BUSH FIRES

Still Raging Throughout Canada.

FIVE HUNDRED LIVES LOST IN MICHIGAN

Hundreds of Farmers Lose Their All.

AMHERSTBURG. For the past few days fires have been burning all along the line of the Canada Southern Railway in this county, but not till this week was any serious damage done. Scotia. On Wednesday night, notwithstanding due precautions, Mr. Sicklesteen's mill was totally destroyed, and Thomas Ouellette's large stock of hardwood lumber at Mo-Gregor was burned and badly damaged. When the fire broke out the watchmen were busily engaged on the north side of the mill, where the fire has been raging in Hiram Walker & Sons' woods, which caught fire from a Canada Southern engine about insurance, \$2,500. Mr. Ouellette's loss on lumber, etc., is \$8,000; insurance, \$5,000, of which \$2,000 is in the Royal, and \$3,000 eight miles in the first railway train. best and most complete in the County of Village of McGregor and the neighborhood, as a large number of men depended on employment therein and about for their livelihood. Between McGregor and Essex Centre the bush is full of fire, and in many places the fences along the track are burned. In the neighborhood of Cottam considerable damage has been done fences, etc. Word was received here yesterday afternoon that a sawmill at Gesto had been burned, but it is hoped the report is incorrect.

OXFORD FARMERS BURNED OUT.

The editor of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review telegraphed to a friend at Port Sanilac, Michigan, in order to ascertain | Mary's Church on Sunday. particulars concerning how settlers from Oxford County fared in recent fires at Forrester and Richmondville. The number of Oxford families located in that vicinity is large and includes, besides others whose names are not given, the following: Family of Andrew Burgess, and Wm. Burgess; of the late Alex. Pattullo; three of the Spiers' families; of James Mc-Cormick; of Joseph Allison and Daniel Allison; of James Tennant; James Miller, and Jacob Bastedo, all of Blenheim; of A. Cody, West Oxford; Mr. Lee, and several others. These have all more or less sufzered.

HASTINGS.

Belleville, Sept. 8 .- The bush fires are again raging in the country hereabouts, and great damage is being caused. Several people in different localities have been obliged to flee for their lives. The loss in the township of Kingsford is estimated at \$8,000. Mr. John Graham's loss is about \$1,000, and Mr. Thomas Graham's \$800, whilst Chas. Ruth loses \$900 worth of rails valued at \$35 per 1,000. In Prince Edward three horses were suffocated by the smoke.

MUSKOKA.

SEVERN BRIDGE, Sept. 8 .- A very large fire is raging in the Township of Morrison, on the east side of the Muskoka road, one in the neighborhood of Leithbridge, another on the Third and Fourth concessions. A large fire in North Orillia, near the Severn River, is doing considerable damage and placing the mills at Severn Bridge in dan-A resident in the Township of Ryde states that the following parties are burned out, losing everything: Robert W. Brass, Henry Rousehore, Charles Tingey, Walter Tingey, Samuel Fulton and M. Crewaether; John Miller, house and barn; John Lock- health, a pleasing wife, a taste for sport hem, house; James Redinayin, house, barn and four of the choicest homes in the and crop; Chris. Rultau, sawmill and world, Lord Rosebery, to whom Mr. Gladhouse burnt. Also, many of the slides and stone owes his seat in Midlothian, put his improvements on the streams. The fires nose to the grindstone in a subordinate are still raging.

DETROIT, Sept. 8.—In Michigan whole may be congratulated on her Roseberies. counties have been swept by the bush fires, and it is impossible at this writing to tion brought about a scare at Accrington, estimate the enormous loss in farm in England, recently. A despatch was property, crops, houses, factories and live | received at the Mechanics' Institute saying stock. But, unfortunately, the worst the Earl of Edinburgh was dead. As no remains to be told, for there is only too such title was known, somebody in charge much reason to fear that a large number of altered "earl" to "duke," and the news families were burned to death. Thus far spread far and wide that Her Majesty had one hundred persons are certainly known lost her second son. The death intended to have perished, and it is almost certain to be announced was that of the Earl of that later intelligence will largely Gainsborough. increase the number of victims. The Queen Victoria at Osborne, on the 17th fury of the flames is described as of August, presented to six soldiers who gives the article a most exquisite yellow appalling. Owing to the prevailing high fought in the late Afghan campaign winds, the inflammable character of the medals for distinguished conduct in the country and the almost unparallelled field. Five of the men belong to the late drought, the fires found abundant material | 66th Regiment, which was nearly annihilated to feed upon, and it was idle to attempt to at Maiwand, their names being Sergeant arrest their progress. No resource was Williams, Corporal Lovell, Lance-Corporal left the unfortunate farmers but to flee for | Martin, Private Battle and Private Clayton. their lives, leaving all they possessed A color-sergeant of the 5th Fusiliers was behind them. But many of them escaped also similarly honored. The Queen, who from fiery graves at one point only to meet | was accompanied by several members of the same terrible fate in another. The the royal family, pinned each man's medal calamity is the most awful that has fallen | to his breast. upon the West in many years, and the unhappy sufferers will have the sympathy Graphic contains some sketches which will and, it is to be hoped, the practical assist- specially interest Canadians. The first, ance of the whole country.

500 lives were lost by fires in this State and Graphic travelling with the Marquis of 5,000 people are homeless. People in Lorne on his present prairie journey. The Forrester Township are burying dead astonishing aptitude of the English jour-

DETROIT, Sept. 10.—At latest accounts the Michigan forest fires are on the decline. The details become more and more horrible as the particulars come in. A thou-

breed pestilence.

burned out.

sand square miles of settled land have been swept by a hurricane of fire, and the inhabitants ruined or killed. The consequent distress is something fearful. Food, clothing, seed, lumber, money, everything nobly responded to by the whole State, helping those which have been entirely

The conflagration in the huckleberry swamp of Dunwich was started by a huckleberry picker who carelessly knocked the ashes out of his pipe into the dry grass.

-Greece has a fine current crop-a very momentous matter to her.

Personal.

embassies. A son of Rev. Morley Punshon is in

Montreal. Rev. Lachlan Taylor, D. D., is reported

be dying. Grand Ducal Family of Hesse.

Listowel, made vacant by the death of the office. late Rev. H. Bartlett.

Anton Rubinstein hails from Bessarabia. He is 51. His mother was a musical genius, and Liszt persuaded his father to allow Anton to follow his bent. Dehn and Mendelssohn assisted in his education.

A Victoria despatch says Dr. Tupper is

Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt has given \$500 to the Railroad Men's Association of Troy, and the money is to be applied to the erection of a building containing a chapel, eading room, etc.

There is a spot in Battersea Park, London, rendered memorable as the scene of a duel between the Duke of Wellington and Lord Winchelsea, more than 50 years ago. It is intended to place a stone there with a commemorative inscription.

peg, and is the guest of the Archbishop of

arines lady, who has been for some time in the Union Square Theatre Company, is rapidly coming to the front as an actress. She is at present playing to large business in Chicago.

Rev. Dr. Henry M. Scudder, of the Central Congregational Church, New York, has received a call from a Chicago church Postage on letters, post-cards, newspato become its pastor at \$12,000 a year, which is \$3,000 more than his present salary.

Mr. Parnell, in talking with a Parliamentary acquaintance the other day, happened to say that as soon as the session was over he was going to Ireland to do a little shooting. "What's your game?" asked the facetious member; "landlords?" This gentle joke failed to hit Mr. Parnell's sense of humor and there was even some talk of the intervention of the Speaker.

Olive Logan says that Queen Victoria will not sleep in a room with a carpet on the floor and Her Majesty's bed-rooms at all the palaces are covered with matting. In the new cottage on Dee Side, on the border of Ballochbule forest, in Scotland, which vious year. has just been erected for the Queen's use, there are no carpets whatever, every floor being covered with Indian matting.

Mr. Robertson, Steward at Rideau Hall has received a letter from his son, who is with the Vice-Regal party in the Northwest. It was posted at Fort Ellice on the 18th of August. The party were travelling at the rate of forty miles a day. One day died from the effects thereof, it was decided plus of £2,462 towards the cancelling of to go easier. The trip is described as debt. being rather a rough one.

With an earldom, \$750,000 a year, youth, office under that not particularly conciliatory chief, Sir William Harcourt. England

Telegraphic blundering and rash emenda

The current number of the London called "Quebec-Scalp-dressing in the DETROIT, Sept. 9 .- It is estimated that Northwest," is by the special artist of the horses and cattle fearing the effluvia will nalist to misplace things Canadian is illustrated here by the artist's, or more probably the sub-editor's, location of Quebec in the Northwest. Among the sketches of scenes at Shoeburyness are "The Canadian Shift," Colonel Oswald's cup, and vignettes of Colonel Oswald and Captain Peters.

Those indefatigable and successful Christian workers, Moody and Sankey, expect to sail for England during the present month-Mr. Sankey leaving by rapid strides towards civilization .- Winniis wanted. Appeals for aid are being the steamer of September 10th and Mr. peg Sun. Moody on the 24th. The report some of the half-consumed districts even which has gained currency in certain papers to the effect that Mr. Sankey is not going to sing any longer in Mr. Moody's meetings is without any foundation in fact. The two are as fully in accord as ever and as firmly united in their work as ever. They go to Great Britain by special invitation of Rev. Dr. Bonar and many other well known devoted Christian workers in that country.

POSTAL CURIOSITIES.

Enermous Business. The British Postmaster-General in his

recent report to Parliament says: A letter containing a £1,000 cheque, which should by P. E. Island papers as lying very ill there. have been posted in Lombard street on the young American girls who were provided Mr. John I. Wood, public school trustee 18th of January, was found on the 24th in with slender purses and diaphonous voices, for Foster Ward, Belleville, is reported to the Thames near Deptford among some but who expect to astonish the world with snow dust which had evidently been carted their operatio brilliancy?" Princess Louise has arrived at the hunt- from the city and thrown into the river. "Yes, I am sorry to say that I found ing seat of Wolfsgarten, on a visit to the The letter, which had never passed through hundreds and hundreds there, and among made to look like alabaster by simply

articles, and no entailed duly reached their destination.

The gross revenue collected within the year was a little over £8,250,000, arrived at

Commission on postal orders... 3,750 Value of unclaimed money or-Revenue from telegraphs...... 1,633,884 The expenditure was:

For postal service, including money order and postal order business £3,470,213 Packet service..... Telegraph service, including expenditure by other depart-

The net revenue was therefore...... £2,926,640 -being an increase of \$88,017 on the pre-

The capital sum raised for the purchase of the telegraphs since 1869 exceeded ten millions sterling and hitherto the results of the undertaking have exhibited an annual deficiency of interest amounting in the aggregate to not less than £1,216,000. For the first time, however, the net telegraph revenue for the year-viz. £328,878-has been sufficient to pay the full interest, 3 per they made sixty miles, but as three horses cent., on the capital and leave a real sur-

Butter from Cotton-seed Oil.

(From the New Orleans Democrat.) Two gentlemen of this city, after experiorously and rancorously assail the eleomar- a useless undertaking. But do not think during the coming season, one by Joaquin garine, which is manufactured from animal that average merit will open the stage Miller, entitled the "49ers," and a new oils. The inventors propose to make two doors of Italian opera houses. It will not. grades of this vegetable butter, which they | And I say this to you on the word of more claim to be far superfor to all other kinds than one, more than fifty, American girls of artificial butter yet made, and at the whom I saw there, as many of whom as same time profess that they will be able could I sent to their homes in America." to sell it at a much less price. After a series of trying and vexatious experiments How Queen Victoria Travelled to Scota coloring matter was discovered that New York butters. We have not learned what the inventors intend doing with the discovery, or whether they will manufacture the article here or elsewhere. They seem to be sanguine of its success as a substitute for the different kinds of artificial butter now in use, but refuse to give any detailed account of the process employed in its manufacture.

A London Methodist paper asks: "What is coming over society? In the old days the Methodists were the people everywhere spoken against, and bitterly smitten on the right cheek and the left. Mr. Picton (Congregational) most courteously conducted the Conference through the noble library and art gallery of Liverpool. The President and several representative ministers have lunched with the Bishop and dined with the Judges, and the Mayor invited the Conference to an 'at home' to meet the Lord Mayor of London."

A barefooted redman with a delapidated loons, is a picture which the representative in whilst in Winnipeg. This picture would front van. show that the noble redman is making

British army officer, called a San Francisco woman a liar at a West Point hotel, and she promptly gave him a thrashing looked upon as degrading. The man is The spirit of the 49ers is not dead yet.

-The railroad conductor who called on lings. the squire's daughter without the father's consent, remarked that the old man free pass through the garden gate.

CRAZY TO SING.

Longfellow has in his time declined three The Llumors of the English Mails-An Hundreds of American Girls Struggling paper. in Italy. From an interview with Miss Kellogg in the

New York Herald.) "I presume you found Italy overrun with

the Post-office, was duly returned to the that number were many, very many, in the dipping them into a strong solution of alum Mr. George Whitman, of Round Hill, sender. During the Christmas week more direct distress. My attention was attracted water. than 111 millions of letters and packets, to them by their piteous letters asking for member of the Legislative Council of Nova over and above the ordinary correspon- assistance, pecuniary and influential, and I scale for the Paris and London markets by dence, and four tons of extra registered sought them out to see what could be done Rev. Geo. B. Taylor, of Wallaceburg, letters, representing a total postage of for them. The state of affairs I discovered has been appointed to the incumbency of nearly £58,000, passed through the central was something terrible. I cannot go into Over 5,300,000 letters were dealt with in as I can of the true state of affairs in musithe Returned Letter Office, 475,000 of cal circles in Itally into which American which it was found impossible to deliver or girls penetrate. I made it my business to return. One contained a bank-note for talk with them, to investigate the truth of £100, still unclaimed, and attached to the what they said, and then made an investiseal of another was a sovereign, which was gation of the musical schools and theatrical returned to the owner, who had forgotten agencies of Italy to enlighten myself further to remove it. In addition to the letters on certain points. The average American that the whole village would be burned. at Kamloops, and will return to Victoria about 500,000 of post-cards, 4,000,000 of girl goes to Italy with a small sum of Mr. Sicklesteen's loss on the mill is \$6,000; to-morrow, and sail on Saturday for book packets and 400,000 newspapers found money, being under the impression that as producing the valuable gum kauri, will Ottawa. His reception has everywhere their way to the same office. More than she can live on a mere pittance, that the be exterminated in about fifty years unless been most enthusiastic. At Yale he rode 27,000 letters, an increase of 3,000 over last best masters teach for little or nothing, special measures are taken for their protecyear, were posted without any address and that she will breathe in a musical The present Princess of Egypt, the Khe- whatever, 5,000 furnished no clue to the genius and dramatic talent by merely was only completed last year, and was the dive's only wife, is a cultivated and liberal name of the sender, and 1,340 contained breathing in the balmy air of Italy. minded woman. She received a European articles of value to the amount of nearly She finds when she goes there that The use of two fragile it costs much money and more time to get not only to Mr. Sicklesteen, but to the by English governesses and in English ways. covers cocasioned the escape of some even a decent musical education than her although he will make another attempt, much disappointment. The practices and battles and starves along, enclosed in ice. habit of transmitting animal and perishable writing cheerful and encouraging letters matter, such as fish, sausages, birds to be home for fear friends and family will recall stuffed, clotted cream, fruit, yeast, salads, her, and struggling for very life all the jellies, live kittens and dead rats still pre- while in Milan or some other city. Injudivails. The return of a letter, posted with- cious friends have told her that she will be blue feathers, but the fourth was pure out an address, to a firm whose direction another Patti or Nilsson, and she hugs and appeared within, led to the discovery of a cherishes this mistaken idea with a fond systematic robbery of goods and the delusion and ambition at first, and with apprehension of the offenders. At Hull an | dull dread of the reality and a tenacity of incident occurred proving the elasticity of despairing purpose under pinching starva-Archbishop Lynch has arrived at Winni- the postal organization under heavy tion, as funds run low at the last, that is pressure. The distribution of nearly piteous to witness. Years have come and 300,000 circulars, weighing twenty tons, gone, and she has been the usual round of electric lamps. The contract is being exetion services at the opening of the new St. issued by a single company and represent- the masters, each of whom has taught cuted by Swan's Electric Light Company. ing £2,380 worth of postage, was effected her for a while, and then kindly Miss Maud Harrison, a young St. Cath- without confusion or delay in forty-eight bade her to go home, that she will hours. The dispatch necessitated the never do anything great! But Mary Engine-room, 20; propeller-shaft tunnels, employment of seven extra railway vans, is under a fascinating delusion, and and it is believed that all the documents she seeks those who will buoy up her hopes. She falls into the hands of less scrupulous requisite current will be obtained from a masters. So she goes on, from bad to No. 7 Brush dynamo-electric machine. worse, till she finds herself penniless in Milan. Now comes the worst phase of the lamp in place of the head-light of a locowhole affair; and, what I am about to say, motive has been made on a railway in I say as truth, after the most careful in- Australia, and the results are said to have vestigation of facts. As a rule, the poor been satisfactory. The difficulty encoungirl finds in the end that she has little hopes | tered in previous experiments was that, on of obtaining public success; and I say that account of the sensitive nature of the lamp, 254,731 she is too often set upon by a certain it could not stand the constant jarring of unscrupulous set of men infesting these the locomotive. The lamp successfully cities who will do all in their power, under employed was devised specially for the a promise of engagements, to lead her purpose and gave a steady light, illuminataway where her associations will be such ing the track for a distance of five hundred that she will be morally destroyed. Even yards, and bringing out the color of signals if she has a good, but not great voice, with great clearness. she can probably gain no public appearance, except under two conditions far in the year 1881, is that of Dr. William -she must buy her way in or she MacEwen. He has successfully trans-£5,440,635 must submit to the demands of those influential friends of the management whose word is law at the theatres. This is plain speaking; but I tell you my investigations, useless by reason of extensive necrosis; the stories and tears of poor girls who came | two thirds of the humerus had been desto me in Italy and told me their sad tales, troyed and no repair of bone had taken made me vow that I would open my mouth and speak of this through the land when I came home. I would say to mothers whose young doughters are leaving home with delusive dreams of sunny days in Italy and an | engaged in working the lead mines in the easy path in success: Keep your daughters | Province of Segovia, seventy miles north at home unless you can give her protection west of Madrid, the miners found an in watchful friends and an independent entrance into an immense cavern, in which income. I say to you, mothers, that you are | they found upon an argillaceous deposit sending your daughters into temptation that and in the midst of stalagmites five hunyou do not appreciate. They will be tried dred skeletons of men and women. Ten and tempted as you cannot imagine. My well-shaped and perfect skulls of a preinvestigations in Italy have led me to historic type have been obtained, besides believe your daughters need not go abroad; chipped stone and quartz implements and that we have good masters here. I think it fragments of rude pottery. menting for several months, have at last entirely unnecessary for their ordinary discovered or invented a method of making musical education. When that is finished excellent butter out of cotton-seed oil. A then send them to Italy for a short period sample was sent to this office yesterday and to receive the finishing touches and to learn was tested by several experts, who lavished | certain roles and then to return. Before high encomiums upon the new discovery. they go you will have discovered whether Being of a purely vegetable nature, it will their voices will warrant that Italian trip. not have the enemies to combat that so vig- Generally you can see for yourself that it is

land.

(London Times.)

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, and attended by Lady Southampton, left Osborne last evening for Scotland. The special train left Gosport at 7.45. The utmost precautions were taken for the safety of Her Majesty during the journey, very detailed instructions being issued to the various railway officials for the purpose, and it was distinctly stated that on the occasion none of the public were to be admitted under any circumstances to the stations between Banbury and Edinburgh; that company's servants were to perform the necessary work on the platforms without noise; and that no cheering or other demonstration were to be permitted, the object being that the Queen might be undisturbed during the night journey. The royal train was provided with a complement of fitters, lampmen and greasers and was preceded by a pilot engine; it was furnished with continuous brakes and electric communicators. A "look-out man" was placed on the tender of the stovepipe hat jammed down over his ears, engine with instructions to keep his face and his shirt hanging outside his panta- turned to the rear of the train for the purpose of observing signals, and similar of the London Graphic should have gathered orders were given to the guard in the

The saying is that the golden calf is not worshipped on German soil, while learning Spotted Tail was mixed up in one hundred A man, who gave himself out as a and flicial, military and professional posi- and fifty love affairs with other Indians' tions have court paid to them. Small wives. Spotted Tail's tribe, at some time means and a modest style of living are not esteemed aside from any of his surround-

It is stated that Turgeneff, the great Russian novelist, has tried his hand at furnished terminal facilities as well as a writing some children's stories, which may same, if the gentleman will honor me with be expected to appear by Christmas.

Novel and Scientific Notes. The Germans have invented morocco

Zine will stand exposure to the weather better than marble.

It is claimed that electric lights can be applied in bleaching textiles. The best black ink, mixed with the white

of an egg, will give ladies' fine shoes color and shine without rubbing off.

Common plaster of Paris figures may be In Vienna meat is prepared on the large

exposure to cold and treatment with powdered borax. Sir Bartle Frere lately stated that in a single year more than £3,500,000 (\$17,500,-

000) worth of diamonds have passed through the Cape Town Post-office. The Bodie (Cal.) Free Press claims that a resident of that place named Cameron is the strongest man in the State, and asserts

that single-handed he placed a 700-pound casting on a waggon the other day. The kauri trees of New Zealand, known

News from the Willem Barents shows that the past winter has been very severe in Northern latitudes. The vessel could not reach Spitzbergen, and the commander,

A little girl in Brown's Valley, Yuba County, California, lately found a blue jay's nest with four young ones in it. Three of the young ones were in orthodox white in plumage. She carried the wonder home and brought it up by hand. It is now full grown and is still as white as

Engineering says that the Cunard steamship Servia is being fitted with ninety-eight be disposed in the following manner: ladies' boudoir, 6; smoking-room, 4. The

The experiment of using an electric

The greatest discovery in surgery, thus planted bone—fragments of wedges of bone taken from patients for curved tibise -into the arm of a child whose limb was place. A good new humerus was the result, less than an inch shorter than its fellow.

A most important discovery is reported to have been made in Spain. While

McKee Rankin's New Plays.

McKee Rankin has returned from his stock farm on the Detroit River, looking as brown as a berry, and with all the appearance of a prosperous farmer rather than an actor. He will have two new plays purchased by him from Wills, the English dramatist, and entitled "Susan and William." "The Danites" will not, however, disappear entirely from the Rankins' repertoire. It has strong drawing powers yet, and the talented couple do not like to part with it. Mr. Rankin speaks in the most enthusiastic terms of his reception in England, and of the cordial appreciation of the English people.

New Post-Offices.

Our Ottawa correspondent telegraphs: The following new post-offices were opened on the 1st of September : Brandon, Northwest Territory; Dunboyne, Elgin, Ont.; Glandane, Victoria, Ont.; Hartsmere, Hastings, Ont. ; Hall's Stream, Compton, Que. ; Lascelles Ottawa, Que. ; Lily Oak, Grey, Ont.; Lower Washabuck, Victoria, N. S.; Overton, Yarmouth, N. S.; Pictou Island, Pictou, N. S.; Riverview, Grey, Ont.; St. Damien de Buckland, Bellechasse, Que. ; Thwaite, Hastings, Ont.

The Chinese Government, for some reason not stated, recently issued a decree commanding its subjects to abstain from shaving the head for a period of 100 days. Detected in the act of disobeying this arbitrary regulation, between fifty and sixty persons in the city of Foochow alone were on the 11th of June sentenced to receive castigation with bamboo rods and to pay each a fine of 3,000 cash (about \$6). It is stated by the local journals that before liberation the heads of the offenders were, as a wholesome warning to others, carefully painted and varnished.

It is stated that the late lamented or another, must have been visited by

Brooklyn missionaries. A London tailor advertised the other day that, "Having witnessed the struggle in which Mr. Bradlaugh's coat was unfortunately torn, I will be glad to replace the a call."