

THE WEEK'S NEWS

CANADA.

It is proposed to found a Macdonald National Memorial Institute in Ottawa.

The Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph received 3,940 visitors last week.

Mrs. Alexander Mackenzie, wife of the ex-Premier, had a valuable gold watch and earrings stolen from her room in Ottawa on Monday.

Mrs. Williams, Wallbridge, Ont., has died from injuries sustained through her clothing accidentally igniting.

Four hundred settlers from Ontario arrived in Winnipeg in one day last week.

Reports from the Ottawa district show that the crops are in fine condition.

D. S. McInnes, son of Senator McInnes, is first man of the year at the Royal Military College, Kingston.

It is said that an Ottawa contractor has bought all the slabs from the mills and will form a corner in wood.

James Such of Calgary and Mrs. McGillivray of Winnipeg have eloped to the Pacific coast.

The last letter ever signed by Sir John Macdonald was sent to Mr. E. W. Rathbun of Deseronto.

A special to the Montreal Star says Sir Charles Tupper has no desire to leave London.

A Frenchman and a team of horses were killed by lightning near Winnipeg Friday.

The name of R. L. Ashbough has been removed from the list of Manitoban attorneys.

Premier Greenway says the Manitoba schools case will be further appealed if the decision of the Supreme Court is unfavorable.

A number of Dutch sailors belonging to the S.S. Batavia, now at Montreal, mutinied the other day, and 10 of them were jailed by Montreal police.

At a meeting of the Agriculture and Arts Association on Saturday the idea of an annual fat stock show being held in Toronto similar to that at Chicago was approved by resolution.

Arrangements have been completed in the Indian Department for the erection of a large industrial farm at Brandon, Man., to cost \$22,000, to be managed by the Methodist Church.

Earncliffe has been leased by Lady Macdonald for the next two months to Premier Abbott, who will occupy it till he can secure a residence in the capital for himself and family.

A special cable despatch states that negotiations have been renewed between the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railways with a view to make a friendly arrangement as to freight and passenger rates.

Manager A. T. Smith, of the telephone exchange at Kingston, has invented a telephone by which communication can be had with divers working under water.

As the immediate effect of the tariff changes, the sugar refiners in Montreal have issued a new list of prices for white sugars, ranging from 4 1/2 cents for granulated to 5 1/2 cents for lump.

No intimation has been given as to the measures Mr. Foster will take to effect his promised economy of \$2,000,000, to meet the loss of revenue through the removal of the duty on raw sugar, but it is reported that Mr. Abbott seriously contemplates a cessation of all railway and public works' expenditure at once.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Cardazo, a lion tamer, died at Plymouth from the injuries he had received in a recent encounter with a lion.

In view of the outcry made by the English Lord's Day Rest Association, Emperor William has decided not to visit the Naval Exhibition in London on Sunday, as he had intended.

The Queen on Monday, accompanied by several members of the Royal family, proceeded to the Chapel Royal, St. James' palace, and acted as sponsor to Lady Alexandra Victoria Duff, the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Fife, and great-granddaughter of the Queen.

Capt. Shaw has resigned as chief of the London Fire Brigade.

Mr. Parnell and Mrs. O'Shea were quietly married at Steyning, near Brighton, last week.

The Education Bill was read a second time on Wednesday in the English House of Commons.

Twenty-nine sailors have been fined in Liverpool for refusing to go to sea with non-union men.

The latest despatches do not appear to warrant Parnell's hopefulness of restoration to public confidence.

It is probable that Mr. Chaplin's Cattle Bill in Imperial Parliament will be abandoned for this session.

It is reported that Sir William Gordon Cumming's social relations are the same as before the baccarat scandal.

The retirement of Mr. Justin McCarthy, M.P., from the leadership of the Irish party is expected to take place as soon as Mr. John Dillon is released from gaol.

Four-fifths of the tin plate works in South Wales have closed their doors for one month, throwing 25,000 hands out of employment for that time.

If Mrs. Parnell wins her probate suit she will be rich, and, it is said, she will create a political and artistic salon in London.

The chamber of shipping of Great Britain denounces the cattle ship bill as a needless and dangerous measure and will strenuously oppose it.

In the English Official Gazette, an order-in-Council has been published prohibiting the catching of seals by British subjects in Behring Sea until May 1, 1892.

The German steamship Fuerst Bismarck has beaten the ocean record for the eastward passage. Time—5 days 21 hours and 10 minutes to Queenstown.

Henry Campbell, the Parnellite M. P., has been awarded \$1,250 damages in his libel suit against The Cork Herald.

The English courts last week declared legitimate the grandchildren of a run-away couple who were married at Gretna Green by the celebrated blacksmith who used to perform that ceremony in the early part of the present century.

The Princess of Wales having ordered her photographer to place likenesses of the royal

family on a set of her daintiest china, the idea has been caught up by the public, and all England is engaged in embellishing choice crockery with family likenesses.

UNITED STATES.

Six Chinese women were burnt to death in San Francisco on Monday.

Sunday was the hottest day in San Francisco since 1877.

The strike of the Chicago longshoremen has spread until it now includes 800 men.

Rev. William M. Ogden fell dead while preaching in a Warrensburg, N. Y., church on Sunday.

On Saturday 30 skeletons were found in an old icehouse in Chicago. It is supposed they were subjects from some medical school placed there to bleach.

All except one of the fourteen window glass factories of Findlay, O., shut down on Saturday night, throwing 2,000 men out of employment.

Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore is spoken of as a probable successor to Pope Leo XIII.

R. Gregg & Co., a Minnesota milling firm have assigned. Liabilities, \$150,000.

Eight ocean liners sailed from New York on Saturday with their staterooms filled with summer tourists.

Mrs. Leland Stanford has given \$100,000 to endow the kindergartens of San Francisco.

There is a serious outbreak of Indians threatened in the north eastern portion of Arizona.

The first work in connection with the construction of the World's Fair buildings was begun yesterday in Chicago.

Elizabeth McVey, of Rosehill, Ind., suffering from some unknown disease, after a fast of 43 days, died on Friday.

A terrific storm in Iowa on Tuesday caused heavy damage in several small towns and villages. Eight persons are reported killed.

Governor Fifer, of Illinois, has signed the bill enabling women to vote for all school officers.

The flood at Cherokee, Iowa, drove 1,500 people from their homes, and caused \$200,000 damage.

Mr. Ewing, United States consul at Vancouver, B. C., has resigned, owing to hostile feeling at his anti-British proclivities.

At Cloquet, Minn., yesterday fire destroyed 25,000,000 feet of lumber belonging to the Nelson Lumber Company. Loss \$500,000.

After three days and the examination of 162 men, a jury has at last been secured in New York for the trial of the supposed Jack the Ripper.

Dr. Goynne Talmage, brother of Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, died suddenly at Somerville, N. J., last week. He was a retired minister of the Dutch Reformed denomination.

Wisconsin State land commission reports great frauds, millions of feet of pine timber having been cut without authority and taken off. The robbery has been going on for a dozen years.

The U. S. authorities have decided that a carpenter cannot go from Canada, engage to go to work, return to get his tools, and go back to his job without violating the contract labor law.

A New York telegram says by the explosion of a barrel of alcohol in the basement of Columbia College the other day Dr. John J. Northrop, an instructor in zoology, and two assistants, William Simpson and Thomas Tighe, were seriously burned. Dr. Northrop's injuries may be fatal.

Herman Heiness, bartender, and Josie Gibbons, waitress, at the Russell house, Middletown, N. Y., took paris green the other day with intent to die together. Heiness died successfully, but the girl became sick and threw off the poison. The man was jealous and despondent, and the girl decided to die because she could not decide between Heiness and another chap.

A Michigan grocer has a mouse that catches flies. He keeps it in his show window, where it does better work than a square yard of ordinary fly paper.

IN GENERAL.

The German vintage is a complete failure this year.

The outrages upon foreigners continue in China.

Fears are entertained of a famine in the Madras Presidency.

Prince Alexander of Battenburg is dangerously ill.

Eight million marks is to be raised by lottery in Germany for East African exploration.

Emperor William is opposed to the return of the Jesuits to Germany.

War has broken out between the Anamese allies of France and the Siamese.

The Sultan of Turkey has ratified the Brussels Anti-Slavery Convention.

The Italian Premier has been decorated with the Order of the Black Eagle by the German Emperor.

"Peter's Pence" are a failure in Rome and are much below the average in the provinces.

Emperor William says the Dreibund was prolonged on Sunday for six years.

There is not much hope that the Sultan of Turkey will consent to the Jews settling in Palestine.

President Hippolyte, of Hayti, is said to have quelled the late insurrection. He caused the killing of 200 persons.

Some of the German papers disapprove of Emperor William's visit to England on the ground that it is likely to alarm Russia.

The Berlin *Reichsanzeiger* says the yield of winter rye in Prussia will be 7 1/2 per cent. of the average, while the potato crop is uncertain.

Those who are near the Emperor of Germany say his animosity towards Prince Bismarck has grown rapidly of late, and may take a form very unpleasant for the Prince.

Empress Eugenie, accompanied by Princess Letitia, left Paris on Tuesday, for England. Before departing she had an affecting interview with ex-Queen Isabella of Spain.

Baroness Bodenthal, whose family is one of the very highest in West Prussia, has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment in a fortress for *lese majeste*, she having used vulgar and insulting language towards the Emperor.

The police of Paris have searched the offices of the Panama Canal Company, and seized all the documents relating to the company's affairs.

Despatches received in Madrid from Manila, the capital of the Philippine Islands, say England has annexed the island of Sabutan, which is claimed by Spain.

There is great distress in East Prussia, owing to the high price of provisions, and it is probable the Government will have to come to the assistance of the starving people.

A despatch from Buenos Ayres says that a bloodless revolution has taken place in the province of Santiago, and that Senor Delestero, the president, has been arrested and forced to sign his resignation.

band of armed Kurds are holding an English girl named Katy Greenfield, aged fourteen years, who was abducted, at the Turkish consulate in Soujbolak, Persia, in defiance of the English consul.

The bakers of Paris are on strike, the grocers' clerks have joined the movement, and the butchers threaten to strike also. The outlook for provisions is becoming very serious.

The Vienna papers construe the friendly reception accorded to the Emperor of Austria by the British men-of-war at Flume as an indication of England's tacit adherence to the triple alliance.

Since the Behring Sea difficulty could not be settled by the closed sea argument, it was very wise to modify that resort by turning it into a closed season.

The harvest prospects in Russia have become worse, and there are fears of a partial famine. Because of the bad condition of the crop it is proposed to prohibit the exportation of corn.

At the recent election in New South Wales the labour element returned 23 candidates, the Ministerialists 45, the Opposition 36, and the dependents 3. There are 34 elections undecided, and the results may give the Government a small majority.

The anti-Semitic crusade in Russia has resulted in thousands of well educated Jews, who are legally entitled to get employment, failing to do so because it is reported the Czar regards them as Nihilists, and the result is these starved men have been driven to become police agents, spies, Nihilists, anything to gain a crust of bread.

A GLIMPSE OF CALIFORNIA.

How it Looked to the Donner Party.

Words cannot tell how beautiful the spring appeared to us coming out of the mountains from that long winter in Donner Lake in our little dark cabins under the snow. Before us now lay, in all its beauty, the broad valley of the Sacramento. I remember one day, when traveling down Napa Valley, west of the city, at noon to have lunch under the shade of an oak; but I was not hungry; I was too full of the beautiful around me to think of eating. So I wandered off by myself to a lovely little knoll and stood there in a bed of wild flowers, looking up and down the green valley, all dotted with trees. The birds were singing with very joy in the branches over my head, and the blessed sun was smiling down upon all as though in benediction. I drank it in for a moment, and then began kissing my hand and waiting kisses to Heaven in thanksgiving to the Almighty for creating a world so beautiful. I felt so near God at that moment that it seemed to me I could feel his breath warm on my cheek. By and by I heard papa calling, "Daughter, where are you? Come, child, we are ready to start and you have had no lunch." I ran and caught him by the hand, saying, "Buy this place, please, and let us make our home here." He stood looking around for a moment, and said, "It is a lovely spot," and then we passed on.

Blind Horses.

The way in which blind horses can go about without getting into more difficulties than they ordinarily do is very remarkable. They rarely, if ever, hit their heads against a fence or stone wall. They will slide off when they come near one. It appears, from careful observation I have made, that it is neither shade nor shelter which warns them of the danger. On an absolutely sunless and windless day their behavior is the same. Their olfactory nerves doubtless become very sensitive, for when driving them they will poke their heads downward in search of water fifty yards before they come to a stream crossing the roadway. It cannot be an abnormally developed sense of hearing which leads them to do this, for they will act alike though the water be a stagnant pool. Men who have been blind for any great length of time developed somewhat similar instincts to blind horses. Some one I find—from a fugitive paragraph going the round of papers aspiring to be of scientific character—says that none of the five senses has anything to do with this singular perceptive power, but the impressions are made on the skin of the face and by it transmitted to the brain; and this "unrecognized sense" "facial perception." But possibly this perceptive power may have its origin in such conditions as prevail in somnambulism or in the hypnotic state. Are all such phenomena in man and horse as I have mentioned to be accounted for by the two words, "facial perception," if they mean anything? However, speaking of blind horses, why should they cast their coats as winter comes on, and grow long coats at the advent of summer and so reverse the order which is the invariable rule in the case of horses possessed of perfect vision?

Marriage as Good as a Failure.

"Fadder, vat vas all dis in de papers about marriage vas a failure?"
"Go vay, Isaac; you vas too young ontirely to know somedings about marriage, mein son."
"But fadder, I vas a big boy now, and I vant to keep posted."
"Vell and vat vas it I must dell you?"
"Vas marriage trooly a failure, fadder!"
"Vell, I tell you," said the father, impressively, "Uff you marry a real rich woman marriage vas sometimes as good as a failure."

The Time When Memory Fails.

Cruelty of women:
"Do you know, Mrs. Z. has dared to say she is only thirty-seven years old!"
"Perhaps she doesn't mean to prevaricate."
"Just as if one doesn't know how old one is!"
"Yes, generally; but Mrs. Z. is so old she has perhaps forgotten."

FRANCE'S FORTS.

Her Unprecedented Preparations Discussed by Both Frenchmen and Germans.

A series of articles by French and German military authorities concerning the French fortifications on the eastern border has directed general attention to this wonderful chain of forts, which although pronounced practically impregnable by Sir Charles Dilke five years ago, were not regarded as complete till shortly before President Carnot's visit to south France last spring.

German officers, in discussing the subject of the possible invasion of France, confine their attention to the German-French boundary line, as they all assume that, in case of war, the neutrality of Belgium and Switzerland would be respected. The combined strength of the troops prepared constantly to defend at a few hours' notice this eastern frontier is ninety-six battalions, twenty-three cavalry regiments, fifty-two batteries with 342 cannon, and seven battalions of fortress artillery. This force will be supported by sixteen regiments of the territorial army, with the accompanying cavalry and artillery, ten battalions of custom officials and sixteen companies and twenty detachments of foresters. The manning of the east front fortifications in time of war will require about 500,000 troops. The fortifications dot the whole frontier, and consist of great entrenched camps and huge fortresses. The largest forts—Frouard, Pont-St. Vincent, Lucey, Ville le Sec, d'Arches, Remiremont, and Giromagny—have added to their otherwise enormous armaments, armored towers, with the heaviest cannon. Every frontier fort or entrenched camp is within gunshot of the next one, is connected with the others by telegraph, and is linked to the other members of the chain by a double-track railway. The only break in the railway connection is between Fort Giromagny and Fort de Servance. Batteries occupy between the forts all the positions commanding approaches. The guns of the forts vary in number for each between twenty and fifty. Some, however, have as many as eighty.

In several forts there is room for 2,000 head of cattle, and in all for enormous quantities of provisions. The quarters of the men and officers are airy and ample. The cannon command completely the slopes, which are, moreover, so woven over with wires and so mined with torpedoes that the stand of an enemy there and the undermining of the walls are impossible. The duties and discipline of the defenders of the forts are illustrated by the instructions issued by Gen. Pierron in his former capacity of commander of the Twenty-ninth infantry regiment and the Sixty-third territorial regiment: "Recognizing the approaches within range of the fort's cannon; registration of the distances to the neighboring villages, hills, woods, and gullies, as the advance of the enemy will be made through gullies and woods; preparations for shooting at night, such as razing of near-by cover, painting of all visible masonry either black or green; arrangement with individuals in the neighboring villages as to signals in case of the enemy's approach, and the use, when possible, of a captive balloon, digging of rifle pits in the courtyard of the fort for the handling of grenades which strike there, and construction of underground means of communication among the men, as well as for the circulating of ammunition, construction of two trenches on each side of the fort, the first for the firing at the storming column and the deep narrow one behind for the men when the enemy sends in the hottest fire."

The fort, moreover, was directed to fire day and night on all covers and ravines in which the enemy takes position, as long as the enemy does not answer. When the enemy begins the bombardment the fort should cease firing to bring its guns into the casemate so as to preserve itself from the unequal conflict against the concentrated fire of the enemy's batteries. During the bombardment only the wounded and ill should remain in the fort proper; the active combatants should be kept for safety in the narrow deep trenches already mentioned, and should be occupied with filling sand bags.

As a precaution against surprises Gen. Pierron further recommends the burial near the surface of grenades, in case the torpedoes are exhausted, before and on the flanks of the fort. At night wires with bells attached to them are to be strung across all approaches, and fires are to be lighted at obscure points, not only to reveal an advancing party, but also to mislead the enemy's artillery. Every evening the damage to the fortifications is to be repaired by filling the holes with sand-bags. As soon as the firing of the enemy's artillery shall cease the fort is to resume its fire.

When the fort shall have been reduced to extremities by the hostile fire or by lack of food the garrison shall at once prepare to destroy the armament and the walls before negotiations shall be opened with the enemy, so that only a ruin shall fall into the hostile hands. Special care in the destruction of the railway leading to the fort is recommended also by Gen. Pierron.

First Use of False Teeth.

The last thing one would expect to find in use among the ancients is false teeth. Yet recent excavations in old Roman cemeteries have elicited the fact that those mysterious people, the Etruscans, replaced the loss of their own teeth by the insertion of those of animals fastened in their places by means of small gold bands, which latterly gave place to the present plate. Five hundred years before the Christian era gold was used for stopping the teeth and for holding the teeth in position, but though research tells us that the Egyptians had a thorough knowledge of the diseases of the teeth and the treatment of the same, we cannot trace the date of their first introduction into England. We find, however, in the "Mathematical Jewel," published in 1585, of Sir John Blagrave having had a set of ivory teeth inserted and fixed by a gold plate. A century and a half ago goldsmiths did the work of dentists in making and cleaning artificial teeth.

How to Get Money Back.

Gilholly—I say, Gus, I wish you would lend me a dollar.
Gus De Smith—What do you want to do with it?
"You see Hostetter McGinnis over there? Well, I want to lend the dollar to him."
"What will he do with it, do you suppose?"
"He will give it back to me. He owes me a dollar."

TIT BITS.

Good That Came of Evil.

Mrs. De Style-Smith (showing off her new dress)—What do you think of my new Paris gown?

Poor Mr. Smith (her husband)—How much did it cost?

"O, a trifle—only four or five hundred, I believe."

"How lucky it is for your dressmaker that Eve ate that apple and discovered her nakedness!"

To Strict.

In Germany the police regulations are very strict, and any violation of them is promptly punished. The people have a holy terror of the law. Two gentlemen happened to meet in Berlin, and the following conversation took place:

"Have you heard the dreadful news about Miller?"

"No; what is it?"

"He was in a boat in the river. He fell overboard and was drowned. The water was too deep."

"Didn't he know how to swim?"

"Swim! Don't you know that all persons are forbidden by the police to swim in the river?"

Her Appearance.

Bingo—"Things have gone so with me lately that I have to compel my wife to make her own dresses."

Kingley—"Too bad. How does she look?"

Bingo—"Daggers."

A Brutal Conductor.

"I can't let this girl travel over this road on that half ticket," said the new conductor.

"Why not? What is the matter with my little girl," asked the mother.

"She is no child. She is more than half grown."

"Well, if that don't beat everything then I'll give it up. Here poor little Mamie has been traveling over this road on a child's ticket for the last ten years, and now all at once she is no child. That's a new way to worry the traveling public."

The mother paid the fare, and then the girl pulled herself out like a telescope.

She Wanted the Fool-Killer.

He was one of those "real mean" traveling men, with a supercilious smile and a long, low, rakish moustache. She was a dear little thing in a pink dress. He stood for two minutes watching her try to put a letter into a fire-alarm box and, just as she discovered her mistake, he edged over and inquired:

"Where is the fire?"

She blushed and said there wasn't any.

"I was going to suggest that if you left a note the department might not get it until to-morrow," he murmured apologetically.

"Don't trouble yourself, sir," she snapped, "I wanted to call out the fool-killer not the engines."

Her Opinion.

Visitor (watching the antics of the little dog. "He seems to have a good deal of pugnacity about him."

Old Lady (slightly deaf)—"Yes, a pug is a nasty animal. I've always said so."

Why?

We were in a hammock sitting, Nostled lovingly together, Evening after evening flitting

Found us thus in Summer weather; But this night an inspiration Or the moon's infection led me— Seeking joy's perpetuation— To beseech the maid to wed me.

Breathless was the hush that followed, Deeper then I felt the pressing In the nest her head had hollowed, And, this speech her lips caressing, Rolled out glibly as 'twere reason

With some lubricant did oil it— "Courtship's a delicious season, Why get married, dear, and spoil it?"

Objected to Destroying the Forests.

"Saw wood! Saw wood for my dinner!" said the tramp with a look of horror. "Not much I won't. It isn't that I object to labor. I yield to no man in respect for the God-given privilege of earning my sweat—I mean sweating my earnings—that is to say, breading my earn by the brow of it—you know what I mean. I am ready, nay anxious to work. Give me some potatoes to hoe, right here under the trees. Show me where there is a stone wall to lay—behind. Anything but helping in the most distant way to devastate the mighty forests of this broad land, that the Almighty meant to gather moisture and induce the reviving rain to fall upon the parched earth. Why, madam, do you know that this continent is doomed to become an arid desert if this destruction goes on? It's a fact, and I won't be a party to it. No forests, no rain—everything dry—dry as I am. I decline the responsibility for it. Tell me you want some water brought from the creek, and I'll see if I can't send you a boy to do it, but no wood sawing for me, if you please."

Merely a Slight Difference of Opinion.

"I don't meet you at Miss Svelte's any more."

"No; she and I have had a difference of opinion."

"Nothing serious, I hope?"

"Oh, no; only I thought I was the man she ought to marry and she thought I wasn't."

A Fair Shaker.

Sage man—A remarkable girl is that Miss Snapper. You know her pretty well; has she any leaning in the direction of any particular creed?

Bluntly—I can't say definitely, but from the way in which she disposed of my marital aspirations last evening I should say she was a Shaker.

Not as She Meant It.

"Where is that black cloud going to?"

Asked the boy of his grandma dear; And the old lady said, as she shook her head,

"It's going to thunder, I fear."