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CANADIAN.

Brantford is to have an extension of its water works shortly.

Galt gardens have been producing ripe strawberries for a few days past.

Barley is said to be well headed out in the vicinity of Embro, and the prospects for an average yield are said to be good.

A young girl named Butler, in Listowell, on Monday, had a leg broken, and the other bruised, by hanging on to a waggon laden with hay.

On Monday evening, while several of Hon. Geo. Brown's Bow Park farm employes were bathing at Brantford, one of them was drowned; name unknown; body not yet found.

The proprietor of the Paris knitting factory had a doctor called into the factory the other day, who performed the operation of vaccinating the employees. This was done at the expense of the proprietor.

John Boyle, one of the band boys of the 44th battalion, got badly sunstruck at the Niagara Camp and died on Thursday. There were several other cases of sunstroke occurred on the field on Thursday.

A Guelph mother has discovered her daughter in the remains of an abandoned girl who recently died in Detroit under suspicious circumstances. She is gathering testimony to convict her daughter's deceiver.

Mr. Harry Childs, of the Maple Leaf Base Ball Club, Hamilton, has been presented with a silver medal for having made the best average score during the season of 1871. The medal is of appropriate design and excellent workmanship.

A serious accident occurred at Prescott, on Friday, by which a man named John Bradley came near losing his life. He was walking through La Bath's brewery, and his foot slipped and he fell into a vat of boiling water up to his neck. He is not expected to live many hours, as his flesh is coming entirely off.

About 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, a fire broke out at Petrolia, at the oil well known as the "moonlight well." Although the fire engine was speedily on the spot, all efforts to subdue the flames proved unavailing. The derrick and engine house were consumed in a very few minutes. Loss about \$500. Cause of fire unknown.

Last Monday morning, the wife of Mr. Alex. Vance, 10th Concession, Kinloss, went out to the woods in search of the cows. When her husband returned to his dinner, says the *Bruce Reporter*, she was missing, and on search being made, she was found suspended from a sapling in the bush by means of her apron, life being extinct.

OFF THE TRACK.—An express train on the Great Western got off the track near Grimsby on Saturday morning. One man was slightly hurt. The accident, however, delayed the express coming west, due here at 12.20, until 2.15. Several cars of a freight train were thrown off the track at the Governor's Road, on the Great Western, this afternoon. The track was blocked for a few hours. Nobody hurt.

On Friday morning, about half-past eleven, Mr. G. M. Howell, of Jerseyville, met with a severe accident while loading lumber here. His horses took fright at the 11.20 a.m. train, and in endeavoring to stop them, they knocked him down and ran over him. They ran along the line for a considerable distance before they were overtaken. Hopes are entertained of Mr. Howell's recovery, though he is very much cut and bruised.

OIL AT THAMESVILLE.—Oil was struck at the new well at Thamesville, on Tuesday morning, and the event was duly signaled by hoisting the Union Jack above the derrick. As a matter of course, the highest expectations are raised in the minds of some in consequence, but time alone will tell how these will be realized. After a few days, however, a pretty fair estimate will be obtained of the quantity and quality of the oil which the well produces.

A circumstance which occurred in Montreal the other day furnishes a warning against the rash practice of springing on board starting boats. The Longueuil ferry boat was on the point of departure, two men named Telesphore Belaire and his brother, who were going to Longueuil, attempted to jump on board. They missed their footing and fell into the river. Telesphore was drowned, but his brother was rescued by some people standing near.

A young lad aged about ten years, son of Daniel Stewart, Esq., of Aylmer, met with rather a severe accident on Saturday last. While attending the erection of a frame building on his father's place, a little east of the village, he climbed a small tree near by in order to have a full view of the proceedings. The limb which was his main support broke, and he fell to the ground, breaking his arm and dislocating his elbow. Dr. Clark was shortly afterwards in attendance, and the patient is now doing well.

On Tuesday some men employed at statute labor on Mr. Hortop's property, near Eden Mills, found beneath a large pine stump a human skeleton, supposed to be that of an Indian, but many of the bones were in such an advanced state of decay that they crumbled into dust upon being exposed to the air. The bones were large, so were the teeth, which are in good preservation. The skull was much thicker than any white man's. A flag-stone had been laid across the breast; and as the remains were under the roots of the old pine tree, they must have lain there over a century at least.

On Friday night, Mr. E. G. Whiting, one of the foremen of the Cedar Dale Works, Oshawa, was presented with an address and a massive and valuable gold chain and seal by the employes of the works. Besides the employes, there were present, Messrs. Whiting & Cowan, proprietors of the works, W. T. Cown, and others. After the meeting was called to order by Mr. Morrison, the address, which expressed the warm admiration felt by the workmen for Mr. Whiting, was read by Mr. Chandler. Mr. Whiting made a brief, but suitable reply, after the presentation. After which supper was served in superior style.

A woman, who was a passenger by the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway train, which left Prescott on Saturday morning for Toronto, on arriving at Kemptville, left the train, and shortly afterwards gave birth to a child. When the next train from Ottawa passed down she took passage on it for Prescott, and while on the way she got rid of her infant by pitching it out upon the track near Oxford. The body of the child was found shortly after the train passed, and suspicion being directed towards the woman, she was arrested at Prescott Junction, and is now in the jail awaiting a full investigation of the horrible crime laid to her charge.

A most remarkable incident is related of a merchant of Ingersoll. At the time of the great fire which occurred in that place about six weeks ago he lost most of his goods. At the subsequent fire in the same place the balance of his stock was burned on which there was a small insurance. The insurance money was invested in Montreal for more goods, and unfortunately shipped on board the ill-fated steamer *Kingston*, and, of course, all consumed with the rest of the cargo of that steamer—leaving the poor man bereft of everything. Mishaps never come singly. It is related of another merchant from the west that he persuaded a wholesale house to keep their employees at work all the afternoon on Saturday, in order to get his stock shipped on board the *Kingston*, which was successfully accomplished.

THE CAMP AT WINDSOR.—It is probable that no thoroughly accurate statement of the strength of the force on the ground can be obtained before the muster parade takes place on Monday next. The closest approximate estimate places the force at 4,200 of all ranks, a figure that is not far astray. This is an excellent muster indeed, considering the many inducements there are, high wages being one of them,

for men staying away. The total nominal strength of all the gazetted corps in this division is 318 officers, and 5,770 men, of which about 18 officers and 250 men will perform annual drill at points outside this camp, leaving a deficiency of about 1,000 non-commissioned officers and men wanting to complete the establishment. This is about the same deficiency as last year, and it is a matter of surprise, and a cause of much congratulation, that under so many discouragements experienced men turn out so well.

On Saturday afternoon, about 2 o'clock, two little girls, aged respectively five and seven—the former a daughter of J. T. Grange, M.P., of this place, the other of Thos. Grange—were drowned in a pond while bathing at Grange's mills. Great sympathy is expressed for the bereaved parents.

AMERICAN.

The Molders expect one hundred delegates at their Troy convention.

The employing coopers of Boston have acceded to the demands of their journeymen for \$18 per week.

The wood carvers of Philadelphia have just formed an association for mutual benefit. There are 350 of the craft there.

The Trade unions of Boston are more than usually active this season, and meetings are frequent.

The printers' Union at Buffalo is preparing to strike for higher wages. Other Trades Unions are also arranging for an increase of wages or the enforcement of the Eight-hour law.

It is said that Fall River will have over 800,000 spindles and 18,000 looms for making cloth before the close of 1872.

Florida is the only State in the Union without a daily paper. It has two tri-weekly, one semi-weekly, twenty-one weekly and one monthly.

A number of ladies in Grenville, Alabama, have signed the following pledge: "We, the undersigned, do promise hereby that we will faithfully abstain from the use of tobacco in any shape, form or manner while in church."

Among some curiosities from Florida, Governor Crosby, of Belfast, Maine, has a grasshopper that measures five inches in length, from head to end of the hind legs, and with a body as big as a sparrow.

At the Ames shovel works at North Easton 600 men turn out shovels at rate of 24,000 per month.

Work beneath the East River bridge caisson, which is carried on at a depth of nearly a hundred feet beneath the surface, has proved fatal to a number of men already. Death results from asphyxia.

Most of the coal operators of the Tuscarawas Valley have given the price demanded by the miners—one dollar per ton, and the works resumed operations on Monday.

The Lehigh Valley Iron Company, at Coplay, have advanced the wages of the hands employed at their furnaces 10 cents per day.

A man in Middletown, N. Y., has invented a rifle which throws a ball through a target composed of 42 inches of solid pine, 8 inches of hemlock, 18 inches of oak, and 19 inches more of pine. The *N. Y. Express* gives this rather tall story.

NEW YORK.—A morning paper says of the strike: "Since the beginning, 8 weeks ago, 95,000 men of different trades have been on strike for shorter hours. Of these, 60,000 are working 8 hours; 5,000 are on strike, 10,000 have resumed work on the 10 hours system."

NEW YORK.—The barbers of seventeen hundred shops struck on Monday for the labor hours from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., with an hour for dinner. The strike had scarcely been inaugurated when 1,200 of the shops acceded to the demands of the men. The employees of five hundred shops are still on strike.

At New York another terrific explosion

occurred on Sunday morning, by which 17 firemen were badly injured. About a quarter to 7 o'clock a fire broke out in Nos. 18 and 20 Liberty street. The firemen were soon on the spot and working away, some of them in the midst of the flames, when some carbony of vitrol in the store of G. A. Erichenbach, on the first floor suddenly exploded. The effect was terrible. The contents of the store were scattered in every direction.

On Sunday afternoon Patrick Morrisay entered his mother's boarding house, Buffalo, while she was preparing dinner, and got into an altercation with her, and snatched a carving knife from her hand, and with a blow, delivered with savage strength, drove it to the haft into her left breast. She expired in less than five minutes after the blow was struck. None saw the blow struck, but the cook coming into the room saw Morrisay throw the bloody knife upon the table, and heard him exclaim, "My God, I've killed my mother—I've done it." He was evidently under the influence of liquor. He is in custody.

CHINESE CHEAP LABOR.—A manufacturer of bird-cages and other wire work in this city, a while ago, concluded to reduce his pay-roll, and increase his profits by employing Chinese workmen at \$1 per day. Everything went along swimmingly until the Chinamen had the trade well mastered when they could no longer "shabe" \$1, but demanded \$2 per day. Their demand being refused, they sailed on in their own account and are now "bearing" the bird-cage market at a fearful rate, with a fair prospect that they will ultimately drive their old employer into some business where there is less competition, if indeed they do not clean him out entirely and effect a "corner" in the wire work trade.—*San Francisco Enterprise*.

THE BOOT AND SHOEMAKERS.—The journeymen boot and shoe makers held a meeting at the corner of Kearney and Sutter streets, on Monday evening. They passed a resolution intended to prevent a great and growing evil to the custom working men of this society—viz: that no employer shall be allowed in future to have two different rates of wages in his shop on custom work; but allowing them to get up shop work fifty cents per pair less than custom work. This will settle all grievances between the employer and employee in this trade, and the journeymen hope that in the future to work harmoniously together, with the approval of the public. They also resolved to hire a hall for future meetings.—*San Francisco Enterprise*.

About two o'clock on Sunday two men, respectably dressed, came along Fourth avenue, towards Atlantic-street, New York, and stopped opposite a vacant lot, when one of them jumped from a wagon in which they were and threw a bundle over the fence into the lot, and then drove off towards Fort Hamilton. They were seen by Luke McDermot, who picked up the package and took it to the Third Precinct Station-house, in Butler street, where it was examined by a physician, and found to contain the heart of a female fresh cut from the body. The police have a description of the men, but cannot tell who they are. The whole affair is surrounded in mystery, and foul play is suspected. The corner will investigate the matter.

A local paper reports the murder near Wigan, under circumstances of great atrocity, of an Irish laborer named Patrick Hopkins. In company with five of his countrymen, he was returning from work, when they were attacked by eight colliers. After some words and sparring, the Irishmen retreated in haste, leaving Hopkins to his fate. Although seventy years of age, the colliers kicked him brutally, and when found he was bleeding and insensible. He was carried to a farm-house, placed in some straw, and next morning was found to be dead. The colliers have been arrested, and five of the most active in the outrage committed for trial.

CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, June 22.—The sentence to death of Marguerite Dixblanc, convicted of murdering her mistress, has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

LONDON, June 22.—The Cobden Club have called an International Free Trade Congress to meet here next year. Various representatives from the various powers throughout the world are invited to attend.

LONDON, June 24.—A severe storm, accompanied by heavy thunder and remarkably vivid lightning, was experienced in London and various other portions of England, this afternoon. A cotton mill at Bolton was struck by lightning, and some of the operatives stunned, though none seriously injured. The Lord Nelson tavern, at Dover, was also struck, and taking fire was consumed. Many of the inmates were injured.

LONDON, June 25.—The storm which prevailed yesterday afternoon was the most severe in the Midland counties, where, at some points, the fury of the tempest was without precedent. The storm was particularly destructive in Stafford county. The station of the London and Northwestern Railway, and a number of other buildings, were completely wrecked. Many buildings and trees at other points were struck by lightning; between the towns of Stafford and Wolverhampton crops were prostrated and destroyed.

NEW YORK, June 22.—A foreign correspondent says an attempt was made on the night of June 10th to blow up the statues of the Prince Consort and Lord Carlisle in Dublin.

MADRID, June 22.—Duke de Montpensier has issued a manifesto in reference to the crown.

MADRID, June 23.—A band of insurgents in the Province of Navarre, under the command of the Carlist Chief Carassas, have submitted to the Government forces.

MADRID, June 24.—The affair of Dr. Howard has at last been officially arranged by Minister Siskles and Senor Mastos, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The American Government waives the question of claims of Dr. Howard to American citizenship, and places its action upon the ground of friendly intercession in the Doctor's behalf for an amnesty to be granted by the Spanish Government.

PARIS, June 25.—M. Larcy, late Minister of Public Works, has been chosen President of the Right in the National Assembly.

BERLIN, June 25.—Explanations have been offered in the German Parliament of the bill against the Jesuits, to the effect that the contemplated movement against that body is solely in their political and not their religious capacity. The commissary Friedley declared that the law was but provisional, and was necessitated by the dangerous opposition of the order of Jesuits to the State, designated as kindred societies—the Ligorians and the Freres Ignorantins, as well as two scholastic orders which were respectively under French and Roman authority. The Jesuits were in league with foreign powers against Germany. According to diplomatic reports, French Jesuits were forming a Roman Catholic league in France, Italy, Austria and Germany, and promoting fanaticism among the lower classes, trades' unions and societies.

GENEVA, June 22.—It is probable that upon the re-assembling of the Tribunal next Wednesday an adjournment will be taken for four weeks, when the sittings of the Court will be open to the public.

In England the stockholders of street railways are bound in heavy penalties to keep their own horse-track in the best possible condition, and to have the iron rails set into the road with such perfection of mechanical skill that a carriage passing over diagonally shall not be jarred in the least. This last is a provision that might be introduced in this country to advantage.

CROPS IN ENGLAND.—Mr. Mechi, in writing of the present state of the crops in England, says that the severe weather has partially ruined the fruit crop, blackened the potato plant, and withered and discolored the wheat. The prospect was more favorable for pasture, clover, tares, beans and oats. Mr. Mechi advocates the devoting of a greater extent of land to the production of articles adapted to human sustenance.