

News Summary.

Recent Happenings Briefly Told.

CANADA.

Manitoba elections take place July 21st.

Dr. Demontigny, recorder, of Montreal, is about to resign his position. The employees of the Ontario Rolling Mills, Hamilton, will form a union.

The new C. P. R. swing bridge at the Canadian Soo has been opened for traffic.

A London, Ont., boy named Frank Ball was fatally injured while attempting to board a moving train.

Manitoba land is in good condition and seeding is general. There will be 25 per cent. more land under cultivation this year than last.

Montreal has a sensation in John Taillon, a 6-year-old lad of Point St. Charles, who cures paralysis or rheumatism by laying on his hands.

Electric headlights will be introduced on the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific this summer, thus following in the steps of some of the largest railways in the United States.

Miss Maud Walsh, formerly of Kingston, has received \$2,500 from the New York Central Railway for injuries received in a recent accident. She lives in Philadelphia.

From present indications the amount of customs collected at the port of Winnipeg, for the fiscal year, closing on June 30, will be about \$1,000,000. Last year it was about \$900,000.

Mr. H. D. Lumsden, consulting engineer of Montreal, is in Winnipeg for the purpose of making an estimate of the cost of double-tracking the C. P. R. between Winnipeg and Fort William.

There is a possibility of trouble between the iron moulders and iron masters of Montreal, the Iron Moulders' Union having made a demand on their employers for a minimum wage of \$2.50 a day.

Miss Gertrude Metcalfe, daughter of Warden Metcalfe of the Kingston Penitentiary, has been appointed assistant accountant of the prison on a salary of \$500, and her father will retire with a year's salary.

Two Montrealers who took \$150 from a candidate for the police force, representing that they had influence, and could use the money to bribe members of the Police Committee, are to be prosecuted for "defaming aldermen and officials."

Mr. Tatsuzo Nozoe, the Japanese Consul-General for Canada, and that section of the United States extending between the Alleghenies and the Rockies, is now in Montreal, where he may reside permanently, having hitherto lived in Chicago.

Mr. John A. Kinsella, late Government Inspector of Creameries in the Northwest Territories, and before that Principal of the Kingston Dairy School, will set out on May 20 for Wellington, N.Z., where he will be assistant to Prof. J. A. Rudick, also a Canadian, who is the dairy expert employed by the New Zealand Government.

An amusing result of the effort of Hon. G. W. Stephens to disqualify Mayor Prefontaine of Montreal on the ground that he authorized illegal expenditure, has come to light. The Mayor noticed that certain things are alleged under oath which are not in accordance with the facts, and has laid a charge of perjury against Mr. Stephens.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Duke of Beaufort is dead.

Lord Byron, a relative of the poet, is a bankrupt at London.

A lock of Napoleon's hair brought five guineas at auction in London.

The British Admiralty will shortly experiment with wireless telegraphy. The British Admiralty has declined to entertain the plan of building submarine boats.

The Lakes of Killarney will soon be for sale, and it is feared that the purchaser may exclude the public.

The Midland Railway Company has placed an order for 130 locomotives with an American company. Other orders will likely follow.

The first steel plate of the cruiser Drake, designed to be the most powerful warship of her class in the world, was laid on Wednesday at Pembroke dockyard.

Wireless telegraphy has proved of value in marine affairs, the Goodwin Sands lightship having been able by means of it to summon help on receiving an accidental injury.

Cotton spinners of Lancashire and the northern counties want an advance in wages of one per cent. with the alternative of a general strike, which will affect 60,000 operators.

Lord Charles Beresford, speaking at a banquet of the Society of Engineers in London on Wednesday night, said that England is behind the United States and Japan in the use of electricity on warships.

UNITED STATES.

Ex-Governor Oglesby, of Illinois, is dead at Springfield.

Toledo clergymen favor municipal ownership of saloons.

A copper combine has been organized at Jersey City. Capital \$75,000,000.

Rev. Dr. Connell of London has declined the call to the Fifth Avenue Church, New York.

It is reported that the largest copper ledge ever discovered in the west have been found sixty miles east of Tacoma.

Spain has intimated her willingness to accept the \$20,000,000, which is her price for the Philippines. The money will be paid without delay.

The coronor's jury has decided that the Windsor Hotel fire was the result

suit of an accident. The police have \$10,000 worth of jewels, etc.

Three thousand dollars worth of blooded cattle were killed last night by the burning of the barn on the Hiram Cramer farm, near Saratoga Lake.

Ore assaying \$1,000 of gold to the ton has been taken out of the side of Blowout Mountain, near Little Rock, Ark., and farmers have quit their fields and gone prospecting.

Wm. Derry, alias F. H. Montrose, represented himself as Warden of Kingston Penitentiary, and defrauded Chicago electrical firms out of \$20,000 before he was arrested.

Five students of St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., were wounded by the college steward, who fired upon them as they were attempting to burn down a small frame building near College Hall.

The United States transport Crook arrived at New York, on Wednesday from Ponce, Santiago and Guantanamo with 356 bodies of soldiers who were killed in battle or died in Porto Rico and Cuba.

President McKinley has approved the project for a new transatlantic cable between Germany and the United States. The new company is to be known as the German-American Telegraph Co. The termini will be New York and Ems, and the route will be by the Azores.

At Wardner, Idaho, a mob that arrived from Burke on a train that they had seized blew up the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mill with giant powder, destroying \$250,000 worth of property. During the visit of the mob its members began firing on one another, and one man was killed.

The race question was raised at the International Sunday School Convention, which met at Atlanta, Georgia, and it was pointed out that both city and State laws forbade white and colored people to sit together in public gatherings. After a discussion it was decided to allow the delegates to sit as they pleased.

GENERAL.

Renewed reports of distress from famine come from Russia.

Austria will build two new battleships, and four new cruisers to add to her navy.

The Queen of England Thursday opened a new bridge across the Pailion River, in France.

Electric launches are spoken of as likely to replace the picturesque gondoliers of Venice.

During the last four days the number of miners on strike in Belgium has jumped from 40,000 to 70,000.

Portugal has approved a project for laying a cable from the Azores to North America, Great Britain and Germany.

Nuns of a convent at Rome recently refused admittance to firemen within the grounds of their convent, which was on fire.

Virulent smallpox has appeared simultaneously in various parts of Germany, notably at Iserlohn, Hanover and Moczadlo.

The fanatic police officer who attempted to assassinate the Czar while travelling in Japan, before his accession to the throne, has died in a Japanese prison.

The strike that has been in progress at Budweis, Bohemia, for some time, culminated in rioting, and in the collisions between the troops and the rioters several persons were wounded.

In the Transvaal President Kruger's chief of staff, Gen. Joubert, is inspecting the frontiers and selecting places suitable for entrenchments. More rigid inspection of the military has been ordered.

England will support Emperor William's scheme for the better administration of the Asiatic provinces of Turkey, if all the nations enjoy equal commercial privileges in the proposed German protectorate.

A French Egyptian has unearthed two statues at Karnak on the Upper Nile, one of alabaster, 18 feet long, representing the Theban god Ammon, and one set up by King Usertesen I., in Abraham's time.

The Government of Finland has obtained authority from the Czar to exile all people suspected of hostility to Russia, and to the work now in progress of "Russianizing" Finland. The order affects thousands of people.

Ivan, Mapan, an Austrian boy 17 years old, has invented a new magazine rifle which the Austrian War Office is investigating. The gun takes fifteen cartridges at a load, and it is said that it can be discharged at the rate of 40 shots a minute.

ALLEGED PLAGUE IN PARIS.

Women Who Conduct the Fronde Stick to Their Alarming Statement.

A despatch from Paris gives a report of a visit to the office of the Fronde, a publication written, printed, and produced exclusively by women, where he interviewed several of the writers. The Fronde a few days ago published the statement that three cases of bubonic plague had developed in a Paris shop, their origin being traceable to Oriental rugs recently brought there. The women stick to this statement, despite the denials of the Prefect of Police and other authorities, and declare that several cases of plague have occurred.

The interviewer, seeing a handsome youth in the office, remarked that he understood that the staff of the paper was wholly feminine. To his amazement, the "youth" declared that such was the fact. It was a woman instead of a young man he was addressing. She explained that she had worn masculine habiliments for 19 years for the sake of convenience.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

What the Legislators of the Country are Doing at Ottawa.

THE ESTIMATES.

Finance Minister Fielding brought down the main estimates for the year 1898-1899. To run the affairs of the country he asks \$46,286,550.77, compared with \$47,900,487.18 last year.

The list is made up as follows, the figures for the previous year being also given:—

	1898-99	1899-00
Public works	\$2,312,765	\$2,302,575
Decrease, \$190.		
Militia	1,626,741	1,695,520
Increase, \$70,728.		
Civil government	1,431,991	1,215,409
Increase, \$19,485.		
Admin'n of justice	101,501	93,755
Decrease, \$7,746.		
Penitentiaries	417,500	416,600
Decrease, \$900.		
Dominion police	23,000	23,000
Legislation	619,629	369,675
Decrease, \$249,954.		
Agriculture and statistics	342,200	310,100
Decrease, \$32,100.		
Quarantine	119,000	129,000
Increase, \$10,000.		
Immigration	258,500	358,500
Increase, \$100,000.		
Railways and canals	196,347	291,424
Increase, \$95,077.		
Mail subsidies	628,333	426,666
Decrease, \$155,666.		
Subsidies to Prov- inces	4,237,500	4,251,500
Increase, \$14,000.		
Indians	1,008,809	980,217
Decrease, \$28,592.		
Mounted Police	353,750	353,750
Yukon Prov. Dist.	543,950	814,500
Increase, \$270,550.		
Customs	972,280	999,090
Increase, \$26,810.		
Excise	451,776	462,095
Increase, \$10,318.		
Railways and canals, coll. of revenue	4,710,200	4,741,100
Increase, \$3,900.		
Trade and com.	24,100	24,100

FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Appropriation, public building, \$3,400, re- vote; Dominion public buildings, Ottawa, \$11,000; Ingersoll post-office, \$1,000; Kingston Armouries, \$40,000; Ottawa public buildings, Langevin block improvements, \$24,000; Rat Portage post-office, \$14,000; Sarnia post-office, \$10,000; Toronto Dominion buildings, improvements, etc., \$6,000; Woodstock post-office, \$20,000; Ontario harbors, etc., \$20,000; Port Huron harbor, \$10,000; Burlington harbor, repairs to piers, \$10,000; Collingwood harbor, \$60,000; Goderich, reconstruction of breakwater, \$46,500; Goderich, dredging, \$20,000; Hawkesbury, dredging, \$3,000; Kincairdine, repairs to pier and dredging, \$1,500; Kingston harbor and dredging, \$10,000; Little Bear Creek, dredging, \$2,000; North Bay, pile wharf, \$8,000; Oakville, repairs to piers and dredging, \$15,000; Oshawa, repairs to piers, providing harbor, \$10,000; Owen Sound, dredging and pile work, \$19,600; Picton, dredging, \$5,000; Port Burwell harbor, \$45,000; Port Elgin, construction of groyne, \$5,000; Port Hope, repairs to pier and dredging, \$25,000; Port Stanley, repairs to pier and dredging, \$13,000; Rainy River, improvements to channel, \$1,500; River Ottawa, improvements steamboat channel, \$2,000; Sturgeon River, dredging, \$2,000; Sydenham River, dredging, \$5,000; Thornbury, dredging, \$3,000; Toronto harbor, works at eastern entrance, etc., \$75,000.

In the militia estimate the twelve days' pay of the militia is placed at \$400,000. A further item is \$250,000 for clothing, etc. A provision of \$325,000 is made for the purchase of field guns, fortress, armament, rifle ranges and military equipment. The Dominion Rifle Association has its grant cut down from \$15,000 to \$10,000, while the Artillery Association will have to be satisfied with \$5,000 instead of \$7,000. The grant to local and battalion associations is reduced from \$7,500 to \$6,500.

To deepen the Welland Canal approachments at Port Colborne \$350,000 will be asked, and \$354,000 will be utilized in deepening the River St. Lawrence ship channel.

The cost of administering affairs in the Yukon is increased by \$27,550, due to the erections of new buildings, \$25,000; transport, \$80,000; traveling expenses of judges and other court officials, and the sum of \$103,000 is set aside for mail service for the district. The collection of customs will cost \$25,000. For the improvement of the navigable channels of the Lewes and Yukon Rivers \$40,000 is set aside.

Provision is made for the salaries of fourteen Superior Court judges in the Province of Quebec, at \$5,000 each, an increase of \$10,000; fourteen at \$4,000 each, also three judges of the Circuit Court, Montreal, at \$3,000 each.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

The Minister of Finance gives notice of two important Government bills. One is to implement the promise made last year, when the Sons of England Incorporated bill was before Parliament, viz., that the Ministry at this session would introduce a bill affecting fraternal societies in general. The title of the proposed measure is "Respecting the Incorporation of Benevolent Societies."

TO AMEND THE INSURANCE ACT. The other bill, of which Mr. Fielding gives notice, is to amend the Insurance Act. It proposes to furnish a means whereby companies may be incorporated by letters patent, instead of having to come to Parliament for incorporation.

AN EIGHT HOUR DAY.

Mr. Quinn gives notice of a resolution that on all public works under control of the Government eight hours shall constitute a full day's work, and that in all public contracts hereafter a

clause be embodied recognizing eight hours as constituting a full day's work.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

Mr. Fisher informed Mr. Dugas that an experimental station for the growing and curing of tobacco is to be established at St. Jacques, Quebec. He replied to Mr. Martin that the Government proposes to establish several illustration stations for the fattening of poultry during the season of 1899. Illustration stations as object lessons to the farmers in different branches of agriculture would be established. Prof. Robertson had not advocated any scheme for the spraying of fruit trees, but the department would co-operate with the some experiments of spraying and shipping fruit.

Dr. Borden replied to Mr. Hughes that the Imperial despatch granting medals for the Fenian raids and Red River rebellion services directed the issue of medals only to the surviving officers, non-commissioned officers and men. Col. Hughes had asked if the medals would be given to the families of those now dead who served on those occasions.

Mr. Blair informed Mr. Bergeron that the amount of money paid by the Government for the construction of the Soulanges Canal up to March 31, 1899, was \$4,762,996.75.

Mr. Fielding replied to Mr. McMullen that it was the intention of the Government to introduce an amendment to the Civil Service Act, but that he was not in a position to state its nature at present.

Mr. Sifton informed Mr. E. F. Clarke that no arrangements have been made for a mineral exhibit from Canada in the mining section of the Greater Britain Exhibition, to be held from May to October this year at Earl's Court, London.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, informed Mr. Bennett that the Government is considering the question of introducing legislation to provide for the compulsory retirement of County Court judges in Ontario who have attained the age of 55 years.

Replying to Mr. Martin, Sir Louis Davis stated that the question of providing for the transport of fresh fish in cold storage from the Maritime Provinces to the inland consuming centers of Quebec, Ontario and the Northwest was recognized by the Government as important, and was now receiving consideration.

CIVIL SERVICE BILL.

Mr. Monk's bill to compel the Government to grant every discharged civil servant a statement of the complaints against him, was put to a vote in the House and was given the six-months' hoist.

FREE RAILWAY PASSES.

That much-vexed question whether or not a member of Parliament should accept a free railway pass, came up in the form of a bill by Mr. Bostock to compel railways to issue such passes and was lost on division.

MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Ports.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, May 2.—Butchers' cattle were in small supply, but the demand was very slow and prices remained steady, choice being quoted at \$4 to \$4.40 per cwt. One bunch of choice heavy exporters fetched \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt. The small supply of Canadian stockers for Buffalo met with a fairly good demand at firm prices, or \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. Almost everything in the butcher line was left over in the pens at the close for to-morrow's market. Good milk cows fetched \$35 to \$45 each, and a few choice veal calves were steady at \$3 to \$7 per head.

Sheep and Lambs—There were no sheep on the market for sale and quotations are unchanged.

Hogs—Trade in the annex was very quiet and the offerings were lighter than expected. Prices remained firm. Choice were quoted at \$4.50 per cwt.

Milk cows, each	\$35.00 to \$45.00
Export cattle, heavy, per cwt.	450 to 475
Export cattle, light, per cwt.	400 to 450
Butchers' choice cattle, per cwt.	400 to 440
Butchers' med. cattle per cwt.	370 to 390
Butchers' com. cattle per cwt.	325 to 375
Butchers' inf. cattle per cwt.	300 to 000
Bulls, heavy, per cwt.	350 to 400
Bulls, light, per cwt.	325 to 350
Stockers, per cwt.	350 to 400
Feeders, per cwt.	400 to 440
Yearlings, per cwt.	500 to 550
Spring lambs, each	2.00 to 5.00
Sheep, per cwt.	3.50 to 000
Lambs, per cwt.	4.00 to 4.50
Bucks, per cwt.	3.00 to 3.25
Calves, per head	2.00 to 7.00
Choice bacon hogs, per cwt.	450 to 000
Light bacon hogs, per cwt.	400 to 000
Thick fat hogs, per cwt.	3.75 to 000
Sows, per cwt.	3.00 to 000
Stags, per cwt.	2.00 to 000

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat—The market is easier and red wheat was offered west to-day at 68c, and 67c, was bid. White was quoted at 68c, west. Goose wheat is steady at 66c, west, and spring on the Midland is quoted by buyers at 68c. Manitoba wheat is steady at 82c, to 82 1/2c; for No. 1 hard North Bay, and 84c, to 84 1/2c; grinding in transit.

Flour—Is quiet; cars of straight roller in barrels are quoted at \$3.15 to \$3.20, Toronto freights.

Millfeed—There is not much offering and the market is firm at \$14 to \$16 for shorts and \$12 to \$12.50 for bran west.

Barley—Is dull and nominal at 41c, for No. 1 west.

Buckwheat—Is nominal at 48c, west.

Rye—Is firm at 53c, west.

Corn—The market is steady at 36c, ed.

for Canada yellow west, 44c, for old American east and 43c, west, and 42c, for new east and 42c, west.

Oats—Are firm at 32 1/2c, to 33c, for white west.

Oatmeal—Is steady at \$3.80 for cars of bags and \$2.90 for barrels here.

Peas—Are in demand for export and the market is a cent higher at 64c, to 65c, west.

PROVISIONS.

The demand for hog products is fairly active and prices are firm. The offerings of dressed hogs are very small. Cars of western mixed lots on the track here are quoted at \$5.

Pork—Canada mess, \$14; short out, \$15; clear shoulder mess, \$12.50.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots, 6 3/4c; ton and case lots, 7c; breakfast bacon, 10 1/2c to 11c; hams, large, 9 1/2c; medium, 10c; rolls, 8c; green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tubs, 6 1/2c to 6 3/4c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—The offerings of large rolls are liberal, there is more than enough here to meet the demand, both locally and from the outside markets, and sales are slow. The market is weak for large rolls, but good straight yellow dairy tub is wanted. Large rolls are quoted at 11c to 11 1/2c. There are no fresh-made dairy tubs coming forward yet. Off grades are quoted at 9c to 10c. Creamery is steady at 18c to 18 1/2c for prints and 17 1/2c to 18c for packed.

Eggs—The receipts are sufficient, there is a good demand and the market is steady at 11c to 11 1/2c.

Potatoes—Are steady. Cars on the track here are quoted at 75c to 80c. Potatoes out of store sell at 85c to 90c.

Poultry—The receipts are small, the demand is slow and the market is steady at 11c to 12c for turkeys and 40c to 75c for chickens.

Baled Hay—There is a good demand for hay, the offerings are small and the market is firmer. Cars on the track here are quoted at \$7.50 to \$8.50. Baled Straw—The demand is slow and prices are nominally unchanged. Cars on the track here are quoted at \$4.50 to \$5.

Montreal, May 2.—Grain—Business is becoming more active with the opening of navigation, Manitoba No. 1 hard wheat sold at 72c; peas 1-2c higher at 74 1/2c; alfalfa hay; oats, 36 1/4c; alfalfa May; buckwheat was in demand and sold about 2c higher at 61c.

Flour—There is a fair demand at steady prices. We quote:—Winter patents, \$3.75 to \$4; straight rollers, \$3.50 to \$3.60; in bags, \$1.65 to \$1.75; Manitoba patents, \$3.90 to \$4.05; strong bakers', \$3.75 to \$3.80.

Feed—Trade was fairly active. Ontario white wheat bran in bulk sold at \$16 to \$17 and shorts at \$17 to \$19 per ton; Manitoba bran \$16, shorts \$18 and mouille \$18 to \$25 per ton, including bags.

Meal—Business was slow and prices were unchanged in oatmeal at \$3.60 to \$3.65 per barrel.

Butter—There is a fair demand at 16 1/4c to 17c for creamery and 12 1/2c to 13c for western dairy rolls.

Eggs—There is a good demand at 11 1/2c to 12c.

Provisions—The market is quiet and unchanged. We quote:—Canadian pork in barrels, \$15 to \$15.50; pure Canadian lard, in pails, 6 3/4 to 7c, per lb. and compound refined at 5c to 5 1/2c per lb; hams, 10c to 12c and bacon 10 1/2c to 11c per lb.

Toledo, May 2.—Close — Wheat active; cash 75 1/4c, May 75 1/2c, bid, July 75 1/2c; No. 3 soft, 73 1/4c, Corn, cash and May 34 3/4c, July 35c, Oats, cash 29c, nominal, May 27 5/8c, July 25 1/4c, Seed, cash \$3.55, April \$3.75, October \$4.40.

Oswego, May 2.—Wheat market firm; No. 1 hard, 87 1/2c; No. 1 northern, 85 1/2c; No. 2 northern, 84c; No. 2 red, 83c. Corn steady; No. 2 yellow, 42 1/2c; No. 3 high mixed, 41 1/2c, to 42c; No. 3 mixed, 41c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 35 3/4c; No. 2 white clipped, 36c. Barley market unchanged; Canada 82c, to 86c; western, 50c to 57c; no transactions. Canal freight to New York—Wheat, peas and rye 2c, buckwheat and barley 2 1/2c per bush.

CYCLONE'S VICTIMS.

Forty Persons Killed in a Missouri Town and 400 Buildings Levelled to the Ground.

A despatch from Kirksville, Mo., says:—A gathering storm that had been threatening all afternoon broke upon Kirksville at 6.20 o'clock on Thursday night in all the fury of a cyclone. A path a quarter of a mile wide and as clean as the prairie was swept through the eastern portion of the town, and four hundred buildings, homes and stores were levelled to the ground in scattered ruins. In the heavy rain that followed the people who escaped turned out to rescue the injured. For two hours not much was accomplished