

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 has 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 \$100,000 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 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, regular 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 Banan for \$15,000, due on 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 mail 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 Greenfield, 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.

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

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

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

Charles Morris, 36 inches high, and Miss Goddard, 36 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.

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 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.

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 counter-vailing 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 \$258,000,000 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.

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

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 sentences in the prison mentioned. These lectures will relieve the tedium of making a profit. Its surplus goes to charitable purposes.

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in immersion in a 50 per cent. solution of salt, through which a continuous current of electricity is being passed. The curing is completed in from ten to twenty hours, when the meat is taken out and dried.

The cremation law in Norway provides that all persons over fifteen years of age must have made a declaration before death in the presence of two witnesses desiring cremation. For those under fifteen years the declaration must have been made by the parents.

Two thousand two hundred acres of cedars are cut down yearly on the continent in order to make wood cases for lead pencils. There are twenty-six pencil works in Bavaria, of which twenty-three are in Nuremberg, the great centre of the lead pencil trade. These factories employ from 8,000 to 10,000 workers, and produce 4,300,000 lead and colored chalk pencils every week.

The Japanese Government has given an order for the construction of another large battleship in addition to the Asahi, Shikishima and Hatsuse, which are now being built in England. The new battleship will be the same type as the three vessels now under construction. She will be of 15,000 tons displacement, with 5,000 indicated horse-power, and of a contract speed of 18 knots.

In Nagasaki, Japan, there is a fireworks maker who manufactures pyrotechnic birds of great size, which, when exploded, sail in the air like man through air, and perform many movements exactly like those of living birds. The secret of making these wonderful things has been in the possession of the eldest child of the family of each generation for more than 400 years.

GENERAL.

The Elbe has risen and Hamburg is partly flooded.

Storms are causing great havoc in Switzerland and the Alps.

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.

A statue to John Ericsson, the inventor, will be erected at Stockholm.

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

The Russian General of the Transcaucasian district has been ordered to take Herat.

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

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

It is reported that the Sultan of Turkey has ordered a lot of Krupp field guns to be shipped.

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.

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

Bermuda is overrun by cats and sparrows, which have been discussed in the Colonial Legislature.

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

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

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

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

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Butchers' cattle were in good demand, if of fair to choice quality; for the best stuff there was a steady sale, and picked lots were bought as light shippers at from \$1.20 to \$1.35 per cwt. Good to choice butcher cattle sold at from \$3.75 to \$4.12 1-2 per cwt; medium at from \$3.40 to \$3.62 1-2 per cwt; and common down to \$3 per cwt.

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A load of good butchers' stuff, averaging 1,000 lbs, sold at \$3.90 per cwt.

A load of butchers' cattle, averaging 1,000 lbs, sold at \$3.69 per cwt.

A mixed lot of cows and heifers, averaging 1,020 lbs, sold at 3-8c per lb.

A lot of 11 cattle, averaging 900 lbs, sold at \$3.25 and five dollars each.

A lot of 13 cattle, mixed with cows, averaging nearly 900 lbs, sold at 3c, per lb, and five dollars added.

Shipping bulls sell at from 31-2 to 40, with an eighth more for prime lots, which are wanted.

Stockers are selling well at from 31-2c, and occasionally 33-4c, per lb.

Very few milk cows here, less than one dozen; prices rather low, from \$25 to \$45 each. There is no particular enquiry, but a few choice cows may sell well.

Lams are easy at from \$4.12 1-2 to \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. Supplies lately have been rather more than ample.

Sheep are unchanged at from 3 to 3-1-2c, per lb.

Bucks are worth from 21-4 to 23-8c per lb.

Choice veal calves are wanted at from \$5 to \$7 each; common calves are sold at from \$2.50 to \$4 each.

Hogs are unchanged at \$4.25 to \$4.37 1-2 per cwt for the best, but the average price for good hogs is around \$4.20 per cwt; light are selling at from \$4 to \$4.25; and the outside price for thick heavy hogs is \$3.75 per cwt.

Following is the range of current quotations:—

Cattle.	
Shipping, per cwt.	\$ 4.25 \$ 4.75
Butcher, choice, do.	3.50 4.12 1-3
Butcher, med. to good.	3.25 3.50
Butcher, inferior.	3.00 3.12 1-3
Sheep and Lambs.	
Ewes, per cwt.	3.00 3.25
Bucks, per cwt.	3.25 3.62 1-3
Bucks, per cwt.	2.25 2.62 1-2
Milkers and Calves.	
Cows, each.	25.00 40.00
Calves, each.	2.00 6.00
Hogs.	
Choice, hogs, per cwt.	4.25 4.37 1-2
Light hogs, per cwt.	4.00 4.25
Heavy, do., per cwt.	0.00 3.75

BREADSTUFFS, ETC.

Wheat—There was a heavy advance in wheat in Chicago to-day, and the market continued until the close. Prices here advanced sharply. Red wheat sold at 70c and white at 71c, north and west. This afternoon holders generally asked 72c. Manitobas were very strong. No. 1 hard, North Bay, sold at 86c, and at the close 87c, was asked. Same, Midland and Owen Sound, was held at 82c. Millers held off, not caring to pay the advance.

Flour—Firm, with an advancing tendency. Easterners were in the market to-day as buyers, paying an advance of 10c per barrel. Export agents bid the small mills \$3 for straight roller, in bbls, middle freights and \$3.20 to \$3.25 is asked. \$3 for the local mills bring \$4; and shorts, \$16; car lots, middle freights, are quoted at \$13.50 for bran, and \$15 for shorts.

Outmeal—Firm. Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track here, are quoted at \$3.60 per bbl, and in bbls at \$3.70.

Peas—Offerings light and demand fair. Car lots, north and west, sold to-day at 66c; holders generally ask 66 1-2c. Car lots east, 67c.

Higher—Quiet and firm; offerings light, car lots, outside, 48c.

Corn—Higher. Canadian yellow, Chatham is quoted at 31c. American, yellow, new, offers at 43 1-2c, and new mixed at 42c. No old American now offering.

Barley—Firm. Car lots of No. 1, outside, are quoted at 48 to 49c.

Buffalo, Jan. 27.—Spring wheat—Dull, steady. No. 1 hard, 86c; No. 1 Northern, 76 1-2c. Winter wheat—No. 2, 81c; 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, 31 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 65c, in store for No. 2. Flour—Steady.

Detroit, Jan. 27.—Wheat—Closed:—No. 1 white, cash, 71 1-2c; No. 2 red, cash and January, 71c; May, 73c.

Minneapolis, Jan. 27.—Wheat—January, 61c; May, 68 1-4 to 68 5-8c; 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. 27.—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. 27.—Wheat—No.

BANK ROBBERY IN LONDON.

All the Staff of Paris Bank Taken Into Custody.

A despatch from London, Eng., says:—The absence of any clue to the thief who abstracted £20,610 in notes from Parr's Bank on Monday afternoon, increased the suspicion that there was collusion inside the bank, and all the employees were immediately arrested. The search, however, was fruitless. The notes were taken from the chief cashier's drawer while he was at luncheon. The fact that the interior of the bank is open to the view of passers-by, makes it seem incredible that a stranger could have vaulted over the counter and reached the cashier's drawer without being seen.

All the numbers of the missing notes have been published. There were £38,000 in £1,000 notes, and these will be very difficult to handle anywhere, as the police of the world have been notified of the robbery and of the numbers of the notes. If the notes are never cashed the Bank of England will be so much the gainer.

Parr's Bank shares fell off a point to-day on the news of the robbery. The police agree that if the robbery was committed by outsiders without any aid from within it was the most skillful piece of work of the kind on record.

The bank has offered a reward of £1,000 for the discovery of the thief.

WANT MALES IN THE SOUDAN.

Scarcity Owing to the Number Killed in the Fighting.

A despatch from Cairo says:—Mr. L. J. Gorst, financial adviser of the Egyptian Government, who accompanied Lord Cromer to Khartoum, makes the following remarks on the condition of the Sudan:—

"The great want of the country at present is population. The Khalifa gathered together in Omdurman a great number of people previously engaged in agricultural occupations, and a dearth of able-bodied males now existing owing to the number killed in the recent fighting. A large part of the remainder are dispersed through the old villages, and are resuming their former occupation of cultivating the soil. Before the dervish regime there were before Khartoum and Berber 3,000 sakhis, or water-wheels, now there are only 100, but new ones are being erected."

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