THE WEEK'S NEWS.

HOME.

Wm. Keand, a silver plater, has been arrested in Toronto on a charge of counterfeiting.

Five men were instantly killed by a cavein at the Wilbur ircn mine at Lavant, North Lanark.

The old settlers of Manitoba have forwarded to Ottawa a petition forty-nine feet long regarding the settlement of land claims.

Proceedings have been instituted to unseat five of the aldermen of St. Catharines on the ground of insufficient property qualification.

A special from London says the Imperial Government has sent to Canada an officer and a veterinary surgeon to purchase horses for the English army.

Fire early the other morning in Port Arthur destroyed five large stores and two hotels, causing a total loss of about \$20,000, only partly covered by insurance.

The commemorative diplomas of the Colonial Exhibition are being mailed to Canadian exhibitors by the clerks in the Department of Agriculture as rapidly as possible.

Official information has been received by the Dominion Government that the British authorities have discarded the Lee-Burton rifle, lately adopted for use in the British army.

After thirty-one years of existence, the London Crystal Palace has proved a financial failure, and will soon be torn down and the land upon which it is situated will be sold for building lots.

At the last meeting of the Toronto Coun-cil Ald. Fleming's motion to reduce the number of liquor licenses from 217 to 150 and of shop licenses from 64 to 40 was car-ried by a vote of 19 to 17.

The Dominion Government have decided to grant the McDougall orphanage a site at Morley, N. W. T., for the erection of an in-dustrial farm for teaching farming and other useful employments to Indian children.

A new hospital for the treatment of patients suffering from infectious diseases has been erected in Montreal. The building, which contains accommodation for 124 patients, will cost \$26,000 when finished.

It is believed in official circles in Ottawa that a mixed commission similar to the one which sat in Halifax in 1872 will be agreed upon for the settlement of the fishery ones. tion and other matters arising out of the dispute.

It is stated that three of the fastest steamships of the Cunard line have been pur-chased by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the proposed service between British Columbia and Australia, and that the vessels will be placed on the route in the spring.

The Dominion Government has called for tenders for steamships capable of maintain-ing a fortnightly service with the Britich West Indies, with a view of promoting our trade relations with the colony. A fast line of steamers will be selected and liberally wheild subsidized.

A crowd of well-dressed rowdies made a brutal attack in the city of Quebec the other afternoon on some female members of the Salvation Army, pelting them with frozen ice and snow. One young woman was knocked down, and but for the arrival of the police would probably have been killed.

The other evening there was trouble at the York street, Hamilton, toll gate, a num-ber of farmers and others who do not like to pay toll there wrecking the gate, and smashing a part of the gatekceper's house. The crowd was dispersed by the police, and a number of criminal prosecutions will fol-

Isabella V. Crawford, a Canadian author ess, died in Toronto the other night. De-ceased was one of the best known of Canadian writers, and furnished many stories for Frank Leslie's publications. Not long ago she published a book of poems, which was highly spoken of by the Canadian and English press. Her father was the late Dr. Stephen Crawford, of Peterboro'.

The complimentary banquet tendered by inhabitants are su the Toronto Board of Trade to Mr. H. W. wards the British. Darling, the retiring president, in the Ros-sin house, was attended by over two hundred gentlemen. Mr. Darling was presented with a solid silver epergne, suitably inscribed, accompanied by an address. The speech of Mr. Erastus Wiman, of New York, in re plying to the toast of "Internation al Rela-tions," was of great interest. Lieut-Colonel MacKeand, of the firm of Turner, MacKeand & Co., wholesale grocers, and who commanded the 90th Rifles of Winnipeg, died suddenly last Sunday morning of hemorrhage of the lungs. He led his regiment into the battles of Fish Creek and Battoche during the late Ricl rebellion, and was particularly noted for his bravery dur-ing these actions. His sudden demise has are now holding the workhouse against the cast a great gloom over the city. He was 38 years of age, and leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss. The Department of Agriculture at Ottawa has just received from the Imperial Govern-ment the commemorative diplomas and medals to be awarded to every exhibitor at the late Colonial and Indian Exhibition. The number of each received is nearly three thousand. The medals are about double thousand. The medals are about double 44 feet long, takes a maximum charge of the size of an ordinary penny. On the ob 900 pounds of powder, and its projectile verse side is a profile portrait of the Prince weighs 1,800 pounds. It is for the new Briof Wales, while on the reverse are the words "Colonial and Indian Exhibition, 1885," surounded by a cluster of oak leaves. The diplomas are large sized and of exquisite design and finish, being artistically colored.

mitted to the vote of the people on the last Thursday in September.

It is positively stated that the famous San Joaquin ranch at Santa Ana, Cal., containing 400,000 acres, has been sold for \$1,250,000 to a syndicate representing the Southern Pacific Railway.

The officials of the Northern Pacific Railway are having built an experimental iron car intended to supply heat, light and pure water to passenger trains. The car is to immediately follow the engine.

W. Wadsworth, a politician, who vic-timized numbers of Brooklyn citizens of \$30,000, and was arrested at Niagara Falls when about to cross to Canada, has been taken back to Brooklyn. He is also charged with forcer. with forgery.

There is a flood in Indiana caused by the rivers St. Joseph, St. Mary and Maumee overflowing their banks. Fort Wayne is entirely cut off from communication by waggon road and the water is even with the ties of the Lake Shore & Muncie Ry., threatening wholesale destruction of bridges.

FOREIGN.

France is purchasing horses and sheep in large numbers abroad.

Lord Onslow has been appointed Under Secretary to the Colonies. The steamer Great Eastern was sold re-

cently, at Liverpool, for \$130,000. The French Minister to Morocco has

been summoned to return to Paris.

The Queen will open the People's Palace in the East End of London next May.

An international exhibition will be opened in Barcelona, the first held in Spain, on September 15th.

Six natives of the Friendly Islands who vere implicated in the assault on Missionary Baker have been executed.

A Nihilist conspiracy was discovered last week in St. Petersburg, which extends through the whole of Russia.

The withdrawal of the annual subvention of the British Government to Egypt has not been formally decided upon.

Ex-Empress Eugenie has asked leave of the Syndic to attend wounded Italian soldiers returning from Egypt.

Archbishop Croke advocates the nonpay ment of taxes, with which, he says, the Gov ernment buys police bludgeons.

The British troops in India will be armed with repeating rifles and the Martini rifles will be transferred to the Sepoys.

The Imperial Government has arranged to construct an important railway in India, also one connecting India and Mandalay.

It is stated that Germany will shortly de-mand that France pledge herself to remain neutral in the event of war in Eastern Eu-

rope, The guard of the mail car going from Voroncj to Taganrog, in Southern Russia, was recently killed and 20,000 roubles stolen from the mail.

In the British Foreign Office it is believed that Russia contemplates striking at both Afghanistan and Hong Kong, in the spring, as well as at Bulgaria.

A Russian lady, said to be the divorced wife of a consular official at Philadelphia, has committed suicide at Wiesbaden by shooting herself in a cab.

A panic has been caused in financial and military circles at Cairo by the withdrawal of the annual subvention of \$1,200,000 for expenses of the Egyptian army.

Twenty five thousand of the 75,000 prisoners at present in the different goals throughout India, were released the other day to commemorate the Queen's Jubilec.

The Belgian Minister of Finance proposes raising a loan to be used in construct-ing railways in the Congo Free State, and to make up the deficit in the lost Congo budget

A project is now on foot in London to send 5000 Jewish colonists to Mexico to be distributed among the agricultural districts. The proposed colonists are victims of Russian persecution.

Advices from Mandalay say the rebel leader, Thambou, of Woontho, refuses to surrender and is destroying village whose inhabitants are suspected of inclining to-

It is positively asserted in London that the new proposals made by Sir Henry Drum-mond Wolff to the Sultan do not involve the

A Horse Deal in Persia.

Having occasion to buy a horse when in Shiraz some few days ago I sent for Zeringee, the dealer, who informed me that he had a Turcoman that answered the description I gave him and which he swore by the beard of the prophet he had bought for £50. The animal was brought around, and, proving satisfactory, I offered him $\pounds 10$ at which he mounted and rode off in high dudgeon. turned in knowing that I should see the horse back in the morning, and sure enough at an early hour my servant informed me the horse dealer wished to see me. I went out to him and with many protestations of respect and regard he confidentially murmured that the horse having evidently been prodestined for me he would not stand beween me and Providence, but would sacrifice £5 for my sake, that I might have the

horse for £45. This I told him was ridiculous, but as I thought on consideration my first offer, was perhaps a little too low for such a good horse $1 \text{ now o fered him } \pounds 15$ which he refused de claring that his dead father would return from his grave if he sold the horse at such a loss. For two days I saw no more of Zerin-gee, on the third day he came again and saying he was greatly pressed for cash or no-thing would persuade him to do such a thing he would sell the horse at the very lowest possible price he could ever be in-duced to take, viz, £25, but that 1 must throw in a present of ten shillings At this I pretended to be very angry and fired him out, declaring that I would not buy the horse at any price. But privately telling my servant to buy him for ±20, this had the desired effect, and the next morning the horse was mine for $\pounds 20$ and a present of five shillings.

A curious custom in vogue here is the system of Dah Yhk, otherwise one in ten, or ten per cent. This a Persian servant always deducts as his right from any cash given him to spend for his master, and thus a Persian servant's wages, nominally \$5 or less per month, often reach quite a respectable tigure. The Persians tell a story that the devil

one day, having occasion to visit an Armenian bazaar, was so struck with the adroit knavery going on that he entered one of the shops and sat down, the better to observe things. On reaching the door when leaving, he looked for his slippers which he had left outside according to custom, and finding them minus fore swore all dealing with Armenians in future. It was in a somewhat similar state of mind I found myself this morning. I had ridden some ten miles out to a village and feeling fatigued gave my horse to a native whilst I entered a garden for half an hour's rest. On remounting I noticed the animal—which had been shod the previous day—was going a little lame, but thought this was caused by the stony character of the road. On reaching home I examined his feet, when lo ! a miracle. The new shoes had changed into old and

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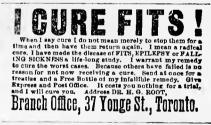
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The Chicago Coal Exchange has resolved to advance the wholesale price of anthracite coal fifty cents.

The total loss of life by the Vermont Cen-tral railway disaster at White River is esti-mated at 37. All the injured are doing well.

Spear D. Hollingsworth, ex-treasurer of Knox Ill., county, was on Saturday sentenced to three years' imprisonment for embezzling \$80,000.

It is reported that a farmer in Madison County, Kentucky, has successfully trained seven large African monkeys to do the work formerly done by negroes in this hemp fields.

An amendment to the State constitution, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of in 10 cents. toxicating liquors in Tennessee, will be sub-

neutralization of Egypt, which would be very unpopular in England.

It is understood that the Marquis Tseng's recent visit to Berlin resulted in the conclusion of a secret treaty between Germany and China, which will lead to large business between German contractors and the Chinese Government.

The paupers in New Ross, Ireland, workhouse recently broke into the council cham-ber of the Poor Law Gardians and pelted the guardians with various missiles, and

It is semi-officially stated that Russia, in the event of a war between Germany and France, would aid France, at least to the extent of adopting such an attitude as would prevent Germany sending the whole of her army west of the Rhine.

The largest gun yet made has been tested at Woolwich Arsenal. It is a 111-tonner, is tish iron-clad Benbow.

The Sultan of Zanzibar has refused to surrender the territory claimed by Portugal, which is recognized in the Anglo-German agreement with the Sultan as belonging to Zanzibar. Portugal is threatening to bombard the town of Tungi in consequence.

The Italian-Abyssinian war promises to be prolonged. The situation is unchanged, exprolonged. The situation is unchanged, ex-cept that a a portion of the Abyssinian army has just inflicted a crushing defeat upon the Soudanese, and will now be able to co-oper-ate in the attack upon the Italians. Prince Louis Napoleon, second son of Jerome, has asked permission to accompany the Italian corps to Massowah.

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