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CANADIAN.

Mr. Wm. Smithson, of the 8th division of Hullett, has grown fall wheat this season which measures five feet six inches in the stalk.

Henry Smith, foreman in James H. Moran's shipyard, Quaco, N. B., was killed last week by a piece of timber which fell on him.

Tuesday afternoon a carter named L. Charbonneau, of Sydenham street, Montreal, after passing over Wellington Bridge, was seen to fall from his cart to the ground. He was picked up dead.

The office of Mr. Goldie, of Guelph, was broken open on Saturday night, but the burglars appear to have been alarmed before fully succeeding in their object. As it was they nearly destroyed the safe. A number of burglar's implements were left behind.

Grasshoppers are committing sad havoc in several portions of the western section of Norfolk county. The *Reformer* says:—On some farms everything green has been completely stripped, and the grasshoppers are so thick that it is difficult to move along the road.

On Tuesday, Mr. J. Barr, general freight agent of the G. W. R., was presented by a deputation of Hamilton merchants with an address and a valuable silver tea service. The occasion was Mr. and Mrs. Barr and daughter's intended departure for Europe. A number of their friends were present at the ceremony.

Another distressing case of drowning occurred on Saturday morning at Beaverton. A young man, named James Calville, was engaged in getting out logs from the river when he slipped off one on which he was standing and fell into the water. He was speedily taken out, but life was extinct. He was a young man and much respected in the community by all who knew him, for his quiet demeanor and sober, industrious habits.

The Port Hope *Guide* gives the following account of the strike among the sailors at Port Hope. Yesterday a number of vessels being in harbour, the sailors took it into their heads to try the efficacy of strikes, and demanded 25 cents per day additional. The captains tried to effect a compromise, offering \$5 more per month. We have not understood whether the offer was accepted or not.

The *Huron Expositor* says:—Mr. Robert Govenlock, of McKillop, informs us that one of his hives of bees, a short time ago, made 45 pounds of honey in six days. The bees were young and not an extra large hive. The comb had been given to them, so that they had to make no comb. Mr. Govenlock thinks this pretty good, and would like to know who can beat it.

Caterpillars and grubs are committing serious depredations in the gardens up north; and among the foliage of the trees. Of the latter their ravages are confined to the oak, maple and basswood trees. In some sections they may be seen in thousands crawling over the ground. The grubs have also done a vast amount of damage, eating every garden thing in the shape of cabbage and other plants. A fly or insect of some description has literally eaten the leaves from the tomatoes, beans, &c.

The *Kingston News* says:—The generally understood idea that his Excellency will not make Ottawa his permanent residence, but he will spend some time in other places, is adding a new laurel to the already deserved popularity of Lord Dufferin. It was then with especial feelings of delight that we have heard on Dominion day, that His Excellency, struck by the commanding situation, and beautiful scenery in and around our old city, had been making enquiries as to the probability of securing a temporary residence for a few months in the summer.

ARM BROKEN.—Mr. Wm. Barnard, one of the employees at the barrel factory of Messrs. W. & J. Duffield, London, had the

misfortune to break his arm on Friday morning. While working at one of the machines he found it necessary to remove the belt, and instead of using a stick, as usual, he attempted to push it off with his hand. By some means the belt caught his sleeve, and instantly his arm and hand were drawn around the pulley under the belt, and badly crushed and broken.

AMERICAN.

An American has patented iron shingles, which are said to be cheaper than slate. They are 6x13 inches and fasten with headless nails.

A wealthy man in Pike county, Ind., recently died, having left his property to all the widows within a radius of eight miles from his residence.

A Pittsburgh man is accused of chaining his wife to a heavy weight, and of burning her mouth with a hot poker, to break up her habit of drinking.

It is said that John Morrisey lost \$20,000 by Longfellow's victory, while the jockey (a colored boy) who rode Longfellow, has received nearly \$1,000 from admiring sportsmen.

There is considerable excitement in St. Louis over the determination of Judge Cullen to bring gamblers to the auction block and sell their labor under a State law providing that gamblers shall be treated as vagrants.

A little girl in Louisville, a few days ago, dropped a match into a can of coal-oil "to see it explode." The fire department, and a physician were called in. The damage to the house didn't exceed \$500, and the little girl is doing as well as could be expected.

Since sentence of death was passed upon Mrs. Fair; Elisha Cook, one of her counsel, Harry Byrne, who prosecuted the case, Judge Sprague, of the supreme court, who was instrumental in granting her a new trial, and a son of A. P. Chittenden, her victim, have died.

The town of Claybrook, in Madison county, has an economical government. The offices of Mayor, alderman, chief of fire department, city marshal, chief of police and city attorney are all administered by one man, who keeps the corner store and the post office.

Scarcely a mill or salt block in Saginaw Valley is now running. The strikers held a meeting at Bay City on Saturday, which was attended by upwards of a thousand men, and it was resolved to hold out for a reduction in the hours of work.

Buddoble, driver of Goldsmith Maid, has published a challenge, offering to trot Goldsmith Maid against Bonner's horses, Dexter and Joe Elliott, best three in five, with weights up and subject to all the rules, from \$5 to \$50,000, the race to take place at Prospect Park, or any Massachusetts, Pennsylvania or New York course, challenge to be open one week.

On Sunday last, a leopard in the Central Park menagerie, New York, suddenly attacked a child that was standing against the bars of its cage, imbedding its claws in the child's face. The child's shrieks added to the roars of the beast, caused quite a panic among the spectators, and a general rush for the door ensued. The child was speedily liberated, but its face was badly lacerated.

A New York paper says that the bonnets of the present season are patterned exactly after those of 1830, and have two advantages combined. The hat placed upon the top of the head, and having the strings tied behind, becomes a round hat; the same little millinery device, placed a little further at the back of the head, and having the strings tied under the chin, becomes the stylish bonnet.

D. C. Mayo & Co.'s tobacco factory, the largest in Richmond, Va., was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning. The loss is \$60,000, and insurance nearly \$50,000. During the fire a young lady, daughter of Rev. M. W. Staples, late of New York, and

agent of the American Bible Society dropped dead in her chamber from excitement. New York, July 10.—A terrible fight took place yesterday on a steamboat on Hudson River, on which an Irish military company from Newark were having a picnic excursion. Several were badly wounded by bottles and bayonets, and one or two deaths are reported. No particulars could be learned from the party when they arrived at Newark late last night.

On Saturday night two trains on the South Side Railroad, Long Island, collided between Fresh Water Pond and Brunswick Stations. One train had stopped to avoid running into the other. A telescoping of engines took place. Three persons were killed and a dozen or more injured. At the time of the collision the passengers were jumping from the cars amid scenes of excitement. The sufferers were a long time without water or physicians.

Four young men named Duan Atkins, John Kennedy, Hugh Bain, and James Short, all of the village of Waddington, N. Y., were returning from Ogdensburg in a skiff, and not being acquainted with the river here were upset in the roughest part of the Galops Rapids. Three of them clung to the boat and were rescued by Geo. P. Anderson and John Adams of Edwardsburg; who heard their cries, but James Short did not succeed in reaching the boat and is supposed to have been drowned. He was last seen trying to support himself with one oar but as yet they have been unable to find him.

One of our exchanges from New York says that ship-owners are almost in despair over the difficulty experienced in procuring seamen for either long or short voyages. The direct result of this scarcity has been to cause an increase in the scale of wages of from forty to fifty per cent. Some years ago it was quite an easy matter to obtain able-bodied men at from twenty to twenty-five dollars a month. Now they cannot be had for less than from forty to fifty dollars, and a liberal advance for present necessities and outfits. This lack of sailors, is not confined to New York alone. Complaints of a similar nature come from the principal ports of the United States.

The ladies of Augusta, Ga., have been taking an active part in an early closing movement there. A story having been circulated that these fair ones desired to do their shopping in the evening, they held a mass-meeting and solemnly resolved that "they are fully committed to the proposition of closing the stores at 6 o'clock p.m." Moreover, "Resolved, That there is still enough of the spirit of self-abnegation among our sex to induce them to embrace for shopping other hours than those sought by young men for innocent recreation." Should the young men carry their points, they will be more than ungrateful if they do not devote a portion of the time thus rescued from the shop to the society of their fair champions.

A few practical women in San Francisco, instead of wandering about the country proclaiming themselves as good as men, are quietly proving the fact by instituting an important business and providing for its carrying on in so thorough and able a manner as to leave no doubt of its success. We refer to the "Women's Pacific Publishing Company," incorporated a few weeks since in San Francisco. It has for its capital the sum of \$25,000, all contributed by women—its officers, superintendent and business agents are all women, the type setters are women, and so, in fact, are all connected with the concern, with a few necessary exceptions.

The Boston *Globe* says:—In the dryer regions of California the farmers are carrying out an extensive system of irrigation, carrying water canals and aqueducts across the naturally rich plains, made barren through lack of moisture. Where the rivers and streams fail they are sinking artesian wells. One irrigating company alone has already commenced in the St. Joaquin valley forty miles of canal, at a cost of over

seven million five hundred thousand dollars. The outlay for these special improvements will be immense, but like many millions some curiously statistical people are fond of calculating as expended in fencing our farms, will not absorb as much solid cash as their value would seem to imply. It is by the aid of such irrigation that California has been enabled to profitably grow oranges, lemons, English walnuts and the tropical fruits, as well as to give a constant and even productiveness to her lands for agricultural purposes.

FOREIGN.

Europe is supposed to contain 300,000,000 people. One hundred years ago the estimate was but 60,000,000.

The men employed in all branches of the Monmouthshire and South Wales coal trade have commenced an agitation for a further increase of wages.

A Russian savant has discovered that all cholera starts from one of seven points, situated in or near the Tropic of Cancer. From there it is propagated by atmospheric streams, all of which were in active operation in 1866. These streams are called into being, he says, by means of spots on the sun.

Hon. James Brooks, of New York, says, in his "Seven Months' Run," that the railroads of Hindostan are the most potent missionaries ever sent there. The natives delight in travelling on them, and are forced to take the common cars without thought of caste. Brahmin and pariah must ride together. This enforced companionship has done more to break down the barriers of prejudice than all the resident clergymen combined.

The Commander-in-Chief has approved and authorized the introduction of a new bugle-call to signify "Stand fast." This call is intended as an alternative for the "Cease fire" under certain circumstances, such as when cavalry or infantry have to cross the line of fire of the artillery, and it is absolutely necessary to stay the fire of the guns for a few minutes. The sound to cease fire would have the effect of emptying all the guns, which in such a case would do precisely what the Commander-in-Chief thinks it is desirable to avoid.

There was a thoroughly representative gathering of working-men at Willenhall the other evening to listen to an address by Mr. George Odger on "Trades Unionism." One passage from the address will indicate its moderation and its general effect: "Respect the manufacturer; respect the mercantile man; respect all classes of men; never speak harshly or offensively; be courteous; be kind. When you have done that you have done your honest duty. You can then say, 'I am as good a man as any of them. I have done you justice; I have treated you kindly; and I will have my rights as a man.' Mr. Odger's censors will not have much to say against this doctrine.

STRIKES IN ENGLAND.—The following is a list of the strikes in progress in England on the 15th ult., clipped from the *Labour News*:—Building Operatives—London (partial.) Bricklayers and Labourers—Leeds. Joiners—York. Flax Operatives—Belfast. Joiners—Sheffield. Joiners—Heywood. Joiners—Halifax. Slaters—Dundee. Miners—Leeds. Brushmakers—Newcastle (partial.) Lead Miners—Teesdale (lock-out.) Building Operatives—Edinburgh. Masons—Glasgow. Bricklayers—Bolton. Organ Builders—London (lock-out, partial.) Carpenters are cautioned by the Local Society against going to Lincoln during a dispute now on. Unsettled—Postmen, Huddersfield; Colliers, South Yorkshire; Agricultural Labourers, Montacute, Somersetshire; Blandford, Wighton, Blofield, Walsingham, St. Faith's, Norfolk; Puddletown, Dorset; Grafton and Burton, Staffordshire; Winterborne and Bere Regis, Dorset; Whitehaven, Nailmakers; Handloom Weavers, Norwich; Dock Labourers, Glasgow; Railway Servants, London and North-western.

CABLE NEWS.

PARIS, July 6.—Two communists, named Bondswin and Pollance, who were tried and convicted by a court-martial, were executed this morning at Sartory.

The Minister of Finance has signed a convention with the officers of the Bank of France, whereby the latter agree to loan the Government forty million francs.

The National Assembly, to-day, with but four dissenting votes, ratified the treaty recently concluded by M. Rensusat and Baron Von Arnim, providing for the evacuation of French territory by the German troops. The committee to which the treaty was referred upon its presentation to the Assembly, in its report made through the Duc de Broglie, the chairman, flatters the Assembly for the efforts they have made to relieve the country from the presence of the German troops, but studiously avoids giving any credit to M. Thiers.

MADRID, July 6.—The Republicans have reconsidered their determination to abstain from all elections while a monarchy exists in Spain, and will participate in voting for members of the Cortez on August 24th next.

A band of Caaists yesterday appeared on the railway near Lerida, the capital of the Province of that name, and captured a mail train. A number of important documents belonging to the Government which were on the train were burned by the insurgents.

BERLIN, July 6.—The *Spenner Gazette* to-day officially says:—The Emperor William has appointed three of the law officers of the Crown to prepare a report upon the San Juan boundary question.

LONDON, July 6.—One Wideman has addressed a letter to the *London Echo*, offering to sell to that paper a pamphlet written by Catacazy, the late Russian Minister to the United States containing terrible revelations relative to the administration of President Grant. Wideman acknowledges that Catacazy engaged him to sell the pamphlets in America, and that he has already treated with the editor of a New York paper for its publication. The *Echo* prints the letter, but declines to make any answer to it.

PARIS, July 7.—Ratifications of treaty with Germany for evacuation of France were exchanged to-day. The bill to raise a loan to meet the financial obligations of the treaty will be introduced in Assembly to-morrow.

NEW YORK, July 8.—A Paris despatch states that England, Italy and Switzerland decline accepting the ratifications proposed to the treaty of commerce by France.

PARIS, July 8.—A report is in circulation to-day that Victor Hugo, who has been persistent in his efforts to secure a commutation of the sentence passed upon Henri Rochefort, has succeeded, and that Rochefort, instead of being transported to the penal colony of New Caledonia, will be simply banished from France.

LONDON, July 9.—Letters from Geneva say that Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, is expected in Switzerland next week.

EDINBURGH, July 9.—A terrible explosion occurred to-day in an extensive flour mill at Glasgow. The flames burst out immediately after the explosion and the building was entirely destroyed. Eleven persons buried in the ruins were burned to death, and twelve taken out badly injured. Cause of explosion unknown.

LONDON, July 8.—The House of Lords was crowded to-night. The Ballot Bill was to come up again. It had been passed with amendments, which the House of Commons refused to accept, and had been returned to the upper chamber for final action, so a contest between the two Houses was expected. Amid unwonted excitement, their lordships voted, 157 to 138, not to insist on their amendment, making use of secret ballot optional, but by a vote of 117 to 58 they adhered to the amendment making the bill provisional. Other important amendments were abandoned. The concessions will probably satisfy the Commons, and secure the passage of the bill.

In the Commons to-night Mr. E. A. Bowring, member for Exeter, moved to strike out of the estimates the item of £4,123 for the legal expenses of ex-Governor Eyre, of Jamaica. A lively debate followed, in which the whole question of Eyre's policy in Jamaica, and his subsequent trial here for murder, was discussed. At the close the House divided, and Mr. Bowring's motion was defeated by a vote of 130 to 243.