

Notes of the Week.

The decisive battle has been fought in Egypt and a glorious victory has crowned the British arms. To General Wolseley belongs the praise of having planned with much deliberation and forethought the operations which were made effective by a skilful and brilliant action. The victorious troops after the battle of Tel El Kebir at once pressed on and entered Cairo, which declared itself for the Khedive; and Arabi Pasha having surrendered himself a prisoner, the war may be considered virtually over. On Friday General Wolseley was able to send the following despatch from Cairo to the War Office:—"The war is over. Send no more men from England. Midshipman DeChair is safe. I have been received here with open arms by all classes. Soldiers are glad to return to their homes. Our cavalry did extremely well in the long forced march yesterday. Arabi and Toulba Pasha are both confined in our guard rooms. I will now change my base from Ismailia to Alexandria. The health and spirits of the troops are excellent."

Thus, let us hope, the fighting is ended. It now remains for the diplomatists to settle the grave questions which must arise; and we have at Constantinople Lord Dufferin, who has shown himself in every way competent to protect English interests in that field. Egypt must henceforth recognize at least a quasi English Protectorate, seeing that an enormous debt is due England and Englishmen, besides other claims even more significant and valuable. With just and equitable laws, great as have been the Egyptian losses sustained by the war—over \$350,000,000 worth of crops alone having been destroyed—Egypt may hope, owing to the marvellous fertility of her soil and the patient, willing industry of her people, in a few years to completely overcome her losses and enter upon a much more prosperous regime. That enlarged English interests now still more largely demand English intervention must greatly conduce to the permanent benefit of the country and its people.

A conference of Chinese merchants has been held in London, at which were present all of the London merchants of that nationality, and others from Manchester, Leeds, Liverpool, Birmingham and San Francisco. The anti-Chinese legislation enacted by the government of the United States was freely and calmly discussed, and a resolution was passed expressing regret at such action. Immigration of Chinese to England and Cyprus was strongly recommended. A resolution was passed condemning the opium trade as the greatest curse of China, and expressing the hope that the British authorities would endeavor to put a stop to the traffic, as opium had been first introduced to China by English traders.

We very much regret to learn by the English papers that Prince Leopold is again very ill, and that the illness from which he is suffering is so serious as to prevent his Royal Highness from fulfilling the engagements which he had made for the next few weeks, and has caused the Queen to postpone the removal of the Court to Balmoral.

Prince Leopold, our readers need not be told, is the scholar Prince of the Royal Family. Possessing pure and cultivated tastes and refined as well as religious feelings, his Royal Highness takes great interest in science and the fine arts, and especially in the advancement of institutions of Christian education and Philanthropy. It was understood a few years ago that Prince Leopold had a strong desire to enter the ministry of the Church, but that

his royal mother considered that for State reasons such a course was not advisable.

Cetewayo, the ex-Zulu king, has had his kingdom (or a part of it) restored to him, and has started upon his return trip. Before the king left England the Rev. A. C. MacLaglen, formerly a missionary in Zululand, presented him with a handsome Bible printed in the Zulu language, also seven copies of the Book of Common Prayer in Zulu, given for that purpose by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. Cetewayo seemed much gratified at the gift, and remarked that this was the first Bible that had been presented to him since he had been in that country. A Prayer-book was also given to each of the chiefs and to every member of the suite, whereat one of the latter remarked, "It is high time we had something of this kind to read." Let us fervently hope that the restored black king, when he returns to rule his black subjects, will show more respect for the missionaries and their work than the white usurper John Dunn has done.

The Council of the Royal Geographical Society have decided upon equipping an expedition to Eastern Africa for the exploration of the snow-capped mountains, Kenia and Kilimanjaro, and the country between them and the eastern shores of the Victoria Nyanza. Mr. Joseph Thomson is to be the commander, and, according to present arrangements, he will leave England for Zanzibar to organize his party early in the ensuing year.

Much anxiety was felt for the Vice Regal Party, which telegrams had reported as having met with an accident of a serious nature near San Francisco by the colliding of trains. Fortunately, what might have been very serious proved but trifling. The following are the particulars: The special train having on board the Governor General, Princess and party when at Porta Costa received the signal to go on. Reaching a curve a quarter of a mile from the ferry, while the train was moving about six miles an hour, the yard engine came round the curve with a rush. Both engines were reversed and the engineers and firemen jumped. The collision was violent, and the special engine was badly damaged. The Princess at the time of the collision was making her toilet, and was thrown down, but received no injury beyond a most trifling bruise. The party sailed the next day on H.M.S. "Cosmos" for Victoria, B.C.

H. M. S. "Phoenix," which left Gaspe on Tuesday morning for Halifax, went ashore during a heavy gale that night at East Point, the extreme eastern terminus of Prince Edward Island, and has since become a total loss, the storm of Thursday night having caused her to break up. Her stores have all been landed. The "Phoenix" was commissioned on the 20th of April, 1880, at Davenport to be stationed on the North American coast. She was a screw steamer, built of wood, 1130 tons, carried six guns, and was commanded by Commodore H. H. Grenfell. Fortunately, such an accident to H. M. warships on this station is of extremely rare occurrence.

The British team have gained a signal victory over their American opponents in the International Shooting Match at the Creedmoor Range, New York, which came off last week. The total scores made were: 1st day—British, 1062; American, 1043. 2nd day—British, 913; American, 762. 3rd day—The Americans declined to shoot at 900 yards; the British made 487. At the 1000 yards the score was, British, 436; American, 226. The

British also led at the 200 and 300 yards. The total British was 4039, and the American 3088.

What will no doubt prove an important outlet for Canadian beef is the recent formation in England of the Canadian Fresh Meat Importation Company (limited), intending to discriminate in favor of Canadian in preference to American or United States raised cattle. The directors, in the course of their prospectus, say that the importation of American meat to England has now become an extensive and permanent business, but has hitherto failed to break through the barrier of high prices, by which the great majority of the people are so entirely and unfairly deprived of the necessary supply of animal food. They say further that Canadian cattle are of excellent breed, carefully pastured, much more uniform in character, and certainly superior in quality to the great majority of American beasts, and can be shipped in the carcass in much better condition. The contract provides for the supply to this Company of beef, mutton, veal and lamb, in carcass, of stipulated weight and quality, properly killed, dressed, cooled, clothed and delivered free on board at an average price of fourpence per lb., and for the maximum shipment to be 250 tons per month, with freight, insurance, land carriage, &c., the cost in England will average fivepence per lb. The contract is made with a responsible party in Canada, and the fulfilment of its terms will be secured by substantial guarantees. It extends over five years at the quoted fixed price, and is renewable upon exceedingly advantageous terms. There is no reason whatever why the supply cannot be simply inexhaustible, and why Canada should not compete successfully for the large and rapidly increasing demands of the mother land.

Dr. Lamb has received the report of the microscopic experts who examined Guiteau's brain. While declining to express an opinion, he would say that the position taken by Dr. Godding that Guiteau was insane would be materially supported by the report. He did not believe the report would cause a change of opinion as to Guiteau's sanity to any great extent, but that the medical faculty must draw its own conclusions.

The jury in the trial of the Star Route frauds in Washington came into Court on Monday week, after having had the case under consideration since Saturday noon, and announced that they were unable to agree. Grave charges of bribery are made against members of the jury. Thus ends in all probability what may well be considered a very sad example of the miscarriage of Justice in the neighboring Republic.

Sir James Alderson, M.D., F.R.S., physician extraordinary to the Queen, is dead.

A monster hotel is about to be erected in Winnipeg, to cost \$500,000.

Intelligence has been received of the death of Dr. Pusey, which occurred at Oxford on Saturday, at a very advanced age.

If we are to judge from the statements of such an unprejudiced man as Professor Haughton, of Dublin, who has been recently in Canada, himself a Home Ruler, the condition of Ireland has much improved since the passage of the Prevention of Crimes Act, and he seems to think that the vast majority of the Irish people are most anxious to see peace and prosperity take the place of the recent lawlessness. Mr. Trevelyan, the Chief Secretary, is of the same opinion, as is shown by a recent