

General News.

CANADIAN.

It was decided on Monday night to take steps to submit the Scott Act in Toronto.

The Church Congress opened on Monday in St. James' schoolhouse, Toronto, the Bishop of Toronto presiding.

The petition for the submission of the Scott Act in Winnipeg is being largely signed.

The seventh annual meeting of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union commenced at Shaftesbury Hall at two o'clock p.m., on Tuesday. Mrs. Chisholm, President of the Union, presiding.

Sir Hector Langevin, Minister of Public Works, met with an enthusiastic reception at Barrie, in laying a memorial stone in the new Government buildings there.

The Hamilton Powder Mills were blown up on the 9th inst., namely, the crackers, glaze, and press. Four men were killed and two wounded.

A young child of Mr. Theotyme Letourneau, of Arlaka village, concession of Levis, Que., has died after enduring horrible suffering from swallowing a quantity of lye.

Mr. P. Jamieson was up before the Toronto Magistrates yesterday, charged with breach of the Lottery Act, by exhibiting in his window a vase filled with buttons, and offering a prize to the nearest guesser of the amount of buttons contained therein. The defendant was convicted, and a fine imposed of \$20 and costs.

While a Methodist excursion train from Halifax, N. S., on Tuesday last, with over 500 people on board was proceeding towards Hantsport on the Windsor and Annapolis line, it was suddenly stopped with a violent shock, a short distance beyond Ellershouse. An examination showed that rails had been broken and spiked with an evident malicious intent. Fortunately no injury or damage resulted. Efforts are being made to apprehend the perpetrators of the villany.

Alexander Findlater, an old and respected citizen of Lucknow, Ont., was once a hard drinker, but of late years was a total abstainer. About two weeks ago he was overtaken by his old failing. Tuesday night he closed his place of business at 6 o'clock, being then, apparently, perfectly sober. Before leaving he mixed up a dose of sulphuric acid, arsenic and whiskey. He gulped down the hideous compound, and was found shortly afterwards suffering intensely. He died at 6 a.m., Wednesday. Findlater held a high position among the Oddfellows, and was a prominent member of the craft. He left a wife and four children.

At Brussels, on Saturday night last at about 12 p. m. two men came to Mr. Hill's place, and asked for admission, which was refused by Mr. Hill. After a few minutes the door was broken in with a plank and the men came in and seized him, one presenting a revolver and demanded his money or his life. They searched the house and stole \$20 from a chest in an adjoining room. They then tore up a bag and tied Hill hand and foot to the bed post and left. Shortly after, they got to Mr. McArthur's, four lots further on, knocked at the door and asked for admission. He got up and let them in, when they seized him, one by each hand, at the same time presenting revolvers at him and asked for money. He told them where to find the keys and the money. From a drawer they took between \$70 and \$80. They also tore up a towel or towels and tied McArthur to the bed. The scoundrels, after eating a hearty meal, made off, and all traces of them have been completely lost.

FIRE. At 8:30 the evening of the 8th inst., the large planing mill belonging to and operated by Wm. Watt Brantford, was found to be in flames, and in a short time the whole concern was reduced to ashes. A number of men lost their tools, and a large quantity of sash, doors, blinds, &c., were consumed. The fire originated in the boiler-room. Loss, ten to twelve thousand dollars. Insured in the Gore Mutual for three thousand dollars.—The barn of David A. Spencer, Picton, was burned on the 8th inst., with its contents, consisting of the whole season's crop, and of farm and agricultural implements. Loss about \$4,400; insured in the London, Liverpool, and Globe for \$1,500 and Commercial Union for \$500. The cause of the fire was the explosion of a lamp while in the hands of Mr. Spencer.

UNITED STATES.

Jno. Dorner of Pittsburg, Pa., has a contract to send enough Hungarians and Italians into the Hocking Valley to break the strike. He is sending hundreds daily.

Samuel Keener was shot and killed at Uniontown, Pa., yesterday during a quarrel, by Silbrett Triplett, the detective. Triplett has been gaoled. Keener leaves a wife and family.

A freight train collided with a light engine on the Union Pacific at Elkhorn cut, Neb., on the 8th inst. The engineer and fireman of the freight were killed, and the fireman of the light engine had both legs cut off.

At Milwaukee, on the 8th inst., the ten year old daughter of farmer Kopleman threw a pumpkin at her little brother. The missile struck the child on the stomach and killed him.

At Waterbury, Conn., Richard Clark, an employee of Forepaugh's circus, while opening a ventilator in a cage had his hand seized by a tiger, and while trying to release himself was seized by two tigers and dragged inside the cage. The animals were beaten off with iron bars after Clark's arms and legs had been horribly crushed and mutilated.

At Chicago, on Tuesday night, the storm blew away into the lake a shanty in which sixteen labourers employed in the Hyde Park tunnel were lodged. The men were left clinging to the stringers or beams in a perilous position. One man came ashore on a plank this morning. It is feared that the others were drowned. The life-saving crew rescued four persons from a pier in the lake, but ten were drowned. The storm was one of great fury. It blew up suddenly, and its work of destroying the pier, which was a temporary structure, was quick and complete. The men had no means of escape beyond one small boat, which probably went adrift.

Labourers at Huntington, Oregon, held a meeting yesterday and passed resolutions declaring that no Chinamen should be employed in the town. At night the lawless crowd visited the Chinese quarter, gutted the houses, destroyed personal effects, stole money, and drove the Celestials away. The rioters burned the school house occupied as headquarters by the Oregon navigation corps of engineers, destroying instruments and personal effects. After committing other acts of violence the mob dispersed. There were no arrests.

FIRE.—At Richmond, Ky., a fire broke out on the 8th inst. in the planing mill of C. Scafford, which, aided by a heavy wind, proved very destructive. The engines were sent for from Lexington, and the fire was got under control after burning two hours. The loss will aggregate \$150,000. At Cincinnati, O., a game and toy book manufactory of Peter G. Thomson was destroyed by fire on Wednesday. Adjoining houses damaged; loss, \$100,000.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

At Birmingham the Conservative demonstration announced for the 13th was prevented by their opponents. The Liberals in great numbers forced an entrance to the Town Hall by battering in the doors with heavy planks. A free fight ensued, in the course of which furniture was used as weapons. The mobs swept from the platform the officers of the meeting and the speakers. Sir Stafford Northcote and Lord Randolph Churchill were unable to speak, and retired to a side room where they addressed a small crowd.

After the celebration of the mass yesterday in St. Peter's Church, London, the Bishop, clergy and congregation proceeded to the shrine of Edward the Confessor in Westminster Abbey, where they prayed for the conversion of England to the ancient faith. Visitors to the Abbey were much astonished.

Four thousand unemployed workmen in Glasgow have passed a resolution asking the magistrates to assist them.

Orange disturbances are again developing at Harbour Grace, St. John, N.F. The gates of the convent were torn down and flung into the sea on the 8th. One Riverhead man was beaten almost to death by Orangemen.

The University at Kieff, in Russia, has been closed, and 168 students have been arrested for alleged connection with the Nihilists. Three Socialist journals suspended some time ago are about to reappear.

A violent gale has prevailed in the Gulf of Trieste, Austria, for the past few days. A large number of fishing boats have been wrecked, and the bodies of the crew washed ashore.

A cyclone at Catania, Sicily, uprooted trees and destroyed houses. Twenty person were killed and fifty injured. Owing to the severity of the cyclone it was impossible to render assistance to sufferers during its prevalence.

The Porte has become alarmed at the increased agitation in Albania, and has ordered the garrisons to be largely reinforced.

Gen. Wolseley has ordered a concentration of the Camel Corps of 1,200 strong at Dongola. It is supposed that he intends to march over the Desert *via* Merawe or Berber.

There were 121 fresh cases of cholera, and seventy deaths in Italy during the 24 hours of Oct. 9th. It is officially announced that the cholera epidemic in Spain is over. The Queen of Portugal has sent 10,000 lire for the relief of the cholera sufferers in Naples. King Humbert has given 20,000 lire for the sufferers in Geneva.

It appears that the United States refused to act as mediator unless it was shown that China had not violated the Tien Tsin treaty.

On the 16th of September, Yokohama and Fokio, Japan, were visited by a terrible typhoon. In the latter city 3,000 houses were destroyed and twenty people killed. The loss of life at sea was appalling, and no estimate could be made of the number. The typhoon was followed by another of greater force on the 17th.