

tional amendment bringing the whole State under a prohibitory law. A similar amendment is being sought in Dakota where a considerable portion of the State through the medium of local option is under a prohibitory law, and a similar agitation is going on in Maryland. Wherever there was a local option law we found it working well. In a talk which we had with President Arthur he expressed himself very warmly in favor of our objects."

"I believe you have written a work upon the drink bills of the United Kingdom. Could you state briefly some of the results of your enquiries into the subject?"

"For the last twelve years," said Mr. Hoyle, "the drink bill for the United Kingdom has averaged \$680,000,000. At the beginning of that period it was \$655,000,000. It rose until 1876 it reached \$735,000,000. From that time until the present it has almost constantly fallen, and last year it was \$627,500,000."

"To what do you attribute this reduction?"

"Partly to depression in trade, but mainly to the efforts of temperance workers in legislation and in moral suasion. I may remark here that the years of the greatest consumption of liquor have been the years of the greatest crime. In the year 1860 the drink bill was \$430,000,000, and the total number of crimes amounted to 255,000. In 1876, when the drink bill was \$735,000,000, the number of criminals was 520,000—more than double the number in 1860."

"Is there any other feature of the movement to which you would like to refer?"

"The commercial classes in England are beginning to see the injurious effect upon trade of the enormous waste of material involved in the liquor traffic, and to feel that the continued degeneration in trade is owing to this waste of the nation's resources."

General News.

CANADIAN.

The last rail has been laid upon the Ontario and Quebec railway and it is expected that trains will be running shortly.

Mr. Patterson, of Essex, is pressing the claim of the Wyandotte Indians of Essex, who are about to take steps to complete their enfranchisement. This is the first instance of an entire band aspiring to the rights of full citizenship.

The affiliation of the Kingston Women's Medical College with Queen's University has been agreed to.

The Commissioners for enquiring into the conspiracy case, appointed under the Act last session, have been named by the Ontario Government. The Commissioners are:—Vice-Chancellor Proudfoot, of the Court of Chancery; Judge Scott, of Brampton, and Judge Senkler, of St. Catharines. The Commission will probably enter upon its work early in July.

A Newfoundland sealing schooner was wrecked on the east point of the Magdalenas last week. The crew were saved. The telegraph wires are all down, and it is impossible to get more particulars.

During the last month 760 immigrants arrived at the Toronto depot, 633 English, 90 Irish, 28 Scotch, 32 Germans and one Frenchman. 560 remained in Ontario, 200 went to Manitoba and 30 to the Western States.

John McGuire, a cattle drover from St. Louis, fell from a car on the Canada Southern Railway, near St. Thomas, and was instantly killed, his head being severed from his body.

Lieut-Colonel White, secretary of the Postoffice Department, will command the Wimbledon team this year. Captain Bosse goes second in command.

The necessary financial arrangements have been made by which the work of construction on the Manitoba and the Northwestern railway will be proceeded with. This year it is expected fifty more miles will be built.

At Toronto last week John Maguire had a quarrel with his landlord, Charles Heber, about arrears of rent. When Maguire got home he complained to his wife of not feeling well, stating that Heber had kicked him in the lower part of the stomach. He then took to his bed and died.

The Guion steamer *Nevada*, from New York, 29th, for Liverpool, collided on the 3rd inst. with the steamer *Romano*, of Hull bound for Boston, which latter vessel sank. The crew and passengers, two in number, were safely transferred to the *Nevada*, and next day were, together with the *Nevada's* passengers, transferred to the French steamer *St. Laurent* for Havre. The *Nevada* got

into St. John's, Nfld. Her stern is completely driven in, and her bows generally, much damaged.

A fire at Lansdowne, Ont., on Saturday, did a great deal of damage. Robert Cornell lost about \$1,500; J. D. W. Darling, \$10,000; Rev. Sterne Tighe, a stable and coach-house, and George Dean \$100.

The ship *Alantine*, of Drammen, in Norway, was wrecked last week, in a north-east gale and sleets storm, five miles east of Wolfe Island Station, Magdalen Island. She broke up immediately. Nineteen lives were lost. The second mate is the only survivor.

At Shelburne, a fire broke out in the Royal Hotel stables, which spread so rapidly that the whole of the valuable premises known as the Royal Block were soon in flames and speedily burned to the ground.

At St. John, N. B., the Custom House at Point Duchene, a large wooden building, partly occupied by Mr. Harney as a store, has been burned.

At Halifax, in the Supreme Court, Judge Thompson ordered the dynamiters, James Holmes and William Brackin, to be arraigned for sentence. They were brought up in the Criminal Court-room and sentenced to six months' imprisonment each.

The Northern and North-Western Railway Station buildings at Milton, were burnt on Sunday. Cause of fire unknown, but supposed to have been incendiary, as no trains had passed for about six hours. Loss about \$2,000, the buildings having been constructed of wood and very plainly finished.

Sir Charles Tupper has resigned his seat in Parliament and in the Cabinet. In an interview with Sir John Macdonald, on Saturday, he stated that the condition of his health was such that he could not do justice to both the positions he has been holding. Sir John gave him his choice, and Sir Charles Tupper stated that, availing himself of the kind offer of the Premier, he would choose the high commissionership. Sir Charles will continue Minister of Railways till the 24th May. Hon. Mr. Pope will be Acting Minister during Sir Charles' absence, between now and the 24th, on which date he sails for Liverpool.

The steamship *Titanica*, from Glasgow, has arrived. She has twenty-four of the crew of the steamship *State of Florida* on board, the said steamer having gone to the bottom through a collision with a barque in mid-ocean. Out of 167 persons only 44 were saved and of the barque's crew only the captain and two men. One hundred and twenty-three men went down with the steamer and twelve with the barque, making the total loss of life 135. The survivors have been landed at Quebec.

UNITED STATES.

The Marine National Bank has suspended. It is said that U.S. Grant is interested in it.

The steamer *Thetis* has sailed for the Arctic from New York. The steamer *Tallaposa*, with several Cabinet officers on board accompanied her down the bay. The *Thetis* was cheered by the people along the shore.

At Williamsport, Pa., John Martin and Edward Gray were drowned while crossing the river. Samuel Cook, John Johnson and Jacob Getchy were in the boat but escaped. It is claimed that Cook purposely overturned the boat.

At Elmira, N. Y., seventeen small dwellings, both stores and a quantity of cut timber in the coal mining town of Arnot, Pa., were burned. They were ignited by forest fires raging in all that section.

Forest fires are raging in Pennsylvania. At Sterling Run a number of buildings of the Tannery Company were burned. Two families are reported lost. It is feared the loss of life will be great.—Two mills were burned at Swissmont, and a large quantity of lumber destroyed.—The forest fires in Cleveland and Center counties continue. Hundreds of miners' dwellings have been destroyed. Over 3,000 people are homeless and destitute.

There is no doubt but that an attempt was made to burn Gainesville, Fla., on Saturday, when three suspicious characters were arrested. The citizens and militia are guarding property. The loss by Saturdays fire was \$100,000.

At Prairie city, Iowa, eleven buildings, occupied by twenty persons and firms, were burned on Sunday last.

At Medicine Lodge, Ks., the men who attempted to rob the Medicine Valley Bank were overtaken and brought to jail. A