

# THE WEEK'S NEWS.

HOME.

Sir John Macdonald is expected to take a trip to the Maritime Provinces shortly.

The Tay canal, connecting the town of Perth with the Rideau canal, has been opened.

The sixty days' quarantine for cattle has been extended to Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

It is understood that Lieutenant-Governor Masson has consented not to press his resignation for the present.

The sub-contracts for the construction of the Red River Valley railway have been awarded and work is in full swing.

The Toronto board of Trade, for the first time in its history, recently expelled a member for violation of the constitution.

Three sisters of charity have arrived at Winnipeg from Montreal, and will go west to Lac La Riche, a distant Hudson bay post.

No confirmation of the reports of discontent among the Indians around Selkirk, N.W.T., has been received by the Indian Department.

Mr. Chapeau, while in Paris, will, it is said, endeavour to bring about an extension of the commercial relations between France and the Dominion.

New freight and passenger rates, making reductions of from 50 to 90 per cent., have been put in force on the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific railway.

While in British Columbia, Mr. McLelan, the Postmaster-General, will endeavour to make a new contract for carrying the mails between Victoria and San Francisco.

It is stated that the militia authorities view with favour the experiments carried out this year by different corps with the view of organizing companies of bicyclists.

Sir Alexander Campbell, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, will visit Newfoundland on the 20th inst., and will also make an extended trip through the Lower Provinces this summer.

The Dominion Government is considering the advisability of sending a commissioner to Japan and China to report on the best method of promoting Canadian trade in those countries.

Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed at Victoria, B. C., with the extra dollar duty on crude opium. It will have a tendency to prevent smuggling of the article into the United States.

Salmon river, Skeena and other northern points in British Columbia are booming and a full pack is expected. The first shipment went east, Saturday. The Alaska canneries are in a similar condition.

While a laborer named Lemieux was engaged in arranging grass plots around the local Legislature grounds, Quebec, he dug up the skeleton of a child, which has been handed over to the coroner.

It is understood that the Dominion Government will shortly distribute to the North West Mounted Police who served in the recent rebellion medals similar to those distributed to the volunteers.

Owing to the extraordinary crop prospects throughout the Province of Manitoba there has been such a great demand for agricultural implements that every dealer in Winnipeg has completely sold out.

An investigation into the condition of the oyster and lobster fisheries of the Maritime Provinces has been commenced by the Dominion Government. The commissioners are now taking evidence in Prince Edward Island.

Two prominent members of the Montreal police force have been suspended, pending an investigation into serious charges against them. It is probable the whole force will be reorganized, and that a new chief will be appointed.

It is stated that the Manitoba Government has sufficient funds to carry on work on the Red River Valley railway for three months without negotiating the bonds, which will not be disposed of until advantageous terms have been secured.

The Quebec Government, it is announced, has received from the Ontario Government the sum of \$100,000, on account of the sum owed to that province on the Common school fund division. The balance will be submitted to arbitration.

The city of Port Huron is endeavoring to compel the Grand Trunk railway to remove its elevator, warehouses and stockyards to that place from Point Edward, to give Americans the benefits of handling American products now enjoyed by Canadians.

The Militia Department at Ottawa has received Col. Turnbull's report on the recent fire in the Citadel in Quebec. It is understood that the report attributes the fire to accident, and attaches no blame to any of the men employed about the stables.

A reward of £15 sterling is offered by the captain of the "Canada" for the recovery of the bodies of the three midshipmen drowned in Bedford Basin, Halifax, on Sunday. Young Jenkinson was a son of the late head of the Irish Criminal Investigation Department.

It has been discovered that Chinese holding bogus certificates have been allowed to enter British Columbia on payment of \$15. The tax law provides for twelve months imprisonment or \$500 fine. Mr. Shakespeare, M. P., has formulated a charge against Collector Joseph Deserno.

Forty miles of the Red River Valley railway have been graded, and the sub-contractors are expected to commence work this morning. The City of Winnipeg has agreed to issue debentures to the extent of a quarter million dollars, or more if necessary, for the purchase of bonds for the road.

Eight cadets who have completed their full course at the Royal Military College have been granted diplomas, two of the number having accepted commissions in the Imperial service. The twenty-six candidates who passed the entrance examinations have been ordered to be admitted as cadets.

It is stated in Winnipeg, with regard to the alleged threat of the Dominion Government to refuse Customs facilities to the Red River Valley railway, that such a decision must come from the Northern Pacific, the Government would not dare to refuse it for fear of incurring the danger of repossessing privileges to Canadian railways being withdrawn from the United States.

A despatch from Golden, R. J., says Sergt.-Major Lake, Northwest

Mounted police, now in camp at Golden, suicided Saturday morning by shooting himself. He complained of a severe attack of neuralgia and retired at night as usual. Early in the morning one of his comrades heard a pistol shot. He got up and went into the sergeant's tent and found him dead, the bullet having passed through the front part of his head, entered the right temple and came out on the left.

Alex. Guay found the body of a girl about 19 years of age, about 4 feet 6 inches tall, near the Grand Trunk depot, Levis, on Saturday. She had blonde hair and wore a navy blue flannel dress, dark bodice and yellow striped undershirt black stockings and laced shoes. Near the body was found a reticule in which were three keys, a pencil and four white pocket handkerchiefs. The body was removed to the morgue at the Palais, and an inquest was held.

The deputy sheriff of Ottawa has seized \$4715 in the hands of the Bank of Commerce on behalf of the Dominion Express company. Five thousand dollars shipped by express from Ottawa to the Carleton Place agency of the Bank of Ottawa over six weeks ago was stolen in an unknown manner. The express company promptly settled with the bank. Shortly afterwards the money was discovered, but the finder refused to give it up, holding out for a higher reward. He deposited the package in the bank of Commerce, and the express company finally decided upon the seizure, which was carried out.

## AMERICAN.

Grape rot is reported all through the Piedmont section of Virginia, and the crop is virtually destroyed.

The attorneys of Maxwell, the murderer of Preller, have abandoned his case and he will doubtless be hanged on August 26.

A flood at Thompson Falls, Idaho, carried away wagons, teams and a freight train. It is feared a number of lives were lost.

Mrs. Craig and her niece, Allie Phillips, were caught midway on a high trestle near Dalton, Tenn., the other morning, and killed by a train.

A movement for the exclusion of French-Canadians from the Michigan lumber camps, under the provisions of the Alien Labour law, is in process in East Saginaw.

Jefferson Davis in several important interviews among other things, charges that the Federal Government conspired during the late war to have him assassinated.

O. J. Helm, station agent on the R. W. & O. railway at Pierrepont Manor, N. Y., was instantly killed by being caught between the bumpers of freight cars at that place.

The financial condition of Sagamon County, Ill., is very bad. The county has been robbed of thousands of dollars by the present sheriff and his five predecessors, who will be sued for recovery of the money.

By a premature explosion of giant powder on the Carolina Railroad in Lancaster County, S. C., on Saturday, one white man and eight negroes were instantly killed. Their bodies were mangled in a shocking manner.

John Bankheads, wife and three children, of Copehika, Ala., while sitting on the veranda of their house, Monday, five miles from the city, were struck by lightning. Two of the children died and the other child and the mother can hardly recover.

The explorers of the Lake Superior company on Friday last, near Ishpeming, Mich., found an eight inch vein of quartzite carrying free gold in immense quantities. The ore was taken to Chicago and assayed. It was found to be fabulously rich in the precious metal. When the quartz is broken the gold will hold together.

The people of the northern part of Sussex county, New Jersey, and of Unionville and Pine Island in Middleton county, N. Y., are undergoing another torment from the mosquito plague. In the fields they rise in clouds, filling the eyes, ears, mouth and nostrils, rendering breathing difficult. The cause of the pest is unexplained, but it is supposed that the insects all bred along the Walkkill river and Black creek and were carried by the high winds to higher grounds.

## FOREIGN.

It is reported that cholera has broken out in Sardinia.

The Queen has donated £1,000 to the Imperial Institute.

The persistent drought all over Europe is having a very damaging effect upon the crops.

All the men on furlough in Southern Russia have been ordered to rejoin their regiments.

A number of tenants have been tried and acquitted by juries, at Limerick, for assaulting and scolding the police.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that Turkey has approved the election of Prince Ferdinand as King of Bulgaria.

The German Government press does not cease warning investors against the uncertainty of Russian securities.

The London Times denies that the Marquis of Londonderry intends to resign the office of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

The Sultan persists in his refusal to sign the Egyptian convention, notwithstanding that both Germany and Italy advise him to ratify it.

Lord Lyons, the British Ambassador at Paris, recently laid the foundation stone of the Victoria chapel, in honour of the Queen's Jubilee.

A gunpowder magazine exploded at Mas-sawah. Seven Italian soldiers were killed and fifteen severely and thirty slightly wounded.

Lieut. Young, of the Surrey regiment, has been sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for abducting a girl seventeen years of age.

Two and a half million whitefish eggs have been placed in fresh water lakes of New Zealand. Nearly half of them hatched and are doing well.

A cablegram from London says the Queen appeared to be quite feeble and much depressed in spirits while at Lord Salisbury's garden party lately.

It is stated Mr. Kilbride, who accompanied Mr. William O'Brien during his Canadian tour, will be nominated to fill the vacant seat for Carlow.

When Gen. Boulanger reached Clermont Ferrand he was welcomed at the station by hundreds of people with prolonged shouts of "Vive Boulanger."

A telegram from Brussels says that the recent reports that ex-Empress Carlotta was recovering are unfortunately false. All hopes of her restoration to sanity are abandoned.

The Sheikhs and tribes who were captured by the expedition sent out from Suakim to avenge Stewart's murder in April have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from seven to three years at hard labor and to be flogged.

M. Rouvier, the French Prime Minister, states that Gen. Boulanger was removed from his political surroundings because he was concerned in the illegal manifestations on the occasion of the recent election of the deputy for the Department of the Seine.

A madman the other day attacked a party of men making hay in a field near Rathfriland, county Down, Ireland. The lunatic was armed with a bill hook, and he killed four men and wounded two. He then fled, and when caught was standing up to his chin in the water of a neighboring lake.

The Russian newspapers unanimously disapprove of the election of Prince Ferdinand to the Bulgarian throne. They all pronounce the choice of him by the Sobranje the result of intrigue, and urge the Powers to recall their representatives from Sofia. The *Norve Vremya* says Russia in no case will allow Prince Ferdinand to go to Sofia, and adds that if he arrives there with an Austrian escort Russia will tell Austria to keep her hands off.

## STATISTICS.

The Episcopalians are about to build a great cathedral in New York city, upon which they propose to expend \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000.

The redemption of American trade dollars to date amounts to about \$7,000,000 and Treasury officials think that few more are outstanding.

The receipts of the United States post-office department for the fourth quarter fiscal year were \$12,444,641, and the expenditures \$13,029,380.

Sydney, Australia, boasts a 180,000-candle electric light which throws it rays fifty miles out to sea. One of 24,000 candles, at San Jose, Cal., is the biggest in this country.

Six car loads of postal cards recently arrived in Chicago. The gross weight of the shipment is about seventy-three tons. The cards, 25,000,000 all told, came in packages containing all the way from 500 to 25,000 cards each.

This goose story we give for what it is worth: "The annual consumption of feathers in America for bedding purposes amounts to 3,000,000 pounds. To furnish this 3,000,000 healthy geese must give up their feathers in a year."

Methuselah was contemporary with Adam some 243 years, and also with Shem some 98 years. Shem also was contemporary with Isaac some 50 years, so that during this period of some 2,100 years between Adam and Isaac, Adam could have told the story of Eden to Methuselah, and Methuselah to Shem, and Shem to Isaac.

Latest statistics place the number of sheep in the world at 517,000,000, distributed as follows: South America, 100,000; Australia and New Zealand, 77,000,000; Europe, 212,000,000; Africa, 25,000,000; Asia, 60,000,000; United States, 45,000,000; Canada, 3,000,000; all others, 5,000,000. The annual wool yield in the United States is placed at six pounds per head.

Max Well is the richest Jew in New York, his figure being estimated at \$8,000,000. Following him are forty other millionaires of the same race. The Hebrew capital in the Cotton Exchange is over \$6,000,000, and of city real estate they hold at least \$100,000,000. An estimate of the annual transactions of the wholesale trade of New York done by Hebrews puts the figures at \$262,000,000.

A book recently published in the United States traces the territorial growth of that country during the past 100 years. During that time, it appears, about 2,750,000 square miles of territory have been acquired by purchase and annexation, at a cost, not counting the expense of war, of \$52,000,000. This is a small figure, but it is to be remembered that many of the purchases were of territories, such as California, Arizona, Texas, etc., which would probably, in course of time, have been annexed without purchase.

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