TELEGRAPHIC.

UNITED STATES.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., July 31.—The steam yacht Josephine capsized opposite Clayton, New York, at nine o'clock this morning. Five ladies were drowned. Their names are Mrs. Purcell, Binghampton; Mrs. Berkaton and daughter, Miss Pollock and Miss Bestwick, Kerwood.

St. Paul, Minn., July 31.—Gen. Terry received to-night a dispatch from Gen. Miles, dated camp on Rock Creek, eighteen miles south of the boundry, saying that Sitting Bull's band of Sioux fled northward to the Wood Mountain, leaving their property scattered along the route for fifty miles. The Sioux estimated their number at 5,000, including 2,000 fighting men. Miles says he believes his force sufficient to deal with all the Indians Sitting Bull can muster.

Memphis, August 2.—Much alarm is felt here at the prospects of disturbance arising from the stand taken by the negroes. The Minute Men are now thoroughly organized, and number 200. The Howard Assocsation have $20,000 on hand, and the expense is about $250 a day, but is daily increasing.

Memphis, Tenn., August 2.—Eight more cases of fever were reported to the Board of Health this afternoon. Among the number were E. Moon and Jno. Waters. Five additional deaths occurred to-day. Total deaths for the week ending six o'clock this afternoon were 44; yellow fever 26. Last week the total deaths were, 77; yellow fever, 34. Physicians are sanguine that the maximum death rate has been reached, and a decrease in the number of deaths can reasonably be expected. A drenching rain fell this afternoon.

Memphis, August 2.—Six cases of fever and two deaths since last night. Miss Endosa Athey, daughter of the Chief of Police, died at Raleigh this morning. Her mother's condition is unfavorable. The last passenger train on the Louisville and Nashville road left last night. No mails received by that rout this morning. The fever to be declared epidemic to-night.

Memphis, Tenn., August 3.—Twelve new cases were reported to the Board of Health to-day, six of whom were colored. Two deaths have occurred—Fritz Wehrum and Maggie Downey. The death rate to date has been 33⅓ per cent.

Memphis, Tenn., August 5.—Eighteen cases in all were reported to the Board of Health to-day, ten of whom were colored. Two additional deaths have occurred, John Waters and Ida Repter. The fever is gradually spreading.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 5.—It is reported that the city is entirely free from yellow fever.

Galveston,, Texas, August 2.—A special from San Antonia says advices from Colonel Valdez, at Chumpedaras de La Fieve, Mexico, state that he has pursued the bands of Mescilaro and Lipan Indians, which have been raiding that country. They carried off 250 horses and killed fifteen persons in Mexico, and are now raiding into Texas. The United States troops are out in detachments engaged in scouting.

ZULULAND.

London, August 3.—A Cape Town dispatch dated July 15th says Crealock's cavalry have burned Ondini and Mugoende on the eastern line of the British advance. Dabulmazi, Cetewayo's brother and several other important chiefs have surrendered to Chelmsford.

London, August 3.—Sir Garnet Wolseley's dispatch to the War Office says: "I propose to form a brigade of artillery and engineers, and a squadron of cavalry for the Transvaal. I am reducing expenditures. I have given permission to Lord Chelmsford to return to England. I am disbanding some of the irregular cavalry. Cetewayo is said to be in Ingome forest." A dispatch from Kwamagwasa, July 11, states that the Colonial Cavalry Corps has been ordered to be disbanded.

ITALY.

London, July 31.—A Rome dispatch says that Gen. Garibaldi's suit for the annulment of his marriage with Signori Raimond will be brought before the Court of Appeal on the 7th of August.

GERMANY.

London, July 31.—A Rome dispatch says the final decision of the German Government on the religious questions at issue with the Vatican is as follows: All of the exiled clergy who ask permission will be allowed to return to Germany; the May laws will be tacitly suspended provided the clergy obey the common law, and all fresh nominations are to be submitted to the Government. The Pope is satisfied with these terms.

Kissengen, Aug. 6.—It is denied on good authority that any arrangement has been concluded for the settlement of the religious questions between Germany and the Vatican. Prince Bismarck will yield the essential point in the Falk Laws to secure a *modus vivendi*.

London, Aug. 5.—A Berlin correspondent reports the Ultramontane journal *Germania*, which has hitherto been skeptical as to the probability of an early peace between Rome and Berlin, says Bismarck has recently received fresh communications from Cardinal Vina, the Papal Secretary of State, but its publicity is withheld for the present.

SPAIN.

London, Aug. 5.—The *Times* says the Spanish Bishops, at the request of the Government, have agreed to temporarily relinquish one-quarter of their stipends to the relief of the public finances.

FRANCE.

Versailles, July 31.—The Chamber of Deputies adopted the recommendations of the Committee to reduce the stipends of the bishops and archbishops, and to increase the stipends of the minor clergy.

Paris, August 1.—The Government opposed the reduction of the stipends to Bishops, and was defeated by a vote of 186 to 133 in the Chamber of Deputies.

New York, August 3.—The *Graphic's* Paris special says the Finance Committee of the Chamber of Deputies has submitted to the Chambers a resolution providing for the sale of crown jewels, and for the payment of the money thus received into the public treasury. Their value is great. They embrace articles which have been handed down from generation to generation by the successive rulers of the country to their descendants and many of these possess uncommon historical interest value, as well as great intrinsic value.

Nancy, August 3.—There was an enormous crowd at the unveiling of the statue to ex-President Thiers. De Marcere, Minister of the Interior, declared in his speech that the Government was resolved to remain true to the noble ideas of Thiers, namely: Conservative Republic, guarding national traditions, and the just influence of France in Europe and in the whole world.

GREAT BRITAIN.

London, July 31.—In the House of Commons to-day, the Chancellor of the Exchequer stated that the Government proposed to ask a vote of £3,000,000, on account of the expenses of the war in South Africa, which sum, if not sufficient, would, at all events, suffice for the expenses until the next session of Parliament. The new credit thus asked for will raise the expenditure for the Zulu war to £4,500,000. The Chancellor stated that the new credit would transform the surplus, estimated at the introduction of the Budget, into a deficit of £1,163,000. He said the Government hopes to recover this sum from the South African colonies, and would ask authority to raise the remainder by Exchequer bonds.

London, Aug. 1.—A private dispatch states that cholera is raging fearfully among the troops returning to India from Afghanistan. The Fifth Hussars lost forty men in one day, and the Seventeenth Foot one hundred and ninety-five by the epidemic.

London, Aug.,—The storm on Saturday was the severest known here for many years, and caused immense injury. The loss by rain, hail and inundation will be irreparable this season, while the loss of live stock is serious. The storm was attended by a fall of hailstones some of which were five inches in circumference. The damage to glass immediately around London is thousands of pounds. In a great part of Bedfordshire the hay crop has been completely swept away. Many cattle were drowned. Newmarket and neighborhood is flooded. The rainfall in Buckinghamshire is estimated at seventy tons per acre. Damage by flood and lightning is also reported from Cambridge, Norfolk, Guilford, Leicester, Bath and Monmouth.

The House of Commons to-day went into Committee on the Irish University Bill, Mr. Smith, a Home Ruler, and a member for Westmeath, having, after a protracted debate, withdrew his motion, that the subject was too important for consideration at the end of the session of Parliament.

London, Aug. 5—The Iron steamship Louis David, of Antwerp, bound for Naples, has been wrecked during a fearful fog off the dangerous island of Ushant, France. Twenty-seven persons were drowned, and the rest of the crew and passengers had a narrow and wonderful escape.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

SEVERAL BUSINESS HOUSES IN HAMILTON DESTROYED.

Hamilton, Aug. 1.—The most disastrous conflagation which has ever occurred in this city broke out at 5.50 this afternoon. The alarm was struck from box 39, for a fire in McInnes Block, on the corner of King and John streets. The block was a large five-story, solid stone structure, one of the finest in the city, and was occupied by D. McInnes & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants; Furner, Livingstone & Co., wholesale millinary dealers; the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society, and the Bank of Hamilton. The fire started in the fifth story, in the part occupied by Furner, Livingstone & Co., and the flames spread with lightning rapidity. Although the firemen were promptly on hand, the fire had already made great headway, and was sweeping everything before it, making all efforts to stay its progress unavailing. So scorching was the heat that the firemen were unable at first to play on the burning building, sinders flew so thick and fast that it was feared at one time that the whole business centre was doomed. The buildings in the immediate vicinity of the fire were on fire several times, but by strenuous efforts these fires were extinguished, and the fire confined to John and King streets. The bank books and Messrs. McInnes' books were all saved. So black looking at one time was the prospects that assistance was telegraphed for to St. Catharines and Toronto, but by 9.30 the fire had about burnt itself out; not, however, until McInnes' building was completely gutted. The fine new warehouse of Sandford, Vail & Bickley, occupied also on the ground floor by the Merchants' Bank and Dixon Bros., wholesale fruit dealers, was badly burned. The bank books are, no doubt, safe as the fire did not attain such headway in this building. The total loss will reach over half a million dollars. Some insurance companies will loose heavily.

Hamilton, Aug. 2.—It was hoped that the disastrous fire of last night had passed with no fatal accident, but we have to chronicle a terrible one this forenoon. Shortly after seven o'cock, Mr. Hennessy, with C. Powell, Wm. Ogilvie and John Rogers, proceeded to open the vaults of the Bank of Hamilton. In the meantime, James Ivory, William Seymour and John Nibbs, employees of the gass works, proceeded to fix the gas-pipe at the north-east corner of the building. At 7.30 the wall fell with a fearful crash. Hennessey and his companions escaped with their lives, Powell being struck on the leg. Ivory and his companions were buried in the ruins, and their bodies have not yet been recovered, and the *debris* is so hot that it is impossible to do anything at present.

Hamilton, Aug. 3.—This morning a married man named James Hancock, residing on Locomotive street, while engaged in oiling the upper portion of a derrick in course of erection for hoisting stone out of the basement of the McInnes Block destroyed by fire on Friday, in order to recover the bodies of the three men buried in the ruins Saturday morning, was precipitated into the stone and *debris* below, a distance of twenty-five or thirty feet, and striking on his forehead had his skull fractured so badly that the brains protruded. The man was conveyed to his house, where he died in a short time after.

Hamilton, Aug. 5.—This morning the tardy operations to recover the bodies of the three victims of Saturday's accident were recommenced, and about eight o'clock the first of the bodies, that of Nibbs, was found, and the other two in quick succession, being only about six feet from each other. They were found under an area into which they had run, but the terrible weight had crushed it in upon them. One of the bodies gave the appearence of being suffocated. They are in an advanced state of decomposition. An inquest will be held immediately. The bodies are now at the Morgue awaiting it.

HAMILTON LETTER.

THE GREAT FIRE—RETURN OF HIS LORDSHIP—NEW STATUE FOR ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

Special Correspondence of the RECORD.

From day to day our Hamilton dailies published glowing accounts of new manufactories and other industrious enterprises, and it was gratifying to every well-wisher of our commonwealth to see the great number of men who would find profitable employment within those new undertakings. Everything seemed to go well with our thriving city, and all were satisfied that we were making long strides towards prosperity, and that hard times belonged once more to the past. So we calculated, as the "Yankee" would say, but we were to be awakened from our dreams by the peal of the fire-bells and the clang and the noise of hurrying fire-engines, the cries of firemen and the commands of their officers; and it was the long and continued peals of the fire-bells which brought me to the scene of the conflagration, instead of sitting quietly in our splendid St. Patrick's Church to listen to the choir, of which I intended to speak this week. This fire is a great calamity to our city. Besides the immense destruction of property, the loss of life, etc., it leaves about one thousand men out of employment. The actual losses, between Messrs. McInnes, Vail & Bikley, Furner & Livingstone, and others, will mount up over one million of dollars, and, as far as I can learn, that amount is not half covered by insurance. Almost every building consumed by fire might have been called an ornament to the city, especially McInnes' block, which was a very beautiful structure, in modern style of architecture, with all modern improvements, and built of Ohio stone. I think those gentlemen will never erect another costly block again, but will build a much plainer structure. Three men who were detailed by the Gas Company to turn off the gas in the ruined buildings were killed by falling walls. Their bodies have not been recovered yet, although men are working at the place day and night. May this be the last conflagration it shall be our lot to witness, and may the cities take a lesson by this fire, because our waterworks did not seem to have the desired pressure, and on the other hand that modern commodity, the elevator, acts like a mammoth chimney for a large fire. It imparts the flame to every story with lightning rapidity and devours everything in its way, in spite of sufficient pressure and water-supply.

His Lordship, after an absence of one week, arrived home again, much improved in health.

A marble statue, brought by His Lordship from Italy, is unpacked, and will be erected on St. Mary's altar. The statue, which is a masterpiece of sculpture, represents the Blessed Virgin, and is executed in the finest Italian pure white marble. Judges pronounce the figure well worth from $1,500 to $2,000.

CHERUBINI.

Hamilton, Aug. 4, 1879.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Stratford, July 31.—John Rumford, confined in Stratford jail, awating trial at fall assizes for forgery, escaped from jail last night. He sawed the bars of his cell in which he was confined, opened another door with a chisel, and placed a board against the outside wall, climbed over and was free. He had made an attempt to escape before and extra care was taken with him, but he managed to elude the vigilance of his keepers. A reward of $50 is offered for his capture.

Guelph, Ont., July 31.—Wm. McHardy one of the pipe layers on the water works, got his leg broken yesterday by the embankment caving in on him. Daniel Sharp, another of the gang, was seriously injured.

Three Rivers, Que., July 31.—Intelligence of a sad and fatal accident has just reached this city from Becancour. A farmer of that place named J. B Champoux, when using a reaping machine on Tuesday, jumped from his machine in front of the machine while still in motion, fell and was dragged across the field, the teeth of the reaper completely severing one leg. He died in a few hours from loss of blood.

Oshawa, August 1—A compressed air bath exploded here this morning, the proprietor, Mr. John Sykes, having one leg broken in two places by the plates of the bath striking him as they were thrown outward by the excessive pressure to which they were put. A young man named Hunter, from Millbrook, was in the bath at the time, but, strange to say, escaped unhurt, with the exception of a severe nervous shock. The safety valve, it is thought, became deranged, preventing the escape of the too high pressure of air which caused the explosion. Mr. Sykes is doing as well as can be expected.

Carillon, Aug. 1.—Solomon Goavell, fireman on the steamer Prince of Wales, was instantly killed before landing at Carillon at noon to-day, being almost cut in two by some part of the engine.

Clifton, August 1.—The oldest son of the Rev. F. J. Fessenden, Chippawa, Ont., about fourteen years old, started out on Wednesday morning to go fishing and has not yet been heard of or seen. It is supposed some accident has befallen him.

St. Stanislas, Que., August 1.—A young man named A. V. Eillet, aged about twenty-four, disappeared on Thursday morning. His parents noticed he went away with very few clothes on, and thought afterwards that he intended to drown himself. His body was found this morning in the river. Dr. Desruviers thinks it was from an attack of madness that he committed suicide. His conduct was very eccentric for some time past.

Belleville, Aug 2.—Mr. Abel R. Gilbert, a well known farmer of Sidney, was murderously assaulted yesterday afternoon by a man named Fregansier, with whom he had been engaged in threshing at Mr. Ketcham Graham's. The parties had quarrelled and when walking together afterwards Fregansier suddenly assailed Gilbert with the king bolt of a wagon, knocking him down and continuing to beat him until Dr. Coleman appeared and prevented the further abuse of the prostrate man. The assailant was brought before the Police Court to-day. He was remanded.

Napanee, Ont., Aug. 2.—Two prisoners, Deler and Magar, awaiting trial on a charge of horse stealing, escaped from jail here this morning, after brutally beating the turnkey, Clark, into a state of insensibility. One hundred dollars reward has been offered for their capture.

Bobcaygeon, Ont., Aug. 2.—A most terrific wind storm, accompanied by torrents of rain, vivid lightning and heavy thunder visited this village about four o'clock this afternoon. Shade trees were torn up by the roots and carried some distance. The roof of N. B. Reid's house was partially blown off, and part of the walls of a new brick building in course of erection were blown over. Windows also suffered severely.

Welland, Ont., August 3.—This evening about seven o'clock a little boy, about five years of age, son of James Tuckey, was drowned in the canal. The body was found six or eight minutes after.

Hamilton, August 3.—Last night Mrs. Upthegrove was burnt to death. It appears that while she was attending to the stove she upset a coal oil lamp, and in her endeavor to extinguish the flames her own clothes caught fire.

Welland, Ont., Aug. 4.—A man named Shelly *alias* Elliott, who is believed to have murdered a man named Duocy on a scow in Welland, in June, 1877, was arrested in Hagersville this morning. The evidence is not fully known yet, but he has been remanded for a hearing before the Mayor.

Brownsville, Ont., August 5.—A colored man named Charles Taylor was found dead in a cattle-guard west of Brownsville station on Sunday morning. At the inquest, held by Coroner Minchall, a verdict of killed by a train on the C. S. R., near read crossing, was returned.

COMMERCIAL.

London Markets.

London, August 16, 1879.

GRAIN—Receipts during the past week have been variable, some days fair, other days exceedingly light, but altogether less than the average. Wheat prices are without any noticeable change from last week's quotations. A good deal of new wheat comes in, but so far the market has not been materially affected by it, and the difference in rates paid for new and old is but a shade. The supply of oats has fallen off considerably with a decline in price.

HAY—Is liberally offered; the quantity of well-saved hay coming to market when other field products are so scarce is remarkable. Rates easy, at $7 per ton.

POTATOES—Are becoming so plentiful that the market is rapidly declining; best sorts at 40c per bushel.

APPLES—Green and harvest apples in great abundance and seem slow of sale at any price. One holder this morning offered his stock at 75c per barrel.

BUTTER—Is rather scarce and dearer, good rolls will bring 13c to 15c per lb.

EGGS—Are offered in fair quantities, and are unchanged in price.

GRAIN				
White Wheat, Deihl, ℔ 100 lbs		$1 65	to	1 75
" Treadwell "		1 65	to	1 73
Red Fall "	"	1 65	to	1 70
Spring "	"	1 35	to	1 67
Corn		1 65	to	1 67
Oats		1 05	to	1 10
Peas		0 85	to	1 00
Barley		1 00	to	1 10
Rye		0 80	to	0 90
Buckwheat		0 00	to	0 00
Beans		0 00	to	0 00
FLOUR AND FEED.				
Fall Wheat Flour,	℔ Cwt.	2 75	to	3 00
Mixed Flour	"	2 50	to	2 75
Spring Flour	"	2 50	to	2 75
Buckwheat Flour		2 25	to	2 50
Graham Flour		2 50	to	2 75
Cracked Wheat		2 25	to	2 50
Cornmeal	"	1 25	to	1 50
Bran, per ton		10 00	to	12 00
Shorts, ℔ "		14 00	to	16 00
Oatmeal, ℔ cwt		2 50	to	2 75
PRODUCE.				
Eggs, Store Lots, ℔ doz		0 10	to	0 12½
" Farmers' "		0 00	to	0 00
Butter, Crock		0 10	to	0 13
" Rolls		0 12	to	0 15
" Firkins		0 00	to	0 00
Cheese, Dairy, ℔ lb		0 05½	to	0 06
" Factory "		0 05½	to	0 07
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Mutton, lb		0 07	to	0 08
Lamb, ℔ qr.		1 00	to	1 25
Beef, pr lb		0 6½	to	0 07
Geese, each		0 35	to	0 60
Turkeys, each		0 60	to	1 25
Dried Apples ℔ lb		0 90	to	1 50
Onions, ℔ bush		0 65	to	0 75
Hay, ℔ ton		7 00	to	8 00
Straw, ℔ load		1 50	to	3 00
Live Hogs, ℔ cwt		0 00	to	0 00
Dressed Hogs		5 50	to	6 00
Chickens, ℔ pair		0 30	to	0 50
Ducks		0 30	to	0 50
Turnips ℔ bush		0 25	to	0 25
Carrots		0 25	to	0 30
Cordwood, No. 1 dry, ℔ cord		4 00	to	4 50
Apples, ℔ bag		0 50	to	0 75
Potatoes bag		1 50	to	0 75
Clover Seed		0 00	to	0 00
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" Benzine	"	"		0 13
L Gravity Parafine Oil	"	"		0 13
82 O. R. Co.'s trans. wa can., ℔ lb				0 18
SKINS AND HIDES.				
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Calfskins, green, ℔ lb		0 09	to	0 11
" dry "		0 12	to	0 00
Hides, green, "		0 05	to	0 06
" dry "		0 08	to	0 10
Tallow, rendered "		0 06	to	0 6½
Wool, "		0 18	to	0 20

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