

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

HOME.

The Simcoe, woolen mills have been totally destroyed by fire; loss about \$30,000. One young man is missing.

Mr. Patrick Burns, coal merchant of Toronto, has assigned. The liabilities are estimated at \$400,000.

The question of the total abolition or material reduction of canal tolls is being pressed on the Dominion Government.

Mr. F. E. Kilvert, M. P. for Hamilton in the late Parliament, has been appointed to the vacant Collectorship of Customs in that city.

Senior Major Allan, of the Queen's Own Rifles, has been appointed lieutenant Colonel of the regiment in succession to Colonel Miller, resigned.

Lieutenant Stairs, of the Royal Engineers, a young Canadian, was selected from two hundred candidates to accompany Mr. Stanley's expedition to relieve Emin Bey.

A Hamilton ratepayer has given notice to the city council that he intends to issue an injunction against the payment of the five thousand dollars recently granted to secure roads free of tolls.

The Seminary authorities at Montreal have served upon Rev. J. A. Dorin, Methodist missionary at Oka, a writ of eviction from premises occupied as a Methodist parsonage for many years past.

The survey of the route for the Central Ontario railway to North Bay has been completed, and the surveying party have returned to Belleville. They report the land fairly level and well timbered.

Traffic on the Western division of the Canadian Pacific railway has been delayed by the most severe storm known in the history of the road, which raged for five days between Broadview and the Rocky Mountains.

Montreal is again suffering from an epidemic of burglaries, attributed to a gang of crooks from the United States who have invaded the city. So far, although burglaries are of nightly occurrence, the police have made no arrests.

Canadian capitalists will apply at the next session of Parliament for power to build a line of railway, about 55 miles long, from Goderich to Wingham or some other point which will give the Canadian Pacific an outlet on Lake Huron.

Dr. G. M. Dawson, in a lecture before the Ottawa Literary and Scientific Society on the Island of Vancouver, predicted that its great natural and material advantages would in the future earn for the island the title of the Little Britain of the North Pacific.

At the last meeting of the Toronto City Council, a special committee was appointed to draft an address to Her Majesty expressive of the loyalty of the council, the gratification with which they hail the opening of the jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign, and tendering their congratulations.

Mr. G. W. Wicksteed, Q. C., law clerk of the House of Commons, has resigned his office, his assistant, Dr. Wm. Wilson, being appointed to the vacancy. Mr. Wicksteed was the oldest public servant in Canada, having received his first appointment in 1828, and has filled the office of law clerk since 1841.

The annual report of the Winnipeg Board of Trade shows that the city made substantial progress during last year. The grain exports reached a value of three million dollars, and the total business of the city is estimated at \$26,000,000. Upwards of a million acres of good land are vacant about the city which can be purchased at an average of \$8.50 an acre.

The Marine department at Ottawa has been notified that the French cable lies broken in thirty fathoms of water, two knots from St. Pierre, one of the French islands southwest of Newfoundland. The agent of the company, in the absence of the cable steamer "Minia," has chartered the Government steamer "Newfield" to make the necessary repairs.

A New Yorker named Senbrisker, has been in communication with the Customs department at Ottawa concerning a project he has on hand to establish on Province Island, in Lake Memphremagog, through which runs the international boundary line, an institution where worthy poor boys from crowded cities might enjoy summer recreation without cost to them. He has purchased about forty acres of land on the island and is building a fine residence there.

Eight Canadians who received their military training at the Royal Military College at Kingston will join their regiments in India next month, having put in one year at special instruction. A special cablegram to say this is a high compliment to the excellence of the Canadian military system, as English cadets are required to take two years' special instruction.

The Government has decided not to call for tenders for the construction of that portion of the Cape Breton railway, extending from Point Tupper to the Narrows, until next summer. The contract for the section between Sydney and the Narrows, forty-five miles in length, has been awarded to Messrs. Sims & Slater, of Ottawa. The work of constructing the proposed docks at Point Tupper on the Straits of Canso will be undertaken next season.

Isaac Goldstein a well known and wealthy citizen, was arrested at Winnipeg, charged with having committed bigamy. It is alleged that Goldstein was married in Russia previous to his immigration to America and that two children blessed the union. The mother and daughter arrives at Winnipeg last week from the old country, hence his arrest. Goldstein denies the charge. He was allowed bail, \$5000 himself and two sureties of \$1000 each.

The Toronto Presbytery at its last meeting considered a report from the General Assembly on the subject of ecclesiastical co-operation in sparsely settled mission fields. The presbytery adopted the first clause, that "It is desirable, if possible, to secure some such arrangement of missionary work of the two churches (Methodist and Presbyterian) as will obviate unnecessary duplication of missions in such places." The following was substituted for the remaining clauses: "The object may, in the judgment of the presbytery, be best accomplished by leaving the matter in the hands of local courts and presbyteries, and synods may confer with such courts of the Methodist Church as have supervision of the territory in their respective jurisdictions."

AMERICAN.

A terrible water spout burst over the village of Chesnut Mound, near Cathage, Tenn., almost ruining that section of country. A child was carried off by the flood and drowned.

Five men boarded a train at Alliance, Ohio, the other night and rescued a thief from Cleveland police officers, the officers being shot and so brutally beaten that their lives are in great danger.

Another case of the bitter bitten is reported from New York, a Canadian who went there to purchase counterfeit bills paying \$127 for what subsequently proved to be two old newspapers and a pound of coal.

A sensational story is published that Brigham Young is alive and living in seclusion in Lincoln, Nebraska, and that he will shortly reappear before the Mormons and preach to them as having risen from the dead.

It is stated that prominent lawyers consider the marriage by proxy of Miss Van Zandt to the condemned Anarchist Spies a complete farce, having no legal effect whatever. Spies' brother, who acted as his proxy, have been arrested for bigamy.

FOREIGN.

Lord Randolph Churchill has left England for a cruise to Algiers.

It is suspected that Russia is contemplating an invasion of Bulgaria.

Fire in store buildings at Woolwich arsenal caused damage of \$10,000.

The British steamer Blair Athol foundered in the Black Sea and twenty persons were drowned.

The rumour that Germany is negotiating a loan of fifteen millions sterling is without foundation.

Six thousand coal miners have struck for an advance in wages in Fife and Clackmannan counties, Scotland.

The Egyptian Government has raised the blockade of the Sudan and commerce with that region has been re-opened.

A despatch from London denies the report that money has been raised there to build the Hudson Bay Railway.

The Buddhist Archbishop has issued a proclamation urging the Burmese to pursue a peaceful life and accept British rule.

It is stated that the whole German army will be called out in sections of 72,000 men, to be drilled in the use of the new repeating rifle.

Thirteen passengers on board the Umbria have written to the London Times complaining that the smoking room of that vessel is a veritable gambling hell.

In the House of Commons, Sir James Ferguson, Under Foreign Secretary, denied that England had offered her support to Austria in the event of war with Russia.

The Queen will visit Birmingham in May to lay the foundation stone of the new law courts, and, being a jubilee visit, it will be made the occasion of an immense demonstration.

The Paris Pays has a very simple way of preventing European war. France and Germany have only to become friends, break up the British Empire and live happy ever after.

King Leopold will ask his Parliament for a vote to put Belgium in such a state of defence as the present condition and future prospects of Continental affairs make expedient.

It has been decided that the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee is to be held on June 20th the day fixed for the thanksgiving service in Westminster Abbey, which her Majesty will attend.

It is learned that the vessel with which the "Kapunda" collided near the coast of Brazil was the British bark "Ada Melmore," which also went to the bottom. All told 304 persons were drowned.

Despite all the pacific assurances from Paris, arms, men and munitions of war are being hurried eastward, rendering more substantial the suspicion that Gen. Boulanger is getting ready a coup of his own.

The London Standard says the Cabinet are engaged in framing a measure to deal with the people of the poorer districts in Ireland, like Glenbeigh, in the light of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's idea of emigration.

Prince Henry of Battenberg has got into disgrace with the Queen by going to the theatre the night before and to the circus the night after the Idesleigh memorial service in Westminster Abbey, which he attended as her Majesty's representative.

The Duranis, an Afghan tribe, incited by the Governor of Candahar, recently attacked a fort for the purpose of killing the British political officer and the engineer in charge of the construction of the railroad from Quetta towards Candahar.

The Russian Government is inclined to regard favorably the English proposal to appoint a provisional regent of Bulgaria pending the election of a prince to the vacant throne. The Czar's nominee, the Duke of Oldenburg, is ready to act as regent.

The latest news states that in the fight that occurred near Massowah on the 27th ult., the Italians were almost annihilated by the Abyssinians, and it is doubtful if they can hold Massowah until the reinforcements now being despatched from Naples arrive.

M. Fleurens, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, has sent a despatch to M. Herbet, the French Ambassador at Berlin, in which he urges the latter to lose no opportunity of impressing upon Germany France's earnest desire for peace, in which desire the whole Cabinet concur.

The troubles between the moonlighters and the Curtin family near Tralac are being revived. A boycott has been kept up against the family for several months and it having been reported recently that the family, unable any longer to stand the boycott, were about to give up the lease of their farm and move about, notices have been posted warning all persons against taking their farm under penalty of succeeding to the boycott.

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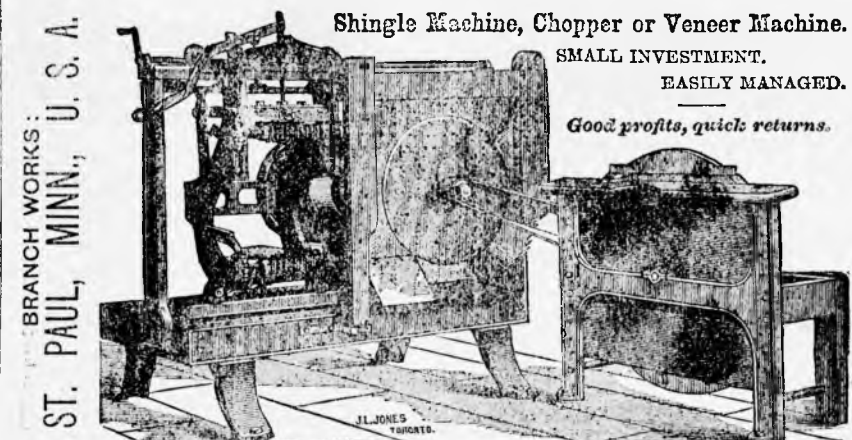
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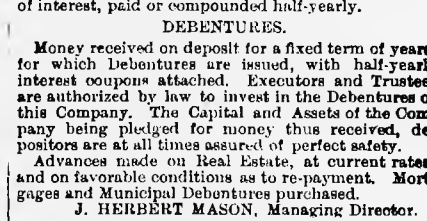
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