The body of Mounted Policeman Morphy, drowned in Lake Winnipeg, has been

Rates on grain, etc., between Brandon, Man., and Toronto have been reduced. Manitoba & Northwestern Railway trains now run to Yorkton.

Another industrial school is to be erected in Manitoba, at East Selkirk, under the auspices of the Methodist body.

A Winnipeg despatch says 100 Dakota farmers have selected homesteads in eastern

Mr. James Stewart, of Stewart & Co. founders, Hamilton, was stricken with par-alysis on his way to church last Sunday. East Luther Township has defeated, the by-law submitted under the Local Option law, the vote being a tie.

Premier Greenway, of Manitoba, has sailed for home after establishing a Manitoba emigration agency in London.

A meeting in favor of the abolition of capital punishment was held in Toronto the other day.

The Canadian Pacific Board has declared a supplementary dividend of 1 per cent., making  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. in all for the half year. During the past seven days there were 27 failures in Canada, as compared with 30 for the same period last year.

The sentence of Morin, the Montmagny murderer, has been commuted to life im

prisonment.
The parish church of Cape St. Ignace, Que burned last week causing a loss of

\$120,000.

An effort is being made to secure the next convention of the Christian Endeavor Union for Toronto. It is expected that 10,000 people will attend the convention.

The city treasurer of Montreal shows in his report to the council that about \$7,000,000 has to be financed for within the next two years. It is reported that two bands of disaffect

ed Pine Ridge Indians, under Short Bull and Kicking Bear, are pushing north with the intention of crossing into Can-

The new training school for nurses in connection with the Montreal General Hospital was opened last week. The Governor-General and Lady Stanley were present.

The Bishop of Ontario has appointed Mr. R. T. Walkem, Q. C, of Kingston, chancellor of the diocese as successor to the late Dr. Henderson, Q. C. Nine cotton mills have been secured by

the Dominion Company, and two more will shortly be bought up. These include nearly all the grey cotton mills in Canada.

Traffic Manager Olds, of the Canadian Pacific railway, denies that the company has granted any discriminatory rates in carrying wheat and flour from the North-West. The Governor-General-in-Council has refused to extend executive elemency to the Shuniah Indian, who will be hanged at New Westminster, B.C., on January 16.

Mr. R. D. Perry, of Toronto, will leave shortly for England to promote the scheme for building a railway from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., to Hudson's Bay.

Rev. Dr. Grant spoke on Sunday night in Kingston in favour of the Salvation Army work. He lauded Gen. Booth, and declared he would succeed in his proposed work to reform the paupers.

George McKerracher, a sixteen-year-old pupil of the Montreal High school, which was recently burned, has confessed that he set the building on fire. He was arrest-

Thos. Tait, superintendent of the Ontario & Atlantic division of the C. P. R., and Miss E. St. A. Cockburn, daughter of G. R. R. Cockborn, M.P., were married at Toronto last week.

A story has reached Washington to the effect that the Mormon settlers in Canada are believed to be encouraging the Indians in the vicinity of their settlements to hostile demonstrations.

Prof. Selwyn, Chief of the Dominion Geological Survey, has received specimens of kerosene soaked sand from the Athabasca region, and will recommend the Government to test for oil in that district next year.

In the case of Cassette v. Dun, Wiman & Co., the Supreme Court decided that a mercantile agency is responsible for the consequences of supplying incorrect information to its customers.

After a long discussion in committee at the Toronto City Council on Monday night, the aldermen decided in favour of retaining the clause prohibiting the running of street cars on Sunday, as provided in the conditions of the new street car agreement.

Lieutenant-Governor Royal, of the North Lieutenant-Governor Royal, of the North-West, is at present in Ottawa, it is under-stood in connection with the present dead-lock in the North-West Assembly respecting the appropriation of the Dominion Govern-ment fund.

The Halifax Herald gives figures show ing that during this year nearly twice as much coal has been sent from the Maritime provinces to Quebec and Ontario as was ever provinces to Quebec and Ontario as was ever shipped in one year to the New England

States.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Prohibitory Alliance was held in Toronto last week. The Alliance expresses confidence in the new local option law, and urges a general campaign for its adoption. The position of the Alliance as to prohibition was reaffirmed.

THE WEEK'S NEWS

CANADA.

Berlin, Ont., now rejoices in the glitter of the electric light.

Rev. Canon O'Mahony of Cork wants Mr. Parnell to meet him in public in order to discuss the latter's treason to his party.

The Star (the London Home Rule organ) gracefully compares Mr. Parnell to Milton's Satan.

Walter Barttelot has written another let-ter to The Times in reply to Stanley's at-tacks on his brother.

The Westport Poor Law Guardians ha

The Westport Poor Law Guardians have unanimously adopted a resolution praising Secretary Balfour's measures for the relief of famine in the west part of Ireland.

Laborers on the railway which the Government is building from Galway to Clifden, a part of Secretary Balfour's relief scheme, have struck for an advance in

Refering to the report that Mr. Parnell has become insane, the Pall Mall Gazette says the question is not whether Parnell is mad, but whether the Irish patriots are maudlin.

On account of the division of parties the bank in which the National League funds are deposited refuses to honour the cheques sent to evicted tenants by that organization, and the result is great suffering.

UNITED STATES.

Range cattle are selling at \$10 per head, and horses at \$40 in Montana.

The net earnings of the Western Union Telegraph Company for the past quarter amounted to \$2,000,000. The Farmers' Alliance in Kansas propose to take into its own hands the election of

enator to succeed Mr. Ingalls. Several lady students were severely burned while attending a birthday party in Buchtel College at Akron, Ohio.

M. H. Deveyea, a riveter at Roach's ship-yard, says a Philadelphia despatch, is one of three who have become heirs to an estate worth \$5,000,000 in Staffordshire, England.

Montana cattle are crossing the boundary into Canada and stealing their living The Mounted Police are doing their best to drive off the bovine marauders.

In Gainesville, Tex., a father and son fought a duel over a woman of bad repute, in which the son was killed, and the father langerously wounded.

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Owing to continued quietness in the coal trade and large stocks on hand, with no immediate prospect of being able to market them, the coal department of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad have ordered an indefinite closing down of all of their mines in the vicinity of Wilkesbarre, Pro.—This will throw thousands of men out

Salite McClelland, 54,469; Strathmeath, \$40-575; Reckon, \$23, 945; La Tosca, \$18,190; Chatham, \$17,635; Ambulance, \$16,450; Gascon, \$16,995; Balgowan, \$15,440; Sorcerer, \$13,050; Eclipse, \$14,008; Equity, \$10,880; Nellie Bly, \$10,705, and Bolero, \$10,460.

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The owners of grist mills in Huntington county, Que., adjoining New York State, complain that Canadian farmers can send their grain into New York to be ground and have the product returned duty free, while a similar privilege is not granted by the United States Government. The millers petition the Minister of Customs to cancel this privilege enjoyed by Canadian farmers.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Timothy Healy was burned in effigy by a crowd at Waterford.

Parnell's name has been struck from the roll of burgesses of the City of Edinburgh.

Twelve or fourteen inches of snow fell in London on the 11th inst.

The widow of George Cruikshank, the London artist and caricaturist, is dead.

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Quebec's law which provides that every father of twelve or more living children shall receive from the government a grant of one hundred acres of land for each child above that minimum number, is being quite extensively availed of. The total number of fathers who have applied for the bounty up to date is about one thousand, nearly all of whom are French Canadians. Among this is one with twenty-three childen, four with eighteen, six with seventeen, one with sixteen, twenty-seven with fifteen, forty-five with fourteen, twenty-seven with fifteen, forty-five with fourteen, twenty-seven with fifteen, forty-five with fourteen, twenty-seven with thirteen, and the balance with twelve. These figures seem to show that the French-Canadians are not backward in respect of fecundity, and that if they keep on, they will own a pretty big slice of this continent.

## YOUNG FOLKS

### THE PLOWER OF LIFE.

BY PAYSIE.

" Please, grandmamma tell us a story, cried little Conrad, as he ran into the cos cried little Conrad, as he ran into the cosy sitting room, one stormy winter day.

"Yes, please do, grandmamma," pleaded Gertrude, who, although two years younger than Conrad, was his constant companion and playmate. "It is raining so hard that we cannot go out, and we are tired of our toys."

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The old lady, who sat knitting before a cheerful fire, looked down at the coaxing little faces, and said: "My stock of stories is almost exhausted; but here is one, which,

little faces, and said: "My stock of stories is almost exhausted; but here is one, which, perhaps is new to you."

The children drew their stools close to grandmamma's chair, and listened intently to the story of the cruel water king.

"Far below the surface of the lake, where the water is deepest," began grandmamma, "the water King has built a palace of coral and pink shells, which is so beautiful that it is impossible to describe it. The palace is surrounded by a large garden, whose paths are bordered with pearls, and where grow the rarest flowers with gold and silver leaves, and glittering as if set with precious stones. One moon light night your father saw this beautiful palace, but he could never find it again. In one of the many rooms of the palace there is nothing to be found but glass cases of all sizes. Here the cruel Water King puts all the people he can allure into his kingdom, and after he has starved them and tortured them, he throws them as food for the fish."

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"Only one," replied grandmamma.

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Buchtel College at Akron, Ohio.

James Hurst, a well-to-do Englishman, Mich.

In the U. S. Senate on Monday Mr. Colquitt drew a bright picture of the future "when the nation would be bounded only by the boundaries of North America."

Succi, the Italian faster, now in New York, has eaten nothing for 43 days. His weight now is 1072 pounds. He proposes to go two days more.

After a long and sensational trial the Pittsburg Reformed Presbytery have suspended five ministers of that denomination for heresy.

There are 5,600 saloons in Chicago. Brewers propose to cease advancing money to saloon keepers to procure licenses, and it is expected this will cut off 1,600 saloons.

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"There is a small flower, called the Flower of Life, with which anyone can enter the Water King's palace without receiving any harm; but the flower is very hard to find, for it grows deep in the forest and blooms only a few hours. When the lake is frozen over, and the ice snaps and cracks, that is the Water King trying to get out, and when for it grows deep in the forest and blooms only a few hours. When the lake is frozen over, and the ice snaps and cracks, that is the Water King watches for his victims."

All the rest of that day, the children played at being carried away by the Water King, and when night came, they went to saleon the result of the first part of the fower is a samulation of the fower is a small flower, called the Flower of Life, with which anyone can enter the Water King's palace without receiving any harm; but the flower is a samulation of the fower is a small flower, called the Flower of Life, with which anyone can enter the Water King's palace without receiving any harm; but the flower is a samulation of the flower is a samulation of the flower is a samulation of the

with their skates and sled they were soon out in the frosty air.
"Let us go to the lake," said Conrad, "and while I try my new skates, I shall draw you on your sled."
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The two little folk then set off for a day of pleasure. The wind had blown the snow away from the lake, and Conrad, drawing the sled, glided rapidly over the smooth sur-face. Suddenly, a loud, cracking noise was

"There," cried Gertrude, "the Water King is trying to get out. And oh, Conrad," she screamed in terror, "there is the round hole about which grandmamma told us. Let us

hurry away." "You are foolish, Gertrude," said Conrad "that was only a story. See what a heau-tiful fish is in the water, and I believe I can

The will throw thousands of men out of employment.

IN GENERAL.

Ice is selling at \$70 per ton on the isthmus of Panama.

The Tariff bill, as shaped by the Committee of the French Chamber of Deputies, outbids the MicKnley bill in high protection.

A Madrid consumptive died after an incoculation with Koch's lymph, and from other places similar cases are reported.

Cholera is raging in Guatemala. There are said to be more than 12,000 cases in the state, while 1,200 people have died in seven weeks in the city of Guatemala.

The Sisters of Charity are leaving Paris for London, on account of the increase in the French taxes on property of religious bodies.

The Paris Figaro says Princess Marie, eldest daughter of the Duke of Edinburgh, has been betrothed to Prince Ferdinand, son of Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern and heir to the Roumanian throne.

It is believed Osman Digna, taking ad.

broad, dry pathway, bordered with gay flowers appeared. Following this Gertrude saw, in a short time, the coral palace, gleaming with many lights. There, also, was the beautiful garden, with its flowers and fruits, and near the gate stood Conrad feeding water birds.

"Oh, Conrad," cried Gertrude, "I have the Flower of Life and have come to take

you home."
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But before the brother could reply to this greeting the Water King appeared, and said it an angry tone: "It will not be so easy for you to carry off your brother, and I need him to feed my birds."

With these words the King lifted Conrad in his arms and walked away so rapidly with him that Gertrude who tried to follow was soon left far behind. All day the little girl wandered about the palace in search of her brother. Once she met the King, who said to her: "You cannot find your brother. Give me your flower and then hasten home."

But Gertrude paid no heed to these words, and continued her way. Toward evening, she saw at the end of a long hall, a little black door, which, unlike the others, was unlocked. Gertrude felt sure that now she was near her brother's prison, and she sthought: "Perhaps my flower will serve as a key.

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She was right. In a moment later she was standing in the middle of a large room,

in which were a great number of glas cases; but all were empty except one, and in it lay Conrad, pale and still. Hurriedly placing the flower in his hand, Gertrude whispered; "Come, Conrad, wake up. We must hurry before the Water King misses

The boy slowly opened his eyes and then arose. Taking his sister's hand he sped with her through the palace and out into the garden. Here the children stopped and filled their pockets with the pearls and other gems which lay about in such profusion. In a short time they had reached the surface of the lake, and as they ran across the ice to meet their father whom they saw approaching, they heard again that loud, cracking noise, and, looking backward, they saw the angry Water King looking after them and shaking his fist threateningly; but Gertrude and Conrad were beyond his power and were soon in the shelter of their own home.

## Not Good Enough.

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Nothing is good enough that is not as good as it can be made. The verdict "good enough," says a well-known writer, which in boyhood passed the defective task, will become "bad enough" when the habit of inaccuracy has spread itself over the life.

"You have planed that board well, have you, Frank?" askeda carpenter of an apprentice.

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"Oh, it will do," replied the boy. "It don't need to be very well planed for the use to be made of it. Nobody will see it."

"It will not do if it is not planed as neatly and as smoothly as possible," replied the carpenter, who had the reputation of being the best and most conscientious workman in the

"I suppose I could make it smoother, "said

the boy.

"Then do it. 'Good enough' has but one meaning in my shop, and that is 'perfect.'

If a thing is not perfect it is not good enough

for me."

"You haven't made things look very neat and orderly here in the back part of the store," said a merchant to a young clerk.

"Well, I thought it was good enough for back there where things cannot be seen very plainly, and where customers selde in go."

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"That won't do," said the merchant, sharply, and then added, in a kinder tone, "You must get ideas of that kind out of your head, my boy, if you hope to succeed in life. That kind of 'good enough' isn't much better than 'bad enough."

The girls who don't sweep in the corners or dust under things, and the boys who dispose of tasks as speedily as possible, declaring that things will "do" if they are not well done, are the boys and girls who are very likely to make failures in life because the habit of inaccuracy has become a part of their characters.

The old adage, "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well," is as true now as it was when first spoken, and it will always be

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How to Accept Presents.

At the holiday season the giving of gifts is prevalent. Now everybody can give sweetly, graciously and lovingly. How many can accept in the same spirit? I felt last year, says Ruth Ashmore in the Ladies Home Journal, that there was a thread of coarseness in the girl who, looking at a fine book that had been sent her by a friend, said: "Oh dear, I suppose I shall have to get her something in return for it!" That's batter and exchange. It isn't giving. Nothing was to be sent in return for the book unless it were the sweetest of thanks, and the mere fact of the acceptance of a gift does not force upon you its return.

Gift-giving is like love, the desire is supposed to come from the heart, and no gift is worth anything unless it is sent with that feeling, and that only. But when you think you are to accept and never to return? My dearest girl, we never know how we return things in this world, but everything does equalize itself. You have been a charming companion and have brightened many a moment to a woman whose purse is better filled than yours. She sends you, when a Christmas Day comes, some dainty present, some pretty triffe that she knows you will like, a book about which you have talked, or a picture that you have admired; the return you make should be your thanksgiving, and that is all. Your gift of a joyful presence was made long before the material one. I do not mean by this that the woman who is not rich must not give—God forbid it—but I do mean she must not think of attempting to return at once the gift that has come to her. It is vulgar, my dear. Wait until another gift day comes round, and then give something that expresses yourself, the child of your brain and your fingers, rather than of your purse. After all, Emerson struck the key-note of gift-giving when he said, "Our gifts are for the most part expressionless. Let the sailor bring a sea-shell the poet a poem and the painter a picture," and these are the gifts that, being part of yourself, may be received as of greater va

### The Properties of the Kola Nut.

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The wonderful stories that have been told of the properties of the kola nut are more than confirmed by our Consul at Bahia, who has written a special letter to Lord Salisbury on this subject. The West African carriers at that port, who use kola and carry the bean wrapped in banana about their person, are not, physically speaking, superior men to the Brazilian negro; yet the African, through constantly masticating kola, can, we are assured, endure fatigue which no brazilian traveller can withstand. Where it takes eight Brazilian negroes to carry a load with difficulty, four African porters carry it cheerfully, singing and chanting as they trudge along, each with a bit of kola bean in the mouth. As a rule the kola-eating African gangs who labor at the hard task of unloading vessels earn, we are told, twice as much as their competitors. The beans, which are described as unintoxicating and in no way injurious, are said to act as a nutritive, and quench thirst; yet they are not strictly a stimulant. The supply at Bahia comes from Lagos. It is best soon after it is gathered, and is sold according to freshness at twopence or threepence for each bean. It appears that the attention of the Government of India has already been called to the extraordinary properties of kola nuts, and practical information has been supplied to them from the authorities at Kew. The wonderful stories that have been told

# A Socialist's Opinion of a Day's Work.

The English Socialist, Mr. Hyndman is reported as saying recently that "physiologists said that eight hours hard work a day was to much. A horse could not be worked more than three or four hours a day. The effect of everwork was that the working classes died at just half the age of those who lived upon labor—zomely, at 27 instead of 55. During periods of strike or distress the death rate actually fell below what was normal, although the workpeople were exposed to semi-starvation." As Mr. h. zadman has not seen fit to name the physiologista who condemn a day of eight hours as being excessive, or to produce the statistics which show "that the working classes died at just half the age of those who lived upon labor," his statement must be taken with considerable reserve. Should it be found true, however, that "during periods of strikes or distress the death rate actually fell below what was normal," a period in which if any, worry might be supposed to have greatest sway, it will necessitate a revision of the familiar saying that "worry not work is the enemy that shortens men's days." Such sweeping general statements as those of Mr. Hyndman, while they may deceive the ignorant can only result in estranging the sober-minded and thoughtful portion of the community.

and valued at \$1,500, were seized for undervaluation; at Powerscourt, Quebec, a quantity of potatoes, smuggled from the United States into Canada, were also seized, while at Wingham a quantity of goods belonging to a ticket manufacturing, firm in Chicago have likewise fallen into the hands of the officers of the law. No loyal citizen, nor matter what his views on the mooted question of Protection vs. Free Trade, will be disposed to condone such illegal proceedings. If laws are not satisfactory there is a regular and constitutional method of changing them; but so long as they remain in force, all true citizens must desire to see them carried out. The surest way to break down respect for all law is to connive at the habitual disregard of any law.