

CHRONICLE OF THE WEEK.

AT HOME.—It is reported that one has been cured "by faith" in Kingston.—There was a report that the Canada Southern Railway was to be double-tracked, and the public were desirous that, with its line, the Grand Trunk Company should go and do likewise.—Recruits have been called for to man the Cavalry School which is to be, probably, established in Toronto.—Negotiations have once more been opened between England and France respecting the disposal of that portion of the Newfoundland coast known as the French Shore. According to the treaty of Utrecht the right was reserved to French subjects to catch fish in a certain portion of the island coast-waters, and to cure the same along the shore fronting the specified fishing ground. Over and over again since that concession disturbances have arisen between the French and British subjects working together upon the coast, the Frenchman claiming immunity from the local law, and the right to make laws unto himself for his own governance. This condition of affairs soon became almost intolerable, and though of late years the causes of dissatisfaction have not been so great, still, fruitful sources of irritation, mutual jealousies, ill will, and violent clashings, do yet exist; and it is now proposed to buy out the right of France in the district known as the French Shore. It does not seem, if the parties concerned but approach the question in the right spirit, that the difficulty ought to be very great. It is only just that Frenchmen visiting the coast should conform to the local laws, and that conformity secured, it does not seem that the Islanders have any grievance save the presence of the French; but that could hardly be a grievance, since the French are not like the Chinese, but are socially the equal of the islanders; and there is no dearth of fishing waters.—The Mayor of Toronto has received already about \$1,000 for the sufferers by the Humber Disaster.—On Saturday last Judge Galt gave his decision in the Bothwell election case, declaring that the seat belongs to Hon. David Mills. Mr. Mills promptly presented himself at Parliament.—There is much discussion about a soup kitchen which has been proposed for London; and whenever Mr. Blake mentioned the word "soup kitchen" in the House of Commons, Opposition members beat their desks loudly with delight. Sir John did not miss the opportunity of expressing wonder that members should be jubilant over such a fact;—and one Tory wag declared that the "soup kitchen" was "an old Grit industry."—What promises to be a profitable deposit of coal oil has been found in Quebec.—The McGill Medical College Students have got themselves into bad odour for alleged disorderly conduct.—The coroner's jury have declared Conductor Barber and Engineer Jeffrey to have been guilty of manslaughter through their connection with the Humber railway butchery.—Pickpockets in Toronto are developing startling daring. One snatched \$1000 from a gentleman on Wednesday last. Highwaymen are also appearing in Montreal. About 10 o'clock on Wednesday night, shortly after passing the St. Henri toll-gate Mr. Prudhomme's horse was stopped by a couple of men catching the reins. His first impression was that they were friends, but this idea was instantly disabused by their demand for his purse. The hon. gentleman is an adept in the art of self-defence, and, throwing off his raccoon overcoat was about to defend himself when one of them, drawing a revolver, placed its muzzle to his forehead between the eyes, and said that if Mr. Prudhomme did not give up his purse he would blow his brains out. Mr. Prudhomme complied with the request, and the men then set upon him. One of them extracted his watch and chain from his waistcoat while the other struck him a severe blow on the head. During the scuffle, he said, one of the assailants fired a shot at him, the ball grazing his forehead.—During a test of the Edison Company's electric lights in the Senate on Wednesday night an electric explosion occurred in the Speaker's dining-room. The ceiling, as well as some wood-work, was damaged and burnt. It was ascertained that the accident was caused by the conductors becoming over-heated. The pressure on the wires at the time in order to create extra illumination was very high. The damage was repaired next day.—On Monday evening the customary state dinner was given at Rideau Hall.—The British Columbian Legislature will pass a stringent anti-Chinese immigration measure.—Investigation held at Harbour Grace reveals that the Riverhead party (the Roman Catholics) fired, at least, the first shots in the riots. It seems as if Head Constable Doyle was cool, and did his best to prevent a collision and neither fired a shot nor carried a pistol.—On Thursday last the Dominion Parliament was opened. The work of the session has been commenced with much spirit.—A conference on prison reform was held in Shaftesbury Hall on Thursday last.—Dr. Ross has not yet formed his Cabinet with entire satisfaction to the Hon. gentleman's party.—Warton is asking for a line of steamers to Port Arthur.—The Supreme Court has decided that the Dominion Parliament Banking Act is *ultra vires*.—The Dominion Prohibitory Alliance will hold its annual meeting in Ottawa on February 18th.—Mr. Wm. Cameron, of the London *Advertiser*, died on Friday morning last of inflammation of the lungs. The deceased was one of the ablest journalists in Canada, and was admired and respected by all who knew him.

ABROAD.—Rival bands of Indians are fighting in Wisconsin.—The Queen is to spend the greater part of the Spring on the Continent. Her health is undergoing little, if any, improvement.—The society sensation in Germany is the matrimonial quarrel between Prince Frederick Charles, called the Red Prince, and his wife. The Princess claims a divorce upon the ground of ill-treatment and infidelity. She has left the Prince, taking refuge with her family at Anhalt, and declares she will never return. The Emperor William refuses to permit the scandal of a divorce suit, and insists upon an amicable separation. The Prince, who was never considered a model of domestic virtue, is willing to make any arrangement of

the difficulty demanded by the Emperor.—Oliver Wendell Holmes is expected to visit England during the winter and make a lecture tour through England and Scotland.—Edward Whymper, the Alpine celebrity, has left England for the avowed purpose of trying the ascent of Mount Nilima Njaro in Equatorial Africa.—A marriage has been arranged between Howard Russell, the well-known war correspondent, and the Countess Malvezza, of Ferrara.—The Nihilists are now said to be contemplating a simultaneous attack upon the Emperor of Germany and the Czar.—Troubles are reported to have broken out in the Khyber territory. Abdul Lanur, the most powerful of the Khyber chiefs, was shot in a bloody feud on Monday. Since 1879 he has been the steady friend of England.—The *City of Columbus* left Boston at 3 p.m. on Thursday, carrying eighty passengers and a crew of forty-five. At 3:45 a.m. on Friday, with the Gayhead light bearing south half-east, the vessel struck on the outside of the Devil's Bridge buoy. The wind was blowing a gale west by north. The vessel immediately filled and keeled over, the water breaking in and flooding the port side saloon. All the passengers, excepting a few women and children, came on deck, nearly all wearing life preservers, but the ill-fated vessel foundered in the breakers, and it is estimated that over a hundred persons perished.

PROSPECTUS OF THE WEEK.

There appears to be in Canadian journalism a field still unoccupied, which can be filled only by a periodical enabled to furnish at the requisite outlay literary matter of the best quality. This field is the aim of the proprietors of THE WEEK to fill. They will appeal particularly to the Canadian public; but they crave no indulgence on this score at the hands of Canadian readers. They are willing that THE WEEK shall be judged by comparison with other periodicals, English and American, of similar scope and price, hoping to gain the favour of a body of readers not limited by the bounds of Canada.

THE WEEK will appeal by a comprehensive table of contents to the different tastes which exist within the circle of a cultured home, and will endeavour faithfully to reflect and summarize the intellectual, social and political movements of the day. The man of business, whose hours for reading are limited, will, it is hoped, find in this periodical the means of easily keeping himself acquainted with the chief events and questions of the time.

Fiction, in the form both of serials and short stories, will occupy a prominent place, and will be regularly and liberally supplied. For this purpose the assistance of acknowledged talent has been secured. Verse will be welcomed as often as it is found possible to procure it of the right quality. Sketches of travel and papers descriptive of places interesting from their scenery or their associations will from time to time appear. Critical essays and short biographical papers will also form features of THE WEEK. Current events, both at home and abroad, will be closely watched, brought carefully into focus, and impartially discussed. It will be the Editor's constant aim to keep his readers well abreast of the intellectual progress of the age.

In politics THE WEEK will be thoroughly independent. It will be untrammelled by party connections, free from party leanings, unbiassed by party considerations. The rule which it will adopt, of requiring every article to bear either the writer's name or some note of individual authorship and responsibility, will enable it to allow liberal scope for the expression of individual opinion, and to present, as far as possible, the best advocacy of the best cause. In Canadian politics its desire will be to further, to the utmost of its power, the free and healthy development of the Nation.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The following are among the attractions which will be offered the readers of THE WEEK in the earlier issues:

"A BYSTANDER"

will contribute, at intervals, reviews of current events, especially of events in Great Britain and on the Continent of Europe.

MR. EDGAR FAWCETT,

the well-known author of "A Gentleman of Leisure," "Tinkling Cymbals," "An Ambitious Woman" (just completed in the *New York Tribune*, and attracting wide attention), "A Hopeless Case," etc., is writing for THE WEEK a new novel, entitled "The Adventures of a Widow." This novel deals with New York Society, a field which Mr. Fawcett has made peculiarly his own. The columns of THE WEEK will also, from time to time, be enriched with some of Mr. Fawcett's exquisite verse.

PRINCIPAL GRANT,

in a series of papers, will describe a tour taken by him, in company with Mr. Sandford Fleming, during the past summer, over the route of the Canada Pacific Railway. Dr. Grant and his party traversed entirely new ground, by crossing the Selkirks, which have hitherto been considered impassable. These interesting papers will be entitled "Down the Kicking Horse and across the Selkirks." Dr. Grant will also contribute articles on various important subjects, such as Indian Affairs, Progress in British Columbia, etc.