

Thursday, March 3.

The Toronto Bridge Co.'s tender for an iron bridge over the Thames at London, Ont., has been accepted.

A large hall at Brantford, formerly used as a place of worship by the Baptists, has been purchased, and is to be turned into an opera house.

Thomas Havercraft, who was injured a couple of weeks ago by being drawn into the machinery at Carling's brewery, London, died yesterday.

Mr. W. McKerlie, of Westminster, on Tuesday afternoon was driving in a cutter near Plover's mill when his team ran away.

Two young men were engaged in chopping wood in the London Gore on Tuesday when one of them, George Parkinson, had his head cut open with an axe in the hands of his companion.

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Measles has become epidemic in Woodstock, and the schools are half empty.

The British Columbia Legislature offer a bonus of five thousand dollars for the erection of a woollen mill.

A large bear, weighing 400 pounds, was killed by Messrs. James Taylor and W. Scheel one day last week in the woods in McNab township.

The Catholic bishops of British Columbia have petitioned the Legislature against secular schools, and are asking to be placed on the same footing as the Protestants in Quebec.

A young married merchant of North Gower has left suddenly for other climes, owing to the seduction of his sister-in-law.

John Mitchell, who was committed to jail at London as an insane man, has been discharged. His wife, however, refuses to believe in his sanity...

A very virulent type of measles is prevalent in some of the northern counties of Ontario. At the village of Dacre four deaths have occurred.

Michael O'Connor, of Biddulph fame, was called on yesterday by a London reporter and asked concerning the report that his son Johnny, his wife, and William Donnelly had hired themselves to a dramatic concern in Streetsville...

A Pembroke boy named Crott, aged 16, while working in a shanty on the Black River, was accidentally killed on Wednesday by the falling of a tree.

A farmer of Chatham township named Frederick Bennett started to chop wood in his bush on Wednesday morning, and on his failing to return at the usual hour, search was made by the neighbors...

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European.

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The title of Princess of the Asturias will soon be gazetted for the little Infanta Mercedes of Spain.

The London Morning Post will shortly be issued as a penny paper, and will be the official organ of the Conservatives.

The steamship Scandinavia, from Boston and Halifax, which arrived at Glasgow yesterday, landed her 256 oxen all in good order, except one that died.

The Wesleyan Methodists have already raised £188,000 for the proposed thanksgiving fund of 300,000 guineas, and nearly all the remainder has been promised.

Truth says another marriage is arranged between a lady of mature age and much wealth, acquired by brewing, who is well known for charities, and a young gentleman only a little above 20 years of age.

It is stated on the highest authority that the trichinosis scare is a hoax set going for stock-jobbing purposes.

Dr. Joseph Redmond, a Dublin physician, writes to the Times as follows: "The presence of trichinæ in the muscles of two corpses in the dissecting rooms here is undoubted, having been confirmed by the most eminent microscopists."

The new Governor of Madrid looked up ten district inspectors to prevent the gamblers getting warning, and during the night raided twenty-four gambling houses, arresting the owners and players.

The official inquiry into the loss of the British steamer Bohemian, totally wrecked in Doolough Bay, Ireland, on February 6th, on the passage from Boston, closed at Liverpool yesterday.

American.

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A movement is on foot to establish a cremation furnace in the vicinity of Brooklyn.

The Local Option Bill passed the Delaware House by 11 to 8. The general opinion is that it will pass the Senate.

A Brooklyn despatch says: At Flatbush on Tuesday night Philip Truschel, aged 18, opened the door of the furnace in his uncle's greenhouse, crushed his head, one of his arms and as much of his body as possible into it, and burned himself to death.

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THE TAKING OF THE SPITZKOP.

Graphic Description of the Defeat and Rout of the British.

STERLING BRAVERY OF THE BOERS

The British Beaten from an Almost Impregnable Position.

THE MODE OF ATTACK.

Admirable Conduct of the British Troops Until the Final Assault.

The London Standard received the following account of the recent disaster at Spitzkop:

PROSPECT HILL, Monday, 6.30 a.m.—I returned to camp at 8 on Sunday night, after escaping almost by a miracle from the fate which befell many others who left the camp.

The night was dark and the march across an unknown country toilsome in the extreme. We first made our way over comparatively level ground to the foot of the main range of hills, but there our difficulties began.

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SKETCH OF GEN. COLLEY.

Major-General Sir George Pomeroy-Colley, C. B., O. M. G., K. C. S. I., who was killed at the disastrous battle of Spitzkop in the Transvaal the other day, was one of the most promising officers of his rank in the British army.

Personal.

Mr. Langtry, the "Lily's" husband, has just returned to America after a trip to England.

Lord Cowper's hospitality is making him one of the most popular viceroys that ever presided in Dublin Castle.

The statement that the late Senator Carpenter wished his remains to be cremated is incorrect. He always opposed cremation.

Since it was announced that Gen. Garfield is afflicted with an affection of the liver, he receives about a dozen pads daily from admiring friends.

At a social gathering in Boston a niece of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe—Miss Terry—wore a white satin dress which once belonged to the mother of Napoleon Bonaparte.

Fears have been entertained since February 12th in Ireland for the safety of a yacht belonging to the Mayor of Limerick, which left Kilmash on February 7th to convey a lady named Miss Borough to America.

Thus far four presbyteries—those of Aberdeen, Ayr, Dunse and Chirnside, and Kelso—have adopted overtures censuring the commission of the Scottish Free Church for its action in the case of Prof. Robertson Smith.

Mesa, the savage King of Uganda, has sacrificed 200 human beings on the graves of his ancestors and given a cold shoulder to the missionaries, who are of no use, he thinks, unless they will furnish him with arms and ammunition.

Marie, the late Empress of Russia, had a fancy for collecting prayer books, and had a great many of them at her death. The Czar has distributed them among the various regiments at St. Petersburg, to be preserved in glass cases in the regimental libraries.

Miss Mollie Peters, aged 12 years, living with Mr. John S. Barclay, at Battle Creek, Mich., died suddenly at 12.30 on Wednesday morning. A coroner's inquest was held, and a verdict found that she came to her death from a dose of arsenic taken voluntarily.

Wm. F. Cody was a poor and unknown scout on the plains a few years ago. A 10-cent novel glorified him as Buffalo Bill, he went on the stage as a personator of himself in border plays and part of the financial result is visible in a new block of fine buildings, including a public hall, at North Platte, Nebraska.

Dr. Tanner has found an unsuccessful imitator in a baker of Konigsberg, Germany, who undertook to fast forty days, with, however, an allowance of a bottle of beer every fourth or fifth day.

Frenchy Johnson, the colored oarsman, is said to be dying in Boston. "Frenchy" was Courtney's follower and confidential friend during the Chautauqua fiasco, and the great question is will he confess before he dies that he sawed that boat, or will he carry the momentous secret with him to the grave?

Nearly every one present at the press "court-martial" held at the railroad station at Mayville, after the fizzle, made up his mind that Johnson and Courtney knew all about that business.—Buffalo Commercial.

"There would be more propriety in an amendment voting \$10,000 to buy turkeys to catch the tobacco worms in my district, for I am sure a single turkey cock is worth more in the extermination of insects noxious to agriculture than all the entomologists the Government has employed in the last ten years."—U. S. Representative Knott.

Mr. Franks, of the township of Westminster, has lately lost five valuable horses and a number of sheep through feeding cornstalks containing ergot. Some more of his horses are ill from the same cause, but it is hoped that they will recover.

James Kearney has died at Galt after a protracted illness caused by bursting a blood-vessel last fall.

THE COMMONS BAR.

Where Naughty Members of Parliament Get Full.

SHALL IT BE ABOLISHED?

In the House of Commons on Monday Mr. Longley, in moving that the Speaker be requested to issue an order prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the precincts of the House, said if it were true that a similar resolution, carried seven years ago, was still in force, he would not unduly urge this motion to-night.

Mr. Longley said the amendment did not by any means satisfy him. There was no use trying to regulate this matter and prevent excess, for there was excess in the thing itself. If members thought it would do them credit personally or do credit to the House as a whole, to vote down this motion, let them do it.

Sir John Macdonald said he had been long enough in Parliament to see similar motions to this carried frequently. They were usually brought out by the same cause—the presence of strangers in the restaurant of the House.

Mr. Macdonald said he began public life as a strong advocate of prohibitory temperance, but had lived to learn that it was not a proper course. The place downstairs was the only place where members could take their visitors from the country to consult with them on public matters.

Mr. Robertson (Hamilton) objected to the motion as casting a slur on the House, and as interfering with the liberty of members. Mr. Boulton said even if this order were made it would not be enforced, and every member knew it.

Mr. Longley said he did not want to put restraints upon men, but merely to prevent the open sale of liquor, on the principle that no man had a right to engage in traffic to the injury of his neighbor.

The House divided and Mr. Kirkpatrick's amendment was carried. Yeas, 50; nays, 46.

Mr. Longley moved to add that strangers be excluded. He hoped that the leader of the Government would second it.

Sir John Macdonald said he did not think the hon. gentleman had a right to move it.

The Speaker said the motion could be made to add words to the main motion as amended, but the hon. member (Mr. Longley) could not move it himself.

Mr. Longley—Then will some one else move it? (Loud laughter.)

After some remarks by Mr. Longley, Mr. Burpee (Sunbury) moved that strangers be excluded from the refreshment saloon of the House of Commons.

Mr. White (Cardwell) moved to add "unless accompanied by a member."

Mr. Burpee accepted the amendment, which was carried, and the main motion as amended was then adopted.

The Price of "Homes."

Chicago, which is fast lessening the difference in population with us, affords comfortable homes for from \$500 to \$800 a year. Brooklyn has plenty of pleasant homes for \$700 to \$1,000.

London has commodious houses in pleasant neighborhoods for £100 a year and taxes, the tenant there paying the taxes—not the landlord, as with us. Noble dwellings are to be hired in the new parts of the west end of London, adjacent to Hyde Park, and the passenger railroad system there makes four millions of people less crowded and oppressed for shelter than the two millions in New York and Brooklyn.

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—Brick is expected to be scarce and dear this summer.