

# NEWS OF THE DAY.

## CANADIAN.

The coal dealers of Hamilton have reduced prices 50 cents per ton.

Five Chinamen passed through Montreal in bond, on their way to China.

Edward Hanlan returned home Monday after an absence of nearly two years.

An attempt was made to wreck the Manitoba & Northwestern express train on Saturday.

Sir Charles Tupper has become a member of the Executive Council of the Imperial Federation League.

Archbishop Fabre has authorized the clergy throughout the archdiocese to offer up public prayers for fine weather.

A compromise has been reached between the Canadian Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads in regard to differentials.

Thomas Moore, one of the King's post office clerks suspended for tampering with letters was fined \$25 for the offence.

Many of the employees of the Napanee, Tamworth and Quebec railway extension are suing the company for overdue wages.

Washington and Ottawa authorities profess dense ignorance regarding the seizure and release of the schooner Black Diamond.

Mrs. Adams, aged 75, of Jerseyville, Ont., was burned to death on Wednesday. The old lady ignited her clothes while lighting a lamp.

A family in Quebec were recently poisoned by eating canned beef. A family in London, Ont., are in a dangerous condition from having partaken of canned peaches.

The administrators of the estate of Rudolph J. Ederer, killed in the Grand Trunk accident at Hamilton, have entered suit for \$30,000 against the company.

Mrs. MacMurchy, wife of Mr. A. MacMurchy, principal of Toronto Collegiate Institute, was drowned while bathing at Youghal, near St. John, N. B., on Monday.

It is estimated that upwards of 100,000,000 cubic feet of white pine will be shipped from the port of Quebec this year, which is far above the quantity set the last four years.

At Gore's Landing, Ont., on Tuesday, Vincent, the six-year old son of Mrs. McMahon, of Penn Yan, N. Y., was drowned by falling from the hurricane deck of a steam yacht, on which his mother and party were enjoying a trip.

The new postal regulations for greater safety in transmitting registered letters went into force throughout the Dominion this week. The system of taking receipts from all the clerks handling registered mail matter will necessarily delay the delivery of the letters.

## AMERICAN.

There is still available \$1,602,801 of the Johnston relief fund.

Frost did some damage on Thursday night in the vicinity of Galena, Ill.

The Sullivan county, N. Y., wild lands are passing into the hands of a New York syndicate.

Ten Dakota Halfbreeds have been arrested on the charge of smuggling in the Turtle Mountain region.

Twin children belonging to one of the locked-out miners of Springfield, Ill., died on Friday of starvation.

The average wheat yield in Illinois this season is seventeen bushels per acre, and the aggregate is 34,000,000 bushels.

St. Louis, Mo., will shortly have an elevated railway seventeen miles long, and cost seven millions of dollars.

A Chicago dispatch says that all the ballet girls in the West will soon be under the control of a wealthy English syndicate.

Spokane Falls, Washington Territory, was almost totally swept away by fire on Sunday night. Loss from ten to fifteen millions.

A youth named Frank Adamson tried to burglarize the Bridgeport, Ia., post office on Tuesday night and was shot by the postmaster.

Samuel Oakley Crawford, who has made himself prominent in Christian Science circles in New York, has been exposed as a clever swindler.

It is proposed to hold a world's fair in the City of Mexico in 1892, to commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America.

The New York "World" says the Standard Oil Co. has bought up all the white lead companies in the United States for about \$60,000,000.

Five thousand Italian laborers on the Pittsburgh, Lake Erie & Western Railway struck work and engaged in rioting, with fatal results.

J. C. Hobbs, overseer of the St. Cloud sugar farm, at Kissimmee, Florida, was shot and killed by Lewis Ward, a negro, on Saturday night.

It is proposed to form a company in San Francisco to distill the over-plus wine production of California into a good uniform quality of brandy.

The petrified arm of a prehistoric giant was recently unearthed near Kearney, Neb. The clasped hand held nine diamonds of the purest water, as large as Lima beans.

Secretary Windom has instructed the Detroit Collector of Customs that foreign-built cars going into the States for purposes of international traffic are not dutiable.

Senator Hale, in an interview, said he saw no reason why the Behring sea matter should not be settled without causing strained relations between the two Governments.

Andy Williams, of Rusley City, Ala., went home Monday night and found Wm. McCutcheon in his room with his wife. He killed them both with a revolver and left.

Ben Davis, colored, was taken from an officer who had him in custody, at La Plata, Mo., on Saturday and lynched. He had attempted to outrage the wife of a young farmer.

At Kansas City, Mo., on Sunday, Frank Martin, an employe of the Kansas City Refining Company, fell into a vat of boiling grease at the company's works and was boiled to death.

Murderous assault, highway robberies and burglaries have kept the citizens of Englewood, a Chicago suburb, in a state of terror for some weeks. The town has been put under military discipline.

"Inmate through smoking cigarettes," was the verdict reached by Justice Duffy, of

New York, on Saturday, in the case of Ma Cassterly, a pale faced young man, who was found wandering along Grand street.

John Gibbs and David Erwin rented a farm near Verdigris, Ind., a year ago. On Saturday they quarrelled over the division of crops and Erwin shot Gibbs dead. Charles Gibbs, a son of the murdered man, then shot and killed Erwin.

## FOREIGN.

In a ukase the Czar approves of Count Tolstoi's reform projects.

Tappen Beck, the African explorer, has died of fever in Cameroons.

Military activity is reported from Russia, Turkey, Servia and Bulgaria.

Ex Queen Natalie is to be allowed to see her son only outside of Servia.

The Argentine Republic paid \$1,000,000 for fares of immigrants in March last.

Sarras has been occupied by the British and Egyptians, and 2,000 of Nad-el-Jumi's followers submitted.

The insurrection in Crete is spreading. The authorities are demoralized and cannot control the insurgents.

Sir Charles Tupper yesterday presented oarsman O'Connor with a flag on behalf of the Canadians in London.

England is negotiating a treaty with Japan which will open the whole interior of that country to foreign trade.

The Spanish Government support Austria in advising the Pope to take up his residence in Portugal if he leaves Rome.

Cardinal Manning warmly approves the Irish Sunday Closing bill, and hopes that the Parnellites will support it.

Thirty persons were killed and eighty injured by the recent earthquake on the island of Kiou Siou, in Japan water.

A semi-official denial is given in St. Petersburg to the statement that an alliance has been formed by France and Russia.

The requisition for vehicles and horses, which accompanies the muster of the Serbian reserves, increases the war alarm.

The Shah has conferred the highest Persian order upon President Carnot. He also presented him with his portrait set in brilliants.

Eighty Nihilists have been arrested at Kharkoff, and the police are raiding the houses of members of a new Socialist Society at Odessa.

The Swiss Government has adopted a new rifle for the army, also a new kind of powder, which causes neither smoke nor noise when discharged.

Negotiations are going on between England and Japan for a treaty that will give up the whole interior of the latter country to foreign trade.

A special cable states that the Queen wishes to visit Ireland next spring, being incited thereto by the Parnellites' support of the Royal grants.

General Grenfell with the Egyptian army attacked the Dervishes on Saturday in Toski and defeated them with great slaughter, some 1,500 being killed.

Mr. Balfour, addressing an east end London delegation, said that an adequate support of the dignity of the throne was agreeable to the masses of the people.

The tide in Hayti seems to have turned in Hippolyte's favor and latest advices were to the effect that he would capture the capital and a massacre was likely to follow.

Emperor William arrived at Portsmouth yesterday, and was welcomed by the Prince of Wales, who conducted him to Osborne, where he was received by the Queen.

Twelve Crown witnesses refused to be sworn at the trial of Canon Doyle at Dublin on the charge of holding illegal meetings, and the case was consequently dropped.

At the annual Ministerial banquet on Wednesday night Lord Salisbury said he regarded the vast military preparation made in Europe as a great security for peace.

It is rumored that the Princess Victoria, daughter of the Prince of Wales, is betrothed to Viscount Chelsea, son of the Earl of Cadogan. The Princess is twenty-one years of age.

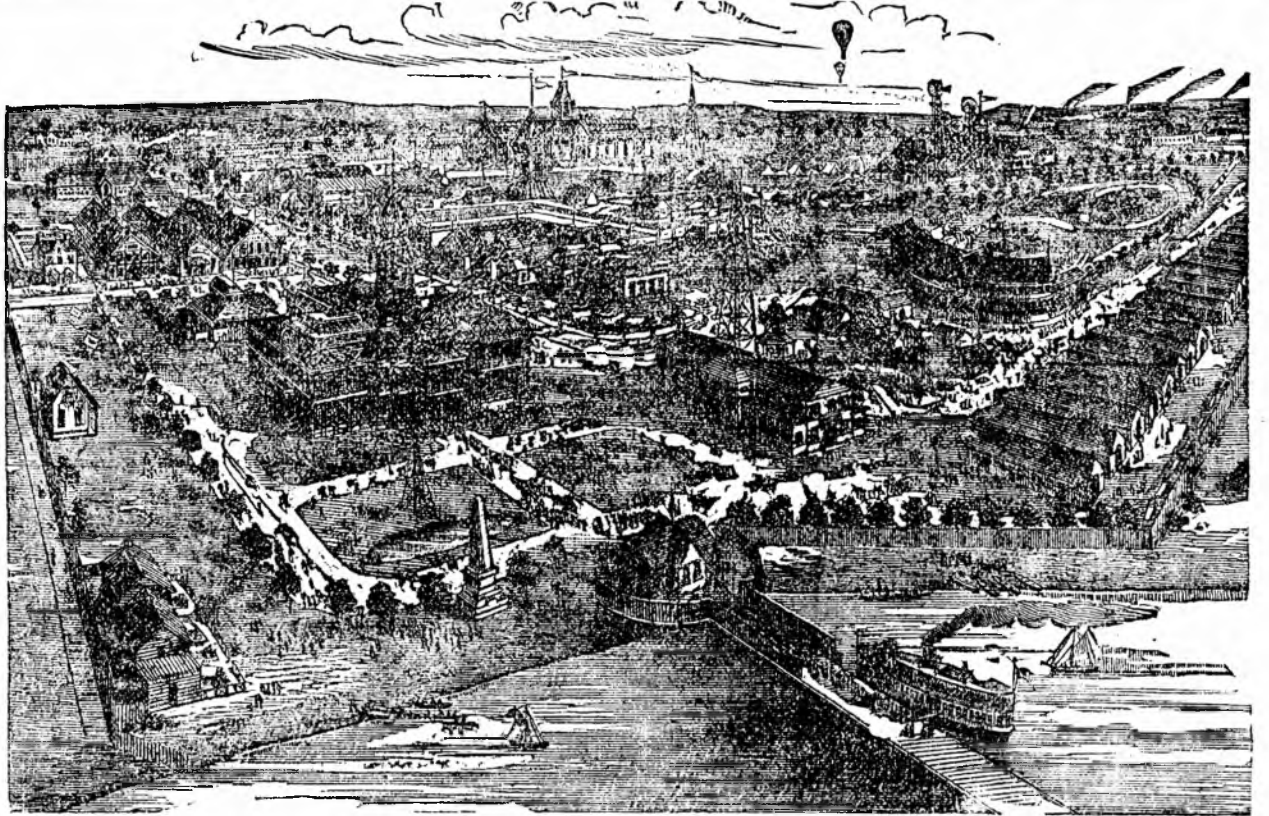
It is stated that M. Waddington, the French ambassador at London, has been directed to ascertain what chances the English law affords for the extradition of General Boulanger.

Private advices received from the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava state that her eldest daughter, Lady Ellen Blackwood, is engaged to be married to Mr. Ferguson, M. P. Leith, Scotland. This gentleman is reported to be very wealthy.

## Love's Wretchedness Abroad.

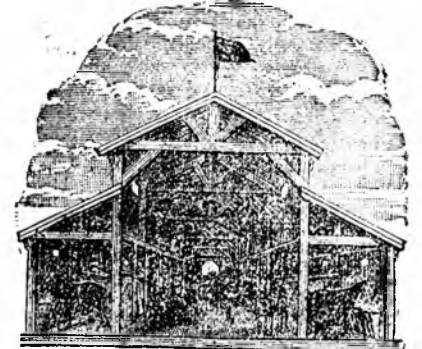
Several Berlin families have been thrown into mourning by domestic tragedies in which love figured as the motive cause of all the mischief. One Sunday morning the sound of shots was heard from a compartment of a carriage on the Metropolitan Railway. When the train was brought to a standstill the lifeless corpses of a young man and a sweetly pretty girl under 20, whose parents reside in a suburb of the city, were found in the compartment, each shot through the temple. It was clear from the contents of letters in their pockets that they had met with the express purpose of dying together. Another suicide was committed near the lake of Cemo, in Italy. Nineteen years of age and of prepossessing appearance, the young Berlin girl who shuffled off this mortal coil by her own act had been engaged against her will by her parents to a cousin whom she disliked, in order to free her from the ties and consequences of a love affair she had had with a retired officer. The inclinations of her heart, however, had more weight with her than the conveniences of society, and the new state of affairs had such an effect upon her nerves and her health that her parents sent her to Italy for change of air. There the faithful heart could no more submit to the thought of the union imposed upon her. A correspondence with her parents on the subject seems not to have resulted as she desired, and at length she wrote one last letter to her mother, and one to the lover to whom she clung faithfully, and disappeared from the house in which she was residing with a relation. A few days afterward her corpse was found in a secluded olive wood near the lake.

There was a recent case to confirm the rule of the English law that persons getting their hands crushed by the slamming of railway carriage doors cannot recover damages. The doors are meant to be shut, and passengers must look out for them.



View of the Grounds and Buildings of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

There is, perhaps, not a city on this continent that has made more rapid progress during the past ten years than the city of Toronto. During that period it has advanced in population from eighty thousand in 1879, to one hundred and eighty thousand in 1889, showing an average increase of ten thousand a year, and the Queen City still continues the forward march. Phenomenal as this progress has been, the success which has attended the great Agricultural and Industrial exhibition, that is held annually in Toronto, has been equally so, during the same period, having reached a point in magnitude and importance far beyond the most sanguine anticipations of its promoters. The attendance of visitors at this Exhibition, which in 1879 was about ninety thousand, has steadily increased each year, and last year it reached over two hundred and fifty thousand. The number of visitors has in-



Section of New Stables.

creased in like proportion, and with the efforts that are now being made by the Association and Manager Hill, it goes without saying that the coming Exhibition of this year, to be held from the 9th to the 21st of September, will be still greater and better than ever. The buildings in the Toronto Fair Grounds cover a large area of ground, unequalled anywhere else in Canada, and the Association is expending over \$20,000 now in providing additional accommodation to meet the constantly growing wants of the Exhibition. New stables on the most improved plan will be erected to accommodate 150 additional horses, a new and splendid poultry building and many other additions which are considered necessary. The entire "Zoo" property has been acquired by the Association, and will give much needed space for the new buildings. The view given above is

## PLAYED WITH A PANTHER.

Adventure of an Eight-year-old Boy Who Romped With a "Big Cat."

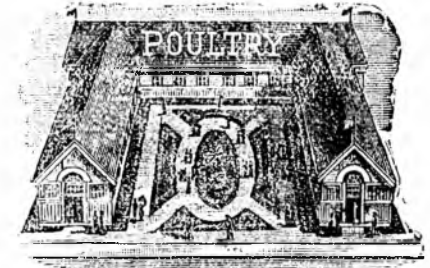
I once listened with great pleasure to a story of an old pioneer's adventure with a panther, when he was but a small boy. It happened at Four Mile Creek, only a few miles distant from the mouth of Heeking River. A family by the name of Green had moved into the wilderness and built a rude log cabin structure from a quarter to a half mile distant from the stream, and on quite an elevation of land. At that time the woods around them were full of deer, bears, and panthers, and often the nights were rendered hideous by the near proximity of that terror, the timber wolf. The heads of the family were kept very busy during the day and did not always notice the absence of the oldest child, a mere boy of 8 years, and he sometimes wandered much farther from the house than was safe. So one morning this boy (Owen was his name) wandered off as usual until he finally found his way down to the creek bottom. The mother, being quite busily employed about her washing, supposed that the boy had gone with his father, who was out chopping, and hence she felt no uneasiness about his absence, believing that father and son would both come home together. But about noon the father came in and began looking around and asking for his son. The mother was astonished and became perfectly wild with fear when told by the father that he had not seen anything of the lad since leaving in the morning. Both parents now began to describe a circle of the premises and called loudly for the boy, but received no answer, and the mother became almost distracted with grief.

The father returned to the house, procured his gun and concluded to make a more extended search. It was early in the fall, and the woods were unusually thick and heavy with foliage, and Mr. Green crept along, silently noting every sound, looking for signs, and listening intently. After WALKING STEALTHILY for perhaps fifteen minutes, he reached the banks of a small brook, and began following it down to where it emptied into Four mile Creek. Cautiously he tip-toed his way along on the sand-bars or flat stones, and seemingly did not make even the slightest disturbance that could be noticeable. Just before reaching the mouth of the little brook he thought he discovered signs indicating the direction which his boy had taken. Indeed, he grew very confident, and being an old hunter and

a correct representation of the grounds and buildings; and we also give a view of the new poultry building and a section of the new stabling.

The Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition being promoted in the interests of the public generally, no effort is being spared to make it thoroughly representative and worthy of their unstinted patronage. The object is not only to make each succeeding fair superior to the preceding one, irrespective of what can be seen on the other side of the line, but to equal if not to excel any exposition on the American Continent. The Directors fully realize that they cannot stand still, that their patrons want something greater and better every year, with all that is new and interesting to be found on the globe, and this is what they appear determined to give them. The newest ideas are readily adopted and utilized by the management. The greatest novelties human skill can devise are engaged every year, while within the immense range of exhibits, animate and inanimate, the Industrial Fair of Toronto may be said to represent the best products, natural and manufactured, in the Dominion. The Association has certainly very much to be proud of, with no cause to fear comparison anywhere. The Exhibition is not, as many suppose, controlled by a joint stock company, but by gentlemen, who give their time and services for nothing, and their charter provides that every dollar which is made out of the show must be expended in adding to and improving the grounds and buildings, so that the public at large enjoy the full benefit of whatever assistance they may give the institution by their annual patronage. In addition to the great exposition of live stock, agricultural, dairy and horticultural products, manufactures of all kinds, fine arts, ladies' work, etc., there will be many special features of the most interesting character, full particulars of which will be given in the official programme to be issued shortly. A spectacle of thrilling interest will be Paine's great historical scenic production, the "Burning of Moscow," with grand pyrotechnic displays every evening. During the second week the International Dog Show will also add a new and interesting feature, and in fact, every day there will be plenty to see at this great exposition that will be instructive, amusing and entertaining. The agricultural and horticultural exhibits will be fully up to the mark, with many additions. There will be about 600 head of cattle on exhibition, including the best herds in the country. About 800 head of horses will be

on view, embracing the finest breeds obtainable. There will be a larger number of sheep this year than last, new and enlarged pens facing the sun having been erected. The total amount of prizes offered for the coming fair is \$25,000, and nearly the whole of that sum is offered for live stock, dairy, agricultural and horticultural products and ladies' work. Many of the prizes in the horse department have been increased over those of last year, and among the special prizes offered for sheep is \$100 by the American Shropshire Sheep Association for that breed of sheep. A large number of sweep-stake prizes are offered, especially in the horse department. The prizes in the poultry department have been increased by the addition of many new varieties, and by making all the sections for single birds instead of pairs. Entries for exhibits in all departments must be made before August



New Poultry Building.

17th. Canadians have in this Exhibition an Institution they may well feel proud of and take a deep interest in, being one of the best on the Continent; as those who have visited many of the larger fairs on the other side of the border readily admit that it will be many years before they can attain to the position of, or begin to compare with the Toronto show. Specially low rates will prevail on all the railways during the two weeks of the exhibition. If our readers contemplate a holiday trip this season, they will be afforded a good opportunity of making it a most enjoyable one, if they reserve it for the time of Canada's Great Fair. Those who have not yet seen the Industrial Fair can have no conception of the immense resources of this country, and no better evidence of the prosperity of its people can be desired than the thousands of contented-looking, well-dressed people who gather there each year from all parts of the Dominion to witness it.

remarkable for his sagacity and keenness of sight, ranked the equal of the most expert savage of that day in tracking. Occasionally he would find a few leaves or pebbles misplaced but a short time before, and though there was but little water in the brook, yet he soon discovered that his boy had gone in that direction. But what startled him with sudden fear and sent thrills of terror to his heart was to observe, near the boy's tracks, the prints made by the feet of some very large animal and which had certainly passed along after the boy and was doubtless either still following or, perhaps, the father thought; had already killed the lad. The father did not know what course to pursue, but finally decided to move on more cautiously than ever, for he concluded if the boy was already dead he could not possibly save him, but if still alive he might find him and kill the beast. Every minute the signs grew more fresh, and Mr. Green felt certain that either the animal or the boy or both, were very near, and that he might at any moment discover them.

Every few steps he stopped and listened, but could hear nothing. Then he got down and crawled along on his hands to some thick brush close beside the mouth of the small stream, and soon after began to peer all around him and through the thick foliage. As yet he could see nothing, for the thick foliage screened everything in front of him from view. But something, either instinct or affection for his child, seemed to firmly convince him that his lost son was very near, and he realized that he must steal inside the foliage, and he did so with extreme caution. When once inside he examined his gun to see that it was ready for action. Then he began to hunt a space between the leaves so as to look outward. There was but one place where he could see out, and that was slightly beneath the foliage and next to the ground.

He lowered his body carefully to take a glance and just as his eyes reached a level with the opening he discerned an animal a few rods beyond him, and, at once recognizing it as the one whose tracks he had noticed in the creek bottom. It appeared to be

## PLAYING WITH SOMETHING,

and as he brought his gun to his shoulder to fire, his curiosity caused him to hesitate, and with his weapon in readiness he waited. The animal seemed to gambol around as a kitten, dropping down and rolling over and over, and would then jump and spring over some object and whirl again and come back, and seemed perfectly delighted. It was a huge panther, and its antics were the queerest he

had ever noticed. He suspected that it might be playing with the dead body of his son and could scarcely restrain from shooting, though he knew it was scarcely possible to kill the animal while it was moving about so friskily. So he decided to wait a better opportunity. A moment later he saw what he at first supposed to be another animal, but behind the creek bank. He now felt certain that there were two of the animals and his son must surely be dead. Suddenly, however, the first of the animals that he had seen sprang upon the end of a large hickory log that came down to within a few feet of the creek bed, and there it lay at full length, wagging its tail as if in the very act of making a spring. Strange to say, scarcely had it jumped on the log ere the father saw the form of his own son step up close to the panther and seemingly toy with the animal's head and whiskers. The boy, too, stood directly between the panther and his father, so that the latter dared not shoot. The father, with breathless anxiety, waited for him to move away from in front of the animal but strange to relate the boy seemed almost entranced to the spot.

## SECONDS SEEMED AS HOURS

to the anxious parent and he feared that even yet he might not have an opportunity to rescue his son. At last, however, the boy turned his head slightly, and it gave the father a chance to discern the panther's left eye, which was eagerly directed toward the boy. Still the father did not dare to shoot, as a sudden turn of the boy's face or head might result in the latter's immediate death from the rifle ball. Finally the boy did turn aside, exposing the panther's head to full view. The father now, with his eyes riveted on the sights and on the panther, took steady aim at the panther's eye and fired. The animal gave a frightful scream, sprang straight in the air, and fell almost to the boy's feet, lifeless. The animal had been shot almost stone dead. But the boy was so terribly frightened that at first he ran as if to get away from his father, and screamed loudly. The latter, however, as soon as he saw that the panther was dead, hurried quickly to the side of the boy almost overjoyed at the rescue. Snatching up his son the father ran home and presented the boy to his mother, and again the family were happy. The little lad gave quite an interesting account of how the "big cat" had come to him in the woods and what a splendid time they had had playing together. That panther's skin was long kept in the family and was regarded as a sacred relic.