

The News Briefly Told

THE WORLD'S EVENTS OF INTEREST CHRONICLED IN SHORT ORDER.

Interesting Happenings of Recent Date—The Latest News of Our Own Country—Doings in the Mother Land—What is Going on in the United States—Notes From the World Over.

CANADA.

Hamilton's death rate was only 20 per thousand.

There is a move to establish a tourist association for Quebec.

The estate of the late F. S. Rathburn, Deseronto, amounts to \$89,620.

Losses by fire in London, Ont., during the past year amounted to \$45,000.

The Ontario Legislature has been called for Feb. 1st for the despatch of business.

During the past six months London has had 294 births, 169 marriages and 196 deaths.

Individual communion cups were introduced in Centenary Church, Hamilton last night.

T. J. McNamara reports at Vancouver the finding of a skeleton of a mastodon on his claim in Alaska.

Six cases of smallpox have broken out on a short distance from Montreal, in the vicinity of Coteau du Lac.

Archbishop Bruchesi, in a pastoral letter to the clergy of the Diocese of Montreal, interdicts church bazaars.

There are now three law suits pending against London in connection with its City Hall disaster of a year ago.

The quantity of lumber imported into Manitoba during the past year was over 36,000,000 feet, all from United States mills.

During the past year the Catholic parishes of Quebec city have had 362 marriages, 2,235 baptisms and 1,541 deaths.

Harry Cole of Ottawa, who accidentally shot Wm. Hubbell of Havelock near Dauphin last week, has been committed for trial.

It is reported in Winnipeg that the Local Legislature will meet on February 2nd, and that a redistribution bill will be introduced.

Proceedings have been taken to extradite P. F. Rollinson, the Ottawa insurance agent arrested at Adrian, Mich., for forgery.

It is reported that the Government will shortly order an investigation into the conduct of affairs at St. Paul's, Man., Indian School.

An "Indian Jim," who hacked a Chinese storekeeper to death with an axe and was sentenced to life imprisonment, will have a new trial at Nanaimo.

A guest at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, registered as Frank Langdon, Brooklyn, is missing since Dec. 6. His belongings left behind indicate a man of means.

Mr. J. Christie, of Greenwood, has tendered his resignation as Dominion veterinary inspector, for the southern portion of Yale District, B.C.

The Hamilton Board of Trade has appointed a committee to consider what improvements can be made in the unsatisfactory assessment in that city.

Guards in Kingston penitentiary are being subjected to a rigid examination as to physical condition. Those considered unfit for service will be dismissed.

At the opening of the British Columbia Legislature the Lieutenant-Governor announced that a bill would be brought in for the exclusion of aliens in Alton district.

The Crow's Nest Railway is now in working order, and three passenger trains are sent over it each way every week. The regular freight traffic is steadily increasing.

Bridget Bassell of Lynden has been released from the penitentiary at Kingston. She had been sentenced for life, but after nineteen years' imprisonment a pardon was granted her.

At Balduv, Man., two men entered the office of Mr. John Hanover, Treasurer of Angus municipality, covered him with revolvers and took \$700 from the safe and made their escape.

Hamilton city council has passed a by-law granting the T. H. & B. Railway a rebate of \$1,000 a year on its taxes, the company to extend a branch to his northern section of the city.

Fred W. Johnson, the colored man who, with his colored lady companion, was refused orchestra seats at the Academy of Music, Montreal, and sued Sparrow & Jacobs for damages, has been awarded \$50 damages and all costs.

Suit has been entered at Victoria, B.C., against D. A. Stoddart, ex-M.P.P. for East Lillooet, in the British Columbia Legislature, for \$26,000, being the penalty at \$50 a day for having, as alleged, sat during the last session without qualification.

The Midland Board of Trade endorses the proposition of constructing a loop line railway from a point between Altondale and Collingwood on the Northern Railway to Bradford on the same line, and a resolution to that end was ordered to be sent to the Board of Trade of Toronto.

The will of the late Robert Thomson, lumberman, has been filed for probate at Hamilton, Ont. The personal estate is about \$100,000 and real estate \$100,000. A legacy of \$10,000 to a niece and \$10,000 to a sister of deceased, the balance of the estate goes to the widow and the son, J. J. Chartrouse Thompson.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Zola is writing of his flight from France.

An English vicar just sent to goal for forgery had published a book entitled "Resist not evil."

It has been computed that more than 100,000 inhabitants of London are employed at night work.

Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of South Africa, will sail from London for Cape Town on January 28th.

William Morris's library, recently sold at auction in London, brought nearly \$55,000 for 1,215 lots.

Col. Sir Francis Wingate has been promoted to the position of Adjutant-General of the Egyptian army.

The Duke of Connaught and his son, Prince Arthur, leave Florence for Egypt and Khartoum next week.

Rudyard Kipling, Mrs. Kipling and his family will sail from Liverpool for New York on the steamer Majestic on January 25.

The London Chronicle says a cordial welcome will be extended to Mr. Joseph Hodges Choate, as United States Ambassador to Great Britain.

London is delighted with the novelty of having some of its fire ladders drawn by horses instead of by hand. These are called "horsed fire escapes."

The London, Eng., hospital has asked 365 wealthy persons to send \$1,000 each to that institution on their birthdays.

The Kynoch Company, of Birmingham, Eng., has a contract for 10,000,000 cartridges for the United States Government, 1,000,000 weekly.

Great Britain's revenue for the quarter ending Dec. 31, was \$13,061,670, an increase of \$4,318,000 over the corresponding quarter of last year.

It is rumoured in theatrical circles in London that Sir Henry Irving, owing to illness, may retire from the stage and sell the Lyceum Theatre.

The Board of Trade returns of Great Britain's foreign trade for the month of December show increases over 1897 of \$3,998,100 in imports and \$1,638,300 in exports.

According to official figures, Great Britain expends \$90,000,000 a year on the support of the poor, and Germany \$25,000,000. This does not include private charities.

Aubrey Beardsley's original drawings have made their appearance in London auctions. The first lot sold since the artist's death, brought from \$36.50 to \$38.50 a piece.

An English guide-book makes the curious assertion that a large proportion of those who have made the ascent of Mont Blanc have been persons of unsound mind.

Sir Henry Hawkins, the English judge who resigned last week, has presented Cardinal Vaughan with \$15,000 towards a new Roman Catholic cathedral at Westminster.

The Rev. Mr. Grundy has been vicar of Hey, in Lancashire, for six years. He is 92 years of age, and read prayers before the Princess Victoria in William IV's time.

The Duke of Beaufort is one of the few people in England who have carried on extensive experiments in the breeding of the large mules used in Flanders and Spain for light road work.

A cargo of parrots that arrived in Leith, Scotland, was bought up at once by a firm of whisky manufacturers. The birds were taught to cry "Drink Black's whiskey," and were then distributed in gilt cages to Liverpool saloon keepers.

At a banquet in Scotland recently, Lord Rosebery laid a ruby out on a favorite ring. He was very much worried about the loss, and when after diligent search one of his Scotch friends found the jewel, he gave a handsome cheque to the finder.

A London plumber is under arrest for stealing two houses. He was two months at work tearing them down and taking away the material without any one interfering with him. It was only when the owner went to look at his houses himself that he found they were gone.

Mr. Thomas Townshend Bucknill, Queen's Counsel and member of Parliament in the Conservative interest for Mid-Surrey, Epsom, has been raised to the Bench of the High Court of Judicature, in succession to Mr. Justice Henry Hawkins, who recently retired.

Jan. Dowager Lady Carew, has just entered upon her 101st year. She danced at the Duchess of Richmond's ball at Brussels on the night before Waterloo. Two other ladies, still living at a very advanced age, were present at the ball, Lady Louisa Tighe and her sister, Lady Sophia Cecil. The latter, a child of six, had been put to bed, but stole out in her nightgown and watched the ball from over the banisters. She was a daughter of the Duchess.

UNITED STATES.

There are about 20,000 Mormons in Utah and the contiguous States and Territories.

Ice dealers at Syracuse, N. Y., have formed a combine with a capital of \$600,000.

Shipments of iron ore from Lake Superior are about 1,200,000 tons greater than in 1897.

The present population of New Mexico is estimated at 255,000, including about 25,000 Indians.

New York Superior Court judges appeared in black silk gowns on Thursday for the first time.

Raffaelli Ungero, at Chicago, on his way to St. Cloud, B.C., was robbed of \$565 by a bogus police officer.

George F. Diehmair, a Buffalo man, has been found wandering in the streets of San Francisco, insane.

During the eleven months ended with November, 516,552 persons visited the Congressional Library at Washington.

Six miners were killed by the fall of a cage down a shaft five hundred feet at the Lake Superior Iron Co.'s mine at Ishpeming, Mich.

The Chicago Chief of Police has instructed his men to "shoot to kill" when necessary in dealing with high-walkers or notorious thugs.

It is said that the recent advance in security market values has added not less than \$25,000,000 to the personal fortunes of William K. Vanderbilt.

The friends of Senator McMillan of Michigan says that when his term as Senator expires, he will return to Detroit and engage in active business.

The enrollment of the Chickasaw nation has been completed by the Dawes Commission, and shows a total of 13,990, of whom 9,938 are Chickasaws and 3,952 Choctaws.

In Buffalo a planer is in operation which at each cut removes a shaving full twelve inches wider from solid cast iron. The knife is between twelve and thirteen inches thick.

Mrs. Lucretia Kent, a widow, has been found dead in her house at Springfield, Ill. The body was found by one hired plumed under a folding bed. She lived alone.

Thomas Kiely, of Pana, Ill., while making arrangements for the burial of his sister, was killed on a crossing near the burial ground, and the two were buried together.

Lewis Doane, twenty-two years old, died in Lyons, N.Y., on Saturday from convulsions produced by a fright he was given by an alleged "ghost" at a Halloween party.

The Town of Pullman is to be annexed to Chicago, and the Pullman Company will sell all their property in the place not required for their business to the highest bidder.

Irishmen of New York City have organized the United States Independent League. A Canadian branch is proposed. All opposed to Anglo-Saxon alliance are invited to join the League.

The railroad bill and the bill taxing insurance companies 2 per cent. on their gross premiums, as passed by the extra session of the Kansas Legislature, have been signed by Governor Leedy.

The citizens of Eagle City, Alaska, waited on Jack Jolly and his gang of gamblers' and toughs, giving them 48 hours to leave the city. Jolly refused to go, and was hanged by a vigilance committee.

The Assabet Manufacturing Company, of Boston, with woollen mills at Montpelier, Vt., has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. The liabilities, according to the July statement, amounted to \$3,018,161, including \$1,000,000 capital stock.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, Judge Hollister has reversed the police court ruling in the Christy case of Harry Evans and freed his four holdouts that the rites she performed were religious and not medical, and therefore not within the jurisdiction of the law under which she was prosecuted.

Ferry Jones, cashier of the First National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa., one of the most extensive coal operators in that section, and largely interested in manufacturing enterprises in that vicinity, committed suicide at his residence on Friday night. It is supposed that recent hard work and anxiety were the causes.

When Mr. Calvin S. Brice of New York died, it was said he had left a fortune of \$10,000,000. A petition for letters of administration filed in the Surrogate's office declares he left no real estate, but that his personal property is valued at \$600,000. It is said Mr. Brice lived at the rate of \$200,000 a year.

GENERAL.

Sarah Bernhard is learning to play golf.

The betrothal of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland is denied.

Emperor William is ill. His old ear troubles has returned.

The German weavers' strike is spreading and 6,000 more are out.

It is proposed to make Roma, a seaport, estimated cost \$12,000,000.

Berlin police are measuring and photographing all known anarchists.

The chief eunuch of the Sultan of Turkey is dead. He was worth \$200,000.

A congress for the annihilation of tuberculosis will convene in Berlin on May 23.

The Vatican will not be represented at the forthcoming disarmament conference.

Spain has lost about 300 war-vessels by battle and wreck since the sixteenth century.

New silver, hardly yet in circulation in Paris, has already been counterfeited.

Emperor William has conferred the order of the Black Eagle upon Herr Alois Mayer, the maker of Roma.

Floods in Chinese provinces have destroyed the crops and famine has resulted in many parts of the Empire.

Empress William herself designed the costumes in which the Empress was arrayed during her visit in Palestine.

France is burdened with 40,000 public officials, costing the state \$15,000,000 a year, according to the estimate of Le Temps.

Since 1875 Hamburg has added to its population twice as many persons as Boston, and Leipzig has overtaken St. Louis.

The Queen of Greece has bestowed the Medal of Valour on 100 women who served as nurses in the late war between Turkey and Greece.

The first narrow gauge railway train run by electricity in Europe was given a trial on a short road between Dusseldorf and Krefeld Germany.

Of the thirty-eight Sultans who have reigned over the Ottoman Empire since the conquest of Constantinople, thirty-four have died violent deaths.

General Lord Kitchener, the Sirdar, has decided to send a strong expedition against Khalifa Abdullah, who is now in Darfur with a large force of Dervishes.

Forty harbour engineers commissioned by the Russian Government have left St. Petersburg for Tientsin, China, to carry out harbour works there.

The Spanish Official Gazette announces that on January 1 Spain's floating debt was 554,810,595 pesetas, an increase of 11,812,095 pesetas over January 1, 1898.

Warm suppers will be provided for the German army after New Year's Day. The increase of cost for pork and sausages for the Berlin garrison alone will be \$200,000 a year.

There was at one time in an office in Adelaide, Australia, three gentlemen of the name of Dry. One was known as Sun Day, another as Pay Day, and the third as Judgment Day.

The Cologne Volks Zeitung announces that it has received news of the imprisonment of German Catholic missionaries by Chinese at Haig, in Shan Si, about seventy miles south-west of Ping-Yang.

In Germany 45,251 persons under 18 years of age were convicted of crime or misdemeanor in 1897. Of these 22,544 were sentenced for theft, 6537 for fraud, and 1,670 for forgery.

A serious revolution is now proceeding in the republic of Bolivia. The transit trade by way of Melendo, Peru, is interrupted. Ecuador also is much disturbed, but Peru is perfectly tranquil.

An imperial edict has been issued in Pekin commanding the immediate institution of the reforms in the method

of training troops, in agriculture, in manufacture, and in everything likely to conduce to the prosperity of the empire.

Poker has been declared a game of chance by the Vienna Supreme Court, and is forbidden in Austria-Hungary as coming under the law passed in 1871 against games of hazard. The judges, before arriving at their decision, discussed the intellectual element in bluffing.

A deadlock has resulted at Pekin from the demand of the Russian authorities for the surrender of certain British property which the Chinese Government had awarded as part of the Russian concession at Han-Kau. The British refuse to surrender the property.

Law has got the better of theology for the first time at the University of Halle, the number of students enrolled in the former faculty exceeding that in the latter. Ever since the removal of the university from Wittemberg, Halle has been the chief theological school for the Lutheran confession in Germany.

Two children, Alfred and Leon Jemot, aged eight and ten years respectively, were picked up in the streets of Paris. They had walked all the way from Montecau, a distance of nearly 100 miles. Their father, with the evident intention of abandoning them, had given them a fictitious address in Paris, where he told them they would find him at work.

AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

New Viceroy of India Assumes the Robes of Office.

A despatch from Calcutta, says—Lord Curzon of Kedleston formally assumed the vice-royalty of India on Friday. A large gathering at Government house witnessed the ceremony.

At 9.30 a.m., the new Viceroy, preceded by his aides-de-camp, arrived at Government house, and proceeded to the throne-room, where he shook hands with the Earl of Elgin, the retiring Viceroy, with the latter's family, with his aides-de-camp, the members of the Council, and with the Lieut.-Governor and others.

AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

General Sir William Lockhart, the Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in India, then formed Lord Curzon's procession, and the whole party proceeded to the Council room, where the impressive royal warrant appointing Baron Curzon of Kedleston Viceroy of India, was read. The ceremony, though formal, was most striking, the brilliant uniforms of the officials and the foreign Consuls lending much colour to the scene. Lady Curzon was among those present.

EARL OF ELGIN DEPARTS.

A royal salute was fired, and the national anthem was played. Directly after the warrant had been read the Earl of Elgin and Lady Elgin and their immediate party left Government house. Lord Curzon accompanied the Earl of Elgin to the river side, and then returned to Government house, escorted by a full bodyguard of the Calcutta Light Horse. The route was lined by troops, another royal salute was fired, and the squadron of vessels in the Hooghly displayed all their bunting.

The Earl of Elgin embarked on board a launch, which took him to the steamer Clive, at Diamond harbour, on his way to England.

ICE BRIDGE AT THE FALLS.

The Great Winter Spectacle Formed Yesterday—A Magnificent Structure of Vast Extent.

A despatch from Niagara Falls says:—The great ice bridge of 1899 has come at last. Several times yesterday the great cakes of ice that flowed over the falls, forming a bridge from shore to shore, but in the course of half an hour or so the mighty weight of the current broke up the ice jam and would carry it down through the rapids, much to the disappointment of the spectators who watched the water all day long. The night fell with decidedly lower temperature, which everyone hoped would have the desired effect of cementing together the great flow of ice that had been constantly pouring over the falls from the upper lakes. The early risers this morning were rewarded by seeing the finest ice bridge that has ever spanned Niagara's gorge before the falls, reaching, as it does, from the new steel arch bridge up to almost the Horseshoe Falls, and, unlike its predecessors, has no large crevices to make the trip across cumbersome, and has every appearance of remaining in its present quarters until the warm rays of the spring sun melt its uselessness away. It was crossed to-day by two or three dozen of the more venturesome. With the great ice palace, the construction of which was commenced today at Niagara Falls, N.Y., and which will be opened on January 21 with a grand display of fireworks, the winter will be lively around the Falls.

ANOTHER CANADIAN SUICIDES.

Deliberately Threw Himself in Front of a Train.

A despatch from Clyde, N. Y., says:—About twelve o'clock Thursday, as a westbound freight on the Central railroad was passing near Petty's crossing, about three miles east of Clyde, a well-dressed youth about sixteen years old threw himself in front of the train, and was ground to pieces. In the man's breast pockets were found six photographs and three letters. The letters were addressed to George F. Chapman, Brantford, Ont. Some of the photographs were taken in Brantford, some in London, Ont., and some in Montreal. One of the letters was written by his sister-in-law, Emily, 16 Brookham street, New North road, Boston, and was dated Sept. 14, 1898, another letter from a brother, W. H. Chapman, Caledonia, Ont., dated May 3, 1898. But 40 cents in money was found on the body.

MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

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

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—For an off-day, we had rather a lively market at the Western cattle yards this morning. There were 22 loads of offerings received here, including 1,676 hogs.

There was not much doing in export cattle, but we had some fairly good stuff here, and it sold in small lots at from \$4 to \$4.25 and \$4.50 per cwt. A few parcels of selections sold at \$4.60 per cwt.

Butchers' cattle sold well, considering that the quality was not anything more than ordinary. Choice-butcher cattle were firm at from \$3-4 to 40, and now and then 41-80 per lb, but the 1-80 was very occasional. Good cattle fetched from \$3.60 to \$3.70 per cwt; medium sold from \$3.25 to \$3.50 and \$3.75, per cwt., and inferior to common fetched from \$3.15 down to \$2.80 per cwt. The sales to-day did not drag, and everything sold early.

The following transactions were reported:—

One load of butchers' cattle averaging 1,025 lbs, sold at 33-4c per lb.

Another load, averaging 1,050 lbs, sold at 31-2c per lb.

Fourteen cattle, averaging 1,100 lbs, sold at 4c, and ten dollars back.

A load of butchers' cattle, averaging 1,085 lbs, sold at \$3.90 per cwt.

A load of butchers' cattle, averaging 965 lbs, sold at 31-2c per lb.

Ten cattle, averaging 890 lbs, sold at 31-1c, and five dollars back.

Six shipping cattle, averaging 1,170 lbs, sold at \$4.25 per cwt.

There was no inquiry for milkers to-day. Stockers, feeders, and bulls are unchanged.

No one is shipping sheep just now, and they are dull at from 3 to 3-1-2c per lb.

About fifty lambs came in, and prices are firmer at from \$1 to \$4.25, and occasionally \$4.30, per cwt. A little more was reported as paid, but we doubt it. Lambs are in demand.

Bucks are slow at 21-2c per lb.

A few good veals will sell.

Hogs are steady and unchanged at \$4.62-1-2 for the very best selections; light hogs are quoted from \$4 to \$4-25, but for any kind of heavy fat hogs the outside figure is \$3.75; they will sell at this price, but not a cent over. Sows are worth 3c, and stags 2c, per lb. Stores will not sell.

Cattle, Shipping, per cwt. \$4.00 \$4.50

Butcher, choice, do 3.75 4.12-2

Butcher, med. to good. 3.50 3.60

Butcher, inferior, 3.00 3.25

Sheep and Lambs, Ewes, per cwt. 3.00 3.25

Bucks, per cwt. 2.25 2.50

Lambs, per cwt. 4.00 4.35

Milkers and Calves, Cows, each, 25.00 50.00

Calves, each, 2.00 6.00

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

Light hogs, per cwt. 4.00 4.12-2

Heavy do, per cwt. 0.00 3.75

PRODUCE.

Eggs—Receipts fair, demand good, and prices firm. Choice boiling stock sold at 20 to 22c; held fresh or cold stored at 18c; and aimed at 14 to 15c.

Potatoes—The market is steady and movement fair. Choice sold to-day, on truck, car lots, at 55 to 58c. Dealers sell out of store at 65 to 70c; farmers' loads sell at around 50 to 60c.

Poultry—Not much demand and receipts almost nil. Prices are steady for good choice stock. Quotations are:—Chickens, per pair, 25 to 40c; ducks, 40 to 60c; geese, per lb. 5 1-2 to 6c; turkeys, per lb. 9 to 10c.

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

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

Honey—About steady. Round lots of choice, delivered here, will bring about 61-2 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—Movement is very light. Strictly choice car lots is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton; and No. 2 at \$6. Straw—Price easy. Car lots are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50, on track.

Hops—Featureless. Dealers here sell at 16 to 20c; and outside holders are asking 18c, for choice.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Steady demand and moderate receipts keep the market unchanged as to prices. Quotations are as follows:—Dairy, tub, poor to medium, 11 to 12c; choice, 13 to 14c; large rolls, 15 to 16c; small dairy, lb. prints, about 15 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 19 to 20c; lbs., 20 to 21c.

Cheese—No particular feature. Choice stocks sell at from 10 to 10 1-2c.

DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS.

Receipts of dressed