

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

HOME.

Lieut. Governor Masson has resigned in consequence of ill-health. The strike of miners at Reserve mine, C. B., has been settled. Ten miles of the Gattineau Valley railway will be built this summer. The new Welland canal has been opened to vessels drawing fourteen feet.

Mr. Wright, of Ottawa, has commenced operations at his silver mine on Lake Timiskamingue.

Mr. Moffat, the Government candidate, was elected by acclamation in Restigouche, N. B., on Saturday.

Prominent Scott Act workers in Coaticook have been subjected for months past to systematic persecution and outrage.

It is expected the Canadian Pacific bridge over the St. Lawrence at Lachine will be completed and trains crossing it in about a month.

Never before in the history of Manitoba have there been such prospects of an abundant crop. The germination has been rapid and the growth vigorous.

Chief of Police McRae, of Winnipeg, was shot in the leg recently, while arresting a notorious cattle thief named Joe Ft. The wound is not considered dangerous.

The first train on the Canadian Pacific railway entered Vancouver, B. C., last Monday, and was received with great rejoicing, the town being gaily decorated in honour of the event.

The Winnipeg City Council has voted five hundred dollars for relief of the Nanaimo sufferers, and has also extended an invitation to His Excellency Lord Lansdowne to visit Winnipeg this summer.

An agreement has been made between the Michigan Central and the Canadian Pacific railways whereby the latter secures an entrance into Chicago and will use the Wash road to East St. Louis.

Sir Charles Tupper directs the attention of exporters of cereals, fruits and dairy produce to the facilities afforded by the Liverpool Exhibition for showing specimens of their goods to the English public.

A petition to the Dominion Government praying for certain amendments to the Lands Act has been drafted by a committee appointed at a public meeting held in Regina, and has been forwarded to Ottawa.

Mr. Buchanan will temporarily assume the duties of the late Mr. Smithers as general manager of the Bank of Montreal, whose successor will not be appointed until after the annual meeting of the bank.

Mr. La Riviere, in his Budget speech in the Manitoba Legislature, refused to countenance any further aid to the Hudson's Bay railway until proof was given that the line could be carried through to completion.

A proposition for the reopening of the London Steel Works, and the employment of 150 to 200 workmen, has been made to the corporation of that city by a wealthy firm of Cleveland, Ohio, on certain conditions.

It is reported that the Manitoba Government will aid the Hudson's Bay railway by a guarantee of \$4,500,000 on condition that the company raises an equal sum and gives satisfactory assurances for the completion of the road.

The Canadian Government has discontinued the bonus certificates offered for the past two or three years to emigrants proceeding to British Columbia. Now, however, through rates are quoted by the Canadian Pacific railway.

The Canadian mortality statistics for the month of April have been issued. The deaths were as follows: Montreal 441, Quebec 120, Hamilton 88, St. John 48, London 39, Hull 20, Toronto 213, Kingston 28, and Ottawa 72.

In reply to a request from the council of Whitewater, Man., for the extension of the Manitoba South-Western railway, Mr. Van-Horne stated that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company had no money to expend on branches in Manitoba.

In reply to Mr. Prefontaine's question, as to whether Gabriel Dumont could return to Canada, the Minister of Justice said that the half-breeds were arrested for all offences except for murder, and Dumont ought to know whether he had been guilty of that crime or not.

Senator Schultz was interviewed the other day in Montreal while on his way to Ottawa. Speaking of the importance of measures for increasing the national food supply of the North-West in view of the extinction of the buffalo, he said the principal points to which attention could be drawn were the fish product, wild rice and the cultivation of the rabbit.

An immense mass meeting was held recently in Winnipeg to discuss the railway situation, all parts of the Province of Manitoba being represented. The proposed railway to the boundary was enthusiastically endorsed, and resolutions condemning the disallowance policy and Sir George Stephen's recent telegram and urging the immediate construction of the road were adopted.

Ground has been broken at Grand Forks, Dak., for the Northern Pacific extension to the boundary, to connect with the Manitoba line.

AMERICAN.

All the journeymen horseshoers in Cambridge, Mass., have struck. Rains throughout the North West have extinguished most of the forest fires in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

The village of Hawthorne, Wis., on the Omaha road, was entirely destroyed by fire, which is now sweeping through the valuable timber in that vicinity.

Seventy-three thousand one hundred and seven immigrants arrived in the United States during April. Of these 13,000 were

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from Ireland. The total for April, 1886, was 49,158.

During a row over the election two weeks ago of a sheriff for Lawson Co., Texas, two full-blooded Choctaw Indians were killed. Since then the Sheriff-elect has been killed, whose body, with two others unknown, was found a few days ago. It is feared an Indian outbreak will result.

The steamer Celtic, from Liverpool for New York, came in collision with the Britannic, from New York for Liverpool, on Thursday last 350 miles east of Sandy Hook. Four steerage passengers on the Britannic were killed and several injured, and the steamer was so much damaged that she had to put back to New York, where she arrived yesterday afternoon.

FOREIGN.

There are now over 25,000 men on strike in Belgium.

Sixty houses were burned near St. Petersburg on Monday.

The sale of the French Crown jewels realized the sum of 6,864,000 francs.

The corporation of Dublin has decided not to attend the Queen's jubilee services.

A Sepoy in Calcutta the other day shot ten persons and afterwards committed suicide.

The Czar, Czarina, and Czarewitch have arrived at Gatschina from the Dou Cossack country.

A grand military review was held at Gibraltar in celebration of Queen Victoria's birthday.

The anniversary of the battles of 1870 around Metz will be celebrated this year by the Germans with unusual eclat.

The loss of life by the burning of the Paris Opera Comique last week is much more serious than at first reported.

The strike of the Northumberland miners is ended, the men having submitted to a reduction of 12 1/2 per cent. in wages.

Prince Bismarck, who has been suffering for several days from muscular rheumatism, has been advised to take a complete rest.

Prof. Virchow, of Berlin, asserts that there is absolutely no danger in the Crown Prince Frederick William's throat malady.

The Czar returned to St. Petersburg three days earlier than he intended, owing, it is said, to having been fired at by a student during the festivities at Novo Toherkaak.

A dynamite bomb was exploded under the Police Court at Highbury, Durham, England, on Monday night, partially destroying the building. The outrage is attributed to strikers.

It is understood Messrs. Gladstone and Parnell have decided not to prolong the fight against the Crimes bill beyond the present session. The measure will then become law.

The floods in Transylvania and Southeast Hungary have caused an enormous amount of damage. Temirvar is crowded with fugitives. Fifty villages and several towns are inundated.

Princess Victoria, wife of Prince Ludwig of Battenberg, and granddaughter of Queen Victoria is suffering from gastric fever. Her physicians report that the malady is developing into typhus.

A plot to assassinate the Sultan of Turkey has been discovered, and it is said in consequence his Majesty has dismissed a number of high officials suspected of being connected with a conspiracy against him.

Father Keller, who was committed to Kilmainham gaol for refusing to testify in a Plan of Campaign case, has been released by order of the Superior Court, which declares there was an error in his commitment.

Five hundred cases of smallpox existed in the city of Santiago de Cuba on the 14th May, and the death rate was 60 per cent. Vaccination has been neglected and a terrible epidemic is threatened. There are 29,000 negroes in the population of 40,000.

A despatch from Paris says that M. Herbet, French ambassador to Germany, on his recent visit to Paris, brought an autograph letter from the Emperor William to President Grevy, in which the Emperor expressed the hope that the lives of neither might be saddened by the horrors of another war.

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