

General News.

CANADIAN.

Lieutenant-Governor Robitaille on Tuesday afternoon closed the third session of the fifth Parliament of the Province of Quebec with the usual speech from the throne.

Colonel Middleton will be appointed a Major General as soon as he arrives in Canada.

The scheme for the building of a railway line from Brockville to Westport and northward has fallen through.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is now in session in Toronto.

Diphtheria is spreading alarmingly in Montreal, with especially fatal results among children. The cause is attributed to the neglect of the civic authorities in enforcing the by-law concerning defective drainage.

A summary of the reports of correspondents to the Bureau of Industries, kindly forwarded us by the Secretary, shows that the condition of early wheat in Ontario is much more satisfactory than it was last year, but the extent of the acreage under crop is about one-fifth less.

Joseph Tompsett and Geo. Louder, aged 32 and 24 respectively, who were sentenced to be hung for the murder of Peter Lazier, of Bloomfield, Ont., were executed at Picton, on the 10th inst. The condemned men must have died very hard, through the fearful bungling of the hangman; fourteen minutes having elapsed, from the time the bolt was drawn till their hearts ceased to beat.

Henry G. Vennor, whose weather prophecies have made his name familiar, died in Montreal on Sunday last. He was formerly connected with the Canadian Geological Survey, and made many discoveries in the phosphate regions.

The Finance Minister in the budget speech predicted a surplus this year of \$1,400,000 over and above the receipt of \$1,250,000 from lands. The return for the past eleven months shows a surplus of \$2,735,000.

The returns of the Ottawa immigration office show the arrivals by the St. Lawrence last month to have been 981, an increase of 136 over the same month last year. There is a considerable falling off in the Irish immigration.

Obstructions of timber were placed on the Grand Trunk track near the station at Kingston on Monday evening, and the up express struck them. One stick knocked on the side and another was carried to the depot on the ashpan of the engine. The night was dark and the obstruction could not be seen. Vagrants are suspected.

A sad and fatal accident occurred near Wheatley on the 9th inst. While a gang of men were rafting elm logs James Plant was instantly killed by a log rolling off the bank above and falling on him. Deceased was a promising young man, aged 18.

At Merrickville on the 10th inst., Wm. Boyle was instantly killed in Merrick's malleable foundry by the bursting of an emery wheel caused by a piece of iron getting between the rest and wheel. The deceased leaves a wife and large family.

A laborer named Sweeney received a sunstroke at the corner of Shuter and Dalhousie streets, Toronto, at noon Monday. He was taken up by the passers by and laid in the shade, where in a few minutes he recovered. While insensible he held a sum of money in bills tightly clasped in his right hand.

A man named Henry Owens was drowned in Kettle Creek, St. Thomas, on the 9th inst, while bathing. The deceased was about 30 years of age, and came here from Monmouthshire, England, last fall, and has no relatives in this country.

About noon on Saturday a distressing accident occurred in E. & C. Garney & Co.'s Agricultural Works, Dundas, when Thomas Holt, an employee, was almost killed through the bursting of an emery wheel, which was revolving at the rate of about 1,800 a minute. Holt has been unconscious and delirious ever since the accident, and but little hope is entertained of his recovery. One of the flying pieces of the wheel struck him near the temple and crushed his skull in.

While Mr. John McKay, a farmer living about a mile from Ripley, and his wife, were in the village on Thursday last, their eldest daughter, aged between nine and ten, undertook to light a fire in the stove, using coal oil for the purpose. The fire caught the oil in the can causing it to explode, enveloping her in a sheet of flames, and there being no assistance at hand the child was burned to death in less than ten minutes. The house was saved with difficulty.

FIRES.—A destructive fire broke out on the 10th inst., in a small stable near the Lacrosse hotel, Manitoba. The flames rapidly spread, everything being as dry as tinder, and a fresh breeze blowing. Notwithstanding the efforts of the firemen, the Lacrosse hotel building, in which was Mr. McGregor's fruit store was destroyed, along with Emes' livery stable, Mrs. Wilson's residence and grocery, a Chinese laundry, and Bawls' grain warehouse. Loss estimated \$35,000.—At Iroquois, Ont., on 9th inst, Hayunga's drug store and James McKay's residence were burned this morning. Loss

about \$4,500. The buildings are owned by Wm. Brouse and Jas. Mackey, and are worth about \$1,000 each; insured for \$500 and \$400 respectively. The stock in the drug store insured for \$1,700; and the printing establishment of D. H. Howard & Co., in the upper flat, for \$500.—A fire at Rockville, Gloucester Township, near Ottawa, on Saturday evening last, destroyed an hotel, small grocery and dwelling-house. The inmates of the house had barely time to escape, and lost all their effects. The loss is about \$3,000. The hotel was owned by Alex. Robillard, and was insured for \$1,000.—At Ingersoll, about one o'clock the morning of the 9th inst, a fire broke out in Bailey's carriage factory, destroying buildings, etc. It is supposed to be incendiary, as the place was unoccupied for some time. Insured in the Western Assurance Company for \$1,500.—The oatmeal mill of the Galt Milling Co., at Galt, was burned on Wednesday morning. Loss about \$10,000, covered by insurance.

UNITED STATES.

Logan was warmly congratulated by his Republican colleagues in the senate on Monday last.

The army worm has appeared in hordes in Tolland county, Conn.

The American Government has not yet vouchsafed a reply to the British Government's communication with respect to dynamiters.

An Independent Convention is to be held for the purpose of nominating a third Presidential candidate.

The United States wheat yield is estimated at 141 million bushels of spring, and 375 million bushels of winter wheat, a total of 516 million bushels.

In a brewery at Newburg, N. Y., on June 9th, a barrel of beer exploded, killing James Quillan. The news of the accident caused his invalid wife to become demented.

The bark *Alumina*, of New York, was struck at sea by an iceberg last month. It is believed the crew were saved.

The excitement over the discovery of a ten thousand dollar diamond at Eagle, Wis., has been revived by the discovery of three more gems, making seven found thus far.

Pat McDermott, of Cincinnati, shot and killed Charles and John Kennedy, brothers, during a drunken quarrel on the 8th inst. The men were bricklayers. McDermott was arrested.

A gravel train on the Pittsburg, Cleveland and Toledo road, on which were a number of Italian laborers, jumped the track near East Akron, O., on the night of June 8th. Seven Italians, names unknown, were shockingly mangled. Two have since died and five lie in a critical condition. Several others were slightly injured.

The report of the cotton crop to May 31st, made by the National Cotton Exchange, at New Orleans, is unfavorable. Taking the whole belt together, there has been no increase in acreage with the condition of the crop at the date named no better than last year, which was lower than for several years.

A powder magazine containing 10,000 pounds of Tonite powder located three and a half miles east of Denver, Col., exploded on the 10th inst. A large number of plate fronts in the business portion of the city were wrecked. A farm house three hundred yards distant was demolished; the occupants miraculously escaped. Cause of the explosion unknown.

A fishing party of nine in a small steam yacht approached Delano bridge, a few miles from Philadelphia, on June 9th. The watchman at the draw did not heed the steam whistle signal to open the draw, and the yacht crushed into the bridge and sank immediately. Two of the party were drowned and the others saved. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

General Gordon's sister refuses to accept the offers of money for the relief of her brother. She says Gordon is a British officer and it devolves upon the Government to rescue him.

Seventy-seven members of the Commons have signed a memorial to Gladstone in favor of female suffrage. The members of the Cabinet are unanimously opposed to the principle.

Great rioting between Orangemen and Nationalists occurred at Newry, Ireland, on the 8th inst. Several arrests were made and much excitement still prevails.

Conservatives and Nationalists have already started campaign arrangements throughout Ireland, upon the calculation that a general election is near at hand.

The separation of the Grand Duke of Hesse and his morganatic wife, Mme. Kolamine, has been equitably arranged. The Duke is now a free man.