

The architects of the Province of Quebec have taken steps to protect themselves against the competition of American architects for Canadian jobs. Meetings were held Friday and Saturday in Montreal and attended by architects from every part of the Province. An association was formed with the object referred to.

Two officers of the United States Navy have just completed an inspection of the nickel mines at Sudbury, Ontario, for the purpose of ascertaining their capabilities for furnishing the amount of nickel required to manufacture steel for the new United States warships. It is understood they will recommend the Sudbury nickel for the purpose.

In view of the reduction of duties on certain kinds of sawed lumber from Canada offered conditionally by the McKinley act, the Government at Ottawa have resolved to abolish the export duty on spruce and pine logs. Also on shingle bolts of pine and cedar, and cedar logs capable of being made into shingle bolts. This will remove the injurious effect apprehended by the Canadian lumbermen.

It is worthy of notice that an influential society of American women is in session in Toronto this week. The Association for the Advancement of Women, of which Mrs. Julia Ward Howe is President, holds its meetings this year for the first time outside of the United States. The Congress is held in Toronto by invitation of the Mayor and City Council, and a right royal welcome was prepared for the visitors. The discussions which have taken place and are to take place are the object of much interest.

A grand international banquet will take place on the occasion of the opening of the tunnel which has been constructed under the St. Clair River, between Sarnia, Ont., and Port Huron, Mich., by the Grand Trunk Railway. All prominent men in Canada and the States will be invited to be present at the banquet, which will take place in the tunnel itself. At the international boundary line will be the centre of the table, where the chairman will sit. The President of the United States and the Governor-General of Canada will occupy seats on either side of him. Doubtless this scheme originated in some great mind, but to ordinary people a comfortable banquetting hall would be a preferable place to dine in.

The epidemic of crime which seems to have set in in the Upper Provinces is most unaccountable, unless we accept the theory that such things go in waves. No sooner is Birchall condemned to hang than Arthur Hoyt Day, who threw his wife over Niagara Falls, is also sentenced to reap the just reward of his act. Remi Lamontagne has been condemned to be hung on December 19th, for the murder of his brother-in-law in July, 1888. Mrs. Monette and one Lamoureux were on Saturday acquitted of the charge of having murdered Mrs. Monette's husband. Last of all is the terrible crime committed at Cumberland, Ontario, on the 7th inst., when two school girls named McGonagle were brutally maltreated and murdered by some ruffian. A man named Narcisse Larocque is on trial for the murder. What can be the reason of this terrible state of affairs? The Ontario papers have for the past few weeks been so full of reports of murder trials, as to be unfit for family reading, and are enough to give morbidly-inclined people a fit of the blues. There is one satisfactory thing about the business, and that is the alacrity with which justice has been meted out. "The law's delays" have not been so grievous as they usually are, and the incidents of the Birchall trial in particular have added not a little to the respect entertained for the manner in which justice is administered in Canada. The contrast between this case and the way things are conducted in the United States has been so marked as to draw comments from many leading journals of that country. The Birchall trial, as is well known, lasted only seven days, and the jury returned a verdict in an hour and a half. This is without parallel in the United States, and accordingly they are struck with the superiority of "British justice."

Hon. Robert Bond, Colonial Secretary for Newfoundland, held an audience at the Gloucester Board of Trade rooms on Tuesday. The object was to submit a proposition for admitting the products of the Newfoundland fisheries free, and in return the American fishermen would have free access for bait and other outfits at Newfoundland ports.

The November Season just out, and filled with the most exquisite designs, the specialty for this number being the great variety of wraps and outer garments of all descriptions. It is an unusually attractive number, and will be appreciated by every one. Yearly subscription, \$3 50; single copies, 30 cts.; International News Co., \$3 and \$5 Duane St., N. Y.

A despatch from Huntingdon, Ind., tells of an heroic deed. An engine on the Chicago and Erie road exploded on the 12th inst. Engineer Murphy was badly scalded, but jumped off, his leg being broken by the fall. Fireman Kirby was fatally injured. Murphy crawled up the track on hands and knees with a lantern and signalled a vestibule train which was nearly due, thus preventing a terrible disaster. Terribly scalded and with both legs broken he still managed to save the people in the advancing train from the wreck.

Imperial Parliament will reassemble on November 25th.

The strike of the colliers in New Zealand has collapsed. The Union Company has now 34 steamers running, and is employing 2,000 non-Union men.

The physicians attending the King of Holland had a consultation on Monday with two cabinet ministers. They decided that his condition rendered him unfit to reign.

Messrs Dillon and O'Brien, who were on trial at Tipperary, have mysteriously disappeared. It is thought that they are either in hiding in Paris or on their way to America.

The Portuguese undertook to offer resistance to the entry of British gun boats into the Zambesi River, but as was expected the gun boats have entered notwithstanding.

The study of medicine is becoming very popular with the native women of India. At the close of the academic session in 1889 there were 24 female students at the Calcutta Medical College, 15 at the Campbell Medical School, and 5 at the Cuttack Medical School. At Agra, during the year, 7 young women received licenses to practice. At Lahore there were 19, and at Madras 39, female medical students, one of the latter being the first to take the degree of M.B. at the Madras University. There were also female students at the Grant Medical College of Bombay, and at the Government Medical Schools at Poonah, Ahmedabad, and Hyderabad. The movement was initiated a few years ago by Lady Dufferin, the wife of the viceroy of India.

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