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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The crop prospects in Brant county are unprecedented.

The Baptists of Manitoba intend shortly erecting a college.

Hon. Edward Blake is in Montreal on his way to Murray Bay.

The Stars and Stripes were hauled down at Trenton on Dominion Day.

The crop prospects in Manitoba are greatly improved by the recent rains.

There has been a large rise in prices of wheat and rye in Vienna and Buda Pesth.

The Queen has donated £50 to the sufferers by the railroad accident at Armagh, Ireland.

Three ballot boxes being missing, the official count of the Scott Act voting in Elgin county had to be postponed.

Of the 753 cattle and 853 sheep carried by the Carthagenian crossing to Liverpool it is expected that 300 will be lost.

Mr. W. R. Wright, of the Militia Department, has been superannuated. He has been in the public service since 1843.

The grain crop in general has a very good appearance in Quebec and promises a large yield, and the potato crop looks healthy.

Danford, Roche & Co., retail drygoods, Barrie and Collingwood, formerly of Toronto, are reported in difficulties, with liabilities of $40,000.

Rev. Henry Duncan, who poisoned his wife and then eloped with Miss Boldser, has been captured at Dalton, Ala. He is in danger of being lynched.

The farm house of Robert Wilton, lot 35, con. 4, South Dumfries, was completely destroyed by fire on Wednesday. Most of the furniture was saved. Loss, $800.

George W. Ewing, of Fort Wayne, Ind., has made a claim through an attorney to one-fifteenth interest on property in various parts of St. Paul, estimated to be worth $2,000,000.

Ninety oxen died on board the steamer Carthagenian en route from Montreal to Liverpool, owing to the extreme heat of the past three days. The thermometer at Quebec marked 90°.

Arthur Roberts, a resident of Oakland, is charged with an attempted criminal assault on Clara Roberts, his sister-in-law, age 22. The prisoner was sent for trial by Squire Thompson, of Brantford.

The name of the man who committed suicide at Clappison's Corners, near Hamilton, on Monday last is undoubtedly R. J. Crans, the name having been found marked on his clothing and his umbrella.

The body of the 12-year-old boy, Isaac Dennis, who was drowned in the Grand River near Brantford on Saturday, was discovered on Wednesday nearly ten miles away from the scene of the accident.

Robbers held up the stage coach bound from Lauder to Rawlins, Montana, when near Rougis. Mrs. Jones, wife of the Indian agent, and her three children were the only passengers. They were robbed of all they had.

A San Jose, Cal., dispatch says: A. M. Park, keeper of a saloon at Agnews, four miles north of here, shot Mrs. Josie Hunter, a woman with whom he had been living, and then shot himself, death resulting in both cases.

Assignments: Port Elgin, George Blundell, mechanic; Sault Ste. Marie, J. G. Van Norman, baker; Wallaceburg, O. B. Marshall, grocer; Montreal, A. Hardy & Co., fruit; Mrs. H. W. Jewett, resturant; J. P. Scully, jeweler.

An unknown man committed suicide on Monday at Clapiston's Corners, near Hamilton. It is thought that the description of W. J. Coster, cashier of the City Club, Buffalo, N. Y., missing for several days, tallies with that of the suicide.

Henry Hage went to Minneapolis, Minn., to be married, having with him $20,000 in negotiable drafts. A man who represented himself to be a barber dashed vitriol in Henry's face, and with the help of accomplices robbed him of all he had.

It is reported that the solicitors for Mrs. Maybrick, awaiting trial for the murder of her husband by poison at Liverpool, have received seven communications containing offers of marriage, in the event of the unfortunate woman being discharged.

At the Toronto City Council Monday evening letters were received protesting against the decision of the Council to give the contract for building a pumping engine to a Hamilton firm at $2,420 more than the tender of an American firm for the work.

The dead body of Francis D. Cammann, president of the Kansas City Carving Works, was found in an alley at Kansas City, Mo., Thursday, with a bullet hole in the right temple and a revolver in his hand. He was mixed up in several crooked affairs.

The late Senator Ryan by his will bequeathed to St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, St. Bridget's Home and the Grey Nuns (Montreal) $2,500 each; to several charitable institutions in Ireland $1,000 each. The personal legacies to relatives, friends and servants amounted to $45,000, Mrs. Ryan being amply provided for.

Herbert Saunderson, who was severely injured by the collision of a wagon with the vehicle in which he was riding during the march of the procession on Dominion day at Toronto, died Wednesday afternoon. Edward McNaughton, who was driving the wagon, has been arrested on a charge of murder.

Eddie Toy, alias "Dirty Eddie," a horse thief now in penitentiary, is said to have been the murderer of Druggist Frank C. Clark, at Chicago, who was killed on the 21st of February. Robbery was the motive, and Clark was killed in resisting Toy. The author of the tragedy has hitherto been unknown.

The Ottawa Ladies' College was on Saturday formally transferred by the College Board to the French Board of Evangelization of the Presbyterian Church. The mortgages, amounting to about $31,000, were held by Mrs. Slater and the McLaren estate and were paid off. The institution has been run in the past by a board of directors, under the supervision of the Presbyterian Church.

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CANADIAN.

Prostrated by a Lightning Flash in Zurich.

Desperate Attempt to Blow Up a Hotel in Trenton.

Killed While Shooting Crows.

WARKWORTH, Ont., July 7.—A boy about 15 years old, named Russell, working with John Anderson near here, had his brains blown out this morning by the explosion of a gun while he was shooting crows.

Over the Garden Wall.

TORONTO, July 5.—Six inmates escaped from the Mercer Reformatory on Monday evening by scaling the walls. So far only one has been found. The authorities endeavored to keep the matter secret, but it leaked out at last.

Minister Foster Married.

OTTAWA, July 4.—Mr. Foster, Minister of Finance, returned last night with his bride, Mrs. Addie D. Chisholm, whom he married in Chicago on Tuesday. The bride is the divorced wife of Mr. B. B. Chisholm, ex-M.P. for Halton.

Attempt to Blow Up a Hotel.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., July 6.—A desperate effort was made on Dominion Day to blow up the Woodbine Hotel, Trenton. Three times the fire was put out. Gunpowder fuses were found in several beds. A coroner's inquest is demanded.

South Essex Tories.

KINGSTON, Ont., July 3.—At the Tory convention today Chas. G. Fox, reeve of Gosfield South, was nominated for the Local House. Speeches were made by N. A. Coste, of Malden; Mr. Jones and R. O. Y. Ainslie, of Tilbury West.

A Plucky Newsboy.

TORONTO, July 8.—George Haines, a city newsboy, courageously plunged into the water at the Bumber and rescued a 6-year-old boy from drowning. He was presented with a purse of money by the party of picknickers of which the child was a member.

Broke His Neck.

SARNIA, Ont., July 7.—This morning about 7 o'clock Henry Healy, a man of dissipated habits, was found dead in the Lambton House stable. It is is supposed that he fell from the upper loft and broke his neck. He leaves a sister living in Fort Gratiot. He was about 30 years of age.

A Little Child's Sad Fate.

MITCHELL, Ont., July 9.—A 3-year-old child, daughter of Mr. George Leak, of the township of Logan, was accidently killed on Saturday while running around with a sharp stick in her mouth. She fell, the stick penetrating to the base of the brain, and death resulted in a few hours.

Blaze at Blyth.

BLYTH, Ont., July 4.—This morning, about 4:30 o'clock, the sawmill owned by Isaac Rogers & Son was completely consumed by fire. The early arrival of the firemen saved the lumber and surrounding buildings. The cause is unknown, but it is supposed to be from a spark from the fire-place. Loss, between $4,000 and $5,000; insurance, $2,000.

New Cables.

OTTAWA, July 5.—The Minister of Customs has ordered that facilities be given to land the new cables in Dover Bay, N. S. The cables include extensions of the two Western Union cables; of the one between England and Canada, termination at Canso, Dover Bay, for connection with the New York land line. The new direct French cable has been landed at Fox Island, five miles from Canso.

Big Blaze at Wingham.

WINGHAM, Ont., July 5.—This morning the third story of Mr. T. Bell's furniture factory, which was stored with furniture, was completely destroyed by fire, and the second flat floor was partially burned, with the material thereon. The loss will be heavy. There was some insurance. Mr. Bell had just returned from Manitoba the previous evening with heavy orders for immediate filling. Over 40 men are thrown out of work.

Avon Items.

AVON, July 5.—Miss Jolliffe, of Bradford, is visiting relatives in this vicinity. Miss R. McCollum, of London, is home on a visit.

Rev. Mr. Garoutt preached his first sermon here last Sunday morning to a large audience.

On July 1 a baseball match was played at Lake Whittaker between the Delmer nine and Avon. Score: Delmer 29, Avon 28.

The Peculating Postmaster.

KINGSTON, July 3.—The most serious offense for which Rev. R. T. Burns could have been convicted was not pressed. Mrs. Connors has just learned that only $475 was put to her credit of $1,000, the balance having been drawn by Mr. Burns and appropriated to his own purposes.

A warrant has been issued to the police for the arrest of William Shannon, late deputy-postmaster. He has been residing in and about Kingston.

Fatal Shooting Accident at Peterboro.

PETERBORO, July 6.—A fatal shooting accident took place in Emily township Thursday night. Mr. H. Weir, son of Mr. Robert Weir, a highly-respected farmer, retired to his room at an early hour, and in a few minutes the household was startled by the report of a pistol in his room. His sister found him lying on the floor quite dead, with a bullet hole in his breast. It is supposed he was examining the weapon when it was accidentally discharged, as on no other theory—all the facts being known—can the death be accounted for. The young man was highly respected.

Baby-Farming at Hamilton.

HAMILTON, July 5.—A woman named Parker, who kept a baby farm at 328 James street north, was tried in the Police Court yesterday on the charge of ill-using and neglecting to give sufficient nourishment to a child belonging to Sarah Johnson, for which the latter paid monthly. The evidence went to show that the woman abused the child shamefully, neglected to give it food, and when she heard she was to be arrested she washed the child by dousing it in water and scrubbing it with a broom. The infant is in a very low condition, and it is doubtful if it will live. Mrs. Parker, who is a drunken character of bad repute, was remanded for a week.

Melancthon Matters.

MELANCTHON, Ont., July 2.—We have had extremely wet weather here this summer. The crops on the high-lying land promise to be heavy, though the harvest will probably be late on account of so much wet weather in the forepart of the summer. Meadows are very heavy. Fruit, though somewhat damaged by the frost will be a fair crop. The early-planted potatoes in many places have rotted on account of the wet and cold weather, consequently they have to be planted a second time. We are having very hot weather here just now.

Prostrated by a Flash.

ZURICH, July 2.—While Mr. William McAllister was driving to Lake Huron yesterday with his wife and child, the party were overtaken by a thunder storm, and all were prostrated by a shock of lightning. Mrs. McAllister and her child were thrown out of the buggy and on to the horse. The lady, however, soon recovered consciousness and ran to a house near by for help. Mr. McAllister was thrown into the ditch and seriously injured. At last accounts he had not recovered consciousness. The child escaped without injury.

Mr. Charlton at Mount Elgin.

MOUNT ELGIN, July 6.—John Charlton, M.P., addressed a crowded meeting in the Methodist Church in this place last evening, dealing with the question of Church and State union, ecclesiastical domination, race antagonism and continental free trade. His sentiments were enthusiastically received. A vote of confidence in Mr. Charlton as the representative of North Norfolk, was carried unanimously. A large number of ladies were present. A number of Conservatives were heard to express a determination to support Mr. Charlton in future.

A Pioneer Mustered Out.

GODERICH, Ont., July 8.—There died in the village of Bayfield, in the county of Huron, this morning. Wm. Wellington Connor, one of the oldest pioneers in that secton of country. Born in Ireland, he came to this country when quite a young man. He was one of the oldest Orangemen in Canada, and an honorary member of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of British North America. He served in the 33rd Battalion active militia, and retired with the rank of major. Mr. Connor was a justice of the peace, and the first reeve of Bayfield, which office he had for many years.

Muskoka Liberals.

BRACEBRIDGE, July 6.—At a very large convention of the Liberals of the District of Muskoka held here yesterday, Mr. A. P. Cockburn, ex-M.P., was unanimously selected to be the Liberal candidate at the next Local general elections. Mr. Cockburn, who was present, accepted the nomination amidst enthusiasm. Stirring speeches were delivered by the candidate and other influential Liberals, and resolutions were carried approving of the Mowat Administration. Dr. Bridgland was also re-elected unanimously president of the association; James Whitten, secretary, and James Dollar, treasurer, and a strong campaign organization was formed.

Ex-Premier Norquay's Funeral.

WINNIPEG, July 9.—The State funeral in honor of the late ex-Premier Norquay yesterday, was the largest procession ever witnessed in Winnipeg, and was attended by members of the Local Legislature, Senators, members of the Commons, military officers and a large concourse of citizens on foot and in carriages. All business was suspended in the city from 4 until 6 o'clock. The pall-bearers were Mr. A. Logan, Sheriff Jackson, Senator Sutherland, Mr. G. R. Crowe, Mr. J. MacBeth, ex-M.P.P., Mr. George Ross, Mr. A. A. C. Lariviere and Mr. H. M. Howell, Q.C. Floral offerings completely covered the ex-Premier's coffin to-day, including one from Premier Mercier of Quebec, who telegraphed his regrets at the ex-Premier's death.

It is proposed to offer the vacant seat in the Legislature to Thomas, eldest son of the deceased, whom, it is said, will be returned without opposition.

Death of an Editor.

PARIS, Ont., July 7.—The death of Mr. Wm. Chadwick Jones, editor and proprietor of the Star-Transcript newspaper, occurred yesterday morning with awful suddenness. Mr. Jones on coming to his office, complained to his assistant of a stitch in his side, and, by the time Dr. Dunton, who had been summoned, reached him he was completely prostrated. "Is it heart disease, doctor?" were the last words he uttered. A few moment later all was over. Deceased was born in Jerseyville in 1837. During his residence in Paris, he filled municipal office, acted as secretary of the North Brant Reform Association, and also filled the position of church-warden of St. James' Church. He was a man of sterling integrity, sociable characteristics and general good citizenship. A wife and four children, the eldest a girl of 14 years, are left to lament his loss.

Anti-Jesuit Agitation.

MONTREAL, July 6.—The anti-Jesuit meeting held in the Lecture Hall of St. James' Methodist Church last night was well attended, and a good amount of enthusiasm was developed. The meeting was called under the auspices of the Citizens' Committee, and Dr. Davidson presided. Rev. Principal Caven was the first to speak after the chairman had read the resolutions of the Toronto Convention, upon which the Equal Rights Association was founded. He reviewed the whole question at length, and was followed by Dr. J. C. Antliffe, Rev. Dr. Whitker and Hon. Wm. McDougall. It was decided to form branch associations throughout the Province.

TORONTO, July 5.—The representative anti-Jesuit workers of Toronto organized a district Equal Rights Association this evening. Mr. J. K. MacDonald occupied the chair, and conveners were appointed to call organization meetings in the respective wards. Great enthusiasm prevailed, and the gathering contained many representative men.

East Hastings Liberals.

BELLEVILLE, July 5.—Mr. R. S. Burdett, M.P., with Messrs V. Vermilyea, Reeve Thurlow, R. C. Clute and J. A. Dorin, addressed an enthusiastic meeting of Liberals at Melrose to-day. Mr. Harford Ashley, president of the East Hastings Liberal Association, occupied the chair. Mr. Ashley, in the course of his remarks, said there was no doubt in his mind but that a Liberal would represent East Hastings in the Local House next term. The election of officers resulted as follows: Mr. J. M. Hurley, deputy-reeve of Thurlow, president; Mr. N. Vermilyea, secretary-treasurer; Messrs. J. W. Ross and Dennis Hanley, auditors. Mr. S. B. Burdett, when called to the platform, made a rousing speech, at the conclusion of which, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by a standing vote: "That we as Reformers express our entire satisfaction and confidence in the capabilities of S. B. Burdett to represent the East Riding of Hastings another term." The meeting concluded after four hours of speaking.

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ADVERTISER CABLES.

Terrible Suffering of the Routed Dervishes in Egypt.

The Shah Visiting the Queen in England.

Michael Davitt's Testimony Before the Parnell Commission.

Old Country Crop Prospects.

LONDON, July 6.—Prospects for bountiful crops in England, Scotland and Ireland are quite favorable.

Samoa's Rival Sovereigns Make Peace.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., July 6.—Advices have been received here from Apia that a treaty of peace has been concluded between Mataafa and Tamasese.

St. Christopher Columbus.

ROME, July 9.—A number of bishops and others have petitioned the Vatican to canonize Christopher Columbus on the anniversary of the discovery of America.

The Pope's Successor.

LONDON, July 7.—The Rome correspondent of the Independence Belge says the Pope at the recent consistory advised that Cardinal Laverigie be elected as his successor.

The Royal Wedding.

LONDON, July 7.—The marriage of Princess Louise of Wales and the Earl of Fife will take place July 27 in the Chapel of Buckingham Palace. The Queen, and probably the Shah, will be present.

Nine Hundred Dead Dervishes.

CAIRO, July 6.—The encounters that have occurred near Arquin, between the Egyptian troops, under Col. Wodehouse, and the Dervishes have proved very disastrous to the latter. Thus far 900 of the Dervishes have been killed and 700 have been taken prisoners or have deserted.

A Gladstonian Gain.

LONDON, July 6.—An election was held yesterday in the West division of Fife to fill the Parliamentary seat made vacant by the resignation of R. P. Bruce. Mr. Birrell (Gladstonian) was elected, receiving 3,551 votes against 2,758 for Wemyss (Radical Unionist). The latter received the support of the Conservatives.

The Pope's Flitting.

ROME, July 9.—The preparations are well advanced for the departure of Pope Leo XIII. from the Vatican. He is now completing the list of the court personages who will accompany him. He has arranged a council for next Thursday. The Cardinal Vicar will remain in Rome with a part of the Papal household. Senor Goizard, the Spanish ambassador to the Vatican, arrived in Madrid yesterday morning and reported to the Spanish Government the decision of the Pope to quit Italy and his desire to reside in Spain.

More Fighting in Egypt.

LONDON, July 9.—Advices were received at Cairo to-day that Col. Wodehouse's cavalry occupied the camp of the enemy and found it deserted by all except several men, women and children, who were dying from thirst and exhaustion. The enemy surprised and killed a picket belonging to the Ninth Battalion. No reinforcements for Col. Wodehouse had as yet passed Wady Halfa. Other advices say the Egyptian force under Col. Wodehouse arrived at Adendan last night. The Dervishes occupied a position on the opposite bank. A sharp engagement ensued. The Dervishes were after water, and managed to procure a supply, though many of their number succumbed to the fierce artillery and the rifle fire kept up by the Egyptians. Three battalions of British infantry and a squadron of hussars have been ordered to Assouan.

The Shah in England.

LONDON, June 3.—Upon his arrival at Windsor Castle the Shah was received by the Queen at the State residence.

The Shah, accompanied by several members of the royal family, members of the diplomatic corps and other prominent persons, was to-day escorted by a procession to the Guild Hall. The streets through which the procession passed were decorated with flags and bunting and lined with troops. Immense crowds gathered along the route. Lord and Lady Salisbury were late in starting for the Guild Hall and discovered on reaching the Strand that the Shah had already passed along that thoroughfare. The troops there had also broken up their lines and the crowds of people were roaming about at will. Owing to the dense crowds, Lord Salisbury's carriage proceeded very slowly without its occupants being recognized until Cheapside was reached. Here it was obliged to come to a standstill and the official uniform of the Premier attracted the attention of the sightseers who bantered His Lordship until a body of troops was procured to escort him and Lady Salisbury to the Guild Hall, which they were obliged to enter through the door assigned to ordinary visitors. The police on duty at the entrance stopped several detectives who were following the Premier, and would not allow them to enter until they had explained who they were.

Mr. Gladstone at Cardiff.

LONDON, July 7.—The freedom of Cardiff was presented to Mr. Gladstone yesterday. Mr. Gladstone's speech on the occasion was notable for compliments paid to America. He referred to her constitution as a marvel of political wisdom, exhibiting the benefits of devolution in contrast with the evils of too great centralization, of which France and Italy were examples. He would have liked to have brought with him the illuminated address sent him from New York, but it was too bulky. He brought instead the address sent him from Illinois. These and similar expressions of opinion of the home rule question from a nation rapidly advancing to the position of the primary power of the English-speaking races ought to give every prudent Englishman material for reflection. "We are the first," he said, "to tell other nations their faults, but the last to listen to anyone's advice."

Referring to the Fife election and the opinions of Mr. Wemyss, the defeated candidate, Mr. Gladstone said that if the Government would allow Mr. Wemyss to act in their behalf doubtless Mr. Wemyss and he (the speaker) would be able to arrive at a very satisfactory solution of the Irish question. So much for the best candidate the Government could find.

The Routed Dervishes.

CAIRO, July 9.—Col. Wodehouse, commander of the Egyptian troops, has sighted the Dervishes moving northward. They are 5,000 strong. Col. Wodehouse says his force is not strong enough to make another attack upon them, but he is following them with all available troops in steamers. He calls for reinforcements.

The slaughter of the Dervishes on the Nile's bank has raised a shudder even in England, where shooting savages is regarded as a part of the Empire's great civilizing mission. The position of the poor wretches in this case is particularly horrible. They advanced many days' journey across the desert, and almost reached the Nile, panting for a drink of its refreshing waters. But there on the bank the Khedive's troops were drawn up. The savages fought a whole day in the broiling Soudan sun to get at the water, but without avail, and they hid themselves at night in the hills. Mounted cavalry scoured the banks all night to prevent the tribesmen reaching the Nile, and gunboats flashed electric lights and fired shells continuously with the same object. All next day the same tactics were observed, and scores of Arabs have now been found dead, their parched tongues protruding and shriveled. Some of the rebel women tried to steal to the river for water for the fighting men, but they were promptly captured and transported across the Nile, whence they could render no succor.

Germany and Switzerland.

LONDON, July 7.—A Berlin dispatch says: Prince Bismarck's letters to the German Minister at Berne have been the prelude to a general outcry by the semi-official press, menacing the neutrality of Switzerland. The Chancellor's intention in publishing the letters has now invested with a serious meaning the letter in which he says that if Switzerland continues to permit revolutionists to threaten the internal peace and security of the German Empire the powers will be asked to consider Swiss neutrality. An exchange of communications has resulted in an identical policy being adopted by the Austrian and Italian Governments to compel Switzerland to comply with the demands of Bismarck for a revision of the laws affecting refugees. To-night's advices from Berne show that the Government is alive to the possibilities of the situation. The Bundesrath has concluded to negotiate a loan of 20,000,000 marks to provide rifles for the army. Apart from official circles, German feeling leans towards Switzerland, and is hopeful that nothing will disturb existing sympathies. The Cologne Gazette states that the Emperor during his last journey in Southern Germany several times expressed his respect and admiration for the Swiss, regret that the quarrel arose, and his conviction that the difference would be arranged.

The Weekly War Scare.

LONDON, July 8.—During the past week there has been a strange and almost sinister silence on the continent, which recently was so disturbed by evil dreams and throbbings of the war drum. Young William is alone with his thoughts in the gloomy stillness of the Norwegian fiords and glacial palisades, and as to the tenor of his thoughts we have no sign. The Czar, too, is off with his wife and family in an equally close seclusion, trying to realize that he is a human being after all, instead of a fly on the driving wheel in the enormous and terrible mechanism of the Russian Government. But the forces which ceaselessly weave and spin underneath these visible figure-heads are not resting. German officials are diligently fanning alive the quarrel forced upon little Switzerland with a view of preserving a pretext for hurling an army corps across the Jura Pass when war comes. Russian officers, no longer designing to disguise matters, are swarming up the Danube past Roumanian towns into Servia, and one party of 50 actually landed on Wednesday at Braila, and closely inspected the fortifications the Roumanians have built there. The Servians got a hint to dissemble their readiness to overthrow the Obrenovitz dynasty, and accordingly the boy king is once more being salaamed to, but the work of getting ready to do Russia's bidding goes on untiringly. Here in London diplomatists believe in war more now than they did when the scare was at its height ten days ago.

The Parnell Commission.

LONDON, July 5.—Michael Davitt opened his own case before the Parnell Commission to-day. The first witness he called was Mr. Loudon, ex-member of Parliament, who testified that periodic famines occurred in county Mayo owing to rack rents. Witness assisted in founding the Mayo branch of the League. It never voted a farthing to foment crime. The murders of Lyman, Hudd and Kavanagh were the work of the Herds' League, a part of whose policy was to shoot Land Leaguers. The Herds' League was in the pay of the police. It was organized by Whelan, who lost his life in consequence. Presiding Justice Hannen questioned the witness, who persisted that the police incited the outrages perpetrated by the Herds' League. The witness said he did not inform the authorities because he would not put himself on a level with an informer. He had frequently denounced the Herds' League publicly. The Parnell Commission will adjourn Aug. 9, and the closing speeches on the part of the Parnellites will be made on that day.

LONDON, July 3.—Michael Davitt continued his testimony before the Parnell Commission to-day. He stated that he would not object to joining any movement to secure the independence of Ireland if such a movement was backed by a force strong enough to justify the hope of its success. He did not approve of the Clerkenwell explosion. He regretted the attack upon the prison van, in which a brave policeman was killed, but applauded the men who tried to save their friends. While in prison he concluded that movements by secret societies would do no good, and when released he had a conference with the leader of the Irish Republican Brotherhood in Paris regarding the advisability of an open movements. He failed to win the Irish Republican Brotherhood leaders to approve the adoption of an open movement with the exception of Harris. He intended to make the question a stepping-stone to the independence of Ireland, treating the landlord as an English garrison. The League's programme, witness said, had now become the programme of the Tory Government. (Laughter.) Witness refused to say whether or not James O'Kelly, M.P. for the North Division of Roscommon, had been engaged to distribute firearms, and declared he did not know the trustees of the skirmishing fund. Dr. Carroll and Messrs. Breslin, Luby, Devoy, Burke and Ross belonged to the Clan-na-Gael in America for political purposes. They were all extreme Nationalists. A majority of the people opposed Fenianism and secret societies. Irish Americans objected to the scheme, holding that it would give the politicians too much power. Witness had converted many Nationalists to his view.

Attorney-General Webster read resolutions demanding the overthrow of British domination and the establishment of an Irish Republic.

Mr. Davitt admitted he was present at the meeting in America when the resolutions were adopted. He stated that he did not dissent. He said: "I am a Republican by principle." The resolutions were cabled to Mr. Parnell, but never reached him. Witness had never discussed them with Mr. Parnell. "Mr. Parnell and I differ," continued witness, "because Mr. Parnell is opposed to complete separation, but if he got his measure through I would loyally support it. If he was successful the demand for separation would eventually die." Continuing, witness said he made 50 speeches in America, in which he asked the extremists to fairly try Parnell's movements.

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THE HARVEST.

To all appearance, the farmers of Ontario will be right into the bustle of harvesting operations within the next few days. From Mr. T. Beckton, of Glencoe, the ADVERTISER is in receipt of a fine specimen of fully-ripened wheat, taken from a field belonging to Mr. R. Ferguson, of Strathburn, Ekfrid, which is now fit to cut. Though this appears to be somewhat early, there is reason to believe that the very warm weather of the last few days has forced the ripening process in every district, and on all comparatively light soils harvesting will be the almost immediate order of the day. What is now needed to secure the great crop of the Province is good sharp heat for three weeks of fine, dry weather. As to the prospects of that and other products of the soil, the reports published in another column will be extremely interesting to our farming readers. They go to show that an average crop of the cereals may be expected, but that apples and small fruits are a comparative failure.

In Manitoba it is expected that the wheat crop will be ready for the mower by Aug. 15, but there are conflicting rumors as to the possible yield. Reports that we hope will be modified by later intelligence, are to the effect that through attacks by the gopher, the frost and severe droughts the early prospects, which were brilliant, have been very much modified, and there is now reason to fear that the yield will be much below what, with a fair season, would have been obtained. The rainfall of July 1, which was greatly wanted, was but partial, and was not sufficient to make up for the loss of moisture consequent on the long-continued drought. We in these parts were, until a few days ago, complaining of too much rain. We appear to have got our own share as well as a portion belonging to our neighbors in the Northwest and the Western States. From the report of the United States Signal Service at St. St. Paul, Minn., it appears that the total rainfall in that State for the past month was 1.61 inches. The June normal fall is 4.85 inches, making a deficiency of 3.24 inches for the month. It was the dryest June on record; the wettest was in 1874, when 11.67 inches of rain fell. Throughout the entire American Northwest the conditions seem to have been similar to those existing in Manitoba, where the drought has resulted in so much harm. The consequence is that both in Canada and the United States the yield of wheat will be much under what was at first expected, and it may be, taking it all over the country, considerably below the average. What effect this state of matters will have on prices remains to be seen, but much depends on how the harvest in Europe turns out. At last accounts it promised well with the exception perhaps of that of Russia. Late cablegrams from that great wheat-producing country report a shortage, especially in the south.

TRAGEDY AT TORONTO.

Fatal Result of a Barroom Quarrel—A Man Killed by a Blow.

TORONTO, July 9.—James Smith, builder, was in a saloon with Hugh McKay, carpenter, last evening, when Smith asked the latter for payment of some money due to him by McKay. Some words ensued, after which Smith took McKay by the throat and struck him in the mouth and then turned to the counter to finish his glass of beer. McKay in a few moments walked towards Smith, and, it is alleged, struck him. The latter fell dead. Smith was a large man and subject to heart disease. He leaves a wife and five children, all under 14. McKay has given himself up to the police.

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