THE PRISONER BENNETT SENTENCED BE HANGED.

The trial of Bennett for the murder of the Hon. Geo. Brown was concluded at 11 o'clock last Tuesday night. The evidence was substantially the same as that elicited at the Coronor's inquest. Letters written by the prisoner, commencing the 14th of February and running along to the 25th of March, were put in evidence to show that he premeditated murder, his intention being to shoot Banks, the chief engineer in the Globe office, and burn his body in the furnace. He says three men have got to die, one being Banks; the inference is that the other was Hon. Mr. Brown, and the third himself, for he expressed the determination to shoot himself so soon as he had rid the world of fancied enemies.

Mr. Davin addressed the jury for an hour on the prisoner's behalf. He claimed for the prisoner that he did not fire the pistol with murderous intent; that through drink and dissipation he did not know what he was doing, and that the wound inflicted was not necessarily a fatal one.

Mr. Irving replied at some length, reviewing the circumstances as disclosed by the evidence, and charging the prisoner with the graver crime of murder.

When he had concluded His Lordship proceeded to sum up the case to the Jury .-His Lordship sentenced the prisoner to be hanged on the 23rd day of July next.

At the conclusion of the dread formality the prisoner, who did not seem at all affected by his position, rubbed his hands and said to His Lordship: "I would rather you would make it a little shorter if you could. It would be more suitable to me."

There was no recommendation to mercy, and it is presumed the law will be allowed to take its course. The evidence of intent was clear and convincing. There is nothing to be said on behalf of the convict; public opinion will agree entirely with the righteousness of the sentence.

INGENUITY OF A YOUNG WIFE.

The following letter shows the ingenuity of a young bride who was obliged to show her correspondence to her tyrannical husband, in writing to a friend :

"I cannot be satisfied, my dearest friend, blessed as I am in the matrimonial state, unless 1 pour into your friendly bosom, which has ever been in unison with mine, the various deep sensations which swell with the liveliest emotions of pleasure, my almost bursting heart. I tell vou my dear husband is one of the most amiable of men, I have been married seven weeks, and have never found the least reason to

To the day that joined us; my husband is son and manners, far from resembling gly, cross, disagreeable, jealous monster, who thinks by confiding to secure a wife, it is his maxim to treat as a bosom friend and confident, not as plaything or menial slave, the woman chosen to be his companion. Neither party, he says, ought to obey implicitly; but each yield to the other by turns. An ancient maiden aunt, near seventy, a cheerful, venerable, and pleasant old lady, lives in the house with us-she is the dclight of the young and old-she is civil to all the neighborhood around, generous and charitable to the poor-I know my husband loves nothing more than he does me; he flatters me more than the glass, and his intoxication (for so I must call the excess of his love) often makes me blush for the unworthiness of its object, and I wish I could be deserving of the man whose name I bear. To say all in one word, my dear-and to crown the whole, my former gallant lover is now my indulgent husband, my fondness is returned, and I might have married a prince, without the felicity I find with him. Adien ; may you be blest as I am unable to wish that I could be more happy."

The key to the letter is to read the first hen every alternate line.

An interesting history of the development of the Russian army during the last quarter a century has been lately published in St. etersburg. On the 1st of January, 1853, he Russian army comprised 27,716 officers and 968,382 men, besides 78,144 Cossacks. During the Crimean war the strength of the armed forces of the empire was of course largely increased, and, according to official returns, included on the 1st of January. 1856, no fewer than 41,817 officers and 2,-225,454 men. How many of these were, however, actually present with the colors, or vere available for service in the field, cannot even approximately ascertained. The acbe army numbered, it is stated, 24,654 fficers and 1,170,184 men; the reserve roops, 7.876 officers and 575, 168 men; the rregular forces 3,640 officers and 168,691 nen; the militia, 5,647 officers and 364,421 nen; and the Cossack troops, 3,441 officers nd 156.726 men. In 1863, when, according the returns of the Minister of War, the sian army numbered 858,997 regular aps, it was calculated, after a careful ex lation of the strength of the several units e army, that the probable real strength regular troops did not exceed 375,00 On the 25th of November, 1879, the army comprised 908 generals, 31,414 and 886,425 men, while on the same reserves numbered 742,144 men. re Cossack troops, 1,872 officers and men, with 105,946 men more on fur-

Editorial Motes.

A DESPATCH says Hanlan was medically examined by Dr. Thornburn, of Toronto, who finds that the champion is not seriously injured. His illness arose from over-work, and the doctor prescribes absolute rest from rowing for several months. Hanlan, however, will be able to go to England and train for the Trickett race. The general opinion amongst boating men is that the article in the Globe condemning Hanlan for throwing the race is alike ungenerous and unfair.

MR. J. C. BAILEY, the Chief Engineer of the Nipissing Railway, has arrived in Peterborough with instructions to go over the route of the l'oronto and Ottawa Railway, in company with Mr. Geo. A. Stewart, who made the survey for the late Board, with the view of reporting on it to the present directors. Mr. Bailey says that Mr. Gooderham expresses his intention of going on with the construction as soon as possible. He utterly repudiates the Globe's charge that he is acting in the interests of the Grand Trunk Railway. Mr. Bailey was to have been here a fortnight ago, but he was detained in Nipissing by a survey that he was making for the Ontario and Pacific Junction Railway. We learn from Mr. Bailey that the feeling in Toronto has changed, and is now strongly in favor of aiding the Toronto and Ottawa .-Peterboro' Review.

AMERICAN Government statistics as to the wheat crop for the fiscal year 1878-79, principally the product of the former year, put the total at 422, 122,000 bushels, an increase of about sixty-five per cent. over that of 1870, 143 per cent. increase over that of 1860, and more than four times that of 1850. The quantity retained for home consumption has risen from 100.931,000 bushels in 1850 to 167,000,000 in 1860, 224, 000,000 in 1870 and 298,000,000 in 879 the quantity exported (both domestic and foreign) from 792,768 bushels in 1850 to 4,-155,000 in 1860, 37,000,000 in 1870 and 124, 000,000 in 1879, having nearly doubled in the last year, as compared with 1878. The increase in exports is relatively much greatethan the augmentation of home consumption. The per centage of the crop sent abroad was 29.41 in 1879 as against 14.18 in 1870 and 2.40 in 1860. Wheat exports during 1878 were not much larger to Great Britain than the year previous, but those to France increased from 4,337,000 bushels to 42,147,000.

MANXLAND rejoices in a separate code of laws, a distinct parliament, a separate revenue and a totally different electoral system from the rest of the United Kingdom. It at present further boasts of a domestic revolution. The inhabitants of the Isle of Man have hotly taken the cause of electoral reform, and the Governor, bowing to the storm, is now under a promise to introduce a measure largely extending the franchise at an early date. The reformers clamour, it scems, for household suffrage in towns, abolition of the property qualification for members of the august House of Keys, and the ballot. Their platform has thus three planks, even as the insular coat of arms bears three legs. Not long ago their was trouble between Jersey and England, the former possessing ancient privileges and separate government. The celebrated Yelverton case showed that three different sets of marriage laws prevail in the United Kingdom, and if the Isle of Man and the Channel isles were included, the laws in regard to other subjects would be found to be even more antagonistic.

From the year 1476 until 1774 the number of diamonds inventoried to the Crown of France was 7,482, representing a value of twenty million francs, and including the celebrated " negent," valued at two millions and a half. During the reign of Louis XV., 1,471 of these diamonds were sold, but others bought, so that when Louis XVI came to the throne he found himself possessor of 9,547 diamonds of different sizes. In 1792 many of these were stolen including the " Regent," from the Garde Meuble, but shortly after an anonymous letter was received stating that they would be found buried in the Allee Neuve of the Champs Elysees, where, in fact, they were discovered. From 1807 to 1810 Napoleon I. bought up all the scattered crown jewels he could trace, and his inventory exhibited a total of 37,393 brilliants and precious stones of various kinds, valued at 18,922,477 francs. During the reign of terror France lost irrevocably the "Saucy" diamond, purchased by Charles the Bold in 1476; a magnificent opal known as ' the fire of Troy," and the renowned "blue diamond;" and at Waterloo, Napoleon lost a magnificent brilliant he used to carry about him.

EUROPEAN nations appear to have cooled off considerably within the last few months, they show a great deal less swagger. Britain has about all she can do to manage her own affairs, the Parliament is now in session and have some hot times. The redress of Ireland's wrongs claims much attenti n while diminishing incomes and increasing income tax are naturally regarded with much disfavor. The much impoverished Turkey is still feasted on with greedy eyes and it would be in no way surprising to find the covetous neighbors get into a row over choice cuts of the doomed Turkey which appears to be on the eve of being carved and served up, unless it may be that the natural jealousy of t.e covetous ones may demand "hands off" for a little time longer. The perfidious Austrian is looking on with longing eyes and would take it all if he dare. The Russian bear too is smelling round and the other nations are anxiously watching the prey. A new and improved regime is making headway in Prussia, the old Emperor is fast drifting into his dotage and Bismark's dictation is rapidly on the wane. France still floats on the very crest of prosperity's wave, she is every day becoming more powerful morally, physically intellectually and financially. The general amnesty accorded to the banished Commun-

ists goes far to prove i justice and generosity of the nation. harvest prospects of Europe are less engraging than they were a month ago. I late revival in the iron trade and other buches of industry has lost much of its vitity but still it cannot be termed depressio

THE desperate act of at desperate man De Coursier, who cheat Jack Ketch the other day in Toronto, I vividly remind the people of this Provinc that there must be some leak in the manament of our prisoners, when a fratricidal ad like the one that sent his unconverted pal unheralded into the presence of his Mer, can have poison surreptitiously smuged into his cell under the very nose of his ards and thus escape a fearful but well wited punishment. That De Coursier diberately and most wilfully murdered hisrother, there cannot be the shadow of a ubt. He had a fair trial by a jury of his cutrymen and was defended by Dalton McCthy, perhaps the ablest lawyer in Ontario, ith all of his well known tact and ability. But our object at present is to call attion to the fearful amount of gush and seiment there is lavished upon almost ever criminal in the land. Ladies vie with th other in decking the prisoners' cells ith flowers. Emotional philanthropists wee and wring their hands over the sad fate some condemned fellow. Reverend genmen rush to and fro piteously wailing, "Sp, oh! spare his life!" Why, we ask, are iminals of the deepest dye, to be sympaized with and to be beslabbered with senting tal gush, when there is so many ourside one prison wall that call for all the symply that there is to spare? Aye, and cain vain. If some poor, unfortunate creatu should purloin a loaf of bread to appease thunger of his famishing family, where en are these emotional sympathizers? 'ey conspicuous by their absence .- G.

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