

# THE WEEK'S NEWS.

## CANADA.

Regina Exhibition opens July 29.  
Soap grease has been placed on the free list.  
Morden lost two hotels and a number of stores by fire.  
Notice is gazetted of the incorporation of the Bank of Winnipeg.  
Ottawa City Council has refused to reduce the number of licenses.  
Mr. Adam McGowan, a highly respected resident of Twoed Village, is dead.  
Mr. Richard Jary, a well-known citizen of Melrose, Ont., dropped dead on Tuesday.  
The report that ex-Detective Fahey is to be released from penitentiary is without foundation.  
The Lower Laurentian Railway has been sold to the Quebec & Lake St. John Railway Company.  
Mrs. James Thompson, of Camille, was fatally hurt by a bullet from a rifle in the hands of the hired man.  
The date of the general election will probably be between the 2nd and 6th April.  
The Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad Station at Merla was burned, with two freight cars.  
The papal brief appointing Father Langevin to the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, Man., arrived in Winnipeg on Friday.  
The voters' lists are pouring in upon the Clerk of the Crown-in-Chancery from all parts of the Dominion at present.  
Mr. Thomas Gordon, of Strathroy, drank a liniment in mistake for cough mixture on Saturday and died on Sunday.  
The yearly contract for supplying coal to the Grand Trunk has been awarded to Shipman of Detroit and the Erie R. R. Co.  
It is understood that Mr. Theodore Davie, the Premier of British Columbia, will soon be appointed Chief Justice of that province.  
The Toronto Granites won the Governor-General's prize for 1894 by defeating Dundas 3 shots in a curling match at Galt on Friday.  
Surgeon-Major Perry of the Madras Presidency and Capt. T. A. Houghton of the First Bombay Grenadiers are in Ottawa.  
Four convicts attempted to escape from the Kingston Penitentiary on Monday. They were caught before their plans were matured.  
Premier Greenway, of Manitoba, is suffering from a severe attack of erysipelas in the head. The doctors do not apprehend serious results.  
Mr. L. O. David, of the Montreal City Clerk, who has been president of the St. Jean Baptiste Society for many years, is expected shortly to retire.  
Rev. Robert Johnston of Lindsay will receive a call for the vacancy in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, London, caused by the death of Rev. J. A. Murray.  
The Dominion Line S.S. Labrador, from Liverpool, arrived at Halifax at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, making the quickest passage ever made to that port.  
The Canadian Pacific Railway Company on Monday took back to work in the Montreal locomotive shops a number of employees who had been laid off owing to the depression in business.  
Major Harrison for twelve years an officer of the Royal Grenadiers, Canadian militia, and well and popularly known in the service, died at his residence at Toronto on Thursday morning.  
At a funeral in Quebec the hearse got stuck in the snow and could not be moved. The horses were unhitched and the hearse with the body therein left standing in the road until next morning.  
Mr. Samuel Lanore, of Russell County, became impaled while chopping in the woods. He lifted himself by a branch above his head, but after walking home in dreadful agony died from his injuries.  
There is every indication that an ice bridge will be soon formed at Niagara Falls. Ice is coming over the falls in great quantities, and it may become stationary at any moment in the narrow gorge.  
It is expected that Mr. Samuel Wilmot, Dominion Superintendent of Fish Culture, and Mr. Samuel Pierre Bausel, chief clerk of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, will be shortly supernumerated.  
J. E. W. Macfarlane, manager of the British Columbia Iron Works Society, Vancouver, B. C., was arrested on Thursday on the charge of attempting to bribe Ald. McCraney in order to secure the contract for the city's electric light plant.  
Mr. F. E. Kilvert, collector of customs at Hamilton, has gone to Ottawa to take the place of Mr. T. J. Watters, who was arrested the other day on charges of misappropriating money belonging to the Government.  
With regard to the proposed Atlantic and Lake Superior railway, Mr. Foster, Minister of Finance, stated the other day that the Government had simply agreed to give the company three per cent. on such money as they might deposit for the purpose of paying interest on their bonds.  
The Rev. Wm. Booth, General of the Salvation Army, waited upon Sir Mackenzie Bowell on Thursday, at Toronto, and asked for the support of the Government for the projected Salvation Army colony in the Territories. The Premier said that the matured scheme would receive careful consideration when submitted.  
Mr. J. W. Tyrrell, C.E., of Hamilton, Ont., has been asked to take charge of an expedition to explore Ellesmerland, and to look for the two Swedish explorers, Björning and Kollstenius, who are supposed to be lost in that region. The expedition is being organized by an American society, and is to leave in the spring.

## GREAT BRITAIN.

Ex-Empress Frederick is at Osborne.  
The traffic of small vessels is greatly endangered by heavy ice packs at the mouth of the Thames.  
H. M. S. Rambler will be added to the North American squadron this year. She is a third-class gunboat.  
Prof. Reginald Stuart Toole, late keeper

of coins in the British Museum, is dead. He was sixty-three years of age.  
The cold weather continues in England, and in some places the thermometer registered twelve below zero on Saturday.  
Ten men, all the crew of the British brig Nelson Rice, were drowned on Saturday by the wrecking of the vessel on the rocks off Douglas, Isle of Man.  
The fourth session of the thirteenth Parliament of Great Britain of the present reign was opened on Wednesday by the Queen's speech.  
Municipal authorities of Stockton-on-Tees, England, propose to erect a statue to John Walker, whom they claim to be the inventor of lucifer matches.  
The Duke of York has been elected president of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick, which holds its one hundred and twelfth anniversary this year.  
It is said that the Prince of Wales will visit Rome in the spring, with a view to arranging a marriage between the Princess Maud and the Prince of Naples.  
The fishing smack Verena has landed at Lowestoft the body of Frederick Ernst of Magdeburg, Prussia, one of the drowned passengers of the Elbe, and some mail bags.  
The effects of the cold weather and blizzard in Great Britain have been severely felt. Many deaths are reported in the midlands, and live stock and game of all kinds have perished in numbers.  
The Princess of Wales arrived in London on Thursday from Russia, where she has been in constant attendance upon her sister, the widow of the Czar of Russia. She was given a hearty welcome.  
The mouth of the River Mersey is blocked by a mass of ice half a mile long and several hundred yards wide. The ice has blocked access to the landing stage and compelled the stoppage of the ferries.  
Mr. W. R. Cremer, M. P., has returned to London from Washington. He says that the proposed arbitration treaty was very favorably entertained by President Cleveland.  
The Queen is considering the creation of a literary order of three grades, the first to consist of 24 members, the second of 100 members, and the third of 250. All the members of the order are to be titled and pensioned.  
An amendment by Mr. Jeffreys calling upon the Government to take some action regarding the prevailing industrial distress was voted down in the British House of Commons by twelve votes, the Government majority without the Parnellites.  
Railways in Scotland are still blocked with snow. Snowploughs, which have been sent out to clear the lines, have themselves been imbedded in snowbanks, and the men operating them have suffered severely from the intense cold.  
Sir William Harcourt has announced that the Government would immediately appoint a committee to inquire into the condition of the unemployed and seek means to mitigate their situation. The inquiry, he said, would extend to the provinces.  
In the House of Commons on Friday evening, on Mr. Jeffrey's amendment censuring the Government for ignoring the claims of the agricultural classes, the Ministerial majority was reduced to two. The Parnellites voted against the Government.  
Capt. Gordon, of the Crathie, which ran into the Elbe, says that after the collision the big steamer lay to for some time, and then proceeded in the direction of London. Capt. Gordon says, notwithstanding the disabled condition of the Crathie, he remained in the vicinity until daylight.  
In the House of Commons on Thursday, Sir William Harcourt, in reply to Mr. John H. Johnston, as to whether it was the intention of the Government to make provision for Lady Thompson, said that he had reason to believe that the people of Canada would make provision for the family of the late Canadian Premier.  
The amendment which Mr. Joseph Chamberlain will make to the address in reply to the speech from the throne has been approved by the Unionist leaders. It will deprecate the discussion of measures which the Government admits have no prospect of becoming law while proposals involving great constitutional changes have been announced, on which the judgment of Parliament ought to be taken without delay.

## UNITED STATES.

Fifty per cent. of the orange crop in Florida has been killed by the recent cold.  
Orange trees in Florida are probably destroyed, also all vegetable crops and half a million quarts of strawberries just beginning to ripen.  
The Etruria, which arrived at Queens-town on Saturday, reports that she saw no sign of the everdue French line steamer La Gascoigne.  
Secretary Carlisle expects that the United States this year will have a surplus of twenty-two million dollars, instead of a deficit.  
Mayor Schieren of Brooklyn has vetoed the resolution of the Board of Aldermen providing for a revocation of the charters of trolley companies.  
Nine mining prospectors in the Rainy River district have been frozen to death, with the exception of James Cummings. The thermometer marked 43 below zero.  
The man arrested in Cleveland a few weeks ago, charged with murder, and giving the name of Johnson, had been identified as an ex-policeman of Windsor named Maikie.  
Miss Anna Gould, the youngest sister of George Gould, is engaged to Count de Castellane of Paris, and the wedding will take place in New York some time in the spring.  
By the decisive vote of thirty-six to twenty-five the United States Senate on Saturday voted to inaugurate the project of laying a cable from the Pacific coast to Hawaii.  
At San Francisco an attempt was made to kill I. W. Hellman, President of the Nevada Bank. William Holland fired two shots at the banker near his residence on California street and then shot himself. He is mortally wounded. The shots fired at Mr. Hellman went wide of the mark.  
The contract for the construction of the largest tow barge ever constructed on the lakes, if not in the world has been taken by the Chicago Ship Building Co. The

boat will carry four thousand five hundred tons.  
Mr. W. T. Baker, President of the Chicago Board of Trade presented his resignation as the result of the adverse vote on the amendment to the rules the board by which traders in "puts" and "calls" were to be disciplined.  
Superintendent Warren, of the Barber Asphalt Company, Buffalo has been convicted of employing a laborer upon city works who was not a citizen of the United States, and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.  
Owing to the motorman's carelessness a trolley car ran off an open drawbridge in Milwaukee on Monday and three people were killed. The car fell to the ice below, which gave way under it, and still prevented it from sinking in the deep river.  
At Pittsburg an electric car became unmanageable while descending the Wood's Run Hill. The motorman and conductor jumped from the car, leaving the occupants to their fate. The car plunged down the steep grade, jumped the track, and struck against the end of the bridge which spans Wood's Run, 150 feet below. Three of the passengers were badly injured.  
The Brooklyn Grand Jury handed in a batch of indictments against men who cut the trolley wires, obstructed tracks, threw bricks and committed other acts to interfere with the running of cars. The charge against them is malicious interference with the running of cars. This is colony. Miss May McDonald, eighteen years old, the leader of a mob on Fifth avenue, was also indicted.  
Arrangements have been made by President Cleveland for the issue of a 4 per cent. "coin" bond, to run 30 years, at a premium which would make the actual interest 3 3/4 per cent., but coupled with the condition that if a 3 per cent. gold bond were authorized by Congress within ten days they would be substituted for the 4 per cent. bonds, thus saving \$339,155 in annual interest, and saving \$16,174,770 in interest for the full term of 30 years.  
Commercial reports from the United States are only negatively satisfactory. They do not report trade as improved, but say there are "some points of encouragement." Prices of farm products are no better all round, though there have been, of course, fluctuations. Iron and steel have declined a little; some grades of cotton goods are lower. In woollens there has been more doing, but prices are weak. Sales of foreign wool in the States are not noticeably larger, with the duty off, than they were for the corresponding week last year. Receipts of corn have been limited, and values are a shade higher.

## GENERAL.

Gen. Annibale Ferrero has been appointed Italian Ambassador to London in succession to Count di Vergano.  
By an explosion at the St. Eugene colliery in France on Tuesday, between 20 and 30 lives were lost, and a number of miners injured.  
Madame Joniaux, the Belgian lady condemned to death for poisoning her relatives to obtain life insurance, has appealed from the sentence.  
The remains of Gen. Boulanger, who committed suicide on the grave of his mistress in Brussels in 1891, are to be taken to Paris for reinterment.  
Sheikh El Bakri, the chief among living descendants of the prophet Mohammed and head of the religious communities in Egypt, has resigned all his public offices.  
The notorious bandit Areski and nine of his followers have been condemned, at Algiers, to death. Five other members of the band have been sentenced to terms of penal servitude.  
During the trial of Anarchists at Liege it was shown that the notorious "Baron Sternberg" was a Russian nihilist agent paid to organize and incite dynamite outrages in various European capitals.  
New Zealand has set apart two islands for the preservation of its remarkable wild birds and other animals. All hunting and trapping are forbidden thereon.  
Two American citizens at Hawaii are under sentence of death for complicity in the recent rebellion. The Administration is corresponding on the subject.  
An attack of Anglophobia has broken out in the Berlin press, and the wreck of the Elbe by the British steamer Crathie is the text upon which they are hanging many sermons on British brutality and selfishness.

## It Was the Pun That Hurt.



Bear (in trap)—"Wow! wow! wow!"  
Free Bear—"Roaring won't get you out of the trap."  
First Bear—"It's not the trap I'm roaring at. That brute away up there conspired me on having 'quite a snap' here and I can't get at him."

## A Brilliant Idea.

Clerk—Mr. Muldoon, we have an order for hard wood kindlings, but the hard wood is all gone.  
Mr. Muldoon (dealer)—Sind 'em soft wood!  
Clerk—They will notice the difference, because soft wood burns too fast.  
Mr. Muldoon—Bejabers, that's so. Wet it.  
Dogs do not bark in a wild state. They have adopted this habit for guarding their master's property.

## GENERAL GOSSIP.

Some Items of Interest from the Four Quarters of the Globe.  
Some of the dentists in Vienna stoptee th with glass.  
There are 35 landowners in France to one in England.  
Prosperity in Greece is mainly a question of jurrants.  
The Queen's footmen wear wigs with eight rows of curls.  
There are 13 miles of bookshelves in the British Museum.  
Scotland Roman Catholic churches have 352,000 members.  
There is an orchard in Jersey containing 60,000 pear trees.  
The water in the Straits of Gibraltar is 150 fathoms deep.  
London's population increases at the rate of 105,000 a year.  
The Vatican contains 298 staircases and 1,100 different rooms.  
The Mint can turn out 170,000 coins of any denomination a day.  
London pays 42 per cent. of the Income-tax of England and Wales.  
The Suez Canal is 92 miles long, and its total cost was £19,000,000.  
Until 40 years ago Japanese were vaccinated on the tip of the nose.  
Over fifteen million visits are paid every year to London pawnbrokers.  
The annual coal bill of the P. and O. line of steamships exceeds £600,000.  
The Duchess of Marlborough sends to New York for most of her dresses.  
Great Britain makes over one hundred and thirty thousand bicycles a year.  
Only thirty per cent. of the robberies committed in London lead to a conviction.  
The number of divorce cases in the Scottish courts during 1894 is returned at 133.  
On a clear day the coast of France can be seen plainly from the heights of Dover.  
Sir John Millar, R. A., was the first English painter to receive the honor of a baronetcy.  
No man has risen to take Carlyle's hint that the true epic of England was her story of the sea.  
Mitsui & Co. are the Japanese Rothschilds. The firm was established three centuries ago.  
The world, said Horace Walpole, is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel.  
The latest idea of the Emperor William is the construction of a printing press for service in the field.  
During the last ten years the average production of wine in France has been 700,000,000 gallons.  
The late Lord Granville held that the Duke of Argyll's oratory was well on a level with Mr. Gladstone's.  
It has been computed that the Duke of Portland makes £30,000 annually by his stud farm at Welbeck.  
"What are heathens, uncle?" "Heathens? Oh—ah—Heathens are people who don't quarrel over religion."  
The King of Italy is reported to have said that he "should wish to be a journalist were he not a king."  
The nightingale always begins his song softly, like a well-trained orator, and gradually swells to a climax.  
Sir Henry Ponsonby knows—probably more than do the Queen's children—the family secrets and diplomacies.  
The average mortality among British troops in India is 16 per 1,000, while in England it is only 7 1/2 per 1,000.  
Dr. Benson, a woman doctor, has been appointed to a Government hospital in Madras, at a salary of £300 a year.  
The favorite employment of women in New Zealand is the telephone service, which is entirely "manned" by them.  
The Prohibition town of Portland, Me., uses \$15,000 worth of liquor every year for "medicinal and mechanical purposes."  
A socialist is a dreamer who believes that, given a special scythe, he can get more hay out of a field than there is grass in it.  
Mark Twain says the only speciality that can be called by the wide name "American" is the national devotion to ice-water.  
"It is remarkable," said a hospital nurse, "how very polite people as a rule are to anyone dressed in the uniform of a nurse."  
In the new issue of the "London Directory" no less than nine pages are devoted to recording the names and titles of the Smiths.  
Sir Charles A. Cameron says he has frequently examined oysters taken from the estuaries of rivers, and often detected sewage in them.  
If there is one thing which the German Emperor hates more than another it is being stared at, especially when he is attending Divine service.  
The authorities at the British Museum are about to open a new gallery, which will be devoted to the exhibition of coins, medals, and medals.  
"Next to eating good dinners, a healthy man with a benevolent turn of mind must like, I think, to read about them." The words are Thackeray's.  
The municipality of the city of Geneva have established an artificial geyser, or jet of water, at the entrance to the port, which is the highest in the world.  
The Suez Canal would have proved a ghastly failure, but for the dredging machinery of an English inventor, which appeared at the critical moment.  
Mr. Cecil Rhodes has revived the Elizabethan type, and exhibits all the proud independence of the men who widened England under the Virgin Queen.  
New Zealand has set apart two islands for the preservation of its remarkable wild birds and other animals. Thereon all hunting and trapping are forbidden.  
According to an English authority, no fewer than 200,000 horses have been imported into England for hunting and harness purposes during the last 12 years.  
Wild ducks not only adopt the wedge formation when flying together, but also preserve the distances between the files with the regularity of drilled soldiers.

## KILLED IN THE WRECK.

FATAL PITCH-IN ON THE MIDLAND ON FRIDAY NIGHT.  
One Killed and Six Injured—An Express Crashes into a Delayed Snowplow—The Plow was Working in a Drift Near Milliken's Corners When the Pitch-in Occurred.  
The pitch-in on the Midland division of the Grand Trunk Railway Friday evening was very serious.  
At 5.45 on Friday evening the Port Hope express No. 1, from the east, collided with a snowplow special one and a half miles north of Agincourt and half a mile south of Milliken's Corners.  
The special consisted of an engine, a snowplow, a scraper and a van. At Milliken's Corners the special became lodged in the snowdrift, and, as in the Weston accident, the engineer of the Port Hope express was prevented by the heavy storm from hearing the warning.  
The snowplow was manned by a crew from Lindsay, including Engineer Rigg and Fireman James Cullen, both of Toronto; Frank Burton, brakeman; George W. Riley, conductor; Charles Moore, brakeman, and J. Davey of Stouffville, section foreman.  
DEAD AND INJURED.  
The scraper and the van were behind the engine and were completely telescoped. Engineer Rigg was buried under the ruins, and when his body was gotten out on Saturday morning it was mutilated beyond recognition. The fireman Cullen, had a miraculous escape, landing on top of the ruins only slightly hurt. Through his hair was a splinter big enough to perforate his skull. George W. Riley, the conductor, sustained serious injuries. Both bones of the left fore arm were fractured, and protruded through the flesh. The upper arm was also fractured, several ribs are broken and his body was badly scalded. Charles Moore, brakeman, sustained severe scalp wounds and had his legs burned. Both Riley and Moore live in Lindsay, and are being cared for at the General Hospital. Section Foreman Davey of Stouffville sustained severe scalp wounds, and is being tended at his brother's home in Toronto. Frank Burton sustained a like injury, and went home to Lindsay Saturday night.

TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL BURNED.  
Explosion of a Lamp Caused an \$80,000 Fire at Port Hope—The Boys All Safe.  
A despatch from Port Hope says:—Trinity College School was burned Saturday night. The alarm was sounded a few minutes before 12. A terrific gale was blowing from the west and it was some time before help arrived.  
The fire, which originated in the tower of the west wing, is supposed to have been caused by the explosion of a lamp, and the flames, fanned by the high wind, swept completely through the building. The firemen were very much handicapped, as one of the pipes of the waterworks had burst during the severe frost of the last few days. Lines of men were formed and buckets of water handed along. Everything was done to save the building, but without success. In a few minutes the fire had spread from the west wing to the centre, and the men were forced to retire, leaving the flames to continue the work of devastation towards the chapel, and soon nothing but the walls were left standing.  
Very little of the contents of the building were saved; the teachers and the pupils, numbering 145, alike lost more than half of their belongings, some of them saving nothing but the garments they are now wearing.  
The gymnasium and the principal's house were not injured in the least, although for some time it was thought Dr. Bethune's house would take fire, as the flames were blowing directly towards it. The pupils are quartered in private houses, and at the hotels.  
School will not be disbanded, as the principal has made arrangements to use the St. Lawrence Hotel for that purpose, until the Easter holidays, at least, or until further arrangements are made.  
The principal, Rev. Dr. Bethune, sent the following telegram to the parents and guardians of the several pupils: "Boys comfortably quartered with their friends; arrangements are made to carry on school immediately."  
As far as can be learned the loss is fully covered by an insurance of \$80,000 in various companies, and it is understood the school is to be rebuilt at once.  
Wine Worth its Weight in Gold.  
At a sale in 1858 of the effects of the deceased Duchesse de Raguse, the late Baron Rothschild paid its weight in gold for forty-four bottles of Madeira. This wine, it appears, was fished up in 1814 from a ship wrecked at the mouth of the Scheldt in 1778, where it had lain during that interval. Louis XVIII. bought it at that time, and part of it was presented to the French Consul, and thus came into the hands of the Duc de Raguse. The weight of a bottle of wine including the bottle is about two pounds, avoirdupois, so that at this calculation each bottle would have cost about \$570. Prince Woronzoff, it is said, at his Tokay, 220 years old, for \$45 a bottle. In the famous cellars of the Hotel de Ville, Bremen, there are a dozen cases of holy wine which have been preserved for 250 years. This calculation has been made in regard to it:—If the cost of maintaining the cellar, payment of rent, interest upon the original value of the wine, and other proper incidental charges are considered, a bottle of this choice liquor has cost \$2,000,000, each glassful \$27,380, and a single drop could not be sold without loss under \$200.  
Arrangements have been made for a Fijian cricket team to visit New Zealand. Five members of the eleven are native Fijians, four of them being chiefs of high rank.