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The result of the Ohio election has cheered and encouraged the Republicans of New York state. They hope to be successful in electing Davenport three weeks hence.

Our High Commissioner costs us as much as Mr. Phelps costs the United States in his residence at the Court of St. James. Six Charles Tupper is an able man, and occasionally does the country a service, but he is worth \$14,000 a year, a free house the furnishing of which cost \$45,000, and all the other luxuries which his position affords?

Few people think how unjust it is to hang the Indians, convicted of Northwest cruelties, while all the influences possible are being exerted in order to save Reel. The real man were innocent and composed of the Meis chief; they had not his reasoning powers, and could not be expected to act with his intelligence; they simply caught the inspiration of his rebellious spirit, and their feelings were effectually operated upon by him.

WAR IN BURMAH.

There is reason to suspect that the trouble in Burma is, to some extent, the result of conspiracy on the part of the French officials. The cablegrams announce the purpose of the Chinese government to build railways and open up the south-western provinces of China. This announcement is the definite outcome of a scheme inaugurated some years ago, and of which the British and French governments have been quick to take advantage.

PERMANENT EXHIBITION.

The proposal to change the site of the Central Fair and to raise it in public popularity meets with general approval. The removal of the crystal palace from its present location is only a matter of time. The land is now part of the penitentiary farm, and its use for exhibition purposes depends upon the sufferance of the government.

attractive and profitable. Primarily its object should be instructive, but it should be remunerative at the same time.

COLLEGE CONFEDERATION.

Writing to the Educational Weekly, and in review of the address delivered by the President of the British Association at its last meeting, Principal Grant observes: "He says plainly that 'even Oxford and Cambridge, which have done so much in recent years in the equipment of laboratories and in adding to their scientific staffs, are still far behind a second-class German University'."

THE POTATO BLIGHT.

The Losses that Farmers will Have this Year.—They will be general. "It was a blight that struck the potato stocks, withered them, and afterwards affected the potatoes," said a farmer when asked if he could account for the rotting of the potatoes everywhere in the district.

TALK OF THE FARMERS.

In Kingston township we understand that the early potatoes are poor. J. Bouton planted over 60 bushels of late varieties, but will gather very few. F. McKeever loses heavily and Thomas Beck does not expect to get a near equivalent of the seed he put in the ground.

DOWN IN PITTSBURG.

A resident of Woodburn, Pittsburg, said the farmers in that locality are great sufferers. David Rae planted 100 bushels, and will gather none. In the fence corners of other farms are heaps of potatoes that were never planted.

AFFAIRS IN STORRINGTON.

C. Merriman, of Storrington, has only a crop of some 30 bushels, though he expected a yield of 400 bushels. J. Hudson, of Sunbury, planted two acres of potatoes, and expects to have about 10 bushels of good ones. C. Chrysler planted one acre, but does not anticipate securing more than 20 bushels.

CHURCH AND ITS WORK.

THE WORK IN THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.—INTERESTING ADDRESS.

Daily Whig, 19th. At St. George's Cathedral yesterday morning the Rev. Mr. Bliss, of the Upper Ottawa Mission, gave an interesting address in relation to the mission work of the church in his large mission work of 100 miles on the Upper Ottawa.

ARGUING THE REBELS' CASE.

A Decision Expected to be Rendered by the Privy Council and Against Rev. Ottawa, Oct. 17. In view of the cable despatch from Britain, intimating that Riel's sentence will be commuted to penal servitude for life, the Liberals are contending here that the Imperial authorities have no constitutional power to so commute Riel's sentence.

MEDICAL BOARDS APPOINTED.

The Canada Gazette contains the appointment of medical boards at London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec and Halifax for the purpose of investigating claims on the part of active militiamen, in the respective contracted disease while on service in the Northwest territories during the recent rebellion.

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They Show a Decrease.

The census here finds, on making up his books for the past year, that the exports were one-third less than in the previous year. The census will report that the decrease is not because of a lack of supply, but because of a lack of demand in the states.

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There is now on exhibition at Gunn's wholesale house a box of raisins raised by Kingdonians on land in southern California, viz., Messrs. James Leslie, J. P. Gilderlove and A. E. Martin. The raisins are considered equal to the best Spanish grown. Their flavor is very fine.

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Condolences can be offered to the many applicants who sought the position of revising officer for Kingston. All the city lawyers have been "left." The probability is that Judge Wilkison will be appointed for Kingston and Judge Price for Frontenac.

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On Saturday a maniac named White, sent to goal from Clarendon and Miller, was transferred to the asylum on the order of Inspector O'Reilly, who was in the city. White was very violent when brought to the goal. He was tied hand and foot, and since his incarceration he has been desperately wicked.

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On Monday W. D. Mace, of Tamworth, was met by a reporter who asked, "How do you view the proposed connection of Kingston with Tamworth by the N. T. & Q. R.?" The reply was "It was what we all want. We'll all go in for it. You bet we will." The people of Tamworth are delighted over the prospects.

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Mr. John Poole, of Lake Opinicon, who received the government contract to lay \$300 worth of stone on the Perth Road between Stoness Corners and Lobborough Bridge has completed his contract. Residents living near the road state that the contractor did his work in a most efficient manner.

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The great question of interest upon Howe Island is the proposal to build a bridge to the Pittsburg shore. A contractor offered to do the work for \$25,000. The islanders say they have never asked or received favours from the government, and that they have a fair claim upon it. They will firmly but respectfully press it. They have noticed that the government have spent \$1,000 on a bridge, to accommodate seven people, and feel that they have a right to similar good treatment. There are over eighty voters on the island, and a population of probably 500.

DYING SIDE BY SIDE.

A Newark Tragedy of a Remarkable Kind—A Double Murder.

New York, Oct. 16.—"A woman has been murdered!" excitedly exclaimed a young man, as he dashed through the streets in Newark. A few minutes afterwards a police ambulance dashed up to the apartments apartment house at the address given, and three officers rushed in. They were overcome for an instant by thick smoke which rolled through the door of the darkened basement. An officer groined his way towards the window. As he did so his foot touched something which groaned. Stooping he saw the prostrate body of a man, his face covered with blood. The officer struck a match and lit a lamp. The lamp flickered fitfully at first, and the smoky atmosphere prevented the officers from a moment from seeing the body of a woman also lying on the floor. Her head was leaning against a door where she had fallen. Blood was issuing from wounds in her head. Within three feet of her lay the man with thirty-two calibre revolver clutched in his right hand.

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"I did it for love. I love my wife and if we can't live together in this world and be happy we will live together in the next world and be happy," the murmured. One of the officers went up stairs and found Mrs. Samuel R. Carr in a second story room. Between her sons she said that the wounded man's name was William G. Hoffman, and the woman was his wife. The woman was not dead. She and her husband were taken to St. Michael's hospital and placed on cot side by side. The woman was seriously wounded in three places. Two of the bullets had lodged in the back of the head, near the base of the brain, the third behind the right ear. The man was shot above the right eye, the sight of which had been destroyed by the burning powder. At times the woman would moan piteously, then sink back into a comatose condition. She was restless when conscious. Her husband's mind was, on the contrary, very clear, and he readily described how he committed the crime. He said to a physician: "I had three bullets for Minnie, but I thought one would end me. He rambled on incoherently, then thoughtfully said, "But I am sorry that I did it." He turned uneasily on his cot. Finally he opened his eyes as the man who attended him smoothed his pillow.

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"How is Minnie?" he asked. "She is conscious now," was the response. "Will you ask her to forgive me?" he said in a supplicating tone. The nun stood noiselessly to the bedside of the dying woman and gently bending over her said: "Your husband is penitent and asks you to forgive him before he dies."

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The dying woman gazed on the crucifix that was held before them. There was tears in the eyes of the nuns and physicians who stood about her bed. A faint smile illumined the pallid countenance of the woman as she whispered so low that the nun could scarcely hear her: "Tell him I forgive all. I have brought him to this. May the great God have mercy on our souls." She sank back on her pillow and the attending physician quietly remarked, "She has only two hours to live." The message of the nun was soothing to the dying man, and he sank peacefully into unconsciousness.

AN ORANGE MEETING FORBID DEN.

The Editor, British Whig. SIR,—My attention has just been drawn to the following notice which has appeared in the Whig during the last few days:

MASS MEETING.

A MASS MEETING of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 2, Catorqu District, South Frontenac, will be held at the Village Hall, Waterloo on THURSDAY EVENING, 25th OCT., at 7:30 o'clock. All Orangemen going standing either in connection or holding certificates, are requested to attend.

BUSINESS.

The welfare of the Order to be discussed. A number of No. 1 District and County Officers will be present. By order District Master. C. BARCOCK, Secretary. Oct. 7. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

As District Master, of District L. O. L. No. 2, I hereby state that I gave no order for the calling of any such meeting.

Driving the First Spike.

Three weeks ago the first move was made by the Gilmour firm to build the dam across the Trenton river. A railroad a mile in length was graded, tied and railed, connecting the dam with the steam saw mill. A wing dam 500 feet long has been built, a box coffer dam 60 ft. by 150 ft. has been put down, and three powerful rotary pumps brought from Kingston to unwater the same. Last Monday the work of clearing bottom of the river was commenced. It is formed of solid rock, in layers of about three inches average thickness. Tuesday the work was done ready for driving of the first spike. Mrs. David Gilmour was handed a light sledge and Mr. D. Gilmour a large sledge and both drove the split-headed bolt three feet deep. There are nine tiers of timber, four sticks long fitted to the rock bed of the river, and securely fastened there by split headed bolts. A second coffer dam 75 feet by 60 in the middle section of the river has been built. About 250 men are employed on the works about the dam.

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