

# THE WEEK'S NEWS.

HOMER.

Fifteen thousand immigrants have arrived in Winnipeg this year up to date.

Diphtheria is alarmingly prevalent in Montreal, twenty deaths from the disease occurring last week.

A bill establishing a uniform milk standard will be introduced next session by the Dominion Government.

It is estimated that during this year two million pounds of binding twine were used in Manitoba and the Northwest.

McGarigle, the fugitive Chicago bootlegger, is said to be living about six miles from St. Catharines, his wife being with him.

A North-West farmer's association, similar to the agricultural associations of other provinces, has been organized at Regina.

Mr. Norton, an electrician of St. Thomas, claims to have perfected a dynamo by which electric light can be furnished as cheaply as gas.

It is reported that a movement is on foot in Prescott and Russell for the annexation of those two counties to the Province of Quebec.

Manitoba's surplus wheat is being carried out of the province at the rate of five train loads a day, and all fears of a blockade are dispelled.

It is understood that Mr. Aikins will hold office as Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba until May, and that Senator Schultz will then succeed him.

Reports from various parts of Manitoba contain accounts of losses by prairie fires. The disasters, however, have not as yet been of a very serious character.

Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at Belfast, said that Canada must be made to know that Commercial Union with the United States will mean the political separation of Canada from Great Britain.

Heavy bush fires, interfering seriously with the running of trains, have been prevailing in the vicinity of Beauséjour. A mile and a half of cordwood piled along the track has been destroyed.

A proclamation of the disallowance of Manitoba Acts, not properly proclaimed at the time of passing several years ago, is published in the Manitoba Gazette, and all disallowed Acts have been proclaimed a second time.

Professor Saunders, director of the Central Experimental farm at Ottawa, is examining sites for the experimental farm for Manitoba. He is at present examining the lands about Winnipeg, and will visit other portions of the province.

The movement in favour of the issue of liquor licenses in the Territories is being pushed with vigour, and in support of it is declared that thousands of gallons of bad liquor find their way into the country in defiance of the prohibitory law.

The fifth annual meeting of the Central Branch, Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, was held in Toronto last week, over 50 delegates being in attendance. During the past year \$5,036.96 was received, being an increase over the previous year of \$970.82.

With regard to the dispute between the militia and the customs department regarding the duty on imported outfits for volunteers, it is expected that a drawback equal to the full duty will be allowed on satisfactory proof being given of the goods being for the sole use of the volunteers in their military capacity.

A despatch from Secretary Bayard to the Imperial Government has been received at Ottawa in which Mr. Bayard expresses regret that the orders for the release of three Canadian seafarers seized in Behring's Sea were not obeyed by the officials at Sitka, and states that fresh orders for their release have been given.

A decision on the Dominion injunction cases against the Manitoba Boundary railway is promised within a week. The Winnipeg City Council has unanimously adopted a resolution to purchase \$150,000 of the provincial bonds, thus placing the whole \$300,000 at Mr. Norquay's disposal provided he can guarantee the immediate completion of the road.

Mr. Caine, M. P., who is at present in Canada, has written to England expressing his belief that it would be a good thing for the Imperial Government to spend £20,000,000 in sending 200,000 families of Irish emigrants to Manitoba from the congested districts of Ireland, and that the advance would be repaid by the industrious yeomen who were created.

The cash in the U. S. Treasury now amounts to \$658,734,680.

It is stated that the Chinese Government have definitely withdrawn from the Chinese-merchandise bank agreement.

A report was telegraphed from Memphis on Saturday about an alleged attempt to wreck the President's train, but it proves to have been entirely foundationless.

A fire in Cincinnati on Saturday afternoon swept over an area of about five acres, destroying nine million feet of hard wood lumber and a large number of dwellings and barns.

A serious disagreement has arisen between Secretary Bayard and Attorney-General Garland over the seizure of the Canadian seafarers in Behring's Sea, which may lead to the resignation of both those gentlemen.

The settlers of the Texas Panhandle are agitated over a recent order from the manager of the Rocking Chair Range company, telling upon them to leave their homes which are situated in what the company claims to be their domain.

It is believed that at least sixteen or eighteen people were burned to death in the railway collision at Kouts last week. Seven were wounded. The porter of a Pullman car on the wrecked train states that he hunted fifteen bodies burned to a crisp, and that the tickets in possession of the conductor showed nineteen passengers missing.

The cholera quarantine at Malta has been abolished.

There has been a heavy fall of snow in the Alpine district of Austria.

Gen. Boulanger, for his connection with the War Office scandal, has been placed under close arrest for thirty days.

The vessels sent out in search of the missing gunboat Wasp have returned without having found any trace of her.

Serious riots have occurred at Gibraltar between Irish and English soldiers stationed there. Many of the rioters were injured.

Mr. Goschen says the Government have not abated one jot of their policy and will not falter in enforcing law and order in Ireland.

It is reported that the Leipzig Discount Company, of Leipzig, Germany, has failed for 9,000,000 marks, and that the directors have fled.

Mr. O'Brien's paper, *United Ireland*, recently published six columns of reports of League meetings and adds:— "This is how coercion terrorizes the Irish."

A mob of unemployed persons in London last week had a serious encounter with the police. The latter were finally victorious and captured a number of flags.

The buildings for the Paris Exposition of 1889 are making satisfactory progress, and the applications for space indicate that the enterprise will be a great success.

At a meeting of Socialists held in Berne, Switzerland, Tuesday, resolutions were passed protesting against the execution of the condemned Chicago Anarchists.

In consequence of representations made to the Colonial Congress, the Imperial Government has decided to make an important addition to the Australian squadron.

The noted nihilist Leon Jassevitch has been arrested in Vienna as he was about to start for Copenhagen, it is supposed with the intention of assassinating the Czar.

Mr. Gladstone announced Wednesday that he was in favour of bodily sweeping away the law of entail, and that he strongly condemned the re-privatization of the phantasy of protection.

## French Funerals.

The distinction between rich and poor does not always cease with death, and in Paris it seems more sharply defined than in life.

The poor people have a pathetic way of saying that "although it costs much to live in Paris, it costs still more to die." This is, in a measure, true, and that it is so is due to the fact that the government has a monopoly of the work of burying the dead, and has established a scale of prices by which the style of funerals is regulated, from that costing thousands of dollars, to the one which opens the fosse commune (common grave).

As a rule, the French are fond of fine funerals. For statements of the first rank the government decrees a State funeral, which is an occasion of great display, and frequently leads to political demonstrations; but private funerals are also costly, and many a man who has lived meekly all his life is laid to rest with princely pomp.

The door of his residence is hung with black curtains embroidered with silver; his monogram in silver is on all the mourning coaches which follow the hearse; the drivers are dressed in black, with knee breeches, high boots, three-cornered hats, and long crape streamers on their arms; the horses for the hearse are caparisoned with sweeping draperies of black and silver, on the hearse itself are plumes and silver figures of angels and cherubs. Then, too, the custom of sending out notices of the death, and invitations to the funeral, is very common; and sometimes these notices are as elaborate and as elegantly engraved as the most expensive wedding cards, or invitations to a ball.

Perhaps the desire for all this was the cause of the man's meanness in life; perhaps to pay for it, his wife and children must stint themselves for years. Still, it is done, and with the chanting of priests, the pealing of grand organs, and the blaze of wax lights, the man is buried.

## Politeness.

Genuine politeness is a beautiful trait, whether in a white man or a black man, a horse or a donkey. It is largely a matter of habit, and we advise all our readers, and especially our boy readers, to cultivate it. Nothing could be better than this incident, narrated by the *Charleston News and Courier*:

A little incident happened to a young Northern lady, visiting this city some months ago, which she seemed to take pleasure in relating.

In crossing a quiet side street one day, a vegetable cart, drawn by a small donkey, and driven by an aged negro with shining black face and very white wool, was about to pass at the same time.

As she hesitated, the donkey was stopped with a peremptory, "Woo, Squash, J. Woo, sah, I tells yo'!" and while she crossed, nodding in recognition of the clear passage thus afforded her, the venerable darkey took off his tattered remnant of a hat, and said with a flourish:

"Pass on, my missus, pass on! Squash and me, we allus waits on the ladies."

She was charmed with this, as a sample of the courtesy of the colored race, and said that Sir Walter Raleigh's gallantry fell far short of it, in her opinion, inasmuch as it had interested motives.

## An Evening's Amusement.

The popularity of Peter Piper's celebrated peck of pickled peppers will probably never wane as a snare to catch the tongue that would fain be agile; but that test has formidable rivals. The following short sentences do wonders in baffling the ordinary powers of speech, and when spoken fast afford considerable amusement.

Gaze on the gay gray brigade.  
The sea ceaseth, but it sufficeth us.  
Say, should such a shapely sash shabby stitches show?  
Strange strategic statistics.  
Cassel's solicitor shyly slashes a shoe.  
Give Grimes Jim's great gig-gig-hip.  
Sarah in a shawl shovelled soft snow slowly.  
She sells sea shells.  
A cup of coffee in a copper coffee cup.  
Smith's spirit flask split Phillip's sixth sister's fifth squirrel's skull.

The Leith police dismisseth us.  
Mr. Fisk wished to whisk whiskey.

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