THE WEEK'S NEWS.

HOME.

Counterfeit two-dollar Dominion notes are in circulation in Kingston.

It is expected that the work of the Rebellion Losses Commission will be finished very shortly.

An exclusively French-Canadian and Catholic Life Insurance Company, with a capital of \$50,000, is being formed at Montreal.

The confiscated American schooner High-land Light will be bought in by the Dominion Fisheries Department and converted into a cruiser.

The schooner Sylvester Neclon, which was reported lost with all hands, is safe in To-bermorey harbor. Her crew have arrived in Owen Sound.

Property to the extent of nearly \$100,000 wis destroyed by the fire of Napierville, Que-bec. The Roman Catholic church and the convent are completely consumed.

The Mounted Police have succeeded in cleaning out several gangs of rough characters engaged in the illicit sale of whiskey at Donald, B.C., and Calgary and Banff, N.W.T.

Messrs. D. & J. Maguire, extensive ves sel-owners of the City of Quebec, have called a meeting of their creditors. The firm's liabilities are variously placed at from \$250,000 to \$500.000.

It is reported that the Grand Trunk Railway Company have obtained from New York capitalists the promise whenever required of the necessary funds to extend the Midland system to Sault Ste. Marie.

Two by-laws, one for the C.P.R. right of way from Glenaunan to Wingham, and the other for the construction of a salt well, were carried recently in Wingham almost unanimously, only three votes being cast against the first and four against the second.

The statement cabled from London that the Dominion Government had sent an agent to Washington to assist in negotiating a fisheries treaty, and that they have modified their demands on the subject of the fisheries, is stated to have no foundation in fact.

Mrs. Alexander Cameron, of Toronto, has sent to Mayor Howland the liberal donation of \$2,100 towards the cost of furnishing the Industrial school at Mimico. This is Mrs. Cameron's second donation, she having previously given \$6,000 towards the cost of the building.

A seam of anthracite coal seven feet six inches in diameter has been struck at Banff, N.W.T. This seam is only one of six in that location, the smallest being three feet in thickness, the whole containing sufficient coal to supply the entire North-West for the next fifty years.

A letter has been received in Kingston, Ont., recently, stating that Mr. J. W. Brown, a prominent Orangeman of that city, while in Paris, France, had a quarrel with a Chicago Nationalist, since which Mr. Brown has disappeared, and it is feared he has met with foul play.

AMERICAN

Property to the value of between \$250,000 and \$300,000 was destroyed by a recent fire in Buffalo.

Congress was opened the other day, the President delivering his annual message, in which he deals at great length with the fisheries question, and expresses the hope wat an amicable adjustment of the existing difficulties will be announced to Congress before the close of the present session

FOREIGN.

Prince Alexander, late of Bulgaria, visited the Queen the other day. Large findings of gold have been made in

the South Australian gold diggings.

Two steamers came into collision off Queen land, and 42 persons were drowned.

The desire is generally expressed in Paris that M. de Freycinet should retain office.

The Burmese rebels are rapidly submit-ting to the British, and the dacoits are becoming more quict.

A body of Tuariks have captured a fortress at Ghatin, Sahara, and massacred a hundred members of the garrison.

Sir Edward Watkin's book on Canadian progress during the last twenty-five years will be issued next month in London. fifteen years' penal servitude and the man to one year's imprisonment.

The Marquis of Salisbury, speaking at a Conservative meeting in London lately, said the Ministerial programme next year would be local government for England, Ireland and Scotland. After the Land Transfer bill had been considered, the House would be asked to deal with the rules of Parliamentary procedure ; but it was possible the con-dition of Ireland might be first considered.

MEN AND WOMEN.

The late Sir Moses Montefiore was one of the last persons in London who went about in a sedan chair, with four bearers.

A London bride, marrying a soldier, had a picturesquely clad Hindoo for her train bearer, at a Kensington wedding not long ago.

The new Orleans Picayune is owned and edited by Mrs. E. J. Nicholson and on her staff is Mrs. Martha Field, better known, probably, as "Catherine Cole."

The eldest son of the Princess Dolgournki is described as astonishingly like his father, the Czar. He is a young man of talent and much esteemed in his circle.

The Emperor of Austria is now named as a victim to over-use of tobacco. He has been ordered to let eigars alone, instead of smoking twenty a day, as hitherto he has often done.

The Princess Metternich, whose name is the pseudonym for philanthropy, has organized another charitable entertainment to take place at Vienna in March. The programmes promise that some of the proudest names and prettiest faces of Austrian aristocracy will take part.

The departure of the Russian Court for Moscow occurred last week. The Czarina is in fairly good health; her imperial spouse's precise mental and physical condition appears a good deal of a riddle. He can hardly be induced to see in private any except his family and a few immediate attendants.

An extraordinary surgical success has just been re-announced with the decease of Peter Woodhall, a'citizen of Chattanooga, who has lived in full retention of all his faculties for over five years with no upper half to his skull. An artificial skull was prepared for him after an accident, and its employment proved entirely adequate. The medical journals all chronicled the matter as one ol the many marvels of modern chirurgery.

How many persons know that the discovery of utilizing the product of the silk worm is due to a woman? It was a Chinese Empress, See-Heig, who somewhere about 2800 years B. C. found out that the fibres were fine and strong, and, prosecuting her re-searches, learned how to breed and rear the worms, and initiated a new industry which has become one of the great industries of the world,

Rev. Dwight L. Moody is appealing to tions of \$100 each to his "Mourt Hermon Boys' School" at Northfield, Massachusetts -\$100 is the sum charged annually for board and tuition, and is about half the actual cost. The buildings are free from debt, and Mr. Moody hopes that his appeal may be answered so extensively as to enable him to begin the next term with 200 scholars.

With the observance of Mr. Arthur's death in public places, it has been observed that this is the third droping in black of Gov-enment buildings since President Cleveland's inauguration; thirty days for General Grant and the same for Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Arthur. It is feared by some of the practical that the outside of the White House will suffer with the wetting of the black hang-ings in the autumn storms, which have done damage of that sort before now.

The late General Naglee, who owned a vineyard at San Jose, California, had so much trouble with his white workmen that he finally imported a number of Chinese families. A visitor to his place, if the master was away, found no one who could speak more than a few words "pidgin English," and the quarter where these Celestials lived looked like a collection of old china, with queer-costumed little Chin ese boys and girls playing about the doors.

The frequent visits of the Crown Princess of Germany to Italy are believed to be explained by the reported betrothal of the little Prince of Naples to one of her gawky daughters. This future King of Italy is several years the junior of the German Princess, but that makes no difference, if the Pope will sanction the alliance. Al-though the royal family of Italy is not a political friend of the Vaticau, from a offers peculiar objections, which will re-quire the heads of Bismarck and his Holiness to be laid very close together to remove.

Too Much Alike.

Hurrah for the snow, the covering snow !

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The St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya de-clares that only France and the United States can be relied on for Russia's future political combinations.

English imports for November exceeded those of November last year by $\pounds 3,307,187$, and the exports for the same month showed an increase of £1,105,442.

There is a revival in the Clyde ship-building industry. Orders for 32,000 tons of new steamers and sailing ships have been booked during the last month.

A Pole named Joseph Panec, formerly a soldier, has been arrested for brutally mur-dering a woman in Vienna for a small sum of money she had with her.

Twenty new companies were registered in London the other day, with a capital of nearly four million pounds sterling. Great activity prevails in commercial circles.

The Canadian Government has been requested to assist in the development of a new London Board of Trade journal which would be of great value to the commercial world.

The explorer Ludwig Wolff, just returned from the Congo, reports having met in the Sankouron region many tribes of dwarfs, generally measuring less than four feet in height.

Jubilee year will be a period of great festivity in London, both in court and general society. The Queen will be present at the theatres and operas for the first time since the death of the Prince Consort.

In a Pesth saloon, an officer named Schreeweiss, while fooling with a pistol, shot Rosa Jaciano, a little nine-year-old song-

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