

## General News.

## CANADIAN.

Trains are running through from Montreal to Winnipeg on the C. P. Railway.

An old man named James Burns was accidentally drowned at Kingston last week.

Gen. Wolsley has sent the Gov.-General a despatch thanking the Canadian voyageurs for their services, and expressing a high appreciation of the same.

Moody & Son's roller mills at Ridgeway, Ont., were destroyed by fire Thursday, 14th inst.; loss about \$6,000, insured in the Royal and Northern fire insurance companies.

The body of John Graham, a wealthy Newmarket farmer, was found in the Don river at Toronto last week. He is supposed to have been accidentally drowned.

On the second line of Adelaide, Middlesex County, Ont., on Saturday, Mr. Gilbert Holt was kicked in the stomach by one of his horses and died on Wednesday after severe suffering.

A mail train went through a trestle 60 feet high on the line of the C. P. R. in British Columbia last week. The foreman and brakeman were killed and several others severely injured.

Gouderham & Worts, distillers, of Toronto, paid into the Inland Revenue Office last week for duty on spirits, \$473,000 in one cheque, being the largest amount ever paid at one time for such a purpose in this country.

The House of Commons still keeps up the Franchise-bill fight, and apparently, there is as little prospect as ever of its termination. Petitions against the passage of the bill are coming in in large numbers from every part of the country.

Several boys were playing with a toy cannon on Beverley street, Toronto, recently, when one of them dropped a lighted match into the can containing the powder, and Arthur Noverro and William Smith were dangerously injured, while Joseph Hodges was painfully burnt.

James M. Stuart, of John Stuart & Bros., wholesale grocers of Hamilton, Ont., hanged himself on Saturday while suffering from a brain affection produced by wounds received eighteen years ago at Ridgeway during the Fenian raid.

The lack of the Half-breed Rebellion is now fairly broken. Gen. Middleton's magnificent and successful charge on Batocho on Tuesday of last week was well supplemented on Friday by the capture of Louis Riel, who is now a prisoner in the General's hands. The Halfbreeds are surrendering everywhere, and the only remaining difficulty is likely to be with the Indians. It is believed that Poundmaker and Big Bear have effected a junction, and that an immense force of Indians is concentrated somewhere in the vicinity of Battleford. Gen. Middleton will soon be there with force enough to completely crush the rising. It is confidently anticipated that this sad and calamitous war will soon be at an end. A good deal of speculation is rife as to what will be Riel's fate. The probabilities are that a Government Commission will be issued to try him at Regina, and he will no doubt meet the punishment due to his traitorous outrage.

## UNITED STATES.

Gen. Logan has been elected U. S. Senator for Illinois.

Gen. Grant is still able to work at his book.

The three Italians arrested at Chicago for the murder of the pedlar, Caruso, have confessed their guilt.

A bloody fight occurred in a church at Madison, Fla., Sunday last, between the West brothers and the Langford brothers.

There are 560 cases of typhoid fever in Plymouth Borough, Pa., including a portion of Plymouth township.

James Russell, of Gathbert, Ga., killed his two sons and shot himself three times yesterday on account of financial trouble.

Rev. Mr. Grimes, wife and child, were killed, and an unknown child fatally injured by a recent cyclone at Kirwan, Ka.

About one hundred persons were poisoned at a picnic at Tollulah Falls Georgia, through a chemical charge made in ice cream freezers.

A despatch from Santa Monica, Cal., states that General Sheridan is still suffering severely from the effects of a fall from his horse last Sunday.

On Tuesday afternoon, a professional swimmer, named Robert E. Odum, leaped from the Brooklyn bridge, 135 feet above the river, and struck the water with such violence that he was almost instantly killed.

The flood on Friday night at Elk City, Kansas, caused great damage. Seventy-five families were driven from their houses. The names of the drowned as far as learned are: Mrs. Woods and child, Dr. McCoy, John Rice and a child named Vandusen. Several persons are missing.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Hon. John Naish, formerly Attorney-General, has been appointed Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

It is stated that Mr. Gladstone's Government is about to propose a plan of extended self-government for Ireland.

An evicted farmer of Ballinasloe, Ireland, visited the bailiff who had put him off his farm, and after plying him with liquor until he was drunk, held him over a fire until he was fatally burned.

The sentry at the Upper Castle powder magazine near Chatham, England, was mysteriously murdered on Monday night. A revolver lay by his side and he had been shot through the lungs.

Stormy, cold weather is general throughout Europe, and much damage has been done to crops and property. A terrific snow-storm is prevailing throughout Austria-Hungary, and a number of persons have been frozen to death.

Guatemala will have to pay an indemnity of ten millions as a result of her recent experiment of war.

General Wolsley has announced the withdrawal of the British troops from the Soudan, and coupled the announcement with high commendation.

General Graham embarked at Suakin on Saturday, for England. A number of other officers left during the week.

A great battle is expected at Khartoum between El Mahdi and the rival False Prophet, who has collected an immense force of followers. The Baggara tribe in Kordofan has revolted against the Mahdi. Senaar and Mudirich have been cleared of the rebels, and the Mahdi is reported to be in great straits.

It is rumored at St. Petersburg that the Anglo-Russian negotiations are likely to fail at the eleventh hour, and there is still danger of an extensive and bloody war. The troops returning from the Soudan have been stopped by telegram, and it is thought will likely be ordered to India. Furloughs of British officers have again been stopped.—Work on the Bolan Railway is making good progress. War preparations are being made steadily and continuously. It has been decided that three months' stores collected by the Government shall be permanently stocked at Quetta.—The Standard says despatches from the Indian Government represent the Ameer as profoundly depressed over the success of the Russians, and England's failure to restrain Russian aggression. The Ameer is convinced of his powerlessness to resist invasion, and seems half disposed to buy off Russia.—The work of strengthening the forts and harbors on the Black Sea has been resumed by Russia.

## Our Casket.

## BITS OF TINSEL.

A mother asking her little boy what self-denial he thought he could practice in Lent, he thought for a moment, then replied, "I will give up soap."

An old bachelor says, "It is all nonsense to pretend that love is blind. I never knew a man in love that did not see ten times as much in his sweetheart as I could."

A modern novel has the following passage: "With one hand he held the beautiful golden head above the chilling wave, and with the other called loudly for assistance."

A woman who has taken in sewing for a couple of years to support her lazy and drunken husband says it is surprising that the Board of Health has not had her indicted for "maintaining a nuisance."

"Well, to tell the truth, papa, I did not think much of the close of the sermon," said a fashionable young lady. "Probably you were thinking more of the clothes of the congregation," replied her father.

A little girl of four years old, who was staying with an aunt of hers, was made to eat something for her dinner which she particularly disliked, and on being told to return thanks, the child solemnly put her little hands together and said: "Thank God it's over!"

"Papa," said a little boy to his parent, the other day, "are not sailors very, very small men?" "No, my dear," answered the father, "pray what leads you to suppose that they are small?" "Because," replied the young idea, smartly, "I read the other day of a sailor going to sleep in his 'watch.'"

The importance of the comma was well shown by a notice recently read in a church in Michigan, which ran as follows: "Dr. ——— will deliver a lecture on Saturday evening of this week, on The Circulation of the Blood in the Baptist Church."

When Mrs. Pinaphor read that a mill operator in Philadelphia "had a thousand hands," she looked a little credulous, and then quietly observed that "it must cost him an awful lot of money for gloves."

Ardent Lover—"I have called, sir, to ask your permission to pay my addresses to your daughter." Old Gent. (somewhat deaf)—"Pay for dresses? Why, certainly, my dear sir. Here are the bills." He gave one glance at them and then fled.

"Stop that, mister! What would ye be after doing?" cried a native of Wicklow to an English gentleman who was tying his horse to a telegraph pole. "What's the matter, Pat?" "Why, jist this, yer honor; you've hitched yer animal to the magnetic telegraph, and it's in Dublin he'll be in two minutes if ye don't secure him somewhere's else."

"Go in there, El Mahdi," said the doctor, who lived opposite the roller-skating rink, as he placed a two dollar bill in his wallet, which he had just received from a skater for dressing his scalp.

"El Mahdi!" exclaimed the patient, "why do you call the bill El Mahdi?" "Because it is the fall's profit, you know," replied the doctor, as he smilingly showed the patient out.

An old Scotch lady being in London, observed above a currier's shop door a cow's tail fixed to the wall by way of a sign. She stood for a considerable time meditating on the curious sign. The shopman went out and politely asked her what it was that drew her notice so much, upon which she answered, "Od, I've stoodden an lookit nearan' oor at that coo's tail, an' I canna see, i' the name o' wonder, for the coo cud gang in at sic a sma' hole and no be able to pu' in her tail after her."

"How did you feel?" a man was asked after telling how he was caught by the cowcatcher of a locomotive and thrown over the smoke stack into the tender. "Well, I didn't like it, although I must say I was very much taken up with it at first," he replied.