

## News of the Week.

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### CANADA.

A branch of the Bank of New Brunswick will be opened at North Head, Grand Manan, about the 30th of this month.

Four men were killed and three others injured by the blowing up of a mill at Culpus, Ont., Friday.

In Montreal last year 634 persons died of tuberculosis. This was over nine and a half per cent of the number of deaths from all causes.

D. J. Purdy's house and store, St. John, North, were damaged by fire Thursday. Insured.

The annual statement of receipts of the Toronto Street Railway show a big increase. The city's share is nearly \$350,000.

Lord Strathcona cabled after the fire in the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, that he would pay the cost of making the whole building fire proof as far as possible.

The Provincial Treasurer of Manitoba has announced a surplus of \$249,308.44, the second largest surplus recorded in the history of the province. The total expenditure for the year was \$1,237,308.14, and the total revenue \$1,486,667.12.

The International Colliery of the Dominion Coal Co., Sydney, has been closed for a month for general repair work.

Matthew Mace, of Smith's Creek, K. Co., was found in his yard on Tuesday suffering from a paralytic stroke. Judging from the frost bites on his hand and foot, he must have been there some hours. It is thought amputation of the right hand and foot will be necessary. Mr. Mace is about 70 years of age, and lives alone.

Three leading Christian Scientists are under arrest in Toronto charged with manslaughter in the death of Wallace Goodfellow. The coroner's jury said his death from typhoid fever was due to their negligence.

Mr. David Brown, of St. John, died suddenly in Fredericton Tuesday night. He had just arrived in the city, and was at the Queen Hotel. He was taken ill soon after retiring, and died in a few minutes. He was a much respected man.

The government has decided not to hold a Dominion Exhibition this year. The Provinces of Nova Scotia and British Columbia are applicants for the grant, and in 1906 one of these provinces may be favored with it.

Tuesday fire destroyed the barn of Solomon Nelson at Blair's Lake, a summer resort about two miles from Amherst. Fourteen head of cattle, two horses, hay, grain and farming utensils were destroyed. No insurance.

In Winnipeg, George King, a colored man, attempted to stop a row among some Galacians, when they turned on him and killed him.

Mrs. Holmes Smith, aged fifty, died on Monday at Otterbrook, Stewiacke, as the result of serious burns. Her clothing caught fire from the stove.

Amos Lirette, of Moncton, was knocked down and run over by a car attached to a shunting engine, and died Monday.

The following shows the number of offices and letters posted for the year 1905:

Province.	Post offices.	Letters.
Ontario, . . . . .	3,392	125,066,000
Quebec, . . . . .	1,989	55,143,000
Nova Scotia, . . . . .	1,836	18,088,000
New Brunswick, . . . . .	1,272	11,948,000
P. E. Island, . . . . .	426	2,350,000
British Columbia, . . . . .	406	16,637,000
Manitoba and Territories, . . . . .	1,139	29,958,000
Total, . . . . .	10,460	259,190,000

Mr. A. E. Jones was elected Mayor of Woodstock last week, defeating Mayor Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McLaughlan, Grand Manan, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on the 11th inst.

Estey's mill, Fredericton, was destroyed by fire Friday night. The building was very dry and the flames made rapid headway. The mill has been run by trustees since the failure of R. A. Estey. Insured for \$8,000.

Fire, Saturday, damaged Cooper's carriage factory, Fredericton, to the extent of \$500. Insured.

More Russian exiles are arriving in Canada.

The C. P. R. is spending between five and six million dollars on its new hotel and station in Winnipeg.

The number of insane persons in Cape Breton is increasing. It is suggested that an asylum for Cape Breton should be built by the government.

It is expected the Halifax Home for the Aged Men will be ready to receive guests about the first of March.

Nathan Mace, mentioned in another item as stricken on Monday with paralysis and severely frozen, died Friday.

Fire gutted a house occupied by Alex. McDonald, on Bridge street, Moncton, Saturday.

### THE EMPIRE.

Three trains collided on the Midland Railway, near Barnsley, Eng., early Tuesday. Four passengers and two railway men were killed, and a score were injured. The accident occurred in a fog, the third train running into the wreckage resulting from the first collision.

Rumors are current of an early dissolution of the British Parliament.

The British foreign office is communicating with the powers interested in the near eastern question, with the view of obtaining an expression of the extent to which they are willing to go to secure more extensive and more real reforms and probably will lay before parliament very early in the session a sweeping project which Foreign Secretary Lansdowne believes will insure success.

Lord Strathcona, at the Colonial Exhibition at Liverpool, said Canada was ready to go with the mother country in everything that could be to the advantage of the whole empire, and whatever their political views, must all admit that Mr. Joseph Chamberlain has been the best friend of the colonies.

The New Zealand legislative session, recently closed, amended the Liquor License Act, so that all clubs are brought under its control. No liquor can be drunk at a club house after ten o'clock. No game—whist, "bridge," or billiards, or other, can be played for

even the smallest stakes. All shops must be closed at 6 p. m. on four days of the week; at 9 p. m. on Saturdays, and at 1 p. m. on half holidays.

### FOREIGN.

At Durham, N. H., Friday, four cars of the "Sunrise" express, the fastest train between the Maritime Provinces and Boston, were derailed and demolished, and eleven persons were injured, four seriously, and one may die. Among the injured were Mrs. A. Howard, of Fredericton, N. B., and Miss Belle Donald, of Hampton, N. B.

A woman cigarette fiend in Chicago took her own life Thursday because her husband chided her. She had been addicted to the habit for seven years.

In New Jersey a movement has been started to establish a single open season for the shooting of deer. It is said that the animals are getting to be so numerous that they are becoming a nuisance, and that their appetite is a

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menace to the agricultural crops of the State.

In Houlton, Me., Tuesday, the Music Hall block was burned, causing a loss of \$30,000. Partial insurance. In the block were four stores and a barber shop, besides the music hall.

In Germany, 122,162 men from 187 coal mines are on strike.

The Czar, Czarina, and members of the court and diplomatic corps had a miraculous escape, Thursday, at the ceremony of the blessing of the waters. What is described as "a rain of bullets or a shrapnel shell," swept over the little chapel built out over the frozen Neva, where the Czar was officiating. They entered the windows of the white saloon, where the Czarina and her suite were watching, struck the wall and clattered down to the door. One missile picked up was the size of a bird's egg. One man was killed and four injured.

The strike situation in Russia is causing much uneasiness. There are indications of its spreading toward a general sympathetic strike.

The Italian government has just issued a decree abolishing slavery in its East African colonies. The terms are considered to be much more liberal than those issued by any other European nation.

The number of strikers in the German coal mining districts is 240,000. Several cases of minor disturbances are reported.

Sunday was a day of unspeakable horror in St. Petersburg. The strikers of yesterday, goaded to desperation by a day of violence, fury and bloodshed, are in a state of open insurrection against the government. A condition almost bordering on civil war exists in the

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