

News Summary.

Recent Happenings Briefly Told.

CANADA.

Hamilton wants a home for incurables.

The Legislature of British Columbia will meet on Jan. 4.

Atlin district is petitioning for a Circuit Court Judge.

The Winnipeg Rowing Club will organize an eight-oared crew.

A Miami, Man., farmer's crop of wheat averaged 40 bushels to the acre.

The Prince of Wales' Fusiliers of Montreal will visit Toronto on Thanksgiving Day.

A detachment of Royal Artillery has been suddenly ordered to leave Halifax for Esquimaux.

Joseph Brenner committed suicide by throwing himself in front of a train at Ashcroft, B. C.

Commissioner McCrory has placed the number of new settlers in the west, arriving this year, at 40,000.

Deliveries of wheat are delayed at many points in Manitoba owing to the scarcity of men and teams.

Sir Henri Joly will likely visit Winnipeg shortly to scrutinize the working of the new grain inspection act.

Lindsay ratepayers have voted against by-laws to raise \$20,000 for street improvements and \$7,000 for a new fire hall.

The Mount Royal Mining Co. of Ottawa has been organized with \$1,000,000 capital to operate in Lake of the Woods district.

The Department of Public Works at Ottawa is calling for tenders for 150 tons of telegraph wire for the Lake Bennett-Dawson line.

James Hughes has been committed for trial at Golden, B. C., on the charge of murdering Alex. MacAuley at Tete-Jeune-Cache last July.

The Hamilton Retail Grocers' Association has asked the co-operation of the Trades and Labor Council in the early closing movement.

Mr. Sifton will appoint an official to issue permits for the importation of liquor into the Yukon, a fee of \$2 per gallon being charged.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association will be held in Montreal on October 25 and the succeeding two or three days.

The Cataract Power Company has offered electric power for Hamilton's waterworks at \$14,000 a year, but the cost by steam is only \$11,688.

The Montreal police inquiry establishes the fact that it was customary to charge applicants from \$100 to \$300 for a position on the force.

Mrs. John Baker, of Clappison's Corners, died suddenly of heart failure, in a dentist's office in Hamilton, after having had several teeth extracted.

The Government has directed Geo. Johnson, Dominion Statistician, to prepare a handbook on Canada for distribution at the Paris Exposition.

James Marshall, Wentworth county councillor, has just wheeled from his home in Barton Township to Montrose, Man., nearly 1,700 miles, in 16 days.

Great quantities of fruit are being shipped daily from Winona to Winnipeg, Ottawa and Montreal, besides large shipments to England every week.

While wrestling with a companion in Crew's saw-mill at Lindsay, Angus McDonald fell against a revolving saw and it cut him in several places in a serious manner.

Building statistics for this year at Brantford show that \$130,000 has been expended. All but a small portion of this sum has been for the erection of private residences.

By-laws granting W. W. Ogilvie, of Montreal, exemption and free site for his big new flour mill and elevator at Fort William, were carried practically without opposition. The vote stood 137 to 10.

The Municipal Clerks' Association of the County of Oxford think they are receiving too small wages, and will probably pass a resolution asking the Legislature to fix a minimum salary for their services.

Manitoba's big wheat crop is now on the move, deliveries are general all along the main line of the C. P. R., and all over the southwestern portion of the province. Most of the crop grades No. 1 hard.

The Government had decided to restrict the use of the Soulages Canal for this year to boats drawing 9 ft. and under in order to give the contractors every opportunity to put on the finishing touches.

It is said that W. A. Carlyle, superintendent of the Le Roi mine, former mineralogist of British Columbia, has been offered the superintendency of the Rio Tinto mines, in Spain, at a salary of \$25,000 a year.

A memorial has been received by the Government from the shipping men, asking that Thanksgiving Day be fixed on a date after the close of navigation, as the suspension of business so late in the season involves loss.

Montrealers are hereafter to have cheaper electric lighting. The Royal Electric Company have decided to cut the price to the rate of one half cent per ampere hour, in place of three-quarters of a cent as is now the case.

Mrs. Sullivan, the Nanaimo woman whom the police gave up for dead, is alive and well, after existing for three days and nights in the bush without food or water. Mrs. Sullivan says she feels stronger and better than she did before.

The Montreal Police Committee has agreed to hold an investigation as to whether any appointments have been made on the police force, as alleged, by bribery and corruption, and to examine all the members of the force under oath.

Hon. Mr. Blair and President Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific Railway have been conferring in Montreal regarding a settlement of the differences between the Intercolonial and the Canadian Pacific Ry. There are prospects of a satisfactory settlement.

Vancouver bank clearings for the week ending Thursday were \$1,189,821, balance \$183,116. This is the largest week's business recorded in the history of the clearing house. For three successive weeks the clearings have been over the million mark.

Hebert, the eminent artist of Montreal, has made good progress with the statue of Her Majesty the Queen which was ordered by the Dominion Government to be erected at Ottawa. This statue is being cast in Paris, and will be completed some time next March.

Marks of honor have been bestowed by the German Emperor on Supt. Boutillier and other members of the Government staff, on Sable Island, for saving the captain and crew of the German steamer Moravia, which ran on the northeast bar in a blinding snowstorm one morning last February.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Lord Watson, the well-known English Judge, is dead.

The half-yearly meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. will be held in London on Oct. 12.

The British Association for the Advancement of Science has granted \$5,000 toward the expenses of an Antarctic expedition.

A London despatch says the Queen has sent Emperor William a prized copy of her family tree, showing King David at the Top.

Sir Thomas Lipton's Secretary has been convicted on a charge of using for the making of jam, fruit which was unfit for food.

Queen Victoria has received many telegrams from home and abroad begging her to plead with President Loubet for a pardon for Dreyfus.

It is reported in London that Sir George S. White, V. C., former Quartermaster-General, has been selected to command the British forces in Natal.

Sir Thomas Henry Sanderson, K.C.B., Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, is talked of as successor to Lord Pauncefoot at Washington.

It is understood that Lord Jersey will be the first Governor-General of Australia and Sir George Turner, present Premier of Victoria, the first Federal Premier.

An order for a thousand tons of special brands of iron has recently been placed in Glasgow by Canadian buyers, owing to the high prices ruling in the United States. Good judges think the movement is likely to increase.

The British Association for the Advancement of Science successfully exchanged courtesies with the French Association for the Advancement of Science, in session at Boulogne-sur-Mer, using wireless telegraphy.

The report is current that a marriage has been arranged between the Hon. Douglas Walter Campbell, only son of the late Lord Walter Campbell, third son of the Duke of Argyll, and Miss Aimee Laurance, daughter of the late Mr. John Laurance, of New York City.

A gift of £400 has been received from Mr. James Woodward of Dubuque, Ia., by the Wesleyan chapel of Kirk-by-Stephen, out of gratitude for Sunday school teaching received there 40 years ago. Mr. Woodward recently sent the chapel another contribution for the same amount.

A United States syndicate, headed by the Johnsons, of Brooklyn, is making all arrangements to secure the passage in Parliament of a private bill which shall enable it to run an electric trolley line from London to Brighton. The promoters intend to make the journey of 51 miles in an hour and a half, and at a rate of 1 shilling.

Walter Wellman, the leader of the Wellman Polar expedition, who arrived in London on August 23, after successful explorations in Franz Josef Land, has undergone the first surgical operation for straightening his right leg, which was seriously injured by Mr. Wellman falling into a snow-covered crevice while leading his party.

UNITED STATES.

New Orleans has four cases of yellow fever.

Admiral Schley has been assigned to command of the South Atlantic station.

An Indian family of five is reported to have been murdered at Fort Wrangel.

Anti-Imperialists at Meadville, Pa., have prevented an army officer from getting recruits there.

A monster mass meeting to protest against the sentencing of Capt. Dreyfus is being planned in Chicago.

Alexander Sheppard, of Washington, D.C., has sold his mining properties in Bato Pila, Mexico, to an English syndicate for \$5,000,000.

The Adirondack Match Co. at Ogdensburg, N.Y., has closed down, discharging all employees and passing into the control of the Diamond Match Co.

The Grand Trunk Railway has a big exhibit of 250 pictures of Canadian scenery and a collection of brook trout from the Haliburton district, at the Fair in St. Louis.

A consignment of one million dollars' worth of Klondike gold for the United States assay office arrived at Seattle on the steamer Cleveland from St. Michael's. The consignors were the Canadian Bank of Commerce, \$600,000; and the Bank of British North America, \$400,000.

Gen. Merritt will be sent out to

Manila, to manage the subjugation of the Filipinos, with Otis in the same relative relation. President McKinley thinks this will not humiliate Otis, and this he is very desirous to avoid, believing that Otis deserves well of the Administration.

While picking apart a cartridge in his home at Newark, N. J., Eugene H. Briantall, fatally shot his wife. The cartridge accidentally exploded, and the bullet struck her in the heart. She was at his side watching him illustrate the manner in which cartridges were made.

A Montpelier, O., special: The through Canadian Pacific sleeper "Albatross," at the rear of the Wabash east, express, due in Chicago at 10.55 a.m., was discovered to be on fire on Thursday. The train was stopped, but the crew finding itself unable to extinguish the fire, the car was detached and the train rushed on. The flaming car, in tow of a scudding engine, sent out for it, was a thrilling sight.

GENERAL.

Floods are raging in Silesia and Bavaria.

The crop outlook in Western India has improved.

The Bhils and other wild tribes are showing restlessness in Guzerat, India.

Four men were killed by the explosion of the boiler on the German warship Wacht, at Kiel.

A Shanghai despatch says 2,000 deaths from the plague have occurred in the city of Nin-Chwang.

The Queen Regent of Spain has signed a decree proclaiming martial law in the Province of Vizcaya.

Germans at Apia are said to be sowing seeds of discord between Great Britain and the United States.

The French Government has distributed \$60,000 among the sanitary authorities to protect France against the plague.

The discontent over the new taxes continues at Barcelona. Carlist plots have been discovered in the neighboring villages.

Brazil talks of putting an export duty on coffee to France, Germany and Italy three times greater than the value of the article.

Turkey has refused to allow the Armenians who emigrated to the Caucasus at the time of the Kurdish atrocities, to return to their homes.

A German, who is supposed to be a spy, has been arrested at La Croix-sur-Meuse, France, where he was watching the army manoeuvres.

The Spanish Attorney-General has demanded that Admiral Montijo, who commanded the Spanish fleet at Manila, be dismissed from the service.

Four newspapers in Finland have been suspended for a month, and have been warned, for criticizing certain acts of the Russian Government.

The French budget for 1900 shows an increase in the expenditure of 45,000,000 francs, four-fifths of which is for naval and military expenditures.

The Fourau-Lamy expedition, which was trying to reach Lake Tchad from Algiers across the Sahara, is reported to have been annihilated by Tuaregs.

The steamer Antarctic, in search for Andree, the missing aeronaut, has returned from her unsuccessful search along the north-east coast of Greenland.

The British-Venezuela Court of Arbitration, now sitting at Paris, will conclude its work, and render a final decision, about the first of the coming month.

It is said that Emperor William and King Humbert will withdraw their naval and military attaches from Paris and request France to withdraw hers from Berlin and Rome.

Severe rains and floods have caused a postponement of the Hungarian cavalry manoeuvres near Papa, at which Emperor Francis Joseph was expected to be present. Ten soldiers were struck by lightning, four being killed.

The Italian Government has taken up the case of the obstructionist Deputies whose fist fight on the floor of the Chamber made the last session of Parliament disgracefully memorable. Four of these men have been committed for trial.

It is officially stated that the Italian Government is not satisfied with the payment of \$500 to the family of each of the Italians lynched at Tallulah, La., but demands satisfaction, notwithstanding the expression of regret already received.

KILLED BY A CAT.

Prowling Feline Enters the Room and Eats a Portion of a Baby's Face.

A despatch from Toronto says:—A month old baby, the child of Mr. White who keeps a restaurant at 487 Queen street west, met with a horrible death on Friday night. It had been put to sleep, and left alone in the room without any thought of danger. During the mother's absence, however, a stray cat, which had been prowling about the neighborhood, got into the room in some way, and when Mrs. White returned she found that it had attacked the baby and literally eaten a portion of its face. A piece of the nose and cheek was entirely gone. Dr. Stewart was called in, but nothing could be done for the infant, which died in a short time.

42 DEATHS FROM PLAGUE.

Every Person Attacked in Delagoa Bay Died.

A despatch from Cape Town, says:—In the Cape House of Assembly to-day, the Premier, the Hon. W. P. Schreiner, admitted that there had been 42 deaths from the bubonic plague at Magde, near Lorenzo Marques, Delagoa Bay. He said every person attacked had succumbed to the disease.

COLLAPSE OF A BUILDING

EASTERN PORTION OF QUEEN'S BLOCK MONTREAL WRECKED.

The Damage Will Reach \$50,000—Building Had Been Undergoing Reconstruction Since There Were No Fatalities.

A despatch from Montreal says:—What might have resulted in a terrible catastrophe, but which, owing to its being Sunday night, did not result in any loss of life, took place shortly after 8 o'clock on Sunday evening, when the eastern portion of the block, facing on St. Catherine St., at the corner of University St., collapsed. The stonework on St. Catherine and University Sts. was carried away, and W. H. Scroggie's dry goods establishment, which occupies the whole of the eastern part of the block, was wrecked. Just what caused the accident, and who is responsible for it, is not exactly known at present.

The building, which was originally occupied as the Queen's hall, and which was later on transformed into the Queen's theatre, the ground floor being made into stores, has been standing for 20 years. The building has lately been undergoing reconstruction in order to improve Messrs. Scroggie's establishment, and it is believed that the undermining of the foundation walls on the University St. side is responsible for the collapse of the building.

CRASH WAS TERRIFIC.

It would seem that from proper piling not having been used in the original construction the weakest part gave way. The collapse occupied less than thirty seconds, but the force of it was terrific, and people who were attending service in Christ Church cathedral close by thought that an earthquake had taken place. For fully five minutes before the collapse cracking sounds which were heard by pedestrians on the street gave warning that something was wrong.

A young man who was passing saw one of the immense plate glass windows on the ground floor crack from top to bottom, and wondering what was up, he rushed to the Queen's theatre entrance to give the alarm. The only one in the building at the time was an old man named Rebeidy, who acted as janitor and watchman.

ESCAPED JUST IN TIME.

Alarmed by the noise he rushed to one of the top windows and saw a big crowd of people gathering. He just had time to make his escape from the building when the collapse occurred. The building collapsed with a deafening roar. Stones weighing half a ton were hurled on the sidewalk on University street, iron girders were twisted into fantastic shapes, and heavy timbers were cracked like matches. University street was covered with the debris. Fortunately, there were very few people on the street at the time or scores of lives would probably have been lost. How the accident happened without any loss of life is almost miraculous. Only one person was injured, and that very slightly. A Mr. Walker, who was passing the building, had his hand cut by flying stones, but managed to escape. Thousands of people on their way home from church gathered in front of the building to see the ruins.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000.

The building was owned by Mrs. Ogilvie, and Mr. Scroggie had lately had the portion on the corner of University street, and St. Catherine, which collapsed, reconstructed. The Queen's theatre occupied the centre of the block, and was not injured to any extent. The loss is estimated at over \$50,000.

MACHINISTS ARE SCARCE.

British Admiralty Adopts a New Plan to Get Them.

A despatch from London says:—The British Admiralty is experiencing the same difficulty as encountered by the United States Navy Department last year in finding good machinists for ships at smaller salaries than paid by the mercantile marine. The British navy lacks five hundred men of the number of these artificers, as they are called here, required to man vessels. To remedy this serious defect it is proposed to divide the country into five marine engineering recruiting districts, each with an Admiralty agent, who will be a civilian engineer, in touch with the shipping centres, and receiving a substantial salary and so much for each recruit. The system has just commenced at Liverpool and Sunderland, with signs of success.

THE WIDOWS PROVIDED FOR.

Dominion Coal Co. Looks After Caledonia Disaster Sufferers.

A despatch from Sydney, C.B., says:—The announcement has been made that the Dominion Coal Company has made voluntary provision for sufferers through the late disaster at Caledonia as follows:—

For each widow a twelvemonth's pay for the first year, and after that during her life, or while she remains a widow, \$12 a month.

Two dollars a month for children until they are each 13 years, and after that \$4 a month for the boys until they attain 14 years, and \$4 a month for the girls until they attain 16 years.

In cases of single men who were supporting aged or infirm parents the latter to receive \$8 per month during life. Parents who were partially dependent upon their son for support will receive \$4 each per month. The payments are to date from July 1st last and continue as above.

MARKETS OF THE WORLD

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Ports.

Toronto, Sept. 18.—For an off day we had some pretty brisk trading here this morning, and all the receipts sold early at prices which were firm and well maintained. The receipts were 40 loads. Shipping cattle sold readily at from \$4.25 to \$4.50 for light shippers, and from \$4.75 to \$5.12 1-2 per cwt. for choice. There was a better tone in the shipping trade.

Butcher cattle was in better demand, especially the best grades; choice sold from \$3.75 to \$4.12 1-2 per cwt.; and for a few selections \$4.25 was paid. The general run of stuff was of a better quality to-day, and everything found a ready market.

Small stuff was firm and unchanged. Good lambs and export sheep are wanted.

Good veal calves are much wanted, and will fetch good figures.

Choice milch cows are also in demand.

Shipping bulls and stockers are firm at usual quotations.

Hogs to-day, while nominally unchanged, were weak as far too many lights hogs are coming in. The outside price to-day was 4 5-8c per lb. for choice hogs, scaling from 160 to 200 lbs. and 4 1-8c per pound for light and fat hogs. A total of 1,500 hogs came in. Following is the range of current quotations:—

Cattle.	
Shippers, per cwt.	\$ 4.25 5 12 1-2
Butcher, choice, do.	3.75 4 12 1-2
Butcher med. to good.	3.25 3.80
Butcher, inferior.	2.75 3.25
Stockers, per cwt.	3.00 3.50
Sheep and Lambs.	
Ewes, per cwt.	3.25 3 62 1-2
Spring lambs, each.	3.00 4.00
Bucks, per cwt.	2.75 3.00
Milkers and Calves.	
Cows, each.	25.00 45.00
Calves, each.	2.00 7.00

Choice hogs, per cwt. 4.25 4 62 1-2
Light hogs, per cwt. 4.00 4 12 1-2
Heavy hogs, per cwt. 4.00 4 12 1-2
Buffalo, Sept. 18.—Spring wheat—Demand light, weak; No. 1 Northern, old, spot, 75 3-4c; No. 2 Northern, c.i.f., 71 3-4c. Winter wheat—Dull; offerings light; No. 2 red, 70c bid on track. Corn—Firm; No. 2 yellow, 37 1-2c; No. 3 yellow, 37 1-4c; No. 4 yellow, 36 3-4c; No. 2 corn, 36 3-4c; No. 3 corn, 36 1-4 to 36 1-2c. Oats—Demand light, but holders firm; No. 2 white, 26 1-2c; No. 4 white, 25 3-4 to 26c; No. 4 white, 24 3-4 to 25c; No. 2 mixed, 24 3-4c; No. 3 mixed, 23 1-4c. Barley—Strong; sales of good malting at 45 3-8c, September delivery. Rye—No. 2, on track, quoted at 61c. Canal freight—Dull. Flour—Steady.

Detroit, Sept. 18.—Wheat closed: No. 1 white, cash, 69 3-4c; No. 2 red cash, and September, 71c; December 72 1-2c.

Toledo, Sept. 18.—Wheat—Cash, 69c December, 72 3-4c asked. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 33c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 21 1-2c. Rye—No. 2, 57 3-4c. Clover—Prime, \$5.12 1-2. Oil—Unchanged.

Duluth, Sept. 18.—Wheat—No. 1 hard cash, 70c; September, 70c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 67 1-2c; September, 67 1-2c; December, 67 3-4c; May, 71 1-4c; No. 2 Northern, 65c; No. 3 spring, 61 1-2c.

Minneapolis, Sept. 18.—Wheat—Higher, No. 1 Northern, 72 1-2c; No. 2 Northern, 69 to 71c. Rye—Higher; No. 1, 57 1-2c. Barley—Higher; No. 2, 45 1-2c; sample, 40 to 45 1-2c.

FOUND DEAD, SIDE BY SIDE.

Visitors in Toronto Smothered by Gas That Poured From an Open Jet.

A despatch from Toronto says:—In the house of Mr. H. G. Fidler, 173 Logan avenue, on Friday night, Mrs. J. C. Armstrong and Miss Lottie Armstrong, aged 20 years, were asphyxiated. The former was the wife and the latter the sister of Mr. R. J. Armstrong of Lindsay, who was returning with them from their summer home at Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Fidler is brother-in-law to Mr. Armstrong, and the stop-over was made at his house on Friday night. Both Mrs. Armstrong and her young sister-in-law were very much fatigued with travel, for they had been on the train since Thursday, and wished to retire early. It was decided that they should sleep together, and as they went up stairs Mrs. Fidler told Mrs. Armstrong to be sure and not blow out the gas. Mrs. Armstrong laughed and said she knew all about turning off the gas. The bedroom was in the back part of the house, the windows were tightly closed and the door was shut.

When Mr. Armstrong went to the fated room at seven o'clock on Saturday morning to wake his wife, he smelled gas as soon as he opened the door, and on going to the bed was horrified to find both his wife and sister dead. Drs. Fraser, Rowan, Brown and McKenzie were hastily summoned and did all in their power to resuscitate the two women, but all in vain. The doctors concluded that they had been dead four hours. The gas tap was found to be only three-quarters turned off.

THE CANNING SEASON.

My wife delights in glaring contrasts. For instance? Whenever she puts up fruit she invariably puts me down.