

ably adapted to the requirements of the exhilarating pastime.—On Tuesday night last a Yonge Street fur store was plundered of \$2,000 worth of furs. The police did not catch the burglars, but what was more important they got a "clue."—It is said that M. Valin, M. P. for Montmorenci, is uproarious in his demands to be appointed to the Senate.—There is, it would appear, a band of Invincibles in Buffalo, who pretend that they have decided to commit some depredations in Canada; but they will not disclose their intentions. They do not seem to have any evil intentions towards the governor or the inhabitants of the Dominion; but they do not hesitate to say that they harbour spleen towards several of our buildings. There are several unsightly nests in the slums of Toronto, and Montreal, and nearly all the prominent Canadian cities, where they might operate to the entire satisfaction of the public.—The Dominion Government has offered to pay to Nova Scotia \$1,200,000 for the Inter-Extension railway.—A large woollen mill has closed in Almonte, and Reformers who do not like Sir Leonard Tilley say "There!"—Inland revenue and customs' receipts for Montreal, St. John, and other Canadian cities are less than the receipts of the corresponding months of last year. But one swallow, or two, do not make a summer; and it is not to be inferred the day of doom is coming.—The writ for the York, New Brunswick, election has been issued: Nomination day will be the 22nd inst., polling the 29th. The vacancy was created by the death of John Pickard. It is not yet arranged who the Conservative candidate is to be, but Mr. George F. Gregory will be the liberal nominee.—On Wednesday morning last, as recorded in the last issue of THE WEEK a terrible collision occurred between a freight inbound Grand Trunk train, and a suburban train proceeding with some sixty operatives who worked in a bolt and iron factory some distance out of Toronto. Twenty-seven persons were either killed instantly or so injured as to die within a few hours. An eye witness crossing the track in the early dawn describes the collision. He says, the sight as the trains approached each other, the suburban rather slowly, and the freight dashing madly down the grade at a rate of thirty miles an hour was one which he will never forget. At first he thought there must be two tracks, and that each train was on a different one, but as he got closer to the line he saw that there was to be a fearful collision which nothing but supernatural power could prevent. He ran a short distance from the railway that he might be safe, and as the suburban train passed him, hurrying its live freight, in so many cases, to their death, he saw many of the men in the foremost car laughing and talking pleasantly together, little thinking that within the next few seconds many of them would be hurled into eternity. He closed his eyes, he said, when the trains were twenty yards apart, and the next instant when he opened them, they were just about to collide. The heavy freight engine reared upon end like a mad thing when it struck the dummy, ploughing off its cab, and falling into the car of the suburban train among the passengers. The accident was due to the carelessness of the conductor, but some attribute the terrible occurrence in a measure to the system of overworking, and lack of thorough precaution, pursued by the Grand Trunk management. There was a public funeral of the victims in Toronto on Saturday, and the city was draped in black as the sad procession passed on its way to the cemeteries.—The Toronto jail is being filled with paupers at the rate of twenty-five per week.—Some of the crew of the barge *Kincardine* have reached Windsor after a tiresome walk of eighty miles through the deep snow.—The Royal Canadian Yacht Club will hold a ball in Toronto on the 11th instant, and the Governor-General will attend.—There has been a heavy water rise in Montreal, and several works have been obliged to suspend operations.—The riot in Newfoundland is at an end, though the affair has created terrible excitement through the Island, and occasioned a wider breach than ever before between the Orangemen and Roman Catholics.—A man eighty years old committed suicide in Ottawa on Friday last.—Toronto jail has received a female horse-thief from Collingwood.—During the last week the greatest number of failures ever occurring within a like period, happened in Canada.—Tenders for the St. Lawrence Canal have been rejected, the Government considering all the figures too low.—The wounded in the late rail-way collision are progressing favourably.

FOREIGN.—Orangemen in Ireland propose to organize themselves into a volunteer force. It is doubtful if the Government will permit them to carry out their patriotic intentions.—Minister Lowell will resign the Lord Rectorship of Glasgow university.—One thousand men is said to have been the French loss at Sontay.—The Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland has forbidden the Nationalist meeting at Cootehill.—The Holy Father holds a consistory in April, at which several Cardinals will be created, and many vacant sees in America be filled.—There was a collision between Orangemen and Nationalists at Dromore, Ireland, on Tuesday last, January 1st and one young man was fatally wounded.—The report comes that the Black Flags systematically massacre their prisoners.—Mr. Biggar has described Earl Spencer as a drunken house-breaker.—Greece will withdraw her paper currency.—An enterprising American Fenian has threatened to blow up the Pope with dynamite. A little while ago the American Roman Catholic bishops refused to rebuke Fenianism. Perhaps they will interfere now that the patriots are desirous of destroying the Holy Father.—While on his way home from a hunt, six Nihilists who were hovering along the highway in the gloaming, fired at the Czar, lodging a bullet in his shoulder.—Mary Anderson is now said to be sated with professional glory and the admiration of men, and will therefore enter a convent.—The Czar is said to be delirious from the mental strain of the attack upon him, and the Nihilistic threats with which he is every day besieged.—A terrible catastrophe occurred in a convent, Belleville, Illinois, on Sunday night. The building took fire, and before the inmates could escape thirty persons were burnt to death.—It is said that British men-of-war will be ordered immediately to the Red Sea and the Suez Canal.

PROSPECTUS OF THE WEEK.

There appears to be in Canadian journalism a field still unoccupied, which can be filled only by a periodical enabled to furnish at the requisite outlay literary matter of the best quality. This field is the aim of the proprietors of THE WEEK to fill. They will appeal particularly to the Canadian public; but they crave no indulgence on this score at the hands of Canadian readers. They are willing that THE WEEK shall be judged by comparison with other periodicals, English and American, of similar scope and price, hoping to gain the favour of a body of readers not limited by the bounds of Canada.

THE WEEK will appeal by a comprehensive table of contents to the different tastes which exist within the circle of a cultured home, and will endeavour faithfully to reflect and summarize the intellectual, social and political movements of the day. The man of business, whose hours for reading are limited, will, it is hoped, find in this periodical the means of easily keeping himself acquainted with the chief events and questions of the time.

Fiction, in the form both of serials and short stories, will occupy a prominent place, and will be regularly and liberally supplied. For this purpose the assistance of acknowledged talent has been secured. Verse will be welcomed as often as it is found possible to procure it of the right quality. Sketches of travel and papers descriptive of places interesting from their scenery or their associations will from time to time appear. Critical essays and short biographical papers will also form features of THE WEEK. Current events, both at home and abroad, will be closely watched, brought carefully into focus, and impartially discussed. It will be the Editor's constant aim to keep his readers well abreast of the intellectual progress of the age.

In politics THE WEEK will be thoroughly independent. It will be untrammelled by party connections, free from party leanings, unbiassed by party considerations. The rule which it will adopt, of requiring every article to bear either the writer's name or some note of individual authorship and responsibility, will enable it to allow liberal scope for the expression of individual opinion, and to present, as far as possible, the best advocacy of the best cause. In Canadian politics its desire will be to further, to the utmost of its power, the free and healthy development of the Nation.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The following are among the attractions which will be offered the readers of THE WEEK in the earlier issues:

"A BYSTANDER"

will contribute, at intervals, reviews of current events, especially of events in Great Britain and on the Continent of Europe.

MR. EDGAR FAWCETT,

the well-known author of "A Gentleman of Leisure," "Tinkling Cymbals," "An Ambitious Woman" (just completed in the *New York Tribune*, and attracting wide attention), "A Hopeless Case," etc., is writing for THE WEEK a new novel, entitled "The Adventures of a Widow." This novel deals with New York Society, a field which Mr. Fawcett has made peculiarly his own. The columns of THE WEEK will also, from time to time, be enriched with some of Mr. Fawcett's exquisite verse.

PRINCIPAL GRANT,

in a series of papers, will describe a tour taken by him, in company with Mr. Sandford Fleming, during the past summer, over the route of the Canada Pacific Railway. Dr. Grant and his party traversed entirely new ground, by crossing the Selkirks, which have hitherto been considered impassable. These interesting papers will be entitled "Down the Kicking Horse and across the Selkirks." Dr. Grant will also contribute articles on various important subjects, such as Indian Affairs, Progress in British Columbia, etc.

Contributions in prose and verse may be looked for from J. E. Collins, Joaquin Miller, Louis Honoré Frechette, Dr. C. P. Mulvany, George Stewart, Jr., John Reade, Mrs. Kate Seymour McLean, Miss Machar (*Fidelis*), Dr. Daniel Wilson, John Charles Dent, Wm. Houston, F. Blake Crofton, G. Mercer Adam, J. Hunter-Duvar, R. W. Phipps, Wm. F. Clarke, Professor Murray, Sir Francis Hincks, R. W. Boodle, O. C. Auringer, Mrs. J. F. Harrison (*Seranus*), J. M. LeMoine, Frederick A. Dixon, J. G. Bourinot, W. D. LeSueur, and many other writers of note. Art, Music and the Drama will receive abundant and careful attention. There will also be a series of critical essays on "The Younger American Poets," by the editor.