

General News.

CANADIAN.

Frosts occurred on Monday morning at several places in Lower Canada.

The crops are now being cut at Minnedosa, Man., and they are in splendid condition. There is no damage by frost in that section.

There was a heavy frost at Quebec Monday night, and oats, potatoes, and most other vegetables in the surrounding country were badly damaged. The mercury fell 40 degrees within 48 hours.

A man named Bush, of the township of Hinchinbook, has been nearly gored to death by a bull. The animal had been chained, and got loose, and while trying to get him secure he turned on Bush and gored him. Bush's back and head were badly injured.

A terrible accident happened at Hamilton last week at the new purifying house now being erected at the city gas works. A carpenter named Wm. Fogwell was assisting in taking down a scaffold on the south side of the building when it suddenly gave way and precipitated him to the ground, a distance of 20 feet, breaking his neck. Death was instantaneous. Deceased was about 44 years of age, and leaves a wife and six children.

About one o'clock Sunday morning a tremendous fire broke out at the mill owned by McBurney & Co., West Gravenhurst. The fire originated in the lumber yard and soon spread to the mill, which was completely destroyed. Loss on lumber, about \$30,000, mill and machinery, \$20,000; insured for about \$35,000. The fire is supposed to have been set by tramps.

A terrible double tragedy occurred Monday morning in the public school at Markdale, South Grey. During the eleven o'clock recess Mr. Norris, the head-master, made a proposal of marriage to Miss Ford, the second teacher, and on receiving a refusal, shot her three times, inflicting wounds from which she now lies in a critical condition. He then shot himself, dying within an hour.

Another incendiary fire was placed in the hardware store of R. Kingan, corner of Hunter and Chambers streets, Peterboro', on Monday morning. The fire progressed so far that before the firemen could check the flames the hardware store was destroyed, Griffin's shoe shop and factory adjoining was badly gutted, as well as Harris' pawnshop next Griffin's. This is the third incendiary attempt within a fortnight within 100 feet of the corner where this fire originated.

A few minutes before eleven Tuesday morning on the St. Louis express, which leaves Toronto at ten minutes past seven over the Credit Valley road, was passing a public crossing about two miles and a half west of Ingersoll, the engineer espied close ahead of him a little girl about three years old sitting on the track with a dog. The engine was going at full speed and though the airbrakes were at once applied it was too late, and the whole train passed over the unfortunate child.

A terrible calamity took place in Port Hope on Sunday afternoon, in the burning to death of the infant son of Mr. Joseph Cooper, and the total destruction of his residence and its contents. It is supposed that the eldest child of the three left in the house, the rest of the family being for the time absent, set the place ablaze through playing with matches.

A fatal accident occurred on the Great Western Division at Mount Brydges, Saturday, resulting in the instantaneous death of Henry Lemon, and the serious injury of his sister, both residents of that locality. Train No. 6 express, due at Mount Brydges at 10.47, arrived at 12.2. Henry Lemon and his sister Marthy, were crossing the track, when the horse became unmanageable, and, dashing on the track, the buggy was struck by the engine of the express.

UNITED STATES.

There are three cases of leprosy at Granite, Minn.

It is stated that 15,000 Italians have returned to their native land from New York, the past month. Lack of work and bad treatment are said to be the causes of the exodus.

A severe frost occurred Sunday night at Troy, N.Y., corn and buckwheat was damaged. Despatches from various parts of New Hampshire, Vermont and Connecticut, also report heavy frosts Sunday night, the crops being damaged in many places.

Dr. John C. Waters died on Sunday at St. Vincent's hospital, Indianapolis. He was chief of the Fenian organization, having succeeded James Stephens as head centre.

The heaviest rain of the season fell at Bismarck, Dakota, last week. Reports from the West show much damage. At Belfield the crops were entirely destroyed by hail. At Little Missouri, it is reported that eleven miles of railroad were washed out. Harvesting at Bismarck is nearly finished, and there will be but little damage.

The People's Bank at St. Paul has been robbed of \$10,000. The bank officials are confident the criminal is Edward Mason, aged 16, and book-keeper in the bank who has been missing since the robbery.

A train stopped at Drawbridge, on the Pensacola and Atlantic Railway finding no signals to go ahead. The conductor went forward and found the watchman murdered with 23 balls in his body, which was laid on the track.

Damage by Friday's storm at Greenfield, Mass., is much greater than supposed. The New London Northern R.R. was damaged \$60,000. All crops are damaged, acres of them utterly ruined. Corn lies flat in all directions. Mountain roads are impassable. Three young boys from England students at the Moody school at Gill, were drowned last evening while bathing.

Harman City, Michigan, on the shore of Saginaw bay, was totally destroyed by forest fires on Sunday, only two buildings in the place escaping. The progress of the flames in other portions of the State has been stopped by heavy rains.

A report has just been received at Boston, from Cottage City, saying that the U.S. steamer *Tallapoosa* collided with a coal steamer off Martha's Vineyard and immediately sank. She was a fourth rate paddle steamer of 650 tons, carried two howitzers, and was used as a dispatch vessel. She had a crew of 160 officers and men.

Cubans collected in large numbers last week at Key West, expecting the arrival of Generals Gomez and Macoe. It is supposed their mission is to feel the pulse of the Cubans preparatory to organizing a grand expedition to free Cuba. Don Carlos Triste was the only person that arrived. Gomez is still in New Orleans. He is expected in about ten days. The movement contemplated by those officers, if perfected, will be a respectable attempt for liberty by the Cubans.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Henry George Bohn, author and publisher, is dead.

Lord Odo Russell, British Ambassador at Berlin, is dead.

Seven thousand troops will leave England this week for the Soudan.

General Wolseley proceeds to Egypt immediately to assume command.

The British Government has decided to employ Canadian boatmen to navigate the vessels carrying the Gordon relief expedition through the Nile rapids. Six hundred men are to be engaged in Ottawa for the purpose, and they are expected to be ready to leave Quebec by the 13th prox.

Salvation Army riots occurred last week at Worthing. The Riot Act was read and the dragoons dispersed the assailants of the army.

Great excitement was caused in London Tuesday by a rumor that gained currency that the Queen was dead. Investigation, however, showed that the report was a cruel and senseless hoax.

Mr. Henry M. Stanley has been received with great hospitality during his present visit to the Loudon City.

The electricians on board the steamer *Faraday* completed, on Monday, the laying of the deep sea section of the second Mackay-Bennett cable, and buoyed the end. The steamer is now returning to London, where the American end of the second cable will be put on board.

Cholera is decreasing in Marseilles and Toulon, but increasing in the provinces. At Clermont the priest officiating at the altar was seized with cholera and died on the spot.

Cholera is increasing in Corsica. Four deaths occurred near Agaccio. Several persons have been nearly killed from over-fumigation at the Italian frontier.

Notwithstanding the bombardment of the Arsenal at Foo Chow no official declaration of war has yet been issued by either France or China.

The natives of the Zambeze country have revolted and killed or wounded the entire Portuguese forces. Reinforcements have been asked for. Mr. O'Neill, the British vice-consul there, is missing.

The King of Ashantee recently died, and three hundred subjects were killed at the funeral in his honor. A new king has been appointed, and the Ashantee chiefs have asked that the country be annexed to the English possessions because of his notorious cruelties.

Tales and Sketches.

A THRILLING SCENE.

A few years ago I was in company with a gentleman who just returned from the city of L——, in New England. He said he put up at the hotel, and for a time took his seat in the bar room.

The door opened suddenly, and a woman stepped in. She was the very picture of agony; her hair dishevelled, her dress negligent, her eye un-