portuguese fruit. Huge quantities are also arriving from Italy.

Premier Bond, of Newfoundland, has returned from London. He reports a very satisfactory outcome of his mission and says that the regulations for policing the fisheries along the French shore adopted by France and Great Britain fully conserve Newfoundland's rights. The statu quo will continue pending the ratification of the treaty by the French senate, which will re-assemble next October.

The lumber exports from Newfoundland this season will exceed anything in the country's history, and will probably approach 60,000,000 feet, the Timber Estates concern alone having contracts to ship 12,000,000 feet to South Africa, where it is largely used in Argentine.

A judgment delivered in the house of lords last week has produced consternation in Scotland. In October, 1900, there occurred the union of the Free church of Scotland with the United Presbyterian church. Twenty-four Free church ministers opposed the union, and in the courts and the house of lords have fought their claim to the whole property of the Free church. The courts rejected the claim, but the house of lords by a majority of two reversed that judgment and rendered a decision which places in the hands of these twenty-four ministers, a majority of them belonging to small Gaelic congregations in the Highlands, funds amounting to over \$5,000,000, and property comprising over 1,000 churches and manses throughout Scotland valued at nearly \$50,000,000.

FOREIGN.

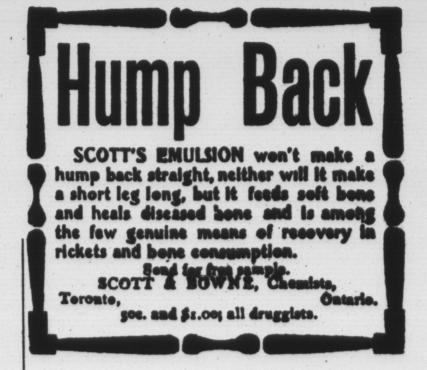
It is estimated that strikes have cost Colorado \$23,036,000 during the last sixteen weeks.

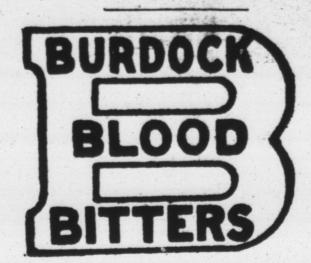
The assassin of Von Plehve is dead. He made no disclosures.

At Westboro, Mass., Tuesday, a score of persons were injured, two fatally, in ahead-on collision between two trolley cars.

Tuesday night four highwaymen held up the passengers of the Illinois Central's express train on the outskirts of Chicago. The robbers took all the money and valuables carried by the 30 passengers, stopped the train and escaped in the darkness.

The sea wall to protect Galveston, Texas, from overflow by the Gulf during storms was completed last week.





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The wall is 17,539 feet long and sixteen feet wide at the base, five feet wide at the top, with a granite riprap apron extending twenty-seven feet Gulfward. It cost \$1,198,318.80.

Von Plehve's assassin is now known to have been a student at Kharkoff University, where the bombs were supposed to have been manufactured.

A man was killed and two girls injured by an explosion in a dynamite factory at Laurel River, Penn., Thursday. Damage to the building and machinery, \$10,000.

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