# THE WEEK'S NEWS

CANADA.

Brantford will petition for a ree postal delivery.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell has accepted the banquet tendered him by the Belleville Board of Trade.

Rev. Mr. Lancely has been chosen as the next pastor of Bridge street Methodist church, Belleville.

The Montreal Gazette believes that the general elections will be held after seeding time in the month of May.

The Canadian Retail Furniture Association has been formed, with Mr. John Hoodless of Hamilton as President.

No less than 80 applications have been received by the London Free Library Board for the position of Librarian.

Two prominent citizens of Calgary, Messrs. Parslow and Dalgleish have been arrested, charged with stealing cattle.

The bye-election to fill the vacancy in Haldimand caused by the unseating of Mr. Senn will be held March 19.

The Manitoba Legislature on Thursday night passed a motion to cut off all Government house expenditure after this year.

Fire destroyed \$80,00 worth of lumber on Friday in the piling grounds of Messrs. Gilmour & Co., at Ironsides, seven miles north of Ottawa.

The Royal Humane Society will present was fatally injured. Mr. Frederick Fritz of Hamilton with an honorary testimonial for saving a drowning companion.

The Grand Trunk Railway has lost one of its most faithful servants in the person of Mr. Edward Kingstone, train despatcher of the general agent of the Great Western, for the bearings in which it revolves. As of Montreal.

The water will be let out of the Cornwall opening of navigation.

steps to form a separate political party for the purpose of running candidates of its animals of the United States are in excellent own in the various elections.

T. J. Watters, acting Commissioner of Customs, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment at Ottawa for retaining possession of Government money.

found guilty of conspiracy and defrauding the Metropolitan Life Assurance Company, and Charles Davis has been arrested on a a dozen workmen. Five men were killed similar charge.

Mr. D. B. Pratt of Hamilton has issued a writ for \$10,000 against Mr. J. A. M. Cote of St. Hyacinthe, Que., for slander, contained in a letter sent recently by defendants to the plaintiffs.

A prominent shareholder of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company states that there was no truth in the report that an English syndicate was likely to get control of the company.

living with his brother near Moosomin, and the Democrats favoring it. attempted to cut off his head with a carpenter's drawknife, but only partially severed the neck, and will probably re-

Thirty Chinamen from New York and Boston took the Canadian Pacific transcontinental train at Montreal the other morning for Vancouver, where they will take the Empress of China for their native

Two hundred of the new Lee-Metford carbines have arrived at Ottawa for the purpose of being served out to the Mounted not so many people employed as was the Police. This weapon has been adopted by case last week. Activity in wire, wire the British military authorities for the Im- rods, and barbed wire continues. The

perial cavalry. the Street Railway Company's offer for an electric franchise, including a line to Springbank, with the exception of the clauses relating to city bridges and the working hours of employees.

In the Montreal Police Court on Thursday William Kelly was charged with impersonation at the Civil Service examination in November last, and John Collins with having paid him twenty-five dollars for committing the offence. They pleaded guilty, and were fined, Kelly fifty dollars, and Collins twenty-five dollars.

At a meeting of the Ministerial Association of Hamilton it was stated that Mr. John Crerar's opinion against the claim that Sunday cars could be stopped in Hamilton had been declared by Sir Oliver Mowat to be based on an incorrect interpretation of the law. The Premier of Ontario had so informed a deputation who had waited upon him, and he had further said that even if Mr. Crerar's opinion were correct he would amend the law so that cars might be prevented from running on Sunday.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

Vice-Admiral Buller, C. B., has been appointed to the command of the China station relieving Vice-Admiral Fremantle.

Baron Aberdare, at one time Imperial Home Secretary, and later Lord President of the Council, is dead. He was seventynine years of age.

The five hundred miners who were imprisoned in a pit of the Whitwood-Haighmoor colliery by a collision of the cages have been rescued.

Another futile meeting was held at East Greenwich on Monday evening to protest against the continued imprisonment of Mrs. Maybrick, who is undergoing a life sentence for poisoning her husband.

A despatch from Glasgow says that the warmer weather has caused a thaw, and damage has been done to shipping, and party organization, and will forbid Cathoshould the ice jam there would be serious lies belonging to it. floods.

Cape of Good Hope from 1880 to 1888, has social reformer, is the author of the Liberal been appointed Governor of Cape Town | manifesto recently issued against the Czar's and High Commissioner for South Africa, declaration that he would uphold autocracy in succession to Sir Henry Brougham Loch, as earnestly as his late father. who was recently recalled.

throughout England, crippling railway staffs, lessening the efficiency of banks and other business establishments, and almost passengers were killed and terribly making legislation impossible. On Monday | mutilated. Forty passengers were seriously evening forty members of Parliament paired injured, and many of them will die. on account of the disease.

# UNITED STATES.

The steamer Ems brought £203,000 gold consigned to August Belmont & Co., on account of the United States bond syndi-

George Magee, colored, met death on Friday on the scaffold in the gaol yard at Frankfort, Ky., for the murder of Charles Thomss, a fellow-convict,

President Cleveland has nominated Mr. William L. Wilson, of West Virginia, to succeed Mr. Wilson S. Bissell as Postmaster-General.

The Braun Pass hill, giving free transportation to members of the Legislature and State officials, has passed the New York Assembly by a large majority.

A new wing is to be added to the Buffalo General Hospital, to cost \$150,000, and Mrs. George B. Gates has given a donation of \$40,000 to the fund for the new build-

Mrs. Coventry was burned to death at the Village of Liberty, N. Y., in a fire, which on Tuesday destroyed the home and saw-mill of E. A. Van Fredenburg, her son-in-law.

The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters of Canada began mandamus proceedings in Chicago to compel the Illinois State Insurance Superintendent to allow the society to do business in Illinois.

By the explosion of a cylinder charged with carbolic acid gas, in the drug laboratory of the Smith, Kline & French Co., Philadelphia, Frank Robinson, aged 21, was killed and Frank Duffy, aged 33 years,

of the Lake Shore & M. S. Road, suddenly reeled and fell dead while doing business on the market. For two years, from 1855 to 1857, he was division clerk in the office in Hamilton.

Secretary Morton has issued a statement Canal on March 16 to allow of a large | relative to the meat trade of the United amount of masonry being laid before the States. He says export American beef is making strides in England, where it is The labour element of Winnipeg is taking | frequently sold as Scotch or English meat. He asserts that the herds of domestic derrick of three legs bolted together at the sanitary condition, and that has not been a case of pleuro-pnemonia in that country during the past three years.

Two falling-wall accidents occurred in New York on Friday. The rear of the Thomas McBride of Chatham has been old six-storey malt house, corner of 43rd street and 10th avenue, fell suddenly, carrying with and burying in its ruins over and seven injured. A six-storey brick building in course of erection at 158 Allen street collapsed. The wall fell inwards, burying four workmen in the ruins.

The amendment to the general deficiency bill appropriating \$425,000 to pay damages to the Canadian sealers under the findings of the Paris Tribunal, was at first adopted by the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 91 ayes to 86 nays. On the aye and nay vote it was rejected, ayes 112, nays serves not only to prevent loss of fertility, 143. The vote was mainly on party lines, A school teacher named Whittington, the Republicans and Populists opposing it

There are satisfactory indications of slight improvement in trade generally throughout the Southern cities of the United States, but in the East there is no noticeable change except at Pittsburg, where more activity is felt in iron and steel chiefly. The only encouragement in the West is at Louisville, Chicago, and St. Paul. In the North- such as wheat, rye, barley, and oats-West there is no improvement. Agricultural products are somewhat better. In the leading industries there are market for cotton goods is rather more The London City Council have accepted | busy, with an improvement in some lines. There has been a more active demand for the better class of woollen goods, while the enquiry for inferior brand is dull.

### GENERAL

France has decided to prohibit the importation of American cattle.

Louise Michel, the French Anarchist, is so seriously ill that her recovery is doubt-

bances in Cuba are of a serious nature.

decided to appeal to all Socialists to cease | the land of that which was not utilized by work on May-day.

Emperor William has conferred upon Emperor Francis Joseph the rank of Field Marshal General in the German army.

Li-Hung-Chang has been received three times in audience by the Emperor of China, and the Viceroy has accepted the peace mission to Japan.

London, has been offered the post of | by wheat again, is a rotation practiced by Minister of Foreign Affairs in succession to many progressive farmers, but turnips, the late M. de Giers.

Paris Journal des Debats, was killed on Friday morning in a sword duel by M. Lachatelier, an officer of marines.

It is reported in Paris that new complications have entered into the quarrel be tween Prince and Princess Colonna, which bid fair to prevent any compromise.

been confirmed in Madrid, and the Spanish Government has ordered the dispatch of seven battalions of troops to Havana.

The architect who was commissioned to examine the Parthenon and other ancient be provided to crops. Rotation and the buildings of Athens declares that most of use of green manurial crops keeps the land them are in a dangerous condition owing to always in proper condition for supplying recent earthquake shocks.

It is reported in Rome that the Pope is about to issue a condemnation of the Eng. the Clyde is full of moving ice. Much lish Primrose League, the great Conservative

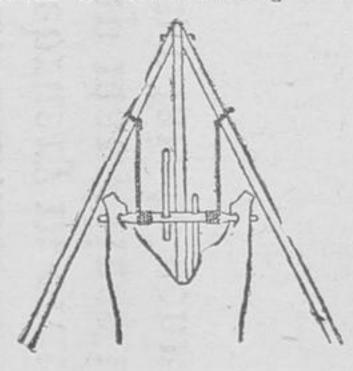
It is reported in St. Petersburg that Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of the Count Tolstoi, the Russian novelist and

were completely shattered, and sixty-five

Associate with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation; it is Brooklyn's City Hall was damaged by better to be alone than in bad company .fire on Saturday to the extent of \$50,000. | Washington.

Improved Windlass for Dressing Beef.

When cattle are killed on the farm it is usually a difficult matter to hoist the carcass in order to skin and dress it properly. Block and tackle are often not at hand, and | Feed to maintain a steady growth from even when readily obtainable the place where the beef must be killed frequently does not have a support high enough or strong enough to hold the heavy animal clear of the ground. The hoisting device shown in the accompanying illustration is unexcelled for simplicity, cheapness and



HANDY HOISTING DEVICE.

At Buffalo, John A. Burch, general agent other devices use complicated windlasses or long levers for hoisting, this differs from all of them in simply using the gambrel stick for a windlass, and the hock joints the supporting ropes may be fastened to any strong, high object, the plan may be used with any gambrel stick by boring holes and inserting short lever arms. The illustop. The supporting ropes are fastened to the two outer legs, thus suspending the carcass, and are wound around the gambrel stick windlass which is made of tough wood having two oblong, transverse mortises near the centre, through which pass two to fall back against the hind quarters of the beef to hold the windlass from turning. are held on by friction hitches. By tying the ropes to the derrick when low down, and alternately hoisting with the middle legs and with the windlass, it is possible dress a carcass of beef.

#### Rotation of Crops.

Rotating the farm with different crops but also assists in killing weeds with no extra cost than that required for cultivating the crop that may be grown during the season. Corn has proved of as much fodder, and if a farm should be devoted wholly to crops that are drilled or broadcasted, and which can not be cultivatedthere would arrive a time when weeds would have full possession. To prevent this condition of affairs the farms are made to grow crops that must of necessity be of labor in the killing of weeds. The rotation with corn as the only cultivated crop, however, is too limited, as the land is thus made to produce grain of some kind every year, which is detrimental as depriving it of certain plant foods, and leaving an excess, comparatively, of that

which can not be utilized by grain crops. | Latest Deal of the Canadian Pacific Rail-One cause of weeds flourishing on some soils is that they thrive on plant foods left over by the grain crops, a condition which renders the soil impoverished for other grain crops, yet very fertile for weeds, be-It is reported in Madrid that the distur- cause the weeds are able to get a good start, make rapid growth, secure abundant The Paris May-day Committee has moisture below the surface, and deprive still further impoverished. This may be prevented by growing root crops after corn, to be followed by clover or some grass crop. No two crops of the same kind should be grown on the land in succession, and a crop that is sowed or drilled should be followed by a planted crop the next year, to keep the soil clean. Wheat, corn, M. de Staal, the Russian Ambassador at oats, potatoes, corn, and clover, followed carrots, beets, cabbage, millet, and peas M. Percher, one of the editors of the or beans are added to the list whenever it

can be done with advantage. Such crops as clover or peas, when turned under, add nitrogen to the soil, while millet and Hungarian grass kill out weeds, even without cultivation. The soil can be made very fertile by the use of artificial fertilizers, if a rotation of crops is followed, because the clover lessens the cost News of the insurrection in Cuba has of nitrogen, but there will be a loss of the fertilizer used unless appropriate crops are grown for converting the whole of the plant food into something saleable, and to keep the soil " balanced" in the nourishment to the next crop, and prevents weeds from robbing the soil, while the texture of the soil, and its capacity for absorbing and supplying moisture is also increased. The best of all crops used in rotation is clover, as it always enriches the soil and leaves the land in better condition than before, and for that reason it should never be omitted.

## Mature Animals.

In an accident on the Interoceanic Rail- In all cases, and especially when breed marks. Influenza is spreading with great rapidity | way, which runs between Panama and Colon | ing to improve, only well matured animals | across the Isthmus of Panama, ten cars should be selected. The use of immature stock in breeding has a tendency to degenerate the offspring and gradually deteriorate their vitality, size, growth, and development, and this holds good with the animals themselves as well as to their offing animals need to be devoting all of their vice.

time, strength, and food to the making of growth and of developing in every way.

Immature breeding has a strong tendency to break down rather than to build up. The time saved by breeding too young is more than lost by the bad effect upon the growth of the breeding animals as well as the offspring. In a majority of cases with young animals selected for breeding it is not best to push the growth too rapidly. birth to maturity, and in such a way as to secure a good development of bone and muscle rather than of fat, and let them be reasonably well matured before breeding.

It is easier to tear down than to build up, to allow the stock to deteriorate than to improve, and there are few ways that the luxury went to its furthest lengths in this vitality can be injured more thoroughly than by immature breeding. No set rules adaptation to farm butchering. Where can be given as to age, as some animals grow much faster and mature earlier than others even of the same breed, so that the judgment of the breeder must, in a great measure, determine when it will be best to breed; but in all cases it will be better to wait a little long than to breed too young. About the only general rule that can be considered applicable is to wait until the animal is reasonably well matured, and the more closely this is followed in a majority of cases the better will be the results. | their shape. With all stock, in many cases, a good plan is to select out the breeding animals in good season so that their food and care during growth can be such as will secure the best development.

#### THE STORY OF THE GUINEA.

England Has Used the Gold Standard Since the Year 1718.

In 1866 it was enacted that all persons mint, to be coined free of charge. By the mint indentures the gold guinea was coined The supporting ropes pass through holes, or Treasury. But still all the good silver oblong gold bezel. coin disappeared from circulation as soon as it was issued from the mint.

another nundred years. had become established by mercantile usage | sport three rings at once on the left hand was enacted by law. Gold was adopted as | was a mark of the finished exquisite. As a the sole standard, and silver was coined relic of ancient usage the bride's betrothal only in limited amounts, and made legal ring continued in Pliny's time to be made tender for only 40s. Ever since then Eng- of iron and not set with a gem. A curious cultivated, and in so doing there is a saving land has enjoyed the most perfect system form many Romans rings took was that in of coinage ever devised by the ingenuity of man, and has been perfectly free from all coinage troubles.

### INTO THE LAUNDRY BUSINESS.

way Company.

A despatch from Quebec says :- The C. P.R. has secured the control of the Quebec | had usually circulated in the form of rings, laundry, which has been lately enlarged and fitted up with the most recent modern improvements. In addition to the laundry his property. The early Christians, says work of families in the city and that of the Clement, saw no harm in following this the crops, the result being that the soil is Chateau Frontenac, which is calculated to amount to at least fifteen thousand dozen bride's finger when he says, "with all my pieces per annum, the company proposes to worldly goods I thee endow." Jewish have all its washing between Winnipeg and Quebec, amounting to at least twenty teenth centuries were often quite elaborate thousand pieces yearly, done here, and will structures where the bezel has a convenrun a special car on the night trains between Montreal and Quebec to accommodate the increased work. . This will on either side. They were of Venetian probably entail an enlargement on a considerable scale of the present Quebec laundry works, and certainly result in a be too much in the way of household work. large accession to the number of hands now employed. There is also a movement for Miss Dawson Damer at a dinner, was obcan be stated concerning it. In case only and requested to be allowed to see it. part is leased to the Chateau Frontenac company, the remainder will probably be converted into a boarding house.

### Present Grief and Future Bliss.

Dull discontent will never leave The shadow from man's brow; Next June you'll wish that you could wade Through snow as you do now.

### Etiquette.

Mother-Johnny, go down to the grocer's and get a pound of black tea. Johnny-I heard pa say he didn't like

Mother-It makes no difference what your father says, Johnny. This family is in mourning now.

### All the Comforts of Home.

Mistress (on the second day to new cook) | club. -Kathi, just be so good as to lend me 5

Cook (aside)-Ha, ha! that's why she said yesterday that the cook in her house was treated as one of the family.

### A Sensible Fad.

Mrs. Mulhooly-An phwat is your Guests are expected, you know. daughter doin' now, Mrs. Mulcahey?

Mrs. Mulcahey-Oh, she's takin' up the stew, an' thin yez can sort the things out spring. Up to a certain point young grow- housekeepin' fad, an is livin out at sar- to suit y'rsilves, an' call thim as many nose crackin' French names as yez loike.

THE ROMANCES OF RINGS.

Once Used for Many Other Purposes Than Symbols of Marriage.

Rings are with us usually associated with marriage or the giving in marriage, but in the past they appear to have been used for many other purposes than as a symbol of marriage. Though the early Athenians were given to luxury and were used to appear in public with their hair done up in a bunch and decorated with a cigale of gold and other ornaments of that metal, they did not wear finger rings; yet later on Greek form of ornamentation. Rings found in Greek tubes are hollow and light and set with round convex pastes and were made, not for the living but the dead-the econ. omic invention of ages when faith was waxing dim and when, therefore, a cheap make-believe served the purpose of an expensive reality. Many of these rings indeed, are so thin that it was necessary to fill them with mastic varnish to preserve

#### THESE HOLLOW RINGS

of the Romans were used to contain poison.

and Pliny relates the story that after Crasseus had stolen the gold treasure from under the stone of the Capitoline Jupiter, the custodian, to escape torcure, broke the gem of his ring in his mouth and expired immediately from the effects of the poison secreted in it. The gems themselves were even hollow at the back in order to make the ring hold a large dose. The most remarkable modern instance of a similar might bring their gold and silver to the refuge from persecuting fate is that of Condorcet, who, proscribed by the Convention and arrested, swallowed the dose he carried in readiness for such an emergency to be of the value of 20s in silver, but no inclosed within his ring, and was found legal ratio was fixed between the coins; dead next morning in his cell. The poison tration shows it used with an ordinary the public was to receive them at such a was a concentrated mixture of stramonium rating as it pleased. Guineas, instead of and opium, prepared by Cabanis, and being current at 20s, according to the mint | produced death by apoplexy without spasm indentures, passed current at 22s. The or pain. In ancient Babylonia and Assyria silver coins became constantly more degrad- finger rings were not used, but cylinders ed, until at last they were clipped down to with a cord through them were worn on half their weight. After the great recoin- the wrist like a bracelet. The earliest age by William III., guineas were success- rings found in Egypt of the eighteenth to removable levers, one of which is allowed fully reduced by proclamation, and a treas- the twentieth dynasty are of pure gold and ury warrant fixed that they should be have usually the name of the owner deeply received at the rate of 21s 6d at the sunk in hieroglyphic characters on the

#### THE EARLIEST USE OF RINGS

In its perplexity the Government referred | and the form which they most generally the whole matter to Newton, who showed | took was of the nature of a signet, for when for one man working alone to hoist and that the true value of the guinea was the art of writing was unknown, except to only 20s 8d, according to the market value | professional scribes, the signet was used to of the metals, and that in consequence of | give authenticity to documents, and also to this all the good silver was at once export- hand to representatives as a token that ed. He recommended that the guinea power was delegated to the holder of the should be reduced to 21s by way of experi- ring. Rings soon became symbols of power ment. This was accordingly done; but the | and authority, and we remember the Duke guinea was still overrated by 4d, and the in "Twelfth Night" sent his ring by Viola consequence was that there was no good to his mistress. Olivia. In more recent silver in circulation during the whole times we find that merchants used rings century. It then became an established | with their own private marks, equivalent custom among merchants that all obligations to our modern trade-marks, to stamp became payable in gold only; so, ever since documents instead of signing their names. value to farmers in compelling them to kill | 1718 England has become a gold monome- Indeed, the signet was the form that rings weeds as it has in providing grain and tallic country, and in public estimation the took for a very long period. The Etruscans standard was changed from silver to gold, used the gold swivel ring, mounted with a although the obsolete and effete words of scarab, a form of signet probably introduced bimetallism lingered on the statute book for from Egypt. In Piny's day it was fashionable to wear but one ring, and that on the At the great recoinage of 1816, that which | little finger, whereas in Horace's time to which a key is attached to the hoop. Possibly these rings opened the lock of some coffer or treasure chest. These rings are generally made of bronze.

### THE USE OF THE RING.

as an emblem of marriage was not an introduction of the Christian Church, as some suppose. The Egyptian gold, before the introduction of coinage, and the Egyptian at his marriage placed one of these pieces of gold on his bride's finger as a token of entrusting her with all custom, and in our marriage ceremony the man places the same plain gold ring on his wedding rings of the sixteenth and seventional representation of the ark or temple, with an inscription in Hebrew characters workmanship, and could only have been worn on ceremonial occasions, as it would

The first Duke of Wellington, meeting the leasing by the Chateau Frontenac of served to look intently at a ring worn by the St. Louis Hotel, but nothing definite that lady. After dinner he accosted her, "Where did you get this ring?" said the Duke. "It belonged to the late Mrs. Fitzherbert." "Yes." "Do you know the trick of it? Have you opened it?" "Opened it? I know of no trick," exclaimed the lady. The Duke touched a spring and showed behind the ring a tiny miniature of the Regent in his best days. "There were two of these rings," explained the Duke. "They were exactly alike, so my attention was drawn to yours. The fellow-ring to this differed from it in that it inclosed the likeness of Mrs. Fitzherbert. The King gave that one to me before he died and ordered me to place it on his breast before the coffin was closed down. I did so."

### A Wife's "At Home."

Binks-Wonder where I can find Winks. Jinks-Let's see. This is Thursday, and Thursday is his wife's day for being at home. Guess you'll find him at the

### A Domestic Chef.

Mrs. De Style (after giving her order for dinner)-Can you remember all that? New Girl-Sure, its a French chef yez think Oi am.

It is our ordinary company dinner, Wull mum, Oi'll just make yez an Oirish