

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

This is Independence Day in the neighboring States. A good deal of state gunpowder will be worked off before midnight.

The result so far as heard from in the election in Ontario for the Provincial House gives Cote, the Liberal, a majority of 123, with some polls to hear from.

Hon. Oliver Mowat returned to Kingston yesterday morning after a trip among the Thousand Islands. The Premier is in excellent health, physically and politically.

The Countess of Tolstoi is a tall, beautiful woman, and very fond of society. She was in London lately as a delegate to the Liberal Women's Federation. There is nothing about her to suggest that marriage is the failure that the old Count depicts it.

Fifty years have gone since the first of the Cunard vessels, the Britannia, sailed from Liverpool on Friday, July 4, 1840, on her maiden voyage to America. Samuel Cunard, the originator of the line, was a Canadian, and his partners, Messrs. Burns & MacVicar, Scotchmen.

Brantford Specimen. "Colonel William Thompson, of Oakland, aged 90 years, was one of the early voters in favor of the Commissioner of Crown Lands of June 5, in the staunch Reform township of Oakland, where no more than 30 Conservatives have ever been polled at any one election. Not only was Colonel Thompson able to march to the poll, but he took an active part in the election by attending nomination and other meetings in addition to his regular duties as a voter. He is one of the old stock. May they long survive and flourish.

The latest fad in male fashionable circles in New York city is the sash. A contemporary says that it now runs wild. Originally when men left off the waistcoats in hot weather the small black belt and later on a modest silk sash were worn so as to conceal the buttons and suspenders which appear to the trousers of mankind. It was a valuable idea, and as such was widely adopted. But our contemporary continues the inability of the average haberdasher to tell enough enough called his inventive facilities into play, and he has produced a series of violent things that cause the judicious to grieve. Blue, red, yellow, purple and green are the mild ingredients of most of the patterns, and the belts have increased in size from two to ten inches. To see an otherwise dignified-looking man wandering about town with his waist slumped by a sash and glaring sash, such as might have been designed for the baroque stage, is a sight often encountered in the streets of New York. As the taste of the public cannot be counted upon in such matters, the manufacturers of these monstrosities should be appealed to. It is of interest, by the way, to note that "fashionable" women have now adopted the "masculine" sash. The sash was originally stolen from the attire of women by men, and now that they have robbed it of its charm it goes back in its masculine form to women again. But in their hands it is as they can be depended upon to restore it to symmetrical size and harmonious colors.

Fatally Stabbed by Her Husband. New York, July 4.—Last night Louis Colwell, a resident of Westchester county, was stabbed seven times about the head, arms and neck by his wife, Mary, in the hallway of 179 East Eighty-Fifth street, where she was visiting. Her husband escaped. She is in a critical condition.

Prof. Brooks' Comet. GENEVA, N. Y., July 4.—Prof. Brooks' comet is now in a favorable position for telescopic observation in the evening. Its discoverer states that the comet now forms a triangle with the stars Zeta and Eta in the big dipper, is moving slowly westward, and on July 10 will be midway between the above stars. The comet has a right nucleus, and a short tail and remains above the horizon the entire night.

The Forty-Third State. WASHINGTON, July 4.—In signing the bill admitting Idaho as a state President Harrison greatly disappointed a number of people in that State. The President found that the law ordained that a new star should be placed upon the American flag for each new state on the Fourth of July, and the President was therefore due upon the flag to-day. The bill admitting Wyoming to statehood has not yet reached the President.

A Handsome Female Forger in Limbo. New York, July 4.—Miss Nettie Clark, of Providence, R. I., was a prisoner in the Jefferson Market Court yesterday, charged with forgery. She is a stately brunette and has moved in the best society of that city. She pleaded guilty to the charge of forging a check for \$100,000, and was released and was held to await the arrival of requisition papers from Providence. It is said she affixed the name of Joseph L. Tourlet, a retired mill owner and an intimate friend of her family, to a check on the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Providence.

Belmont. July 3.—At the strawberry festival under the auspices of the L. W. W. S. of Knox Church, held on the lawn of Hugh McTavish. Rev. E. E. Scott presided. Russell Allison's solo opened the musical part of the program. Mr. Edgill gave a recitation in fine style. Songs were rendered by Wm. Cheene and Miss Lottie Frodie, Scottish vocalists, also a duet by Messrs. Russell, Allison and James Campbell, and an instrumental solo by Miss Walker. The proceedings were enlivened by the Dorchester Station Band. Net proceeds, \$88.

Mrs. (Rev.) Eastman, of Oshawa, who has been visiting the old homestead in Westminister, left for home Wednesday. Angus McKellar, brother of Messrs. John and Neal McKellar, died Monday in his 44th year.

Miss Mills, of Wallaceburg, is the guest of W. T. Nugent. The remains of the late Mrs. D. Campbell were buried on Tuesday in the Stewarts cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. W. D. Campbell of Aylmer. Pallbearers: Messrs. John Bruntin, Wm. Cousins, Hugh McKellar, John McKellar, Hugh McKellar and Duncan Ferguson.

A number of gold watches will be sold without reserve at the Princess Rink, Queen's avenue, this evening. Auction sale commences at 8 o'clock.

A FIVE-MILE FRAUD.

Rejection of the Publicans' Petition Inevitable.

Large Percentage of the Signatures Palpably Fictitious.

The Probable Purlieu of the Duke of Edinburgh's Jewels Arraigned.

Von Moltke on the Beer Business—Mr. Smith Says the Tithes Bill Must Be Passed.

Wiseley's Successor.

LONDON, July 4.—In the House of Commons Mr. Secretary Stansfeld said Sir Redvers Buller would succeed Lord Wiseley as adjutant-general of the army.

Disastrous Floods in Siberia. St. Petersburg, July 4.—Disastrous floods are reported in the Province of Tomsk, Western Siberia. Many lives have been lost and a large amount of property has been destroyed.

The Tithes Bill. LONDON, July 4.—Mr. Smith, the Government leader, introduced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government meant to pass the Tithes Bill this session. The Standard says the retrospective clauses of the Tithes Bill will be dropped and the bill carried in the abridged form.

Give and Take. The Rome Tribune reports that England has offered and Italy has accepted Suakin and vicinity as compensation for Somali.

The London Herald has learned from M. Ribot, the French Foreign Minister, that England gives France an island in the Caribbean Sea and recognizes the French protectorate over Madagascar.

A Royal Revue. VIENNA, July 4.—It is reported that the Emperor has had a serious quarrel with his brother, the Grand Duke Alexis. The Grand Duke is the head of the marine administration, and it is said he has offended the Emperor by arguing the necessity for wholesale reforms to put an end to the waste and extravagance which now characterize the navy.

A Veteran's Views on Beer. BERLIN, July 4.—Gen. Von Moltke, in a letter to a friend, says: "I have never said beer was Germany's greatest enemy. I am myself an abstainer, but I regard the prohibition of its use as neither sensible or practicable. There was no fire service, no fire insured, during which from struck one of the comedians. Another arrest was effected on Frome as it was stated that he was premeditating a hasty departure.

The Fire Had Full Sweep. PULLMAN, Wash., July 4.—The entire business portion of Pullman was burned yesterday night, doing heavy damage to the town. There was no fire service, and in order to check the flames buildings were blown up with powder, but it availed not.

Lightning's Work. BELLEVILLE, July 4.—Tuesday's storm John Somerville's barn, Hungerford, was burned by lightning. Nelson Green's house, Rawdon, was damaged to the extent of \$100. The house was owned by Charles McClean's house, Hungerford. All are recovering.

He'll Get the "Cat."

MONTREAL, July 4.—For some time past officers of the police have been busy in the city. At last one offender named Cushing—has been caught, and he has been punished as his crimes deserve. It is alleged that Holmes is a barber and was sent for three years in the penitentiary and to receive 30 lashes—the first installment of his punishment.

Oklaheima in a Bad Way. MINNEAPOLIS, Kan., July 4.—Hon. J. V. Adair, receiver of the land office at Kingfisher, Oklahoma, says the people of the State are in a bad way. The Government has continued hot weather and bad crop prospects. The thermometer has stood over 100 degrees, and no rain has fallen for over fifteen days. Affairs generally are in a deplorable condition, and if the crop fails this year great suffering will result.

A Picky Girl. FLORENCE, Ont., July 4.—In the absence of Mr. N. J. Johnson and wife of Shelburne, from home last evening, their daughter, a little child, Maggie Benson, aged 14, was severely burned about the arms and legs. She pluckily extinguished the flames that were burning her clothing by wrapping herself in a feather bed. The house and contents were entirely consumed.

A Disgraced Defaulter. MONTREAL, July 4.—A clue has been found to one possibly to the three defaulters, Mayer, Nolan and Lewis, who skipped this city, leaving creditors behind to the tune of nearly \$100,000. A letter has reached one of Lewis' former friends here dated from New York. The letter is written by Lewis' uncle, who is said to be a wealthy man in the metropolis of the union. He writes that Lewis has arrived at his home penniless and asking for food and shelter. "I have been the cat's paw of Mayer and Nolan," said Lewis, "and they used me solely to get them credit with the business people of Montreal, from whom they could not have got a cent by themselves. And when they had their booty they put me overboard."

Silver at Stratford. STRATFORD, Ont., July 4.—The Herald publishes the following: "Considerable excitement was caused in interested circles to-day by the discovery that streaks of silver run through the limestone which was first struck by the drill in the gas well. A reporter saw specimens of the rock, and the silver seams are plainly visible. The specimens were submitted to the acid test, and the result was a confirmation of the most sanguine expectations. Though the silver in the specimens brought up is in very fine threads, it is said by those who have seen them that these seams are there and are pocketed. Expert examination will probably be made, and the result will be awaited with interest."

Alleged Miracles. MONTREAL, July 4.—The miracles reported to have taken place at the recent pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre, organized by the Rev. Cure Primeau, of Boucherville, the first of the parish of St. Cyrille, Naperville. He had been suffering from spinal disease for the last four years, had been treated by six successive

doctors and had passed four months in the hospital, but all this was of no avail, and he could not walk without the aid of crutches. He claims to have been completely cured at the shrine and left his crutches there, to the great astonishment of those present. Anna Parent, a young girl aged 21 years, residing at No. 186 Frontenac street, was suffering from general debility for three years past, and could swallow nothing but a very small quantity of beef tea. She also suffered from acute pain. She returned from the shrine with the conviction that she is perfectly cured.

DROWNINGS. A Lady School Teacher Loses Her Life While Fishing—Triple Suicide—A Lumberman's Mishap. KINGSFORD, Ont., July 4.—Miss Lizzie Davis, daughter of L. Davis, public school teacher at Sydenham, was drowned at Madden's mill, near Verona, yesterday. Deceased was a school teacher, and before opening her class went to the lake about to indulge in an hour's fishing, taking with her one of her pupils. She sent the boy back to the farmhouse for some fishing apparatus, and when he returned he did not see his teacher. After a few minutes' waiting he grew anxious and took a ramble through the bush. Failing to find her he returned to the water, looking down saw the young lady at the bottom. Neighbors were notified, and the body recovered. Deceased had been teaching for some months in that vicinity, and was greatly respected. She was 30 years of age.

A LUMBERMAN DROWNED. BELLEVILLE, Ont., July 4.—Frank Rivers, a shantyman, was drowned at Bagged Falls, near Bridgewater, while breaking a jam.

A TRIPLE SUICIDE. HOBOKEN, N. J., July 4.—The body of Mrs. Franz Westland was found in the river yesterday, and clamped tightly in the arms of the woman was a 4-months-old babe. They had been dead only a short time. Westland is missing, and it is believed he and his wife committed suicide together on account of their poverty, as Westland sent a note to his pastor this morning saying that he intended to drown himself. Westland was a German journalist, but had been unfortunate.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

State of Trade in the States as Reported by Bradstreet's.

New York, July 3.—Special telegrams to Bradstreet's indicate that the volume of general merchandise, while large, has decreased perceptibly, as is to be expected at this season, and the week ending yesterday two days short, has further tended to restrict operations. San Francisco, Kansas City, Memphis, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Boston all reported restricted distribution, and many Western cities note a check to trade through the prevalence of prolonged and severe weather. Iron and steel are weak, and anthracite coal in better demand at improved prices. At the West hog are in free movement to interior markets. Prices weak and lower. Eggs are dull. Products barely held their own as to price.

Wheat is up 1½c on less energetic reports from abroad and a heavy decrease of domestic stocks. Corn and oats are fractionally higher. In California, the outlook is for a heavy wheat crop. Our Melbourne cable states that wheat stocks in Australia and New Zealand out of farmers' hands July 1 equal 4,973,000 bushels against 2,391,000 bushels one year ago.

Bank clearings for June at 51 cities showed the effect of lessened speculative trading, and the week ending yesterday a general trade throughout the country in a decrease of 13.6 per cent. from the May total, but they are larger than in June last year by 7.3 per cent.

At this close of the crop year 1889-90, Bradstreet's reports point to 52,000,000 bushels wheat carried over, against 37,000,000 bushels a year ago. Farmers' stocks are 7,000,000 bushels heavier than on July 1, 1889, and so-called available stocks 8,000,000 bushels. These totals point to the wheat crop of 1889 having been 470,000,000 bushels instead of 460,000,000 bushels.

Stocks of Indian corn (available) carried over are 19,251,928 bushels, against 12,361,366 bushels a year ago. Stocks of oats are 7,287,424, against 7,470,999 bushels of barley 637,255 bushels, against 454,167 bushels, and of rye 903,702 bushels, against 986,345 bushels.

Stocks of wheat and flour at leading points of manufacture and consumption in first and second hands (exclusive of New York city) equal 1,429,378 barrels, against 1,317,800 barrels one year ago.

Shot Dead by a Little Boy. OTTAWA, July 4.—Mabel Biech, aged 14, was instantly killed yesterday morning. She had just stepped on her father's back when a small rifle in the hands of a lad named Frank Leggett, aged 10, was discharged. The bullet hit the poor girl in the heart.

The Land o' Ducks. A Chinaman who won't raise ducks is looked upon as an enemy of the empire. What the hen is to America the duck is to China, only a great deal more so. Duck roasted, fried, boiled and scrambled, are found on every Chinaman's table at almost every meal.

The Steamship Galveston Ashore. MONTREAL, July 4.—The steamship Galveston, of Sunderland, bound for this port with a cargo, is ashore in Contrecoeur Channel, and is in a dangerous position. The Strait of Belle Isle is now in a dangerous position from large quantities of ice and prevalence of heavy fogs.

Toronto's Carnival. TORONTO, July 4.—The chief and closing event of the carnival last evening was the procession on public streets. It was headed by the bicycle club, and taken part in by local and outside firemen and half a dozen bands. Several floats, handsomely decorated and arranged, symbolized of various features of Canadian life and history, were conspicuous in the procession.

A Colossal Fraud. CHICAGO, July 4.—A bill of \$100,000,000 has been filed in the Superior Court which denounces the failure of the great jewelry house of Clapp & Davis as a gigantic fraud, planned and deliberately carried out for the purpose of defrauding creditors. The court is asked to appoint a new receiver and order the principal judgment creditors to turn over to him all moneys collected by them on their preferred claims for distribution among the less fortunate creditors.

THE NEW PASTORS.

Brief Biographies of Recently-Arrived Methodist Ministers.

Where They Were Educated and Their Former Churches—Rev. Messrs. Boyd, McIntyre, Hayhurst and Little.

During the last week the pastors of several Methodist churches in this city have departed to their new fields of labor, carrying with them the pleasant recollections of familiar associations, and the members of the congregation have been welcoming the ministers who are to assume charge of their spiritual welfare during the next three years.

REV. W. HAYHURST, the recently appointed pastor of the Queen's Park Methodist Church, entered the Wesleyan Church and passed for the ministry in connection with the English Conference. In 1855 Mr. Hayhurst came to Canada from England, settled in Toronto and was ordained at the Conference of 1862 held at Belleville. He first assumed the pastorate of a Methodist Church at Arnprior and was transferred to Sarnia in 1867. Since that time Mr. Hayhurst has been stationed in the London Conference and has been connected with some of the largest churches in Western Ontario. During the past three years he has resided in Wallaceburg and while there was chairman of the Chatham district. Mr. Hayhurst is widely and favorably known in Western Ontario as a most successful and able preacher.

REV. G. E. MONTYRE, of the Aikin Street Methodist Church, was born in Kingston, Ont., and is an undergraduate of Queen's College in that city. During his probation Mr. McIntyre was stationed at Waterdown, Grimsby, Newbury and Montreal, and was ordained at the Centenary Church, Hamilton, in 1874. He has been connected with the most prominent churches in the Toronto Conference, and is known as an eloquent and forcible preacher as well as an earnest and successful church worker. Mr. McIntyre comes to this city from Orangeville and during his pastorate there has been chairman of the Orangeville district. Owing to his attendance at the Toronto Conference he was prevented from occupying his pulpit last Sabbath but will preach his first sermon here on Sunday morning next.

REV. GEO. BOYD, of the Queen's Avenue Methodist Church, took his theological course at Scotland in 1872, and was ordained as a Methodist minister at Carleton Place, N.B., in 1877. After his ordination Mr. Boyd was stationed in the Cupids, Carleton Place and Harbor Grace districts, and during the past six years has been pastor of the George and Gower Street churches in St. Johns. He has been pastor of the largest churches, and was one of the most prominent and influential clergymen in Newfoundland. Mr. Boyd was a delegate to the Conference in Hamilton in 1882, and to the Union Conference held at Belleville and Toronto in 1885 and 1888. The reverend gentleman was also a delegate to the last general missions meeting held in this city last fall, and on that occasion occupied the pulpit of the Queen's Avenue Church. In 1886 Mr. Boyd was president of the Newfoundland Conference.

THE RAILWAYS.

Earnings of the C. P. R.—A Dividend—Western Freight Rates Advanced.

The Canadian Pacific earnings for the week ending June 30, \$402,600; same week last year, \$369,060. The western roads have agreed to advance freight rates to the Missouri River and St. Paul 10 cents per 100 pounds on first-class, and proportionately on the other classes. The chairman will fix the date on which the rates become effective.

It is rumored that Assistant Superintendent Timmerman, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at Port Arthur, is about to receive promotion. On his way back from the coast President Van Horne will take a trip into Kootenay district to inspect the work on the Columbia and Kootenay Railways.

The Canadian Pacific has declared a semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent., payable Aug. 18, 1½ per cent. from the annuity provided for by a deposit with the Dominion Government and 1 per cent. from surplus earnings. Transfer books close in Montreal and New York on the 26th inst., and re-open on Aug. 10.

A Winnipeg Lady's Sudden Death. WINNIPEG, July 4.—The fourth annual meeting of Manitoba W. C. T. U. is in session at Portage la Prairie. Mrs. Motley, a Winnipeg lay delegate, addressed the convention on the temperance text books in schools. She retired after the speech to an ante-room where she had a stroke of paralysis and soon succumbed to the shock. Her sudden death cast gloom over the assembly.

The Copetown Accident—A Verdict. HAMILTON, July 4.—The inquest touching the death of E. J. McDonnell, of Copetown, killed on June 23, and the jury think the accident was probably due to expansion of the rails and the great heat of the sun at a portion of the roadbed under repairs, which condition of the roadbed, we think, may have probably contributed to the accident.

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WORK AND WAGES.

Strike Statistics for Six Months—Trouble Between Tailors—Freight Handlers Quit Handling.

NEW YORK, July 4.—There were 84 strikes, involving 33,900 strikers reported to Bradstreet's in June. For the six months there were 681 strikes involving 174,328 strikers, against 340 strikes, involving 93,258 strikers last year, and 430 strikes and 72,432 strikers in 1888.

THE MILLERS' MARKERS. NEW YORK, July 4.—The American Miller-Makers' Association, in session here, decided to organize local boards in the various cities, which will have control of local affairs, such as matters of disturbances and trouble between employer and employee, such local boards to be under control of the State Committees. The report of the Apprenticeship Committee was adopted. The next annual meeting will be held at St. Louis, Mo.

NEW YORK, July 4.—Abraham Rosenberg and a crowd of 30 other strikers visited the tailoring shop of Samuel Dillet, in Eldridge street to-day, and began an indiscriminate attack upon Dillet, his wife and the workmen of the shop. Dillet defended himself with a revolver. He fired into the crowd and shot Rosenberg, in fleeing probably a fatal wound.

FREIGHT HANDLERS STOP WORK. CINCINNATI, July 4.—The freight handlers on all the roads here, except the Louisville and Nashville, have stopped work because their demand for an increase in wages was not immediately granted. It is thought that the men's demands will be granted or that some advance will be made.

COLLISION ON THE M. C. R.

Accident Near Port Dover Junction—Two Passengers Injured—A Tramp's Experience.

ST. THOMAS, July 2.—Yesterday afternoon a rear collision took place on the M. C. R. near Port Dover Junction, which, fortunately, did not result in the loss of life. The way freight, Conductor George Montgomery, pulled up to throw off a gravel car, but noticed a freight, in charge of Conductor Bryant, coming along, and Conductor Montgomery started his train, but had only got in motion when it was struck by Conductor Bryant's train. Edgerton Evans, compositor, of St. Catharines, who had been attending the latter day's convention at Waterloo, was on his wife and child were passengers in the caboose of the rear freight. Mr. Evans took the child in his arms and jumped, and Mrs. Evans followed him. She escaped uninjured, but Mr. Evans was considerably bruised and cut, and the child had a severe cut on the head. None of the train hands were injured. Point of view, who was riding on Conductor Bryant's train, was badly cut on the face. He had been, he said, in two weeks in 24 hours, and had made up his mind to walk hereafter.

Sudden Death at Bethwell. BETHWELL, Ont., July 4.—An old and highly respected resident of this town, Mr. Robt. Pickett, dropped dead yesterday afternoon about 4:30 of apoplexy of the brain; aged 62 years.

Vessel, Captain and Cook Lost. SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—The steamer Napia City, which sailed from Point Areni with a cargo of posts and bark for this city, capsized Wednesday night seven miles north-west of Point Arena during a heavy wind. Thurman and Wm. Newman, the cook, were drowned.

Fell 140 Feet—Three Men Killed. LEXINGTON, Va., July 4.—Yesterday morning at Buena Vista, a man entered a cage for the purpose of descending into a mine, when without warning the car fell 140 feet to the bottom of the shaft. Eli Pawter, John Montgomery and Lips Shead were instantly killed. Floyd Marion, one of the party, is still alive.

Reported at. From. Northland..... New York..... Liverpool. The Queen..... New York..... Liverpool. Travellers..... Montreal..... New York. City of Berlin..... Liverpool..... New York. Augusta Victoria..... Hamburg..... New York. Nova Scotia..... St. John's..... Liverpool. Casius..... Father Point..... Hamburg. Liverpool, July 3. The steamship Laro Superior, Beaver Line, arrived at Liverpool Thursday, July 3, from Montreal.

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