

News of the Week.

CANADA.

A house at Thorne's Brook, K. Co., occupied by Fred. Perry, was destroyed by fire a few days ago.

The New Brunswick demand for Nova Scotia coal increases. In 1902 this province bought 319,338 tons, and in 1903 376,722 tons.

Following are the official returns of Nova Scotia mineral production for 1902 and 1903:

	1902	1903
Gold, oz	28,279	25,198
Iron ore, tons	489,731	415,192
Manganese ore, tons	150
Coal raised, tons	4,362,869	5,245,247
Coke made, tons	406,152	392,600
Gypsum, tons	173,000	175,850
Grindstones, etc., tons	4,000	650
Limestone, tons	223,606	262,544
Barytes, tons	550	897
Fig iron, tons	205,193	194,444
Moulding sand, tons	1,390	240
Steel ingots	180,434

The Montreal police made 7,000 arrests last year, most of them for drunkenness.

The Lurcher lightship was towed into Yarmouth Friday, leaking badly forward.

Serum for the cure of tuberculosis was used for the first time in Canada, if not in America, at Notre Dame hospital, Montreal, on Thursday, when two patients were inoculated by Dr. Lemieux, who had just returned from Paris, where he was permitted to investigate the workings of the new discovery, and was presented with sufficient of the serum to cure fifteen patients. The cure consists of the injection of serum every day for ten days, and then a rest of ten days, until the cure is effected.

The annual meeting of the Farmer's and Dairyman's Association of New Brunswick will this year be held at Fredericton, on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of March.

Judge Savary, under the Speedy Trials Act at Little Brook, Digby County, Thursday, sentenced Henry Smith and Eliza Smith for theft, three years each in the penitentiary. Ambrose R. Comeau and Catharine Comeau, for receiving stolen goods, the former two years in the penitentiary, and the latter was released on suspended sentence. Berchilde Larrio and Comeau are parents of Henry and Eliza Smith, and are nearly seventy years of age.

The mineral production of Southern Kootenay, Southern Yale, B. C., during 1903 is placed by the *Nelson News* at nearly \$12,000,000.

Gold,	\$4,220,000
Silver,	1,840,000
Copper,	3,332,000
Lead,	490,000

Total metallic production, \$9,882,000	
Coal,	1,304,000
Coke,	747,000

Total mineral production, \$11,933,000

"The aggregate production of metallic minerals in Canada east of the Rocky Mountains in 1902," says the *News*, was nearly \$2,000,000 less in value than that of the Kootenay and Boundary districts alone of British Columbia in 1903.

The Nova Scotia House of Assembly committee spent Thursday evening investigating business methods of the York County Savings and Loan Company, as a result of charges made by Mr. McLeod, of Springhill, who alleged that unsuspecting people had lost their money in this and other such companies

doing business in the province. The committee adjourned for a week to enable the company's Halifax agent to obtain instructions from the head office in Toronto.

Canada, like the Northern States, has had two very severe waves of cold weather. For example, on Tuesday, the 20th January, Ottawa reported 37 degrees below zero; Lake Edward, Quebec, 41; Three Rivers, 30; Sorel, 36; Sherbrooks, P. Q., 45. A number of other towns in Quebec province report 45 below zero. Pembroke, Ontario, 38; Brockville, 41.

The pit drivers, mostly boys, in the No. 2 colliery of the Dominion Coal Co., Cape Breton, have gone on strike, because of notice of reduction of the force. The boys number about forty, but at their request the men are staying out, too.

The explosion of a boiler in Martineau's hardware establishment, Quebec, Friday, wrecked the building and injured seven employees.

Friday, Daniel Gorham, 17 years old, was shot by his brother Arthur, aged 19, and killed instantly. They were in a boat shooting wild ducks at the Eastern Passage, near Halifax. The gun went off accidentally, and the contents were discharged into the younger brother's breast.

Committee of Toronto citizens in charge of the project for erecting a memorial for those who fell in South Africa, have decided the monument should cost \$30,000.

Moncton civic elections returned the following: J. S. Magee, mayor; Aldermen, Samuel R. McFarlane, Dr. Bourque, Dr. Purdy, Ernest A. Fryers.

At Alfred, Ont., Clement Goyette murdered Samuel Colligan and his fourteen-year-old son a few days ago. Goyette has confessed his crime.

John Cashel, at Calgary, has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment for assisting his brother to escape.

Ernest Cashel, the condemned murderer, who made such a daring escape from the police barracks at Calgary, N. W. T., was captured by the mounted police about six miles out of Calgary. He gave the police a chase of forty-five days, and was not more than six miles away at any time. He was hanged on Tuesday.

The Provincial Workingmen's Association of Nova Scotia, representing the coal mines of the province, who aggregate about 12,000 men, are asking for the enactment of a law making eight hours the legal limit of a working day for a miner. This period from surface to surface, which, in the case of the deeper miner, would mean 6-1-2 hours actually mining, and that the legal working day for mechanics in Nova Scotia—whether in the mines or out of them—be nine hours.

Winnipeg's city directory for 1904, issued by Henderson & Co., estimates Winnipeg's population at 77,304, an increase of 13,744 for the year.

THE EMPIRE.

Over 488,000,000 picture postal-cards were handled by the British post office last year.

A company has been formed in London with a capital of £250,000 to produce cotton in the British Empire as a business enterprise. It proposes to raise cotton throughout British Africa and the British West Indies, and to export it to Great Britain. It has been

warmly encouraged by Joseph Chamberlain. The suitability of Africa for the cultivation of the plant has been proved.

Arctic ice floes now blockade the northern coast of Newfoundland and extend far out toward mid-ocean. The Grand Banks are covered.

Figures showing the total export of codfish for the year 1903, prove that the last fishery was a bad year, being only 46,800 pounds, against 66,600 pounds in the previous year.

Whittaker Wright, the English promoter, charged with fraud in publishing false statements, and in other ways, was found guilty, Tuesday, and sentenced to seven years penal servitude. Within an hour after being sentenced he was dead, having taken poison.

FOREIGN.

An explosion in the Allegheny coal mines, at Cheswick, Penn., on the 25th, entombed 174 men, none of whom were rescued.

A disastrous fire broke out in Progreso, Yucatan, on Tuesday night last,

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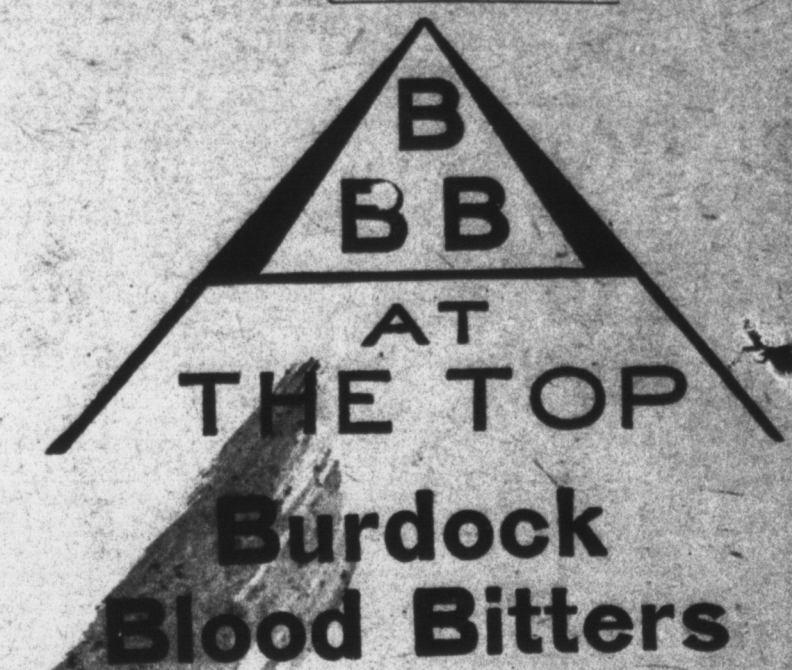
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and before the flames could be placed under control damage to the amount of \$2,000,000 had been wrought.

Russian government officials have been caught robbing and swindling viciously,—robbing their own government. The stores for fleet and army in the far East proved to be both scant and unfit. Transports turn out to have been badly built; and even the Siberian railway turns out a huge failure. All this with a depleted treasury and reluctant money-lenders makes war for Russia no child's play.

Fifteen of the larger railroads of the United States report that during the last three months they have laid off 18,000 employees.

By the falling of a cage in the Stratton Independence mine, Colorado, fourteen men were instantly killed Tuesday.

A severe hurricane swept over the Fiji Islands January 21st and 22nd. Whole villages were swept away. Six lives were lost.

In the Chicago theatre burning case, the coroner's jury said eight men—Mayor Harrison, the manager of the theatre, the building commissioner, the building inspector, the foreman of the building, the stage carpenter and the man who had charge of the light—are responsible, and they are held for trial.

Fire swept over Aalesund, Norway, on Sunday, and destroyed every building except the hospital. The 11,000 inhabitants were compelled to camp in the open.

A despatch from Cape Town says the Bushmen with the rebels in German South West Africa are committing terrible atrocities.

An infernal machine was discovered a few days ago near the door of the palace of the King of Spain.

Orders have recently been executed in Japan for a supply of fishing nets for Alaska, valued at \$30,000.

There are said to be twenty-five square miles of violets in Dutchess Co., N. Y., cultivated for the New York market.

Turin, Italy, University library has been partly destroyed by fire. It is roughly estimated that over 100,000 volumes were burned, as well as many rare manuscripts. The library was considered the most famous in Italy, numbering more than 250,000 printed volumes and over 4,000 manuscripts.

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