

News of the Week.

CANADA.

Fred Garrett, 25 years old, of Newtown, was drowned near Bloomfield, K. Co., Friday. He was stream driving, and fell from a log.

Twenty-five houses in Montreal were burned Friday. Thirty families were made homeless.

The Winnipeg city council propose to impose a prohibitory license fee of \$200 upon the sale of cigarettes.

The shipbuilding yards at Shelburne, N. S., are very busy.

Shediac suffered heavily from fire on Tuesday of last week. The boot and shoe factory was totally destroyed and the Weldon House damaged. Insurance on the factory, \$20,000; loss above insurance about \$75,000.

A case of smallpox was discovered in Truro, Tuesday, the first in the history of the town. The man came from Sydney.

The schooner Maggie Alice, bound to Bridgewater with coal, struck on Holystone, at the entrance of Halifax harbor, Tuesday, and was wrecked. The captain and crew escaped in a boat.

At St. Marys, opposite Fredericton, Tuesday, Andrew Chetley, aged 61, was struck by Ford Ryder; Chetley was knocked down, his head striking, and his skull was fractured. A rum case.

The militia department is arranging to fortify Partridge Island for the defence of St. John.

At Gananoque, Ont., Tuesday night, the Skinner Company's hames and carriage hardware factory was destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at \$75,000; partially insured.

The winter wheat in Ontario is reported a failure. The young plants were killed through the formation of thick ice sheets close to the ground. Many farmers have plowed the wheat fields down and repeated with spring wheat, oats and barley.

George Johnson, of Woodward's Cove, has been appointed harbor master.

A young lad named Cook died at Sydney Mines, N. S., last week, as the result of a severe beating inflicted upon him by another young lad named McEwen. Cook was nine years old and McEwen thirteen.

Mayor McGee, of Moncton, has been appointed city clerk. He resigns the mayoralty.

Spruce logs are now selling at 9.50 per thousand and hemlock is worth from \$4.50 to \$5.

Dr. John Davidson, late professor of political economy, in the University of N. B., has resigned his position on the faculty on the ground of continued ill health. Dr. Davidson is now in the north of Scotland under a doctor's care for lung and throat trouble.

Wong Oh and Wong Gin were found guilty Tuesday at Montreal of the murder of Man Quong, manager of the Victoria Chinese Theatre, on January 1st, and sentenced to be hanged July 22.

David Herman, sexton of Lunenburg Methodist church, dropped dead while performing his duties in that edifice.

The editor of the Toronto Globe has been ordered to appear before the Court of Appeal to answer a charge of contempt of court in connection with his comments on the North Renfrew election.

Horace Mahew, one of the largest and wealthiest coal owners in England, is

at Sydney, N. S., looking over the areas of the Cape Breton Coal, Iron and Railway Company. He may head an English syndicate to take over the Cape Breton properties.

The amount paid by Russia as compensation for the seizure of Canadian sealers is in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

Several names are mentioned in connection with the seat in the Senate made vacant by the death of Senator Dever: among them Mr. Tucker, M. P., Dr. Lewis, M. P., Richard O'Brien, E. Lantlum, M. P. P., John Costigan, M. P., and Mr. LeBlanc, M. P.

Chas. E. Fish, ex-M. P. P., Newcastle, has been appointed chief lumber scaler by the New Brunswick government.

Ottawa Scotchmen are contemplating the erection of a national hall at the capital, to be named after the late Sir Hector Macdonald, and have appointed a committee to report.

The Ottawa Citizen Company, Limited, has just completed a new six-storey fire-proof building which is one of the finest newspaper buildings in Canada. The Citizen Company has also installed a new three-deck Hoe press with a capacity of 24,000 papers per hour.

W. H. Murray, the lumberman, is of opinion that all the drives will come out this spring. Already fifty-five millions of logs have run into the Boom Company's limits, the larger portion, however, being old logs. A considerable quantity of new lumber is down.

A man is under arrest in St. John charged with getting \$500 from Capt. Porter for property which he pretended to own, but did not own. He gives his name as Henderson, but is supposed to be Blair Hurd. The police think they have evidence of his connection with other swindling transactions.

At Fort William, Ont., Thursday, the C. P. R. elevator "B" was destroyed by fire. It had a capacity of one million and a quarter bushels, and was valued at \$250,000. The loss of half a million bushels of wheat will bring the loss to \$650,000.

John M. Durkee, of Pleasant Valley, N. S., has been appointed chief ranger for Yarmouth County in connection with the protection of forests against fires.

On Monday several residents of Ohio brought to Yarmouth Ebenezer Hilton and his two sons and handed them over to the police, accused of stealing 15,000 shingles and selling them. They were sent to jail, awaiting examination. Mrs. Hilton has been serving a sentence also for stealing, and she has with her a small infant. Thus the unusual and sad spectacle of a father, mother, two sons, and an infant prisoners in jail at one time on the charge of larceny is presented.

Vancouver is to have a big floating dry dock to cost well over a million. A London cable says the construction of the steel frame work has commenced.

Seven thousand immigrants landed at Quebec last week, all bound for the Northwest.

Potato shipments from the Maritime Provinces to the United States have been unusually heavy this spring, due to the scarcity and high prices there. Fully 100,000 barrels have gone from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Is-

land, nearly half of which have been shipped from St. John river counties.

In Toronto, Monday, the ten-year-old son of Prof. Shortt, Queen's University, was run over by a trolley car and both legs crushed so badly that they had to be amputated below the knees.

Reports from the mouth of the Bay say that large catches of sardines are being made. Campobello fishermen are doing well, getting big catches. The fish all go to Eastport and Lubec. One Campobello man is said to have got no less than \$1,000 worth of the fish in one of his weirs.

On Monday of last week the village of Richmond Corner, C. Co., about half way between Woodstock and Houlton, was almost wiped out by fire. Twenty-four buildings were consumed, as follows: Mansfield London, house and barn; Frank W. Hall, house and barn; unoccupied store and barn; house and barn; office old public hall, barn owned by Hugh Montgomery; house and barns owned by John W. Kerr and occupied by Charles Fraser; two barns, house, blacksmith shop, carriage house and out-buildings owned by John Hamilton; house and barn owned and occupied by George Parks; store and barn occupied by E. J. McLellan and owned by Hugh Montgomery; house and barn occupied by William Harris, jr., and owned by Samuel Eddy. Most of the contents of the buildings were consumed too. There was but small insurance.

The first crop report of the year, compiled by the C. P. R., tells of magnificent prospects for 1904's wheat crop. From every station in the grain-growing belt along the main line of the railway agents advise that their districts are showing a material increase in acreage under crop, with only two exceptions, and everywhere weather is "fine and favorable." A conservative estimate places the total number of acres under crop in the whole Northwest, Manitoba and the Territories, at 4,300,000. The proportion would be: Manitoba, 2,390,000; the Territories, 1,900,000 acres.

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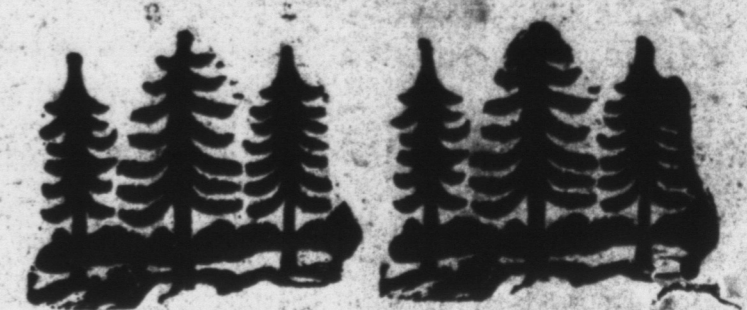
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THE EMPIRE.

The London Daily Mail says a British advance on Lhassa is now inevitable and that preparations to that end are progressing.

The Newfoundland seal fishery for 1904 has ended. The total catch was 284,470 seals, value, \$394,485. Twenty-two steamers were engaged this year in the fishery, one of which, the Elliot, was sunk. Last year the catch was 317,562, value, \$449,692.

Clouds of grasshoppers are ravaging the cotton and other crops in Egypt. The fields where they have passed are absolutely bare. Long and wide trenches filled with straw are beginning to be hollowed. Fire will be put to them, and it is hoped thus to extirpate the grasshopper.

FOREIGN.

Six kegs of powder exploded in the shaft of the Herrin, Ill., Coal and Iron Co., Wednesday, killing five men and wounding 20 others.

At Troy, N. Y., Tuesday, two mills of the Schaghticoke Powder Company were blown up. Two employes were killed and many buildings demolished.

At Noushei, a small hardware manufacturing town in Hungary, a few days ago, twenty-four of the working girls in a spirit of fun crowded into a small boat intended only for six. A slight movement caused the boat to take in water. This resulted in a panic and in a moment the little craft tumbled over. Nineteen were drowned.

THE CONVENTION.—It is now announced that the Temperance Convention, which we mentioned last week as in contemplation, will be in St. John on Wednesday, June 22nd. It will be held in Leinster St. Baptist Church, and the first meeting will be at 3 p. m. on the date named. It is hoped to make it a thoroughly representative gathering. The programme of proceedings is not yet announced, but is, presumably, being prepared.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.—The annual vention of the New Brunswick Lord's Day Alliance will meet in St. John on Monday, June 6th. The General Secretary for Canada, Rev. J. G. Shearer, will be present.

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