

General News.

CANADIAN.

The steamer *Juliet*, just arrived at Halifax, fell in with a burning ship of American or colonial build on Friday night last. The whole hull was a mass of flames, which leaped to a great height and produced a grand effect. The steamer lay in the vicinity for several hours without discovering any of the crew and then proceeded. Those belonging to the burning vessel are thought to have been taken off the previous day by one of several vessels that were met.

The total revenue of Nova Scotia last year was \$563,864 and the expenditure \$541,098, leaving a surplus of \$22,765. The principal items of revenue besides the Dominion subsidy are the mines department, \$122,010; crown lands department, \$20,085. The largest items in the expenditure were education, \$185,850; road service, \$124,160; legislative expenses, \$39,176.

At St. John, N. B., a fire damaged wooden dwellings on Duke street, owned jointly by Mrs. Alex. Thompson and Mrs. Johnston Wilkins. Insured for \$3,000 in the Queen office.

At Sherbrooke, Q., the furniture shop and tub factory of Messrs. Long & Bailey was burned. Total loss on building and contents about \$10,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

At Quebec, on March 5, the Hon. George Okill Stuart, Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court, died of cancer in the mouth. The deceased was one of the three members for this city in the Canadian Parliament in anti-Confederation days, and was a recognized authority on maritime legal questions.

Great consternation prevails at Three Rivers, P. Q., over the sad death of two children, aged 4 and 2 years, respectively. On Wednesday last Mrs. Charles Caron, living on the second and third flats, locked the children in a room and went out. They were burned to death in her absence. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the children playing with matches.

Mr. Baker, general superintendent of the C. P. R., who was on the snow-bound train at Bell's Corners from Thursday night until Saturday afternoon, states that there were 600 men employed in clearing out the snow from the imprisoned train. It was impossible for the passengers to leave the train, there being upwards of five feet of snow surrounding it.

A terrible accident occurred at Quebec through a runaway horse. As Mrs. Balzaret, sister in law of ex-Speaker Blanchet, of the Commons, and sister of Rev. Father Bonneau, chaplain of the Sisters of Charity, was stepping out of her own door into the street she was struck by the infuriated animal and instantly killed.

At Peterboro' last Friday as the midday Midland train was approaching Lakefield, a sleigh containing five persons attempted to cross the track at Nicoll's Crossing. The train, whose approach was concealed by a clump of timber, struck the rear part of the sleigh, and Miss Bessie Reid of Ashburnham, received such injuries that she died last night. The others were only slightly hurt.

The residence of James Stratton, collector of customs, has been burned at Peterboro. Insured in the Royal for \$2,000 on building and \$15,000 on furniture. Loss, over and above insurance, about \$2,000.

The Town Council of Picton, on Monday night, by a vote of 9 to 6, decided not to grant billiard licenses for the ensuing year.

Maggie Carrey, a young married woman, was found drunk on Center street, Toronto, with a child in her arms, and nearly frozen to death. At the police court she was sent to the Mercer Reformatory for six months, and the child taken care of by her brother-in-law.

The Shipman House, near the Grand Trunk Railway station, Stratford, was gutted by fire. Loss on building about \$1,500; no insurance. Loss on furniture about \$1,200; insured for 2,000 in the Western of Toronto.

The postoffice, telegraph office, and the store and dwelling belonging to Jas. Trimmings, Bluevale, were totally destroyed by fire last week. The stock was insured in the Waterloo Mutual for \$1,500; total loss on-stock, 5,000.

In the election, at Ingersoll, for the Local Legislature between Mr. James Noxon, mayor of Ingersoll (Reform), and G. A. Cook, reeve of Norwich (Independent), Mr. Cook was elected by 117 majority.

A bill is to be introduced into the House of Commons to authorize the extension of the Credit Valley Railway from Woodstock to Sarnia.

At Richmond Hill a rough-cast house on Mills street, occupied by Walter Hislop and owned by Mr. Newton was burned down. The fire is supposed to have originated in the stovepipe.

Edward O'Connor, a builder of Port Albert was returning home from Manchester with a load of brick. He lost his way and was discovered with his team in a farm yard this morning, about half a mile from his home. He was half frozen when found and died from the effects of the exposure at noon to-day.

Fifteen thousand dollars were found concealed in the bed and sewed in the dresses of an old lady who has died at Essex Centre.

Masked Americans crossed the boundary at Sumas, B.C., last week, and took an Indian suspected of murdering a merchant of Nootsack, W.T., from the British authorities and hanged him to a tree. The excitement over the outrage here is intense. There was another murder in this city on Monday. The murderers have been captured.

UNITED STATES.

After seven years' idleness the South Boston iron works have resumed the manufacture of heavy ordnance for the Government.

Two young men named Flowers and Ward, visiting friends at Tilton, Ga., became intoxicated. They started to walk home on the railway track, and were killed.

A passenger train on the Illinois Central was derailed near Maryland station. All the coaches left the track, two tipping over and being badly wrecked. Three persons were injured, H. J. Brown, Galena; J. C. Summerfield, Chicago, and a traveller from the east, name not ascertained.

A passenger train from Atlanta collided with a passenger train from Macon on the East Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia railroad. Engineer Heroden and Fireman Pruitt were killed and an express messenger badly hurt. One passenger had his arm broken. The engines and several freight cars were wrecked. Misconstruction of orders was the cause.

The director of the Mint at Washington reports that the total gain in gold coin and bullion in the United States from July 1st, 1883, to January 1st, 1884, is \$25,695,000.

A snow plough on the St. Paul road, near Sioux City, Io., struck a sled containing a farmer named Sisk, a son aged 19, a married daughter, and two small children at Sibley to-day. The son was instantly killed, the father fatally injured, and the others slightly injured.

At Newark, O., C. Nethers, his wife, two children, and Nora Wheeler, were badly poisoned by eating bologna sausage. Miss Wheeler cannot recover, and Nethers is in a precarious condition. The others are recovering.

At Rogerville Junction, Tenn., a family named Guthrie were poisoned Sunday night by eating canned blackberries. Four children have died, and their mother cannot recover.

In Barbour county, Va., two children of Isaac Kennedy fell into a kettle of boiling soap and were burned to death.

The schooner Jacob Kienzel was wrecked off Cape Henry on Wednesday last. The crew took to the rigging, where they remained until Friday, when they were rescued. A steamer passed close to the wreck, but paid no attention to the signals or shouts of the men. All were badly frozen and suffering for want of food.

According to the Bureau of Statistics, 84 per cent. of all the crimes and criminal expenses in Massachusetts comes directly from intemperance.

FIRES.—At Oil City, Pa., the Opera House was burned. Loss, \$50,000. The building adjoining was badly damaged.—At Amesbury, Mass., the Union Block and two adjoining buildings were burned. Loss, \$40,000.—At Philadelphia, Coon & Bros., commission merchants were burned out. Damage, \$10,000. Echo carpet mill, with several adjoining buildings, destroyed. Loss, \$25,000. A quantity of fusil oil exploded, and the firemen were compelled to call on the citizens to help them to rescue the engines and hose carriages.—There was also a fire in Rodgers' lamp, oil, and crockery store. Phillip B. Kelley and his wife Emma occupied the third story and escape was cut off. They jumped from the window. Mrs. Kelley sustained a fracture of the skull and will die. Kelley's injuries are not severe.—In the same place last Friday night there were five fires. The wind blew a gale, and the firemen found much trouble in keeping the flames under control. The chemical works of Powers & Wrightman, the largest in the country, were totally destroyed. Loss, over \$1,000,000.—At Harrisburg the signal tower of the Cumberland Valley railway at Susquehanna river bridge was burned. The bridge was saved with difficulty. The company's engine house was destroyed.

The boilers of the California saw mill, at Bear creek, Pa., exploded, demolishing the building, and killed Rudolph Sipler, Whitney Whitebread, and Jesse Knecht. The bodies were blown several hundred feet. Cause unknown.

At San Francisco the manufacturers have locked out 3,500 Chinese cigarmakers. They propose to substitute 2,500 whites from New York. The Chinese packers struck on learning that their countrymen were locked out.

At Battle Creek one of the boilers of the sanitarium exploded, demolishing the engine-room and gymnasium, and blowing the engineer and fireman fifty yards. Both were alive at 10 p.m., but their injuries will probably prove fatal. Loss, \$4,000; insured.

Joseph Atkinson, aged 35, while lying in a drunken stupor on the railroad track near Selma, Pa., was cut to pieces by a passenger train. He leaves a wife and five children.