

# News Summary.

Recent Happenings Briefly Told.

## CANADA.

A district military school is to be established at Belleville.

Diphtheria is ravaging the lumber camps near Sudbury.

Another case of suspected smallpox has been found at Montreal.

The city of Winnipeg has sold \$65,000 worth of bonds in Montreal.

The Township of Binbrook has carried prohibition under the local option law by 98.

Three steamers have been wrecked and many lives lost in ice jams on the Yukon.

Eight thousand claims have been made to the Government for Fenian Raid medals.

At the Montreal depot on Wednesday, 400 Chinese, en route for Mexico, were given their supper.

The Archbishop of Quebec was invested with the pallium with imposing ceremonies at the Basilica.

The Canada Atlantic and Parry Sound Railway last year carried nearly 11,000,000 bushels of grain.

The Ontario Tack Company, of Hamilton has shipped 20 tons of nails and tacks direct to the Yukon.

The Kingston Elevator and Transit Co., has asked for a bonus from Hamilton, to build an elevator there.

The Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway Company will extend their line from Aylmer to Ottawa.

Work will shortly be commenced on a \$40,000 steel bridge, over the Rideau Canal at Maria street, Ottawa.

J. H. Metcalfe, warden of the Kingston penitentiary, on leave of absence, is reported as gradually improving in health.

The Attorney-General of Quebec announces that marriages performed by Hornerites in the Province is illegal.

The Great Northwestern Transit Co. will replace the burned Pacific by a new steamer on the Sault Ste. Marie route.

Several cannon balls have been found by workmen excavating between the Quebec Post Office and the Chateau Frontenac.

The Hamilton Board of Works will let a quantity of stone to be cut by hand, in order that the unemployed may have work.

Judge Ardagh has declined to give any decision in the Simcoe County Council re-count on account of the confused state of ballots.

Prof. Goldwin Smith is writing a popular history of the United Kingdom down to the Reform act of 1832, to be published in the autumn.

Senator MacInnes has decided to close Dundurn Park at Hamilton to the public this year. He will not lease either the park or baseball grounds.

The dead body of an infant was found in a room at London just vacated by a woman who gave her name as Mrs. MacDaniels. An inquest will be held.

The Governor-General has asked the people of British Columbia to subscribe to the Gordon Memorial College, through Lieutenant-Governor McInnis.

Last year the Government received \$109,750 from the poll tax on Chinese immigration, of which \$27,650 was paid over to the Province of British Columbia.

Prof. Henry Alleyne Nicholson, regius professor of natural history at the University of Aberdeen, is dead. He at one time occupied a chair at Toronto University.

The United States Government's claim against John and James Livingstone of Baden for \$18,000 due as customs duties has been settled for \$1,000.

Hon. James D. Lewin, Senator, who has been on the directorate of the Bank of New Brunswick for 48 years, has just been re-elected president for the 42nd term.

The Allan and Dominion line steamers, which leave Halifax on Mondays, will now wait once a month for a few hours, until the arrival of the Chinese mails from the Pacific coast.

The Customs Department has nearly completed arrangements for placing its officers under guarantee bonds. The total amount of insurance is between \$900,000 and \$1,000,000.

The Hamilton School Board has a heavy deficit, owing to the Normal School and other new buildings costing more than was realized for the debentures issued to build them.

The Woodstock Town Council is non-plussed over the fact that the roof on the new Central Methodist parsonage has not been constructed according to the provisions of the fire by-law.

The Gatineau Valley Railway will be extended this year from Gracefield, the present terminus, to Maniwaki, which will be the terminus for some time to come. The distance is 28 miles.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trent Valley Canal Association, was held at Peterboro, and a decision arrived at to begin aggressive action to further the work.

## GREAT BRITAIN.

A decree has been signed appointing Gen. Lord Kitchener Governor-General of the Sudan.

A combination of calico printers in England and Scotland is talked of, with a proposed capital of \$50,000,000.

A relative of General Gordon has recently paid \$150 for a hymn book which the Sudan hero used in his youth.

The North-Eastern Railway Company of England has just distributed \$1,000 in prizes to the keepers of sixty small stations as awards for neatness and good taste.

It is reported that the British Government is about to impose countervailing duties upon French bounty-fed sugar, to force France into the movement to abolish these bounties.

The total amount of money coined by all the Queen's predecessors on the throne was £205,000,000. During the present reign the Mint has turned out £450,000,000, including £158,000,000 in India—a record for all time.

Prof. Richard Claverhouse Jebb, of Cambridge, who represents the University in parliament has been elected as Mr. Gladstone's successor to the honorary professorship of ancient history in the Royal Academy.

Wilson Barrett, the actor, has entered suit at London against Hall Caine and Charles Frohman to enforce his claim to the exclusive acting rights of "The Christian" throughout the world, with the exception of the United States.

The floor of the rotunda at the London Coal Exchange, where the merchants gather, is unique. It is composed of inlaid woods arranged in the form of a mariner's compass, with a border of Greek fret. Upwards of 4,000 pieces of wood are employed.

War correspondents were at it as far back as the time of Edward II. Scribes specially commissioned, were sent up with the English army which invaded Scotland at the time. Incredible as it may seem, not one of the London newspapers was specially represented at the battle of Waterloo.

Sir David Barbour, formerly Finance Minister of India, is going to Jamaica for the British Government, to see that the financial affairs of the island are straightened out. It is claimed that bad financing is responsible for the lack of prosperity, and Britain proposes to keep her West Indian colonies on an equal footing with the islands now managed by the United States.

A rather novel form of combined amusement and instruction has been arranged for the benefit of certain prisoners at Wormwood-Scrubs, London, who may be anxious to "turn over a new leaf" on their liberation. The National Health Society has obtained permission from the Prison Commissioners to hold a weekly "Homely Talk" on health and nursing with the women who are undergoing short sentence in the prison mentioned. These lectures will relieve the tedium of incarceration, and perhaps fit the hearers to become better members of society than they have hitherto been.

Mr. Justice Hawkins will now be known as Baron Hawkins of Hitchin.

Lord Aberdeen will be the new president of the British Empire League.

Charles Morris, 35 inches high, and Miss Goddard, 35 1/2 inches high, were married in London.

On his own statement, the professional fees of the late Sir William Jenner amounted to £13,000 a year.

The Empress Eugenie will start at the end of the month for a trip in the Mediterranean on the steam yacht Thistle.

The London Standard protests against the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, unless with compensation and the neutralization of the Nicaraguan canal.

Efforts are being vainly made to suppress a grave scandal connected with the retirement and disappearance from London, England, of the Rev. Robert Lyon, rector of St. Margaret's church, and a canon residentiary of Westminster.

## UNITED STATES.

Chicago physicians have made a nose out of chicken's flesh for Herman Wade.

Miss Lindboom is an applicant for membership in the Chicago Board of Trade.

It is expected that the United States Government will advance \$40,000,000 to pay the Cuban army.

George Gould it is stated will return to New York as a resident and pay taxes but on a reduced valuation.

It is reported that the American Bell Telephone Co. is to be merged into the American Telegraph and Telephone Co.

Miss Alice Hamilton of New York has been declared insane by a sheriff's jury. She has personal belongings amounting to \$200,000.

The Fifteenth United States Infantry of Ohio, and the Fourth Regiment of Infantry of Illinois have started on their long journey to the Philippines.

Three commissioners of the Glasgow exhibition of 1901 have arrived at New York and will proceed to Washington to invite the United States to participate in the big show.

The United States revenue cutters to be built on the lakes will be smaller than those recently constructed, not greater than 500 tons burden, and will cost about \$165,000 each.

The Nicaragua Canal bill passed the United States Senate. Under its provisions the Government will own most of the stock and the President will appoint five out of the seven directors.

The boys of New York who hate going to school are in luck. The situation there for school accommodation is such that the boys who play "hooky" are not punished because the room is needed.

The Hawaiian Telegraph Bill for a service for 20 years from San Francisco to Honolulu, at \$100,000 a year, is before the house at Washington. During the war \$2,000 a day was paid in cable tolls.

The Hudson Bay Company's packet leaves Edmonton for the Mackenzie River country early in February, and the company has made arrangements to carry, free of charge, letters to miners and prospectors there.

Florence Maud Schrady, daughter

of Jacob Schrady, a wealthy New York lawyer, and a relative of the Goulds, is said to have eloped with a penniless student. She is said to have married John B. Byrne in secret.

Senator Davis, in charge of the peace treaty in the American Senate, told a delegation from the opposition that he would not at present consent to a vote upon the treaty nor until he was satisfied that the treaty could be ratified.

A San Francisco paper publishes the details of an alleged anarchist plot to blow up a number of big hotels in that city. A letter giving the plans has been found in Alameda. The police are investigating.

Lee Chung a Chinaman from New York, called at the White House, and insisted on seeing President McKinley. He said he wanted to enlist in the United States army, and wanted the President to give him some soldiers so that he could go over and whip China.

Martha Bailey, coloured, 33 years old, is locked up at Baltimore, charged with the murder by poison, of George W. Kiah, also coloured, at Cambridge, and of his mother, Mary Jane Kiah. Arsenic was put into flour used for making oyster fritters.

Robert Jamieson, mining engineer, of Vancouver, committed suicide in Seattle, on Saturday, because he feared to face business difficulties and possible poverty. Mr. Jamieson followed his profession in Turkey, Asia Minor and England. He leaves a wife in Vancouver.

A surgical operation was performed on the Great toe of Absalom Digbee, of Rodd township, Mich., a few days ago. The surgeon extracted from the opening a diamond ring. Mr. Digbee has been told that he swallowed this ring in his infancy. He is now sixty-five years of age.

The ferry Niagara was caught in an ice-floe between Buffalo and Fort Erie. She was swept down under the International Bridge with nineteen passengers on board and was in danger of going over the Falls, but managed to get into clear water below the bridge. All her upper works were torn off by contact with the bridge timbers.

## GENERAL.

Storms are causing great havoc in Switzerland.

The Elbe has risen and Hamburg is partly flooded.

Five feet is the minimum height of the Russian and French conscript.

The present flow of lava from Mt. Vesuvius is said to be unprecedented.

Frenchmen are asked to subscribe for a \$60,000 submarine boat for national defence.

Ahmed Fedil's force, the last Dervish army, has surrendered, Ahmed Fedil himself escaping.

It is reported that the Sultan of Turkey has ordered a lot of Krupp field guns and shrapnel.

It is said that the chief amusement of the Chinese Emperor is training goats and donkeys.

The German estimates, just brought down, show a surplus of 74,370,000 marks, or about \$18,500,000.

Carl Jacobsen, the Danish brewer, has given the city of Copenhagen art treasures valued at \$1,400,000.

The Hottentots, now one of the lowest species of mankind were ages ago one of the most highly civilized.

Serious fighting between rival chieftains, which may lead to international complications is reported from Samoa.

In Berlin the pawnshop is a royal institution, and it is not allowed to make a profit. Its surplus goes to charitable purposes.

One of the latest achievements in chemical science is a pellet containing the concentrated elements of coffee, sugar and milk.

Count Tolstoi declares that he has to thank his bicycle and his vegetarian diet for the robust health which he enjoys at the age of seventy.

A bronze column, inscribed with a treaty between two cities, made in the third century before Christ, has been found in a Doric temple, in Greece.

The official inauguration of the new telephone line between Moscow and St. Petersburg took place last week. The line alone cost 60,000 roubles, 29,400.

A Norwegian sailor on July, 1898, between Iceland and Greenland, sighted a heap of ropes and rubbish, probably the wreck of Andree's balloon on an ice-floe.

A despatch from Cologne, Germany, says a number of children have been mysteriously stabbed on the streets. One has died. The crimes resemble those of "Jack the Ripper."

Student riots have occurred at Palermo and Naples.

A statue to John Ericsson, the inventor, will be erected at Stockholm. The Russian General of the Transsylvanian district has been ordered to take Herat.

Brussels is named as the place of meeting of the disarmament conference of the powers.

Dr. Gueseppe Basso, of the Turin University, became infected while cultivating bacilli and died.

Bermuda is overrun by cats and sparrows. The plague has been discussed in the Colonial Legislature.

During the transportation of 1,170 Spanish soldiers from the Philippines, to Barcelona, 300 took sick and 44 died.

At the opening of the Parliament of Sweden Wednesday the speech from the Throne advocated the building of defenses.

Prince Frederick, Crown Prince of Denmark, and Princess Louise, his wife, have arrived at Stockholm, where they are guests of Uncle Oscar, the King.

The Pope had a great fall on Tuesday, and there were a great fears for his life. But His Holiness quickly rallied. His physicians advised him, however, to hold as few receptions as possible.

## MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Marts.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—There were 40 loads of cattle at the western cattle market to-day, including 150 sheep and calves and 2,000 hogs. The market was fair for a Thursday, and there was some trading in cattle of all kinds. The hog market was weak, with a fairly large run.

Export cattle were in pretty fair demand, choice running as high as \$4.50.

There was a small run of butchers' cattle, but enough to supply the demand, and there was not much change from last market, the prices, if anything, being a little easier.

Stockers were active and in good demand, at \$3 to \$3.50, and for choice lots, \$3.60.

Export bulls were in fair demand at \$3 to \$3.2c, with an extra 20 cents per 100 lbs. for choice lots.

Among the transactions made were the following sales:—

One load of inferior stock, averaging 1,100 pounds, at 27-8 cents.

One load, including good quality of steers, heifers, and cows, averaging 1,050 pounds, at \$3.70 per 100.

Twenty-four mixed butchers' and export, averaging 1,150 pounds, at \$4.20.

One load of cows, averaging 1,070 pounds, at 3 cents a pound.

Sheep were a light run, and trading was only medium. Prices ruled about the same as last market.

Calves sold at from \$2 for inferior, to \$6 per choice.

The hog market was weak owing to trade conditions in the Old Country. The run was a good one for a Thursday market. Choice hogs brought as high as 45-8c, light 41-2c, and thick fat, any weight, \$3.75; sows were 21-2 to 3c, and stags 2c.

Cattle.

Shipping, per cwt. \$ 4.25 \$ 4.50

Butcher, choice, do. 4.00 4.12-1/2

Butcher, med. to good. 3.00 3.50

Butcher, inferior. 2.75 3.00

Sheep and Lambs.

Ewes, per cwt. 3.00 3.25

Bucks, per cwt. 2.50 2.75

Lambs, per cwt. 4.25 4.40

Milkers and Calves.

Cows, each. 0.00 25.50

Calves, each. 2.00 6.00

Hogs.

Choice hogs, per cwt. 4.25 4.62-1/2

Light hogs, per cwt. 4.25 0.00

Heavy, do., per cwt. 0.00 3.75

PRODUCE.

Eggs—Firm and unchanged. Choice boiling stocks sell at 22 to 23c; held fresh or cold stored, at 16 to 18c; and limed at 15 to 16c.

Potatoes—More coming in, and market easier. Car lots, on track, are quoted at 55 to 58c, per bag. Dealers sell out of store at 60 to 70c; farmers' loads sell at around 60 to 70c.

Poultry—Quiet. Not many coming in, and values only steady. Quotations are:—Chickens, per pair, 25 to 40c; ducks, 40 to 60c; geese, per lb. 51-2 to 6c; turkeys, per lb. 9 to 10c.

Beans—Steady market. Choice hand-picked beans sell at \$1.10 to \$1.25; and common at 60 to 70c. per bush.

Dried apples—Dealers pay 4 1/2c for dried stock, delivered here, and small lots resell at 5 to 5 1/2c; evaporated 8 to 10c for small lots.

Honey—Unchanged. Round lots of choice, delivered here, will bring about 5 1/2 to 6c; dealers quote from 6 to 7c per lb for 10 to 60-lb tins; and in comb at around \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen sections.

Baled hay—The movement is light. Strictly choice, car lots, is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton; and No. 2 at \$6.

Straw—Unchanged. Car lots are quoted at \$1 to \$4.50, on track.

Hops—Outlook little better. Dealers here sell at 16 to 20c, and are paying holders, outside, about 14 to 18c.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Prices keep steady for choice dairy and creamery, and demand is good. Receipts of all lines only fair. Quotations are as follows:—Dairy, tub, poor to medium, 11 to 12c; choice, 13 to 14c; large rolls, 14 to 15c; small dairy, lb prints, about 15 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 19 to 20c; lbs 20 to 21c.

Cheese—Good steady demand at unchanged prices. Choice stocks sell at from 10 to 12c.

DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISION.

Plenty of dressed hogs coming in, and packers are handling freely. Values have gone off a little, and the market is easier. On the street to-day farmers' loads sold at \$5.20 to \$5.30, as to quality. Western hogs were quoted, on track, in car lots, at around \$5.10 mixed weights; and Northern at about \$5.15 for select lots. Market for provisions unaltered.

Quotations are as follows:—Dry salted shoulders, 7 1/2c; long clear bacon, car lots, 7 1/2c; ton lots and case lots, 7 3/4c; or backs, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c.

Smoked meats—Hams, heavy, 9 1/2 to 10c; medium, 10 to 10 1/2c; light, 11c; breakfast bacon, 10 1/2 to 11c; picnic hams, 7 3/4 to 8c. All meats out of pickle 1c less than prices quoted for smoked meats.

Lard—Tierces, 7c; tubs, 7 1/2 to 7 3/4c; pails, 7 3/4 to 8c; compound, 6 to 6 1/2c.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL.

Local market quiet in all lines. Dealers here quote as follows:—Hides—Choice steers, 9c; No. 1 cows, 8 1/2c; No. 2, 7 1/2c; No. 3, 6 1/2c; cured sell at 3-4c; advance on the foregoing.

Lambskins and sheep pelts—75c, and for choice, 80c.

Calfskins—Choice, No. 1, 11c; and No. 2, 9c.

Wool—Unwashed, 10c; fleeces, 15c, for small lots, delivered; pulled, 18 1/2c for supers; and 20 to 21c for extras.

Tallow—Local dealers buy barrel tallow at \$1-2 to 4c for rendered, and resell at 4 to 4 1/2c.

Buffalo, Jan. 23.—Spring wheat—Dull, steady; No. 1 hard, 80c; No. 1 Northern, 76 1/4c. Winter wheat—Easy and firm; No. 2 red, 74 1/2c; No. 3 extra red, 73 1/2c; No. 1 white, 74 1/2c. Corn—Steady; No. 3 yellow, 39 to 39 1/4c; No. 4 yellow, 38 1/2 to 38 3/4c; No. 3 corn, 38 1/2 to 38 3/4c; No. 4 corn, 38 1/4c. Oats—Dull, easier; No. 2 white, 33 1/2c; No. 3 white, 32 1/2c; No. 4 white, 31 1/2c; No. 2 mixed, 32c; No. 3 mixed, 31c. Barley—Strong; sales of Western at 56 to 56 1/2c. Rye—Nominal; 62 to 63c, in store for No. 2. Flour—Steady.

Detroit, Jan. 23.—Wheat—Closed:—No. 1 white, cash, 71 1/2c; No. 2 red, cash and January, 71c; May, 73c.

Minneapolis, Jan. 23.—Wheat—January, 61c; May, 68 1/4 to 68 3/8c; July, 68 7/8c, on track; No. 1 hard, 69 1/8c; No. 1 Northern, 68 1/8c; No. 2 Northern, 66 1/2c.

Duluth, Jan. 23.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 70 1/4c; January, 69c, bid; July, 72 3/4c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 67c, bid; January, 67c, bid; May, 69 3/4c; July, 70 3/4c.

Milwaukee, Jan. 23.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 69 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 67 to 67 1/2c. Rye—No. 1 56 1/2c. Barley—No. 2, 51 1/4 to 51 1/2c; sample, 42 to 50c.

Toledo, Jan. 23.—Wheat—No. 2, cash, 71 1/4c; May, 71 1/2c, bid. Rye—No. 2, cash, 56 1/4c. Clover seed—Prime cash, old \$4.45; new, \$4.50. Oil—Unchanged.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—The local grain market continues dull, and prices are unchanged. Flour is dull and steady. Winter wheat patents \$3.75 to \$4; straight rollers, \$3.55 to \$3.70; in bags, \$1.70 to \$1.80; Manitoba patents, \$4.10 to 4.20; Strong bakers', \$3.75 to \$4. Meal is quiet, and for fair sized lots prices are being shaded, but in a jobbing way rolled oats are selling at \$3.60 per barrel and at \$1.75 per bag. Feed is fairly active and firm, Ontario winter wheat bran in bulk, \$15 to \$15.25; shorts, \$15.50 to \$16 per ton; Manitoba bran, \$15; shorts, \$17 and moullie \$19 per ton, including bags. Hay continues quiet and prices show no change. No. 1, \$5 to \$6.30; No. 2, extra, \$4.50 to \$5; No. 2 clover mixture, \$4 to \$4.50; clover \$3.50 to \$4. Provisions quiet and steady; Canadian pork, in barrels, \$15 to \$15.50; pure Can. lard, in pails, 7 1/4 to 7 1/2c per lb; and compound refined at 5 to 5 1/2c per lb; hams, 10 to 12c; and bacon, 10 1/2 to 11c per lb. Cheese is quiet with prices nominal at 10 to 10 3/8c. Butter is also quiet at 19 1/2c. Eggs are active and firm; No. 1, candled stock, 17c; No. 2, do., 14c; Montreal limed, 16c; Western limed 14 to 15c; Western cold storage, 13 to 14c; and culls, 10 to 11c per doz. The demand for beans is chiefly for small lots, to fill actual wants; we quote choice hand picked 95c to \$1 per bushel; primes, 85 to 90c. The tone of the market for potatoes was firmer and choice lots are quoted at 55 to 75c per bag.

WIDOW GETS \$13,988 DAMAGES.

Decision in the Coristine Will Case at Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal, says:—Judge Gill has rendered judgment in the case of Dame E. R. Hawes, the widow of the late Mr. Thomas J. Coristine, against her late husband's brother and former partner, Mr. James Coristine, the well-known merchant and manufacturer. The widow claimed some \$68,000 as due to her as her husband's share of the profits of the late firm of James Coristine and Co., of which he was a member at the time of his death. She was the legatee of her late husband, who had been in partnership with his brother from 1877 to March 19th, 1897, or twenty years when he died.

The court, after calculation, condemned the defendant to pay the plaintiff the sum of \$13,988.

CHINA IS WAKING UP.

Commercial Mission to be Sent to Europe and America.

A despatch from Shanghai, says:—It is stated that China will send a commercial mission to Europe and America in March. If the commission reports favourably when it returns in November, commercial agencies will be established in the foreign cities in 1900.

Two directors of the Imperial bank of China will accompany the mission to select location for branches of the bank abroad.