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THE WEEK'S NEWS

CANADIAN.

A new religious order for women is shortly to be opened in St. Henri, Quebec. Winnipeg is looking around with a view to securing an improved electric street railway system.

The Barnum Wire and Iron Works of Windsor intend moving the rest of their machinery to Toronto next month.

Mr. G. M. Dawson, assistant director of the Canadian Geological Survey, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Society of England.

The exports of live stock from Montreal last week, the opening week of the season, were 2,653 cattle and 100 sheep.

The citizens of Hamilton will tender a complimentary banquet to Mr. Adam Brown, ex-M.P., on his return from Jamaica.

Last Sunday at St Andrew's, Man., about 30 Indian converts were baptized by the Plymouth Brethren in the Red river. The bath was a very cold one.

Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin is again after Commissioner Herchner's scalp. He has given notice that he will ask for an enquiry into the conduct of that gentleman during the late election in Western Assiniboia.

Both branches of the Newfoundland Legislature have decided to endorse the action of the delegates to England, and to carry into effect the proposals made by them to the British Parliament and Government.

It is stated that Premier Mercier has not yet attempted to place the \$10,000,000 Quebec loan on the European markets, and if he finds the present time unfavorable he will shortly return home and make another trip to England later in the season.

An increase in liquor licenses at Montreal has caused a general rise in the price of liquor.

The Queen will give a £100 cup for competition between Canadian yachts, the first race to take place at Toronto.

At the Montreal reception to the Parnell delegates on Friday night, a sum of fifteen hundred dollars was subscribed.

The Union Baptist Education Society of New Brunswick has assigned to Jacob S. Titus for the benefit of creditors. The floating liabilities are \$20,000.

The physicians at the Western hospital, Montreal, report that a lady 23 years of age has been cured of consumption by the Koch treatment.

Senator Boulton has given notice of motion for an address to the Queen asking for Imperial aid towards the Hudson Bay railway.

It is rumored that the Dominion members contemplate a raid on the treasury this session, desiring to have their indemnities increased to \$1,500.

English Imperial federationists are said to be pleased with the announcement that the Dominion Government is considering the question of a reduction in the postal rate.

The Newfoundland Government intends making American fishing vessels deposit \$1,000 in cash instead of bonds, to prevent the exportation of bait to St. Pierre Miquelon.

The difference of opinion between Montreal live stock exporters and the steamship companies as to the amount of space for cattle still continues, but will likely end in a compromise.

Mr. Elias Rund, of Christiania, Norway, is at present in Montreal on his way to the Pacific coast to inspect the country, as he is of opinion that the climate of Canada will suit Norwegian emigrants much better than that of the United States.

The C. P. R. Pacific express broke through a partially burned trestle near Straight lake on Saturday. One passenger named McAlpin, from Quincy, Mass., was killed and five passengers injured, only one seriously. A forest fire was the cause.

The Canadian Pacific railway is asking for power to purchase subsidiary lands willing to sell, and for permission to sell surplus lands and to devote the proceeds to the purchase of rolling stock.

AMERICAN.

The United States cruiser Charleston is in chase of the Chilean insurgent warship Esmeralda, and a fight is not improbable. The guns of the Esmeralda are the heavier, while the Charleston is the swifter boat.

An agreement has been arrived at between the Detroit Street Railway Company and its employees, whereby the men are to work ten hours per day, with seventeen cents per hour for drivers and eighteen cents for conductors.

Signor Corte, the Italian Consul at New Orleans, has been recalled by his Government.

There are over 10,000 miners on strike in Iowa, and the supply of coal is running short.

The hamlet of Alton, Mich., is in ashes. There is not a building left in the place.

Millions of dollars worth of damage has been done by the forest fires now raging in the Michigan lumbering district.

A monument has been erected 20 miles east of Columbus, Ind., to mark the centre of population of the United States.

Secretary Blaine is seriously ill in New York. The medical attendants say he is suffering from overwork and indigestion, and that he must take an absolute rest.

The total gold exports from New York last week amounted to \$7,228,620.

There was a run on the Third National Bank in Philadelphia on Saturday, but all demands were met without trouble.

The recent experiments made by the United States Government in nickel steel plate armor have been favorable and satisfactory.

During the past week there arrived in New York 18,457 immigrants, the largest number in seven days since last summer.

Over \$1,000,000 worth of property was destroyed in the Pittsburg conflagration.

The Massachusetts state board of health reports 17 deaths from hydrophobia during the past year, the highest number ever recorded.

The Bay State Shoe Fastening Company, of New Hampshire, has been wrecked. The treasury of the company is depleted and \$147,000 is unaccounted for.

There is a growing impression in Washington that the result of the negotiations

now being conducted by Secretary Blaine and Sir Julian Pauncefote will be a close sealing season this year in Behring Sea.

Grandmother Connolly, of Hazelton Pa., 110 years of age, to prevent her removal to the almshouse, set fire to her bed clothes and burned herself to death.

At the International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association held at Kansas City, a resolution was adopted in favour of closing the World's Fair of 1893 on Sundays.

The N. Y. Tribune's Washington correspondent gives the opinion of Mr. Leich, of the treasury department, to the effect that the present outflow of gold is neither unprecedented nor alarming.

The collector of customs at Rochester, N. Y., has been informed by the treasury department that cattle and sheep cannot be imported at Charlotte, N. Y., in the absence of a quarantine station there.

Kate Ford, who enticed an Omaha traveler named David Moore into the city park at Ottawa, Ill., where the man was murdered, has been sent to penitentiary for 14 years. Charles Ford, her husband, was hanged for the murder.

GREAT BRITAIN.

It is expected that the baccarat scandal case, in which Sir William Gordon Cumming and the Prince of Wales figure, will come to trial on June 1.

The leaders of the mob of Anarchists who on May 1st had a fight at Clinchy with the police and soldiers have escaped from Paris, and are now in London.

Influenza is spreading in England, and in the House of Commons alone there are 41 members laid up with the disease.

Sir Charles Tupper is to be banqueted shortly by Imperial federationist politicians in England.

An explosion took place in the firehold of the British steamer Tancarville, undergoing repairs at the dry-dock at Newport, which resulted in the death of eight men and the injury of twenty-five others who were engaged in repairing the ship at the time.

Mr. Gladstone is on the sick list. He went to church on Sunday as usual, but in the afternoon he was seized with a succession of shivering fits. Sir Andrew Clarke was called in, and he says the veteran statesman must not leave his room for several days.

The German Exhibition in London was opened on Saturday by the Lord Mayor and the Marquis of Lorne.

An increase of the Bank of England rate is likely to be made in view of the probable withdrawal of gold by Russia, who is angry over the Rothschilds' refusal to negotiate a loan.

A man named Pinter was committed for trial in London, Eng., Wednesday for attempting to swindle a jeweller out of £40,000 by representing that he possessed the philosopher's stone, capable of transmuting into gold the baser metals.

The coroner's jury in the case of Lord James Douglas rendered a verdict on Wednesday that the deceased committed suicide while suffering from temporary insanity.

IN CANADA.

A sculling match has been arranged for July 7 on the Parramatta between McLean and Stanbury.

It is believed that the action of the Rothschilds in endeavouring to coerce the Czar will result in further hardships for the Jews.

A despatch from Tokio, Japan, announces that an attempt has been made upon the life of the Czar by a Japanese, who attacked him with a sharp sword. The Imperial traveller, though seriously wounded, is not considered to be in any danger of dying.

The Customs Court of the French Chamber of Commerce has decided that the duty on wheat shall be reduced to 3f.

The anarchists arrested in Rome have confessed that Laudi paid them to create disorder on May day.

William Jaques, an American citizen, was mobbed and stoned in Florence on Wednesday.

The French Chamber of Deputies has rejected a proposal to grant amnesty to the May day rioters.

Emperor William has created another suburb of astonishment by his speech to the students at Bonn, in which he expressed his royal approval of duelling.

The German Reichstag was hurriedly brought to a close on Saturday to prevent Prince Bismarck taking his seat until the autumn.

The Italian press is indignant at the report of the New Orleans grand jury, and the Popolo Romano says it will be impossible hereafter for any civilized country to make a treaty with the United States based upon reciprocal protection of the lives of the citizens of either country.

Canadian Railways.

The report of the Minister of Railways and Canals shows that the number of railways, including the Government roads, in actual operation was 50. The number of miles of railway completed, irrespective of sidings, was 13,325, of which 12,539 were laid with steel rails. There were 12,628 miles of railway in actual operation. The paid up capital amounted to \$769,576,446. The gross earnings of all these railways amounted to \$42,149,615, and their working expenses to \$31,038,045, leaving the amount of net earnings \$11,111,570. They carried 12,151,051 passengers and 17,928,626 tons of freight. The total number of miles run by trains was 38,819,380. During the year ending June, 1890, the Dominion Government paid out \$1,678,195 in earned subsidies to railways, and in the six months between that date and the 31st of December last, \$683,089 more. The total payments since 1888 amount to \$8,424,076, not including the C. P. R. subsidies, nor the subsidy to the Canada Central, nor the subsidy to the Quebec Government for the line from Ottawa to Quebec.

A Fish Story.

Crows are commonly said to live for 100 years, and turtle are said to have even longer life, but the greatest amount of longevity is possessed by fishes. A naturalist once said that as a fish had no maturity there is nothing to prevent it living indefinitely and growing continually. He cited, in proof, a pike in Russia whose age is known to date back to the 15th century. In the Royal aquarium at St. Petersburg, there are hundreds of fish that were put in over 150 years ago.

How His Mother "Managed."

"You see how it is, my dear," he said, taking her soft hand, which had never done very hard work, and patting it reassuringly. "I'm poor—only a thousand a year, dear—and we shall have to struggle to get along at first."

"I don't mind that in the least," she interrupted, stoutly, rubbing her cheek softly against his hand.

"And," he paused, graciously having allowed her interruption, "we shall have to come down to strict economy. But if you can only manage as my mother does we shall pull through nicely."

"And how does your mother manage, dear?" she asked smiling—but not very happily—at the notion of the mother-in-law cropping out already.

"I don't know," replied the lover, radiantly; "but she always manages to have everything neat and cheerful, and something delicious to eat—and she does it all herself, you know! So that we always get along beautifully, and make both ends meet, and father and I still have plenty of spending money. You see when a woman is always hiring her laundry work done, and her scrubbing and stove-blackening done, and all that sort of thing—why it just walks into a man's income, and takes his breath away."

The young woman looked for a moment as if her breath was also inclined for a vacation; but she wisely concealed her dismay, and, being one of the stout-hearted of the earth, she determined to learn a few things of John's mother, and so went to her for a long visit the next day. Upon the termination of this visit one fine morning John received, to his blank amazement, a little package containing his engagement ring, accompanied by the following letter:

"I have learned how your mother manages," and I am going to explain it to you, since you have confessed you didn't know. I find that she is a wife, a mother, a housekeeper, a business manager, a hired girl, a laundress, a seamstress, a mender and patcher, a dairy maid, a cook, a nurse, a kitchen gardener, and a general slave for the family of five. She works from five in the morning until ten at night; and I almost wept when I kissed her hand, it was so hard and wrinkled, and corded and knitted. When I saw her polishing the stoves, carrying big buckets of water and great armfuls of wood, often splitting the latter, I asked her why, John didn't do such things for her. 'John!' she repeated, 'John!'—and she sat down with a perfectly dazed look, as if I had asked why the angels didn't come down and scrub for her. 'Why—John?'—she said, in a trembling, bewildered way—'he works in the office from nine until four o'clock, you know, and when he comes home he is very tired, or else—or else—he goes down town.' Now, I have become strongly imbued with the conviction that I do not care to be so good a 'manager' as your mother. If the wife must do all sorts of drudgery so must the husband. If she must scrub, he must scrub; if she must milk the cows, he must milk the cows. You have allowed your mother to do every thing, and all that you have to say for her is that she is an 'excellent manager.' I do not care for such a reputation, unless my husband earned the name also; and, judging from your lack of consideration for your mother, I am quite sure you are not the man I thought you were, nor one whom I should care to marry. As the son is the husband is, is a safe and happy rule to follow."

So the letter closed, and John pondered, and he is pondering yet.

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