

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

The arrangements for the parcel post between Canada and the United States came into force on the 1st of March.
Kingston Board of Health has decided to ask the Legislature for power to license dairymen living outside the city.
A large shipment of carriages has been made by a Guelph firm for the Centennial International Exhibition at Melbourne next July.
Senator Frank Smith will withdraw his resignation and resume his seat as a member of the Cabinet before the meeting of Parliament.
The County Lodge of the Loyal Orange Association of Carleton has passed a resolution approving of the Irish policy of the Marquis of Salisbury and Mr. Balfour.
As one effect of the recent cold spell, solid clear ice, twenty-six inches thick, is being cut from the St. Lawrence, opposite Montreal, the greatest thickness ever recorded.
The Prince of Wales has declined to become honorary patron of the League of the Rose in Ottawa, on the ground that he has made it a rule not to become connected with any society formed for political purposes.
The agitation for the suppression of bucket shops is being revived in Montreal, and the Board of Trade is urged to take joint action with the Toronto and other Boards to secure prohibitive legislation from the Dominion Parliament.
It is rumored that Mr. Dewdney, on the expiration of his term as Lieut-Governor of the North-West Territories, will, in addition to receiving one of the North-West Senatorships, become a member of the Cabinet on its reconstruction.
During the past year the profits of the Nova Scotia Sugar Refining Company, of Halifax, enabled it to pay \$100,000 off its mortgage debt, a thirteen per cent. dividend, and add between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to the rest account.
A resident of Montreal has received a letter from a miner at Sudbury giving marvelous accounts of the richness of the gold mines in that district. The writer asserts that a piece of native gold valued at \$50,000 was taken from one vein.
Legal official circles in Montreal are greatly dissatisfied at the unwillingness of English-speaking citizens to serve as jurors, every means being resorted to to obtain exemption, and much of the complaint made about verdicts is attributed to this cause.
On Saturday afternoon, at Goderich, the captain and crew of the lifeboat were presented with medals on behalf of the United States Government for their heroic rescue of the crew of the American schooner Maxwell during a violent storm in December, 1885.
A collision occurred near Hull early yesterday morning between the Winnipeg express and a freight train. Fortunately the passengers and train hands escaped with a severe shaking, but both engines and the baggage cars and several freight cars are badly smashed.
Two members of the London city council have exchanged compliments in public, the nature of which it took the words "low, mean cur, insolent, mere thing, kick you out, despicable," to express. And London has been called the "Forest City," a name redolent of wild flowers, rustic simplicity and Arcadian happiness!
Mr. Dyke, the Liverpool agent of the Dominion Government, strongly urges Canadian dairymen to go into the business of packing butter in tins for export to Britain and re-export to the hot countries with which Britain does such an immense trade. There is probably a large trade to be built up in this line, as small tins of gilt-edged butter would sell freely at high prices in England.
The merchants of St. John, N. B., having despatched a vessel to the West Indies laden with Canadian goods, are now about to despatch a second vessel, the destination this time being the Argentine republic. The St. John people are certainly not wanting in enterprise. They are moving in the exporting experiment without a subsidy, and are actually operating in advance of the report of the Government agent.
The announcement that Lord Lansdowne is to succeed Lord Dufferin as Governor-General of India gives rise to the question what position will be given to the present Viceroy. Since his residence here the people of Canada have followed the career of Lord Dufferin with continued interest, and it is felt that the Empire should still retain his valuable services in some capacity.
UNITED STATES.
A single trader in Orlando, Fla., purchases 2,000 alligator skins every week.
Four sheep, a hog and ten bushels of wheat settled an Iowa breach of promise suit where \$25,000 damages were demanded.
A Michigan man has a chicken which is sixteen years old. Sealed proposals for the purchase of it will be received from boarding-house keepers.
American potatoes are scarce in Chicago and thousands of sacks are being imported from Rotterdam. A recent consignment was 2,500 sacks.
United States detectives have seized \$25,000 worth of opium, which was brought into Canada via Vancouver and was taken across the river from Brockville.
James G. Blaine has written a letter to the Chairman of the National Republican Committee, declining to allow his name to be put up for the Presidential nomination.
A Missouri man who had conscientious scruples about taking the oath as a juror stole two overcoats and \$24 in money from his fellow jurors before the panel was discharged.
Jacob & Bookman, cigar manufacturers, of New York, recently evicted the families of twenty-seven of their striking employes. Three families were also dispossessed at Kerbs & Spies' factory.
It is stated that a secret order recently organized in the States to furnish men in Ireland the means to wage warfare against England, has already several thousand members all over the country.
In New Orleans a jury returned a verdict that keno was not prohibited by the laws of Louisiana. There is no reason why it should be in a state that derives a revenue from the only lottery scheme now tolerated in this country.
Two big footpads held up a newsboy in San Francisco the other night, and when he would not give up his money, even in the

face of a pistol, pounded him till he was unconscious and then robbed him of his hoard, 25 cents.
An Arkansas court has sentenced a man to three years' imprisonment for stealing a \$2 Bible. This looks rather rough at first glance, but when one comes to realize how scarce Bibles are in that State the sentence seems none too heavy.
A Dakota paper speaks of a great revival of business in its locality. A perusal of its local columns gives the reason for it. A thirty-mile railroad branch has been cleared of snow drifts, and a saloonist and a grocer have replenished their stocks.
In Brooklyn a hoisting engine and derrick on the elevated railway collapsed and fell with a number of heavy iron girders on a crowded street car, crushing it to splinters. Four people were killed and fifteen injured, and three horses were also killed.
The worst disabled surviving veteran of the American war is claimed to be Henry B. Fuller, a private of the Twenty-eighth Iowa. He lost his right eye, had his left arm amputated at the shoulder joint, lost his left foot and his right leg is permanently disabled.
There is a law in Pennsylvania against using ferrets in rabbit hunting. A Cochran ton boy evades the law by catching a rat alive, tying a string to its neck, taking it to a rabbit's hole and letting it go into the hole, he holding the end of the string meanwhile. The frightened rat usually scares out the rabbit.
The first mail matter received at the Beaver Islands since the close of navigation on Lake Michigan was carried there the other day by Paul Leplaine, who walked from the islands to Harbor Springs, Mich., and back, a distance of eighty miles. He was obliged to travel on snowshoes to keep from breaking through the thin ice.
The acquisition of plenty of snow in the city of New York has been followed by an outbreak of tobogganing. As this amusement is pursued in the less frequented streets, accidents are not impossible. On one day of this week six people went home with broken limbs and battered eyes, all seriously injured. What else can be expected from people who slide down hills on toboggans and call it "coasting"?
The east-bound Chicago railway lines are badly demoralizing export rates, it costing no more and in some instances less to ship grain and provisions from Chicago to Liverpool and European ports than to New York. The presidents and general managers have become seriously alarmed for fear the trouble will grow and a conference will be held Friday, at New York, to reach some agreement whereby rates may be restored.
According to the written statement of the deputy sheriff of Hardin county, Iowa, Providence, one of the oldest in the county, thickly settled by Friends, and the only township in the State in which every vote was for the prohibitory amendment, not one against, has never cost the tax-payers \$50 in criminal prosecutions, while the saion townships have cost thousands of dollars and have their regular per cent. of criminals in the penitentiary.
The chimpanzee of the menagerie in Central Park, New York, has been very sick for a week past. Mr. Crowley, the name affectionately bestowed upon this native of Africa, has taken nothing but milk and brandy as a remedy. It is curing him and he seems to like the liquor. This fact supplements the Darwinian theory of the descent of man, and prohibitionists who believe in Darwin's doctrine may now lay additional stress upon the argument that there is an inherited tendency in mankind towards strong drink.
FOREIGN.
Several sacks containing dynamite have been discovered hidden in a field near Presburg, Hungary.
Almost all the European sovereigns have congratulated Prince Bismarck upon his speech and its results.
Austria and Turkey have been visited by a succession of violent snowstorms, which have paralyzed traffic.
Five hundred notices of ejection have been issued against tenants on the Draper estate in the North of Ireland.
Lord Clanricarde has definitely made up his mind and expresses his intention to evict 1,600 of his Galway tenants.
It is expected that Mr. Goschen will apply his surplus of nearly two million pounds to reducing the income tax by a penny.
It is stated that a French, Belgian and Dutch syndicate has agreed to negotiate a Russian loan of 200,000,000 roubles.
It is semi-officially denied that Italy is bound under her treaty with Austria to send troops to Bulgaria in support of Austria.
Mr. Blaine, M.P. for South Armagh, was yesterday sentenced to four months' imprisonment for inciting tenants to resist the authorities.
A station and a mail train were buried by an avalanche on an Austrian railway, and 2,000 men are at work endeavouring to rescue the imprisoned passengers.
An action was commenced in Dublin on Saturday by Mr. Wilfrid Blunt against the police for \$20,000 for illegal arrest.
Special prayer for the recovery of the Crown Prince was offered yesterday in some of the Episcopal churches in England.
The Mayor of Cork was recently sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment for assaulting a policeman at a Plan of Campaign meeting.
A man named Templar, employed at Chatham, has been discovered selling secrets of the Balloon Department to the Italian Government.
Queen Emma, of Holland, continually winks while speaking. For this reason she is obliged to have all of her prescriptions put up by telephone.
A Parnellite circular has been issued requesting the Nationalist members to observe the greatest caution in introducing strangers into Parliament.
This has been one of the hardest winters Italy has known for twenty years, and this country can look for a fresh importation of organ grinders next spring.
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