

News of the Week.

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CANADA.

At Dorchester, Thursday, Vetal LeBlanc was badly injured by a falling tree.

At Yarmouth, Thursday, on the government steamer Lansdowne, a deck-hand named Burt caught his leg between the windlass and outgoing hawser, almost severing the limb from the body. The leg had to be amputated above the knee.

The Midland Railway has been bought by the Dominion Atlantic. It is expected that this road will be extended to Point Brule, near River John, and that much trade with P. E. Island will come and go that way.

On Friday night, January 27th, Peter Keith, New Glasgow, perished in the snow on his way to Trenton to visit his daughter living there. He lost his way.

Four hundred men are out of employment owing to the fire which occurred Friday night in the Grand Trunk Railway workshops at Point St. Charles, which destroyed the boiler and blacksmith shops and damaged some adjoining buildings.

Friday the premises in Montreal occupied by the Tuckett cigar factory, Merchants' Telephone Exchange and Peerless Light Co., were destroyed by fire. Loss \$125,000. Partial insurance.

Winnipeg's new city directory shows the population nearly a hundred thousand, an increase of twenty thousand over last year.

Frank S. Vickery, arrested Sunday at Amherst, charged with forging his father's endorsement to a check on the Bank of Nova Scotia, Oxford, has been sent up for trial.

John McAuliffe, of Sydney, was last week sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for stealing a fur coat.

Fire in Montreal, Thursday, caused damage estimated at from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars to the premises of the Shareholders' Financial Journal.

Within the next five or six weeks over five thousand persons from Europe will be landed in St. John. So the C. P. R. steamboat officials say.

During the coming season the C. P. R. will spend on improvements on the Atlantic division, from St. John to Megantic, and branch lines, not less than \$275,000, and it is possible that this amount may be largely increased by other work not yet definitely decided upon.

The company who own the steamer Aberdeen, that runs between Fredericton and Woodstock, are offering her for sale.

Surveyors of the Grand Trunk Pacific have discovered nine distinct railway passes through the Rocky Mountains. Hitherto it was thought that only three were available.

Emmanuel Hamm, eighty years old, was killed on the Halifax and South-western Railway Monday. He was walking on the track.

The Nova Scotia government proposes to inaugurate a vigorous immigration policy.

It is stated that a hundred and forty thousand immigrants from Great Britain, the Continent and the United States will come to Canada this year and take up homes in the Canadian west.

Nova Scotia had a very severe storm last week. It was particularly severe in the neighborhood of Halifax and in Cape Breton. Trains were stalled, and all travel was badly interfered with.

Two men were burned to death in a Montreal tannery Wednesday.

Mrs. John H. LeBlanc, 30 years of age, living in an isolated district at Cape Bauld, Westmorland County, perished in the recent storm. She was deranged, and wandered away unknown to other members of the family.

Millet Liberge, working in Stile's saw mill at Painsec, had three fingers taken off Tuesday morning with a saw.

At Moncton, Tuesday, the civic election resulted in the re-election, by a majority of 25, of Mayor Ryan and Aldermen Steeves and Edgett, the only candidates opposed.

At Edmundston, Tuesday, the election on the question of the incorporation of the town took place, and resulted in favor of incorporation by a majority of thirty.

January, 1904, was considered one of the hardest, from a weather standpoint, but January, 1905, has discounted it in some ways. In the matter of snowfall, the month just past was the worst in ten years. Figures given out by D. L. Hutchinson, director of the meteorological bureau at St. John, show the average was 14.3 against 11.6 for Jan., 1904. The snowfall for Jan., 1904, was 27 2-5 inches, against 42 3-5 inches for last month. During the past ten years there has not been as heavy a fall of snow in January as in the last month.

Over 250 cases of typhoid fever have been reported in Winnipeg during the past seven weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Perley, Florenceville, N. B., celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage on the 24th January.

At Leamington, Ont., Monday, the Methodist church was burned. Loss, \$50,000.

Fire badly damaged the Aberdeen Hotel, Mahone Bay, N. S., Tuesday. Several guests were nearly suffocated.

THE EMPIRE.

The award of the arbitrators in the case between the Newfoundland government and the Reid Company was signed at Toronto January 14th, and is published at this date at St. Johns, Newfoundland. Following is the text of the award, which allows the Reid Company \$1,503,100. The arbitrators, it is understood, will each receive \$15,000 for their services.

Owing to the ice blockade, the entire Newfoundland coast line, except the southern seaboard, is now closed against shipping. The whole ocean beyond the Grand Banks is covered with immense Arctic floes, and steamers are compelled to go many miles south of Cape Race in order to skirt its lower edge, it being too heavy to penetrate.

The Princess Victoria, daughter of King Edward, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Buckingham Palace Tuesday.

The largest diamond ever discovered is reported to have been recently found near Pretoria. It is said to be a pure white diamond of good quality and weighs 3,032 carats.

There were 1,173 people inoculated against the plague at Habli, India, and only 21 per cent died.

A regular service of motor omnibuses is to be established between Ipswich and Great Yarmouth, Eng., a distance of upwards of fifty miles.

FOREIGN.

Gloucester, Mass., had a \$150,000 fire Wednesday. Two firemen were injured.

The city of Mexico had its third snowstorm in fifty years recently, and some of the inhabitants were badly frightened, as they had never seen snow before.

At Fort Worth, Kansas, a street car was crashed into by a freight train, Wednesday, and fifteen persons killed.

President Roosevelt has sent a message to congress calling attention to

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the fact that no statistics on marriage and divorce have been collected since 1886, and recommending legislation.

In New York, Friday, twenty families were driven from their homes in their night clothes by fire, which destroyed a five-storey apartment house.

The total number of workmen involved in strikes during 1904 was 15,665, and the loss of time in working days approximately 278,956.

In St. Louis, Friday, six large office and store buildings were destroyed by fire, and several persons injured. Loss estimated at \$265,000.

At Hornesville, N. Y., Wednesday night, a passenger train clashed into a sleigh containing a party of thirteen women, killing ten of them and seriously injuring the remaining three. The sleigh was one of three carrying a church party.

ELECTRIC POWER AT NIAGARA FALLS.—The original development of 50,000 horse power on the American side of Niagara Falls is soon to be supplemented by an equal amount on the Canadian shore during the coming year, and contracts are already signed which contemplate a total of not less than 110,000 in units of 10,000 horse power each. It is, in fact, expected that about 350,000 horse power will soon be supplied, and the rental is estimated at about \$7,000,000 annually. Within ten years it is prophesied that a million horse power, at least, will be furnished by Niagara Falls. The most careful measurements fail to indicate any effect on the Falls themselves when the power is now turned on or off.

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