

General News.

CANADIAN.

Reports from all parts of Western Ontario continue to speak favorably of the wheat crop.

A rich strike of gold has been made near Silver City, North-West Territory, equal to any in America. There is great excitement.

The British Columbia representatives at Ottawa have formally protested against the disallowance of the anti-Chinese Bill.

It is reported that an opening was made in the earth by an earthquake about seven miles north of Trenton on Tuesday.

The Nova Scotia Legislature has conferred the municipal franchise on widows and unmarried women.

An association of the members of the expeditionary force to the Red River in 1869, under Col. Wolseley, will be formed.

The work of surveying for the western extension of the Credit Valley Railway is being actively prosecuted.

A patient of Beauport Lunatic Asylum, Quebec, named Canten, died on Saturday night while taking his tea, being choked by a piece of bread.

The Nova Scotia Legislature has passed a measure giving the children of colored citizens the same school privileges as those of white citizens.

A man named Laporte was choked while eating a beefsteak at a Lower Town (Ottawa) saloon Monday evening. He was addicted to drink.

The majority for Mr. Gaudet, the Conservative candidate, in Nicolet county, is 175, with four places to hear from which favor him. It is believed his majority will reach 300.

A body was found drowned in a large ditch near Cottam, Ont. supposed to be that of Richard Merritt, a farmer supposed to have been insane.

At Kincardine, Ont., about two o'clock Tuesday morning a fire broke out in a stable and dwelling house on Huron Terrace, owned by S. Splan. They were completely demolished. The loss was about \$2,000. The buildings were insured for \$1,100. The cause of the fire is unknown.

At Dunville, April 16th, a fire broke out in the bakehouse of J. A. McIndoe and rapidly spread to his fancy grocery establishment adjoining, and to Stone & Thewlis' grocery store. The fire had gained considerable headway before being noticed. The buildings were owned by Reeve Montague. Total loss, \$3,500. All were fully insured.

A fire occurred at Renfrew on Tuesday in a large building on Main street, owned by John Smith. The cause of the fire is a mystery, but is considered to be the work of an incendiary. It was insured for \$2,500, which will probably fully cover the loss, as the walls are still standing.

In St. John's Nfld., at Carbonear, a man named Brennan fired at an Orangeman. He was arrested. A man named Hayden, now under arrest, shot at but missed James, the brother of the Orangeman killed in the Harbor Grace riot. This followed by a general turnout of the Orangemen, who kept marching through the streets all night. The streets are all deserted save by the crowd in arms.

On Tuesday, at Niagara Falls, Coroner Elsheimer, of the Suspension Bridge, was notified that a suicide had been committed in a wheat field a short distance from the Falls. Going up he found that a man named Pripser, a Prussian farmer, aged about 47 years, had committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn loft. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

A piece of land about 300 yards long, 100 yards wide, 70 feet high, and covered with full-grown trees, along the south side of Grand River, near Buffalo, about two miles from here, slid into the river causing the river to overflow the flats. The bank was nearly straight above the river, and it is supposed the late high water undermined it and caused the slide. It has shaken the abutment of Cockshut bridge, and traffic over it at present is suspended. Some few years ago about two acres of ground disappeared in a slide in the same section a short distance lower down the river, and it is feared there may be more to follow.

UNITED STATES.

The bill repealing the local option feature of the Scott Liquor Act has become law in Ohio.

Queen Pomare V., of Tahiti, arrived in New York *en route* for San Francisco. She refused to see visitors or reporters.

The Panhandle express was wrecked near Xenia, Ohio, last week. Engineer, fireman and baggage master reported killed.

At Cleveland, April 16th, Dr. John Tobin, a prominent young physician, suicided with morphine. Cause unknown.

The building 92 and 94 Green street, New York, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$40,000. It is occupied by hat manufacturers.

Near Watertown, N. Y., Jas. Chaumont, aged 80, was killed on the Utica and Black River railroad bridge.

An explosion of dynamite occurred at the stone quarries at Franklinton, N. C., last week, killing Dock Robinson and wounding five other colored men, one fatally.

At Shamokin, Pa., Thos. Harper was killed and Frank Glistrick fatally injured by a fall of rock in the Excelsior colliery.

A boiler explosion at a mill on Middle river, fifteen miles southeast of Des Moines, killed Henry Spencer, and fatally wounded his brother, Davis Spencer, and a boy named Cleghorn.

At Wadsworth, Nev., a fire started on Wednesday under the platform of the railroad depot. A high wind was blowing, and in two hours the whole town, except a few private dwellings, was destroyed. The town had a population of 500.

At Peoria, Ill., the plough works caught fire and were totally destroyed. Loss, \$100,000.

At Pensacola, Ala., the Louisville & Nashville freight depot, European Golay Mills, Robert Transfer Stable, the Hoffman House and several other buildings were burned last week. Loss, \$65,000.

At Mount Carmel, Pa., by a sulphur explosion in the Pennsylvania colliery, Peter Entruit and Michael Mexwould, miners, were fatally burned, and several others seriously injured.

A freight train on the Pennsylvania Railroad was wrecked on Saturday near Lancaster, Pa. Sixteen cars and the engine were demolished.

Berry Johnson (colored), at Shreveport, La., choked his wife to death by filling her mouth with snuff.

Miss Georgie Baker, of New Jersey, who was visiting at Lawrence, Mass., cut her throat after returning from church Wednesday evening, and cannot recover. Cause unknown.

While a little girl was playing some distance from her home, near Beaver, W. Va., a bear seized her and carried her off. A large pursuit was instantly instituted, but no trace of the child has been found.

A dispatch from Pittsburg, Pa., says an explosion occurred two miles from the mouth of the pit in the coal mine of Wood & Co. Painter, Stevison, and a man named Underwood, were killed. Miners half a mile away were prostrated by the force of the shock. It is impossible to get into the mine, the after-damp being suffocating.

At Gloucester City, N. J., there is a scarlet fever epidemic. The rapid spread of the disease was caused by an undertaker throwing ice which had been used on a scarlet fever corpse into a stream near a school. The ice was picked up and eaten by the children.

Eight prisoners confined in the gaol at Gainsville, Ark., assaulted the gaoler and escaped. They secured arms from the gaoler's house. A posse of 50 citizens started in pursuit and a pitched battle occurred in which 100 shots were fired, and one prisoner killed. Three prisoners were wounded and secured, the remainder escaped. The gaoler received dangerous wounds.

At Prospect Park, Niagara Falls, on Thursday of last week, Thos. Vedder and N. R. Pierson drove on Goat Island about five o'clock in the afternoon. As they had not returned at a late hour search was made for them, and about two o'clock in the morning Pierson's body was found on Luna Island. His head and part of his body were in the water, and ten feet from him Vedder's clothes were found lying on the ice. An examination of Pierson's body showed that he had been shot through the head, the ball entering behind the right ear and coming out on the forehead just over the left eye. The horse and buggy were found tied to a tree on Goat Island, but no trace of Vedder has yet been discovered.