

NEWS OF THE DAY.

CANADIAN.

The porkpackers of Ontario have organized themselves into an association.

The much dreaded hog cholera has again made his appearance in South Essex.

The loss by the stoppage of navigation in the Cornwall canal is estimated at \$551,500.

Pressure is to be brought on the fire underwriters in Montreal to effect a reduction in rates.

Great anxiety is felt in Winnipeg over the result of the railway case before the Supreme Court.

Senator Trudel, editor of *L'Etendard*, has commended an action for \$50,000 for libel against *Le Monde*.

Miss Macdonald, sister of the Premier, died in Kingston on Sunday morning. She was 70 years of age.

The Governor General is interesting himself in organizing a winter course of scientific lectures in Ottawa.

Ottawa clergymen are opposed to the movement in favor of the abolition of Church property from exemption.

At a meeting of the farmers of North Waterloo, held in Guelph on Saturday, a farmers' institute was organized.

Work on the western extension of the Ontario and Pacific railway is being vigorously pushed forward in and near London.

Dr. Coventry says that the mortality returns for Windsor for the past six months show that it is the healthiest town in the province.

It is understood in Montreal political circles that there will be no settlement of the Jesuit estate question until August next.

A syndicate is being formed in Montreal to utilize the waters of the Lachine rapids for the purpose of furnishing electric light to the city.

The new canal at the Canadian Sault will cost from two and a half to three million dollars. The contract calls for its completion by May, 1892.

It is rumored that Premier Mercier has notified the members of the Quebec Civil Service that they will be dismissed unless they pay their debts.

The Hudson Bay Company expect a comparatively small supply of furs as the result of the season's trading. The land sales have been larger than last year's.

The Michigan lumbermen are very eager for Canadian pine, and a Saginaw firm has concluded the purchase of three timber berths in the Georgian Bay district.

The inspector for the Provincial Board of Health has visited Sarnia and found that smallpox is well under control and likely to be shortly stamped out there.

The Dominion Government intend inviting the Australian colonies and New Zealand to send delegates to Ottawa to discuss questions relating to an interchange of trade.

It is stated on good authority that Rev. Father Chiniquy has felt himself compelled on account of age give up his travels, and intends to settle down in Montreal.

At a recent school concert in Kingston, Mr. Henry Bowden drew attention to some faults of our present school system, which places too high a premium on mere memory.

As a counter move to the action of the Dominion Government in increasing the export duty on Canadian pine logs, the Michigan lumbermen are agitating for the passage of a bill doubling the import duty on Canadian lumber.

It was argued before the Court of Appeal, in Montreal, in the case of Jacobs, who is undergoing a life sentence for the murder of his wife, that the proceedings at the trial are void, as the murdered woman's name was not in the indictment.

Sir John Macdonald denies the statement telegraphed to the Winnipeg "Sun" to the effect that the promoters of the Hudson Bay railway had been promised an increased subsidy by the Dominion Government if they succeeded in over throwing the Greenway Ministry.

In his Thanksgiving sermon, Rev. Mr. Herridge, of St. Andrew's, Ottawa, referring to the agitation in favour of taxing church property, contended that the church was fully entitled to the exemption by reason of her work in ennobling and purifying the whole national life.

Rev. W. J. Sparling, of Kingston, speaking on the temperance question, said he was sick and tired of temperance speakers denouncing the Government when the people had the power in their own hands of having a Government in favour of temperance if they wished.

Mr. and Mrs. Gobe, who reside near Kingston, banked their savings, amounting to \$900, in an old stocking, hiding it under a bed. Their children transferred the stocking to an empty stove, and the other day when the first fire of the season was lighted the accumulations of years were destroyed.

It is a singular fact that despite the abandonment of the policy of assisted passages by the Dominion Government, the volume of immigration to Canada has increased considerably. The arrivals for the ten months of the year were 146,607, an increase of 18,347 over those for the same period last year.

AMERICAN.

California had a sharp shock of earthquake on Sunday.

The Vatican authorities express satisfaction with the election of Mr. Harrison.

The membership of the Knights of Labour fell off last year to the extent of 300,000.

At the auction sale of Lord Sackville's effects in Washington very good prices were received.

A powerful American syndicate is about to be formed for the purpose of building railways in Siberia.

A team of Philadelphia cricketers will play a series of matches in England and Ireland next season.

Large prairie fires have been raging throughout the State of Dakota, and great damage has been done.

In the Vermont House of Representatives yesterday the bill granting to women the right of suffrage was defeated by 102 to 31.

Thirty-three dead bodies have been taken from the debris of the Rochester lantern works, and it is believed that ten or twelve remain.

C. J. Jones, a wealthy Kansas rancher, has purchased the herd of tame buffaloes owned by Warden Bodson, at Stony Mountain, Mau.

The bears made another raid on Chicago wheat, knocking it down 1c to 1 1/2c, and Monday's quotations were the lowest for some weeks.

The residents of Milford, Mass., and vicinity felt a slight but continuous earthquake on Saturday morning, lasting from two to four minutes.

It is officially stated that the description of the Kansas mining accident were greatly overdrawn. The total loss of life was 30, and the wounded numbered 20.

Thirty-three bodies have been taken from the ruins left by the great fire on Friday night in Rochester, and ten or twelve more bodies are probably still buried.

Boston has a sensation in the alleged opium smoking and infidelity of the beautiful and accomplished wife of Fred. Hurst, the proprietor of "Pond's Extract."

Flora Schmidt, the young woman who was taken to Bellevue hospital, in New York, on Friday night with symptoms of yellow fever, died on Saturday morning.

The steamer Iberia, which suffered in the collision with the Umbria, sank on Sunday night, while the latter steamer, having undergone repairs, started from New York yesterday morning.

Herman J. Emerson, the convicted New York policy dealer in whose place forger Bedell lost \$30,000 in one year, was yesterday sentenced to penitentiary for one year and fined \$1,000.

The steamer Umbria, which arrived at Queenstown on Sunday night from New York, made the passage in six days, two hours, and twenty-two minutes, the fastest eastern voyage on record.

Dr. Gibier, the famous Paris scientist, has performed an autopsy on the body of the head nurse who died of yellow fever at Jacksonville, and secured some of the intestinal fluids, and will search them for fever germs.

Mr. Phelps, the American Minister, in a speech before the members of the Glasgow bar yesterday, said that nothing in the administration of justice in Great Britain was more excellent than the prompt and efficient manner in which the laws were executed.

Mr. Fitzgerald, President of the Irish National Association of America, has made a very frantic appeal to the Irish in the United States to subscribe money freely to enable Mr. Parnell to defeat the "slimy methods" of Lord Salisbury before the Times' Commission.

A number of Detroit lumber merchants, in interviews Monday, said the effect of the increase of the export duty by the Canadian Government would be to stop the importation of logs into Michigan and the encouragement of the manufacture of lumber in Canada.

Mrs. Judge Hirsch, of Navarro County, Tex., gave birth to six children on the afternoon of November 3. There are four boys and two girls. The father, George Hirsch, is 31 and his wife 27. They have been married five years, and have three children besides the recent accession. Hirsch has named the boys Frederick, Mills, Cleveland and Thurman. The girls are Victoria and Louise. The babies are tagged to preserve their identity.

It is told of a Fall River teacher that she recently gave an object lesson in physiology, and in the course of the instruction asked where the backbone was. Not receiving any answer, she indicated its position in her own body, and then asked what it was. Nobody could answer at first. Suddenly a bright thought occurred to an observing youngster. His eyes sparkled and he raised his hand to attract the teacher's attention. "Well, John," she said, "what do you call it?" "Yer bustle," answered the lad promptly. The information was too much for the school, and the laughter that followed indicated that the innocent mistake was perceived by the other pupils.

FOREIGN.

The "White Pasha" has defeated the Dervishes in a great battle.

Several British vessels and many lives were lost in the recent gales.

The Berlin correspondent of *La France* has been expelled from Prussia.

The Gressen University has conferred the degree of doctor of divinity upon Prince Bismarck.

General Bingham, Earl of Lucan, who took part in the famous charge of the Light Brigade is dead.

An explosion of fire damp occurred in a Belgian coal mine recently, by which 32 men were killed.

The daughter of the Empress dowager's brother has been selected as the consort of the Emperor of China.

The Invincibles Mullet and McCaffrey have been taken to London to give evidence before the Parnell Commission.

Prince Ferdinand has been warned that a plot is hatching against him among the Bulgarian refugees in Constantinople.

Portugal, on invitation of Great Britain and Germany, will send vessels to take part in the blockade of East African ports.

Emperor William has been far from well for the last three weeks, and his medical advisers order rest of both mind and body.

Lord Carnarvon has written to *The Times* deprecating the idea that Colonies should have a say in the selection of their Governors.

The German ironclad Kaiser, with Prince Henry of Prussia on board, went aground this week while entering Copenhagen harbor.

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The Paris Municipal Council has decided to take part in the demonstration at the tomb of the revolutionist Baudin, on December 2.

The Non-Conformist Unionist Association gave a banquet in London on Wednesday evening in honour of Lord Salisbury and Lord Hartington.

It is stated as a suspicious fact that a St. Petersburg student committed suicide at work, immediately after the recent accident to the Czar's train.

The Chinese Government has learned that a secret treaty has been concluded between Russia and Korea, providing for a Russian protectorate of Korea.

It is stated the Imperial Government have approved of the scheme to build eight first-

class men of war, a score of swift cruisers, and as many torpedo boats.

The St. Petersburg *Messenger* accuses Prince Bismarck of planning in 1863, under cover of aiding the Czar, for the annexation of Russian Poland to Prussia.

The expense of the London *Times* in the Parnell Commission are simply enormous. It is calculated that for witnesses alone the paper pays nearly \$4,000 a day.

The people of New South Wales and New Zealand are of the same mind with Queens land on the right of a colony to be consulted regarding the choice of a Governor.

A meeting of the representative of all the interests concerned in the East African movement will be held in Cologne to-morrow to discuss the question of recruiting a colonial force.

The Irish Bishops have received another Papal rescript ordering them to actively execute the former rescript, which instructed them to denounce the Plan of Campaign and boycotting.

The bill voting £5,000,000 to extend the operations of the Ashbourne Act was introduced in the House of Commons yesterday and Mr. Gladstone proposed his amendment, making a vigorous speech.

King Milan has offered to confirm the right of ex-Queen Natalie to the title of Majesty provided she foregoes her intended protest to the European Courts and admits the legality of her divorce.

Ex-Empress Victoria arrived Monday morning at Port Victoria, where she was met by the Queen, the Princess Louise and Beatrice, and Count von Hatzfeld, and accompanied by them to Windsor.

The English and German consular authorities in Zanzibar are about to issue a similar proclamation forbidding German and English subjects to contract with slave-owners for a supply of slave labour.

Leut. Dupleep Singh, son of the famous Maharajah, who was for years a pensioner of the British Government, will pay a visit to Ottawa shortly on the staff of Sir John Ross, who will be the guest of the Governor-General.

A decided sensation was created at the Parnell Commission, when Lady Mount, morose, referring to the murder of her husband in 1880, said that before the Land League was established his Lordship was on good terms with his tenants.

Major Schiebert urges upon the German Government a partial abolition of the fortresses on the French frontier, which are merely obstructions, as in the event of war France would mass her troops, and the contest would be decided by pitched battles.

The indirect overture of King Milan of Serbia for Russian support has been summarily rejected. The South Russian press freely describes him as a renegade Slav and Austrian puppet. The press censor has not interfered with the newspapers for their attacks upon Milan.

The canal through the Isthmus of Corinth in Greece, is just approaching completion. It was first planned 2,500 years ago, and work was actually begun on it under the Emperor Nero over 1,700 years ago. When completed it will be four miles long, and deep enough to float the largest vessels that navigate the adjacent seas.

The Birmingham Unionists have decided to present an address to Mr. Chamberlain on his return home with his bride. They will also present an address to Mr. Bright on his 77th birthday. Mr. Bright continues to be confined to his bed with a slight renewal of bronchitis. His son writes that it will be impossible for his father to resume his place in Parliament for a long time.

The Viceroy of India informed a Darbar at Patiala that the British Government would not avail itself of the offers of money from the Indian princes for the defence of the country, but would ask them to form strong native forces fit for service with the Imperial troops. The government would provide English officers and furnish breech loaders and a battery of four guns for each Punjab chief.

A Bold Wildcat.

A gentleman from Upson county, says the Atanta (Ga) *Constitution*, relates a thrilling experience between Mr. Matthews, who lives near Pine mountain, and a large wildcat. Mr. Matthews, after enjoying a social chat with one of his neighbors, saddled his horse and started home. His road led him over the mountain. He was riding along at a slow pace, absorbed in thought, when he passed a thick clump of trees and bushes that stood near the roadside. Suddenly he heard a loud crashing and a large animal of the cat species bounded upon the haunches of his horse, with a fierce scream, which so frightened the animal that he gave a leap forward and came near hurling his rider overboard, and at the same time causing the cat to lose its hold and fall to the ground. Mr. Matthews lost all presence of mind and forgetting that he had his gun with him, let the cat escape without getting a shot at him. Being a "bright, moonshiny" night he got a good look at the cat, and thought it was a panther. Spurring his horse he hastened home and made preparations to return and track the animal to its lair, presuming that it must have had its young with it, which caused it to be so ferocious. Having a pair of large fox hounds, he took them with him to a neighbor's house and prevailed upon him to accompany him upon his hunt. Scouring a few other dogs, they started out in search of the animal. Arriving at the spot where he had recently had his adventure with the cat, Mr. Matthews called the dogs and put them upon the track. They soon struck out at a headlong speed across the mountain and it was not long ere they had the animal at bay. The gentleman soon found them, and standing with a bold front to the dogs was the boldest wildcat they had seen. In the rear of the mother, as they had expected to see, were two large half-grown kittens. These they proceeded to make short work of with their guns. The mother was turned over to the dogs, and after a hard fight she was killed, the hunters assisting the dogs with the butt ends of their guns. She weighed ninety pounds and measured six feet.

The Mercantile Agency reported that S. M. Clapp & Co. are slaughtering Boots and Shoes at cost and under. They are selling Ladies' Fine Kid Button Boots, (worked holes) for \$1, any size; Child's Solid Leather Lace Boots, 7 to 10, for 50 cents; Boys' all Leather School Boots, 75 cents; in fact everything in footwear at ridiculously low prices. Now is the time to get "Big" value at the West End Bargain Shoe Houses, 364 and 440 Queen west. S. M. Clapp & Co.

Queer Scenes in Church.

In Mrs. Gilbert's autobiography there is an entertaining sketch of meeting house customs in England in the olden times. Among the rest she describes an old man, John Day, so hard of hearing that he always sat at the top of the pulpit stairs.

Leaving against the pulpit door, he looked like the minister's henchman. His venerable and rictus countenance, his drab knee-breeches gaping above his corded gray stockings, are deeply graven on my memory, and not less so, a certain occasion when his huge tin snuff box slipped from his pottering fingers, and rolled bump, bump, down the uncarpeted stairs with portentous noise.

John Day, no whit disconcerted, watched its course, and then with his heavy high-logs descended after it, one stair at a time, returning in like manner. The whole operation took a long time; yet the sermon halted not, nor did devout attention fail.

In those days, if any one suffered from drowsiness under the subdivided discourse, he would rise and stand in his place. Several grave elders, in an afternoon, might be seen thus upon their legs, and it is recorded that my mother's great grandfather, leaning unthinkingly upon his pew door, it opened suddenly, compelling him to follow its semi-circular movement at a sharp trot, till brought up sharp against the side of the pew.

Then the grave figure in snuff-colored suit and protuberant wig took the door in hand and walked back into his place, with no visible disturbance in the congregation.

California Justice.

California in the days of "forty-niners" saw the strangest changes! Store-keepers dispensed liquor and dry goods, and performed the duties of justice of the peace. Rough, ignorant miners practised law and physic, and even administered justice of the most rough and ready sort.

One of the alcaldes, or magistrates, of Yreka, George C. Vail, had a method of trying prisoners which was quaint, even among the off-hand magistrates of California. A lad once complained that his employer was leaving the place without paying him his wages.

Vail started two constables after the man, who was arrested and brought into court. He did not deny the boy's claim, but insisted that he had no money to pay it.

"Constables," said Vail, "stand that man on his head, shake him well, and listen, if anything drops!"

The man was inverted, and from his pocket dropped a bag containing two thousand dollars in gold dust. Out of it the boy's claim for two hundred dollars was paid, and three ounces of gold for the fees of judge and constables. Then the bag of dust was returned, and he departed, with less money, but with more respect for the law than he had before.

The Greenland Expedition.

The safe arrival of Dr. Nansen and his fellow explorers at Godthaap is a cause for rejoicing, but whether it is an event of much scientific importance is yet to be determined. When the little band of mountain-climbers set out on this expedition, the plan was to traverse the "Sahara of the North" at the widest part, or at least as far north as the seventeenth parallel. That is the region on the East coast visited by Koldewey and Soreby. A march across country would have brought the explorers out on Baffin bay at Upernavik, or at least at Godhaven, and such a trip, seven or eight hundred miles, would have laid open to the eye of science the very heart of the mysterious Arctic continent. Instead, the party has appeared at Godthaap, on Davis Strait, and near the southern point of Greenland. If they struck in at the same latitude on the other side, they have merely tramped for a couple of hundred miles across the snow far south of the Arctic circle, in a country already pretty well known—an achievement of no especial value or interest. On Dr. Nansen's return to Bergen we shall know whether his expedition has been merely a snow-scrambling frolic or a conquest of the last untravalled continent.—[New York Tribune.

The Meteor Stream.

The earth is now passing through the great stream of meteors which has caused so many celebrated star showers in the historic period. If we could get accurate records of these November displays in ancient times the myriads of meteors, known as the Leonids, that have bombarded the earth would appear incredible and alarming. Happily for our planet, its atmosphere, many miles deep, interposes over our heads an invisible shield, which but very few of these heavenly projectiles can penetrate. The large majority of them are melted and volatilized by heat developed in the arrest of their motion by the air. The earth will pass this time through an attenuated part of the meteor ring, and will not encounter its thickest part until 1899. While, therefore, no such star shower as was seen on November 13; 1866, can be now expected, meteors enough may be observed to show that we are in the orbit of the Leonids.

Educating the Apes.

An intelligent chimpanzee in the Zoological Gardens, London, has been taught to count up to five. He is exhibiting his talent for mathematics to the delight of many visitors by handing them with great solemnity and accuracy the exact number of straws they ask for up to that number. Evidences are accumulating that the family of which the late Mr. Crowley was a bright and shining member are very good fellows, with considerable latent capacity. If they continue to show a faculty for development, the recent sorrow expressed by a young explorer because no missions have been sent to the anthropoid apes may be interpreted as a genuine lament. He is suspected of trying to make a sly dig at the missionaries, but the good words he has spoken for the apes are proving true. Who knows but our anthropoid cousins are capable of indefinite improvement under educational treatment.

The Queen Regent of Spain has had her embarrassments increased by the German Emperor sending her word that he hopes soon to pay her a visit. She wants to keep on good terms with France, which has been, so far, a pleasant neighbor, but might become a dangerous and disagreeable one.

Rev. Wm. T. Hill, rector of the Church of the Messiah, Kincardine, on the occasion of his resignation to accept the rectorship of the Church of St. John the Evangelist in London, was presented with an address, a handsome silver service and a marble clock.

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