

General News.

CANADIAN.

The Dominion Exhibition at Montreal was opened on Tuesday by his Excellency the Governor-General, in the presence of a large gathering of the citizens.

The sixth annual exhibition of the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto was formally opened Wednesday afternoon by his Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

The schooner Lily of Buern was totally wrecked off St. Johns, Newfoundland; all hands perished.

An accident happened at D. A. Forrester's flax mill, at Clinton, last week, by which a boy named Arthur McRae lost his life, and three others were seriously injured.

The terrific thunderstorm on Sunday did considerable damage in the Ottawa district. In addition to a barn set on fire in Hull, the lightning struck the farm buildings on Hodgins' homestead at Hazledean. The buildings, which occupied over an acre of ground, were completely consumed by fire. The C. P. R. bridge over the Gatineau river was struck and damaged to such an extent that a gang of men were set to work Sunday night to repair it.

Mr. Henry Haines, living at 101 Grosvenor-avenue, Toronto, was returning from the Island on Sunday with his wife, and a son about a year old. The boat approached the Brock street wharf, the gang-way was opened, and the perambulator containing Mr. Haines' infant son rolled into the water. Several men dived after the boy, but without success. The body was recovered by Esplanade Constable Williams.

May Agnes Pringle, three and a half years old, daughter of George Pringle, 46 Wickson avenue, Toronto, was drowned in a cistern on Sunday afternoon. She was missed, and on search being made, was found dead in the cistern, where she had been about fifteen minutes. No inquest was held.

A collision occurred on the G. T. R., about one and a half miles east of Grafton, between four and five o'clock Saturday morning. Fortunately no person was injured, but both engines and three cars are a complete wreck.

UNITED STATES.

The crops in Eastern Ohio and West Virginia are reported to be dying from the effects of the drought.

The loss by the conflagration in Cleveland on Sunday last, is estimated at two million dollars.

A passenger train on the Baltimore and Ohio road Saturday was completely derailed near Wheeling. Every car left the track. The engine ran down an embankment several feet in height. Wm. Johnson, engineer, did not leave his post, and was slightly hurt. Wm. Thorn, fireman, jumped, and was actually cut into mincemeat. The passengers were all bruised, but none seriously.

The National Bank of New Jersey has suspended, in consequence of the discovery of the defalcations of its cashier, which it is said amounts to over a million dollars. The closing of the bank occasioned terrible excitement in the town of New Brunswick, where the head office is situated. President Runyon, who it was thought was implicated in the transactions of the cashier, committed suicide, and a depositor named Walter Carroll rendered frantic by his losses, cut his throat with fatal effects.

The Enterprise mine at Port Bowkley Pa, owned and operated by Andrew Langdon, Buffalo, was Friday morning the scene of the most extensive cave-in that has occurred in this region for years. It is feared the mine is ruined. It is now full of gas and water from the river, and 500 persons are thrown out of employment. The loss will reach fully half a million.

FIRES.—A large fire broke out last week at Fort Erie, destroying Wm. M. Baldwin's store and an hotel adjoining; insurance about \$3,000.—Mrs. H. L. Miller's place on Washington street Saginaw City occupied by Joseph Roeser, caught fire from a steam thrasher. Loss about \$10,000; partially insured.—A fire at Port Austin on Friday destroyed part of the business portion of the town, and it was only by great efforts that the remainder was saved. Loss about \$14,000.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Compared with August of last year, the British imports decreased £6,600,000; exports decreased £1,600,000.

It is stated that the English Government has sent the gunboats "Sampson" and "Elk" to protect the English fishing fleet in the North Sea.

Over one hundred persons were wounded in the conflict between clericals and anti-clericals at Brussels Sunday.

Advices from New Zealand state that a large emigrant ship, the "Lastingham," from London to Wellington, was wrecked in Cook straight.

The crew, consisting of fourteen men, were saved. Out of the five passengers on board one was drowned.

The crops are almost a complete failure in the interior of India owing to the drought. The distress is great, and some women are killing themselves because unable to give their children food.

The commander of the German gunboat "Wolf" has taken possession, in the name of Germany, of all the west coast of Africa between the 18th and 26th degrees south latitude with the exception of Walfish bay, which was annexed to the British possessions a few weeks ago by the authorities at Cape Colony.

Sixty-four persons suspected of plotting against the Czar have been arrested at Warsaw. The police have ordered all warehouses, shops and taverns to be closed at nine o'clock each night during the Czar's visit. Each police agent is charged to watch five houses.

Chinese officials have been notified of the declaration of war against France. Shanghai has been declared a neutral port.

China has called for 25,000 men to defend Peking, and has granted the Minister of War twelve million francs for the purchase of munitions.

The cholera is raging in Italy. In some of the smaller cities of the north, like La Spezia, Busca, and Bergamo, the virulence of the disease is such as has no parallel in the French cities of the south. The terrified and cowardly villagers have taken the law into their own hands, and the result is absolute ruin to business in the kingdom, and of untold bad feeling. The disease is also spreading in Spain.

Facts and Opinions.

"God give us men, a tim like this demands,
Great hearts, strong minds, true faith and ready hands.
Men whom the lust of office cannot kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will:
Men who love honor;
Men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue,
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking,
Tall men, sun burned—who live above the fog,
In public duty, and in private thinking,
For while the rabble, with its thumbworn creeds,
Its large professions, and its little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps.

Holland.

IN RUSSIA the liquor traffic is being placed under the most stringent regulations, and 58 distilleries have been closed of late.—*Irish Templar.*

CHRISTINA HALL, wife of a prominent saloon keeper of Jackson, Mich., a woman about 35, has been sent to jail as a common drunkard. Her husband ought to serve three days to her one.—*Morning and Day of Reform.*

A GERMAN asked a railroad official at Mason City, Iowa, where he could get some beer, and received the prompt reply:—"About 200 miles straight west of here. There is none in the city.—*Morning and Day of Reform.*"

WHEN MEN pronounce prohibition a failure, they pronounce, in reality, that the liquor crime has assumed such gigantic proportions as to be beyond the control of the State. If that is so our government is a failure.

THE BOSTON Traveller says: "Mrs. Livermore spent last Saturday in the Woman's Prison, and finds that there is hardly a woman confined in there who was not brought to this degradation by intemperance."

CANON FARRAR is a total abstainer. He heard, early in life, a horrible story of a man afflicted with delirium tremens, and was there-by inspired with an utter loathing for all intoxicating drinks.

THE PHILADELPHIA News says:—"An \$8,000 saloon is being fitted up at San Antonio, Texas, and the \$300 church is being enlarged and whitewashed."