

News of the Week.

CANADA.

Claude May, messenger of the Bank of B. N. A., Halifax, committed suicide by shooting Saturday.

R. J. Phillips, of Cole's Island, lost his pocket book, containing \$70, in St. John Saturday.

Herring are very plentiful at Seal Cove, Grand Manan. The fishermen think the prospects are good for a large run of herring this winter.

As the result of a fall Thursday about thirty feet from a hay loft in a barn at Sunny Brae, Moncton, Peter Ferguson, aged 87, had two wrists broken, two ribs broken and face terribly cut up.

During the past twenty-four years 211 death sentences have been passed in Canada. Of the persons so sentenced, 130 were executed. The sentences of 81 were commuted to imprisonment for life, and of these prisoners 54 were pardoned after serving various periods.

The Toronto Globe prints a number of interviews with prominent local military men, who agree that the time has arrived for Canada to garrison Halifax and Esquimaux herself.

The barn of the Carlisle Hotel, Woodstock, was burned Tuesday, and the new annex of the hotel damaged.

Tuesday night, angered by the refusal of his two companions, Ella Colpitts and Violet Boyce, to drive with him to Spruce Lake, on account of his drunken condition, John Martin drew a knife and stabbed the Colpitts girl under the arm and brutally assaulted her companion.

A young fellow named Cripps was caught burglarizing McKenna's store, St. Stephen, Monday night.

Colin and Eldon McLean, young sons of Mrs. Geo. McLean, broke through the ice while skating on a pond at Hubbard's Cove, N. S. Eldon was drowned and Colin was rescued by the school teacher, B. Shankel.

About fifty conservative members of parliament from Ontario and Quebec attended a caucus in Montreal last week. It was the wish of the meeting that Mr. Borden continue in leadership, and a seat will be provided for him in Ontario. He has not yet decided what he will do.

At Glace Bay, N. S., Jas. Strang, Harry Proctor and James Tutty have been committed to stand trial on a charge of passing counterfeit money.

A dynamite blast at Lockport, N. S., on MacKenzie and Mann's railway construction works, killed two men and seriously injured a third. The dead are Mark Day and McFadden. The injured man is Ernest Blades.

Watson McKinnon has been placed under arrest at Amherst charged with stealing five watches from a man named McLeod. McKinnon has confessed his guilt.

The trials of the Allan Line steamer Victorian, the largest turbine vessel yet built, which was launched at Belfast on August 25th, have been so disappointing as to raise serious doubts among the Clyde shipbuilders to the value of turbines in the case of large ships.

The Halifax Chronicle urges the double tracking of the Intercolonial from Moncton to Halifax, with such divergences from the present route at certain places as would secure a better grade.

The Sydney hotels having refused to entertain a Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Vancouver, were asked to entertain them.

respectable colored people in the employ of Mr. A. Graham Bell, inventor of the Bell telephone, the citizens met and passed a resolution expressing sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, and censuring the hotel people. The same hotels would, probably, take in any drunken or otherwise disreputable white man.

At Shediac, Sunday, the nine-year-old son of Gilbert Bodreau broke through the ice and was drowned.

In Halifax, Tuesday, Sir Robert Bock, until recently president of the legislative council, died, aged 88 years.

Caleb Belyea, the veteran St. John letter carrier, was decorated with the Imperial service medal awarded by the British government in recognition of his long and faithful services in the employ of the post office department by Gov. Snowball last week.

The post office at Fingal, Ont., was robbed Wednesday morning and \$300 and some small change taken.

Smelt fishing along the north shore continues poor. Smelts are worth eight cents per pound, and tomcods \$1.25 a barrel. These are the highest prices ever paid.

A house owned by Mrs. Demers, at Newcastle, was damaged by fire Wednesday.

The Moncton school board has decided to introduce music teaching in the public schools. Miss McCarthy was engaged for the first term of next year. Wednesday night the Methodist church at Richmond, Ont., was completely destroyed by fire.

Thos. Hetherington, of Gody's, O. Co., has been appointed an immigration agent, and assigned the Eastern States as a field of operations. He will have an office in Boston.

THE EMPIRE.

Eleven English fishermen were drowned Thursday in an attempt to assist the Norwegian steamer Anglia, which was wrecked on the rocks near Newbeggan, Northumberland. In response to distress signals a dozen fishermen went out in a fishing boat which was struck with a heavy sea and swamped. A lifeboat subsequently picked up a single survivor who was clinging to the fishing boat. The Anglia's crew were saved.

The gross value of the estate of the fifth Marquis of Donegal is sworn at twenty-seven pounds, with a net personalty nil. The Daily Monitor publishes a picture of the Marchioness and infant, heading the picture of Marquis's heir to twenty-seven pounds.

FOREIGN.

A Wells Fargo express car on the Achison, Topeka and Santa Fe overland passenger train, west bound, was entered on Monday somewhere between Needles and Daggett, and Evan O. Roberts, express manager, was shot and probably fatally wounded. The way-safe was rifled, but the main safe, said to contain \$200,000 in pension money, was not robbed, so far as known.

It is announced that the work of double tracking the Siberian railroad has begun. Thousands of workmen are already assembling at various points along the road.

A large part of the business section of

Humboldt, Kan., was destroyed by fire Wednesday.

Eleven miners were killed by an explosion in the Burnett, Penn., coal mines last week.

Notwithstanding the great increase in the number of trains run, there were fewer railway accidents in Germany in 1903 than in any previous year. There were 2,000 casualties, which is 49 per cent less than during the preceding year.

At Worcester, Mass., on Tuesday, John Wainwright, fifty years old, shot his wife and daughter, Mrs. Frank S. Lindley. He says the shooting was accidental, but the police looked him up on the charge of murder. The daughter died from the effects of the shooting. The wife is yet alive.

Another parliamentary deadlock has arisen in Austria through the German radicals joining the Czechs and Southern Slavs in opposing the government's scheme to obtain parliamentary consent to a loan of \$14,000,000.

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MAY LIVE THREE HUNDRED YEARS.

There is a young man in England, who at the age of 24 is developing at the rate of only one-sixth of that of the average human being. At present he is learning his alphabet and can count up to ten only. During the last nine years he has eaten but three meals a week, has slept twenty-four hours and played twenty-four hours, without the slightest variation. In spite of his twenty-four years he looks no older than a boy of four or five and is only thirty-six inches in height. For the same period his development physically and mentally has been at only one-sixth the ordinary rate, while absolutely regular and perfect in every other way. At his birth this child weighed ten pounds and in no way differed from any other child. He grew and thrived in the usual way until he attained the age of five. Then his progress was suddenly and mysteriously arrested, and since then six years have been the same to him as one year to the normal person. He has attracted the attention of many medical and scientific men, more than one of whom has expressed the conviction that this remarkable man will live to be no less than three centuries old.

MUST HAVE A MESSAGE.

God forbid that the time should ever come when our ministers shall cease to feel that they have a message from God for the people, and that their work in the pulpit should become purely perfunctory! Should it ever come, it will be the infallible sign that our work is done, so far as we can be used for its accomplishment, and that we must give place to others, who are able to discern, both the will of God and the needs of the people.—Christian-Evangelist.

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