

## ECHOES OF THE WEEK

## Canadian.

The bill amalgamating the National Mutual Loan Society of Hamilton, has been thrown out by the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Rev. E. C. Cayley, M. A., of Toronto, has been appointed Professor of Theology in Trinity College, in the place of Professor Symonds, resigned.

It is expected in Toronto that nearly forty miles of street car track will be converted to the electric system before winter.

At a meeting of the High School Board of Toronto the question of establishing night high schools was brought up, and held over to a future meeting.

The reduction of street car fares for workmen provided for by the city of Toronto in its agreement with the Street Railway Company, they obtaining eight tickets for 25 cents at certain hours of the day, has resulted in a big increase in revenue for both the company and the city, as the latter under its agreement gets a percentage of the receipts. Last month receipts were the highest since the exhibition. The company's gross revenue for May was \$70,135, of which the city's share is \$5,600. Some idea of the increase in traffic may be gained from the following growth in the corporation receipts from that source since the beginning of the year:—January, \$4,415; February, \$4,285; March, \$4,321; April, \$5,107; May, \$5,600.

Anna Mary McBride is applying for a divorce from Daniel McBride. Mrs. McBride is the daughter of Mr. A. Clark, township of Richmond, Ont., and was married to Daniel McBride, Gosport, about seven or eight years ago. After living together for about a year they separated, Mrs. McBride returning to the parental roof where she has remained until recently, when she went to Chicago, from whence the notice issued. McBride is said to be in Toledo, Ohio.

The Board of Health, Kingston, Ont., will ask Sir John Thompson to send a sanitary engineer or some other competent expert to the city, in order to report to the Government what should be done about the penitentiary sewage.

Mrs. Shaver, of Pine street, Kingston, Ont., wife of a fireman, met Frank Parkin on Wednesday last, became fascinated, and fled with him to the United States. Her husband was in London at the time seeking work. The misguided woman left her child with her sister.

Inspector O'Leary has arrived in Ottawa with his prisoner, Thomas Paquin, late assistant postmaster of Hull, who was extradited from San Francisco. Paquin was at once taken to Hull and was brought before Recorder Champoux and remanded.

## American.

During a severe storm on Tuesday lightning struck the cartridge house of King's powder mill, twenty miles from Douglass, Wyo., and an explosion followed. Archie Grubbs, aged twenty, was instantly killed. Several others were slightly injured. A bolt of lightning struck one of the powder hoppers on the top floor and ran down an electric wire to the cartridge house. The factory is a wreck.

## European.

Tageblatt's Zanzibar despatch says English reports, via Mombassa, confirm the death of Emin Pasha.

The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the coronation of Francis Joseph, of Austria, as King of Hungary was celebrated during the week.

The Barings and Glyn, Mills & Co. invite tenders for £2,250,000 of 3 per cent. Canada stock at the minimum price of 91, being part of the amount authorized under existing acts but not utilised. The object is to pay off floating debt and the withdrawal of the postal savings bank deposits. The prospectus says the Government has no other obligations which cannot be provided for out of the consolidated revenues, and that charges on capital expenditure will be diminished in a few years, owing to the completion of the deepening of the canals.

The New Oriental bank, London, suspended on Wednesday. A circular issued by the directors gives the liabilities at £7,250,000 and the unclaimed capital as £600,000. The directors recommended the depositors to withdraw only 20 per cent. of their deposits in order to allow of the successful reconstruction of the bank.

A despatch from Persia says the cholera epidemic at Meshed after a temporary abatement is again increasing rapidly.

The Brazilian insurgents in Matto Grosso have abandoned Fort Coimbra and are fleeing from the province. The gun-boats Ferdinand and Humaila, belonging to the rebels, have been surrendered to the Brazilian minister in Paraguay.

The German press generally regards the interview between the Emperor and the Czar as conducive to peace.

## She Decided to Live On.

A very remarkable case of mind cure is recorded as having happened at a farming village in Berkshire.

The patient was an elderly widow, a Mrs. Norton, who had been her husband's second wife. She was now to all appearance nearing her end, and sent in some haste for a lawyer. He hurried to the house, where he found a chair and table waiting for him at his client's bedside. She wished him to draw up her will. He wrote the formal introductory phrases.

First of all, she began, in a faint voice, I want you to give the farm to my sons, Harry and James; just put that down.

But, said the lawyer, you can't do that, Mrs. Norton; the farm isn't yours to give away.

The farm isn't mine! she broke out, in a voice decidedly stronger than before.

No, ma'am, answered the lawyer, you have only a life interest in it.

This farm, that I've run for goin' on twenty-seven years, isn't mine to do what I please with? Why not? I'd like to know what you mean!

Why, your husband gave you a life interest in all his property, and at your death the farm goes to his son John, and your children will get the houses you have on High street.

And when I die John Norton is to have this house and farm whether I will or not? Just so.

Then I ain't going to die, said the old woman, in a ringing voice; and with that she threw her feet over the front of the bed, gathered a blanket about her, straightened up her gaunt form, and walked across the room to a chair before the fire. The lawyer picked up his papers and went away.

That was fifteen years ago, and the old lady is alive to-day.

## How It Feels to Be Shot.

Captain George L. Kilmer, who was himself hit by a musket ball in front of Frederickburg heights, writes a paper in The Popular Science Monthly on the first thoughts and actions of wounded men. It seems that these are very contradictory. Ordinarily when a soldier receives a hurt there is a trembling of the body, attended with faintness, nausea, pallor and a face full of anxiety and distress. But in times of intense excitement this is reversed. Under a slight wound the symptoms named may occur. But when the whole soul is wrought up with battle ardor the soldier may receive a mortal hurt and it affect him no more than a pin prick. He may not even know of it at all.

A terrible instance of this kind is quoted by Captain Kilmer, from Kinglake's story of the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava. Captain Nolan, aide to the division general, knew of the "valley of death" the Six Hundred were entering, and sought to draw them off toward the line of flanking redoubts, which was the real point of attack for them. He waved his sword frantically in the air, riding recklessly around the head of the advancing column, shouting: "This way! For heaven's sake, not that way!" That instant a fragment of shell struck him in the breast, tearing it open. He must have been a dead man on the instant, yet his fiery soul dominated his corpse for a moment still. The sword dropped, yet his sword arm remained in the air, his body sat erect in the saddle. His horse turned and galloped back. At that moment there burst from Nolan's lips a most awful and unearthly cry. "Yet the rider must have been unconscious already. Kinglake says, 'The shriek men heard rending the air was scarce other than the shriek of a corpse.'"

## The Temperance Saloon.

Why not? Rev. Dr. Rainsford's proposal to have the churches countenance resorts where beer and light wines are sold, and even to encourage such as a temperance measure, is one that fills total abstinents with horror. And certainly if the reversed gentleman had studied the figures of the awful increase of drunkenness in Germany in the past thirty years, where just such drinking places as he suggests have been the vogue for generations, he might have hesitated before positively recommending drinking saloons as a church reform measure.

But there might be real temperance saloons without any intoxicants at all offered for sale. It is the social feature of the beer saloon that has lured many a good fellow to his ruin. The glow and brightness, the merriment and human good fellowship are what draw at least half of mankind to the whiskey shop. Men go to it of evenings because they have nowhere else. Their poor homes or cheap boarding houses are not inviting to those who toil all day.

But let us have the temperance saloon, where workmen may spend their evenings. There can be many pleasant, refreshing drinks without beer, ale, wine or whiskey. Light eatables might be added. The men could smoke to their heart's content and play all the games they now are forced into the whiskey shop to enjoy. Such temperance houses, care-

fully managed, would pay in every town and city, and would be a long distance improvement on Rev. Dr. Rainsford's church beer saloons.

## Will Have all it Can Support in 200 Years.

From a series of researches and calculations by M. Ravenstein, a French geographer, it appears that over-population of the globe and the beginning of human decadence may be nearer at hand than most of us have supposed to be possible. The present population, 1,467,000,000 individuals, is distributed over the continents and islands, exclusive of polar regions, in the proportion of 31 inhabitants to the English square mile. Dividing the entire land surface, 43,350,000 square miles, into three regions, this author finds that fertile lands occupy, in round numbers, 28,000,000 square miles; steppes, 14,000,000; and deserts, 4,000,000. He estimates that the maximum number of persons that can be supported throughout the respective regions is 207 per square mile on the fertile lands, ten on the steppes, and one per square mile on the deserts. The present average for India is 175, for China 295, for Japan 264. The investigator concludes that the greatest number of persons the entire land surface can sustain is 5,994,000,000. The total increase in population is now 8 per cent per decade—being 8.7 in Europe, 6 in Asia, 10 in Africa, 30 in Australasia and Oceania, 20 in North America and 15 in South America—and at this rate the earth will have acquired all the inhabitants it can maintain in about 180 years, or in 2072. Quite curiously, this date is about that fixed by geologists for the exhaustion of Great Britain's coal supply.

## Honors Come High.

Italian titles are expensive. That of prince costs \$13,000; duke, \$10,000; count, \$5,000; viscount or baron, \$4,000. On her marriage the Duchess of Campo Selice, who is indebted for her vast wealth to the fact that she was one of the widows of Mr. Singer, of sewing-machine fame, bought the title of duke for her second husband from the Vatican for \$10,000, while dues amounting to close upon \$80,000 have just been paid into the treasury of the Italian Government for the acquisition of the titles of duke, prince, marquis and count by young Sachetti, who led to the altar the other day the heiress and sole surviving representative of the grand old patrician house of the Barberini.

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