

News of the Week.

CANADA.

Steward Foster, of the lightship Lurcher, was sentenced, Wednesday, to 12 months in jail for the theft of a ham on board the Lurcher at Yarmouth, N. S.

A McNichol, chief clerk of the St. John post office, has been superannuated at the end of 35 years' service, the superannuation to take effect April 1st.

There is a report that the C. P. R. is about to acquire the Canadian Eastern Railway.

The past year was a record one in fish culture, carried on under the direction of the Commissioner of Fisheries. A total of 31,511,500 young fish was put out, being an increase of 40,000,000 over the previous year. These figures are exclusive of the product of the black bass pond at Belleville, and also the lobster breeding ponds of Cape Breton.

It is announced that the Chinese government will not persist in the threat to refuse to allow Chinese emigrants to proceed to South Africa so long as the British Columbia government penalizes Chinamen. All dealings for the regulation of immigration will be with the British and not with the colonial governments.

The revelations in regard to the recent Toronto civic elections show very bad conditions. There seems no doubt that men were engaged in bribing, in personating, in ballot box stuffing, not in isolated cases, but according to a regular plan and to secure well defined ends. The Toronto *Globe* intimates that "franchise holding corporations" are the real offenders.

There are some counterfeit Canadian coins afloat, 25 and 50 cent pieces of the year 1902. Fox & Allan & Co. have taken in one of each of these coins at their Hawkshaw store, and there must be others afloat.

The geological survey mines branch has issued the summary of the mineral production of Canada for 1903. The total output for the year is estimated at \$63,226,510, being a decrease of half a million dollars over 1902.

The Nova Scotia Provincial Legislature was prorogued Thursday after a session of nine weeks and three days. The number of bills introduced was 271, of which 211 were enacted.

Thursday night Henry Daniel's residence, three miles from Hampton, K. Co., was struck by lightning. The chimney was torn down, the carpets and furniture damaged, and the front door torn off.

The St. John board of works has awarded to James Fleming the contract to build a new ferry steamer for the sum of \$80,000, the steamer to be completed in nine months.

In Halifax, Friday night, the store of T. H. Carroll, commission merchant, was destroyed by fire. The British American Hotel, and the Commercial Hotel were badly damaged. Patrick Schelley, aged 60, dropped dead during the fire.

The unmarked graves in South Africa of Canadian sons who gave their lives for the empire are to be designated with specially prepared tombstones.

The steamer Canada Cape, now loading at St. John, will have included in her cargo forty tombstones and forty bases for the graves of the Canadian soldiers.

Capt. A. G. Morris, of the steamer Rasbera, which is reported to have performed the feat of escaping from Port Arthur after being forbidden to leave by the Russians, is a Nova Scotian, the son of a physician in Middle Musquodoboit.

The N. B. government has appointed the following to be members of the senate of the University of New Brunswick: Jeremiah H. Barry, in room of J. Boyle Travers, M. D.; Hon. George F. Hill,

in room of Wm. F. Todd; Hon. Lemuel J. Tweedie, in room of Hon. William Pugsley.

The estimates in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly anticipate a revenue of \$1,173,355. Of this sum royalties from mines are expected to yield \$585,000, crown lands \$20,000, and succession duties \$35,000.

Twelve lives were lost in a fire which destroyed a residence at St. Felician, P. Q., Monday. Eight small children of Thomas Guay, Mrs. Philip Gagnon and her three children. The fathers were away in the woods.

At Sussex, Tuesday evening, a large meeting of the citizens was held. It was resolved that incorporation take effect thirty days after its adoption by a majority vote. Special legislation is to be secured.

John Roberts, Mary's Point, A. Co., lost two barns by fire last week.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has taken the important step of more than doubling their transcontinental train service for the summer season.

The Roman Catholic church at French Village, York Co., was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. Villagers saved a portion of the church furniture and fixtures. The loss is estimated at \$2,500, with insurance of less than half.

The Montreal grand jury on Tuesday threw out the libel suit entered by Hon. R. Prefontaine against J. I. Tarte, of La Patrie, founded on the publication of the "Do you want a job?" circular. Hugh Graham, of the Montreal *Star*, was also arrested, but in his case a settlement was effected, the paper publishing an explanation.

The Guelph, Ont., oatmeal mills were destroyed by fire Tuesday. The loss is placed at \$12,000; partly insured.

Thursday morning early Thos. Short left his coach and horses standing on Union street, St. John, a few minutes while he went into a stable. When he returned the outfit had disappeared. Not till Saturday was any trace of the lost team discovered. The horses were found frozen to death in the bushes, off the Golden Grove road; except for a broken pole the coach was unharmed. The supposition is that the horses were driven out there by the party who took them and then turned loose, and that they went through the woods till, falling from exhaustion, froze to death. The outfit was valued at \$600.

Fire at St. John's Que., Friday night, destroyed a dozen business places.

In Montreal, Saturday, MacPherson's cold storage warehouse was badly damaged by fire.

Lightning at West Pubnico, N. S., Friday, shattered the house of a French Acadian.

At Black River, Kent Co., the residence of Mrs. Louise Savoie was burned early Saturday morning, and her three sons, aged 27, 14 and 12, were burned to death.

THE EMPIRE.

The Newfoundland legislature has passed the Anglo-French *modus vivendi* respecting the French shore fisheries for the current year. Premier Bond said he believed negotiations were now pending which could make a further renewal of this bill unnecessary.

The Thames and Severn Canal is now open for traffic. It will bring traffic from the West of England to London, and afford an alternative route to the railway system.

Events seem to point to a dissolution of the Imperial Parliament—within a comparatively short time.

The C. P. R. steamer Lake Megantic has been chartered for a trip round the world with an exhibition of British goods and manufactures. She will leave London April 27. The idea is to fit her

out with samples of goods manufactured by the best British industrial firms. She will make her first call at Halifax, and from there go to St. John's, Nfld., and afterwards to Canadian ports. From Canada the exhibition will sail through the West Indian Islands on to South Africa; then to Bombay via Mauritius. From Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Calcutta, and Rangoon will be visited, and then, journeying from Penang through the Straits of Malacca, touching Singapore, the exhibition will visit Hong Kong, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Yokohama, then to Australia and New Zealand. Homewards, the vessel will call at Buenos Ayres, Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro and West Africa.

Two thousand troops are being sent to reinforce the British garrison at Malta. It is believed that this movement is made to facilitate the reinforcing of the stations in China later, should necessity arise. Four hundred troops were also ordered to China to raise the local stations there to war strength.

Lord Milner, delivering the presidential address before the intercolonial council for the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, said a deficit amounting to \$5,000,000 was due to the shrinkage in railroad receipts and the general paralysis of industry, while almost all of the \$150,000,000 loan had already been expended on railroads, the repatriation of the Boers, and the development of the country.

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In the course of a discussion of the naval estimates in the House of Commons, Premier Balfour, admitting the magnitude of the estimates, said the house should watch the general European and Asiatic situation, which alone could justify what the country was asked to expend. The country should not lose sight of the possibility of war between Great Britain and two great maritime powers. He was reluctant to mention the possibility of war. He did not think such a dreadful contingency was one which they at present had any reason to apprehend. But, when talking of the navy, they must always be talking of the possibility of war. Great Britain's policy had been to see what other nations were doing in the way of laying down ships and to immediately make a reply.

FOREIGN.

Rev. W. H. Murray, known as "Ad-iron-dack" Murray, died Thursday.

A remarkable increase in crime in Boston, especially offences against property, is shown by the annual report of the board of police. Not only did the arrests increase from 34,732 in 1902 to 43,033 in 1903, but the amount of property stolen last year was \$156,244, or \$42,075 more than the average of the past five years. The arrears for drunkenness showed a like increase, the number being 27,752, or 8,590 more than in 1902.

Denmark is strengthening her forces, and is to call out into active service fifteen hundred coast artillerymen, and to commission four armored ships and as many torpedo destroyers. She is taking the lead in a scheme for uniting Sweden and Norway with her in an alliance for mutual protection in case the Russo-Japanese conflict extends to Europe.

There are twenty-five lines of Japanese merchant steamships, making a total of 552 vessels averaging over 1,000 tons each. The government has impressed them all, so that it is no wonder that Japan can transport troops with great facility.

In New York, Wednesday, five persons were killed, about a score injured, and eight or ten believed to be dead, are missing, through the collapse of the steel skeleton of the Hotel Darlington, a thirteen story apartment house in course of erection at No. 57 West 46th street. The steel frame work had been erected as far as the eleventh floor, and the structure was swarming with workers, when the upper floor staggered and collapsed, and the whole structure fell. A portion of the frame fell upon the Hotel Patterson, crushing in the wall. See page 13.