

## News of the Week.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

Last week in St. Stephen, fire burned the large dwelling of Edward J. N. Ladin, occupied by Mr. McCulley. A portion of the contents was saved. The loss is quite heavy; partially insured.

Frank Dupoise, aged 19, a clerk in L. C. R. passenger agent Busby's office, Moncton, went shooting Thursday in company with McDowell at Canaan station, about 20 miles from Moncton. In the afternoon about two o'clock they came out of the woods to return home. Dupoise sat down on the rail with his feet inside. No. 36 accommodation from Campbellton came along just then and struck Dupoise, killing him instantly. He had evidently gone asleep on the track, as his head had fallen down between his knees. The driver thought it was a dog or some other animal until he got so close that it was impossible to stop the train. The engine whistle was blown, but Dupoise did not stir. He was thrown about 12 feet from the track. Both legs were broken and the head frightfully gashed. McDowell heard the engine whistle and rushed out of the woods to find his companion dead. The parties had been drinking, a flask being found near by.

The demand for St. Andrews fish in the Canadian markets is so great that the dealers are unable to fill all the orders they receive. Every train immense lots of fish are sent out by the Dominion express. There is a good business, if it is looked after properly.

Several fish dealers in Restigouche have parties fishing and collecting smelts in Gaspé. They are sent by steamer to Restigouche, re-iced, and re-shipped to Boston. The smelts caught in Gaspé are much larger than those caught in any other part of the North Shore. James Reid, River Charlie, shipped fifty boxes one day last week, forty-five of which were classified as No. 1.

The Dominion Government has sold the Carleton Branch Railway to the City of St. John for \$40,000, and the city has given the C. P. R. a lease of the branch for 999 years at a nominal price. The C. P. R. will operate the road, and will provide wharf and other facilities for their business.

Messrs. Fred Moores & Son are getting their new shingle mill nearly completed. It is erected on the site of the one burned down recently, but it is larger and on a different plan and presenting a better appearance. It will have six machines of the most approved style, with a large capacity for making cedar shingles for the American market.

The Kent Produce Exporting Company, of which Messrs. Lanigan, Taylor, Dickinson and McAlmon are the managers, is busy receiving and storing potatoes which it intends shipping to the states. Last season the company loaded over 26 cars and expects to exceed that number this year.

The Rev. Samuel W. Small, D. D., the Sam Small of evangelistic fame who will lecture in St. John, is now president of the Methodist University at Utah. Dr. Small is an ordained Methodist Episcopal church. His election to the presidency is said to have followed the delivery of an impressive sermon. The buildings of the university are expected to cost fully half a million of dollars. [E.]

Thomas Barton, of Armstrong's corner, Peterborough, Q. Co., while driving home from St. John Thursday, met with a serious accident about three miles from home. He was taking home an express load of goods, and in driving down a hill the whiffletree broke, causing the wagon to run forward and strike the horse. The horse kicked furiously, broke the shafts and ran away. Barton was thrown from the wagon, and had one arm broken at the wrist, and also received a bad cut on the forehead. Fortunately there were other teams near by and Mr. Barton was placed in a wagon and driven home. Mr. Barton is well known in St. John, having been in the employ of Messrs. Bent for a time.

Thursday morning some 125 or 130 weavers in Gibson's cotton mills went on a strike over some difficulty concerning fines for work imperfectly done. Friday a treaty was effected and the majority of strikers resumed their stations at the looms, no damage occurring in consequence of the strike.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

Amherst has now an all-night electric light service.

A terrible accident happened in Greenwich, N. S., on Friday the 7th, inst., by which a daughter of Lovett Bishop lost her life. Some burdock and potato roots were burning in the field and Mr. Bishop's daughter and another girl were playing with the fire. Her dress caught the blaze and without listening to her companion, who tried to put it out at once, she ran to the house. Some boys stopped her and rolled her in water, but she was too badly burned to live and died on Saturday morning. She was a bright little girl nine years of age.

The Nova Scotia secretary for agriculture has made public his report on the crops of that province. Taking all the counties he finds hay 93 per cent. of an average crop; potatoes 98; oats 68; wheat, of which not much is grown, 35; and other grains and roots about an average crop.

Schooner Blizard of and from Lunenburg for Porto Rico is reported abandoned at sea and the crew landed at Lunenburg. The Blizard was a vessel of 132 tons register, built in 1883 and owned by A. J. Wolfe of Lunenburg. She was insured for \$5,000, her cargo for \$8,000, and the freight for \$1,100.

Diphtheria still prevails to an alarming extent in Halifax.

Dr. Cumming, the Halifax abortionist, has been sentenced to four years imprisonment at Dorchester.

It has leaked out here that an official of the Halifax post office, who has been drawing a high salary for some time past from the dominion government on the assumption that he actually had some claim, has not been doing any work in that office.

Two young men report to the police that on Thanksgiving day they were enticed into the Halifax military canteen and given enough liquor to intoxicate them, and that then they were robbed, the one of a gold watch given to his father in 1865 by the American government, and the other a silver watch. The affair was reported to the police, but the loser of the gold watch took the matter into his own hands and by the payment of \$15 blackmail got it back from some soldiers. The silver watch is yet missing.

## OTHER PROVINCES.

In Montreal, Monday the 3rd, inst., Damase Malloche, mason, fell from a building on St. Catherine street and was killed, and about the same time an old lady, 70 years of age, named Lepensee, living in St. Lomonge street, took Rough on Rats and died immediately.

There appears to be an epidemic of diphtheria in St. John, N. F., at present, and the Herald of that city states that it is extremely fatal there, having been 100 deaths in 500 cases.

Two weeks ago an unknown man was found dead in the Wilcox House at St. Thomas, Ont. Friends and relatives of John Croft, of Hamilton, who left that city two or three months ago, went to St. Thomas and identified the body as that of the missing man. The body was accordingly brought to Hamilton and interred. Monday the 3rd, the original Mr. Croft, who had been living in London, arrived home safe and well, and there is consequently great rejoicing in the Croft family. Who the man whose body was brought from St. Thomas and interred at Hamilton is not known, and it is doubtful if his identity will ever be established.

Mrs. Birchall and her solicitor had an interview with the minister of justice at Ottawa on Wednesday. Her solicitor recited the arguments, which he considered as showing uncertainty as to the real murderer of Benwell, and the grounds on which commutation is sought. Mrs. Birchall presented a petition with five thousand signatures, and in an earnest but self-controlled manner asserted her belief in her husband's innocence of the crime and her belief that time would vindicate her assertion.

The egg exporters from western Ontario and Quebec met at Montreal Thursday and adopted resolutions asking the Dominion government to impose a duty of 5 cents per dozen on all eggs coming into Canada.

A brick building in the course of erection on Vitre street, (Montreal), Friday afternoon fell burying two men named Laserdure and Germain in the ruins. Both were got out but the former will likely die.

While a foreman on the Montreal and Ottawa railway was using dynamite near Rigard, P. Q., an explosion took place, tearing off both arms and rendering the victim stone blind. He will probably die.

The Governor General has refused to extend executive clemency in the Birchall murder case. Accordingly Birchall will be executed at Woodstock, Ont. on Friday.

The report that a bill providing for free and compulsory education was about to be introduced in the Quebec legislature has evidently alarmed the clergy, as La Semaire, the religious organ of the Archbishop of Montreal was out Monday protesting against the idea of the state taking the place of the church in the instruction of children.

A sickening tragedy occurred Saturday afternoon at Clarenceville, Que. A man named Fournival, who has for some time been known to be insane, was not supposed to be dangerously so, rushed into the house where his wife was at work, seized a razor and drew it across her throat, inflicting a large wound, from which the blood gushed over the floor. After committing the crime, Fournival rushed out of the house and has not been captured. It is thought he has committed suicide in the woods. The woman has since died of her injuries.

## UNITED STATES.

Dun & Russell report 33 Canadian failures for the past seven days as against 39 the corresponding week last year.

The town of Winslow, Pike county, was wiped out by fire Friday. The houses were all frame structures and not one was left standing. There are 400 people homeless.

The Kennebec lumbermen will operate more extensively in the woods this winter than at any time for several years past. It is estimated that the total cut will exceed that of last winter by at least 10,000,000 feet.

Mrs. A. A. Nickerson, of Bangor, while shooting on the Pusham pond with her husband Friday, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of her rifle. Mrs. Nickerson was seated at one end of the canoe with the rifle on her lap when they espied a loon in the water not far away. Mr. Nickerson asked his wife for the rifle and as she went to hand it to him the hammer caught on one of the cross pieces in the canoe and was discharged. The charge struck her in the forehead and she fell back in the canoe, instantly killed.

The salmon fishing with nets in Commencement Bay, Wash., has been stopped by the breaking of the nets, owing to the great abundance of the catch.

A tin mine has been discovered in the Barker district of Montana, and if it continues according to surface indications it is one of the largest tin mines in the world. It is further stated that 900,000 tons of ore now on the dump of the Harvey Polk tin mine in Montana averages 3 per cent., and the Elita ore averages 7 per cent. The Cornwall mines average but 2 per cent.

At Truckee, California, Thursday, an incendiary fire did \$100,000 damage, threatening the whole business part of the town.

The United States election last week resulted in large gains for the Democrats. McKinley, the author of the bill that bears his name, was defeated.

The tongue of a patient suffering from cancer was successfully removed at the Roosevelt hospital, in New York.

In Chicago, the platform on which 300 employees of a factory were standing to be photographed collapsed Thursday. One man was killed, five were seriously injured and many bruised.

The Northern Pacific grain elevator at Eureka Junction, Wash., has been totally destroyed by fire, together with 60,000 bushels of wheat. The loss is about \$100,000; fully insured.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The full returns of municipal elections in England show a Liberal gain of 97 and Conservative gain of 66.

It is reported from South Africa that the Barotse, who live on the Upper Zambesi, have accepted the protection of Great Britain, and an immense territory, embracing about 225,000 square miles, has thus been added to the dominion of that nation. These nations live above the famous Victoria Falls, on the north side of the Zambesi River. Their King is said to have agreed to abolish the killing of witches and the custom of human sacrifices, which have been of every day occurrence. Nothing of importance is done among the Barotse without a sacrifice, generally a child. Hardly a day passes but some man is burnt to death on the charge of witchcraft.

In the election at St. John's, Fld., Friday, Fox, the government candidate, was elected by 400 majority over Scott, the oppositionist.

There is one lady stock broker, one lady landscape gardener and one lady dentist in London. Although they have been established for some time they have had no imitators.

The establishment of a British protectorate over Zanzibar, has been formally proclaimed.

A long bicycle journey has been taken by a young officer of the Russian Imperial Guard. In thirty-two days he travelled from St. Petersburg to London—the channel excepted—and then continued his tour by road to Scotland.

The Australian rabbit pest does not lessen, although immense numbers of the prolific rodent are killed daily. As many as 15,000,000 rabbit skins have been exported from New South Wales in one year, and the number instead of diminishing is said to be increasing by leaps and bounds. It is calculated that in three years two pairs of rabbits will have increased to 5,000,000, such is their extraordinary fecundity.

## LITERARY NOTES.

The Methodist Magazine for November, 1890. Price \$2 a year; \$1 for six months; 20 cents per number. Toronto: William Briggs. The Rev. Geo. Bond's series of "Vagabond Vignettes" describes in this number his visit to the ruined city of Baalbec. Lady Brassey recounts her closing experience in Australia. The Rev. Hugh Johnston gives a graphic account of his visit to the big trees and Yosemite Valley of California. The Editor describes the old historic city of Constance with its martyr memories. These articles are all illustrated. An article discusses the Northwest Indian question, and describes the treaty system and much else of interest. A sketch of "Samuel Budgett, the Successful Merchant," will attract much attention. "James Blackie's Revenge" and "Hoppety Bob" are two character sketches. The announcement for 1891 presents some novelties in the way of out-of-the-way travel, popular science etc.

The Century Magazine celebrates its twentieth anniversary with the November number, a number which is intended to exemplify the best that an illustrated magazine of the day can do for its readers. There is a profusion and variety in the illustration of the November number which is remarkable even for The Century. The great feature of The Century's new year, the series on the Gold Hunters, is begun with "The First Emigrant Train to California." Another important series begun is the illustrated account of a journey through an unknown part of Tibet, the strange land of the Lamas. A notable contribution to the series on municipal government is an account of the government of London. A pictorial series begins in this number, "Pictures by American Artists."

The frontispiece is an engraving of a photograph of Lincoln and his son "Tad," accompanied by an article on "Life in the White House in the Time of Lincoln." In the prison series is a paper descriptive of adventures "On the Androsville Circuit." The poetry of the number is good. The Editorial Department discusses forestry international copyright, etc.

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St. Nicholas has completed seventeen successful years, and begins its eighteenth with this number. From the first it has had a policy of its own and has adhered to it. The new volume will, it is announced, contain a number of serials by prominent writers for the young. John M. Elliott describes an imaginary fight between "David and Goliath in Modern Warfare," and then explains the chief types of torpedo boats. A very artistic drawing follows and shows the contrast between the Victory, Nelson's flag-ship and a modern man-of-war. Besides the longer prose attractions noted, we may speak of "Little Vemba Brown," illustrated; "A Story I Told the Pirate," "The Mules and the Electric Car," "Jack and Jill Reynard," &c.

The verse of the number is led by "An Old Friend," with illustration.

The Missionary Review of the World for November opens with a strong article by Dr. Ellinwood on the Duty of Christendom to the Jews. Dr. Pierson follows with a powerful paper on The Wonderful Story of Madagascar in his series entitled The Miracles of Missions. It reads like a new chapter in "Fox's Book of Martyrs." The article on the Congo Missions is fresh, reliable and full. The shorter papers are of interest, and the translations from foreign missionary magazines instructive. The Intelligence and Correspondence Departments are good reading. There is a graphic paper in the International Section on the Turkish Empire. The Editorial Notes are full, and those relating to the "Soudan Pioneers" will be read with interest. Annual Reports of more than a dozen Missionary Societies, and a Monthly Bulletin of latest news from the entire mission field, rounds out a number that cannot fail to interest, inform and inspire the friends of Missions.

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