

NEWS OF THE DAY.

CANADIAN.

The Kingston by-law for \$140,000 to improve the city water works system was carried yesterday by a vote of 452 to 43. Chief Justice Armour was presented with the traditional pair of gloves on opening the Assizes at Kingston there being no prisoners in gaol. Colonel John Kilborn, who served as an ensign in the battle of Lundy's Lane in 1814, and was taken prisoner, died in Newborough on Sunday, aged 94 years. A memorial from the Winnipeg Icelandic Society, praying for a public recognition of Lief Ericsson as the first discoverer of America, was presented in the United States Senate on Saturday. A Clifford merchant received an anonymous letter recently, enclosing postage stamps and stating that the writer, a woman, had sold him a quantity of rotten eggs last summer, and the stamps were to pay for them. A party of Japanese gentlemen interested in manufacturing enterprises in Yokohama passed through Winnipeg on Friday, bound on a tour of inspection of the large factory establishments in Canada and the New England States. The Customs Collector at Buffalo has been instructed by the Treasury Department that clothing and other dutiable goods purchased in Canada by residents on the frontier cannot be admitted free on their return to the United States. The editors of The Acta Victoriana, the paper published by the students of Victoria University, have been suspended by the faculty on account of criticisms of the curriculum which appeared in that paper, and there is a considerable commotion in its consequence. A vigorous immigration policy will be inaugurated by the Manitoba Government, and a scheme for placing portions of railway and land companies' lands under government control for settlement is being prepared for submission to the Provincial Legislature. Seven conductors on the Canadian Pacific railway between Kalar, a station 110 miles east of Winnipeg, and the Pacific Coast are to be dismissed for assisting an operator who was travelling to the coast on a stolen ticket to escape from a detective who was on the same train, and who finally captured him in Vancouver. The Trenton Advocate says that two men crossing Devil Lake the other day with a horse and cutter were pursued by a wolf, the horse became frightened, made a sudden spring, and threw one of them out. He had a scaling stick in his hand, struck the wolf over the head with it, stunned it, and then dispatched it with a penknife. Sir Arthur Halliburton, recently appointed to an under secretaryship of the British War Office, was born in Nova Scotia in 1832, and is a son of the famous "Sam Slick." He has filled many important positions in the British military and Civil Services, and is, we believe, the only Canadian who has ever reached a position so high in the British service. A young boy named Pastorius, living near Colchester, Essex County, was nearly strangled in a curious way the other day. He had fastened one end of a rope round a calf's neck and the other end round a dog's while the centre of it he wound about his own. He was being dragged along so rapidly when discovered that if a brother had not cut the rope in time he would have paid dearly for his fun. Our Saskatoon correspondent writes:—Mr. David Blackley, who came from Scotland in 1884, and whose farm is seven miles from Saskatoon, has cleaned 116 bushels of excellent oats, the produce of three bushels sown last spring, which had only ordinary cultivation. The oats are of the black Tartarian variety, of superior quality, being well filled and hard. All the crops in the neighborhood are turning out well. Mr. Blackley started with two cows and in less than four years has twenty head of cattle besides working oxen. He intends putting in over 100 acres of crop this year. His faith in the country is such that, by his advice, a son and son-in-law with their families came out from Scotland last summer and have settled near him. He says if he had money enough he would bring out all the friends he has. At Saskatoon prices for farm produce range as follows:—Wheat 60c per bushel, oats and barley each 50c per bushel, potatoes 50c per bushel, butter 25c per pound, eggs 30c per dozen, beef, wholesale, \$7 to \$9 per 100 pounds. UNITED STATES. Minneapolis reports 116 days of sleighing so far this winter. A man in New York is paid \$20,000 a year for sampling tea. Twenty-four deaths were caused by the mine explosion at Rich Hill, Missouri. Oskaloosa, Kansas, has elected a woman as Mayor and a City Council composed entirely of women. Only twelve Indians are left of the tribe of 1,000 who inhabited the Yosemite Valley a few years ago. Losses on the western cattle ranches this winter have been very slight, and are not expected to exceed one per cent. The Buffalo Bankers' Association has decided to charge 2 per cent. discount on all Canadian money received on deposit. Claus Spreckels has decided to build a sugar refinery in Philadelphia, with a capacity of seven thousand barrels a day. A Clay county, Dakota, farmer has a five-year-old cow which is 16 1/2 hands high and weighs 1,888 pounds. A circus man is trying to buy her. A bill for the celebration at Washington next spring of the centennial of the Constitution of the United States was passed in the Senate on Saturday. A sword fish weighing 500 pounds was caught from the wharf at Punta Gorda, Fla. It took the combined efforts of three men to draw it from the water. California farmers display much energy in ridding their fields of the rabbit pest. At a big rabbit drive about 2,000 men were in line and over 4,000 rabbits were slaughtered. The Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage is a great walker, and thinks nothing of an early morning spin of eight or nine miles into the suburbs, topped off with a brisk run of half a mile. A resolution in favor of organic union of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the

Methodist Episcopal Church South was adopted at the meeting of Methodist ministers in Chicago on Monday. A weekly church publication in Youngstown, O., is edited by the Rev. S. R. Frazier, and is issued on Sundays. It is probably the only Sunday newspaper in existence that is edited by a clergyman. Mr. Osgoodby, of Albany, and his four boys foot up pretty well in the aggregate. He is 6 feet 6 inches in height, the oldest son is 2 inches shorter, the next is 6 feet 3, the next 6 feet 2, and the youngest, a lad of ten years, is 6 feet 1 inch tall. The latest "cattle queen" of the west is Miss Kitty Wilkins, of Idaho, a tall blonde, twenty-three years of age, a fine horse-woman and a dead shot. Though called the cattle queen, as a matter of fact horses are her specialty, and she owns no less than 800, besides thousands of cattle. Macey Warner, who was hanged the other day at Jefferson, Ind., for murder, made the following gallows speech:—"If any of you ever take a glass of whisky, before you put it to your lips think of Macey Warner and look into the bottom of the glass and see if you can't see a rope there." The paint shops of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway at Aurora, Ill., which were being used as a hotel for the new men, were burned on Thursday night, over one hundred of the men who were in the building losing all they possessed. The fire is attributed to incendiarism, and caused a loss of \$175,000. Dr. Gatling has made important improvements in his machine gun within the past two years. It is now a terrible arm. It can be pointed down upon a torpedo boat from a ship's deck, or upon a launch when it is very near to the vessel. The English naval officers are loud in the praises of his gun. It throws a shower of bullets with terrible force, as thick as hail stones in a hail storm. 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Two cases are reported in Germany of fatal results following the operation of laryngotomy, which the German doctors wanted to perform on Emperor Frederick. The Moscow Gazette attributes to Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, the English Minister to Persia, a scheme for the commercial conquest of that kingdom for the benefit of England. Emperor Frederick and Empress Victoria drove in a half open carriage from Charlottenburg to Berlin and greatly enjoyed the drive. They received enthusiastic greetings along the road. It is officially announced that King John, of Abyssinia, has sued for peace, and Gen. San Marzano has been instructed to accede to his requests if the terms accord with the honour of Italy. A federation of clubs and similar societies in Paris have been formed with the object of cheapening medical attendance. Adult members of the association pay 49 cents a year for medical attendance and children 20 cents. The floods in Germany and Hungary are causing great loss of life and destruction of property, and as the snow lies on an average four feet deep in the forest lands it is feared that the worst of the inundations have yet to come. Says the foreign itemizer of the New York Sun: Fully 30,000 German residents in England who evaded conscription on the breaking out of the Franco-Prussian war can now return to their fatherland without risk, as their offence terminated with the late Emperor's reign. The latest advices from China say that the crisis in Ho-Nan is past, but that the distress of the people is appalling, two million persons being utterly destitute. The nearest towns are invaded by hordes of naked and starving refugees from the flooded districts, who, like swarms of locusts, are devouring everything. A correspondent, residing in the North of London, challenges the statement attributed to Mr. Moody that cancer is unknown to the Hebrews, who suggested as the reason their abstinence from pork. He states that the testimony of medical men who have made this disease a study is that the Jews are no more exempt than others from this dire affliction. The Emperor of Japan, who recently granted liberty to the press all over his dominions, now finds that the papers have taken advantage of his kindness to hold up the Government to hatred, ridicule and contempt, thereby endangering the throne. So his Majesty has issued a ukase authorizing the Minister of the Interior to suspend or suppress any journals professing objectionable sentiments. Mr. Ross Winans, the noted American sportsman, intends to give up his deer forests in Rosshire and Invernesshire, which extend over 260,000 acres. Half of Winans' game preserves is on the Chisholm estate, and Mrs. Chisholm, of Chisholm, is negotiating with her tenant in order to obtain a surrender of his leases. The lease of the great forest of Glenstrathfarrar, which is on the Lovat estate and lets at £5,750 a year, expired last November and was not renewed to Winans, the new tenant being Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, of New York, who has taken Beaufort Castle for five years. Mr. Winans did not visit Scotland last season. Don't do it. Do not wait, if suffering from pain, but go at once to the nearest drug store and buy a sample bottle of Polson's NEVILINE, the great pain cure. Never fails to give immediate relief. Neviline is endorsed by medical men everywhere. Don't wait a single hour without trying Neviline. The best medicine in the world to keep in the house in an emergency. Ten and 25 cents a bottle.

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We beg to report that we have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1887, and that we find the same correct. We have also examined the Mortgages, Debentures and other Securities held by the Company, and we hereby certify that they are correctly shown as above. WATTELLO, Feb. 15th, 1888. HENRY F. J. JACKSON, Auditor.

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