

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Twenty-five settlers from Michigan arrived in Winnipeg on Monday.

The assessment of Brantford has been fixed at 171-2 mills for this year.

Cornwall is suffering from an influx of tramps, and several have already been sent to gaol.

After July 1 the Government Savings Banks will allow only 21-2 per cent. interest on deposits.

A large number of Ontario settlers and delegates from the southern States have arrived at Winnipeg.

A prospector named Corrigan of Donalson, B. C., was found dead in a cabin on Bald Mountain, where he had a claim.

Models for the proposed statues of the Queen and Hon. Alex. Mackenzie are now on exhibition at Ottawa.

The Salvation Army are pressing the Government for a grant towards the support of their rescue homes in Winnipeg.

A Montrealer who does not want his name mentioned, is in Kingston, negotiating for the purchase of the locomotive Works for a syndicate.

The duties collected at the port of Toronto for March, 1898, show an increase of over \$100,000 over the receipts for March, 1897.

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The Montreal Cotton Company have been asking the Sherbrooke Council what concessions they might expect in case of establishing works there.

The British Columbia Legislature has adopted a resolution urging upon the Dominion Government the establishment, in that province, of a mint.

The Montreal City Council appointed a deputation to go to Ottawa and urge the Government to carry out without delay its share of the harbor improvements.

Mr. R. E. Watts of the Agricultural Department at Ottawa is the inventor of a roller boat which it is claimed possesses many advantages over the Knapp invention.

Miss Faith Fenton, who is well known as a contributor to the press, will accompany the contingent of the Victorian Order of Nurses to the Klondike as special correspondent.

The late Arthur Chown, of Kingston, bequeathed \$1,000 each to the Sydenham street Methodist Church, Kingston, the Methodist Missionary Society, and the Methodist superannuation.

It is said that the Government intends, when the close season for lobsters begins this year, to put on five steam cutters to prevent illegal lobster fishing on the Atlantic coasts.

The story sent out from Ottawa that the Government of the United States had made overtures for the purchase of the fisheries protection cruiser Adasia is denied by Sir Louis Davies.

Mr. Kelso, Superintendent of the Ontario Government Home for Neglected Children, has accepted an invitation from the Government of British Columbia to go to Vancouver to explain his work there.

David Lowry of St. Thomas was terribly burned about the head and will probably lose the sight of his left eye as the result of the explosion of a gasoline stove in Glover's confectionery store.

The Department of Marine has paid \$20,600 over to the owners of the sealing schooner Willie Macgowen, the sun allowed by the Russian Government for the illegal seizure of that vessel by the Czar's cruisers in 1892.

In order to provide that there shall be absolutely correct time over the system the Grand Trunk Railway has appointed Prof. McLeod of McGill University Observatory to take charge of the company's time service.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Lord Salisbury is at Nice.

The Earl of Strafford is dead at London.

Mr. Gladstone is able to take an airing in his garden.

Forty thousand coal miners in South Wales have struck.

Sir John Arnott, Baronet, proprietor of The Irish Times, is dead.

The British revenue returns for the year ending March 27 show an increase of £2,664,119.

A London despatch reports the death in the city of Arthur Orton, the Tichborne claimant.

An English syndicate has been formed at the request of China, to develop its mineral resources.

The British House of Commons has rejected the bill introduced by Flavin, Anti-Parnellite, to amend the land laws in favor of the tenants.

In connection with the celebration in Ireland of the centenary of the revolution of 1798, the police have searched the farmers' houses in the counties of Limerick and Cork, taking possession of all the firearms found, and announcing that they will be returned after the celebration.

UNITED STATES.

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FATAL FIRE IN TORONTO.

ONE FIREMAN KILLED AND SEVEN OTHERS INJURED.

Fifty Thousand Dollars Damages—The Hees Window Shade Factory Completely Destroyed.

A despatch from Toronto says:—At twenty minutes past four on Friday afternoon a fire broke out in the three-story window shade factory of George H. Hees, Son and Company, 276 Davenport road, which totally destroyed the building, partially destroyed a number of surrounding houses, and resulted in the death of one man and the injury of seven others, one of whose injuries may prove fatal.

A still alarm by telephone informed the firemen that an explosion of benzine had occurred at the window shade factory of Geo. H. Hees, Son and Company, 276 Davenport road, and that the building was on fire.

The Yorkville avenue and Yonge street sections immediately responded to the call, and on their arrival sent in an alarm from Box 134. The fire was discovered by Foreman Fred Sears, in the basement of the building, on the west side, and everything seemed in its favor. The building was filled with the lightest and most inflammable materials, a strong west wind fanned the hot flames to greater fury, while the water pressure was the weakest.

In five minutes the conflagration had assumed serious proportions, and was beyond the power of the fire-fighting appliances to hand. A hurried call was sent for the engines, and at 4.35 the Waterous and Hubbard steamers had arrived and were doing noble service.

A SEETHING FURNACE.

By this time, however, the entire main building, 60 feet by 200 feet, and three stories in height, was a seething furnace of flame, and the shower of sparks and flying embers had ignited the roofs of the row of brick houses to the east, giving the firemen a dozen small fires to fight, as well as the big one.

To the west of the main brick factory there were three or four one-story lean-to frame structures, and eight or ten men, from numbers ten and three sections were at work here with three sections of hose.

BENEATH THE WALL.

Suddenly the roof and two top floors collapsed without a moment's warning, and the west wall wavered to and fro from the shock of the crash.

Chief Graham and the foreman of the Yorkville avenue section saw the danger from the front of the building, and yelled to the man on the roof of the leaning to leave her post. But the roar of the flames drowned their voices, and in another second the wall had fallen outwards, demolishing the frame structure, which the men stood, and burying them beneath a pile of red-hot bricks and debris.

Deacon Jones and Lang, the Street railway men, were completely buried, but the others were merely thrown to the ground and struck by flying bricks.

RESCUING THE VICTIMS.

A hundred willing hands got to work to release the imprisoned men, and Jones was the first released. Then Lang was found, and beneath them all, nearly at the bottom of the pile, Deacon Jones's mangled and bleeding corpse was found.

FURNITURE IN THE STREET.

The residents of the row of houses had little or no insurance, and did the best they could under the circumstances by dumping their furniture out on the street. For on a hundred yards or more the opposite side of the street was blocked with a motley collection of household goods.

A TRADE BOOM IN BRITAIN.

The Aggregate Gross Receipts for the Past Year Constitute a Record.

A despatch from London says:—The aggregate gross receipts from imperial and local taxes for the fiscal year which ended on March 31, were £116,013,414, £580,081,570, or £3,817,767; £1,088,835, more than the receipts for 1896-97.

The total amount constitutes a record.

The chief increases were as follows:—Customs, £512,734, excise £930,256, estate duties £1,364,661, stamps £2,000, property and income tax £6,000 telegraphs and post-office £110,000.

There were fewer applications usual for new capital during the month of March, but the Chinese loan brings the total amount offered to the public to nearly £16,500,000. This makes the total for the first quarter of 1898 nearly £30,000,000, £20,000,000, the biggest in many years.

The ship-building boom is unprecedented, as can be gauged from the figures of the Clyde Bank, where 40,000 tons were turned out in March. Orders were booked in March for 120,000 tons, and the work now on hand and ordered totals up £25,000 tons, almost double the whole output of 1897.

FIRE-POD EXPLODED.

St. Thomas Man Severely Burned With Gasoline.

A despatch from St. Thomas says:—David Lowry, a young man 22 years of age who resides on Catharine street, met with a bad accident on Friday afternoon. He was engaged in soldering a gasoline fire-pot in the cellar at Glover's confectionery, Talbot street east, opposite the M.C.R. park, when the apparatus exploded.

The Times explains that the hinterland of Wei-Hai-Wei is a portion of the Province of Shang-Tung and therefore Germany's sphere. The editors in the morning papers express satisfaction at the news, especially as implying an understanding between England and Japan.

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