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—Mr. H. A. Fairbank, of Pittsfield, committed suicide a few days ago at Pittsfield, Mass.

DEATH OF THOMAS CARLYLE

Thomas Carlyle, the great biographer and historian, passed away on Saturday last after a severe and lengthened illness. This most remarkable man was born in 1795, at Ecclefechan, a small village in Dumfries-shire, where his father, a man of intellect and earnest religious feeling, held a small farm, he received the rudiments of his education at Annan.

—At the Hull (En.) police court recently, Thomas Booth told a Hatterman, was charged with using 237 lbs. of foreign manufactured tobacco. He was fined 218s and costs.

OPIMUM-EATING IN CHICAGO.

Having observed during the last five years, as physician of the Washington Home, Chicago, a rapid increase in the number of cases to be treated for opium-habit, Dr. Earle was led to investigate the practice systematically. Fifty druggists to whom inquiries were put had 257 customers, or an average of five to each.

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—Canadian immigration returns of 1880 are substantially as follows:—Arrivals via the St. Lawrence, 22,417, from the United States, 47,432; total, 69,849. Of these there went to the United States, 47,813, to Quebec, 239, to Manitoba, 2,552, and remained in Ontario, 19,291.

OPERATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES FISHERY COMMISSION.

Prof. Bond, chief of the fishery commission, gives a glowing account of the work to be done the coming season, with the aid of their new steamer. He predicts that the result will be astonishing. In 1873, says the professor, we were contented with hatching out a million shad. Last season we felt that we had done fairly in turning out fifty millions.

NATIONAL WEALTH

In point of wealth the United States stand near the head of the list—third on the list of all the Western nations. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland heads the list with a capital valuation of \$44,400,000,000; then comes France with \$30,700,000,000, the United States with \$32,000,000,000, Germany with \$22,000,000,000, Russia with \$15,000,000,000, and the Low Countries with \$11,150,000,000 of capital collectively.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Buffalo, N. Y., 6th.—Shortly after nine o'clock this morning the roof of the Central Railroad Depot fell in, and reports said many persons were buried in the ruins. The streets were filled with people at the time, and in twenty minutes five or six thousand persons surrounded the big depot and struggled for admission.

—In Vermont in 1860 there were 94 divorces. In the same State in 1878 there were 167. In New Hampshire the rate had increased from 150 in 1870 to 240 in 1878. In Massachusetts the number had increased from 140 in 1870 to 690 in 1878.

—When it is desired only to ascertain whether oil is pure or not without precise reference to the nature of the oil used in adulteration, take equal quantities of olive oil known to be pure and the oil to be tested, place the samples in separate test tubes, into which a good thermometer may also be inserted, and heat each separately to a temperature of 482° Fahr.

—The Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy has been in session in Toronto. The receipts from August, 1880, to date were \$1,794 77, of which there was a balance on hand of \$233 49. The Council has investments to the amount of \$3,600.

—The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church for the diocese of South Carolina recently met in Charleston for the purpose of formally passing upon the application of the Rev. Thaddeus Salters for deacon's orders. The candidate, who is a colored man, stood a creditable examination upon all the canonical requirements before the board of examiners.

—The progress of education in Ontario for the ten years 1870-79 has been steady and marked. The number of public schools at the beginning of the decade was 4,666, and at the close 5,123—an increase of 557. The amount paid for public school teachers' salaries rose from \$1,222,618 to \$2,072,822, and for the erection and repairs of school houses, fuel and contingencies, from \$489,380 to \$766,262—an increase respectively of \$850,141 and \$270,882.

—The steamer *Johnnie*, reported to have been wrecked on the Irish coast, was one of the six steamers of the Leyland line plying between Boston and Liverpool. She was built at Belfast in 1870, and combined speed with a large carrying capacity. She had six water-tight compartments. Her cargo consisted of produce, embracing corn, hog products, cotton, dairy products, apples, leather and meat.

—A redistribution of seats may be called for in Great Britain and Ireland. In the United Kingdom there are about 3,000,000 electors, of whom Scotland had at the last election 306,000, choosing only 60 members, while Ireland and Wales together had 768,000 electors, choosing 135 members.

—At a recent meeting of the Leith Town Council, Provost Henderson, a prope memorial from certain inhabitants on nuisance said to be caused by the sewer ventilation in the streets, took occasion to address the Council on the principles and practice of sewer ventilation. He described the various means which had been resorted to in different towns to secure ventilation of the sewers, by draughts, by out-draughts, by furnaces, by screws, but thought experience had proved that the simpler the means adopted the more effectual the result.

CHEAP GAS

According to the London *Echo*, a remarkable invention has just been patented in France. For many years inventors have been trying to devise a means of utilizing water gas, but certain "analogy prophets" pointed out that, as it cost as much to dissociate the gases forming water as they were worth as fuel when separated, the research was much like seeking for perpetual motion.

A NEW SCREW

It is a well-known fact that the great bulk of the screws used are driven in with the hammer, and given a turn or two with a screw-driver, to bring them flush. Recognizing this fact, an ingenious inventor, for many years prominently identified with the business, has brought out a new screw, which is adapted for driving, and which enters the wood without tearing the grain.

IMPROVED TRADE RETURNS.

We referred a few days since to the Trade and Navigation Tables for the Fiscal year ending 30th June, 1880, recently laid before the House of Commons, and presented a few extracts therefrom to show how completely the policy of the Government has been vindicated, and the predictions of the Finance Minister verified respecting the trade and commerce of the Dominion under the present tariff.