

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

HOME.

Applications are pouring in from all parts of the country from men desiring to enlist for service in "C" Battery, British Columbia.

Hon. Mr. Gingras, Legislative Councillor 84 years of age, was married in Quebec on the 22nd, to Miss Gadbout, of St. Lawrence, aged 28 years.

Indian farmers in the North-West Territories have done remarkably well this year, and those of Crooked Lake will be keen competitors at the forthcoming agricultural convention.

Mgr. D'herbomez, of British Columbia, who has been a guest of the authorities at the College of Ottawa for some days, has left for the West, accompanied by ten priests, who will devote their time to missionary labour among the Indians.

It appears to be definitely settled that fifty miles of the North-West Central railway will be built this year, probably in order to save the charter.

The corner stone of the new synagogue for the Spanish and Portuguese congregation in the west end of the city of Montreal was laid on Thursday afternoon, of 22nd inst., by Mr. Gersham Joseph, the representative of one of the oldest Jewish families in the city.

Sir Arthur Blackwood, who has just returned to Montreal after a tour over the Canadian Pacific railway to the Pacific coast, states that in his opinion the C. P. R. route for the mail service to Japan and China would save little in point of time over the Suez canal route, its advantages being national rather than postal, but admitted that it would be of the utmost value as an alternative route in case of war or European complications.

The Mormons intend to obtain a foothold in the Canadian North West. Twelve families have settled in Southern Alberta, and it is thought that others will settle shortly near Medicine Hat.

Mr. Charles Maguire, shipping merchant of Quebec city, has been arrested on a capias of \$17,000. The firm of J. & W. Maguire, of which the prisoner is a member, failed for half a million dollars some time ago.

A dispatch from San Francisco says:—The agents of the United States Transcontinental roads are beginning to realize the fact that the Canadian Pacific railway is not entirely depending on the advantages given to it by Congress through the Inter-State Commerce bill.

In Montreal a few days ago, an interesting find was made in connection with the old Portuguese Jewish Synagogue, now being pulled down. While the corner stone was being moved from its position a small lead casket with "1835" stamped on its face was noticed, with a number of ancient and modern coins lying on top of it.

One of the principal topics of discussion at the late Imperial conference was the proposed trans-Pacific cable between British Columbia and New Zealand and Australia.

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Three thousand people are going into Kansas every day. Is it any wonder it booms? Never before in the history of the State has the population grown so rapidly, unless it was in that time just after the war, when emigrants tumbled over each other in their haste to enter the land of promise.

All the crops on the bottom land between Mammoth and Benson, Ariz., have been destroyed by the recent floods. Fields of growing corn and corn are now but a bed of sand.

Superintendent Horner, of the Kansas Silk Station, at Peabody, has given away 100,000 mulberry trees to be planted in Western Kansas.

A mammoth salt company, composed of all the salt manufacturers in the United States, is about to be formed. It will be known as the National Salt Union, and will be the head-quarters for the salt supply of the whole country.

A lawsuit which came to a conclusion in Atlanta, Ga., a few days ago involved the question of the ownership of not only a lot of mules, horses hogs and cattle, but of sixty slaves as well.

The London Standard accuses Mr. Michael Davitt of cowardice in leaving Ireland at present.

There was great excitement in Toledo last week owing to an immense oil conflagration in the Wood County oil fields. The fire was caused by an explosion in the Parker well No. 1, the greatest oil well in the world.

The magistrates of Exeter have issued a summons to the lessee of the recently burned Theatre Royal, calling him to account for a breach of the building law regulations.

The coroner's jury in the case of the Midland railway accident, on the 22nd inst., rendered a verdict of manslaughter against Taylor the engine driver, and the fireman of the express train from Liverpool.

The Naval Department, after a long series of secret trials, has just adopted an automatic torpedo which passes through water for four hundred yards at the rate of 27 knots an hour, steered with absolute certainty and set to remain at any depth.

The armored barbed fast cruiser War-spire, which cost the British Government half a million sterling and proved a failure, is to be employed as a training ship for boys.

It is officially stated in Constantinople that the Bismark Kalnoky interview did not result in favor of a settlement of the Bulgarian question.

Dr. Mackenzie was reported recently to be at Milan inquiring as to a suitable health resort for Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany.

The coroner's jury in the case of the victims of the Exeter theatre fire has rendered a verdict that they came to their death through an accident, but blames the architect of the building for not providing sufficient means of exit, and censures the authorities for not having this defect remedied.

According to the most recent figures the Channel Islands are hardly a source of profit to the British empire.

There is no lack of so-called cures for the common ailment known as corns.

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