

General News.

CANADIAN.

The Scott Act will be voted on in Lambton county in February next.

The National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America will meet in the fortieth annual session in Halifax, N.S., on Wednesday, July 9th.

Russel, Everett & Co., wholesale grocers, Toronto, have assigned; liabilities estimated at \$40,000, chiefly in England and Montreal, assets said to be \$35,000.

A boy named John Conway went with some companions to swim in the canal at Montreal. The lad was seized with cramps and drowned before assistance could be rendered.

In Essex and Kent counties the farmers complain that the corn crop is being greatly damaged, and in some places totally destroyed by the cut worm. Some say that they have replanted their fields three times this season.

When the down freight train was shunting cars in the yard, at Victoria Harbor, a young man named Stephen Smith, on a box car, lost his balance and fell heavily to the ground, bruising his side and breast terribly. He died almost instantly.

At South Woodslee, on July 1st, a carpenter named Alex Fitzpatrick, employed by Messrs. C. A. Sweet & Son, lumber and stave manufacturers of this place, was accidentally shot dead by P. W. Black, the foreman of this firm, who was fixing a revolver in a vise in the room of the mill where Fitzpatrick was at work at his bench. He hails from Alvinston, Ont., where his mother and sisters live.

During a heavy thunderstorm which prevailed over the North-West on Thursday night a house at St. Boniface was struck by lightning and its owner killed in bed, a companion being temporarily paralyzed. Five other occupants of the house were also affected by the same shock, but received no injury.

FIRES.—At Copetown, the residence of Mr. F. J. Fay and a great part of the contents was consumed by fire on the 30th ult. Insurance on building, \$800, and \$500 on the contents in the Waterloo Mutual. —At Church Falls, Sandford's hotel was burned on the 30th ult. The fire was discovered in the kitchen, and had made such headway that nothing could be done to save the building. Loss about \$3,500; insurance not known. —A fire commenced on the 1st inst., in a wooden house on St. Madeline street, Que. The place was one of disrepute. One of the inmates, a girl named Labranche, was burned to death. The inmates and a number of young men were having a carouse, when one of them knocked over a burning lamp. It is supposed the whole party were drunk.

UNITED STATES.

Latest U. S. crop estimates look for a full average crop.

The indications are that the peach crop of Southern Delaware and Maryland will be heavy.

Several negroes died recently under mysterious circumstances at Rome, Ga. Robert Homes, colored, practising medicine without authority, has been arrested.

Mary Kelly, a Philadelphia laundress, reproached John Caldwell for drinking. Caldwell picked up a rifle and shot and killed the woman. When taken to the police station Caldwell fell on the floor insensible from the effects of liquor.

At Charleston, W. Va. Bernard Shaver, of Pendleton county, has been beaten to death by Amanda Simmons, who claims to be his wife. Jealousy is the cause.

After an exceedingly hot day, a cyclone and hailstorm struck Ithaca, N. Y., on the 1st inst., flooding the streets, which were filled with fallen trees and huge limbs. There was great alarm, but no lives were lost.

At Tarentum, Pa., on July 1st, Edward Mitchell cut off his arm with the intention of committing suicide because a justice of the peace refused to issue a warrant for the arrest of his wife, with whom he had a quarrel. Mitchell's recovery is doubtful. He had been drinking.

A despatch has been received at the Interior Department at Washington, from large herders in Montana stating that 900 Comanche Indians from the Pine Ridge Agency in Dakota have left their reservation and are now on Rosebud, Powder, and Horn rivers in a starving condition. The stockmen fear depredations.

At Philadelphia, the wife of Geo. Burkley, manufacturer, cut her throat while preparing dinner, on the 1st inst. She imagined she was to be taken to an insane asylum. Death was almost instantaneous.

In consequence of the outbreak of cholera in France, and as precautionary measures, the Health Department of Chicago has commenced a systematic sanitary inspection of the city. Special attention will be given to the settlements on the outskirts populated by foreigners, many of which are in a disgraceful condition, and no money or labor will be spared to make them plague-proof.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

In the House of Lords to-day Earl Cairns gave notice that he intended to meet the second reading of the Franchise bill with a motion that the bill is incomplete.

In the case of the Crown against Bradlaugh for illegally voting in the Commons, the jury decided that Bradlaugh did not take the oath in accordance with the practice of Parliament. A verdict was therefore given for the Crown.

Lord Granville has received a despatch from General Gordon, giving assurance of his health and safety.

The reductions made in the rent of the Irish peasantry by land commission will amount this year to nearly £3,000,000.

The Orangemen have just celebrated the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne at Newry. After the procession an effigy was burned. The police dispersed the crowd of Nationalists which was stoning the procession.

News from Marseilles and Toulon is again alarming. Arrangements have been made to fumigate all travellers on arriving at the Paris railway station.

At Toulon, there have been 53 cases of cholera so far, of which 22 have resulted fatally.

Madame de Kalomine (Countess von Romrod), is to receive her annuity of £1,000 a year from the Grand Duke of Hesse even if she contracts another marriage. The Grand Duke contemplates abdicating in favor of his son, Prince Ernest, who is not yet sixteen.

Admiral Courbet has been instructed to deny a public apology of China, as well as an indemnity for the violation of a treaty by the Chinese at Langson, and that in case she refuses to grant this the French fleet will bombard the Chinese cities.

A special commission, presided over by the Grand Duke Vladimir, to suggest means to stop the progress of Nihilism in the Russian army and navy, report that the discontent existing among the officers is due to inadequate pay and the flagrant injustice of the system of promotion. A plan of reform has been submitted to the Czar.

Clippings.

Milwaukee malsters propose to "boycott" prohibition barley from Iowa. What a pity.

It is estimated that St. Thomas spends \$200,000 per annum in intoxicants. Yet in that city during the last year the poor suffered for want of the necessities of life!

Thirty-four liquor dealers in Rhode Island, who own their present stands, will be obliged to surrender their licenses on July 1st, when the 400 feet-from-a-school-house law, which has just been re-enacted, goes into effect.

New York city can support 12,000 saloons which only lead to death and the devil, while of all names it can only maintain 448 Sunday schools.

Wipe every saloon out of the land and not a soul would be injured. Cherish them and thousands will be ruined. Draw your own conclusions.—*Cimiter.*

In order to be a saloon keeper, it is not necessary for a man to stand behind a bar and sell two cents worth of adulterated whiskey for ten cents, if he upholds the business he is in substance a saloon keeper.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court of Kansas removing a county attorney for neglecting to prosecute liquor sellers has created a panic among those officials who have winked at a violation of the prohibitory law, and rum-sellers are rapidly closing out their business in all the larger cities.

Lars Olsen Smith, the great "brandy king," has been converted, and will give up liquor selling. "I think it is better," he says, "to use the money I have gained in demoralizing and poisoning the people in undoing as far as possible, the mischief that unwillingly I created."

Intemperance is sadly on the increase in Belgium. The returns show a population of five and a half millions of souls consumes 80,000,000 of francs in liquor annually, being a proportion of 66 per cent. more than thirty years ago. Side by side with this is a terrible increase in insanity, which has proportionately more than doubled in the same time.

The anti-prohibitionists of Wichita, Kan., had a mass meeting to "emphasize the doctrine of free opinion in a free country." Late that same night the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, the pastors of which were total abstinence advocates, were set on fire, and the barns of several persons were destroyed.