

# THE WEEK'S NEWS.

### HOME.

Prof. Saunders has located a sight for the Manitoba experimental farm west of Winnipeg.

Edward Hanlan has arrived in Toronto, and will leave again in March or April for Australia to row Beach.

Mrs. Wm. G. Lavers, of Chester, N. S., fell on her thumb on the ice a few days ago and died from the effects.

The Montreal society for the study of Canadian History has re-commenced its meetings for the winter.

A man named Laurendeau was assassinated at St. Ferdinand d'Halifax, Que., by some person unknown.

The steamer Neptune has commenced the winter mail service between Prince Edward Island and the mainland.

Joseph Delage, a Desert merchant, fell from the verandah of his house at that place a few days ago and broke his neck.

The Fur liner "Ulunda" has arrived at Halifax with returned exhibits from the Colonial Exhibition. She had a very stormy passage.

During this winter the North-West Mounted Police will be relieved of all outpost duty except the protection of the Prince Albert mail route.

Robert Gilpin, one of the Nile voyagers, died at Ottawa the other morning from consumption, the effect of a cold contracted on the Nile expedition.

The new snowsheds of the Canadian Pacific railway underwent a severe test a few days ago in the Selkirk range, which they stood in a most satisfactory manner.

Nordheimer's block, in Montreal, including the Music hall, has been totally destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated to reach \$130,000, with only partial insurance.

A consignment of cannon and ammunition for the British Columbia harbor forts, shipped direct from Woolwich Arsenal to Esquimaux, passed through Winnipeg last week.

Prince Edward Island this season has exported 91,000 cases of lobsters, mostly to Europe. They are valued at a half million and involved the slaughter of 35,000,000 lobsters.

Fred Leigh, aged 19, fell from the main mast of the schooner "Isaac Goodwin," between Glace Bay and Sydney, and notwithstanding strenuous efforts to save him, was drowned.

The Quebec city council has appointed a special committee to take into consideration the desirability of a proper celebration in Quebec of the fiftieth anniversary of Queen Victoria's reign.

Notice has been received by the Dominion Government that the Fisheries bill of last session, which was reserved for the sanction of the Imperial authorities, has received Her Majesty's sanction.

The twenty-four o'clock system has been adopted on the Manitoba and North-Western railway, and will be extended to the Eastern division of the Canadian Pacific railway on the next change of time-table.

The Toronto land transfer system will go into operation in the North-West Territories on January 1st. Mr. Barker, Barrister, of Orangeville, has left Ottawa for the North-West to initiate the registrars into the working of the system.

The owners of the schooner "Golden Hind," of Gloucester, are said to have filled a claim for \$5,000 damages against the Dominion Government for having been refused permission to fill water by the cruiser "Conrad" last autumn in North Bay.

Lieut. Col. Jackson has finished all the business connected with the transport service of the North-West rebellion, and made his final report to the Minister of Militia. He has left for London to resume his duties as Deputy Adjutant General of No. 1 Military district.

His Excellency the Governor-General, accompanied by Lady Lansdowne and their respective suites, will make a prolonged visit to Montreal during the carnival. Captain Streetfield is now in Montreal to hire a residence for the Vice-regal party, whose visit will last about eight weeks, during which an elaborate round of festivities will be held.

It is rumored that the Montreal syndicate who purchased the Corrivault silk mills will sell the machinery to Montreal capitalists, who purpose to form a joint-stock company for the manufacture of broad goods, handkerchiefs, etc. The building will probably be employed for an entirely new industry in Canada.

The Belleville Board of Education has decided to supply every pupil in the High and Public schools with a Bible to be kept in their desks, and also that after the Christmas holidays a portion of Scripture shall be read responsively by the teacher and pupils at the opening of school each morning.

The Marine Department have decided that the steamers Neptune and Northern Lights shall make daily trips with mails and passengers, on alternate days, from Charlottetown and Georgetown, P.E.I., to Pictou, N.S., returning the following day, thus giving a daily mail each way between the island and the mainland during the winter.

### AMERICAN.

A terrific natural gas explosion which thirty-five persons were seriously injured occurred at Kokomo, Ind., on Friday.

San Francisco advices state that there were 38 persons on the wrecked whaler "Atlantic," 27 of whom were drowned.

It is said that Mrs. Susanna Warren, a colored woman, who died at Sassakawa, Indian territory, on the 5th inst., was 136 years old.

In the United States House of Congress on Saturday the motion to consider Mr. Morrison's tariff measure was defeated, the vote being yeas, 149; nays, 154.

### FOREIGN.

The Italian budget for 1885-6 shows a deficit of \$6,000,000.

It is estimated that the costs of the Campbell divorce case will amount to \$125,000.

The Deutsche Tagblatt, of Berlin, rejoices over the rapid growth of German influence in Japan.

German students in Switzerland have been ordered to rejoin their regiments immediately.

It is reported that England threatens a

permanent occupation of Egypt unless Turkey breaks with Germany.

It is reported from Dublin that the police have been instructed to arrest campaign leaders everywhere.

A large number of Kerry moonlighters have been sentenced at Cork to eighteen months' imprisonment.

The action of Mrs. Adams against her father, Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, has been settled privately.

Lloyds have ordered a steamer to be built which it is intended shall surpass in speed and size any vessel now afloat.

The Hovas have paid 400,000fr. war indemnity to France, and the evacuation of Tamatave by France is imminent.

The Irish Land Commission during the past year granted an average reduction in the price of lands of 24 per cent.

The *Journal des Debats* says Germany, France, Russia and Turkey are in complete accord on the Bulgarian question.

The resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill was proclaimed through the streets of Dublin the other morning by a bellman.

It is said the Queen will urge Lord Hartington to join the Ministry and become leader in the House of Commons.

The Franciscan friars have declared under oath that Abbe Liszt desired to be buried in the vaults of their monastery in Pesh.

M. de Lesseps declared at a meeting of the French Geographical Society that the Panama canal will be open for traffic in 1889.

It is announced that M. de Lesseps has given the Khedive \$4,000,000 for sufficient Government land to widen the Suez canal.

A company is about to be started in London to supply steamers with gas manufactured from crude petroleum for fuel instead of coal.

There is a general belief that the candidacy of Prince Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, for the Bulgarian throne, has collapsed.

It is stated that the Sultan is completely under the influence of the Imperial fortune-teller, who has been suborned by Russian gold.

Uneasiness is felt in Paris over the rapidity with which the Government is working to place the armament of France in the most complete state possible.

It is stated that in response to a letter from Emperor William, pleading for the preservation of peace, the Czar has promised his co-operation.

The Paris *Journal des Debats* accuses England of being the only power whose conduct has aggravated the trouble which has culminated in the present crisis in South-Eastern Europe.

Sir Robert Morier, British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, has been summoned to London to confer with the Government concerning fresh disputes connected with the Afghan frontier.

It is reported from London that the relations between England and Russia are daily becoming more strained. The ambassadors of each country have been called home on trivial pretexts.

An application made in London on behalf of the Treasury for criminal information against the *Evening News* for publishing obscene testimony in the Campbell case resulted in the dismissal of the Government application.

A London correspondent claims to have received through Sir John Kirk, British Consul-General to Zanzibar, a copy of a letter from the Mahdi to his Governor-General of Equatorial Africa, giving details of the capture of Khartoum.

Sir John Kaye has made a change in his scheme to establish model farms in the North-West, now proposing to make each farm twenty thousand acres in extent instead of ten thousand. The matter is still under consideration by the Interior Department.

### An Encounter of Rat and Snake.

One of our popular young farmers, noted for truthfulness as well as modesty, tells the following story of a fight between a rat and a snake. He was at his stable not long since, and after doing some chores around the lot he sat down and began to meditate—he is given to such things occasionally—and while sitting on a fence near his stable he saw a snake crawl out from under the crib in quite a hurry; presently a large rat followed and attacked the snake fiercely. It jumped upon his snaphis and at once the reptile coiled and endeavoured to strike the rat, but it was quick and escaped the bites, meanwhile plying its own teeth in a fearless manner. The rat and the snake clinched, rolled up in a wad, the snake trying to coil around the rat. Just at that moment the rat, securing a good chance, seized the snake near its tail and bit it terribly. In much pain and agony, the serpent quickly gave up the fight and made off, the rat following a short distance, and then returning went back to the crib. Several times it came out and smelled along through the weeds, as if scenting the snake. It is supposed that the snake had eaten the old rat's young, and it was determined to have revenge.—*Lafayette's (Ga.) Messenger.*

### A French Murder Case.

A remarkable trial is taking place at Blois. The prisoners, all living in the neighboring village of Lumeau, the Garden of France, as that district is popularly called, are the two sons of the victim, the Widow Lebon, her daughter, and the husband of the latter, a man named Thomas. The Widow Lebon was over 70. She had been out to service, and having saved a small pittance of 800 francs, she returned to her native village to live with her sons and her married daughter. She had fallen into her dotage, but, nevertheless, was believed to be a witch, and in consequence had a bad name in the neighborhood.

The defence set up is the extraordinary one that the prisoners were not actuated by motives of cupidity, but by superstition, believing their mother to be a witch, and that the spell she had cast upon them—they were wretchedly poor—would be dissolved if she were burnt alive. The murderers were all very religious.

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### HERE AND THERE.

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About twelve tons of adulterated teas, imported from Japan via Port Moody, has been condemned at Chicago.

The twenty-four o'clock system is about to be put into operation on the Manitoba and North-western Railway.

A French crank's estimate of humanity in 1886 foot up "a lot of fools who spend most of their time and money in making iron balls to go through steel plate and in making steel plates to keep out iron balls."

At the present time ocean sailing vessel captains can be employed at almost any price a ship owner may name from \$80 to \$150 per month. A very few get the old rate—i.e., \$20 per month and 5 per cent. of the gross earnings. In 1854 Captain Torndike, of the clipper ship Sea Serpent, received \$500 per month.

All the Mounted Police outposts stationed along the boundary line, except that of Wood Mountain, have been withdrawn. Detachments, ranging from five to fifteen, will, however, be stationed all winter at File Hills, Touchwood, Salt Plains, Humboldt, and Batoche for the purpose of protecting the Prince Albert mail route.

The following letter to an oil operator from an Philadelphia woman is quoted as illustrating the peculiar ideas of her sex on the brokerage business: "Please buy me 10,000 barrels of oil at 99 cents and sell at 1.10. Remit me the difference, less your commission. Upon the promptness which you execute this order depends my future patronage."

The widowed mother and the brother and sister of William Fleet, who was last heard of in February, 1881, are anxious to hear from him and request him through an advertisement in *Lloyd's Weekly*, London, England, to reply to the office of that paper. Fleet and his wife used to reside in Port Hope and Toronto, and in the summer of 1880 he was sailing on the lakes.

A traveller in Africa noticed a curious sound of the muffled banging of drums echoing from village to village. He found that the noise proceeded from monstrous native drums, and that when chiefs wanted "fancy" drummers they chopped off the hands of the slaves and obliged the latter to beat the drums with their mutilated stumps in place of drum sticks. It is said that the African natives have great insensibility of the nervous organization.

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