# The Chronicle

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 1898.

WEDNESDAY HALF-HOLIDAYS.

Brantford has concluded its first year of a Wednesday half-holiday for July and August, and The Expositor says general satisfaction has been the result. Both employers and employees have been enabled to more thoroughly enjoy the heliday season, and it is very doubtful if, as regards the amount of business done, any merchant has been a sufferer. In interviewing the merchants

A good article on "Creditors and Debtors," by Onlooker, appeared in the St. Thomas Eimes on Saturday last. He goes on to describe what a time the collector has in getting his accounts paid, and the different excuses made by the debtors. He says that A good article on "Creditors and Debtors, ting his accounts paid, and the different excuses made by the debtors. He says that some people who are in debt make no effort

luxury, the other a necessity, but in keeping with the spirit of the times, he paid cash for with the spirit of the times, he paid cash for the luxury and went into debt for that which was essential in harvesting his crops.

People will save and plan to raiss enough money to buy a plano for the parlor, when money to buy a piano for the parlor, when they are in much greater need of a washing machine for the back kitchen. The majority of the people to-day are in debt most of the time for greater or less amounts, but generally in small amounts, comparatively speaking, spread about in various directions. People do not build upon saving money to any great extent. They devote their mental faculties towards tiguring out how to stave off the payment of this or that obligation a little while longer, and some actually seem to enjoy being dunned. It certainly does not seem to disturb the equilibrium of people as much as it used to be, dunned or even threatened with legrl proceedings for the recovery of money due."

# SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA.

In the current issue of The Arena Rev. J. F. Austin, B. A., D. D., writes of "four narkable phsysical experiences," detailing some events which cannot be explained by the known laws of nature. The demand for novelty in the present age seems to have extended into the supernatural. Miracles are still wrought in Quebec, it is true but they attract comparatively little atten, tion. Anything dealing with spooks, mahatmas, hoodoes or doubles, if invested with must be san that the other present and the companies. the charm of novelty, is read everywhere with eager attention.

A race cannot shake off its ingrained

superstitions in one generation, and the man who can no longer guard his spiritual welfare by kissing his thumb instead of the cover of the Bible when giving evidence in over of the Bible when giving evidence in a liquor case must be open to receive some other order of belief. The "uncanny" has no doubt its mission to fulfil. The southern aggre still carries a rabbit's foot, and our greatest scientists cannot explain on materialistic grounds the countless instances in which the charm has been successful in warding off the hoodoo. The windigs still leaves his baneful track in the neighborhood of Indian villages, and modern science is baffled for an explanation. A horse-shee is still nailed on the sameon-post of a schooner; and although it is only in China that the almance gives a list of the lucky days for various undertakings, we never forget the ill-omen attaching to Friday. There are fortune-tellers in all parts of the world and mind-readers so astute as to be, a terror not only to evil-doers but to evil-thinkers. Shelly fixes the reign of the witch of Atlas at a time before those cruel.

DRAWN INTO THE CYLINDER.

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Hondon Sept. 3.—A report was current here yesterday falliance between Great Britain and Germany on the lines of the speech of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, was actually completed the daily visits of Count von Hatzfeldt-Wildenburg, like German Ambassador here, to the British Foreign Office during the past for thigh the past for the past of the world and mind-readers so astute as to be, a terror not only to evil-doers but to evil-thinkers. Shelly fixes the reign of the witch of Atlas at a time before those cruel and the rich natives from the earth, which does not throw the scene back to the middle ages by any means.

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J. B. Campbell, of St. Vincent, Loses His

Arm in a Threshing Machine Meaford, Sept. 2.—James B. Campbell, of St. Vincent, had his arm taken off in a treshing machine while working on the farm of John Campbell. The men had just finished threshing, and were closing down the machinery for the night. Campbell was helping to remove the guards, when his left arm caught in the oylinder, and was drawn in, mashing it up to the elbow.

# CHICAGO PROVISION MARKET.

Messrs, Ware & Leland, stock brokers, Chicago write as follows:—The estimated stock of provisions is about 75,000 bbls. pork, 177,000 bierces lard and 33,000,000 about ribs. Price of pork ranges about the same as a year ago—of lard from ‡ to ½ cent per pound higher, and of ribs ‡ to ½ cent per pound lower. Yellow fever reports are still ammerous. Speculation is almost absent from the pit. The consumptive demand at home and abroad appears to be more likely to cause an advance than decline. The European hog supply is reported under an average and stocks small. A trader says buy ribs and sell cotton as a hedge.

# MME. DREYFUS TALKS

The Prisoner at Devil's Island May Have Another Chance.

# FRANCE IN EXCITEMENT'S GRIP.

An Anglo-German Treaty-The Terms of the Memo. of Agreement-Relates to Asia Minor and Delagoa Bay-

Lord Salisbury Will Reply to Czar's Peace Note Suggestions.

business done, any merchant has been a sufferer. In interviewing the merchants fifthe Expositor reporter was informed in masnly every case that the arrangement had been very satisfactory and had conferred a benefit in many respects. Some would like the see the holidays extended over another month. Judging from the experience of Brantford we believe this would be an excellent idea for the consideration of Ingersoll business men next year. The outings would prove equally enjoyable to employers and employees, while it would not injure business to the slightest extent as customers and employees, while it would not injure business to the slightest extent as customers could arrange their purchase to suit the times. It is worthy of a trial.

THE CREDIT SYSTEM.

Suggestions.

Paris, Sept. 3.—Madame Dreyfus has made the following statement: "The truth about my husband cannot be suppressed much longer. He never fails to proceed much longer. He never

Short Cut May Be Taken.

### Not Since Sedan's Fall.

some people who are in debt make no effort whatever to pay their obligations, but spend the money that should go to meet those obligations, in pleasure seeking, etc. He blames the credit system for this state of affairs. He says:

"Credit simply places a premium on a species of dishonesty, and encourages lax ideas of moral obligations. Least spring a farmer purchased a bicycle and a self-binder reaping machine. He paid spot cash for the bicycle, and gave his note at six months for the agricultural implement. One was a luxury, the other a necessity, but in keeping

# Revision Decided On

### The Officers Will Divulge.

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Paris, Sept. 3.—It was announced yesterday afternoon by the Patric that several officers of the general staff had decided to resign shortly and divulge all they know of the entire Dreyfus affair. One officer declares that war will inevitably follow as a result of the revelations which will be made regarding the machinations of another Government.

A Feeling That War Is Coming. Paris, Sept. 3.—The most pessimistic feelings exist. It is the common belief that Great Britain and Russia are on the eve of war, and that the consequences of the Drayfus scandal will involve France

in war with Germany.

The Government is doing its best to stem the rising tide.

Figh officers confess that the discussions that will follow revision will probably entail war, but they say that would be preferable to having the army remain under a cloud, with the possibilities of agitation leading to civil strife.

Premature Report. Paris, Sept. 3.—The report put in cir-culation by a news agency that a revi-sion of the Dreyfus case had been decided upon, appears to be premature.

It is now pointed out that a revision must be sanctioned by a Cabinet Council under the Presidency of M. Faure.

# ANOTHER ALLIANCE.

It Looks as Though Britain Had Signed One, Offensive and Defensive, With Germany.

tion showing that the Anglo-German agreement was signed this week by Mr. Balfour and the German Ambassador in behalf of the respective powers. Continuing, the Pall Mall Gazotte says that while the agreement is restricted, it embraces an offensive and defensive alliance in certain eventualities. The Pall Mall Gazette adds: "This new and momentous departure in our foreign policy comes as a natural development of the European situation."

The Pall Mall Gazette thin quotes the speech which Mr. Joseph Chamberlain made at Birmingham on May 13 last, bidding for a German alliance, and continues: "Latterly it has been evident from the tone of the semi-official German press, that the two Governments have been drawing closer, and finally there were prolonged conferences between Count Hatzfeldt and Mr. Balfour. The departure of Count Hatzfeldt proves that the object of the consultations has been achieved. Besides, Mr. Chamberlain has gone to America, Lord Salisbury is prolonging his absence, and Mr. Balfour leaves for his hollidays on Saturday, Evidently the Ministers do not expect to have to deal with crucial questions of foreign policy."

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The Westminster Gazetie yesterday afternoon announces that although, owing to the absence of the Marquis of

Salisbury, Great Britain has not yet formally replied to the Czar's peace: ,, the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg has already communicated in cordial forms the hearty sympathy with which has already communicated in cordial terms the hearty sympathy with which the rescript was read by the acting Minister for Foreign Affairs; Mr. A. J. Balfour, the First Lord of the Treasury and Government leader in the House of Commons. When the Marquis of Sallsbury replies to the note, the Westminster Gazette continues, he will hall with satisfaction and delight the Czar's initiative, assuring him of the determination of her Majesty's advisors to co-oprate heartily in promoting his great aim.

London, Sept. 3.—It is reported on the Stock Exchange that the Anglo-German alliance, or understanding, relates to the British purchase of Delagoa Bay, with Germany assenting. As a result, Kafir and Portuguese securities are booming.

Terms of the Treaty. Terms of the Treaty.

London, Sept. 3.—The Daily Mail says this morning: "We learn that Mr. Balfour and the German Ambassador, Count Von Hatzfeldt, signed on Wednesday a document preliminary to a treaty, which will give Germany a free hand in Asia Minor, and allow England to lease Delagoa Bay from Portugal, at a cost between £3,000,000 and £5,000,000. Germany will, as a further connection, support Great Britain's claim for the abolition of the mixed tribunal in Egypt. Mr. Shomberg Kerr McDonell, the Premier's private secretary, has left London for the Continent to submit to Lord Salisbury a copy of the treaty."

### A TRANSPORT HORROR.

Horrible State of Affairs on Board the Allegheny-Insane From Suffering, Ptc. Wagner Hangs Himself.

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Montauk Point, L.I., Sopt. 3.—After a brief respite from the horrors of pest-stricken transports, most of the recent arrivals having been in fairly good condition, Camp Wilkoff was horrifled yesterday by the arrival from Santiago of the Allegheny, with a ghastly record of 14 dead at sea and 145 sick, out of a total of 494 officers and men of the Ninth Massachusetts, who embarked in her.

The full truth of the horrible state of affairs on beard the Allegheny cannot yet be told, for the troops are still detained on board, and they will not be landed until to-day, but it is known that her condition is probably worse than that of any other of the transports that have yet come up from Cubs.

John H. Wagner, a private of Company H, Seventeenth Infantry, committed suicide early last night by hanging himself to the ridge pole of his tent. He was delirious from fever. Wagner was brought here eight days ago on a transport from Santiago.

### ECHOES OF THE WAR. The troops at Camp Wikoff are almost

without water owing to an accident to the pumping machinery, and the suffer-ing of the sick men has been augmented ing of the sick men has been augmented almost beyond the point of endurance.

A semi-official note issued from Berlin says: "A state of peace having been reseasablished between the United States and Spain, orders have been given that the German naval force at Manilas be reduced to one or two ships.

A U.S. transport, with sick soldiers from Santiasco, had a fire in the after hold coal, but it reached Montauk and discharged the sick troops before the 300 cases of carbridges were reached.

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### LIPTON'S CHALLENGE. The British Yachtsman Want the Races

Sailed Off Newport. New York, Sept. 3.—Sir Thomas Lip-

ton's challenge for the America's Cup next year, in charge of a special com-mittee, arrived here yesterday. There are but two important points to

be settled before the race is assu be settled before the race is assured; one is the length of the competing yachts, and the other the course. The Royal Ulster Club favors a 70-footer, and prefers to have the course at Nowport, instead of the old course at Sandy Hook.

Two Sensational Arrests.

Hamilton, Sept. 8.—Two sensational arrests were made here last night on information laid by beteotive Patrick Hefferman of the Pinkerton Detective Agency. The prisoners are A. L. Stares of the late firm of Stares & Co., furniture dealers, and W. B. Cook, who was a clerk in the employ of the same firm. The charge preferred is that they stole on Aug. 7 certain documents, leases and titles of goods, the property of George S. Burkholder, the original assignee. The prisoners will be arraigned to-day.

Belleville, Ont., Sept. 5.—Mr. Corby's steam yacht Skylark was badly damaged by lightning yesterday. She will be repaired at once.

# HAMMOND IS TO HANG RECEIVED

The Law Will Be Allowed to Take Its Course.

BERTRAM FIRE LOSS \$59,700.

Narrow Escape From a Lightning's Bolt Toe of a Woman's Stocking Burned by the Flesh Mr. Poterson Will Meet Manufacturers

at the Industrial-Bayard Sick,

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard is a very sick nan at Deham, Mass

Hcn. William Paterson will meet manufacturers at the Toronto Industrial. Yesterday was Pioneers' Day as the Toronto Industrial; to-day it is the Wheelmen's turn.

Budapest newspapers report the discovery of a plot to murder Baron Banffy, the Hungarian Premier.

The statement that Toronto post office officials will not have Labor Day holiday s denied from Ottawa. The deputy game warden at Sudbury is proceeding against the Indians who are shooting deer out of season.

Toronto still keeps it up. Ninety eight in the shade on Friday. Ottawa was the nearest city at 90 in the shade.

A Toronto teamster has been fined \$5 nd costs for a torrent of profanity that e let loose on a street corner. An Imperial decree has been issued ummoning the Austrian Reichsrath to neet in Vienna on Septem ber 26.

Jennie Battersill, an insane won

Three persons of Belmont village were nearly poisoned by buttermilk that had stood for some time during a recent hot

The details of the losses in the Bertram Ship Yards fire at Toronto show the loss to have been \$59,700, covered by insur-The Royal Military College opened with a recruiting class of 33. The other cadets, 43 in number, will report on

Tuesday next. The Department of Marine and Fisheries shipped a large section of the Ottawa fisheries exhibit to the St. John, N.B., exhibition on Friday.

The bottle-makers have refused at Indianapolis to grant the Union Glass Blowers of the United States and Canada

On Friday at New York there was a radual increase in temperature until it eached 95 at moon. There were a num-

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The will of the late Jos. Simpson, Toronto, disposing of an estate of \$370,486.69, has been probated. The Government gets \$146 from the estate.

Ald. Hanlan is justly indignant over the fact that children had to puy one cent a glass for wa'er or else go thirsty at the Industrial Fair in Toronto.

U. S. cutter Algonquin, in Montreal drydooks, may be seized for wages due E. W. Bates, alleged to be due him by the Washington Government. Mrs. John Smith, 10th concession

Sullivan, had the toe of her stocking burned out by lightning, but was not otherwise aurt, the other day.

Sir Charles Tupper on the 18th will open the New Brunswick Exhibition at St. John, and will sail, with Lady Tupper, on the 22nd for a short holiday in England. George T. Decker, pump manufacturer

at Forest, has received word that his son William had been drowned in his uncle's well about ten miles from Hamicta, Manitoba

Friday night Toronto single taxers list-ened to a lecture on Henry George, on the occasion of the anniversary of his birth, by Very Rev. Dean Williams, Cleveland, O.

The Newton estate in Guelph, under the will of the late Henry Newton, who died in 1875, is in the courts, the son and daughter suing the willow, who has

married again. married again.

Markhain and Newmarket played lacrosse at Richmond Hill and then wound up the game with a free fight, in which the police were assaulted. The ringleaders will be prosecuted.

Four hundred scriking coal miners, nder District President Dolan, marched from Monongahela City on Friday to the Ivil and Cabburg mines in Pennsylvania, and forced the sixty men at work to join the strike.

The Sandwich jailer is kicking because Essex jail has to keep some prisoners sentenced to the Central, Toronto, for months after they are sent down. The bailiff who calls has no fixed time for such work.

Bessie and Sadie Gonder, two 18-vear old girls of Welland, ran away from the home last Tuesday and have been trate Buffalo by their parents, who hasked the police to locate them. The state of the st have plenty of money for an outing

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An agitation at Yokohama is growing out of the State purchase of the four trunk railroads, and reports are revised that the Japanese Government intends to raise a foreign loan of \$50,000,000 in order to complete public works.

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Oscar Jeffrey's left hand was caught in the planing machine rollers, in the Phillips' mill at Toronto Junction on Friday, and was mangled in a most terrible manner right up to above the elbow. There was no one in the mill at the time, but he put out his right hand and stopped the machinery himself. The machine had to be taken apart to release him.

It is understood that the capital case of William J. Hammond, awaiting execution in Barrle jail on Sept. 18th for the murder of his wife, Kate Tough, at Gravenhurst, has been before council. It

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Yesterday was Historical and Pioneers day at Canada's great Industrial Fair. The York Pioneers' Society, with representatives from the societies of York, Peel, Simcoe, Wentworth, Grenville, Elgin and Oxford, Thorold and Peter boro, assembled at the Pioneers' Int. Amongst those present were the following: Sir Olivér Mowat, G.C.M.G., and Hon. J. C. Aikens (ex-Governor of Manistopa).

Standing of Varied Branches of

Methodist Church Work. TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 282,568,

Statistics and Reports of the Ministers Local Preachers, Churches, Sunday Schools, Mission Work, the Colleges, Etc., Etc., All Presented and Read-Delegates Will

See the Fair. Toronto, Sept. 3.-The big General onference of the Methodist Church wooupied itself chiefly yesterday morning with the reading of reports. The seasion with the reading of reports. The session deals with 'matters of interest to every member of the Mischodist body. After the conference had accepted the invitation of President Withrow of the Industrial Fair to attend on 'Saturday afternoon, it got down to business.

The irret report taken up was that of Rev. Dr. Cornish, statistician of the conference.

The following totals of church membership were then read: 1884, 269, 982; 1895, 267,740; 1896, 272,392; 1897, 278,125; 1898, 280,387; indicating an increase of 19,584 for the quadronium. If the 2,031 ministers and probationers are added the present total membership is 282,568.

The baptisms since 1894 totalled 74,-398; infants, 62,838, and adults, 11,559. The marriages were 39,943, and the burials 42,092.

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The present total of ministers and pro-ationers is 2,031. Seven hundred and twenty-three probationers were admitted during the quadrennium, and of these nine-died, 45 were dropped, five were expelled, 286 succeeded in completing their studies, and are already ordained, and 326 remain on probation. Ten ministers were received from other churches. The deaths ordained ministers totalled 80

The number of local preachers is 3,352; exhorters, 1,031; class leaders, 7,809; stewards, 9,071; society representatives,

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ers number 38,018, and the scholars 370,-399.

The number of churches is 8,329, an increase of 186. Parionages, 1,135; burial grounds, 1,231; colleges and schools, 19. The total value of all church property is \$15,429,934. The total indottedness is \$2. 402,280. The amount of insurance is \$7.

\$164,262.38.

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Rev. Dr. Sutherland read the report of the Mission Board, which recommended that medical missionaries be placed under specific regulations, and intimated the purpose of mission work was primarily spiritual and not physical. It also reported against the creation of separate funds for foreign and domestic missions. The report of the Committee en Education was then read by the general secretary of education, Dr. John Potts. The report dealt first with the subject of colleges. The showing was not satisfactory. From St. John's to Victoria every college was overburdened with debt. Victoria was the worst off of the lot. The old site at Cobourg had been sold to the Government for \$15,406, and \$13,406 had been raised in other ways.

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Rev. Mr. Bland asked that a committee should be appointed to look into the relation of Christianity to the social evils of the day. Carried.

The conference meets this morning at 10.30, an hour and a half later than usual, in order to allow the committees sime to organize and report at once to the General Conference.

Lynch Won by Six Lenguns.

Halifax, Sept. 6.—Michael Lynch and John Brennan rowed a three-mile race on Bedford Basin yesterday afternoon for \$200 a sade. Lynch won by six lengths, in 29 minutes and 40 seconds. The bont race was the principal event of the Halifax Labor Day celebration, which was devoted to excursions and sports. The day was generally observed throughout the province.

Labor Day in Onebec.

Quebec, Sept. 6.—Quebec Trades and Labor Union were favored for their feast yesterday with fine weather. The labor societies began the day by a grand parade and a high mass in St. Roch's Church at 8 o'clock, which was followed by a grand plenic at Cape Tournant, Parish of St. Joachim.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 6 .- Labor Day was pserved here by a procession in the fore-tion and picnic in Lansdowne Park in oon. The procession was not arge as last year.

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## LEDUCATING AMERICANS

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Reciprocal Trade.

Quebec, Sept. 3.—The first phase of the conference at Quebec ended yesterday afternoon, when the commissioners dispersed to reassemble again on the 20th The sitting was a short one, and at it close the usual statement that things an progressing to the satisfaction of the commissioners was made with the customay smile. All that is certainly known in regard to the seven days work done by the commissioners is that the general quation of the relations of the two countries and the points of difference between them has been thoroughly discussed, and a basis laid for action when the commission reassembles.

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier has carried out he expressed intention of talking over the whole case before krying to settle any on point at issue, and the work so far done has been almost entirely educational.

The trade question is the one to which most attention seems to be paid south of the line, and the American commissioner have during the present week been subjected to procisely the same sort of infigence that is so much in evidence whee tariff legislation is up at Washington. The Libying is here in force and does not contine his efforts to formal hearings. It is gratifying to observe that on the present occasion the field is not left entirely to the protected manufacturers who object to any lowering of the tariff walk. Millions of Americans who never before gave Canadian questions a thought have been informed through the press despatches that Chambers of Commerce, representing over 20,000 American meshants, have passed resolutions calling for reciprocity with Canada. The American chants, have 'passed resolutions calling toe reciprocity with Canada. The American mechanic will learn with some sur-prise that Canada is the second best market he has get for his manufactures.

market he has get for his manufactures, and will think over the emphatic declaration of the Boston delegates, that Canada is too important a market to lose by unfriendly tariff legislation.

Mr. Dingley is probably the only one of the American commissioners who is not thoroughly convinced that reciprosity would be a good thing. He is talking still as if Canada were asking for a favor in proposing that trace relations shall be improved. He is undoubtedly down on the preferential tariff, which was really an intimation that his own six-barred an intimation that his own six-ba gate was not popular in this country. It is just possible that if all the American commissioners were of his mind the at-tempt would be made to block reciprocity temps would be made to blook feciprocity till the preference to Great Britain in dropped. It may even be that he came to Queboc with some such wild idea. If he did be has been thoroughly undeceived, and understands now that a demand for \$16,429,084. The total indentedness is \$2,003,905. The amount of insurance is \$7,0073,905.

The total membership of Epworth
Leagues and other young people's socie
ties in connection with the church is \$1,985, as against 47,175 in 1894, showing
the tremendous quadrennial increase of
84,760. The total contributions of these
organizations for the year ending May,
1898, were \$52,846.59.

The statistics on ministerial supports
showed that in the church at large \$2,76,986.48 had been raised for that purpose during the quadrennium, an increase
of \$107,307.48. The connexional funds
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DOCTOR IN PRISON. A Physician at Hull Accused of Abduc-

tion and Illegal Practice. Ottawa, Sept. 3.-Dr. Benjamin Ste phen Stackhouse, dentist, of Hull, was arrested in that city yesterday on a charge of abduction and abortion. The victim is Victoria Taylor, 18 years of age.

The latter charges are founded on pre-scriptions filled in by druggists in this city on May 37th and June 1. On July 9th the two are stated to have left for Toronto, and a few days after-wards Victoria wrote to her home asking that letters be addressed to her at the general post office, Toronto. This letter was handed to Chief Genest of Hull, who immediately communicated with the Toronto police authorities, but without success, Stackhouse being located later at 1.892 Lucas street, Buffalo, while Vic. ucas street. Buffalo. w

toria returned home Two Ottawa medical men aver that the girl had been the victim of a criminal operation. Dr. Stackhouse returned to Hull yesterday and was arrested at the earliest possible moment. He was by before the magistrate and remanded till

WM. COLQUHOUN DEAD. The Former M.P.P. Has Passed Away at

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Cornwall, Sept. 3.—Mr. William Colquboun, ex.M.P.P. for Stormont, died at his esidence here yesterday morning, aged 34 years.

Mr. Colquboun was born in Glengarry County, in 1815, and early in life removed to the neighboring County of Stormont, where, at Dickenson's Landing, on the St. Lawrence river, he engaged for many years in lumbering and other business pursuits, amassing a considerable fortune. In 1807 he was elected member in the first Ontario Legislature, for Stormont, as a Conservative, and was for Stormont, as a Conservative, and was again returned in 1872. A bye-election being hold the next year, after the fall of the Sandfield-Macdonald Government. Mr. Colquboun was defeated by the late James Bethune. In 1875 he removed to James Belluine. In 1876 he removed to the town of Cornwall. He was Mayor of Cornwall by acclamation for Several years, and a well-known figure in the local affairs of the county. He is survived

by his widow.

Caledonia, Ont., Sept. 3. — William Burke, son of Joseph Burke, and an em ploye of Mr. Bain. all of Seneca township. ploye of Mr. Bain and Schees township, was instantly killed by lightning during the thunderstorm yesterday afternoon, while standing under a tree for shelter in the same field as he had been working in. He was 20 years of age