

PROTECT THE BOYS.

In making a plea for Prohibition for the protection of the boys, Governor St. John uses the following illustrations: "A statute of the United States says you shall not sell intoxicating drinks to Indians. Remember that the white man is as good as an Indian, and is there a single reason why we should give the protection of Prohibition to the wild savages of the plains and withhold it from the civilized white man? If it is good for one, it is good for the other. You cannot, under our laws, cruelly kick your own dog, because we have a statute prohibiting cruelty to animals. You cannot get a license to kick dogs, it makes no difference how much money you may offer; you cannot get a license for any such purpose. Just a little further over in this statute book it tells you that at all seasons of the year you are prohibited from killing turkey-buzzards. Is it not high time we were giving as great protection to the boys of Kansas as we give to the dogs and the turkey-buzzards of the State? We protect the buzzards, we protect the dogs, but we have been licensing the destruction of the boys. In the triangular fight between the buzzard, the dog, and the boy, I am for the boy all the time."—Y. T. Banner.

General News.

CANADIAN.

Recruiting has commenced in Toronto for the new Cavalry-Infantry School.

The writ for the Kent election has been issued; nomination will take place on the 22nd and polling on 29th.

A stringent anti-Chinese bill will be introduced in the British Columbia Legislature, declaring it unlawful for Chinese to enter British Columbia, and imposing an annual tax on all Chinese over fourteen years of age.

John Brown, an employee of the Canadian Pacific railway, was fatally injured by a snow-plough near Arnprior. He leaves a widow and six children.

A fire at Morrisburg on Wednesday totally destroyed the building owned by Thos. Dardes, and occupied by J. W. Gibbons as a general store. The stock is a loss, estimated at \$4,500. Dardes is not insured; Gibbons is insured by \$1,500 in the Royal.

The following appointments to the Senate have been made:—Mr. J. G. Ross, of Quebec, in the place of the late Senator Price; Hon. A. Lacoste, Montreal, in place of the late Senator Bureau; Dr. McMilian, of Alexandria, in place of the late Senator Brouse; Mr. James Turner, of Hamilton, in place of the late Senator Hope; ex-Sheriff McKindsey, of Halton, in place of Lieut.-Governor Aikins.

John Bonneau was accidentally killed in the bush at St. Thomas, P. Q., on Saturday by a log falling on him.

At Montreal, a young lady, a daughter of Mr. Doracher, committed suicide by taking rat poison which she bought in a druggist's. No cause assigned.

A brakeman named Dussault has been killed at Chaudiere by a Grand Trunk train. He was thrown under the wheels of a train he attempted to board while in motion.

A freight train ran off the track on the I. C. Railway near St. Thomas, P. Q., and three cars were badly smashed, but no one was hurt.

A man named Edward Adams escaped from the county gaol at St. Thomas, by jumping from a window. He was serving a short term for larceny.

The quartette of children born recently to Mrs. John Howie, of Hanwell, York Co., N.B., one of which died recently after birth, are all dead, the three remaining having expired on Tuesday.

In the Bothwell election trial a recount of the ballots gave the seat to Mr. Mills, by nine votes. There are charges of bribery, both personal and by agents, against both the petitioner and the respondent, which will be investigated.

The two Louders and Tompsett, arrested for the murder of Mr. Lazier, near Bloomfield, were committed for trial.

Last week a man was killed on the Kingston and Pembroke Railway by a passing train. He had been lying on the track. A bottle of whisky was found beside him.

The day before a man was found dead in the snow near Shelburne. He also had a bottle of whisky with him.

Ex-Judge Loranger, who is as the head of the commission for revising and codifying the Quebec statutes, publishes a letter, stating

that the report of the commission to the Government declares unconstitutional and *ultra vires* the liquor license law enacted by the Federal Parliament last session, and which came into effect on the 1st inst., and that the provincial law on the same subject has been consolidated among the statutes of Quebec as in full force.

The produce of the coal mines of Nova Scotia, during the first three quarters of 1883, amounted to 1,078,996 tons, an increase over the same period of the previous year of 97,463 tons. Sales during the same period aggregated 996,060 tons, an increase of 93,137 tons.

A fatal accident occurred to Mr. John P. C. Burpee on the Boston and Albany railroad at Boston last Monday. Mr. Burpee left St. Johns, N. B., on Tuesday last for New York, and was returning home when the accident occurred. Deceased was a brother of Hon. Isaac Burpee, and was associated with him in business for many years. He retired from business seven years ago with an ample fortune. He was about forty-five years old, and leaves a wife and four children.

UNITED STATES.

Delmonico's body has been found with indications that the famous restaurateur had died from exposure.

Pennsylvania anthracite coal producers will operate on half time till the Spring.

There are 314 cotton mills in the Southern States, having 1,276,000 spindles and 25,000 looms.

On the Georgia Pacific Railroad, near Decatur, Ala., a drunken negro shot and killed Conductor Pope (colored). The railroad hands hanged the murderer to the nearest tree.

The sugar cane of Georgia has been injured by the frost; the orange groves of Mobile have also been damaged by the cold weather.

On Tuesday near Weatherford, Texas, the west-bound Texas Pacific train was wrecked by a broken rail. The train was running 25 miles an hour. Two coaches were thrown on their sides. About 30 persons were injured.

At Lebanon, Pa., the powder magazine on the Cornwall ore hills exploded on Monday. A workingman named Posey who had entered the magazine just previous to the explosion, was blown to atoms.

During a riot among Italian labourers at Erie, Pa., one was killed, one fatally wounded, and several injured. Two of the contestants were rivals for the hand of a 14-year-old girl. The parties and their friends met and a general fight resulted.

At Lancaster, Pa., two boys, aged 14 and 15, enticed a small boy into an out-of-the-way place, and under threats of cutting the little fellow's throat, inflicted with blunt instruments injuries from which he died. The boys have been arrested.

Near the same place, Mrs. George, a widow locked her two children in the house yesterday while she went to visit. When she returned one child, aged three years, was found burned to a crisp.

By a coasting accident at Haywardville, Mass., six or eight persons were severely hurt. A double runner struck a sled on which James O'Leary was seated, severing his leg; he died in half an hour. Two ladies named Hollsback were internally injured.

Great damage has been done at Atlantic City, by the sea to property along the beach. Boarding-houses, stores, dwellings, bath-houses, and other buildings are washed away. The railroad is also washed out.

The mine inspector of the middle district of Luzern county, Pa., reports 488 accidents in the mines during the past year, 204 slight, 196 serious, and 88 fatal. Thirty-six widows and ninety-five orphans were left by the latter.

Seventeen vessels and 209 lives have been lost in the Gloucester, Mass., fisheries during the year. Forty men are known to have left widows, and the number of fatherless children of which there is record is 68.

The Maine ship-building industry has been more satisfactory this year than was expected on account of the prevailing low freights. There were 174 vessels built against 168 last year, comprising 9 steamers, 13 ships, 4 barques, 6 barquentines, 2 brigs, 133 schooners and 7 sloops. The work was more evenly divided than last year.

The Statistician of the Agricultural Department, at Washington, has completed the preliminary estimates of the principal crops of the country for the year. They show that potatoes as well as all other roots, and oats have grown luxuriantly and yielded abundantly. The average yield of corn per acre is nearly 23 bushels, or 12 per cent. less than the average. The quality of the corn north of the fortieth parallel, however, is worse than for many years. The wheat crop is slightly in excess of four hundred million bushels, and the cotton product about six million bales.