

News of the Week.

CANADA.

Made insane by cigarette smoking, Mr. Simouski has been sent to the Nova Scotia Insane Asylum.

It is stated that official investigation shows that the fishermen of Gloucester Co. lost about \$40,000 last season by dog fish.

A Midland, N. S., railway train ran into another on a siding Wednesday, dumping it over the bank. Fireman Geo. Blois was injured and will lose a leg.

Montreal had a \$75,000 fire Thursday. The output of the Dominion Coal Company for the month of April was 241,758 tons, an increase of about 6,000 tons over the March output.

Richard Coulthart's house near Douglastown, and nearly all the furniture, was destroyed by fire Sunday.

Capt. George Campbell, of Folly, Colchester Co., N. S., was found dead in his home Monday.

The two years old son of Mr. Fred. Ansley died of poisoning Tuesday. The little fellow got hold of two tablets containing poison and ate them, supposing them to be candy.

The wholesale district of Montreal had a fire Thursday. The wholesale hat and fur warehouse of Waldron, Rrouin & Co. was gutted from top to bottom and valuable stock and fixtures totally destroyed. Loss \$175,000.

By the recent death of an uncle in Edinburgh, Scotland, Wm. J. Douglas, a Brockville, Ont., hotel keeper, has fallen heir to an estate valued at \$300,000.

The elevator in the House of Commons dropped 30 feet the other day, with several people in it. Nobody was injured.

The question of incorporation of the town of Sussex will be voted on again on the 18th inst.

Byron McNally, of Queensbury, has shipped 144 gallons of maple honey to C. B. Hume & Co., of Revelstoke, B. C.

It is stated that the work of rebuilding the old drill shed in Fredericton, damaged by fire more than a year ago, will be begun in July, and that a brick and stone building will replace the old structure.

A rich strike of Bessemer ore is reported from northwestern Ontario. This class of ore is greatly needed to assist the iron and steel industry of Ontario.

More than 20,000 passengers have landed at Halifax during the past season.

Hezekiah Fox of Waterville, Southampton, lost his dwelling house by fire a few days ago.

The demand for bank logs is unusually slack at Springhill just now, and \$9.50 per thousand is the highest price being paid for spruce.

A fourteen-year-old boy named Brown, of Grand Digne, Lot 10, P. E. I., hanged himself Wednesday. He was discontented with his lot.

Murrel Cole, a boy of eleven, for theft at Sussex, has been sent to the Reformatory for two years.

Work is progressing on the Hampton and St. Martins railway and very extensive repairs are being made to the road bed.

Three hundred men at the Joggins coal colliery are still out, refusing to resume work till their arrears of pay, amounting to \$9,000, are forthcoming. The water is rising in the mine. If the water is allowed to fill the mine the damage will be so great as to be almost irreparable.

Mrs. Jesso, wife of a miner at Glace Bay, suicided by cutting her throat Thursday. Temporary insanity was the cause.

Stanley, York Co., is to have a system of water works.

Capt. John Ingersoll, of the Grand Manan steamer Aurora, last week received a Masonic emblem pin, which he lost eighteen years ago when the Flushing was burned at Turnbull's wharf, and was fished up again by the government dredge working there.

The large barn of James Ryan of Bath, C. Co., was destroyed by fire on the 1st inst., and all its contents, consisting of hay and seed grain, a new single driving wagon, a double wagon, threshing machine and four horses and five head of cattle.

Mr. J. R. Pidgeon, for many years in the postal car service, died in St. John Tuesday. He was an active temperance worker.

In recent Scott Act cases the following fines were imposed in Kings Co.: D. P. O. Regan, Havelock, \$50 or 80 days; Archibald Cogle, Sussex, \$50 or 80 days; Gilbert Duncan, Sussex, two cases, \$100 or 160 days; J. C. Laughey, North, nine cases, \$450 or 810 days; R. Carr, Waterford, three cases, \$150 or 240 days; William Sheck, Waterford, three cases, \$150 or 240 days; Claud Gillies, 50 or 80 days.

While William Artes was attending a circular saw in S. L. Currie's mill, Fredericton Junction, his hand came in contact with the saw, mutilating it so severely that it had to be amputated at the wrist.

All the Esquimaux living in the Mackenzie Basin except ten families have been killed by the ravages of measles. Before the epidemic there were forty or fifty families, or two hundred or more persons.

Sydney, Cape Breton, seems destined to achieve some notoriety in the use of cigarettes. Last year there were consumed 2,900,000 cigarettes, and it is estimated from the sales for the first three months of this year, that the consumption for the year will be 3,650,000. Taking the three towns of Glace Bay, Sydney and North Sydney, the consumption at these estimates will be for 1904, nearly eight million cigarettes. It is about time we passed the Cigarette Bill which is injuring the youth of the country.

A man named Josselyn is under arrest at Gagetown charged with setting fire to some lumber belonging to the Messrs. Lewis at Cole's Island, J. Co. It is reported that it is believed he was hired to set the fire in revenge for a conviction for Scott Act violation brought about by the Messrs. Lewis.

After lying idle for ten days the Joggins railway resumed operations Thursday, and the pumps at the mines were started.

The Sussex camp will be held on June 28 and Aldershot, N. S., on Sept. 13.

Wm. Smith, of the Royal Engineers, Halifax, for assaulting a Chinaman, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

The residence of George Roach, of H. M. Customs at Bedford, N. S., was burned to the ground Thursday. Part of the furniture was saved.

On the Southwestern railway, ten miles from Halifax, Thursday, John McArthur and Edw. O'Toole were plugging dynamite in a 10-foot hole, when the charge went off. The men were hurled about fifteen feet and badly cut and shaken up. McArthur's sight being almost destroyed.

Trains are now running on the Hampton-St. Martins Railway.

The freight shed at Falmouth, N. S., burned Thursday, with 150 tons of hay. The fire originated from a spark from a locomotive.

Charles and James Elderkin of Woodville, Kings Co., N. S., have been arrested for burglary. A wagon load of articles believed to be stolen by them from various places, has been recovered.

The barn of George W. White, Guthrie Road, Central Norton, was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. A horse, seven cattle, a threshing machine and other articles were burned. Loss about \$1,000. No insurance.

THE EMPIRE.

The bubonic plague has reappeared in Johannesburg. Two cases have been detected in the market, which has been ordered closed.

The ice blockade on the west coast of Newfoundland still continues and Bay of Islands is covered with a mass of ice four feet thick.

It is reported that a contract has been practically concluded between Mr. Marconi and the British General Post Office authorities, whereby the former's system of telegraphy will be placed on the same footing as the existing cable companies' lines. Under the new agreement all the Marconi stations will be connected with the telegraphic system, and it will be possible to send a wireless message from any post office to a ship in mid-Atlantic.

Word has just been received that on the 8th of April, Major Trenchard, with a force of 250 men, had an encounter with the natives in the Okpoto country, 75 miles up the Emo River, in Southern Nigeria. Six villages were burned and two hundred of the natives were killed and wounded. The British lost four native soldiers killed and seven wounded.

The British expedition referred to is one that was sent against the Okpoto tribe which, last December attacked a British patrol and killed two officers and forty or fifty troops. The expedition has had some severe fighting.

FOREIGN.

A cloud burst in the Green Horn Range, Colorado, caused the Arkansas River to rise between eight and nine feet here in less than an hour, Tuesday. Much damage was done.

As the result of a cloud burst in Central Texas, five miles of railway tracks have been washed out. Five children were drowned. Fields are under from four to eight inches of water for 15 miles.

A hurricane ravaged Cochin-China, May 1. About a hundred natives were killed and great damage was done. All the telegraphic lines in Saigon were destroyed.

Reports are received of many people killed by a tornado in Texas last week. Aroostook Co., Me., last year raised 10,000,000 bushels of potatoes, of which 2,000,000 bushels were made into starch.

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SHINGLING HIS OWN ROOF.

Bishop McCabe tells the story of a drinking man who, being in a saloon late at night, heard the wife of the saloon keeper say to her husband:

"Send that fellow home; it's late."
"No, never mind," replied the husband; "he is shingling our house for us."

The idea lodged in the mind of the drunkard, and he did not return to the saloon for six months. When passing the saloon keeper in the street, the latter said:

"Why don't you come around to my place any more?"

"Thank you for your hospitality," replied the former victim, "I've been shingling my own roof lately."

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