

Local and other matters.

Russia is sending troops to the frontier. There are apprehensions that Austria will occupy Serbia. 20,000 Arabian troops have been offered Turkey. Last week a few fine salmon were taken in our river. A number of active burglars are infesting Montreal. The Provincial Exhibition of Quebec is expected to be a big affair. One hundred and ten cars in one day landed 5000 passengers in one day from Pittsburgh at Philadelphia. Monday was the hottest day of the season, the thermometer standing at 91 in the shade not a breath of air stirring. Rain is much needed. Thomas Conyngbame, a prominent business man of Wilkesbarre, is reported a forger to the amount of \$300,000 and has fled. Six millions is the number of quarts of strawberries which it is estimated were furnished by Delaware during the past season. Lieutenant Cameron says that the whole of Africa is one vast slave field. The trade is increasing instead of diminishing. The Relief Fund raised for the families of the two men, Kelly and Anley, who were killed on Rocky Hill, has reached the sum of \$1000. The Paris correspondent of the Standard reports that Austria has been strengthening the garrison of Semlin, in view of possible events. Turkish Government offers as an excuse for invading Serbia that the latter fermented the insurrection in Herzegovina. The Toronto Globe publishes crop reports from all parts of Ontario, indicating prospects of a magnificent harvest. The vote on the Belknap impeachment in the United States Senate was 36 to 23, and he gets free, two thirds not having been secured. William Carleton Ireland, of the firm of Morris & Ireland, safe makers, of Boston, mysteriously disappeared in Portland on Saturday week. Foul play suspected. The Rev. Richard Smith has been appointed Commissioner of schools for the Western District of this County in the place of the Rev. Mr. Hart, who has removed from the County. The Queen has sent a subscription to Quebec for the erection of a gateway in the fortifications, to be named after her father, the Duke of Kent, who spent many years in Canada. Montreal, Aug. 2.—During the past ten days 1100 immigrants, including 500 Menonites and 400 Icelanders, passed through this city en route for the West. Printing was done in Canada before the separation of the American Colonies from the mother country. Halifax had a press in 1751 and Quebec boasted of having a printing office in 1764. Bluford Wilson was again before the whiskey investigating committee last evening. He refused to answer certain questions which he thought might be embarrassing to Bristow and Grant. St. John, Aug. 4.—News was received to-day of the death at Manningtree, England, yesterday, of Hon. John Robertson, senator of this city. Flags were placed at half mast on the shipping and public buildings. The last lot of Menonites that arrived at Dufferin, Manitoba, brought out with them, for their friends who preceded them, nearly \$200,000 in gold, the proceeds of the sale of their real estate in Russia. Among the articles exhibited at the Centennial by Canada, is a lead pencil 7 1/2 feet long 2 1/2 feet thick, and weighing 4,870 pounds. It is a long piece of plumbago, and was taken from a mine eighteen miles from Ottawa. The Bank of Nova Scotia has offered a reward of two thousand dollars for such information as will lead to the recovery of the money stolen by the burglars last week; and one thousand dollars for information that will lead to the conviction of the robber. After a long silence, news has been received of Stanley, the New York Herald's African explorer. Instead of striking westward to trace the Luabala to the Atlantic, he has explored and mapped the before untraced portion of the Victoria Nyanza, and gone over the wide extent of country between the Victoria and Albert lakes. His principal discovery in this region was the very interesting one of a pale tribe inhabiting the mountain region of Gambaraga, which he discovered and thoroughly explored.

Out of six brigands recently arrested in Sicily, three were found to be persons of high social position, who secretly consorted with and furnished information to the robbers. Foreign paper. Why didn't the fools get into government employ and rob officially? Boston, Aug. 3.—The Congressional Committee on the Blaine investigation have signed a report exonerating him, and upon its presentation in the House there was a violent discussion, in which Proctor Knott, the chairman, assailed Blaine, whose friends retorted. The report was recommitted by the Democratic majority. BRAT THIRDS.—R. H. Bath, has on hand a lot of the Celebrated Howe Sewing Machines. This machine is the best made in the world, and warranted. He now offers them at 25 per cent. off of price list to close consignments. Intending purchasers would do well to call at once and secure one. August 2nd, '76. 4w. The Y. M. C. A. of Annapolis, held a public meeting in Fuleron's Hall, on Friday Evening, the 4th inst., in honor of their first anniversary. The President of the Association (Thomas Whitman, Esq.) occupied the chair, Messrs. McLean, and Morrow, two delegates from Halifax, were the speakers of the evening. The association numbers 60, and is doing a good work. Boston, Aug. 3.—The report of the impeachment managers to the House, after giving the result of the trial, expresses the belief that good will result from the trial, in that it will be a constant warning to office holders whose plan of integrity is no higher than the feeling that "honesty is the best policy." At Tremont, Ill., a respected German farmer named Wensler was pitching hay from a wagon to a stack, when the handle of his pitchfork broke, the part he was holding falling to the ground. At the same time he lost his balance, and falling upon the ragged end of the broken handle, he was pierced through the heart and died almost instantly. A man rowing on the Hudson river near Troy, a few days ago, happening to look into the water saw the body of a boy lying face upward on the bottom of the river. He dove for the body, caught it and carried it into a house near by, where it was found that it was still warm, and after proper treatment the lad was resuscitated. Kansas is complaining that her crop of cereals this year is too enormously heavy for utilization. Millions of bushels of wheat will have to be lost, and cannot be got to market; and as to corn, the yield is so great that vast quantities will have to be used as fuel during the winter. United States newspapers are over-bolting with electioneering matters. The contest in November will be close, and the result at present it is difficult to foresee. Pre-calculations respecting electoral results are always based upon uncertainties. Party prophecies are not infallible. One thing is undeniable, and that is that no stone will be left unturned, and no effort spared by either party, to secure a victory. LONDON, JULY 31.—The Times says that Rev. Samuel Butler, Bishop of Meath, who had been suffering from congestion of the lungs and bronchitis, became delirious while attending to his temporarily absent on Saturday, and upon returning found the Bishop on the floor in a pool of blood. A razor was beside him, and a slip of paper, on which was written the single word "mad," lay on the table. The Bishop was speechless and expired soon. As the season advances the prospect of abundant crops in this part of the country grows more cheering. The cereals are looking finely, and the present condition of the potato fields indicates a prolific yield. The laying season is well advanced, and the hay already under cover, has been secured in excellent order. There has been no continued wet weather to dishearten hay-makers. The deepest perpendicular mining shaft in the world is in Prizbram, Bohemia, and measures 3,280 feet. It is in a lead mine, and is supposed to have been begun about 350 years ago. In other places greater depths have been reached, but not by straight lines. A rock salt bore near Berlin is 4,175 feet deep, and a coal mine in Belgium 3,542. The deepest hole ever bored is an artesian well, of 5,500 feet at Potsdam, Mo. There is to be a congress of learned men held in New York shortly to reform the alphabet and spelling of the English language, a reform which has long been regarded by thinking men as exceedingly desirable though almost unachievable. The idea is to have a letter for every sound, and only one sound to a letter, and to spell every word as it is pronounced. This is no doubt, the original plan of alphabets and languages, but owing to their deficiencies and to borrowing words and sounds from other languages, a great number of anomalies have crept in.

The foreign mails bring some interesting information respecting the late Jan. Baird, the great ironmonger, whose death in Scotland recently was brought by this paper. Baird was a man of wide knowledge, who was known by his splendid gifts to the Church of Scotland, to which he had lately made a second donation of \$2,500,000, a sum of most remarkable size. Early in the century there lived near Glasgow a small farmer by the name of Baird, who had a family of stalwart sons. Lankashire is the centre of the Scotch iron trade, which, inconsiderable at the commencement of the century, rose with giant strides especially in the rural parish of Monkton. It may give some idea of the extent to which the business was carried on to state that in 1808 the produce of pig iron throughout the whole county of Lanark was only 9000 to 10,000 tons per annum, and the coal consumed about 130,000 tons, while in 1837 377,000 tons produced and 330,000 tons of coal consumed. The Bairds recognized the capabilities of their native place, and set to work to make the best of them. To these gentlemen we owe some of the most valuable improvements which have been made in the manufacture of iron. By degrees their operations assumed a colossal character, and their wealth grew therewith. The late Mr. Baird himself left a fortune of \$15,000,000 and his charities during his lifetime amounted to nearly as much more. A young clerk in the office of the late Mr. Baird, who was very patrimonial, Mr. Vickers, had the luck to captivate the great ironmonger's daughter. His sister is married to Vincent Cole, principal correspondent in the Montserrat. Mr. Baird apparently preferred giving his money to the church to bequeathing it to them, for the enjoyment of their fast and fashionable husbands, but they will probably be satisfied with the money comfortable for the rest of their days. TWO DARING ROBBERIES.—THE CITY OF HALIFAX AGAIN VICTIMIZED. While Barnum's big procession was passing along Hollis street, on Tuesday morning last, two daring robberies were perpetrated. The clerks in the provincial Treasurer's office after locking the door, started to another part of the building to see the show pass, during their absence the thief gained access by forcing open the door of the Hon. Treasurer's office, and entering the clerks office decamped with the cash box through a window which fronts on Granville street. The cash box contained \$922 in cash and a cheque on the People's Bank for \$270. No trace of the thief was obtained. The bank of Nova Scotia was robbed in the same manner. The clerks had locked up the bank and were outside gazing on the pageantry passing. A thief knocked at the north door of the building, leading to Mrs. Anderson's apartments, (who is the wife of the keeper of the bank.) Mrs. A. went to the door and found a man in great distress, who stated to her that he had dropped a valuable paper through the grate into the cellar. Brushing past Mrs. A. he descended the cellar stairs, and must have walked past Mrs. A. in the hall, and then into an upper hall, then through the Clerk's room (fortunately for the bank the safe was locked to the counter where the days money is kept, decamping through the Clerk's room back into the hall, and past Mrs. Anderson into the street, and was lost in the crowd before Mrs. A. had recovered her first surprise of his first entrance. She at the time, was busy managing to secure \$22,000, composed principally of Newfoundland and Windsor bank notes. Two suspicious strangers have been arrested which, however, have not been identified. The matter is still "in the hands of the Police."—Windsor Mail. THE DORY "CENTENNIAL" SPOKE AGAIN. The steamer Mossel, at New York, on Saturday, reports speaking the dory Centennial, hence for Liverpool, on the 3rd ult. in lat. 46 54, long 35 22. Capt. Johnson reported all well. This is four days later intelligence than that brought by the steamer Grace, which spoke the Centennial on the 19th ult. in lat. 46 39. It will be seen that the dory is making good progress, and that Johnson is working up in latitude so as to make the Irish or English coast. With equally favorable progress it would not be a matter for surprise if he should touch at Queenstown, or even at Liverpool. The distance from Gloucester to Queenstown is about 2772 miles, and when spoken Capt. Johnson was about 1617 miles distant from the Cape, in the direction of the Irish coast. If nothing unforeseen occurs, the Centennial is likely to make much better time than even Capt. Johnson's report. It is now three days, and doubtless had no anticipation of being less than seventy days on the passage. When spoken by the Mossel, more than half-way across, he was about three days from Gloucester, where he had made a brief halt. At the same rate he ought to complete the passage to Queenstown in about fifty-eight days, and at the rate he had made for the last three days he would speak at Queenstown in about five days less time than that.—Cape Ann Advertiser. A death occurred in the Township of March, Province of Quebec, on the 27th ult. The deceased was Mrs. Mary Berry, wife of William Berry, brewer, residing on the Ottawa river about five miles from Aylmer, has been in very delicate health, and on Monday she went to the river, in company with her husband, to have a bathe. She had been in but a short time when she complained to her husband, who was near the shore at the time, that she was cold. Mr. Berry told her, in response, that she had better come out then. The next moment she fell over on her side in the water, which was about three or four feet deep where she was standing, when her husband immediately went to her rescue and brought her ashore. Before she reached that point, however, she died in his arms. EXCAVATIONS AT HELL GATE. The blasting at Hell Gate excavations will probably take place about the middle of September. It will require 50,000 pounds of explosives. The blasting-up will be done in three stages. In the effect will be to crumble the pillars and allow the roof to sink. The opinion that the whole mass will be buried into the water, and that the water will be expected that the shock will be so terrible as to cause alarm. The channel will be deepened about thirty feet and will allow the passage of the largest vessels. It is expected that the ocean steamers will take this route to and from Europe, as it is eighteen hours shorter than the Sandy Hook route. BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA.—The teller and accountant of the Bank of Nova Scotia, which was robbed on Tuesday last of \$22,000 while the officials, having locked the bank, were out watching Barnum's procession—have been suspended. A Weather Reporter.—A clap of thunder.

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