

Az suno az wo resoomed it was putty evident that the tug-uv-war hod kum. The distillerz moved a rezylushin doklaring that oz the Skot akt wood ruon the sail uv whisky, therefore the guvornment ot to pay the distillerz full value in kosh for all kappytel invested in the bizness and the prospektive profitz fur ten yearz; the broorz moved th at whireaz the Skot akt wood dekrees the sale in beer and lito winez, and ukrooze the sail uv whisky, resolved that broorz shood got bak the entire kappytel invested in thare bizness, and a lump sum uv five millyuns fur prospektive profitz; the farmarz moved fur komponashin on the barly kwestyun; sum ox-h-stoll keesporz moved fur kumpo-shashin tu all whoo hed lozt lissenses bi monez uv the Krooks akt; the sportin men and the sluggorz each hod rezylushins moved before the saluno men kood got in a wurd ojways. Over forty mon klamed the flore at wunzt. Kumfuzyun ranel. It soomed az tho' bedlom wuz turned loos. Thare wuz sum bloz struk and sum damig dun before I left, and Billings kame out haf an hour afturward with wun arm broko, noze smashed, and soveral teeth gone. Ho sez it wuz wurz than Donnybrook fare.

I regret vary mutch wo kood not amikably settel thez littel differances. \*  
\* \* The sindokato wo formed is ruined finanshilly, and komponashin I fore iz in the kloudz.

Yours in sorrow,

BLOOMINGNOSE PUFFER.

## General News.

### CANADIAN.

Rev. Charles Hutchison, Bishop elect, of Niagara, is to be consecrated May 1, at Fredericton, N.B.

The Liberals of West Northumberland have selected Mr. William Kerr, M.A., Q.C., as their candidate in the coming election.

Mr. George Guilett, the late member, has been unanimously selected to contest West Northumberland in the Liberal-Conservative interest.

Five additional cases of diphtheria were reported in Hamilton, Saturday morning. Three are on Victoria avenue north, and two on Jackson street east. Diphtheria is also prevalent in Waterdown.

The convention to nominate a candidate in the Reform interest to contest the vacancy in the representation of East Kent, caused by the death of the late Mr. D. McCraney, of Bothwell, held at Ridgetown, selected Mr. Robert Ferguson, of Thamesville, as their candidate. The election takes place next June.

During the recent Scott Act election in Huron, three ballot boxes were stolen from the Court house, at Goderich. On Saturday, a hotel-keeper of that place was arrested on the confession of a boy, who gave evidence that he had stolen the boxes at the instigation of the accused.

The express which left Toronto, on Saturday night for Ottawa and Montreal, met with an accident near Perth, through some of the cars leaving the rails, fortunately with no worse result than the slight injury of three men.

At Assametquaghan Station, below St. Flavie, Que., while a special engine with a plough was attempting to clear the line, the engine jumped the track, and was precipitated into the river beneath, causing a big smash-up and killing fireman Levesque.

Louis Riel, the hero of the Red River expedition, recently exiled from Manitoba, has created dissension among the half breeds and Indians, which has resulted in a general uprising. The militia disarmed by the Dominion Government last year are appealing for arms to defend their homes. The situation is most critical. Over 100 mounted police have been sent to the disturbed district, and it is expected that a conflict between them will soon take place. Latest despatches from the North-West state that a fight has taken place between the mounted police and the insurgents. Fifteen police are reported killed.

### UNITED STATES.

A bill inflicting the punishment of thirty lashes on wife-beaters has been passed by the New Jersey Assembly.

The Texas House on Monday, without debate, decided to submit a constitutional amendment providing for prohibition to the people.

The storm on Friday night at Mount Washington was terrific beyond description. The wind had a velocity of 100 miles an hour, and the mercury was 48° below zero on Saturday.

The United States Senate has confirmed the following nominations: Edward J. Phelps, Minister to Great Britain; Henry R. Jackson, of Georgia, to Mexico; Robt. M. McLane to France, and Geo. H. Pendleton to Germany.

On Saturday night, in the Northern part of the county of Ithica, Mich., two young children of George Spooner were roasted alive during the absence of their parents.

Messrs. Armour & Co., of Chicago, have been given an order by the British Government for five million cans of meat for the army in Egypt. It is calculated that seventy thousand cattle will be required to fill the contract.

Mrs. Kreuger, wife of a German farmer, living six miles from Pacific,

Mo., murdered one of her little children Thursday evening by nearly severing its head from its body with a butcher knife. She also attempted to kill her other children, but they escaped from her and alarmed their father, who had great difficulty in overpowering his wife, who was violently insane.

At Paducah, Ky., March 21st, Daniel Cook and wife, who live on the Tennessee river, left home yesterday, leaving three children in the house. His wife on her return discovered the buildings in flames. She could see the children huddled together in the front room, their arms clasped around one another, crying frantically, but she was powerless to assist them, and was compelled to see them burn to death.

FIRES.—At St. Petersburg, Va., Jones & Co's, sumac mill and the City flour mills adjoining were burned on Sunday morning. Loss \$80,000. —At Fort Smith, Ark., the Grand Central hotel was also burned on Sunday morning. Loss \$20,000. A woman was fatally injured by jumping from the third storey.

### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Sir Harry Smith Parkes, K. C. B., British Minister at Peking, is dead.

The British steamship *Rhondda* was sunk in a collision with the steamship *Brooklyn City*, in the British channel on Saturday. No lives lost.

In the English House of Commons Thursday evening, the Marquis of Hartington said recruiting was exceedingly active. There were 70,000 reserves ready for immediate service. The regular army now numbers 184,000, and volunteers 208,000.

Princess Elizabeth, mother of the Grand Duke of Hesse, died at Darmstadt on Saturday.

The eighty-eighth anniversary of the birth of Emperor William was observed throughout Germany with much enthusiasm and rejoicing.

Two hundred and seventeen miners were imprisoned by an explosion of fire damp in a colliery at Campharsen, near Saarbruck, in Germany, on the 18th. The latest reports state that 98 bodies have been recovered. There are still 102 men and boys unaccounted for. It is almost certain that all who are now in the mine are dead.

A lion-tamer named Zeth was killed at a Vienna circus on Saturday evening by one of the lions, with which he was performing. He was literary torn to pieces before the eyes of the spectators.

Corea advices state that the father, mother, wife and children of the three leading members of the Independent party in Corea, and eleven Corean sympathisers, were hanged at the palace gates on Feb. 2. The parents, wives and children of four of these sympathisers were also hanged.

Members of the Chinese Embassy in London express themselves hopeful for the cessation of war, but they say it should be brought about by France accepting the territorial concessions formerly made by China in Tonquin without any indemnity. From China direct come reports that the army of the Empire has been reinforced and put in readiness to resume offensive operations in Toaqin. It is said that war with France has already cost China sixty million taels.—The French loss at Kelung between the 4th and 8th inst. was 198 killed and wounded.

The Frontier question in Afghanistan will, no doubt, be amicably settled. Excitement has gone down between the contending countries, and everything points to a peaceful solution of the question. Lord Dufferin, Viceroy of India, has departed for Rawalshinde to attend the conference with the Amir concerning these disputes. In the meantime England is not idle, but has prepared a formidable Anglo-Indian contingent to occupy the country at a moment's notice. This army would be vastly superior to any that the Russians could put in the field without considerable delays.—An English Fleet is in course of preparation for the Baltic, in case of a rupture between the two countries.

Some more heavy fighting has been done in Egypt; this time, in operation against the Mahdi's lieutenant, Osman Digma. Two engagements have been fought near Hasheen, a place but a short distance from Suakim, with tremendous losses to the enemy; and no inconsiderable loss to the English. In the last engagement, our troops suffered severely, being surprised by the Arabs who had lain in ambush in the defiles west of Hasheen, and who rushed on their unsuspecting foe with ferocious impetuosity. The English formed a square as quickly as possible, but the camels, mules, and horses were driven back in confusion on the troops, causing a stampede, and amid clouds of dust the Arabs penetrated the south and north of the square. The marines and the Berkshire regiment, who were on the east and west sides of the square, maintained a continuous fire, holding the enemy at bay, while a charge of cavalry and the fire from the guns at the Hasheen zereba checked the onslaught of Arabs, which, at the onset, threatened a serious disaster to the British. Gen. Graham reports the English losses, so far as known, two officers and twenty-two men killed, 33 men wounded.—Gen. Graham has received the pipe line apparatus to furnish his army with a full water supply during their march to Berber.—Gen. Wolseley has ordered the evacuation of Korti. Typhoid fever, dysentery, and sunstroke are increasing among the troops. The heat is intense. The troops will proceed to entrenched lines at Debbah, Aini, and Dongola.