

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

CANADIAN.

The salmon pack on the Frazer river, B.C., this season is valued at \$1,417,248.

Thursday, November 6th, will be Thanksgiving Day.

Advices from Labrador say the fishery catch this season will be the best for twenty years.

The rumour is gaining ground in Ottawa that Parliament will meet early in next January.

Montreal's population is now estimated at 233,000, and the suburbs added will make it 283,000.

There were 33 deaths in Kingston last month, of which 21 were of children one year or under in age.

Sir John Macdonald has signified his intention of visiting Halifax about October.

Dr. Canniff, the Medical Health Officer of the Toronto Board of Health, has resigned, in consequence of brain disease from which he states he is suffering.

The idea prevails in Government circles in Ottawa that there will be an appeal to the country before the fall.

A number of Hamilton commercial travellers have formed a "Travellers' Circle," to promote Christian work on the road.

Mr. O'Brien, of Montreal, charged with libelling Prince George, was committed on Tuesday by consent to the Queen's Bench, which meets on November 1st.

Dr. C. T. Campbell, of London, Ont., has been elected deputy grand sire of the sovereign grand lodge I. O. O. F., at the Kansas convention.

Edward Langevin, who went from Quebec to St. Paul in 1849, has just died in the latter city. He leaves a fortune estimated at \$5,000,000.

There is talk of extending an invitation by the congregation of Erskine Presbyterian church, Montreal, to Rev. Mr. McNeil, the eloquent preacher of London, England.

The second and sudden visit of Mr. Foster and Mr. Costigan to New Brunswick is regarded by some Ottawa politicians as indicative of the early approach of the general elections.

Minister of Finance Foster spoke at Sherbrooke on Friday night, and while he admitted that the McKinley bill would temporarily disturb trade, he believed it would only divert it into British channels.

Arbitration proceedings to ascertain the value of the Toronto Street Railway Company's plant with a view of the assumption of the business by the corporation were begun at Toronto on Monday. The company values their plant at \$5,500,000.

A report is current that the Imperial Oil Co. is seeking to obtain possession of certain oil claims in the Crow's Nest Pass, N. W. T. If they are successful large refineries will be established there, and the Galt railway will be extended to that point.

During August the death rate in St. John's Que., was 3.27 per thousand, the highest rate in the Dominion. The lowest death rate was that of Galt, which was only .41. In Montreal the rate was 2.27, and in Toronto 3.05 per thousand.

Mr. Adam Brown, Canadian Commissioner to the Jamaica Exhibition, addressed the Montreal Board of Trade the other day, and pointed out that the islands offer a profitable market for Canadian wheat, cheese and butter.

A number of delegates representing foreign colonies in Manitoba will be sent to their old homes this fall in the interests of immigration. They will be sent to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bohemia, Roumania, Russia, France and Belgium. Free trips will be afforded them by the C. P. R. and steamship lines.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Patrick O'Brien, M. P., has been arrested in Ireland.

The Duke and Duchess of Portland intend making a tour of America this winter.

John Dillon and William O'Brien, the Irish agitators, have been arrested for inciting tenants not to pay rent.

Numerous petitions to reject the convention with England have been presented to the Cortes at Lisbon.

The Courrier Francais says President Carnot is expected to visit Queen Victoria at Windsor next spring.

Lord Wolseley succeeds Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar in command of the forces in Ireland, the latter's term having expired.

The condition of the iron and steel trade in Great Britain is said by authorities on the subject to forecast a busy winter.

A committee of the English Catholic Union, presided over by the Duke of Norfolk, is taking steps to promote a memorial to Cardinal Newman.

The rush to get goods shipped from England before the McKinley bill takes effect is unprecedented, and all the steamships are loaded to the utmost.

The merchants of Belfast are making every endeavour to place as much Irish linen as possible in the United States before the McKinley Tariff bill goes into force.

The young Duc d'Orleans, with the Comte de Paris, is expected to leave London this week for his tour in the United States. As the match with his cousin has been broken off, there is a chance for some American heiress.

It is stated that Mr. Stonor, representing the Roman Catholic Church in England; Archbishop Charles Eyre, representing the Church in Scotland; and Archbishop Kenrick, representing the church in America, will be elevated to the Sacred College.

A British squadron has arrived at Mozambique, and the Portuguese Cabinet has advised the Governor to receive the British Admiral with the respect due to the representative of a friendly nation; but should the admiral attempt to infringe the status quo the Governor is to use his own discretion in upholding the honour of Portugal.

A London lady recently gave a "meat supper" to 100 laborers out of work. The meal was hardly finished when the guests began to be ill. Doctors were called, and found all had been poisoned. Three or four have died. The poison was traced to a corvose deposit in the interior of tea urns which had not been used for a long time and had not been properly cleaned by the servants.



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As a guarantee, the population figures when they are given to Parliament will be in 1891. The four hundred and forty-eight thousand total of the population in 1871 and 1881. You can see what the increase has been in the past, guess or estimate what it will be in 1891 and send in your figures now.

Table with columns: POPULATION 1871, POPULATION 1881, PROVINCES AND CITIES, CASH PRIZES (1st to 7th). Lists various provinces and cities like Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, etc., with corresponding population figures and prize amounts.

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5. These prizes are offered with the understanding that the competition closed in ample time to prevent any government official from sending in a guess which might be in a position to know the exact figures as any to strike the nearest figures. Even the government census enumerator himself knows no more than you do.
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UNITED STATES.

A case of leprosy has been discovered at Pittsburg, Pa.

The splendid bronze statue of Horace Greeley was unveiled on Saturday in Printing House square, New York.

Dion Boucault, the celebrated actor and playwright, died in New York on Sunday of pneumonia.

A St. Paul despatch announces the belief that the St. Paul and Duluth railroad will soon pass into the control of the Northern Pacific.

The Democratic convention of the state of Massachusetts advocates reciprocal trade with Canada and denounces the McKinley bill.

The trial of the new ten-inch breech-loading rifle, recently completed at Washington, took place at Sandy Hook on Thursday and was successful.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, who has already given \$600,000 towards the new university in Chicago, has pledged a million more.

Two gamblers named "Ball" Haggerty and "Bad Jimmy" Conorton, shot and killed each other in McGargle's saloon, Chicago, on Saturday night.

Rev. George F. Cain, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Albany, N. Y., dropped dead in his pulpit on Sunday.

The Buffalo Commercial (Republican protectionist) says the time is not ripe for reciprocity with Canada owing to the unfriendly character of much of the Dominion trade legislation.

A Chicago paper says another great trunk line is to be built from New York to Chicago, which will be the quickest route between the two cities. English capital is said to be behind it. The new line will be called the American Midland road.

Mr. George W. Child, the Philadelphia millionaire, indignantly at Lord Shackville for claiming rent for the land on which he erected the Shakespeare memorial at Stratford-on-Avon, offers to purchase the land and present it to the town.

At Walla Walla, Wash., two brothers named Kennedy tied John Clinton hands and feet with a rope, and then hitched him to an unruly horse's tail, all because the victim refused to play cards with them. The horse ran wildly for a quarter of a mile, when the rope slipped from its tail, and Clinton escaped alive.

The union carpenters at work on the new exposition buildings in Spokane Falls, Washington, struck yesterday because the directors found it necessary to purchase a

small quantity of lumber from a boycotted mill. Public indignation was at once aroused, and a large number of prominent citizens took off their coats and went to work.

On Sunday near Colerain, Dallas county, Alabama, one hundred negroes at a camp meeting were poisoned by eating pork, in which traces of arsenic were afterwards discovered. Eight have died and many others are expected to succumb.

Osman Digma has arrived at Handow and threatens to attack Suakin.

The King of Portugal has had a relapse, and is seriously ill.

A Turkish war ship has been lost at sea and 587 lives lost.

The hot weather has caused an increased number of cholera victims in different parts of Spain.

Natives of the Caroline islands have massacred thirty-two Spaniards.

At Sydney, N. S. W., the strikers became so riotous that the mayor read the Riot Act. The police and troopers then cleared the streets.

It is stated in Paris that Emperor William and Emperor Francis Joseph have held a long debate on the admission of France into the triple alliance.

The epidemic of suicides, principally among military officers, continues in Berlin.

The Indian Government is enquiring into the question of age in Hindoo marriages, and will probably legislate on the subject.

Prince Bismarck says he can appear in the Upper House of the Diet when he pleases, and he will not, like a bear, sleep and lick his paws during the winter.

The Portuguese resident of Bombay have resolved to appeal to England to annex Goa unless the Portuguese Government redresses the grievances of its subjects.

Anticipating the effect of the McKinley Tariff bill the mother-of-pearl manufacturers in Vienna have closed, throwing 30,000 persons out of employment.

It is stated that Emperor William during the recent military manoeuvres displayed singular strategical ability, both as an active commander and as a critic of the conduct of others on the field.

Mrs. Patti has an engagement at St. Petersburg at the rate of a thousand guineas nightly for twelve nights. This autumn she will appear in England for £500 nightly in the provinces, and for £800 in London.

Senor Sagasta, ex-Prime Minister of Spain, referring to the Portuguese situation, says the Republicans are very patriotic, and they greatly fear the consequence of foreign interference, which might involve the absolute loss of their colonies.

PERSONALS.

The Royal Observatory, Greenwich, England, from which the longitudes of all British charts are reckoned, has a department entirely administered by women. Four graduates of Newnham College, at the head of whom is Miss Cleves, an honor mathematician, do the daily work, which includes night observations, actual photography, and exact measurements from photographs.

Miss E. M. Meyrick, the student and medalist of the Royal Academy, who was commissioned to paint the portrait of Stanley for the Royal Geographical Society, complains that the African explorer proved the worst of sitters. He could not keep still, and when she was at work on a specially difficult feature, he would dash about the room with his hands in his pockets, dictating to the air some recollection which he feared to forget.

The late Madame Clermont, who died near Montreal the other day at the age of ninety-two, was married at thirteen, and was the mother of seventeen children, the grand-mother of one hundred and forty-five, and the great-grandmother of two hundred and eighty-six. Of this extraordinary total of four hundred and forty-eight descendants, three hundred and three are still living, and the tie of kindred is maintained among them.

Mr. Jacob Seligman, the banker and financier of New York, is the smallest capitalist in the country, being but little more than four feet in height. Thirty years ago he went out to Lake Michigan, a penniless German youth, whose thrift gathered and saved the incoming pennies until he owned eleven clothing stores, whose trade-mark, "Little Jake," soon represented a fortune wisely invested in railroads, banks, and bonds. Mr. Seligman is now said to be worth at least \$15,000,000, but to maintain that the days of his poverty had more "fun" than the days of his abundance.

Mr. Russell Sage has agreed to lend \$125,000 to enable Rev. Dr. Tabernacle to complete his new Tabernacle in Brooklyn, and just as soon as certain details are settled \$50,000 will be paid over to the church people. Mr. Sage will have a varied assortment of securities against loss, including an insurance policy on the pastor's life, the bonds of the Tabernacle's board of trustees, the value of the land on which the new structure is going up, and a guarantee title to the property. The loan is to run for one year at six per cent. interest.

Gentle woman, who is capable of many surprises, now adds bull-fighting to the list of remunerative feminine employments. Lisbon is lavishing bouquets, bombons, ornaments, and serenades on Fräulein Johanna Maestrick, a German beauty nearly six feet tall, agile and strong as a prize athlete, who has been in training for the last three years, and who, at nineteen, has laid her two bulls in the sand, after the most approved Spanish notion of elegance and distinction.

Mr. Patrick Peters, of Prince Edwards Island, believes that he has invented that long desired convenience, a successful flying-machine. He calls it his "bird," because he took the wings and motion of birds as his model. The machine weighs thirty-eight pounds, has conveyed him two miles in four minutes, and is more easily managed than a horse-race. Mr. Peters is about to give a public exhibition of his invention in Portland, Maine, an exhibition which will, as he believes, introduce the "bird" into practical use.

Cardinal Newman, according to his lifelong friend, Mr. Froude, bore a remarkable resemblance to Julius Caesar. Not only in features, but in the very peculiar lines about the mouth, and in the poise of the head, was the likeness striking, but in mental characteristics as well. Like "the mightiest Julius," the English priest had an original force of character, clearness of intellect, independence of judgment, contempt for conventionalities, and imperious self-reliance, united with a sweetness, tenderness, generosity, and affectionateness that seldom coexist, and in their conjunction make the personality of their possessor most fascinating.

The Duchess of Buccleugh, with other leaders of London fashion, has decided that "society" must be protected from the inroads of financiers and Americans. Next year no American is to be recognized socially who is not properly at the Court of St. James. These aristocratic confederates regard the Prince and Princess of Wales as inexcusably tolerant of the newly rich, and at her Grace of Buccleugh's late ball and garden party, which were very splendid affairs, hardly an American, a financier, or a "cotton lord" was to be seen, though the Marlborough House garden party swarmed with them.

That very hard-headed financier Mr. Jay Gould is said to believe, if not in a "luck penny," at least in a luck pen-wiper. This pen-wiper is a primitive construction of blue velvet, made by his only daughter when she was three years old. It lies upon his desk by day, and is carefully locked up at night. The legend runs that just before the great strike on the Missouri Pacific road the pen-wiper disappeared mysteriously, and just after the settlement it reappeared as mysteriously, its owner, however, having parted with a million dollars in the interval.

Artemus Ward's pathetic injunction to "give the old man a chance" finds general observance in England, where men between sixty and seventy are usually in their ninety-two. The late Viscount Eversley, who, as Mr. Shaw Lefevre, was a distinguished Speaker of the House of Commons, was a crack shot, without spectacles, at ninety-one, and a competent man of affairs at ninety-four. Lord Costelloe, another sound worker, is his own man of business at ninety-two. Sir George Burns, the projecter of the Cunard Steamship Line, lately died, with senses almost unimpaired and mind alert, at the age of ninety-five. Lord Tennyson and Mr. Gladstone have passed their eightieth milestone, and at least a hundred other public men between eighty and ninety years of age are still full of work and of plans.

Queen Victoria's family circle now numbers fifty living descendants, including sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters, great-grandsons and great-granddaughters. Besides these, she has four sons-in-law, four daughters-in-law, five grandsons-in-law, and one granddaughter-in-law. The Queen has lost one son and one daughter, five grandsons, one granddaughter, one great-grandson, and one son-in-law. If these were living, her family circle would number seventy-four.

Princess Victoria of Prussia, who was supposed to have lost her heart to the plebeian Prince Alexander of Battenberg, in whose romance Bismarck played the part of the cruel father, is now betrothed to Prince Adolph of the Schaumburg-Lippe. This is not considered a brilliant match for the young lady, who is the most agreeable member of her somewhat supercilious family, but no better alliance offers. Princess Victoria has merry blue eyes, and fair hair, with the superb health that indefatigable walks, rides, games of tennis, driving four-in-hand teams insure. Moreover, she inherits the gift of music from her English as well as her German progenitors, plays the piano and the banjo well, sings delightfully, is full of fun, and is a chief favorite in the formal Court of St. James.

Mr. Delitsch, an accomplished antiquarian, makes the suggestion that Christopher Columbus was probably a Jew, or at least of Jewish stock. Certainly his relations with that accomplished race were close. Two Jewish astronomers and mathematicians made his plans and calculations. Two others served him as interpreters, one of whom, Luiz de Torres, was the first who landed on San Salvador. Moreover, the name Christopher was that most frequently adopted by Jewish converts, compulsory or voluntary, while the discoverer's Italian surname, Colon, belonged to a good Jewish family, eminent for scholarship and intellectual speculation, and his father, Diego, is known to have been during his early years plain Jacob.

In the recent partition of Africa among the European states, Lord Salisbury, though never in Africa, succeeded in making a deal by which he has accomplished more for the practical development of that continent through the parts of it which England now controls than any other of the leading European powers who now lay claim to it. He has taken the interior in such a way that from Egypt to the Cape of Good Hope England to-day controls the heart of the continent, with access to all the waterways on the east and west coasts which are required for commercial purposes. Even the Liberal English press is compelled to praise him for his far-sighted wisdom in securing what others considered as useless parts of Africa for the future development of English trade.

H. W. Seton Karr, the well-known English explorer, arrived in San Francisco a few days ago. Mr. Karr has been making his second exploring tour in Alaska. For four months he devoted his energies to a study of the interior of that wild country and particularly the region about Mount St. Elias. He made some remarkable discoveries in the last mentioned country, chief among them being that of a pass running to the eastward of Mount St. Elias. This pass leads to a country in British territory which Mr. Karr says has never been explored. It is a very fertile region but a very interesting one, judging from the natural beauty of its surrounding and the tales which the natives tell of its fertility. Mr. Karr is satisfied on further investigation that his first statement that Mount St. Elias lies in British territory was correct, the reports of United States surveyors to the contrary notwithstanding. He has been requested by the King of Italy to explore some caves along the Riviera, in which are many species of the extinct cave bear and other primitive animals.

Miss Beatrice Potter is at present one of the most famous and talked of women in England. She is a superbly beautiful woman, is of aristocratic connections and owns a large fortune in her own right. For several years past she has been a devoted pupil and disciple of Herbert Spencer. Having read and heard all manner of gruesome stories of the horrors endured by women in sweaters' shops, she dressed herself in the odious rags worn by that class, went down into the city, found work, and for two months lived and labored side by side with those miserable white slaves of the needle. Few knew her secret, and so cleverly were her plans carried out that neither employers nor employees ever suspected her identity. When she had thoroughly informed herself on all minute relating to the criminal tyranny exercised by the sweaters, and on the hideous lives led by the female victims, she threw off her disguise, returned to the West End, gave exhaustive newspaper interviews, and appealed for legislative interference. So strong and unanswerable were her arguments, seconded by her own experiments, that Parliament discussed ways and means for righting this great wrong.

THE COWLES-HALE CASE

The abrupt ending of the Cowles-Hale shooting case which came up for trial last week was a great disappointment to those morbid creatures to whom the sensational is meat and drink and life itself. It will be remembered that the prisoner Hale, who is the brother-in-law of Cowles, shot the latter in the neck, but not fatally one Sunday morning in the early summer when the two, accompanied by Mrs. Cowles, were driving in a cab through the streets of Montreal. The explanation given at the time was that Hale believed Cowles was just about to shoot Mrs. Cowles with whom he had later quarreled about property which the latter had received from her father, and that Hale anticipated his murderous act by getting in the first shot. However this may be, Hale who gave himself up to the authorities was condemned to appear before the court of Queen's Bench to answer to a charge of shooting with intent to kill. When the court opened the other day Hale's counsel announced that the prisoner was prepared to withdraw his plea of "not guilty" of shooting with intent to kill, and to substitute a plea guilty to a charge of aggravated assault. The prosecution agreed, and Judge Cross then imposed a fine of \$500. The fine was paid at once, and Hale was released. How terribly provoking such an ending when columns of testimony concerning the domestic relations of this unfortunate and unhappy pair were expected to be served up when the case came to trial. It is to be hoped however that the disappointed ones will survive their loss.