

## General News.

## CANADIAN.

The fruit crop in the Ottawa district promises to be very poor this season.

Toronto City Council has voted \$2,000 to aid the sufferers by the Port Perry fire.

Mr. J. A. Chapleau, Secretary of State, has gone to British Columbia.

The Megantic federal election on Thursday resulted in the election of Hon. E. Langelier, Mayor of Quebec, Liberal, by 31 majority over Mr. Turgeon.

The agent sent to England by the Montreal cotton manufacturers states that no goods can be sold in that market except at a sacrifice ruinous to Canadian manufacturers.

A convict named Lindsay committed from Elgie county for forgery, has disappeared from the Penitentiary at Kingston.

Beache's Mills at West Winchester, Ont., were totally destroyed by fire on Saturday. The loss of property is roughly estimated at \$200,000, and no insurance.

At Sandwich Springs, Thursday, a Detroit rough named Peck stabbed one Whitney, who had punished him for insulting a lady. Whitney is seriously but not dangerously hurt. Peck is in gaol.

A man named Dalton attempted suicide in the Don, Toronto, on Monday afternoon. He was rescued by two boys.

The fine large dwelling of Mr. Henry Bell at Ridgeville, was totally destroyed by fire last Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Bell were at church when the fire broke out. Loss on the building \$3,000, covered by insurance in the Commercial Union, and Caledonia Companies.

Miss Ross, daughter of Mr. P. S. Ross, accountant, of Montreal, and her cousin Miss Barry, of Glasgow, Scotland, were drowned at Valois, near Montreal on Thursday, while bathing.

The C. P. R. Steamer *Alberta* on her up trip collided with the steam barge *Pacific* at the foot of Neebish Rapids. Both vessels were considerably damaged, notwithstanding which the *Alberta* continued her journey, and arrived at Port Arthur Thursday, with her port bow stove in and other injuries. She had 200 passengers and 800 tons of freight.

On the morning of the 9th a young man named John Smith, who had shot a deer at Sharlow Lake, was engaged in making a raft to bring it home, when George Adams, seeing Smith's black cap through the bushes, and mistaking it for the head of a bear, fired, killing him instantly.

## UNITED STATES.

Mayor Scoville, of Buffalo, has opened a subscription list for the sufferers by the Port Perry fire.

A violent thunder storm passed over Syracuse Saturday morning. Four persons were injured; none seriously.

Leventhal & Mandelbaum, of New York, millinery goods, have assigned. Liabilities \$100,000.

Five tenement houses were burned at Rochester, Pa., Tuesday morning. Twenty-five occupants barely escaped.

An Albany special says that about six hundred workmen employed on the Capitol building have to be discharged this week for lack of sufficient appropriation.

The inquest upon the bodies of the men killed in the Cincinnati riot has just been concluded, with the result that one man is said to have been unlawfully killed by the militia.

An unknown man, stealing a ride on the top of a sleeping car, was ground to pieces while passing through the Central tunnel at Syracuse, N. Y., on Saturday morning.

Halsted, Haines, & Co., wholesale dry-goods, Broadway, New York, have assigned. Liabilities in the neighborhood of two millions.

James Reilly, a showman, who was bitten by a rattlesnake on Sunday, at New York, died on Monday night. The body presented a horrible appearance. Ammonia and whiskey were administered in large quantities, but without effect.

Nicholas Eublehoer, contractor in the carrying business between Point Abino, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and Buffalo, fell from one of his barges to-day, and was drowned. His son was drowned off the same barge ten days ago.

The boiler of Carter's saw mill in Bloomington, Ind., exploded Tuesday evening and blew the mill to atoms. Over a dozen men were in the structure. John Carter, Wesley Carter, Wm. Graves, G. C. Rever were killed. Others were severely injured.

The sheep and cattle industry in the western part of Texas is threatened with annihilation by drouth. Sheep men with flocks are arriving daily at Eagle Pass, seeking ingress into Mexico. The water holes and streams on the American side of the Rio Grande River are dried up.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Karl Richard Lepsius, the celebrated Orientalist, died in London the other day.

Ninety Nationalists and Orangemen, who were arrested in Belfast for participating in the riots of the Twelfth, have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

Mr. Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist sailed for New York on Monday. In an interview with a reporter of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, prior to his departure from London, Mr. Moody stated that he believed London was now the most religious city in the world.

In the House of Lords, Lord Cairns' amendment to the Franchise Bill, postponing the extension of the franchise until a re-distribution of seats scheme had been concluded, was adopted by a vote of 205 to 146.

Minister Lowell has entirely recovered from his severe attack of gout with the exception of a feeling of soreness and stiffness in his legs. Mrs. Lowell gave a reception on Friday, which was attended by most of the prominent Americans now in London.

At a meeting of Liberals, Mr. Gladstone said the cabinet had decided to close parliament as soon as possible, and call a new session at a very early date to again pass the Franchise Bill, and submit it to the Lords. Parliament would reassemble in October. He thought the Lords would not again reject the bill. When Parliament meets next year, the whole energies of Government would be devoted to the passage of a complete measure for the re-distribution of seats. Mr. John Bright hoped the power of the Lords would be curtailed.

The French Government has granted 2,500,000 francs for the relief of the cholera sufferers and for staying the epidemic.

A freight train collided with a passenger train at Bayeux, France, on Saturday, and forty persons were injured.

The Austrian Imperial Government is planning the establishment of colonies for Austro-Hungarian workmen, modelled upon those proposed by Germany.

The interior of the Royal Armory, Madrid, was destroyed by fire Thursday morning. Most of the contents were saved.

There were nineteen deaths from yellow fever in Havana last week.

A peaceful settlement of the Franco-Chinese difficulty seems likely. The representatives of China adopt a conciliatory tone and are understood to offer fair reparation.

There was an explosion in a powder factory at Como, Italy, on Thursday. Six persons were killed and a number injured.

Advices from St. Paul de Loanda, Africa, state that the French are encroaching, and have had a conflict with Stanley's men under Pollock.

The cholera is raging furiously in France. Many persons have been knocked down and trampled in the great crowd that seek to obtain tickets at the railway stations at Marseilles.

Dr. Koch remains firm in his expressed opinion that the cholera scourge must spread throughout Europe. He says that America, if great vigilance is exercised in quarantine precautions, will probably escape.

There is a regular panic at Marseilles. It is estimated that 120,000 people have left since the outbreak of cholera there, and the distress consequent upon such an abnormal exodus from that city and Toulon, particularly in the outlying districts, which depend almost solely for existence on their urban trade, is pitiful. A call to arms has been issued and excited meetings have been held, but no outbreak has so far taken place.

In England great uneasiness is beginning to manifest itself in the large cities because of the negligence of the authorities in taking the necessary precautionary measures against the introduction of the plague.

## Tales and Sketches.

## NOT A DROP MORE, DANIEL.

ADAPTED FOR PUBLIC READING BY COL. THOS. J. SHEA.

Daniel Akin had become a confirmed drunkard. So fully had he come under the dominion of the bottle, that he was perfectly miserable when he could not obtain the means of gratifying his thirst. He had neglected his family till his wife's father had taken her and the children to the parental roof. He spent all his substance in drink, and was kept from the poor house only by performing menial service for his food, by the kindness of Thomas Edgerton, a devout member of the Society of Friends, who had known him from his youth, who had a strong hope that, in the course of time, he would see his folly and turn again into the right path.

Hoskins, the leading liquor seller of the place, had let him have drink so long as his money lasted, but would trust him no longer. He was lounging about the saloon one bright moonlight evening pleading with the keeper to trust him for a drink. His reply was sharp and unfeeling.

"Not a drop more, Daniel!"