THE WEEK'S NEWS.

HOME.

Over 20,000 pilgrims have already visit-ed the shrine of La Bonne Ste. Anne this year.

George H. Starr, one of the best known merchants of Halifax, N. S., lately died at the age of 75.

A heavy shock of earthquake was felt at Murray Bay on Friday, said to be the most severe since 1870.

The Victoria Industrial school at Mimico is now open for the reception of neglected and destiute children.

The strike at the Valleyfield cotton mills has been settled, the operatives resuming work at the old rate of wages.

A farm laborer named Kirkpatrick wa killed near Rideau Station, about a mile and a half from Kingston, the other afternoon.

An action for \$15,500, the amount of his defalcation, has been entered by the Bank of Hochelaga against Parent, the absconding cashier.

The stove manufacturers of Hamilton have refused to grant the increased pay dt-manded by the Moulders' Union, and a strike is probable.

Mr. Mercier, Premier of Quebec, has been taken suddenly ill in New York, having had to undergo a painful operation for a throat affection.

Senator Abbott has promised that the Government during the summer would en-quire into the feasibility of the Prince Edward Island submarine tunnel.

The contract for the construction of the North-West Central railway has been signed, and one hundred miles of the road are expected to be completed by the fall.

Mr. E. Kamper is in Ottawa negotiating with the Government for the purchase of the Intercolonial railway and the establishment of immense iron works at Pictou, N. S.

The steamer Castleford, which was wreck ed off the Scilly Islands, had 300 head of cattle shipped from Waterloo, Ont., on May 23. One hundred head were saved.

The Ontario Medical Association has con cluded its annual meeting at Toronto. Dr. Rosebrugh, of Hamilton, was elected president, and Toronto was again chosen for the next annual meeting.

Robert Soules, a lad of ten years, is under arrest in Toronto, charged with manslaugh-ter. It is alleged that he beat a playmate with a brick, producing injuries from which he died a few days afterwards.

Mr. VanHorne, in an interview at Vic toria, B. C., said that the C. P. R. Com pany's Asiatic service was purely experi mental at present, and would be discon tinued unless sufficient traffic was forth coming.

Certain of the Indians of the Grand River reservation are opposed to the excrcise of the franchise by the red men, and have petitioned Parliament to repeal the Franchise Act as far as it relates to Indians.

Mrs. Beverley Robinson, wife of ex-Lieu-tenant-Governor Robinson, was the other day presented with a purse by several prominent citizens of Toronto to enable her to erect a cottage at Governor's Island, Lake Joseph, Muskoka.

Owing to the troublesome feeling among the half-breeds, a volunteer corps has been organized at Swift Current, N. W. T., and the Mounted Police have been instructed by the Minister of Militia to furnish the corps with arms and ammunition.

Mr. Cyr Duquet, of Quebec, who is presi dent of the Combustible Gas Company, says Louiseville station, at a depth of 220 feet, dahar. and that the flow and pressure surpasses even their most sanguine expectations.

The half-breed murderers of Hector Mc-Leish are believed to be concealed in the tion of Egypt. Crooked Lake reserve. A party of fifty-three Mounted Police and about fifty civilians are vigorously searching for the murderers, whose chances of escape are believed to be almost hopeless.

The city council of St. Thomas have presented a petition to Parliament asking for a repul of the Scott Act, urging that the Act has been a failure, that it has not diminish ed drinking, that there has been no improvement in public morals, that property has been deteriorated and that the progress and prosperity of the city have been retarded. At a meeting held in Detroit recently a resolution was adopted demanding the en-forcement of the United States law prohibiting the importation of foreign labour, the object being to prevent Canadians living in Windsor from being employed in Detroit. It is reported that the Dominion Government is preparing to take retaliatory mea-sures against Detroiters who work in Windsor in the event of the enforcement of the law.

ment in the crop conditions, especially in the spring crop and in meadows and pas-The harvest has already commenced tures. in Southern winter wheat sections, and this crop is nearly past all danger.

the West have wrought a general improve

The "infernal machines" received by Inspector Byrnes, Capt. Williams and the British Consul at New York on Friday were

fuel cartridges manufactured at Troy, N. Y. The cartridges are filled with mineral cotton, are perfectly harmless and when saturated with kerosene oil are ignited and used for kindling fires. They were sent as a joke.

The naval court-maatial held in New ork on the recent collision between the White Star line steamships Britannic and Celtic have delivered their findings. The captains of both vessels are ordered to be severe y censured for failing to observe the regulations, and the second officer of the Celtic is also declared blameworthy.

Much discontent has been caused at Havana by a telegram from Spain announcing the formation of a new division of Cuba which will have the effect of suppressing the provinces of Natanzas and Pinar del Rio. There is great excitement in both these provinces. Meetings and demonstra-tions have been held, and telegrams sent to Spain protesting against the reform.

Several cases of smallpox were recently discovered at Chicago in a house where an talian was found suffering with the disease last week. After the removal of the Italian f om the pest house; it was thoroughly fumisated and all the occupants were vaccinated, but too late to arrest the spread of the dis-In consequence several children were ease. prostrated yesterday. Doubtless many others have been infected.

FOREIGN.

The Manchester Ship Canal Company pro-pose to raise £4,000,000 by issuing preference shares.

The Vatican authorities have received \$800,000 with which to celebrate the Pope's Jubilee.

Cambridge University has conferred an onorary degree upon Sir Donald Smith, of Montreal.

The Powers do not regard favourably Russia's proposal to elect a temporary Prince of Bulgaria.

A famine is imminent in the City of Meshed and throughout the whole province of Khorassan.

A fire damp mining accident occurred in Westphalia lately by which over 50 men ost their lives.

The town of Vernome, in Turkestan, was lmost entirely destroyed by earthquake, and 120 were killed.

The Berlin *Post*, reviewing the political situation, concludes that Europe will enjoy a quiet summer.

Notes to the amount of \$25,000 have been abstracted from a letter in the mails between Prague and Vienna.

Sir Evelyn Baring, British Consul-General at Cairo, has been summoned to London in

connection with the Egyptian convention. Operations on the Baltic canal will .ot be begûn on a grand scale until autumn, a 🔗

necessary preparations are not yet comple Russia has forbidden that Chinese shall acquire land on the Pacific Coast. They will only be allo ved to lease estates outside of

towns. The Berlin correspondent of the London Standard has reason to believe that a meeting of the three Emperors is likely to occur soon.

It is reported the Indian Government will meet the Russian advances and intrigues on

The Mahdi has decided to refrain from making any attacks on the frontier, as such hostilities would prolong the English occupa-

Gen. Bogdanovich has been removed from the Russian service because of his efforts while in Paris recently to promote a Franco-Russian alliance.

Gen. Ferron, the French new minister of war, has offered Gen. Boulanger the com-mand of an army corps. Gen. Boulanger, however, has asked for a month's rest.

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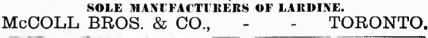
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It is stated that the amount of work done on the Panama Canal during the past year is astonishingly small.

On Sunday, about 4 o'clock in the morn, ing, a thunderbolt struck a house at the Chatones, Tex., killing two people and stun ning many others.

A despatch received at Nogales, Arizona, states that seventeen Apache Indians have left their reservation and taken to the war path. No reason is given.

Several villages in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, were recently flooded by a water-spout, an immense amount of property being destroyed. No lives were lost.

Craig Tollwer, the most notorious desperado now living in Kentucky, has had him-self elected to a judgeship in Rowan County, the people being all afraid to vote against him.

The Cunard Steamship Company have been fined one thousand dollars dy the Col-lector of Customs at Boston for allowing an insane woman to land from one of their vessels.

Seven men were instantly killed and six badly injured the other afternoon by a pre-mature explosion of dynamite at the Cam-bria Iron company's stone quarries at Birmingham, Pa. Some of the injured will die.

Two earthquake shocks were felt at Columbia, S. C., on Saturday, and Northern California and Nevada were shaken by an earthquake early that morning. The shock was accompanied by a low rumbling noise.

The Chicago Farmer's Review says : Continued rain throughout many portions of people.

The will of Mrs. Henry Wood, the English authoress, has been proved. She be-queaths $\pounds 36,000$ in equal shares to her children. Her son is appointed her literary executor.

The cage in one of the coal pits at Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland, fell 360 feet with six persons. Three were killed out-right, and the other three were badly injured.

Returns issued by the British Board of Trade show that the imports during May decreased $\pounds 1,000,000$ as compared with the corresponding month last year, and that the exports increased £200,000.

A final estimate of the victims of the burn ing of the Opera Comique at Paris places the number at 130, including the remains of 40 persons which were found in the ruins, but which were so badly burned as to be unrecognizable.

News has been received from Herat that the Ameer of Afghanistan is in a critical position. He has withdrawn the garrisons of Herat and Balkh for the purpose of rein-forcing the troops defeated in the recent encounter with the Ghilzais.

Among the baggage lost in the recent disaster to the steamer "La Champagne" on the French coast was a trunk which dently belonged to a German staff officer. It was recovered and found to contain accurate and complete sketches of a number of French forts. It is believed the officer was drowned.

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