

CABLE LETTER.

Extraordinarily Hot Weather - Its Effects on Society and the Fixtures.

Mrs. Langtry - The Inclination Towards American Peaches - Napoleon's Throne Chair.

(Special Correspondence Associated Press.) LONDON, Sept. 28. - The extraordinary hot weather eclipses all topics in England this week.

CASES OF SUN-STROKE

during the week and several fatalities resulted in various parts of the country. At Newmarket, where the first October race meeting opened on Tuesday, the heat was terrible, 90 degrees in the shade being recorded.

It is rumored that Mrs. Langtry contemplates marriage with Sir Robert Peel, in the event of her securing a divorce in the courts of California.

THE MATRIMONIAL MARKET.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt to the Duke of Marlborough calls to mind the fact that just prior to the Duke's departure for New York he purchased in Europe a very costly ring worth \$20,000.

The Daily News says the engagement of the Duke of Marlborough and the millionaire Mrs. Vanderbilt gives additional support to the theory of the principle of quality being deemed in America.

The Prince of Wales intends to be in Newmarket for the second October and at the end of October will be the guest of Mr. Harry McCalmont, with whom he will shoot at Chevely.

TREASURES FOR CALIFORNIA'S MUSEUM.

M. H. de Young, proprietor of the San Francisco Chronicle, and Mrs. de Young, and Mr. Trueworthy, of Los Angeles, who sailed for home by the Aurania, secured many additional treasures for the California museum, among them being the throne chair of Napoleon the Great.

Next year is the centenary of the death of Robert Burns, and in that connection it is proposed to have an exhibition of relics of the poet at the Institute of Fine Arts in Glasgow.

It has been decided by Boehm Tree to re-open the Haymarket theatre with "Trilby" on the evening of Wednesday, October 30. Meanwhile dramatic artists are striving to secure something of a thrilling boom in anticipation of the Mr. Tree King's election.

The Prince of Wales left Copenhagen yesterday, and will return by way of Kiel on board the royal yacht Osborne.

NEWFOUNDLAND POLITICS.

St. Johns, Nfld., Sept. 28. - The Whiteway party is almost certain to split into two factions. One wants to shelve Sir William Whiteway until the chief justiceship becomes vacant, and then to elevate him to the bench.

St. Johns, Nfld., Sept. 28. - The race between the half-bred yacht Spruce IV, owned by J. Arthur Boyd, of England, and the Ebbelwyan of the Indian Harbor yacht club ended in a very unsatisfactory manner.

TRADE IN CANADA.

New York, Sept. 27. - Bradstreet's says that in the Province of Quebec general trade shows an improvement since August. The demand is active for sugar, tea, and canned goods, and with settled weather it is believed that orders for dry goods will be improved.

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CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the Colonist.)

PETERBORO, Sept. 26. - At the assizes here this morning the grand jury returned a true bill against Thomas and Hattie Grey, charged with the murder of old man Robert Scollie in February, 1894.

TORONTO, Sept. 26. - The twenty year old wife of John Manser, caretaker, died suddenly last evening from the effects, it is said, of medicine taken to procure an abortion.

MONTREAL, Sept. 26. - The dispatch from Quebec stating that an attempt was made to wreck the train upon which Mr. Laurier was proceeding to Lake St. John, is declared by the Liberal leader to be pure invention made out of whole cloth.

TORONTO, Sept. 26. - At least one and perhaps two persons are believed to have met their death by drowning in the Humber bay last evening. Shortly after 10 o'clock repeated cries for help were heard by the proprietor and others at Nurse's hotel at the Humber. The cries came from the lake.

MONTREAL, Sept. 26. - It is understood here that a boat which is reported to have been lost in the Dominion line steamship Mariposa, carrying passengers and cargo.

HAMILTON, Sept. 26. - W. B. Palmer, paying teller of the Bank of Commerce, has disappeared, and it is said there is a big shortage in his accounts. Palmer's losses and spendings are due to the poolrooms.

MONTREAL, Sept. 26. - The Globe observes that Hon. Mr. Laurier is reported to have strained his voice during his recent tour of the Gulf coast. The statement is that there are no Orangemen in the Liberal ranks, it says, was evidently more than the chief opposition lynchwood could stand.

HAMILTON, Sept. 27. - The shortages in the accounts of W. B. Palmer, paying teller of the Bank of Commerce, who has disappeared, will amount to many thousands of dollars. Palmer speculated freely of late in the pool rooms, and dropped money there.

TORONTO, Sept. 27. - The dead body of Alvin Jenks, owner of a paper box factory in this city, was found yesterday afternoon in a bedroom of his house, under circumstances that point to suicide by inhaling gas. The deceased two years ago came here from Rhode Island, where his people, it is said, reside.

ST. JOHN, Sept. 27. - Attorney-General Blair, in a three column manifesto to the Telegraph, announces the dissolution of the legislature, and says that the general election will be held October 16. He vindicates the policy of the government, of which for the past thirteen years he has been leader, and says he will again be a candidate for Queen's county. The nominations take place in October.

ST. JOHN, Sept. 27. - At a combined St. John and Charlotte county teachers' institute last evening, strong ground was taken in the denial of the charge made by many speakers at the recent Church of England synod at Montreal, that the New Brunswick schools were godless.

PETERBORO, Sept. 27. - The trial of Hattie Grey, wife of Robert Gray, for the murder of David Scollie in February, 1894, came to an abrupt ending this morning. The grand jury had found a true bill against both the Grays and the court was proceeding to try the woman, when the judge announced that he would acquit her without sending the case to the jury.

MONTREAL, Sept. 27. - Hon. Mr. Angers strenuously denies that he is to issue any manifesto on the Manitoba school question. TORONTO, Sept. 27. - Commander Kitchin, the Canadian who commanded H.M.S. Blenheim, is here en route to the China squadron. He has been appointed to the command of H.M.S. Archer.

KINGSTON, Sept. 27. - The government has issued a writ for the King's election for October 15. Nominations are set down for the 8th. Hon. Wm. Hartly will again be the Liberal candidate.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

The 'Agitation for Reform Working Its Way Throughout the British Empire.

Some Opinions on the Subject in the Press and Elsewhere.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Nanaimo's Waterworks by Law Defeated - Recent Developments in Alberni - Committed for Perjury.

Fatal Shooting Accident - Dying Assessment Appeals Dismissed at Westminster.

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VANCOUVER, Sept. 28. - A number of prominent members of the Board of Trade started on a special trip to Kootenay today. Benjamin Lashbrook and William King, who have been committed for trial for perjury. The case arose out of the celebrated suit for damages of Lashbrook et al vs Semsmith et al.

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Batte and Boston Company are prosecuting the work of development on the Cariboo. Mr. Bonshar has abandoned the Alto, in the Province of British Columbia, and is now in the hands of the British Columbia Steamship Co. A 300 foot shaft is to be sunk on the Steamwelder, and three shifts of men are to be kept constantly employed on this work until its completion.

DURRANT'S DEFENCE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27. - If Theodore Durrant has anything tangible on which to base his denial of the charge that he murdered Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams his attorneys have failed to give satisfactory evidence of the fact. After two days devoted to the testimony of the defence the trial was adjourned at noon to-day until next Tuesday. In the meantime, however, the defence had disclosed enough to satisfy the prosecution that Durrant's attorneys are groping in the dark in the hope that something may develop which will save the prisoner's life.

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THE NEWS FROM LONDON.

Lt.-Col. Sir Walter Wilkin, Lord Mayor of London - The Kucheng Inquiry.

Irish Board of Agriculture to be Established - Attempt on Japan's Prime Minister.

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