

News of the Week.

CANADA.

The Japanese have made large purchases of salmon in Vancouver, B. C.

All the schools and churches in Sydney, N. S., have been closed on account of smallpox. All public gatherings and parties are prohibited.

At the Stratford, Ont., works of the Grand Trunk 200 men were discharged last week.

Lady Minto, while skating on Rideau rink, Wednesday, fell and broke her leg in two places.

Col. Otter, of Toronto, was thrown from his horse Monday night. He was picked up unconscious.

High floods in Annapolis valley have caused considerable loss and inconvenience. Cornwallis has suffered some. Rain followed by the rapid melting of snow caused the floods.

The house owned and occupied by W. Connolly, Jacksontown, C. Co., was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. All the furniture except an organ was lost. Insurance small.

In Truro, N. S., Thursday, the barn and piggery of G. H. Leaman were destroyed by fire. Thirty hogs were burned.

At Sydney, N. S., Thursday, Murdoch McMillan, aged sixty, was fatally injured at the steel works plant, being run over by a shunting engine. Both his legs were severed near his body.

The coasting steamer Mermaid, was sunk Friday in Gervis Inlet, B. C., as the result of striking an uncharted reef. All hands took to boats, which had not been three minutes clear of her when the Mermaid sank.

The Dominion Iron and Steel Company are to grant their employees a general increase of wages the first of April. The increase will be from seven to ten per cent, according to work and departments.

The New Brunswick Southern Railway is to be put in first class condition.

Smallpox is spreading very rapidly in Whitney pier districts of Sydney. It broke out a little over a week ago, and there are now in the vicinity of twenty cases under quarantine. Seven new cases were discovered Wednesday, five in one house.

In Toronto, Thursday, fifteen horses were smothered and five more have to be shot as a result of a fire which broke out in a livery stable.

At Rogersville, Wednesday, eight Intercolonial cars were destroyed by fire which started in a car containing fifteen cases of matches. The cars contained merchandise, pulp wood and potatoes.

There was considerable loss of cattle by recent storms in the Northwest.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has placed orders in Canada for twenty-one freight locomotives. The contract, which means an expenditure of \$500,000, is divided between the works at Kingston, Ont., and the works in Montreal.

The evidence of Dr. Saunders, director of Canadian Experimental Farms, before the Agriculture and Colonization Committee, dealt with the progress being made in agriculture in Canada. The director demonstrated the superior natural conditions existing in this country for agricultural development by comparison of the average yield of wheat, oats, and barley as compared with the average yield in the United Kingdom and in the United States. The average yield per acre in the latter country in 1903 was 13.53 bushels per acre; in Manitoba the average yield was 20, and in Ontario 31 bushels per acre.

It is stated that as part of the programme for the defence of the Empire

in case of trouble, ten thousand troops will be sent to Canada. The military authorities in Halifax are in receipt of the details. The *Mail* has learned from reliable authority that it is intended to strengthen the two most important keys to the North American continent—Halifax and Esquimault. According to the programme, two thousand men will be placed in Halifax, two thousand at Esquimault, and a thousand each at places along the C. P. R.: St. John, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, and Calgary. The extension of coaling piers at the Halifax dockyard to enable larger vessels in Britain's navy to coal at the rate of from 1,000 to 2,000 tons per day or more if required, is also another part of the programme.

On Thursday last in William Currie & Co.'s at Campbellton, Andrew Peterson met with a fatal accident. His clothing was caught in the machinery and he was drawn upon the edger saw so that his left arm was completely severed. The flow of blood was so great that life was extinct before any doctor could reach the scene.

The Central Vermont Railway bridge over the Richelieu River at Chambly, fifteen miles from Montreal, was carried away Friday by a rush of ice. Five minutes previously a Central Vermont train crossed the bridge.

In Montreal, Friday, the building occupied by the Radway Medicine Company, and Imperial Neckwear Company, and half a dozen jobbing representatives, was burned.

THE EMPIRE.

The work of harvesting this year's Australian wheat crop is nearly completed and the government estimates place the yield at 11,000,000 bushels above the best previous record. Seventeen million bushels are now available for export.

A steamer arrived at St. John's, Nfld., Friday, with 30,000 seals. The seals captured up to the present number 250,000 which will probably be increased to 300,000 during the present month.

It is reported that vessels of the British naval station at Victoria, B. C., have received orders from the admiralty to cancel quarterly practice firing with light and heavy guns, to reserve their ammunition, and hold themselves in readiness for instant orders to sail for a distant quarter, presumably Chinese waters. The vessels are accordingly remaining near Esquimault Harbor.

A despatch from Pharijong, Thibet, says that General Macdonald, commanding the British expeditionary force, has begun an advance with his main body. The fighting strength of the expedition is 1,000 rifles, four guns and two maxims. It is expected that the Thibetans will attack between Tuna and Gayantse.

The latest available bubonic plague returns for the whole of India for the week ended March 19, show the appalling mortality of 40,527, an increase of 7,000 over those of the preceding week. In the Punjab and the northwest provinces each there is a death rate of 10,000 weekly, and in the Bombay presidency the deaths number 8,500 and in Bengal 5,000.

A March 31st despatch from Tuna, British India, says: News has been received here of severe fighting, the Thibetans having attacked the British mission under Col. Younghusband. There were two engagements and the Thibetans were repulsed with heavy loss. The British captured the Thibetan camp at Guru.

In the Newfoundland Legislature on Tuesday the Minister of Finance, pre-

sented the budget, which shows that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, there was a surplus of \$57,000. The colony has a cash reserve of \$360,000 available for emergencies. The colony's foreign trade has increased nearly forty per cent. during the past five years and the revenues exceed anything in the previous history of Newfoundland. The conditions are so favorable that the government, besides abolishing the duties on flour, molasses and kerosene, equalling the sum of \$180,000 a year, propose to spend the surplus on harbor and road improvements.

Mr. Morgan's \$170,000,000 International Mercantile Marine Company—that dream of American sea power which stirred even the British parliament to furious oratory—has passed back to British management and the change marks the utter collapse of the most astonishing adventure of modern high finance. Not only are the British and American ships under British management, but some of the American ships are to fly the British flag for the sake of economy in maintenance. The result of the sixteen months' effort of Mr. Morgan to dominate the passenger and freight traffic of the Atlantic ocean is that the British shareholders have all the money and complete control of the ships, while the American shareholders have nothing but almost unmarketable stock, which pays no dividends.

FOREIGN

Reports from Copper River, Alaska, regarding deaths from starvation among the Indians are confirmed. There were 218 deaths within a radius of 400 miles, owing to the shortage of supplies, scarcity of game, and almost total failure of the fisheries.

By the premature explosion of a blast at the Southern Quarry Company, near Charlottesville, Va., four men were blown to atoms and two were injured, Friday.

At Chelsea, Mass., two men have died within a few days of each other from glanders taken from horses ill with the disease.

J. C. Cole, deputy sheriff at Battle,

Young Plants

Every farmer knows that some plants grow better than others. Soil may be the same and seed may seem the same but some plants are weak and others strong.

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Ind., was killed Tuesday, by his ten year old son. The boy had been fighting and his father whipped him. The child afterwards secured a pistol and blew his father's head off.

Five lives were lost and probably upwards of \$5,000,000 worth of damage to property done by the flood which devastated many parts of Michigan last week.

Through an explosion in a squib factory at Priceburg, Penn., Thursday, 14 girls were killed. The explosion was caused by one of the girls throwing squibs into a stove.

Wallace H. Ham, Boston manager of the American Surety Company, of New York, was sentenced on Tuesday to not less than fifteen nor more than twenty years in the state prison. Ham had pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement of nearly \$250,000 from the company and from the St. Luke's Home for Convalescents.

Saturday's fire in New York caused a loss variously estimated at from \$100,000 to \$400,000. The building destroyed was occupied by the offices of the Adams, American and Morris European and American Express Companies.

A despatch from Berlin says there has been a recurrence of the throat trouble, for which the Emperor of Germany was operated upon last year.

Premier Combes has ordered that all religious emblems be removed from the courts of justice in France.

Germany has on her hands a small war in her South West African colony. She claims in Africa two great territories, in all 864,000 square miles, including German East Africa and German South West Africa. These territories contain but little land attractive to European colonists. The war thus far has been savage and shocking, and the savagery is not all on one side. No quarter is given. It has always been hard for Europeans to pay regard to the laws of war when their foes are savages or belong to inferior races. Long experience has taught the British soldier that it is best to be merciful even to savages, when fighting for their own country.

"ELIJAH" AND "MOSES."—The Shiloh leader, F. W. Sandford, who, like Downie, claims to be Elijah, has just had a "revelation" that his principal assistant, one C. E. Holland, is "Moses." News

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