

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

HOME.

Scott Act fines to the amount of \$1,100 were inflicted last week at Stratroy.

Two hundred thousand tons of coal in the C. P. R. sheds at Hochelaga have been burnt.

A settler near Moosomin has been fined \$30, including costs, for setting the prairie on fire.

Judge Angers, of the Superior Court of Quebec, has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of that province.

Jude Taylor has been appointed Chief Justice of Manitoba, in succession to the late Chief Justice Wallbridge.

The net result of the year's business of the Montreal Street Railway Company, after deducting all expenses, is \$95,926.

The Manitoulin Expositor says that twenty-three tons of potatoes were shipped from Manitowaning during last week.

Winter has set in in Manitoba. There has been a slight fall of snow at Winnipeg, and the Red River is nearly frozen over.

In consequence of the large exports, the retail price of potatoes in Winnipeg has advanced from 25 cents to 40 cents per bushel.

Lieut. Colonel Baker, M. P. P. for Kootenay, B. C., intends to attempt to acclimatize the South American Llama to his constituency.

It is announced that the Manitoba Government have completed a contract with a well-known firm for the immediate completion of the boundary railway.

A cablegram says an English syndicate offers to construct a submarine tunnel between Prince Edward Island and the mainland for £40,000 per annum for fifty years.

Fever is very prevalent among the Manitoba "D" troop of Mounted Police. According to the latest report the whole of the troop excepting sixteen men are laid up.

For the past week the surplus grain crop of Manitoba has been exported at the average rate of 105 cars a day. The total export is now expected to reach ten million bushels.

At a meeting of the Quebec Protestant Teachers' Association a committee was appointed to petition the Government to increase the annual grant for elementary education to \$200,000.

Manitoba settlers are agitated over an announcement by the Interior Department at Ottawa that all money due on pre-emptions must be paid before the end of December or the entries will be cancelled.

The new postal map of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will be issued in a few weeks, and will be followed as soon as completed by new maps of New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia.

The North-West Central railway directors are applying to the Local Government for aid under the Railway Aid Act. They say they have fifty miles completed early in the spring and another one hundred miles next year.

The returns of the Department of Agriculture show that during the nine months of this year up to the end of September a total of 62,186 settlers arrived in the Dominion, against 51,272 for last year. Returns from three or four ports have yet to be added, which will considerably increase the number.

The bulletin of the Department of Agriculture places the total yield of wheat in Manitoba at 12,351,000 bushels, an average yield per acre of 27.7 bushels, as against 19.3; and the average for the years 1883 to 1886. The average yields of other crops are as follows:—Oats, 46 bushels; barley, 36; peas, 20, potatoes, 238.

AMERICAN.

Philadelphia is threatened with a coal famine, the supply being totally inadequate to the demand.

Fire in St. Louis on Saturday night destroyed, and damaged a number of large warehouses, causing a total loss of over half a million dollars.

Temperance advocates in the United States are excited by the fear that the prohibitory liquor laws will be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

The French steamer Hindostan, from New York, together with her valuable cargo of 3,000 tons of merchandise, was destroyed by fire in Marseilles on Monday.

Cholera has broken out on the steamer Britannia, which has been for some time detained at lower quarantine at New York. The record thus far is one death and one new case.

A telegram has been received from Tampa, Fla., saying that there have been six or eight new cases of yellow fever since last report, and that there were three deaths on the 25th.

Mr. C. G. Francklyn, President of the Horn Silver Mining Company, has been arrested in New York and confined in Ludlow street gaol on a charge of misappropriating \$500,000 of the company's funds.

It is believed that the reported rupture between Secretary Bayard and Attorney-General Garland over the Behring Sea seizures and the former's tacit admission that the Canadian sealers were wrongfully seized, will enable the Dominion Government to obtain compensation for their owners without any difficulty.

FOREIGN.

The steamer Great Eastern has been sold at auction for \$105,000.

Extensive military preparations are being made by both Germany and Russia along their frontier.

It is stated the Czar has formed an anti-German alliance between Russia, Belgium, Holland, Sweden and Denmark.

Mr. Ponsonby has offered the tenants on his Irish estates a reduction of 35 per cent., which will probably be accepted.

In an inspired article the *Pesther Lloyd* expresses the readiness of Austria to enter into the closest alliance with England.

A slander suit for \$25,000 damages against the Duke of Marlborough has been begun by Mr. Dalziel, editor of the *New York Truth*.

The first conference for the negotiation of a commercial treaty between Italy and Austria-Hungary was held on Saturday in Rome.

Mr. Gladstone is of opinion that the discord between Catholics and Protestants would cease if Home Rule were established in Ireland.

The police are closing all liquor shops kept by Europeans in Constantinople, on the ground that they are demoralizing the Turkish people.

Lord Randolph Churchill declares that Mr. Gladstone's proposals as they stand mean the breaking up of the Union and the ruin of the Empire.

An eviction in County Wexford was prevented on Saturday by the tenant and his friends throwing boiling tar, red hot iron and vitriol at the emergency men.

Excavations in Jerusalem have resulted in the discovery of the remains of the ancient town walls and the position of the gate through which Jesus passed to Golgotha.

It is understood Russia intends reducing the import duties on English goods 20 per cent, and on French goods 10 per cent., while on German goods no reduction will be made.

Recent investigations have discovered the appalling fact that upwards of 4,000 children attending the elementary schools of Vienna were suffering from pangs of hunger, some of them being on the verge of starvation.

During the hearing of Mr. Wilfrid Blunt's case at Woodford on Tuesday, the Crown counsel announced that English and Irish agitators in Ireland would be treated in the same manner.

The new convention which is to be signed by the great powers provides that the Suez Canal shall be kept open in time of war, but that no act of hostility shall be permitted at either of its approaches nor on its banks within a certain distance.

From evidence elicited at the inquest on a deceased dynamite in London East, it is believed that he was connected with a plot to murder Mr. Balfour, the Irish Chief Secretary, on the occasion of his speaking in Birmingham on the 2nd of November.

Canon Weldon, of the Irish Church, delivered an address in Dublin, in which he said he hoped the Queen would find a more suitable way to honour her husband's memory than by sending her sons and sons-in-law to the top of a Highland mountain to drink raw whisky.

A Guessing Game.

Two even sides, of six or eight persons each, sit down on opposite sides of a dining-table. All their hands are concealed below the table.

A half dollar is given to a player of one side, and he puts it in secret circulation among his partners. At a call from their opponents the players who have the half dollar in keeping must lay their clinched fists on the table in plain sight. In some one of those closed hands the money is hidden.

No. 1 of the other side scans the faces above the fists for traces of confusion or other signs which may betray the present position of the lost money. At last he comes to a decision and points to a certain hand. If the hand designated contains the coin the score-keeper credits the guessing side with a number equal to all the hands of the coin-holding side. If the first attempt is a failure the hand is removed and the player continues guessing until he finds the right one. Meantime all the hands wrongly pointed out have been removed from the table, and when the coin is at last hit upon the guessing side scores as many points as there are hands left on the table.

When No. 1 of the guessing side is through, the same process is repeated by No. 2, and so on until all of the guessing side have had a chance. Then the coin is passed across the table and the other side have their turns. At the end of the game the individual scores on each side are added and the largest sum, of course, wins the game.

Here is a chance for amusement and a study of facial expression as a mirror of the mind.

BLOWING THE FEATHER.

When the guessers are tired of the half dollar and its fortunes let them turn their attention to this simple pastime.

A large sheet is produced and spread upon the floor. In the center of it is placed a feather which has been abstracted from a pillow.

Now the parties, arranged as in the above game, take their places on opposite sides of the sheet, which they grasp and raise in a horizontal position until it is level with the chins of the shortest players. Enough tension should be caused to keep the sheet flat and smooth. The feather still rests in the center.

At the word "Blow!" given by a disinterested spectator, the players begin to blow the feather, each side striving to make it fly over the edge of the sheet on their opponents' side. It is, in fact, a most delicate sort of foot-ball, with a feather for a ball and only the most harmless of blows possible.

Was America Ever Discovered?

At the time when Columbus started in search of the New World, nearly every man, woman and child in Europe insisted that there was no New World to discover. When he came back, crowned with success, a large proportion of these good people adhered to their theory; and if they were alive to-day many of them would doubtless insist that America had never been discovered at all. A man will give up anything in the world more readily than a pet theory. For example, look at the individuals who still maintain that consumption is incurable. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has cured thousands upon thousands of cases, and will cure thousands more, but these people can't give up their point. Nevertheless the "Discovery" will cure any case of consumption, if taken in time.

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