

## General News.

## CANADIAN.

The official returns place the majority for the Scott Act in Simcoe County at 1,183.

Grant, Barfoot & Co., lithographers, Toronto, have assigned.

The electors of Lanark will vote on the Scott Act on Nov. 20th.

The Temperance Electoral Association of St. Stephen's Ward, Toronto, proposes to bring out candidates for municipal honors.

A young man named Wilfred Kendrick, was found dead in Queen's Park, Toronto, on Monday morning, shot through the head. It is supposed that he shot himself accidentally. He was out rabbiting with a double barrelled gun.

Sir Charles Tupper has obtained from Earl Granville and Lord Derby that England will confirm the commercial treaty between the Dominion and Spain.

On Sunday morning about two o'clock a daring and successful burglary was committed in Lindsay. The jewellery store owned by Mr. G. W. Beall was entered, and the contents of one large safe carried off, consisting of a large number of gold and silver watches, chains, and general jewellery. The value will probably reach \$3,000. No clue to the thieves.

While Mr. Rix, of Bass Lake, three miles from Orillia, was threshing on Friday, his ten-year-old boy fell off the mow into the mouth of the machine and was ground into little pieces in a minute. Nothing but a horrible shapeless mass of blood and flesh was taken out of the machine.

A small boy named Patrick Savage was killed in Dundas on Monday morning. He was jumping into the waggon of a farmer named Vansickle, and in doing so lost his hold and fell to the ground. One of the hind wheels passed over the child's head and crushed it, killing him instantly. The body was carried into an undertaking establishment near by and confined before being taken home.

At Quebec a most startling case of the burning to death of a woman during the night of the 19th has just come to light. It appears that the entire family, consisting of a man named Parent, his wife, and son, got helplessly drunk, and that in their manœuvres they knocked over the lamp, which set fire to Mrs. Parent's clothing. The police were attracted to the house by loud cries for their assistance, and upon their arrival found the woman lying in the back yard with her entire clothing on fire. The police managed to tear off her clothing, and at once conveyed her to the Marine hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries during the day. Her husband and her son were afterwards found in the house in a drunken stupor, being unaware of what had actually occurred.

On the night of the 20th inst., William Sweeney, a middle-aged man, who has been working in the quarries at Beaver Bank, near Halifax, was seen about Bedford station in a somewhat intoxicated condition, but was supposed to have left for home. Early next morning his lifeless remains were found scattered all over the railway yard. The head, a ghastly, battered object, was picked up about fifty yards from the trunk and limbs, and parts of the body were thrown promiscuously in every direction, while the tracks were covered with blood and human gore.

**FIRES.**—Three small wooden cottages were burned at Spencer Cove, outside Quebec city limits, on Sunday night. The loss is estimated at \$4,000; partly insured.

At Welland, Oct. 20th, the Windsor House was destroyed by fire. Very little was saved, as it burned quickly. Cause unknown. Insurance on building, which is owned by Messrs. Brown Bros., is \$1,000 in the Lancashire and \$700 in the Royal. Loss about \$3,000.

A bush fire spread on Sunday night to the village of Chlorydorme, near Gaspé, Que., destroying all the houses and boats of the place, and rendering about twenty families homeless. The people at first took shelter in the woods, but were soon surrounded by fire and obliged to flee to the sea coast, where they are utterly destitute. The poor people saved nothing and are foodless. Their sufferings will be very great unless assistance reaches them soon.

At one o'clock on Monday morning a disastrous fire took place in Frankfort, Ont., commencing at Foster's bakery. R. Grass' store was the only one in the block that was saved. The amount of loss or insurance is not yet established, but, no doubt, the loss will be enormous.

## UNITED STATES.

Governor Cleveland was assaulted recently by an enraged applicant for a pardon.

Leila Burgess, who killed her father because he attempted to chastise her, has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

At Caldwell, Ks., C. M. Hallister, deputy sheriff and deputy United States marshal, was shot and killed on the 18th by Bob Cross, a noted desperado, while attempting to arrest him. A large party are in pursuit of Cross, and if caught he will be lynched.

At Jamestown, Dak., the wife and three-year-old child of Carl Schroe der were burned to death in a prairie fire on the 15th, which the woman was trying to prevent destroying their wheat. One of their children was saved by reaching flooded ground, and two others by running into a pond of water.

The boiler of a threshing machine on Leech & Nicholl's farm at Beltrami, near St. Paul, exploded on the 21st inst., killing Thomas Exender, the engineer, John Smith, John Lingwood, Chris. Swanson, John Johnson, farm hands, and Wm. Pierce, aged 11, and an unknown man was badly scalded. The engineer was recovering from a debauch.

A conflagration began at Eaton's planing mill in West Carthage, N. Y., on the 20th, which burned down Myers & Ross, furniture factory, Farrar's tub shop, Eaton's sash and blind factory, Revel's tannery and his house, and burned a large amount of property on both sides of the river. Nearly the whole village was destroyed. Hundreds are homeless. It is utterly impossible at present to estimate the loss, but it must be enormous.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

It is estimated the Khartoum Relief Expedition will cost England £10,000,000.

The Tichborne claimant was discharged from prison on Monday, after spending fourteen years penal servitude on the dual charge of forgery and perjury.

Alexander M. Sullivan, the Irish leader, and one of the founders of the Home Rule movement, has just died in Dublin.

Mr. H. Campbell-Bannerman, Secretary of the Admiralty, has been appointed Chief Secretary for Ireland.

A Berlin despatch announces the death of William, Duke of Brunswick, who was born April 25, 1806, and assumed the reins of government April 25, 1823.

At Darmstadt, the tribunal after three hours' consideration of Mme. Kalamine's appeal, refused to grant it and ordered her to pay the costs of the suit. Madame Kalamine will make a final appeal to the Supreme Court at Leipzig.

Six officers of the army who were sentenced to death for political offences, were executed on the 18th, at the citadel, St. Petersburg. Madame Wolkenstein, and Mary Figuer, daughter of a priest, were also executed.

At the fire at Moscow on the 20th, the German theatre and seventy-six shops were destroyed. The loss was three million roubles.

During the twenty-four hours of Oct. 22, there have been 120 fresh cases of cholera and 66 deaths in Italy. The disease is spreading at Palermo.

Lord Northbrook is much pleased with his trip up the Nile. He found all the Mudirs efficiently equipped for active co-operation with the English. Contrary winds interfered with the passage of boats up the Nile. It is reported that a portion of Stewart's apparel has been found on the site of the reported massacre.

A Hong Kong despatch says official notification has been made to the Powers that the French have blockaded the Formosa coast.

The French commanders, if ordered to march to Peking, will ask for 40,000 men. They will require two pontoon trains, 8,000 horses, twelve field guns, floating and shore hospitals, and gunboats.

The Chinese troops continue to pour into Tonquin, and great uneasiness is felt in Paris. The Cabinet is divided as to what measures to take to provide reinforcements. The Minister of War declines to mobilize the Corps d'Armée without the authority of the Cabinet.

## Tales and Sketches.

## "I DO THIS FOR OTHERS;" OR, THE OLD MAN'S SACRIFICE

BY REV. H. W. CONANT.

Deacon Jones had been a professed disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ for forty years and more. Everybody knew Deacon Jones for ten or fifteen miles around as "the man that owned all the land that joined him," as through economy, self-denial, and hard work he had been able to buy out his neighbors one after another until his possessions extended over many miles of territory.

But he was not a veritable deacon, although the neighbors gave him that