

THE WEEK'S NEWS

CANADA

At Quebec on Saturday the temperature was 25° below zero.

It is thought that Neepawa's (Man.) missing banker has been murdered.

The Manitoba Legislature is called for the despatch of business on January 24th.

The Salvation Army is establishing a shelter and soup kitchen in Winnipeg this winter.

Mr. Hiram Robinson, who has served on the Ottawa Public School Board for twenty-eight years, has resigned.

It is said that Lady Thompson will take up her residence in Toronto in order to be with her sons, who are studying law here.

The medical men of Ottawa state that there is less sickness at present than there has been at any time during the past 15 years.

During the past season 55,842 boxes of cheese, representing nearly 4,500,000 pounds, were shipped out from the Brockville and Westport railway.

The anti-toxine remedy for diphtheria has proved successful in three cases at Chatham, Ont., and the physicians pronounce it a great success.

The Council of London West, Ont., has decided to ask for a Government commission to examine the financial affairs of the village.

The Northern Elevator Company has announced its intention of building ten new elevators next season, in different parts of Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

The British warship Blenheim, which conveyed the remains of Sir John Thompson to this country, will leave Halifax on Friday for Portmouth.

Before leaving for the west Lord and Lady Aberdeen intimated that they would spend next summer in Halifax if they could secure suitable accommodation, not official but as private citizens.

Mr. Michael Bird, a veteran of the Crimean war, died on Thursday night at London, Ontario, aged sixty-six. He was wounded at Balaklava, and received several medals for bravery and good conduct.

The appeal of the Hamilton Gas Light Company against the assessment of eighty-five thousand dollars on their mains has been dismissed by Judge Muir. He reduced the assessments, however, to seventy-four thousand dollars.

The Hamilton, Ont., City Council has given notice of its intention to apply for legislation that the Gas Company's perpetual charter; also for power to own and operate electric railways, and to turn the pipe track into a road.

According to a Montreal paper, about five months ago Sir John Thompson consulted a Montreal physician, who told him that unless he abandoned the excitement of public life he did not think he could live more than four months.

The Rev. Dr. King, of Chatham, Ont., died there the other day, aged 83. He was a slave-owner in Louisiana, but set free his nineteen slaves and brought them to Canada where he founded the Elgin settlement in 1850, as a retreat and home for fugitive slaves from the South.

Immigration Inspector Da Barry, of Buffalo, says that the cases against the Jacob G. Shantz Company, manufacturers of buttons, of Buffalo and Berlin, Ont., for importing alien laborers under contract to work in the Buffalo factory, will be heard the latter part of this month.

A commutation took place at Montreal yesterday between Dr. A. F. Rogers, of Ottawa, and Dr. S. H. Birckett, of Montreal, respecting the present condition of the Premier's health. They decided that there was no organic disease of any part, and that the entire cause of the cough, which has given Sir Mackenzie Bowell so much trouble of late is a form of laryngitis, mainly of a spasmodic character.

Mr. Moore, editor of the London Morning Post, is dead.

Mr. A. C. Mackenzie, the well-known musical composer, has been knighted.

The Manitoba Government office in London, Eng., has been permanently closed.

There is talk of establishing a daily mail service between Southampton, Eng., and New York.

An ex-elderman of Kingston states that there has been brooding among the adherents of that city.

It is reported in London that Lord William Bessborough intends keeping a big stable of race horses.

About 225 fishermen, belonging to Hull, Grimsby and Yarmouth, Eng., lost their lives in the recent gales.

Mr. Gladstone's Concordance and Prayer-book, the work of his leisure hours for twenty years, will be ready on February 1st.

It is understood that the Imperial Home Office favors the idea of Newfoundland becoming a province of the Dominion of Canada.

Baron Wolverton, a lord-in-waiting to the Queen, was married on Saturday to Lady Edith W. Hill, sister of the second Earl of Dudley.

The governors of Dublin lunatic asylum have appointed a woman medical superintendent of the female wards. There are upwards of 1,600 patients.

The adherents of the Duc d'Orleans in London are in expectation that their leader will at an early date issue a manifesto which will be followed by a demonstration on French soil at the risk of his arrest.

The Hon. Cecil Rhodes, Premier of Cape Colony, has been appointed a member of the Imperial Privy Council, and Baron Cromer, the British Agent and Consul-General in Egypt, has been made a K. G. C. B.

THE FARM.

Dr. Dunnigan, of Buffalo, died Friday of diphtheria. Anti-toxine failed to cure him.

At Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on Saturday the temperature fell to eighteen below zero.

Col. William L. Strong is the first mayor of New York city in 20 years not of the Democratic faith.

Mr. John Burns, M.P., the English labor leader, sailed from New York on Saturday for Liverpool.

The United States will probably build two and perhaps three large battleships at once, to cost \$1,000,000 each.

The striking clockmakers of New York city are in a state of starvation and are being fed through charity.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has given one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars to the Chicago University.

Two robbers held up the cashier at the post-office in the heart of Cincinnati the other day and escaped with the money.

The hierarchy of the United States are taking decided steps to reduce the Roman Catholic membership of secret societies.

There is fear of a great strike at Braddock, Pa., involving fifteen thousand men.

The exports of specie from the port of New York for last week amounted to \$4,477,336 in gold, and \$502,623 in silver.

A crusade against vice and corruption is being inaugurated at San Francisco. It will be similar to the Lexow investigation in New York.

It is said that the old Maryland Central railroad, now a part of the Baltimore and Ohio system, will shortly substitute electricity for steam power.

The gold brick swindle was worked on a wealthy Englishman named A. W. Withers at Richmond, Va., on Saturday. He paid \$5,000 for two brass bricks.

The San Francisco Morning Call newspaper was sold by auction, on Saturday, for \$360,000. The purchaser was Mr. Charles M. Shorridge, of The San Jose Mercury.

Mrs. Mary E. Lathrop, state president of Michigan, W.C.T.U., a lady well known in Ontario, died on Thursday at Jackson, Mich., from cancer, after years of suffering.

Charles Wilfred Mowbray, the English Anarchist, is at present kicking his heels in a Philadelphia goal for making a speech on Friday night inciting to riots.

At El Paso, Wisconsin, on Sunday morning Mrs. Michael O'Connell and five children were buried to death in their home. Mr. O'Connell and two children managed to get out of the house.

Mr. Walter Watson, the agent in New York city of the Bank of Montreal, says that the bank has loaned \$400,000 to the Newfoundland government to tide it over the present troubles.

Lee On, a Chinese laundryman, of Stamford, Conn., committed suicide in a curious way on Friday. He ate a hash of rice and raw opium, and induced a stupor from which he could not be recovered.

Heavy snowstorms have blocked railway traffic in Austria.

Germany does not want its officers to enter the Chinese service.

Several severe earthquake shocks were felt at Athens, Greece, on Thursday.

The Belgian Government has prohibited the importation of live cattle from the United States.

It is reported in Constantinople that Ismael Pasha, ex-Khedive of Egypt, is dying.

Mexico demands of Guatemala \$1,808,544 for damages caused by invading Guatemalans.

According to the official report, the crops of Russia are in a better condition than last year.

There is much destitution in St. John's Nfld. Several hundreds of people are starving.

Cholera is predominant in provinces of Rosario and Santa Fe, Buenos Ayres, but is a somewhat mild form.

It is stated in Brussels that France will not oppose the annexation of the Congo State by Belgium.

Argentina has voted \$2,000,000 as a war credit in view of a possible quarrel with Chili over the frontier.

Turkey wants the other powers to induce England and Russia to moderate their demands in regard to Armenia.

The Russian Government will settle the Pamir question amicably by making concessions to Great Britain.

The wheat harvest in Buenos Ayres is poor and the quality of the grain is below the average. Freight to Europe is declining.

THE NEW CZAR.

It is rumored that he is desirous of Making Concessions To The People.

The unusual interest taken in Europe in everything which may indicate the domestic policy of the new Czar is evidence of the belief of outsiders that it is his first duty to end a struggle which cannot be fatal to the wisest exercise of his authority.

An absolute sovereign, to use his great powers for the best, must first of all be calm, and the perpetual struggle with the Nihilists not only renders calmness impossible, but must in the terror they inspire, tend to both physical and mental breakdown.

Were something done to remedy the worst abuses in the empire—those growing out of bureaucratic oppression—some concession made to the educated class, to whose despair of being heard Nihilism largely due the conspiracy would be deprived of reason to be, and a new and freer regime begin.

At no time would the bias which created the havoc had its genesis in the previous conflagration. But whatever its indirect cause, within half an hour of its outbreak it had enveloped half a dozen buildings and occasioned a loss of more than three millions of dollars, swelling the total loss of the two fires close upon a million and a half dollars, and throwing four hundred employees out of work.

These buildings were destroyed: The Regent's Building, Melinda street, in which 15 firms had offices; Breton & Manning, wholesale furs, 24-26 Wellington street; Thomas Dunnet & Co., wholesale furs, 30 Wellington street; Boussett & Co., wholesale clothing, 32 Wellington street; Robert Darling & Co., wholesale woollens, 34 Wellington street; R. H. Gray & Co., whitewear, 24-26 Wellington street.

The path of the two great conflagrations found a letter L in immense proportions. Sunday morning the fire spread half the work and carried out the first stroke along the Regent street, and almost to crackling and hissing work in a line straight south at right angles to his former pathway.

The fire acquired a vehemence and violence most appalling. The various buildings were simultaneously aglow with the white incandescence that crackled and hissed with a triumphant sound as everything was devoured; the windows and archways belching forth tongues of red and white flames that reached across the street.

The thousands of citizens who had collected blocks away could hear the crackling of the flames, followed by the crashing of a roof. Then would shoot up from the wreck a column of flame through the black smoke and cinders, that lit up the city by blocks and threw a ghastly light on the facades of the neighboring structures.

With every blast of wind great billows of fire would roll across Wellington street, as if filled with a mad desire to sweep it away in ruin. Then for a moment they would subside, and the various structures wreathed in flames and tongues of fire shooting out from doors and windows and roofs.

The atmosphere was filled with cinders, brands, combustibles, all on fire, cascading through the air, and falling like hail and rain, which had begun to fall, increased in volume and assist in saving the entire wholesale section of the city. These thoughts flashed through the brains or quivered on the lips of the thousands who watched in painful suspense. The snow, which had fallen during the day, afforded a protection against the blazing fragments which were falling thickly around, and eventually the flames were got under control, but not until over three-quarters of a million dollars of damage had been occasioned.

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When brought into Court the Judge cautioned the prisoner that he must remember his rights as a free citizen, and that, above all things, he must not interrupt the proceedings of the Court. After this friendly warning the Judge proceeded to state that he, the prisoner, was accused of having, on such a date, shot the deceased.

Upon this the prisoner broke in, "Well, sir," said he.

"Hold your tongue, sir," he exclaimed, "Haven't I told you not to commit yourself nor interrupt me? I shall commit you for contempt of court if you do so again!" he added sternly.

He then repeated the accusation, upon which the prisoner broke in: "I have told you before that I killed the deceased."

The Judge's indignation was intense at this second interruption and he demanded: "Mr. Sheriff, what is your evidence?"

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ANOTHER GREAT FIRE.

TORONTO AGAIN SUFFERERS A VERY SERIOUS LOSS.

Three Quarters of a Million Dollars Gone Up in Smoke—Many Wholesale Houses Burned to the Ground—Four Hundred Employees Thrown out of Work.

A despatch from Toronto says:—This city had another baptism of fire on Thursday night, which exceeded in extent and financial loss that of the preceding Sunday.

The fire originated in the Ogogody building in Melinda street, which is separated from the McKinnon block, the grave of Sunday's fire, only by a small building, and extended south to Wellington street leveling five wholesale houses on the south side of that street and one opposite before being extinguished.

The generally accepted theory of insurance men is that the blaze which created the havoc had its genesis in the previous conflagration. But whatever its indirect cause, within half an hour of its outbreak it had enveloped half a dozen buildings and occasioned a loss of more than three millions of dollars, swelling the total loss of the two fires close upon a million and a half dollars, and throwing four hundred employees out of work.

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CHINESE FLOWER-BOATS.

Attended by Pretty Maids Who Eat Watermelon Seeds.

Perhaps no city in the world has the counterpart of these flower-boats; for this Chinese city of amusement lacks in the main the element that pervades European haunts of revelry.

It was a vast place of restaurants and hotels, where the rich and poor men of Canton repaired to enjoy themselves. I have been given to understand that the Chinese entertain in his own house, nor do his womenfolk join him in his feasts or revels. Hence, there is a class of girls, the very large majority of whom are strictly virtuous, whose business it is to be pretty according to Chinese fashion, brisk, conversational, musical; in a word, to understand the art of entertaining.

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British and Foreign.

Le Bosphore Egyptian, for the last few years the leading organ of French opinion at Cairo, has ceased publication.

"Le Hockey," which is claimed to be the oldest hockey club whose President is the Prince of Sagan.

Whymer, the famous Alpine climber and the first to ascend Chimborazo, his collarbone a little while ago in trying to go up stairs in London.

In Florence the Salvation Army preached the cause of the Palazzo Rinuccini in the Via de Serragli, once belonging to the Medici. The city authorities encourage its work.

A native regiment, the Twenty-ninth Panjab Infantry, won the "Honour of Glory" rifle match in India during the previous year, with a total of 924 out of a possible 1,050.

It is calculated that the sugar produced in Fiji, Queensland, and New South Wales at the present rate of increase, will supply the whole demand of the Australasian colonies by 1895.

Three Hundred thousand francs have been raised by the women of France in memorial to M. Carnot. Mme. Carnot was the money to be used to help the widows of workmen with families.

Soles and plaice are growing scarce in British waters, Mr. Bryce, as President of the Board of Trade, proposes to prohibit the sale of haddock fish less than six inches in length.

A German church has just been dedicated in the rue Blanche in Paris, and a regular Lutheran parish installed in it. The thousand German Protestants who are domiciled in Paris have hitherto paid no services in their own public house.

Sir Frederick Pollock, corps professor of jurisprudence at Oxford and editor of the Law Reports, has been chosen to be chief justice of the High Court.

The late Chief Baron Pollock, and his wife, are the last of the Barons of the Exchequer to be of the late Czar, the Duke of Devonshire has been named to succeed him.

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