

The London Y. M. C. A. officers for the year 1883-84 are as follows:—President, V. Cronyn; Vice-Presidents, Wm. Glass, H. E. Nelles; Treasurer, W. R. Hobbs; Recording Secretary, W. R. Atkinson; General Secretary, F. H. Fatt.

J. Stevenson, convicted of stealing a horse and buggy at Beverley, was sentenced to four years in Kingston penitentiary.

The residence of J. M. Grover, in Colborne, was entered by burglars and about \$75 worth of silver plate taken.

Judge Gowan, of Simcoe county, has resigned his position as Senior Judge, which has been taken by Judge Ardagh. Mr. Wm. Boys, of Barrie, has received the appointment of Junior Judge in vacancy left by Judge Ardagh.

Dr. Ninham, of Oneida, is a very unfortunate man. He lost his toes some time ago on the railroad, and is hardly well yet. On Saturday last he was picked up near Delaware Bridge, having fallen into a deep culvert and broke his leg. He is now in a very bad condition.

An unknown tramp was killed by a Canada Southern freight train near Stevensville, on Sunday. He was lying on the track as if asleep, when the locomotive struck him and threw him from the rails, breaking both legs and an arm, and inflicting a horrible gash on his head. He survived only a few minutes. Another man named Alex. Armstrong was struck by a train while walking on the Canada Southern track at Shedden on Monday.

An order has been issued regulating the traffic on the C. P. R., which prohibits the taking of any kind of a parcel into the passenger coaches, even a lunch basket being tabooed. There is no injunction restraining the size of the pockets.

A Madam Hazleton has swindled a lot of young ladies in Toronto, by collecting money from them on pretext of teaching them painting. As soon as she had begged their money she left the city.

Mrs. Diana Calphis, a colored woman, died at London, on Thursday, at the age of 115 years. She was born in Danville, Ky., on a slave plantation, in the year 1768, eight years previous to the declaration of independence. At the age of 20 she was married on the same plantation, and was the mother of three children, all of whom have since died. She had lived 35 years in London.

A young man named Kelly accidentally got his leg crushed at the saw-mill of Cane & Sons, Newmarket. It is thought amputation will be necessary.

A fire broke out this evening in the dwelling of Mr. Peter Bruso, Tilbury Centre, burning it and contents. A little son of Mr. Bruso's, aged four years, was burned to death, it being impossible to get him out of the flames. The loss to the house and contents is \$500; no insurance.

The Governor-General has ordered the convict James Howard to be released from Kingston Penitentiary. He was sentenced to penal servitude for ten years for shooting at Walter Bell, of St. Thomas. Doubts were thrown upon the correctness of the conviction by the evidence which came out on the trial of Montgomery, who received two years for shooting at H. Thornton.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise has presented a valuable painting to the National Gallery of Canada.

In Montreal a drunken fellow tried to shoot two children, who had a very narrow escape from his recklessness.

In the same city a drunken man threatened to shoot a street car conductor who asked him for his fare.

Catharine O'Hara, a widow, aged fifty, who lived in Belleville, while sitting on a chair fell to the floor and died in a few minutes. Heart disease was the cause of death. She leaves a family of six children.

While ex-policeman Holmes, of Chatham, was cleaning his gun it went off, the charge shattering the left fore-arm so badly as to necessitate amputation above the elbow.

Samuel Mills, of London, culler on the Grand Trunk Railway, attempted to cross the track by crawling under a freight train. The train started unexpectedly and Mills had his hand and foot badly crushed. He lost one arm some time ago, and this injury will make him well nigh helpless.

Last season the temperance people in Clayton district voted against licensing a number of hotels located at popular resorts. Their proprietors continued the sale of liquors notwithstanding, and now when the summer travel is over they have been fined \$50 each.

James Stubbs, a resident of Morris, while engaged hewing timber near his own place, was accidentally struck on the head by the axe of a fellow-workman, and his ear was almost severed from his head. Medical attendance was secured, and it is hoped that his ear may yet be preserved without much disfigurement.

The propeller *Frost*, bound up the new canal at St. Catharines, carried away two gates of lock No. 5 on Monday. The force of the water carried away the banks, and flooded the country for some distance round. It will likely be some days before navigation will be resumed. In the meantime the smaller class of vessels will use the old canal.

Three fires occurred at Ottawa on Wednesday. Shortly after noon a boiler explosion occurred in the boiler works of Mr. Campbell, on Maria street, setting fire to the building, which was damaged to the extent of \$5,000. The machinery and boilers are damaged to the extent of \$15,000. Insurance, \$2,000.

At night the barn and stable of Dr. Scott, Hull, with contents, were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$2,000; partly insured.

While this fire was in progress a second conflagration broke out in the lower part of Hull in the extensive cement works of C. B. Wright, which, with the exception of the barrel factory, were totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$30,000, on which there is an insurance of only \$4,700.

A fire at the cove of Messrs. Benson Bros., New Liverpool, Quebec, last week destroyed \$5,000 to \$8,000 worth of deals. The loss is covered by insurance. But for good fire appliances the loss would have been \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Sydney Weatherby, eldest son of Judge Weatherby, was instantly killed at Preston, N. S. on Saturday, by the accidental discharge of a gun.

Hon. Isaac Buchanan, Dominion Arbitrator, died at Hamilton on Monday in his 74th year. He was highly respected and his loss will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends.

On Monday evening an elderly man named James Webster shot himself at Hamilton.

UNITED STATES.

The *Tribune's* Washington special says in answer to letters addressed to Congressmen elected, 80 Democrats and 45 Republicans give their opinion on the Speakership and other questions. Of 45 Republicans, all oppose the re-opening of the tariff revision question. Only four express opposition to the repeal of the compulsory silver coinage provision, 26 favor it, and the remainder express no opinion. 11 favor a repeal of the internal revenue laws; 5 desire to have the tax retained on whisky, only at a reduced rate; 19 oppose any modification, and 8 are non-committal. Nearly all favor liberal appropriations for internal improvements. As to land grants, 11 favor a strict construction of the granting Acts in the interests of the Government, while all insist that good faith must be retained. Of 79 Democrats who responded, 52 favor the re-opening of the tariff question, 4 oppose it, and the remainder are non-committal; 64 oppose the repeal of the compulsory silver coinage clause, 4 favor it, and 12 give no opinion.

About two o'clock on Wednesday morning, the Exposition building at Pittsburgh, Pa., caught fire, and in fifty minutes the entire building, machinery and floral halls were in ashes. The fire was discovered in the engine-room of the machinery department, and not to frighten the citizens, a still alarm was sent in. In this way the flames got beyond control, and before the department reached the grounds the building was almost burned. It is impossible to estimate the loss with any accuracy, but it is believed it will not fall below \$2,500,000.

At Albany, last week, the boiler of the steamer J. S. Robinson exploded, instantly killing Capt. Geo. S. Warner and Fireman W. Cleary, and seriously injuring Fred Tinslar, the engineer, who was blown into the water and narrowly escaped drowning. Willard Durand and Melville Ryan, deck hands, and Richard Vanzandt were also injured. Capt. Robinson, of the Hattie M. Betts, was blown from the pilot house on the wharf and seriously injured. The Betts is damaged \$1,000. The tug Cora, alongside, is a total wreck, and the C. P. Grant, lying ahead, had her joiner work carried away, and her machinery damaged. The Robinson sank immediately with the body of Cleary. One section of the boiler was hurled 400 feet against the top storey of a three-storey building, crashing in a portion of the wall. Another section crushed in the roof of the coal barge E. M. Downing.