

General News.

CANADIAN.

General Luard, commander of the Canadian militia, has sent in his resignation.

It is rumored in Quebec that Sir Hector Langevin will be named lieutenant-governor of the province on the expiration of Dr. Robitaille's term of office in July next.

The warehouses of Winans & Co., wool dealers, Toronto, were burned on the 30th, loss, \$90,000.

Collector Caven, of Stratford, and Constables Thornhill and Huffman seized an illicit still in operation in the township of Kincardine last week.

Mr. Parker, of the Sandwich fish hatchery, says he has about twenty-five millions young whitefish on exhibition, which he will distribute in the rivers and lakes during this and next week.

Hill & Murray's wood pulp mill, Niagara Falls, Ont., was burned on the 30th; loss, \$50,000; fully insured.

The grist mill at Lattis' Mills, Tyendenaga, owned by Messrs. Wallbridge, and occupied by G. L. Grass, was burned on the 2nd with 600 bushels of wheat. Loss about \$9,000; insured for \$4,000.

A fire occurred on Tuesday in Tonkin Bro.'s hat store, Yonge Street, Toronto. Loss not known, but fully covered by \$500 in Imperial; \$1,000 in London, Liverpool & Globe, and \$1,000 in Lancashire.

At Beeton, the grain warehouses of Messrs. Pipwell, Lowery & Cook were burnt on Tuesday. Loss about \$2,000; insured in the Western for \$8,500. Cause of fire unknown.

Mr. C. E. Fox, Reeve of Gosfield, while driving along the road near his home last Friday night, was fired at three times by some person secreted on the side of the road. The balls went wide of their mark. Mr. Fox had \$1,500 in his pocket, and it is supposed some one had lain in wait to rob him.

A barn belonging to Wm. McDonald, of the Longwood road, Mosa, Ont., was destroyed by fire on Monday evening. It is supposed to have been caused by tramps. Loss, \$800 or \$1,000.

A man named Patrick Connell was drowned at Lindsay on Saturday; his boat capsized and he sank before assistance could reach him. His comrade who swam to shore is lying in a very low condition, but hopes are entertained of his recovery.

The Rideau river, owing to the ice blockade, has risen to a dangerous condition for those living along the banks, especially to those living in the village of New Edinburgh. Several parties had to remove their horses from the stables, which were pretty well filled with water.

On Sunday Alex. McGregor, aged 47 years, was found dead in a ditch beside the Credit Valley railway track. He was intoxicated on Saturday night, and it is supposed he was on his way home and fell into the ditch and smothered.

Hon. Mr. Flynn is elected for Gaspe by 861 majority with three polls to be heard from. The majority is supposed to be 1,000.

At Halifax, decision has been given in the Supreme Court in the case of the Queen vs. Lyons, a motion to quash a conviction under the Scott Act in Kentville, Kings county. The conviction was quashed in this case as well as in some 34 others. The Supreme Court decided that the Scott Act was not and could not be in force in any county in Nova Scotia where licenses were not in existence at the time of the proclamation. The practical effect of this decision is to render illegal all proceedings taken under the Scott Act in every county of the Province where it has been adopted. Meanwhile actions for damages have already been entered for false imprisonment by those who have been punished.

A terrible tragedy was enacted on Tuesday night at the Toronto Lunatic Asylum. One of the patients, Valeria McKinley, assaulted another, Rachel Stephens, a woman aged seventy, and beat her to death. The following day the unfortunate young woman who had made the assault died from the effects of her insane excitement.

On Wednesday, at Toronto, Horace F. Allkins, an artist, shot and dangerously wounded his wife and her paramour, John F. Hackett, a street car conductor.

UNITED STATES.

The decrease in the public debt for March is \$14,238,000.

At Perrysville, Ind., eight business buildings and one fine residence was burned on Tuesday.

The New Jersey Assembly has rejected the women's suffrage resolution by 27 to 24.

While a party was hunting on Saturday near Newburg, O., they ate wild parsnips. Four of them were taken violently ill, one has died.

Bert Cratzenberg took a strap from the harness of his horse and hanged himself. Unrequited love was the cause.

The President has received from Queen Victoria, through Mr. Lowell, her thanks for his expression of sympathy and the sincerity of his kind words of condolence.

At San Francisco, on the 25th, the heaviest earthquake since 1868 occurred. People rushed from the houses in great fright. The trembling lasted fifteen seconds.

At Chicago, Peter Carrigan, foreman of the bricklayers on the new Board of Trade building, fell out of a window and was killed.

Chas. Gower and Christopher Schmittzens, of Cincinnati, entered a cave in Lookout mountain on St. Patrick's day for the purpose of exploring it. They lost their way, and were found on Monday in a dying condition.

It is reliably reported that the schooner *Shoters* left Key West with General Aguers and twenty armed men for Cuba. The revenue cutter *Dix* is in pursuit with the Spanish Consul aboard. There is great excitement in Key West.

At Marion, Ohio, during a storm Saturday night, John Bush and Wm. Hyatt, who were standing on a farm-house porch, were struck by lightning and killed. The horse was not injured, and no wounds were found on the bodies.

At Cole's Creek, Pa., on Sunday night, James Roger, Howard Williams, Wm. Davis and Chas. Mills, farmers, were engaged in a game of poker. Roger charged one of the players with cheating. A fight ensued. All the parties were shot fatally and Davis and Williams died yesterday.

At Columbus, Ga., on Sunday evening Troy Adams was out riding with Miss Hausely, his affianced. After leaving her at home he started for town, and was waylaid and stabbed to death by Lewellyn Robertson, his rival. This is the second murder that has grown out of the young women's flirtations.

When the Cincinnati train entered Portsmouth, Ohio, Sunday night, hundreds of people crowded around the express car, waiting for the Cincinnati papers. The police were called out. The mob then made a raid on the news stands and destroyed one of them. A small boy had his skull crushed and many were wounded. Two newsboys were knocked down and their papers taken.

Wilfred Coad, a boy employed in a boarding-house on Tenth street, Philadelphia, was sent to the room of Countess de Racousko to tell her to put out the gas. The Countess became enraged and shot the boy in the side. The wound is serious.

A party of twelve telegraph line men on a hand car on the West Shore road, met with a bad accident near Buffalo. The handcar was going at a high rate of speed on a steep down grade, when one of the men stepped on the brake, suddenly checking the speed of the car. One man was thrown off ten feet ahead of the car, which passed over him, crushing him fatally. Another man had a leg broken in three places, necessitating amputation. A third is internally injured, and will probably die. Eight others were severely hurt, but not fatally. Only one escaped injury.

A terrible storm passed over the country last week, destroying a vast amount of property, and causing the loss of many lives. The village of Oakville, Ind., was swept away, and many lives lost.

An alarming and fatal riot broke out at Cincinnati on Friday last. A man named Berner, who had been found guilty of murder, was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment. A mob assembled for the purpose of lynching the prisoner. The militia and police had to be called out and they were attacked by the mob and obliged to use their arms. The result was a terrible riot and fight. Many of the mob were drunk. The court house was set on fire. For nearly three days the city was in a fearful state of excitement, and the disturbance was only finally quelled by a strong military force. It is estimated that in all about 75 persons were killed and 160 wounded. The prisoner escaped but was recaptured and safely conveyed to the state penitentiary at Columbus.