

## CANADIAN.

A fire company has been formed in hen-frow, the village having purchased a fire engine.

Our Canadian Prima Donna Mlle. Albion has been engaged for next year's Italian opera season at St. Petersburg.

The Buffalo Express, after a careful study of the editorial pages of our leading dailies, says "there is more politics to the acre in Canada than in any other country we ever heard of."

A special meeting of the Directors of the County Agricultural Society has been held at Cayuga. The contract for building a new Agricultural Hall was awarded to Mr. A. Hobbs. The building is to be 80 x 32 feet, and will cost \$800. The village Council gave \$200 towards the building.

A few days ago, as James and George Cordiner, sons of a farmer of that name residing near Hurst's tavern, Guelph Road, were driving a team from a field towards the house, the horses ran away, throwing both out of the wagon; the first-named boy, aged about six, was killed, whilst the other, aged twelve, was seriously but not fatally injured, the wheel passing over his neck.

A working party of fifty artillerymen are engaged in mounting the new battery at Fort Cambridge, Point Pleasant. It consists of five 18-ton guns. These guns are furnished with Colonel Moncrieff's patent gun-carriages and oil-buffers by which the gun is forced again into position from the recoil after firing. They throw a 600 pound shot.

A lumberman, named Daniel Sullivan, of Meyersburg, was drowned last week by being upset from a boat a short distance below Ranney's Falls. He was a powerful man, and an excellent swimmer, but the river at that place being a turbulent mass of foaming billows, it is supposed that he was instantly suffocated. He leaves a wife and family to mourn his untimely end. The body was not found.

Among the items passed in the Committee of Supply at the House of Commons at Ottawa was one granting a pension of \$298 per annum to Mrs. Tempest, widow of the late Dr. Tempest, and her child, in consideration of the death of her son, Wm. Fairbanks Tempest, on whom she was dependent, and who was killed at Ridgeway in the encounter with the Fenians in June, 1866. The item passed without opposition, both sides of the House concurring cheerfully with the proposition.

The New Brunswick Reporter says:—"A fine boy, twelve years of age, son of Mr. James Colter, of Keswick Creek, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon under distressing circumstances. He was assisting one of the farm labourers who was ploughing a field adjoining the Creek, and feeling thirsty threw down the reins and went for a drink of water. In order to reach the stream he was obliged to clamber over a brow of logs, when suddenly one of them detaching from the mass rolled down upon him and striking him on the head crushed out his young life in an instant. His afflicted parents, thus suddenly bereaved of their eldest boy, are well nigh distracted."

A sad accident happened at Yale, B. C., a few days ago. Mr. Martin Nelson, wife and children, who were on their way home from Victoria, were driving with Mrs. James Robinson in a private carriage along the wagon road. When about three-quarters of a mile out of Yale, the horse shied, and the wagon, horse and occupants were capsized over the bluff. They fell twenty-five feet, killing one boy (breaking his neck) about five years old, and considerably hurting the youngest boy. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson got off unhurt. Mrs. Robinson was considerably bruised. It was a miracle they were not killed. The cause of the accident was the horse getting frightened by an Indian coming round the bluff.

The Galt Reporter says:—"From appearances we are about to have nearly an entire change in the staff of our town clergy. The Rev. Isaac Brock, M. A., of the Church of England, has received a call from Sherbrooke, P. Q.; the Rev. John B. Clarkson, M. A., has received a call from the Wesleyan Church, Guelph; the Rev. Robt. Acherson, of the Presbyterian Church, has resigned, and intends going to Europe; the Rev. David Smyth, of the Methodist New Connexion Church, contemplates retiring from the Ministry for a year, owing to impaired health, while Knox Church still remains without a pastor."

A few mornings since, according to the St. John Globe, a woman named Doherty, said to be insane, rushed from her residence on the Straight Shore to the Falls, and before those in pursuit could catch her, she deliberately threw herself from the precipice just above the Suspension Bridge. She fell on the ragged rock at the bottom of the cliff and close by the water's edge, and lay stunned, and it was supposed dead. Ropes were immediately procured, and a man was lowered down, and he and the unfortunate maniac were hauled up the bank. Wonderful to say she had no appearance of injury other than a bruise on the forehead, and she was able to walk to her home between two men. The fall was an unbroken one of eighty-five to one hundred feet, and the ground on which she struck was hard, uneven, and sharp-pointed rock.

The neighbourhood about Henfryn was thrown into a state of excitement a week ago, when one of Mr. Davis' men tramped over the new railway track to inform the inhabitants that several bears had been seen, and were not much beyond gun-shot from his (Mr. Davis') dwelling. All to a man turned out in pursuit. On crossing the Maitland River, they perceived three cubs perched on the top of a beech tree, and espied Madam Brinn making for the thickest of the woods. The first to gain the tree was Mr. Geo. Mellon, who soon found his way to the uppermost limb, and when just within reach of the infants, by the shaking of the tree they were precipitated to the ground, when there was a general scramble of men and dogs for the prizes, which were captured as quick as thought, and carried to the village in triumph. The old lady was expected to return during the night, and two old hunters lost a night's rest waiting up to give her a warm reception. She failed to put in an appearance then; but was seen on Tuesday by one of the villagers wives on the fall wheat, yet closer to the village. Chase was given, but the bear escaped.

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