TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

The Dominion Convention of Fruit Growers is to be held in the City Hall, Ottawa, on the 19th, 20th and 21st inst. A private correspondent, writing from

Southern California, says that an enormous quantity of rain has fallen there this year. No such floods have been experienced since

In the Quebec Supreme Court, in the case of Whyte vs. Johnson, an appeal by Mr. John Whyte, ex-M. P. P. for Megantic, from the judgment of seven years' disquali-fication standing against him, the Chief Justice held the charges of corruption to be unfounded. The judgment appealed from

The campaign in Haldimand is now fully inaugurated. Dr. Montague, who has been twice unseated for corrupt practices, has been again nominated as Tory candidate, and Mr. Colter is the Liberal candidate. The contest will be short, as the election takes place on the 20th inst.

The clean newspaper, writes a well-known authority, has, in the long run, the most permanent circulation and patronage. most permanent circulation and patronage. The paper which goes into the homes and is read by the families is the paper which counts its subscribers by the year instead of depending upon the fluctuating sales of the news companies, and it is, after all, the family paper which swings the power.

When the Mackenzie Government were beaten the expenditure had reached nearly \$23,500,000, and Sir Leonard Tilley blamed \$25,000,000, and Sir Leonard Thifey blamed the Liberal party for increasing it, contending that \$22,500,000 was sufficient. This year the expenditure on account of consolidated fund alone (with the supplementary estimates yet to be submitted) is set down at \$36,035,000! No wonder that those responsible for such extravagance.

BURNED BUILDINGS.

Brantford Central School Badly Dam

BRANTFORD, Feb. 8.-Fire was discovered Brantford, Feb. 8.—Fire was discovered in the center portion of the central school building at 12 o'clock Thursday night, and before the alarm could be given the flames had gained great headway. The fire was confined to the main building, although some damage was done to portions of the wings. The loss is heavy, probably reaching \$8,000, and it is a question if a new building will not be required. There is an insurance of \$15,000 on the building and contents, distributed equally between the Guardian, Hartford and London Assurance Companies.

Companies.

ETHEL, Ont., Feb. 8.—J. Burton's hotel was destroyed by fire last evening. Loss on hotel \$2,000.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 8.—Montgomery's car-

WINNIEG, Feb. 8.—Abdressman's can riage shop and a small dwelling house on-Fort street were totally destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Total loss, \$4,000.

Belleville, Feb. 8.—A house belonging to F. Root was burned Thursday night. Loss, \$2,000.

CURRENT CONDENSATIONS.

CANADIAN. Dr. Wm. Moore, well known in Toronto business circles, has died of pneumonia, which followed an attack of la grippe.

cattle to pass over our Canadian lines for exportation to the old country. He said American cattle are being sent to the old country in the same cars and ships with Canadian cattle, and as it is a well-known fact that there are many contagious discases existing among American cattle, it was desirable that this practice should be stopped. The motion carried.

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SOP FOR SOCIALISTS.

Blemarck at the Bottom of the Emperor's New Scheme.

Queen Victoria to Visit Cobourg Next Month.

Death of Cardinal Pecci, the Pope's Brother.

The French Cabinet Decide to Enforce the Expulsion Act in the Young Duke's Case.

Death of Cardinal Pecci.

ROME, Feb. 8.—Cardinal Pecci, brother of the Pope, who has been ill with pneunonia, died this afternoon. A Collapse in Pig Iron.
GLASGOW, Feb. 8.—There was a collapse in the pig iron market here yesterday owing

to the temporary suspension of payment by M. S. Wellis, a prominent broker. The Queen to Go to Cobourg.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The Tageblatt says visit Cobourg on March 23 for the confirma-tion of Prince Alfred of Edinburgh.

Milan's Losses at Monaco.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Milan, ex-king of Servia, recently lost 300,000 francs while gambling at Monaco. It was the loss of this money that led him to threaten to commit suicide.

The Monmouthshire Mine Disaster.
London, Feb. 8.—It is now believed 190
miners perished in the colliery explosion at Abersychan, Monmouthshire. One hundred and seventy bodies have been re-

Irish Volunteers Called Out. LONDON, Feb. S.—Twenty battalions of infantry and thirteen batteries of the volunteers in Ireland are artillery of to be called out for training in field opera-

The Pope's Brother. Rome, Feb. 8.—Cardinal Pecci's condition is hopeless. The Pope, though much affected by the condition of his brother, who is dying from pneumonia, yesterday pronounced absolution from the Pontifical

The Irish Land Bill. LONDON, Feb. 8.—The London Daily Telegraph says that the new Irish Land Bill is only an ingenious extension of Lord

Ashbourne's act, but that it does not seriously involve the British taxpayers. The Parnell Commissions Report,
London, Feb. 8.—The report of the
Parnell Commission will be published in the Farnell Commission will be published in the first week of the session. It is precise and vigorous in dealing with the forgeries, but finds it impossible to exonerate Mr. Parnell from a failure to separate political organizations from organizations that were

The Anti-Slavery Congress BRUSSELS, Feb. 8.—In yesterday's session of the Anti-Slavery Conference at Brussels it was intimated that Great Britain, while maintaining the principle involved in the right of search, is willing, out of defer-ence to France, to renounce the exercise of

that right on the high seas. The Duke Must Go. PARIS, Feb. 8.—At a meeting of the Cabinet to-day it was decided to strictly

business circles, has died of pneumonia, which followed an attack of la grippe.

Mr. John Burton, who used to be with the New York, Ontario and Western, has accepted the office of general freight agent of the Grand Trunk Railway, in place of the late Thomas Tandy.

At the York County Council L. A. Lloyd moved a resolution that it would be very injurious to the farmers of Canada for the Dominion Government to allow American cattle to pass over our Canadian lines for exportation to the old country. He said

LCNDON, Feb. 8 .- The Standard's Berlin orrespondent says the rescripts were prepared by a privy councilor, who has been always understood to be Prince Bismarck's right hand man. Whatever may be the fate of the conference, labor legislation will

AMERICAN.
The Times reports that the rescripts were placarded largely in the streets of Breslau, the chief Socialist stronghold of Germany.
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known fact that London society women of distinction and beauty are just as keen after the profits of the sale of their photos as actresses are. Vanderweyde, the Queen's photographer, told a reporter that he had during this week taken pictures of Mrs. Henry White, Lady Gray and Lady Ellen Duncombe, the beautiful sister of the Duchess of Leinster. All came together in Directoire dresses, and were taken singly and in groups.

A Parisian Sensation.

Paris, Feb. 8.—By prompt action the Government has nipped in the bud what was apparently intended to be a Royalist coup d'etat, and the consequence is that the Duke of Orleans, eldest son of the Count of Paris, is now in custody. The Duke arrived in Paris bearing a letter, written by the Count of Paris, announcing to the faithful and to all others the Count's abdication of his claims as a pretender to the throne of France. In virtue of this abdication all the Count's claims, rights and titles descend to his eldest son, Philippe Louis Robert, Duke of Orleans. This gentleman is, therefore the pretender to the throne in virtue of his claims as the heir of Louis Phillippe, and also as the heir of the old Burbon line. The Duke also brought with him a manifesto addressing the people of France. His coming into the country is a violation of the law banishing all the heads and direct heirs of reigning families.

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the move was made in concert with the more determined opponents of the Republic. The law which the Duke violated by coming the move was made in concert with the more determined opponents of the Republic. The law which the Duke vio ated by coming into France was made purposely for excluding his father and himself as enemies of the Republic. In the afternoon he was arraigned before the military authorities at the Central Bureau. In response to the inquiry as to the objects of his visit to France, he said that having attained his majority he had come to place himself at the disposal of the military authorities. The Minister of the Interior ordered that the Duke be held in custody. Further disposition of the case will depend upon whether its discovered that there was any plot for a general Royalist movement behind this incident.

A later dispatch from Paris says: The Duke of Orleans has lately resided at Lausanne, Switzerland. It is said none of his family were aware of his intention to enter France, and the family is ignorant of any plans he may have had, if he had any other than that alleged by himself when in custody.

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Contradictory stories are afloat as to all Contradictory stories are afloat as to all the details of the case, and particularly as to the report of the abdication of the Count of Paris. It is positively denied that the Duke has any such document or that the Count of Paris has signed any act of abdication.

RAILWAY DISASTERS.

Fatal Accident Caused by an Open Switch.

A Train Runs into a Mountain of Snow-A Conductor's Wonderful

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 8.—An accident is reported on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad at the Big Pen tunnel between Hinton and Lowell, W. Va. A freight train which was approsching a signal station ran into a switch which had been left open. Before the engineer could reverse his engine it had crashed into the signal house and pushed it into the river and then plunged in after it. The tender followed the engine. In the station was a telegraph operator. He, the engineer and fireman were carried into the river and drowned. The freight cars were piled up all over the track.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 8. — The through mail from Baltimore on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad ran into a mountain of snow three miles east of Ohio Pyle last evening. The engine and combination postal and baggage car went over the bank into the river. The smoking car followed half way. Engineer

the bank into the river. The smok-ing car followed half way. Engineer Henry Bush, of Pittsburg, was badly burned, but not fatally injured. Fireman Lewis Burcher sustained a terrible scalp wound, but will recover. Baggagemaster Isaac Ingles, of Fittsburg, was burned by the car stove. The only passenger injured was John Lindsay, of Glenwood, master carpenter of the road. He will not prob-

CANADA'S CAPITAL.

Doings and Sayings of Mem bers of Parliament.

Humiliating Exposure.

OTTAWA, Saturday, Feb. 8. The approach of the body of the session is marked to-day by the abundance of umor in the air. The members in the umor in the air. The members in the smoking rooms no longer talk of battles past, but of problems yet to be solved. The McCarthy Dual Language Bill is causing a good deal of anxiety. The more that the amendments given notice of by Mr. Davin and Mr. White indicate the way that the Government is likely to jump. It is plain that the old Tory policy of domination of the Provinces from Ottawa has gain failed its promoters in a crisis, and they are—as in the Jesuit estates matter ompelled to adopt the Liberal principle of Provincial rights. The indications now are that the White amendment will carry.

Another rumor that has a fair amount of oundation to it says that the Government vill follow the lead of the Opposition and Mr. Kirkpatrick and abolish the distillers'

rebate on corn.

Hon. Mr. Blake will close his great speech before the arbitrators in the C. P. R. case early this afternoon, and the party will leave Toronto to-night. Decision will viz., as to whether the C. P. R. have any claim against the Government, and if a claim is allowed, then further evidence and argument must be had to fix the amount of the claim.

Business of the House.

OTTAWA, Friday, Feb. 7. In the House of Commons private bills were read the first time:

To amend the Canadian Pacific Railway *Act of 1889, and for other purposes—Mr. Kirkmatrick

Kirkpatrick.
Concerning the Eric and Huron Railway
Company—Mr. Lister.
Respecting the Brantford, Waterloo and
Lake Eric Company — Mr. Paterson

(Brant).
Sir Tohn Thompson introduced his bill to amend the criminal law, stating its provisions to be as follows:

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To make the seduction of a servant by a master, employer or foreman a criminal offense; to define and punish incest; to make more effective provision for the suppression for provided with refreshments while on duty; to make provision for the securities of persons committed for train who elect to be tried under the Speedy Trials Act; to extend the powers of judges in dealing with summary convictions by magistrates; to declare the law with regard to the right of courts martial to sentence prisoners to iail.

It was Mr. Laurier's expectation that the House would go into supply again to-day, and that he would have an opportunity of moving his amendment calling for the rebate given distillers on corn for use in the manufacture of spirits for expert. Contrary to expectation, however, the Government took up the bill relating to bills of exchange, checks and promissory notes, and the Liberal leader entered a protest against the action. On the day in which Mr. Laurier proposed to move his amendment, Mr. Kirkpatrick gave notice of motion in effect practically the same that Mr. Laurier intended moving. In the ordinary course this motion would probably come up on Monday next, and there was ground for the suspicion that a plan was laying to forestall the Opposition. The Premier, however, pledged his word that he would take care that Mr. Kirkpatrick's motion should not have precedence.

The chief place of business is to De Montreal, and it is proposed to carry on the Montreal Plasters of Supploon.

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appropriations for contingencies of civil appropriations for contingencies of civil government.

Young Mr. Tupper was convicted to-night of a rather scandalous attempt to deceive Parliament and the country. The other day he brought down a carefully-prepared statement showing that dur-ing five years of the Mackenzie Ad-ministration the amount paid for newspapers and for advertising was \$89, 000, and that for the same period under the present Government the cost for printsease existing among American cuttors, but proceeds and the process of the sease of the confidences, how regions and the process of the confidences of the confidence o

was dead and whose proprietor was dead these two years, but which still was credited with drawing public money.

After passing: unopposed a few ether items the committee rose and Mr. Speaker itook the chair. On eaking when the committee would sit again, Hon. Mr. Foster moved that it sit immediately.

Mr. Laurier moved in amendment that in the opinion of this House no rebate of duty should be allowed upon corn imported for use in the manufacture of spirits. This motion, he said, must commend itself to both sides of the House. No rebate should be allowed to the dittillers as was done now and denied to the farmers. The distillers, on the one hand, said they did not want the rebate, and the Minister of Customs on the other declared that such rebate was necessary to induce them to extend their business for the benefit of labor. They wanted the same measure of justice to to all clarses of the community.

Sir John moved adjournment of the debate.

This was carried and the House adjourned at 11:30 o'clock.

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Capital Notes.

Among the notices of motion are three of exceptional importance. The first is by Mr. McMillan, of Huron, declaring that it is expedient to remove the duty on artificial fertilizers, and to place them on the free list. This is the resolution so ably handled by Mr. Mulock last session. The second is by Mr. Eisenhauer, proposing to increase the bounty now allowed the fishermen in proportion to the increase allowed on pig iron, and the third is by Mr. White, of Cardwell, in amendment to Mr. McCarthy's bill to abolish the dual language system in the Northwest, and reads as follows:

That the said bill be not 10w read a second time, but that it be resolved that in the opinion of this House tip desirable to amend section 110 of threat the use of any other than the Englin language in the proceedings before the Courts, in the records and journals of the Legislative Assembly and in all ordinances made under the said act be within the discretion of the Legislative Assembly after the discretion of the present Assembly has a forced the inhabitants of Northwest Territorica at ohe nother first is substantially a copy of the notice put on the order paper by Mr. Davin, and, like that of Mr. Davin, voices the views of the Mr. Lister introduced a bill to permit the Capital Notes.

been receiving 25 cents.

THE INDUSTRIAL SITUATION.

New YORK, Feb. S.—Bradstreet's weekly review says the industrial situation is attracting attention with an increasing number of employes on strike, and an outlook for a strike of considerable proportions on May 1 in case a general concession is not made that eight hours shall constitute a day's work. The price movement continues quite as irregular as for several months past.

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means can we secure the best men on our directorate?" Mr. Pratt contending that they should be chosen from the most earn-est business men, consulting the pastor with

SNOW EVERYWHERE."

Winnipeg Hasthe Worst Storm of Many Years.

Fierce Wind and Snow Storm in North Dakota.

A Disastrous Gale Sweeps Through Western Pennsylvania.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 8.—The biggest snow storm in many years visited Winnipeg Thursday night and yesterday, and is still raging. There is snow everywhere, and drifts three feet high in the main thoroughfares. The sidewalks are impassable in places, the schools are shut down, the street cars are unable to run, passenger trains in all directions are delayed from six to ten hours and all freights have been sidetracked. The thermometer keeps high, however, and there are no fears of fatalities. The storm extends from Brandon or the west to Port Arthur. The wind is blowing a perfect gale. WINNIPEG, Feb. 8.—The biggest snow

tion of the Legislative Assembly has alforded the inhabitants of Northwest Territories and opportunity to express their opinion as to the nature of the legislation on this subject which shall hereafter have effect.

This is substantially a copy of the notice which shall hereafter have effect.

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Mr. Lister introduced a bill to permit the Erie and Huron Railway Company to run aline from Deresden, in Kent, by way of Oil Springs and Petrolea, to Sarnia; and another line from between Dresden and Oil Springs by way of Florence, to Thamesville. The company also ask power to run ferries across the St. Clair River.

Joseph Bushnell, oil merchant; Francis Quarles Barstow, oil refiner; Horace Andrew Hutchins, oil refiner, and Ambrose Morrison McGregor, oil refiner, all of the city of New York; Chas. Clement Campbell, oil merchant, and Clavering Peverdey, merchant, both of Montreal, ask incorporation as the Bushnell Company (limeted), to produce crude petroleum, to buy and sell petroleum and all its products and to acry on all the business incidental thereto. The chief place of business is to be Montreal, and it is proposed to carry on the business of manufacturing petroleum at or near London, Ont. The capital stock will be \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$100 each.

WORK AND WAGES.

Fatal Results of a Laborers' Quarrel-Montreal Plasterers on Strike.

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Fatal Results of a Laborers' Quarrel-Montreal Plasterers on Strike. electric light wires are all down. None of the coke works are running south of Uniontown. The Redstone Coke Company's office at Brownfield were demolished. The end was blown out of the engine house at Leith, and Warren's glass works wrecked. The roof of the Lutheran Church was also blown off. At Connelleville J. M. Herpick's store was wrecked, the inmates having a narrow escape. The Catholic Church is in a dangerous condition, and a pick's store was wrecked, the inmates having a narrow escape. The Catholic Church is in a dangerous condition, and a number of other houses are wrecked. At Dunbar the Knights of Labor Hall was blown away. A report from Leisenering says all the large shaits of the H. C. Frick's Coke Company are down. No fatalities reported. Dispatches from Johnstown, Tyrone, Greensburg and other points report severe

snow storms.

THE WORST.

STEPHEN, Minn., Feb. 8.—The worst blizzard within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant is raging. The wind is from the north and the air is a cloud of snow. The mercury registered 10° below zero and

THE WEATHER THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Feb. 7—11 p.m.—The two storm centers mentioned yesterday have moved into the lake region. The one from Texas is now in Southern Michigan, and the one from Minnesota is over Lake Superior. An easterly snow storm prevails in Ontario, and fair, cold weather continues in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. There has been a heavy snow storm in Manitoba. Minimum temperatures: Calgary, 10° below; Edmonton, 20°; Winnipeg, 12° below; Toronto, 14°: Montreal, 2°; Quebec, 14° below; Halifax, 2°.

Halifax, 2°.
LOCAL TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY.
For 24 hours ending 8 p.m.—(Observations taken at 3 a.m. and 8 p.m: Highest, 30°; lowest, 16°; mean (daily), 25°.

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