

## General News.

## CANADIAN.

Mr. Allison, the Reform candidate for Lennox, has been elected by a majority of six.

J. E. Rose, Q. C., of Toronto, has been appointed to the judgeship rendered vacant by the elevation of Justice Osler.

An act of incorporation will be applied for at the approaching session of Parliament for a proposed railway from Vaudreuil to Ottawa. The proposed line will pass through Prescott county, and will touch at Vankleek Hill, Hawkesbury, and other places *en route*, leaving L'Original six or seven miles to the eastward. The probable amount of capital that will be asked for is one million dollars.

The Napanee, Ont., Post Office and some adjoining buildings were burned down on the 24th; loss, \$20,000.

A very heavy gale from the southward, accompanied by rain, prevailed at Belleville on Monday, and a considerable amount of damage was done to property.

The steamer *Eclipse*, from Algoma for Port Sarnia, was caught in a gale on last Wednesday night off Pine Tree Harbor, and is supposed to be lost with all hands, as a part of the wreck and three bodies came ashore with life preservers marked *Eclipse*. The papers found on one of them identified them as Capt. Wm. Bush, of Sarnia, and James Moore, engineer, of Thessalon. John Drew was cut loose from the steamer, alone on a scow, which drifted ashore at Pike Bay, and he is saved—the only known survivor.

About 7 a.m. on Saturday, a fire was discovered at Elliott & Co's., wholesale druggists, Toronto. The whole block had a narrow escape of meeting the same fate as twelve years ago, when it was burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at about \$25,000, chiefly caused by smoke and water.

The murderers Greenwood and Phipps, and another prisoner have escaped from Sandwich jail.

David Spence's large flouring-mill at Guelph was burned last week. Loss about \$40,000.

John Kelly, section-man on the N. & N. W. R., at Hamilton, endeavored to lift a handcar from the track out of the way of the yard engine, when he was struck on the head by the engine and instantly killed.

A fire broke out at Port Perry on Monday night, and nearly devastated the town. The total loss is about \$150,000.

A. Hirschey's machine shop and saw-mill at Ridgeway were totally destroyed by fire last week.

At Mount Whaley, N. B., a young man named Benjamin Smith was shot dead during the firing of a wedding salute.

A stevedore named James Henson, living in Grafton street, Halifax, N. S., while taking dinner had a large piece of beef stuck in his throat and was choked to death.

A two-story brick building in Cobourg, owned by Mr. Doody, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday. Loss \$4,000.

## UNITED STATES.

Two thousand railroad freight handlers are on strike at New Orleans because of the employment of non-union men. One thousand men will be brought from New York to take the place of the strikers. A damaging freight blockade is anticipated.

Sojourner Truth, the famous lecturer and coloured reformer has died at her home, in Battle Creek, Mich. She was 118 years old, according to the best data herself and friends could obtain. Much genuine grief is felt on account of her death both among white and black people.

A car in the rear of a Boston, Barrie and Gardner railway train turned over and went down an embankment just after leaving North Worcester station Wednesday afternoon. There were between fifty and sixty passengers in the car, all of whom were injured, some seriously.

Carmel, a small village in New York, has had a shameful tragedy in its county jail. The jailer became intoxicated himself, and gave so much liquor to the eight prisoners confined in the jail that they became drunk and noisy too. Then the jailer went in and beat one man dreadfully on the head, and finally shot another one in the left breast. The latter is not expected to recover from his wound. The jailer has been locked up in his own jail, but as he had his family there also, he is allowed the free run of the building, and the other prisoners are afraid he may kill more of them.

John Scullen, a dissolute fellow, on Saturday shot and killed Owen Plunkett, in a New York cigar factory. Scullen first shot at another workman, but missed him, and then fired at Plunkett. No cause known. Scullen was jailed.

The Rev. John Fore threatened the life of Mrs. J. Walker, near Plytonia, Ky., because she refused to marry him. On Wednesday she met Fore and shot him dead.

Nellie Fullerlove, aged 18, wife of Richard Fullerlove, aged 65, was fatally shot at Paterson, N. J., by Patrick O'Hara, a former lover. O'Hara when arrested claimed that Fullerlove shot his wife.

A fearful fight occurred between rival gangs of labourers at Murrysburg, Pa. Each party claimed possession of a natural gas well. Fire arms were freely used and several men killed.

Albany, Green County, Wis., was nearly destroyed by fire early on Tuesday morning. The flames spread rapidly, sweeping away every business building in the place, including the post office and two newspaper offices. No adequate facilities existed for fighting the fire. A number of people barely escaped. Three men named Roberts were severely burned; Edward Dodge was crushed by falling timbers; Thomas Dorman, John Samuel, Thomas Gravener, Charles Mathels, and Thomas Falloway were probably fatally injured from the same cause. The temperature is at zero, and the suffering of the people is great.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The police at London arrested a man named Wolff, a member of the Advanced Socialists' Club. Two infernal machines of sufficient power to demolish any building were found in his house at Westminster. One consisted of a large zinc pail nearly filled with blasting powder and gun cotton, covered with scrap iron, with a fuse at the bottom. The second was a large tin cooking utensil, similarly prepared. The machines were intended to blow up the German embassy.

Mr. Milner, Conservative, has been elected to Parliament for York, England, to succeed Mr. Leeman, Liberal, deceased.

George Warden, the late Manager of the London and River Platt Bank, was sentenced to twelve years' penal servitude for stealing the funds of the bank.

Sir John Hawley Glover, lately Governor of Antigua and the Leeward Islands, has been appointed Governor of Newfoundland.

The German Crown Prince is visiting Spain, and meeting with most enthusiastic receptions.

The Privy Council has proclaimed Newry under the Peace Preservation Act.

Seventy-five thousand cotton operatives in North-East Lancashire have determined to resist a five per cent. reduction in wages, and a great strike is probable.

Two thousand five hundred operatives in Sir Titus Salt's mills at Bradford are thrown out of employment in consequence of the strike of sixty spinners.

Lord Rossmore's commission as justice of the peace in county Monaghan has been suspended, owing to his action on the occasion of the Orange and League meetings at Roslea, county Fermanagh.

King Alfonso of Spain has proclaimed a general amnesty to all private soldiers imprisoned throughout the kingdom for military offences. This releases 1,200 prisoners.

The Paris correspondent of the *London Standard* states that he has had an interview with M. DeLesseps, who has just returned from England. M. DeLesseps said that he was highly gratified with the results of his tour in England, and that he regards the settlement of the question of the construction of a second Suez Canal as virtually accomplished.

Two steamers collided on Lake Geneva. Twenty passengers were drowned.

A Belgrade despatch says ten persons who lived in the Seatitchar district have been shot for taking part in the recent insurrection. Several others are awaiting trial.

The Dutch barque, *Judithe*, bound to Loviso, from Furmerend, was lost near Mandal, Norway. Of fifteen on board, fourteen were drowned. The captain was the only survivor.

A St. Petersburg despatch says:—Three young ladies attached to the court have been arrested on the charge of being connected with a Nihilist conspiracy.

The Nihilist-organ of St. Petersburg gives harrowing details of the sufferings of political prisoners in the Peter and Paul fortress, where, it states, they are treated like murderers. No distinction is made between men and women, or between sick or healthy. Several prisoners have gone mad, committed suicide, and corporal punishment is frequent.

The British man-of-war *Dryad* has arrived at Zanzibar from Madagascar, and reports that a French man-of-war had bombarded the unforti-