

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

HOME.

General Middleton will start on his annual tour of inspection as soon as the snow disappears.

It is stated that the Railway Commission will not present their report to Parliament at the coming session.

The reported excitement in Newfoundland over the disallowance of the Hait Act is stated to be greatly exaggerated.

Halifax exports for February show an increase of \$70,000 over the same month last year. The Customs receipts increased \$42,000.

Owing to the unparalleled depth of snow in the woods this winter, the lumber cut in the Ottawa valley will be reduced about 25 per cent.

The private banking firm of McLellan & Co., of St. John, N. B., has stopped payment temporarily in consequence of the failure of the Maritime Bank.

Mr. Baker, of the Manitoba & Northwest coast road, denies that there is any truth in the reported negotiations for the sale of that road to the Grand Trunk Railway company.

Major Stewart, of the Cascade coal mines, is now in Winnipeg. He says the output will soon reach 500 tons daily, and that the intention is to supply San Francisco and the Pacific coast.

It is reported that Parliament will be asked at the coming session to authorize an increase in the North-West Mounted Police force, and that each post will be supplied with a Nordenfeldt gun.

At a convention of prison wardens of Canada and the United States, held in Detroit, a Prison Wardens' Association was organized, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting next year in Toronto.

Work will be commenced immediately on the railway from Winnipeg to the international boundary, arrangements for connection with the Northern Pacific railway at the boundary having already been made.

The movement for the erection in Halifax of a \$250,000 cathedral in commemoration of the establishment of the first Colonial See in Nova Scotia, a century ago, is assuming shape. Bishop Binney offers \$5000.

The route of the Central Ontario railway has been located to Bancroft, a distance of sixteen and one quarter miles from the present terminus. The locating of the Iroquois and Bancroft line will be resumed in the spring.

The Bishop of New Westminster recently read an able and interesting paper on British Columbia before the Colonial Institute in London, in which he highly eulogized the commercial advantages of the Canadian Pacific railway.

An eighteen-year-old daughter of Peter Busha, shoemaker of Lacolle, Que., committed suicide by taking a dose of Paris green. An old half-witted woman named Tremblay of the same place, on hearing of the girl's action, took a dose of the same poison and died.

The Halifax Chamber of Commerce, at its annual meeting endorsed the Government's fishery policy, but refused to petition the Government to negotiate reciprocal trade relations with the West Indies and Cuba or to subsidize a direct line of steamers running between Canada and those countries.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, in Toronto, a resolution recommending the Dominion Alliance to petition Parliament to place a sum in next year's estimates to buy out the plant of all distilleries and breweries throughout the Dominion, thereby putting an end to the liquor traffic, was voted down, only three votes being in favor of it.

Superintendent Whyte, of the Canadian Pacific railway, telegraphs that the men who recently lost their lives through the snowslide in the mountains have themselves to blame. They saw the slide coming, but instead of getting in the sheds, they stayed outside to watch its effect, with the result that six of them were suffocated before they could be rescued.

Mr. Green, superintendent of the snow-plough brigade, Thomas Stark and Wm. Ryan were among the six Canadian Pacific railway employes killed by the snowslide in the Rocky Mountains last week, as previously reported. Mr. Abbott superintendent of the Pacific division, denies that the snowsheds in the mountains have been in the least injured this year.

A large and influential deputation representing the Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston and Montreal Boards of Trade, and lake vessel owners, had a long interview the other afternoon with the members of the Dominion Government on the question of canal enlargement and the reduction of canal tolls. Sir John Macdonald stated that the Government intended to proceed with the deepening of the canals as fast as possible and that the question of toll reduction would receive immediate consideration.

AMERICAN.

Cholera has been officially declared prevalent at Monte Video.

Mrs. Amanda Greely, sister of Horace Greely, has been stricken with paralysis. She is 73 years of age.

The New York State Senate has passed the bill appropriating \$550,000 for the improvement of the canals.

One hundred and fifty gravediggers in Calvary cemetery, Long Island, threaten to strike unless their wages are increased.

A high Government official in Washington is credited with predicting within the next two months a financial stringency which will lead to a panic.

Rev. Frank Belmont, a Baptist minister, was found dead the other night in the Chickasaw nation reserve. He was doubtless murdered.

Fire recently destroyed business property at Walla Walla, W. T., worth \$125,000; insurance, \$40,000. The remains of two human beings were found in the ruins.

Alex. Crawford, the negro murderer of a merchant at Winona, Minn., was taken from gaol by an immense crowd of enraged citizens the other day and hanged from a trestle.

Emma Spencer, May McAttee and Lucy Berry have been gaoled at Parkersburg, West Va., on suspicion of robbing and murdering Richard Miller, a country merchant, aged 70.

Two sheep ranchers, named Fraser and Lackey, were murdered in their houses near Albuquerque, New Mexico, recently. It is

believed Mexicans committed the crime. All the money on the place was stolen.

Inman and Mead Case, young sons of the late Rev. John Case, at Hawley, Pa., quarrelled recently and drew revolvers. Inman shot his brother Mead, and the young man will die. Inman is wild with grief.

The last obstacle in the way of Mr. Erastus Wiman's scheme for bridging the Arthur Kill and giving the Baltimore & Ohio a terminus in New York harbor has been removed, the U. S. War Department having sanctioned his plans.

Lucy B. Parsons, the lecturing Anarchist, was refused a hall by a local military company at Columbus, Ohio, where she had proposed to speak. She called on the mayor to protest against such actions and became so abusive and demonstrative that she was locked up.

The other evening A. T. Swedley and Mrs. Annie Graves were united in marriage at Brockport, N. Y., by Rev. Mr. Eddy at the bride's house. The groom is 80 years of age and the bride 78. Both have been married before. They are spending the honeymoon in the town.

The residents of Princeton, Ind., and vicinity are much exercised over a phenomenon which occurred the other Sunday. A severe rainstorm began before daybreak and covered the earth to a depth of an inch with a yellow substance, which is pronounced to be of volcanic origin.

Naval Constructor Pook has submitted to the U. S. Navy department his plans for a new armored vessel of 6000 tons ordered by the last Congress. The constructor says this vessel will be built at Brooklyn yard. She will cost over \$2,500,000 and work will be commenced within a year and give employment to several thousand men.

FOREIGN.

Lord Randolph Churchill has arrived at Catania, Sicily.

Advices from Catania say the cholera is increasing daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone have gone to visit the Queen at Windsor.

During the recent riot in Galway several soldiers were beaten and kicked by a large mob.

Colonel Rod, the English manager of lead mines in Corsica, has been murdered by miners.

The Stanley expedition for the relief of Emin Bey has arrived at Simonstown, Cape of Good Hope.

Christine Nilsson has been married to Count Miranda, and it is reported she will retire from the stage.

The British army estimates which have just been issued, amount to \$91,969,500, being an increase of \$803,500.

It is officially stated that the British War office will recommend the Lee-Burton and improved Lee Magazine rifles for final test.

It is stated England and Germany will endeavor to effect an amicable settlement of the dispute between Zanzibar and Portugal.

M. de Lesseps says the French nation is decidedly in favor of peace, and no intelligent Frenchman believes there will be war.

Gen. Boulanger proposes to adopt measure to prevent the publication of news in France relating to movements of the army.

It is positively affirmed that the alliance between Italy, Germany and Austria has been resumed, but for three instead of five years.

It is probable that the health of the Princess of Wales will permit of her accompanying her husband and son on their approaching visit to Ireland.

The Pope is writing an encyclical on the subject of Socialism. He will treat concisely of social problems, distinguishing good and lawful from dangerous and unchristian combinations.

Extraordinary activity is displayed at the Krupp works in Essen. New buildings are required to enable the works to complete the orders for guns for the German Government within the specified time.

The Woontho Tsawbwa has submitted to the British, and has agreed to pay tribute and to deliver up his arms. This is an important step in the work of pacifying the people of Upper Burma.

The *Tribuna* of Rome prints a despatch from Massowah saying that the King of Abyssinia, at the head of an army, is marching to Godjam and that he has summoned a portion of Ras Aloula's troops to join him.

A despatch from Berlin points out that the Kaiser will become a potential factor in German politics, and as her ideas run counter to those of Prince Bismarck the correspondent points out how the Chancellor is taking steps to provide a policy for the future that his petticoated antagonist will find it hard to disturb.

Commander Chadwick, United States naval attaché in London, has had an interview with Vice-Admiral William Graham, controller of the navy, in relation to the statements that Draughtsman Terry revealed the secrets of naval designs to the American legation. The controller said these were merely newspaper assertions and that as far as the stories connected any body in the legation with the dockyard treachery they were entirely false.

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In Croyden churchyard was a tomb on which was inscribed the epitaph which has been recorded in Steinman's "History Croyden," but which is now lost.

Indian Too Much for White Man.

In the summer of '79 a sergeant and six constables of the North-West Mounted Police were stationed at Stand Off, a small log fort situated on the Belly river under the Rockies. Their duty was to stop traders selling whiskey to the Blood Indians, whose reserve is situated on the opposite side of the river, and also to stop the Bloods from stealing horses from the whites.

Among the few Indians who were allowed inside the post was Heavy Shields, a minor chief in the Blood camp. He was then, and is now, a fine specimen of an Indian, standing six feet two in his moccasins and built in proportion. The police had a pair of boxing gloves that caused many a black eye and bloody nose. Nothing pleased Heavy Shields so much as to put them on. From being awkward at first he got to be able to hold his own against all comers, and would take and give a pounding in good part. On the whole he was not bad tempered for an Indian. One day a crowd of cow-boys driving a herd of cattle from Montana on their way to Fort Macleod to supply the Police and Indian Department with meat, had camped for the night close by the police post. Among them was one who was a terror to all others who would meet him in a fair fight with bare knuckles. After supper the cow-boys called on the police to have some fun at target practice with Colts revolvers and Winchester carbines. After each man had a trial, Heavy Shields, who was present at the time, came out the winner. This maddened the cow-boy bully. He flew into a rage and wanted to turn himself loose on Heavy Shields with his fist. The sergeant, who knew nothing about the cow-boy, but knew very well what Heavy Shields could do, told the former that his chance was good, but not with bare knuckles, but with gloves. This pleased the cow-boy who wanted to show the police and Indians that he was a second "John L." The gloves were brought out and the men set too. The cow-boy smiled, full of confidence, thinking what a time he would have slugging the Indian. But things did not turn out as he expected. Heavy Shields let out his left, knocking his opponent down. The cow-boy jumped up, striking right and left at the Indian, who avoided his blows with ease, and at every chance sent in a stinger. The cow-boy, seeing his mistake too late, threw up the gloves, and, picking up a heavy raw hide quilt, struck the Indian on the face. This was more than Heavy Shields could stand. He also threw off the gloves, and taking up an axe that lay close by, struck at the cow-boy, but the blow fell short. The cow-boy turned and ran for his life with Heavy Shields in hot chase after him. The cow-boy was a fast runner, but Heavy Shields was much the faster of the two, and, gaining inch by inch on his victim at every step, he raised the axe and struck at the cow-boy, missing him only by a hair's breadth. To save the fugitive's life without shooting the Indian was impossible, and to kill the Indian to save the cow-boy's life was out of the question, for the cow-boy was the cause of the quarrel. All we could do was to look on. The cow-boy was straining every nerve and muscle to save his life, but seemingly all to no purpose for Shields was steadily gaining. We all held our breath for the next time the axe would drop, we expected to see the cow-boy drop with it. The axe did drop, but again fell short of the mark, merely cutting the back part of the cow-boy's head about an inch long and an eighth of an inch deep. This did not check his speed and he kept steadily on. The axe rose again. This time it was certain death had it not been for a large black bear, which was eating a coyote that had been shot that morning by one of the police. Neither cow-boy or Indian saw the bear until they were almost on top of him, for he was hidden from view behind some bushes. Bruin was taken so by surprise that he did not attempt to attack the cow-boy, but rose up in time to save his life. Heavy Shields turned his whole attention to the bear. Then a desperate fight began. Twice Heavy Shields struck him with the axe, but bruin parried the third blow and closed with the Indian pinning him to the ground, and in a very few moments would have torn him to atoms had it not been for the cow-boy, who by this time had returned. Catching up the axe that had been dropped by Heavy Shields, he sunk it into the bear's brain, killing him on the spot. Heavy Shields then jumped to his feet, looked long and steady into the cow-boy's eyes, reached out his hand and said, "white man, let us be brothers!"

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