

humanity to have the faults, and follies, and vices of erratic geniuses like Burns, Shelly, and Byron dished up for the dictation of the prurient. Let these things be forgotten and only what is true, and beautiful, and good in their works remain. We may rest assured that only what merits these designations will stand the test of time.

The New York *Times*, one of the ablest and most liberal of American dailies, recently discussed the fisheries question in a spirit which did it infinite credit. The *Times* unquestionably speaks for the best part of the American people when it admits that the fisheries within the three mile limit are so clearly Canadian that American fishermen ought not to be allowed to trespass on them. What then is to be done? It is useless to expect the fishermen to take this view, and it is a costly undertaking to expel them from the fishing grounds, to say nothing of the danger of international complications growing out of disputes about distance and other matters of fact. The remedy suggested by the *Times* is a general treaty of reciprocity covering all the matters in which the United States and Canada have a common interest. It would benefit both countries to have a free exchange of products, and while it would benefit American fishermen to obtain access to Canadian waters it would benefit Canadian fishermen to obtain access to American markets. Let us, by all means, have a liberal reciprocity arrangement with our neighbors, and have it made for a long term of years so that periodical uncertainties may be avoided. If the customs frontier can be abolished and the cost of maintaining an army of preventive officers on each side saved, so much the better, provided Great Britain makes no objection. And why should she? The American tariff will probably soon be as low as our own, and she would under a customs union export to Canada quite as extensively as she would under such an arrangement as now obtains. The subject is well worthy of consideration, and thoughtful men everywhere are considering it. Let us hope that the result will be closer commercial and social relations with our kinsmen over the border, even though we persist in keeping up a separate political establishment.

ONLOOKER.

General News.

CANADIAN.

Rev. William Briggs has been elected President of the Toronto Methodist Conference.

The Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Montreal opened at Montreal on Tuesday, the Bishop presiding, and delivering the annual address.

Eight hundred miles of new telegraph will be constructed by the Government in the Northwest Territory this year.

The present season is reported to be the worst for fruit, and this month the worst known for twenty years in the Hudson River Valley.

On Friday night a bullet was fired through the window of the *Bruce Herald* office at Walkerton. The missile flattened out on the wall over the editor's chair, but the occupant was absent at the time.

William Tuttle, who killed Alfred Tenbroeck, his employer, in a quarrel at Grantham, near St. Catharines, last March, was yesterday sentenced to two years in Kingston penitentiary.

The nominations for the newly-constituted constituency of Eastern Algoma were held on Monday at Sault Ste. Marie, Mr. Harry Abbott and Mr. Lyon being the candidates to go to the poll.

A fire on Ontario street, Montreal, on Tuesday night burned the houses of Eugene Marin and six additional dwellings, besides a number of sheds with horses and cattle. A little girl of Marin's crept under a bed and was suffocated. The loss exceeds \$10,000; partially insured.

Silver deposits of marvellous richness have been revealed in the mining district on the north shore of Lake Superior. One deposit of native silver found at Silver Mountain, ten feet from the surface, is reported to have assayed from \$2,000 to \$24,000 a ton.

As No. 60 Atlantic express was approaching Ingersoll from the west, a young woman was observed by the engineer sitting on the bank overlooking the track. She suddenly stood up as the train came nearer, and ran down the bank, and threw herself across the rails less than three car lengths in front of the locomotive. Nothing could be done to save her, and almost before the occupants of the cab could realize the situation, the wheels had mangled the woman almost beyond recognition. She was afterwards recognized as Mrs. Wm. Choate, of Ingersoll.

The force in the Northwest are still engaged in the pursuit of Big Bear and his band. Latest despatches say that a project is being carried out by which the Indians will be surrounded and entrapped. The heat is being felt very much by the troops, numbers having been sunstruck, but not dangerously. The recent rains have also made the trails almost impassible. If this band is captured the campaign is ended. The citizens of Toronto are preparing a hearty reception for our boys on their return.

UNITED STATES.

The seventeenth-year locust plague has made its appearance in parts of New Jersey, the ground and trees in the infested localities being covered with the pests.

An order for forfeiting the bulk of the Maxwell land grant, which throws over a million and a half acres of land to public entry, has been issued by the United States Land Commissioner at Washington.

Smallpox has taken strong hold among the passengers on the steamships *Weor* and *Polynesia*, in quarantine at New York. Forty cases have appeared since the vessel first arrived at New York, ten days ago.

A serious riot occurred in Springvale, Maine, on Thursday night, a mob of anti-prohibitionists armed with revolvers and stones attacking a number of houses and doing considerable damage.

General Grant, accompanied by his family and Dr. Douglas, left New York yesterday morning by special train for Mount McGregor, reaching there at 2.45 p.m. The General, on Tuesday, suffered considerable pain and fatigue from the severe jolting in the last stage of the journey.

Mrs. Wm. H. Diebold, of Temperanceville Pa., jumped into the Ohio River with a 4-months-old babe this morning. Both were drowned. Mrs. Diebold's mother suicided with "Rough on Rats" six weeks ago.

The Apaches killed four soldiers belonging to Capt. Lowden's command on Tuesday in Guadalupe Canon, Arizona. A Mexican was killed by another band at South Bisbee.

The great typhoid fever epidemic at Plymouth, Pa., is abating, but it has broken out with great violence at Warrior Run, near Nanticoke, and there are sixteen cases near Sugar Notch.

The fast freight train on the Pennsylvania Schuylkill Valley Railroad on June 12th, crashed into the rear end of a local freight at Spring Mill station. The engineer, conductor and firemen were killed.

On June 12th, a construction train on the Cincinnati Southern road was thrown from the track near the new river bridge at Somerset, Ky., by striking a cow. The caboose and seven cars were ditched. Five laborers were killed, and foreman O'Donnell and eleven others injured.

Reports have been received from over 800 points in Minnesota and Dakota, covering every wheat growing county of importance, and from 300 points in Northern Wisconsin and Iowa. One hundred and fifty-five reports say the condition now is good; 135 say the condition is better than last year at this time; 50 say it is 10 per cent. better; 50 say the condition is poor; 37 say it is not as good as last year, and 22 say it is from 10 to 15 per cent. worse. The bad reports are all from the old counties, where the ground is weedy and where the wheat was sown late.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The Marquis of Salisbury, the new English Premier, is engaged at present forming a Cabinet. It is expected that Sir Stafford Northcote will be Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The steamer *Sheldahl*, from Liverpool for Bombay, has foundered in a cyclone in the Gulf of Aden. There was only one survivor.

The Imperial Government ordered the payment of £100 to each widow of a Canadian voyageur in the Nile expedition. It is also ordered that the mothers of the lost voyageurs shall be paid £50 each.

A fire broke out on Tuesday in the South Kensington Exhibition, and the Indian annex, in which were placed the trophies collected by the Prince of Wales during his visit to India, was almost totally destroyed.

A despatch from Mallow, Ireland, states that a passenger train, while going rapidly, broke down between Mallow and Tralee. It is rumored that several persons were killed and many wounded.

Terrible gales, causing the loss of many fishing vessels with their crews, were experienced off the coast of Newfoundland last Sunday.

Prince Frederick Charles, the Red Prince of Germany, nephew of Emperor William, has just died in Berlin.

It is reported that Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt, widower of the late Princess Alice, will soon marry Princess Hilda, of Hainault-Dessau.

In the French Chamber of Deputies the death of Admiral Courbet was announced. He died on his warship *Lagard* in China, from prostration brought on by over-work and mental anxiety.

A man named Albert Pel, a watchmaker of Montreuil, France, is at present undergoing trial on the charge of having murdered his mother and two servant girls in practising the effects of poisons, and subsequently two young girls, whom he married for the sake of their dowries.

At the trial of the murderer Albert Pel, the court was crowded with people listening to the incidents of the trial. When the people were leaving, immediately after the adjournment of the court, and were jammed upon the stone stairway leading to the street, the lofty staircase fell. The scene that followed was appalling. Immense masses of masonry crashed down upon the struggling people, grinding through their flesh and bones, and maiming and mutilating them horribly. Twenty-four persons were taken from the ruins dead. Over 160 were injured, many of whom are women, and their wounds are serious, in many cases perhaps fatal.

Eighty-seven persons were killed and 100 wounded in the recent earthquake at Serinagar, India.

Shocks of earthquake have re-occurred in Kashmir with increased violence. It is reported that 2,281 persons have perished in the district of Muzflurabad.

The town of Sikuch, in the Eastern Caucasus, was completely swallowed by an earthquake the other day, and the neighboring townships were damaged to the extent of several million roubles.