

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

CANADIAN.

Grain shovellers at Kingston are making from \$16 to \$20 per week.

A. Campbell was elected mayor of Rat Portage on Monday.

The total assessment in Kingston this year is \$7,931,545, an increase of \$50,000 over last year.

The Canadian Pacific railway reports a steady exodus from the Lower Provinces to Manitoba.

It is expected in the North-West that there will be an early and large immigration to the Territories from Austria.

About 75 families have been rendered homeless by a fire in a suburb of St. John, N. B.

Donald Cameron, a celebrated football player and champion athlete of Queen's University, Kingston, died on Monday of typhoid fever.

The Seminary of St. Sulpice has subscribed \$2,500 towards the erection of the monument to Maisonneuve, the founder of Montreal.

Eli Eede, aged 21, living near Leamington, was killed by a large stone rolling upon him.

Cable advices were received in Montreal on Monday stating that all restrictions upon Canadian cattle in England and Scotland have now been removed.

The Royal Commission on Prohibition will resume its work in Montreal on the 25th inst.

Constable Hans Prahl of the Northwest Mounted Police Force was killed last week at Lethbridge by slipping from his horse.

Rev. Dr. Rand has been appointed chancellor of McMaster University at a meeting of the senate.

A Quebec despatch says Hon. Charles Langelier's fine house on the Louis road at Quebec is to be sold by sheriff's sale on June 6.

Edmond Belanger has been found guilty of wilful murder by the coroner's jury at Quebec for stabbing Cleophas Beardoin to death at Montmorency Falls a few days ago.

Nothing has yet been heard of the whereabouts of Mr. Duncan McCormick, the well-known Queen's counsel, who disappeared from Montreal a couple of weeks ago.

The three-year-old son of William Garne was run over and instantly killed by an electric car on the Metropolitan Street Railway on Yonge street, corner of Eglinton avenue, Toronto, on Monday evening.

A Winnipeg despatch says that Nathan White, formerly of Portageville, Ont., was accidentally shot and killed near Indian Head.

A delegation of New England farmers who have been looking over Manitoba, have returned east for their families, being delighted with the western country.

Mary Drago, a 14-year-old girl living at Prairie Siding, Dover Township, was killed by the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hands of another girl.

The water in the St. Lawrence is exceedingly low for this time of the year, and lake vessel-owners and forwarders are uneasy.

Fifty workmen employed in one of the lumber yards on the Chaudiere at Ottawa have struck work, because they were required to work eleven hours per day, instead of ten hours, without additional pay.

The French-Canadian exodus to the United States is seriously alarming the priests, who are using every means in their power to check the drain.

The shipment of live stock from Montreal commenced this week, and by Saturday probably 2,000 Canadian cattle will have gone forward to the Old Country markets.

The Executive Committee has adopted a motion to exempt from taxation the plant machinery and tools used in all manufacturing industries within Toronto for ten years.

The losses of cattle on the ranches of the Canadian North-west last winter amounted to only 4 per cent., and that small percentage was due to the late blizzard.

The steamer Caspian, which arrived last week at Halifax from Liverpool, brought 230 sailors and ten officers of the British navy who are on their way to join the Chinese squadron.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Toronto City Council the rate of taxation was fixed at 14 1/2 mills on the dollar, which is two mills less than the rate last year.

The committee of the Imperial Federation League in charge of the placing in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, of a monument to Sir John Alexander Macdonald, have commissioned George Wade to execute a marble bust of the late Canadian Premier. The bust will be placed in the crypt beside Lord Mayo's.

In the Dominion House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr. Haggart explained at great length his plan for preventing deficits on the Intercolonial railway. He intends dismissing a number of employes, and reducing the train service.

Queen's College students have been appointed to the following mission fields in the west:—Salt Coats Crofter settlement, A. D. McKinnon, who will minister to the crofters in Gaelic; Prince Albert, John Muirhead; Belmont, Hugh R. Grant; Regina district, Chas. Daly; Crystal City, L. McLeod.

The Chamber of Commerce of Montreal has written to all Boards of Trade sending delegates to the Congress to be held in London in June, asking what instructions are to be given to the representatives, with a view of securing uniformity of action; and also urging the adoption of the metric system of weights and measures and the decimal monetary system for the whole British Empire.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Baron Bramwell, the celebrated English judge, died on Monday. He was 84 years of age.

Dr. Vaughan, the new archbishop of Westminster, was enthroned on Saturday, in the pro-cathedral in the presence of a large crowd.

Edward O'Brien, the invincible, who was recently released from Mountjoy prison, Ireland, is dead.

Scott's hotel, in Coventry street, London was burned on Sunday night, and four waiters who were sleeping in an upper room lost their lives.

The Chamber of Commerce of Manchester Eng., has by a vote of 164 to 156 declared itself in favour of bimetalism.

ratifications of the Behring Sea arbitration agreement and *modus vivendi* convention were exchanged between Great Britain and the United States on Saturday.

Mr. Schnadhorst, the Liberal election agent, calculates that the next general election will give the Gladstonians a majority of 77 in the next House of Commons.

An international horticultural exhibition, which promises to be very successful, was opened on Saturday in London by the Duke of Connaught.

The foot and mouth disease has been completely stamped out in Great Britain, and the restrictions on cattle shipments from one part of the country to another have been relaxed.

Mr. McDonnell, Lord Salisbury's private secretary, has written to an Oxford clergyman that "his Lordship is glad to see you impress upon the electors the probability that Home Rule would produce the greatest of all curses—a religious civil war."

Amy Faulkner, the young woman who was picked up on the railway track near Leeds, and who claimed to have been assaulted and thrown out of the compartment has confessed to the police that her story is all a fiction, arising probably from her hysterical condition.

Nine hundred and ninety-nine non-Conformist Ministers of Ireland have addressed to Mr. Gladstone an appeal against an Irish Parliament or the subjection of great Protestant communities to Roman Catholic rule. Mr. Gladstone's answer was that he derived no new information from this document.

The fact that Mr. Gladstone refused to receive the deputation from the labor unions with regard to the eight hours' movement is causing uneasiness in the Liberal ranks, which is intensified by Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour consenting to listen to the deputation's statements.

John Nicholl, who wrote an article in the *Commonwealth*, the English Anarchists' organ, inciting parties unknown to murder Home Secretary Matthews, Judge Hawkins, and police inspector Melville, was tried at the Old Bailey, London, and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

A special cablegram referring to a meeting of the Primrose League in London, says the audience grew madly enthusiastic when Lord Salisbury indulged in veiled threats that the House of Lords would come to the rescue of the Conservative element of the Empire by rejecting Home Rule for Ireland as often as the House of Commons should pass such a measure.

At the annual meeting in Liverpool the other day of the London and Lancashire Insurance Company, the chairman declared that the business with the United States was worse than that with the rest of the world put together. A special cablegram says that steps are being taken to raise the premiums to a scale sufficient to offset the losses which experience had proved to be inevitable.

Mr. Woodall of Liverpool, reviewing the Canadian apple trade for the season just closing, says the shipments were the largest on record, the receipts at Liverpool alone reaching nearly 1,000,000 barrels, including American. During almost the entire period prices were much higher than in previous years.

UNITED STATES.

Fifteen hundred stonecutters in New York are on strike.

Recent snowstorms in Wyoming have caused disastrous injury to live stock on the ranches.

The Mississippi river is higher than ever before recorded, and still rising. Much property has been destroyed and many lives lost.

Senator John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky, is said to be in the field for the presidency.

President Harrison has approved the Chinese Exclusion bill.

A 2-year-old infant, the son of John B. Ritch, living at New Rose, Ind., was literally devoured by a large house-dog.

Two hundred striking ironworkers from the World's Fair grounds had a lively encounter with Chicago police. Many of the men were seriously hurt.

Abel Smith, 23 years old, of Carnarvon, N. Y., killed his wife and then threw himself under a railway train, being ground to pieces.

Charles Tanetin, a stevedore, committed suicide at San Francisco by jumping into the furnace of a steamboat. He was drunk and despondent.

John Anderson, a Dane, who is alleged to have married twenty women, is on trial in Cleveland, Ohio.

Floods have devastated large tracts of land in Indiana. A number of lives have been lost.

Patrick O'Sullivan, one of the Cronin assassins, died at Joliet Ill., prison. He made no confession.

The Republicans were victorious in the municipal elections in St. Paul, Minn., on Tuesday. Col. Wright was elected mayor.

A number of people were killed and many seriously injured by a cyclone in De Kalb County, Montana.

Fifteen thousand people attended the actors' fund fair in New York the other night. The receipts for the day were \$16,742. On the whole entertainment the profits were \$200,000.

The neighborhood of Ottawa, Ill., is flooded, and a large section of country is cut off from outside communication.

It is stated that John Sherman will accept the Republican nomination for President if it is tendered to him.

The World's Columbian Commission has run out of funds, and will have to pass round the hat to meet current expenses.

A report from western Kentucky is that Buffalo gnats are causing great losses. It is estimated that 1,000 horses have been killed by them.

Frank H. Hutchins, of Utica, N. Y., was instantly killed by being whirled around a shaft revolving 140 times a minute. His legs were torn from his body.

About one-third of Topeka, Kansas, is under water and the railroads of the state are badly crippled by washouts and land slides.

At the Methodist Episcopal Conference for the United States in Omaha, Neb., the other day, it was reported that the mem-

bership is now 2,292,694, an increase of 442,000 during the past four years.

The Robinson Woollen Company, of Kansas City, dealers in cloth trimmings, etc., with branch stores at St. Louis, Topeka and Wichita, has assigned. Assets estimated at \$1,000,000; liabilities unknown.

Bishop Gabriels was consecrated to the Ogdensburg diocese the other day at Albany in the presence of 30 bishops and archbishops and 500 clergy, including a number from Canada.

Almy, who was convicted of the murder of Christie Warden some time ago, has been denied a new trial, and was sentenced on Wednesday to be hanged on the second Tuesday in May, 1893. They take a long time about these things in the States.

Peter Schultz, aged seventeen, and Adam Haas, twenty-two years of age, for burying alive a three-months-old child, and Mrs. Wertheimer, the mother of the child, who instigated the murder, are all under arrest in New York.

The expedition to leave England on the 1st of June to explore a hitherto unknown portion of the dark Continent will be led and equipped by Dr. Wm. Astor Chamber, a young American, known as an enthusiastic African traveller.

James Goudie, sr., has just died in Chicago. He is said to have built the first vessel that ever crossed the Atlantic by steam power alone, namely, The Royal William, which made the trip from Picton, N. S., to Gravesend in 1833. He was 81 years old, and was married to his wife, who survives him, nearly 60 years ago.

IN GENERAL.

Twenty-one supposed dynamiters are now in custody at Liege.

The Berlin Tageblatt publishes a report from Arab sources that Emin Pasha is dead.

The condition of affairs in parts of Mexico on account of the drought is deplorable.

M. Guirand, a composer, and one of the greatest authorities on music in France, is dead.

It is rumored in Britain that Prince Bismarck will shortly be appointed to an important official position.

Heavy snow storms during the past few days have caused great damage in Hungary and the Tyrol.

Henry M. Stanley will be a guest of King Leopold of Belgium next month by royal invitation.

The Czar and Czarina will leave St. Petersburg for Berlin on May 21 to pay a visit to Emperor William.

The preparations for war in Russia are said to have never been more active than they are now.

The Spanish Cabinet has decided in favour of the introduction of a law depriving dynamiters of trial by jury.

The execution of Frederick Bailey Deering for the murder of his wife at Windsor, Australia, has been fixed for May 23.

M. Gresser, prefect of St. Petersburg, is dying from the effects of poison administered by unknown persons.

A sensation has been caused in Russia by the appointment of a military officer as inspector of the whole system of railways.

The military students at Shun King, China, have taken forcible measures to expel the British missionaries from that city.

One of the leaders of the recent Choyang rebellion in China was captured and brought to Tien Tsin, where he was slowly sliced to death.

A Rome despatch says: At the request of Archbishop Ireland the Rev. Father Caillet, administrator of St. Paul, Minn., has been nominated domestic prelate at the Vatican.

Notwithstanding the repeated and positive direction of the Pope, the higher clergy of France continue to manifest a most earnest opposition to the Republic.

Monday was the tenth birthday of Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany, and the occasion was marked by the young Prince receiving his commission as a lieutenant in the army.

The public censor in St. Petersburg has forbidden theatre-goers to express disapprobation of the play or players by hissing or other hostile demonstrations.

Isabella Marino, of Los Ojos, N. M., who was jilted by Joe Pedro, took a desperate revenge. She entered the bedroom of Pedro and his newly married wife, and cut out their tongues while they were asleep.

Six Jews and Jewesses were convicted in St. Petersburg of murdering babies entrusted to their care. The prisoners had gained the name of "angel makers."

News from the famine districts of Russia is very gloomy. A special cablegram says scurvy has followed the epidemics of typhus and smallpox which have swept over the afflicted provinces. Thousands of the sick go without food or nursing until death ends their misery.

The Motherly Shepherd Dog.

The shepherd dog is the best mother in the animal kingdom. A neighbor of mine has a shepherd who has pups 2 or 3 months old, and not long ago a couple of the pups had a difference on some subject of canine interest and got to fighting. The mother heard them, and appearing to understand that the case was serious, ran out and attempted to separate them, holding one with her paws while she pushed the other away with her nose. She was unsuccessful, for the pups kept on fighting, and leaving them she ran into the house, and by barking and whining attracted the attention of her master, who rose and followed her into the yard. He lifted one of the pups by the tail and the other by the hind legs and soon shook the belligerency out of them, and though the poor little mother looked on with manifest distress at the roughness of the means employed, she was evidently satisfied with the result, for as soon as the pups were released and sneaked off, she capered about her master, fawning on him and in every way showing her gratitude.—[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The largest tree in diameter of which correct measurements have been taken is the one known as the "Old Man" tree, near Gardiner's selection, Beech Forests, on the main Sabina range, between the Aire and the Gellibrand. Near the ground the circumference is 90ft.; 5ft. from the ground, 76ft.; 8ft. from the ground, 69ft.; and 8ft above the first branch, 5ft.

YOUNG FOLKS.

Tommy's Choice.

Altho' I've lots of playthings
To fill my life with fun,
I'd rather be you Shanghai
That rules the chicken run.

He stands beneath the shower
In all the pelting flood;
And sets completely covered
From head to foot with mud.

He has no nurse to grab him
And take him in her wrath,
And give him parasitic
And plunge him in a bath.

And put clean clothes upon him
And make him indoors stay,
To play with wooden soldiers
Until the close of day.

Ah, wouldn't I be happy,
And wouldn't it be sweet,
To be that old pet Shanghai
They'll never kill to eat.

—[Independent.

Dickens's Children.

Dickens was never more successful in painting a child than in David Copperfield; but David is not a specimen of commonplace childhood. It is needful to remember this if we are to appreciate him properly. From the very first he has about him the air of genius. All children, unless they be abnormally dull and stupid, are full of fancies. They breathe the atmosphere of poetry. They see wonders in the heavens above and the earth beneath. Tragedy and comedy are ever chasing each other over the stage of their existence. Now they are in the depths of despair; now it would seem as if they and joy were inseparable companions.

Yet, I venture to think that such a child as David Copperfield is rare. The majority are made of more commonplace material. They would know better how to get on with Mr. and Miss Murdstone. Very few boys—nowadays at any rate—would, even at eight or nine years of age, be quite so easily imposed on by a waster as to allow him to eat their dinner without uttering a word of protest. I am very doubtful, too, whether many boys would have been quite so lover like to Little Emily, and have found such intense delight in Mr. Pegotty's wonderful house by the sea at Yarmouth. Still, one feels that David is real and from first to last consistent with himself, which, by the way, is more than can be said for all Dickens's characters—Ham Pegotty to wit, who, when we are first introduced to him, is little more than a half-witted, blundering lout, but becomes before the end of the story a really magnificent fellow. Everyone will call to mind many other child characters in the writings of Dickens. No other male writer has given us so many.

In my judgment, none of his children can compare with those of certain female writers. I have, however, drawn attention to the prominence of children in Dickens, not so much in order to discuss his success or failure in this department as to emphasize the fact that he was one of the first of the great writers of fiction who recognized the charm and interest which children give to a book.

Burdette's Message to Boys.

My boy, the first thing you want to learn—if you haven't learnt it already—is to tell the truth. The pure, sweet, refreshing, wholesome truth. The plain unvarnished, simple, everyday, manly, truth with a little "t."

For one thing, it will save you so much trouble—oh, heaps of trouble—and no end of hard work, and a terrible strain upon your memory. Sometimes—and when I say sometimes—it is hard to tell the truth the first time. But when you have told it there is an end of it. You have won the victory; the fight is over. Next time you tell that truth you can tell it without thinking.

Your memory may be faulty, but you tell your story without a single lash from the stinging whip of that stern old taskmaster—conscience. You don't have to stop to remember how you told it yesterday you don't get half through with it and then stop with the awful sense upon you that you are not telling it as you told it the other time, and cannot remember just how you told it then; you won't have to look around to see who is there before you begin telling it; and you won't have to invent a lot of new lies to reinforce the old one. After Ananias told a lie his wife had to tell one just like it. You see, if you tell lies you are apt to get your whole family into trouble. Lies always travel in gangs with their coevals.

And then it is so foolish for you to lie. You cannot pass a lie off for the truth any more than you can get a counterfeit money into circulation; the leaden dollar is always detected before it goes very far. When you tell a lie it is known. "Yes," you say, "God knows it." That's right; but He is not the only one. So far as God's knowledge is concerned, the liar doesn't care very much. He doesn't worry about what God knows—if he did he wouldn't be a liar, but it does worry a man or boy who tells lies to think that everybody else knows.

The other boys know it; your teacher knows it; people who hear you tell "whoppers" know it; your mother knows it, but she won't say so. And all the people who know it, and don't say anything about it to each other and—dear! dear! the things they say about a boy who is given to telling big stories. If he could hear them it would make him stick to the truth like flour to a miller.

And finally, if you tell the truth always, I don't see how you are going to get very ar out of the right way. And how people do trust a truthful boy! We never worry about him when he is out of sight. We never say, "I wonder where he is; I wish I knew who he is with!" I wonder why he does not come home!" Nothing of the sort; we know he is all right, and that when he gets home we will know all about it and have it all straight.

We don't have to ask him where he is going and how long he will be gone every time he leaves the house. We don't have to call him back and make him "solemnly promise" the same thing over two or three times. When he says "Yes, I will,"—"No, I won't" just once, that settles it. We don't have to cross-examine him when he comes home to find out where he has been. He tells us once, and that is enough. We don't have to say "sure?" "Are you sure, now?" when he tells anything.

But, my boy, you can't build up that reputation by merely telling the truth about half the time, nor two-thirds, nor three-

quarters, nor nine-tenths of the time, but all the time. If it brings punishment upon you while the liars escape; if it brings you into present disgrace while the smooth tongued liars are exalted; if it loses you a good position; if it degrades you in the class; if it stops a week's pay—no matter what punishment it may bring you—tell the truth.

All these things will soon be righted. The worst whipping that can be laid on a boy's back won't keep him out of the water in swimming time longer than a week; but a lie will burn in the memory fifty years. Tell the truth for the sake of the truth, and all the best people in the world will love and respect you, and all the liars respect and hate you.

Farm Talk and Printer's Ink.

One would think to hear some farmers talk that printers' ink had the strange power of knocking all the sense out of farm talk. A farmer feeds a car-load of steers and makes most excellent gains. It is the talk of the neighborhood and all the neighbors are anxious, as they ought to be, to know how he did it and do likewise. One of them, however, writes out an accurate report of the transaction to an agricultural paper. The editor looks it over, notes the age and breeding of cattle, the kind and quantity of feed used, and goes on to show that the secret of the success lay in the fact that the cattle were well bred and of the right age, and were fed a well balanced ration, or the amount of carbohydrates and albuminoids that were demanded under the circumstances and advises farmers all over the country whereas similar conditions prevail to do likewise. Why should this accurate statement of farm practice be regarded as booklearning and therefore not be relied upon, while the facts on which it is based are farm talk and therefore reliable? In other words, how is it possible for a fact stated orally to be wisdom and the same fact in printers' ink to be regarded as impractical folly?

Farming is not an exact science like mathematics. Everything about it from first to last has been learned by experience and the end of an agricultural newspaper is to make the experience of one farmer available for all farmers who have the wisdom to subscribe. It makes the experience of one reader available to all readers. It notes what experiments have been tried so fully that there are demonstrated results. If failure, then it is folly to repeat them; if successful, then so much has been added to the store of useful knowledge.

The province of an agricultural paper is to ascertain what is known concerning the science and art of farming and teach that to interpret the results of experiments and show what is known and what is unknown, what is certain and what is doubtful, what is expedient in this latitude and inexpedient in that, and in this way interpret to the farmer the experience of all farmers. Printers' inking cannot convert wisdom into folly. A wise thing said loses nothing by being stated in cold print.—[Prairie Farmer.

Points About Advertising.

John Wanamaker, who can claim to speak from experience says: "I never in my life used such a thing as a poster or dodger, or handbill. My plan for fifteen years has been to buy so much space in the newspaper and fill it up with what I wanted. I would not give an advertisement in a newspaper of 500 circulation for 5,000 dodges or posters. If I wanted to sell cheap jewelry or run a gambling scheme I might use posters, but I would not insult a decent reading public with handbills. The class of people who read such things are poor material to look to for support in mercantile affairs. I deal directly with the publisher. I say to him 'How long will you let me run a column of matter through your paper for \$100 or \$500?' as the case may be. I let him do the figuring, and if I think he is not trying to take more than his share I give him the copy. I lay aside the profits on a particular line of goods for advertising purposes. The first year I laid aside \$3,000; last year I laid aside and spent \$40,000. I have done better this year and shall increase that sum as the profits warrant it. I owe my success to the newspapers."

Dennis's Rest.

Three Irishmen on tramp, very tired and hungry, were making their way along a country road one bright moonlight night, when, coming to a broad stream which was spanned by a bridge, they perceived, as they thought, a cheese in the water close by the bridge. It was the reflection of the moon.

Being hungry, and thinking it would make a supper for them, they consulted together how to get it.

Says No. 1 (Dennis): "I'll hang on to the bridge by my hands, and then, Pat, you can climb over me, and hang on to my legs, and Mike on to yours; we shall then be able to reach it."

No sooner suggested than acted upon.

Dennis hung on to the bridge, Pat on to Dennis, and Mike on to Pat, when Dennis shouted out: "How are you going on down there?"

"Nearly reaching it," was the answer.

Then sings out Dennis: "Hold on below there a minute while I rest my hands."

They were fished out wiser and wetter men.

Trickett held the sculling championship of the world from June 27, 1876, to November 15, 1880. Hanlan was champion from November 15, 1880, to August 16, 1884; Beach from August 16, 1884, to November 28, 1887; Kemp, from November 28, 1887, to October 27, 1888, and from December, 1889, to December 15, 1890. Searle was champion from October 27, 1888, until his death December 10, 1889; John McLean from December 15, 1890, to April 28, 1891, and James Stanbury from April 28, 1891 up to the present.

It is stated by the Berlin correspondent of the London Times that Austria will join Italy in a request for a simultaneous reduction in the war forces of the Triple Alliance. It is devoutly to be hoped this end will be attained. During recent years the military spirit has held sway. Constant increase in armies and navies has been made by all the powers of Europe. When France has built one ironclad, King Humbert has at once felt that Italy must build two. No wonder that Italians emigrate to the Argentine Confederation, gloomy as the prospects of that country have recently appeared. The general disarmament of continental nations is a blessing too great to be hoped for. As long as a false spirit of patriotism exists, so long will rulers and governments take advantage of the people's further their private aims.