

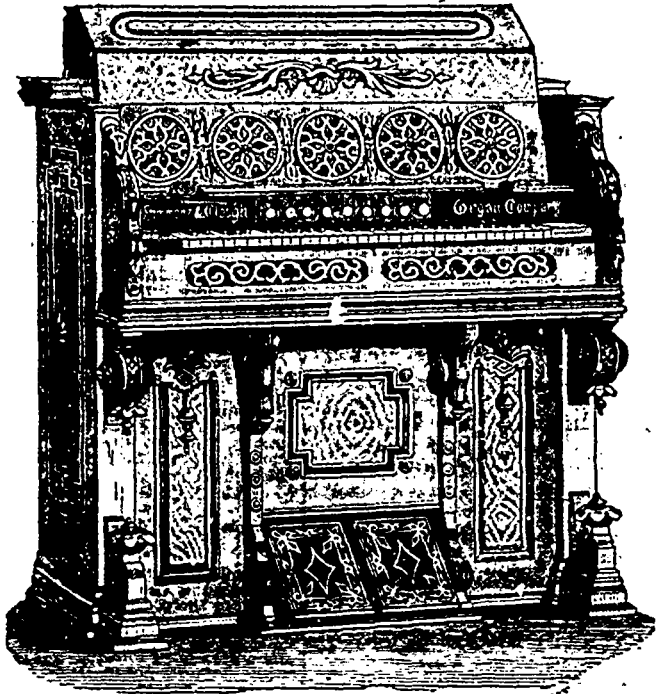
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Count Malvaris, of Italy, has invented an earthquake indicator, to give warning of coming shocks. The instant that a trembling of the earth occurs the mechanism fires off a gun.

The Rome correspondent of the Paris Journal des Debats asserts that the Pope has prudently laid by over forty million francs to meet possible adversities, and that he would carry it with him to the United States if forced to leave Italy.

The President of the French Geographical Society has handed to Mr. Washburne a gold medal, presented by the Society to the family of Captain Hall, in commemoration of the exploits of this Arctic explorer.

Brussels, 16th.—In the Chamber of Deputies this evening, the Minister of Foreign Affairs stated that the Government yesterday, received Germany's reply to it last note. The reply cites no fresh facts. It discounts on the principles of international law involved in the discussion, and expresses a hope that Belgium will seize the opportunity to dissipate the impression that Germany intended to attack the liberty of the press in Belgium. The Minister after informing the House of the contents of the note, said that in addition to this correspondence courteous verbal explanations had been exchanged with the German representative, and in conclusion he assured the Chamber that the Belgium Government sincerely desired to strengthen their good relations with Germany.

Berlin, 16th.—The bill abrogating those clauses of the constitution which grant independent administration of ecclesiastical affairs, the unimpeded intercourse of religious associations with their superiors; and freedom of clerical appointments, passed its second reading to day in the Lower House of the Prussian diet. In the course of the debate Prince Bismarck said the Government was loath to proceed to such measures but they were unavoidable. The Prince then closed his speech with the following words:—"When all the breaches in the bulwarks of the State, caused by granting too many rights to unworthy objects, are repaired, then will we be able to conclude a peace."

A few days ago General Garibaldi received several officers of the German Army. The object of their visit was to testify the admiration felt by them for the part taken in the war of 1870 by the Army of the Vosges. It is clear that the unfavourable view adopted by certain jealous Frenchmen is not likely to be the verdict of the impartial historian.



CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

OTTAWA, 6th April, 1875.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Excellency, the Governor-General, by an Order in Council bearing date the 3rd inst., and under the authority vested in him by the 4th section of the 31st Victoria, Cap. 6, has been pleased to order and direct that the following article be transferred to the list of goods, which may be imported into Canada free of duty, viz:—

"Ground Gypsum for agricultural purposes."

By command,

J. JOHNSON,
Commissioner of Customs.

April 15, 1875.

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