News of the Week.

CANADA.

On Thursday, during a severe gale, fire broke out on Water street, Halifax, in the building occupied by N. & M. Smith, and swept the Plant Line warehouse. Loss, $300,000.

On Monday evening, September 12th, thirty-seven dollars was stolen from the Board of Trade rooms, St. John, N. B. The money was the property of the Tourist Association.

The transfer of the Kings Co. *Record* and job printing office to J. D. McKenna, of Ottawa, took place September 14th. The *Maritime Farmer* still remains the property of R. D. Robinson & Co., Ltd.

At the annual meeting of the adjustment committee of the Order of Railway Conductors of the C. P. R. system, Peletier, of Fort William, was elected chairman, and J. Wade, of St. John, N. B., sub-chairman of the Atlantic division.

A slight earthquake shock was felt at Montreal at 8.55 on the evening of September 14. No damage was done.

A vessel arrived in St. John a few days ago from Barrington, N. S., with five hundred barrels of Gravenstein apples. The apple crop in that province is unusually good this year.

Harold Perkins, son of E. L. Perkins, of Norton, while loading a gun at that place on September 13, accidentally shot himself in the foot, inflicting a dangerous wound.

Charles E. Knapp, county clerk of Westmorland, died at the sanitarium, September 15th, as a result of injuries sustained in the street accident of a couple of days ago. The remains were taken to Dorchester for interment.

Thomas Irwin, chief engineer of the Street Railway power house, St. John, met with a painful accident Thursday, the effects of which he will probably feel for some days, to a greater or less extent. Mr. Irwin was working where some new machinery is being installed when a plank that was being used in fitting up the machinery fell and struck him on the head, knocking him down. When picked up, Mr. Irwin was some little time before he came to. He was given the best of attention, and is expected he will be all right in the course of a few days.

A man named Clayton, who resides at No. 2 City Road, is very anxious to locate one Rupert Pendleton, who claims Sydney as his home. A week ago he met Pendleton, who is only 18 years of age, on the street and took him home with him to give him a meal, as the young fellow said he was out of funds and had no place to go. Mr. Clayton told him he could stop with him till he secured work.

Wednesday morning while Pendleton was eating his breakfast Mrs. Clayton was called away. When she returned she missed her pocket-book. Since that she has not seen either.

A stevedore fell overboard from the steamer Senlac, lying at the I. C. R. pier, St. John, Thursday afternoon. Being an extra good swimmer he had little difficulty in reaching the ladder on the side of the wharf.

The preliminary examination of Herbert Leaman, charged with stealing freight from the transfer shed of the Intercolonial here, was concluded in the Justice court September 14. The prisoner pleaded not gnuilty, but was comitted for trial. Efforts are being made to secure bail. It is said the charges devolved by evidence will be made in the indictment when the case comes before the grand jury.

The Moncton and Buctouche railway station at Moncton was slightly damaged by fire on Sunday afternoon. Loss about $100.

Harry Malone, of Stanley, had the joint of one of his knees removed at Victoria Hospital Saturday. He is doing well and hopes of saving the limb are entertained.

While Mrs. G. W. Ganong was driving on Saturday afternoon her horse became frightened and ran away. The carriage collided with a heavily loaded sloven and Mrs. Ganong was thrown out, sustaining a severe shock but no serious injury.

Vernon, the thirteen-year-old son of James Benjamin, of Amherst, had his right hand badly shattered by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge which he was playing with. The cartridge was carelessly left in the Curran quarry.

Wm. C. McKnight, a prominent Havelock (N. B.), resident, is dead, and Oscar Wright also of Havelock, is in Hampton jail to await trial on the charge of causing McKnight's death by a blow on the skull with a club or cordwood stick. The trouble occurred Friday night and McKnight died Saturday morning.

Halifax was visited with another water front fire early Monday morning, and a loss of $75,000 was incurred after an hour's conflagration. The buildings destroyed are the eastern end of the warehouses of Pickford & Black, steamship agents, Black Brothers, hardware, and Forhan's sail loft.

Samuel Dennison, aged 39, of Margaretville (N. S.), a seaman on the schooner Bradley S. French, who was arrested charged with intoxication, died in the St. Stephen lockup Saturday morning. An inquest disclosed the fact that death was caused by an overdose of laudanum.

Geo. Gouang and Jas. Fairweather, Moncton, died from the effects of a drinking spree they were on last week. When they had drunk all the other kinds of liquor they could get, they drank wood alcohol.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries has received fifty applications for whaling licenses. They are for territory at points extending on the Atlantic coast from the Canadian boundary at Maine north to Labrador.

The lighthouse on the west side of the entrance to Guysboro harbor was destroyed by fire Monday morning, along with the oil store. The marine department will have a temporary light there until a new structure is erected.

The Hon. James McDonald, ex-Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, has been presented with an address by the officers and members of the bar of Nova Scotia. The address was enclosed in a silver casket, suitably inscribed. Attorney General Longley made the presentation speech.

Mr. John W. Hachey, youngest son of Mr. John J. S. Hachey, merchant, of Bathurst Village, was fatally shot Tuesday while shooting snipe in a boat in Bathurst harbor.

The Assyrian colony has disappeared from St. Marys, opposite Fredericton. It comprised between fifteen and twenty families, who lived by peddling. The enforcement of the peddling laws requiring each to pay twenty dollars for a license, was the cause of the exodus.

Mr. Cowie, the Scottish expert for curing and packing herring, has been engaged for another year by the department. The work of Mr. Cowie and his assistants has been highly satisfactory, and the prospects of a splendid market for Canadian herring abroad are bright. Shipments at St. Petersburg and other points have secured big prices.

This year's freshman class at the N. B. University numbers between forty and fifty students. Only about twelve of these are taking the art course, the remainder having entered in the engineering department. It is strong evidence that practical education and not theoretical is what is demanded by the people of the day.

The Sissiboo Pulp and Paper Company's property, near Weymouth, N. S., was sold at Digby last week, and bought by A. A. G. Ross, of Montreal, manager of the National Trust Company, plaintiffs in the suit on behalf of the bondholders.

THE EMPIRE.

The departure of the British expedition has been fixed for Sept. 23. The weather is already cold and there has been hard freezing. The men are ill-supplied with winter clothing and are likely to suffer in crossing the passes on the way to Gyangtse, where there are some stores and warm clothing.

By the emperor's orders, the Chinese Amban has proclaimed Tashi, Lama of Shigatse, to succeed to the spiritual dignitaries of the Dalai Lama.

FOREIGN.

Semi-delirious and with his body crushed from hips to armpits, Edward B. Graham, second mate of the schr. Theta, who drifted for thirty hours on a single stick of wreckage after the Theta was run down at sea Sunday night, has arrived at Perth Amboy, N. J., on the schr. Gohasset, which picked him up. Graham had been given up as lost. A short time after the collision, all the crew except Graham were picked up by the str. Mohican, and landed at Wilmington, N. C., as the steamship went south. Reports were then sent out that Graham was the only one lost.

Eight men were drowned early Thursday by the sinking of the tug Israel D. Durham in the Delaware River opposite the city. The tug was swamped during the heavy storm. Her captain and crew of five men and four employes of the American Dredging Co. were aboard when the tug sank. Of this number, fireman Clarence Jackson, of the Israel W. Durham, and John Williams, an employe on the dredging company, were the only ones saved. The dead are Capt. Wm. Graham, Philadelphia; H. Matthews, mate, Philadelphia; William Ennis, engineer, Clayton; W. Sharpe, New Jersey; Milton Townsend, Ludlow Townsend, all carpenters of Camden, N. J.; a fireman and the cook, names unknown.

Prince Herbert Bismarck died on Sunday morning. The end was painless.

Three quarrymen were struck and killed by a southbound Boston & Maine freight train in the railroad yard at Bethel, Vt., on Sunday morning, but it was not until the train reached South Royalton seven miles below here, and a brakeman discovered fragments of clothing on the brake beams and great stains of blood on the engine, that it was known that an accident had occurred.

The body of a young woman which was found September 14 crowded into a trunk, and which was picked up in the water under a coal dock on the lake front, has been identified as that of Mrs. Inez Smith, of Cleveland, O. The woman disappeared on September 6th. That she was murdered and her body placed in the trunk and thrown into the river the police say is certain.

Twenty thousand skilled union employees of the Republic Iron & Steel Company at Ashtabula, Ohio, have accepted a reduction in wages from two to fourteen per cent.

In New York, Tuesday, six persons in one family were burned to death and six others were injured seriously in a fire which partially destroyed a tenement building at Nos. 60 to 70 First street. More than twenty families were asleep in the building and thrilling acts of bravery accompanied their escape.

The Vatican, fearing that the King of Spain intends to visit European sovereigns, including the King of Italy, convoked a meeting of the cardinals, at which it was decided to ask him, through the papal nuncio at Madrid, to reassure the Pope to the contrary, because, should he visit the Quirinal, thus slighting the papal ruler as to royal visits to Rome, the Pope would regretfully be obliged to decline to receive him, and to take measures to uphold the prestige of the Papacy in Spain.

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