

Michigan Bush Fires.

EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE LAST FALL.
DETROIT, Feb. 24.—The following information regarding the great bush fires in Michigan last fall is excerpted from the Governor's Message delivered before the Legislature:—
A district covering portions of Huron, Benzie, Tuscola, St. Clair, and Lapeer counties was widely devastated in September last by forest fires. The property of 8,281 families was destroyed and 14,438 persons were made dependent upon public aid. In this calamity 1,521 dwellings were consumed, together with 1,450 barns, hundreds of miles of fences, domestic animals in great numbers, and vast quantities of household furniture, clothing, and agricultural implements, with accumulated stores of food. The losses of those who have asked and received aid as shown by sworn appraisals amounted to \$2,846,948, or an average of over \$726 for each family. To add to the terrible aspects of these dreadful misfortunes nearly 800 human beings perished in consequence, by suffocation and by burning. No reference is made in this estimate to the losses of those who have neither asked nor required assistance which are known to have been of great magnitude. Nor of those of a public nature, among which were 51 school-houses and a large number of churches and highway bridges. The destruction thus wrought left men, women, and children destitute of either clothing, food, or shelter. It covered a territory of over eighteen hundred square miles, and in the progress of its ravages swept the entire district within from two to four hours after it began. The wonder is not that so many perished, but that so many escaped. The thanks of the State are due to every individual who came to the help of our suffering fellow-citizens at this trying juncture, and they especially belong to the men and women of our sister commonwealths and the neighboring British Provinces. In addition to large amounts contributed for this relief by churches, societies, and individuals directly to the sufferers of which there is no attainable record, but which is known to aggregate many thousands of dollars, there has been received by the State Fire Relief Commission, the Detroit and Port Huron Commissions, and Committees of other localities, the sum of \$228,436.96 in cash, together with donations in kind, when added to the cash contributions would equal the sum of \$1,000,000. These people must be sustained until their crops mature. They also require seed for the spring crops. The contributions funds will soon be spent and harvest is months in the future. The expenses of the case demand action, and to afford relief is no longer a question of policy it is an imperative duty.

Sheriff's Emoluments.
Statement of the net emoluments of the Sheriff of Ontario for the year 1881, in accordance with the provisions of 43 Vic., chap. 3, Ont.:—
York.....\$ 6,759.73
Simcoe..... 4,262.47
Grey..... 3,532.21
Huron..... 2,851.31
Lincoln..... 2,641.13
Bruce..... 2,127.74
Fitch..... 1,950.69
Leeds and Grenville..... 1,919.46
Middlesex..... 1,904.50
Oxford..... 1,805.62
Northumberland and Durham..... 1,790.69
Carleton..... 1,606.00
Kent..... 1,485.46
Frontenac..... 1,483.73
Wellington..... 1,430.87
Ontario..... 1,363.20
Wallington..... 1,347.90
Peel..... 1,230.14
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry..... 1,219.37
Haldimand..... 1,158.15
Brant..... 1,133.03
Peterborough..... 1,130.69
Victoria..... 1,064.85
Essex..... 953.65
Elgin..... 934.26
Lanark..... 931.71
Manitoulin..... 905.72
Norfolk..... 895.46
Hastings..... 890.84
Dufferin..... 763.00
Prince Edward..... 744.90
Lambton..... 737.27
Hastings..... 728.10
Lennox and Addington..... 677.12
Waterloo..... 476.01
Precedent and Russell..... 395.61
Welland..... 160.00
Algonquin..... 19.57
*Algonquin the Sheriff receives a salary in addition to fees.

REMARKABLE WORDS OF HUMAN LABOR.—
Nineveh was 14 miles long, 8 miles wide, and 46 miles round, with a wall 100 feet high, and thick enough for three chariots abreast. Babylon was 60 miles within the walls, which were 75 feet thick and 100 feet high, with 100 iron gates. The Temple of Diana, at Ephesus, was 420 ft. to the support of the roof; it was 100 years in building. The largest of the pyramids was 481 feet in height, and 950 on the sides; the base covers 11 acres; the stones are about 60 feet in length, and the layers are 208; it employed 320,000 men in the building. The labyrinth in Egypt contained 300 chambers and 12 halls. Thebes, in Egypt, presents ruins 27 miles round and 100 gates. Carthage was 20 miles round. Athens was 25 miles round and contained 350,000 citizens and 400,000 slaves. The Temple of Delphos was so rich in donations, that it was plundered of £10,000,000, and Nero carried a day from it 200 statues. The walls of Rome were 13 miles round.

Deliver us from the man so kid-gloved at the fingers and wearing so shiny a hat that he cannot say a word of welcome to any stranger in the house of God, perhaps to the poor mother wrapped in her old red shawl, and shyly creeping into church, or the young musician out of work and inside a shabby coat. Such gentry need the Gospel, but they do not represent it. Some people who need to have of God and a better life, will readily take to God and when come to them in hands of sympathy and fellowship. It is no wonder that such churches are so empty when their members show to strangers an exterior about as warm and cordial as the north-west side of a barn in December. Hospitality will do much toward filling up a house and increasing the church membership. Do not rest this duty upon the shoulders of the much-abused sexton. Let some of the fathers and brothers esteem it a privilege to welcome strangers, show them seats, and make them at home in the house of their Father. To some soul, heaven may be in a handshake. In fact, judging by the dress parade we meet with in some quarters, there are churches in which even the twelve apostles would be given a back seat or escorted to a lone corner in the gallery.—Christian at Work.

MISCELLANEOUS

Small-pox is spreading in Hamilton.
The Lancashire cotton mills will be closed for a fortnight before the 12th of April.
Ten of the Nihilists, recently tried at St. Petersburg, have been sentenced to death.
Magnum's Yellow Oil
Is at the head of the list for all purposes of a family medicine. It is used with unprecedented success, both internally and externally. It cures sore throat, hoarseness, colds, croup, whooping cough, and often cures asthma.—L207.

THE MEXICAN MOUND BUILDERS.—
Mr. S. B. Evans is satisfied that the mounds built by the prehistoric mound-builders in Mexico and the United States. He bases his belief on the alleged facts of a close resemblance between the construction of these remains, of the similarity of the implements employed, of the burial of the dead being exactly alike, and of the close likeness of the skulls found in the tombs of the mound-builders, because he holds that there is a tendency through religious or other motives in that direction, and the specimens of pottery found in the mounds and pyramids could not have been made by the Aztecs.

THE ELECTRIC EAGLE,
superceding as it does all other modes of illumination, and rivalled only by the glorious sunshine, will not be hailed with greater joy by mankind than by Burdock Blood Bitters, which is as far superior to all other blood purifiers and tonics as the electric light is superior to the old fashioned tallow dip. Burdock Blood Bitters cures Scrofula and foul humors and impurities of the blood.—L207.

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