

News of the Week.

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CANADA.

The Winnipeg Tribune office was damaged by fire Tuesday.

The Nova Scotia government is establishing an Agricultural school at Truro.

The Farmers' and Dairymen's Association met in annual meeting at Fredericton Wednesday and Thursday. The attendance was not as large as in some previous years. The meeting, however, was one of interest.

George E. Dalzell, of Grand Manan, says the fishermen are securing good quantities of net herring off North Head.

The Dominion government has disallowed an act of the provincial legislature of British Columbia applying an educational test to Japanese entering that province. The act was not only an infringement of federal rights, but was regarded as a serious menace to imperial interests.

Hillsboro, A. Co., physicians have announced an increase of fees, saying the cost of living has so increased that larger fees are necessary.

At Moneymore, Ont., Mrs. A. Lloyd, aged 68, was burned to death Tuesday. Her clothes caught fire at the stove.

A company of English capitalists propose erecting large cement works at Sydney. They are asking the city for a bonus of \$10,000 and free taxation for twenty years, and special water rates. They will begin operations in May.

The case of H. A. Connell, Woodstock, against the C. P. R. has been settled by the payment of \$500 and costs to Mrs. Connell.

The net earnings of the Halifax Street Railway Company for 1904 were \$137,523.24, as compared with \$93,441.19 in 1903, an increase of \$44,028.05.

The death sentence passed upon Giacconi, the Montreal murderer, for whom the King of Italy interceded, has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

While hauling hay from one of the islands, Jos. Hawkins, of Douglas, York Co., the team broke through the ice and one horse was drowned.

At Amqui Station, P. Q., on the I. C. R., Wednesday, a freight train of sixteen cars left the track and were badly smashed.

Gregone Melanson, an I. C. R. employe, was so badly crushed by a train at Moncton Sunday that he died in a few hours.

The snow shovellers and teamsters in St. John went on strike because a couple of non-union men were employed. They are all at work again—and so are the non-union men.

Mount Allison University has received \$75,000 of the \$100,000 left the institution by the late Hart A. Massey, of Toronto.

The worst storm of the season began Wednesday night and continued Thursday. Trains on all the railroads were blocked, and the highways in many parts of the country were about impassable. There was no train out of St. John Thursday, nor had Fredericton any train till Friday night. The only communication with the outside world was by telegraph and telephone. The storm was all over the eastern provinces.

THE EMPIRE.

Glasgow Corporation, in addition to allowing its employes, who number upwards of 14,000, full pay when sick, also grants all its employes who, after fifteen years municipal employment, are incapacitated by age or physical unfitness, a life pension of half of their previous salaries.

FOREIGN.

The coal miners of Belgium have gone out in sympathy with the strikers in Germany.

A Chicago despatch says that in the West and Northwest the most severe cold of the winter is prevailing, and in the majority of places the low temperature is intensified by a high wind.

The saw mill owned by Proud & Miller, at Bigelow, Maine, was destroyed by fire Monday, with a loss of \$50,000. Five hundred men are thrown out of employment.

Lincoln, Nebraska, has a \$130,000 fire Wednesday.

At Cambridge, Mass., guilty of murder in the first degree was the verdict returned Tuesday against Chas. L. Tucker, who has been on trial since January 1st, for the death of Miss Mabel Page in her father's home in Weston on the 31st of last March.

PARLIAMENT.

The House sat twenty minutes Monday, the time being occupied in answering questions.

Three hours were spent Tuesday passing estimates for the departments.

Wednesday was a dull day in parliament, most of the Ontario members being absent, participating in the provincial election.

Some estimates are being voted every day.

Notes and Gleanings.

An analysis of the first Christian names of the members of the British House of Commons shows that out of 670 no fewer than 92 are called John.

The Japanese are using a new sausage-shaped bomb, which, when thrown into the trenches, bursts and gives forth an odor so foul that it causes all the soldiers in the vicinity to faint. The effect of the gas is, however, not fatal.

An authoritative census of the marriages of American women into the British nobility gives 25 since 1860. As ten of the women have had no children and six no sons, it is concluded that the peerage is yet in no danger of being Americanized.

Since the beginning of the nineteenth century no fewer than 52 new islands have been added to the earth's land area, that number of volcanic origin having arisen from the sea. Nineteen islands, however, have disappeared in the same space of time. We are still 35 islands ahead.

A wealthy brewer in Montreal built a church, and inscribed on it: "This church was erected by Thomas Molson at his sole expense. Hebrews xi." Some of the college wags altered the inscription so as to make it read: "This church was erected by Thomas Molson at his soul's expense. He brews XX." The Brooklyn Eagle says that the latest

of the martyrs to their belief is a wealthy colony of Amish Mennonites near Hiram, Ohio, who are to sell their valuable holding in farming and other property because they do not believe the world is round. The clash with the authorities came the other day, when one of the brethren was arraigned for his refusal to send his children to the public schools where geography teaches that the world is round.

A German physician has been making a thorough investigation as to the distribution of tuberculosis in Europe. He finds that there are two extensive areas where the disease does very little harm, the first comprising North Germany, Denmark, Holland and to a large extent, England, and the second in Italy. Bavaria, Austria, Bohemia Moravia and Silesia are the hot-beds of the disease. The idea that tuberculosis follows modern civilization and industry and that large cities assist its spread, is not borne out, as these states mentioned are many of them most backward in culture, with, in some cases, population almost exclusively agricultural.

A London paper records the interesting story that there is a "double" of the late Queen Victoria, an aged pew-open-



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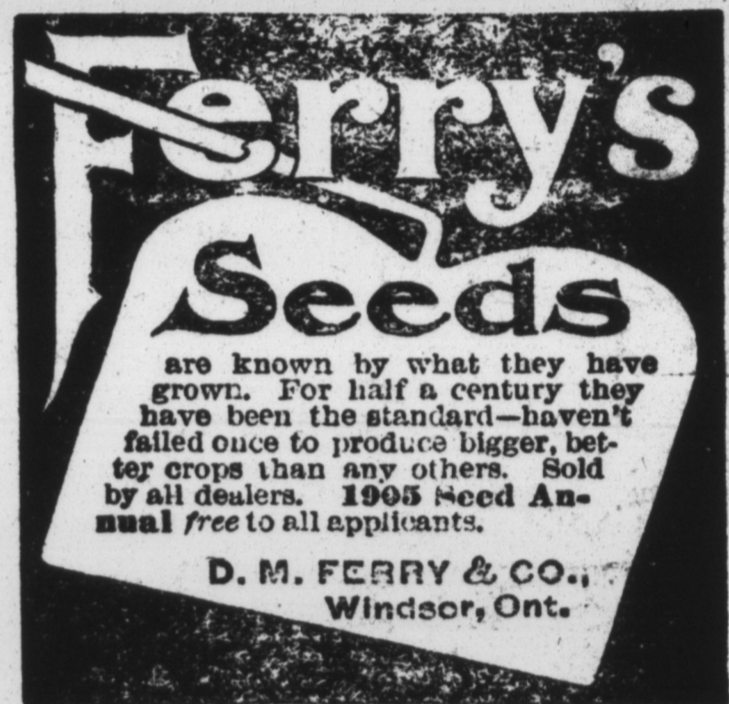
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er in a North London church. The resemblance in face, in build, in mien and manner, is down right astonishing. Oddly, the old lady was born in the same year as Queen Victoria and was widowed when Prince Albert died. Another woman who is the very counterpart of the late Empress Frederick, works as a monthly nurse. In her case the resemblance extends to the style of dressing, although the nurse in question never saw her Royal double, and is even unfamiliar with the published portraits of her.

Edelweiss gets rarer and rarer every year on all the more accessible parts of the Alps, and consequently tempts people into dangerous spots. This year a number of fatal accidents to edelweiss gatherers are reported. Perhaps if it were generally known that the plant can be easily grown in an average garden, fewer folk would risk their necks to procure a specimen or two. It is quite a mistake to suppose that it can only be found near the snow line. A correspondent of the London Times, writing from Henley-on-Thames, says that he has hundreds of edelweiss flowers in his garden every year. A penny packet of seed is all that is necessary, and the precaution to sow it in poor soil, mainly granite chips,