

day at mid-day. The difference of time, and of longitude, between Orenburg, and New Westminster, causes that when it is midnight at Orenburg, it is mid-day at New Westminster.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

Lord Francis Conyngham, M. P., has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county Clare.

John Kennedy Burke, Esq., Cloncoo, Woodford, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county Galway.

John James Smyth, of Rathcoursey House, Ballinacorra, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county Cork.

Raymond de la Poer, Esq., Kilkronagh, Waterford, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county Kilkenny.

Curran Obius Wodehouse, Esq., of Omeara Park, Newry, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county Louth.

Thomas J. Atkinson, Esq., junr., Cavan Garden, Ballyshannon, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county Donegal.

Francis William Blackburne, Esq., Tankardstown, Slane, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county Meath.

William Augustus Cooper, Esq., Cooper Hill, Ballinacorney, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county Queen's.

James Smyth Douglas, Esq., Rosebrook, Boreva, Dungiven, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county Londonderry.

The death is announced of Mrs. Kavenagh, the mother of the Very Rev. James Kavenagh, D. D., the President of Carlow College.

For the first time since the construction of the Newry Canal under an act passed by the Irish Parliament in 1730, the committee of the Newry Navigation Company are now able to recommend a dividend to the shareholders.

On the 10th ult., Mr. John O'Meara, auctioneer, Templemore, sold the interest in seventeen acres of land, the property of Mr. John Browne Leigh, Thurlis, at the annual rent of 15s. per acre, to Mr. Cornelius Molony, Thurlis, for the sum of £306, with auction fees.

The Quarter Sessions for the Naas division of the county Kildare opened on the 13th ult., before Robert Carson, Esq., Q. C., Chairman, who congratulated the Grand Jury on the fact of there being but three bills to go before them, and the cases were not of such a nature as to call for any special comment from him.

On March 25th, four acres, part of the glebe lands of Clonghilly, were sold by Mr. Lowrey, auctioneer, Kells. The bidding commenced at £150, and the land was finally knocked down to Mr. John Moyle, Chamberstown Cottage for £450, and five per cent auction fees. Twelve months ago, Mr. Boyle bought eighteen acres, part of the same lands, for £150.

The Irish Times of the 13th ult., says of Sir Peter Tait's Limerick factory: "A report circulated here that this factory was to be re-opened shortly, is unfortunately, without foundation; and it is also to be regretted that the one hundred young women taken to London by Messrs. Gardiner, army clothiers, when the factory closed here, got sixty days' notice to leave, owing to scarcity of work in the great metropolis."

The Cork butter season of '75 and '76 closed on Saturday the 8th ult. The receipts during the year were £431,803, which showed an increase over the previous year of £63,320. The prices this year were lower than last, but a good average price was throughout maintained. The great increase in butter this year is owing (says the Freeman) to the number running into dairy farming in consequence of the depression in the fat-cattle trade.

A splendid china dinner service has been presented by the rev. gentlemen of St. Peter and Paul's parish, Clonmel, to the Very Rev. R. Power, on the occasion of his transfer to the pastoral charge of Tramore. The service is of remarkable beauty, and is very costly. Each article contains in the centre the crest of the Very Rev. gentleman's family, with the motto, Per crucem ad coronam. The set was specially manufactured by the firm of Griston Brothers, at their factories in Staffordshire.

There is at present living in the Half Parish, four miles from Castlebar, a man named O'Malley, who has reached the age of 114 years. He states that he and four of his brothers were engaged in the French invasion of '98. He fought at Vinegar Hill and Ballinacorney, but escaped all the vicissitudes and perils of the conflict. He possesses all his faculties, speaks audibly and distinctly, seemingly exhibiting a most forcible and retentive memory.

On the 11th ult. a man named John Ryan was arrested in a lodging house in Waterford on suspicion of being concerned in the Mitchelstown shooting affray. When taken into custody he had a cheque for £120 on a Canadian bank and a quantity of gold in his possession. Not being able to give a satisfactory account of himself, he was taken before a magistrate and remanded till next day, when he was identified as one of the persons who had absconded, and was further remanded.

Permission has been given to James Aylward, Esq., of Shankhill Castle, Co. Kilkenny, a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant for that county, that he and his issue may take and henceforth use the surname of Kearney in addition to and after the surname of Aylward, and bear the arms of Kearney quartered with the arms of Aylward, in compliance with the testamentary injunction of his maternal grandfather, James Kearney, Esq., of Blanchville, deceased.

Dublin was treated during the week ending April 15, to a succession of heavy thunder showers and falls of hail, sleet, and rain, the air being piercingly cold. On the 12th, there was a heavy fall of snow, covering the ground to a depth of some inches. The telegraph wire running over Merrion street was blown down, and two telegraph wires between the General Post Office and the Castle were depressed by the snow storm in Dame street to within about 12 feet of the thoroughfare.

A handsome and valuable gift was recently presented to the Rev. Hugh Devine, O.C., on the occasion of his translation a short time ago from the parish of Rynose to Donegal. To mark the high esteem in which they hold the rev. gentleman, a number of his friends, on hearing of his departure to a new sphere, subscribed with characteristic generosity, and presented their respected pastor with a magnificent gold watch, accompanying the presentation with many expressions of respect and affection.

On the 10th ult., John O'Hagan, Esq., Chairman of the district, opened the criminal business of the Ennis Quarter Sessions. The grand jury were sworn as follows:—James Bently, Michael Carmody, Michael Davoren, John Keane, James Lynch, Michael McMahon, Matthew Parcell, Denis Quinn,

livan, Thomas Reynolds, Denis Slattery, Patrick Casey, James Kelly, Patrick Lynch, Michael McMahon, Martin Reidy, and John Coffey. He told them the calendar was so light that it afforded him pleasure to congratulate them on the extremely peaceable state of the district, containing only two cases of larceny and three of assault; while at Kilkenny Sessions there was not a criminal case of any kind to be disposed of.

The following land case was heard at Ballinasloe on the 12th ult., before Thos. Rice Henn, Q.C.:—E. Russell, claimant; Denis White, respondent. The tenant claimed £305 12s. 6d for disturbance, improvements, and fine paid to outgoing tenant. It was proved that the claimant was a most improving tenant, and that the farm is now in first-class condition. After a patient hearing, the chairman decided that the tenant held the lands under an agreement for a lease for 21 years existing at the passing of the act, and that in consequence he was not entitled to any compensation for disturbance or for the fine paid to the outgoing tenant. On foot of the improvements he decided that the tenant should be paid £60.

At the Dundalk quarter sessions, Mr. Brabazon, sub-sheriff, addressing the chairman, said he had much pleasure in presenting him with a pair of white gloves, emblematic of the peace of the county. His worship addressing the sheriff and the gentlemen of the jury, said it was only a very short time after the assizes, and therefore the fact of there being no criminal business to go before them was not an absolute or conclusive test of the state of the county. However, he had gone through the towns of the county and the town of Drogheda, and everywhere he had received the same gratifying intelligence from the officers charged with the administration of justice. He hoped the county would long continue in this prosperous and satisfactory state.

The Irish Times of the 11th ult. says:—"On Sunday, Mr. William Burke, of Ballyhea, was laid to rest with his ancestors in the old church yard of Newtown Shandrum, near Charleville. Mr. Burke, it will be remembered, rode his own good steed from Cork to Derry, 180 Irish miles, in eight hours, during the trial of the prisoners in the now historic Donemile conspiracy case, in the early part of the present century. It was a ride for life and right. Nobly did Mr. Burke do his duty. The arrival of O'Connell was the herald of joy to the traversers—ones of whom was Mr. Burke's own brother. Mr. Burke was highly esteemed, as the large cortege at his funeral amply testified. Mr. Burke was over eighty years of age."

On the 7th ult., the tenders were opened at Lurgan for the contract for the erection of the new chapel attached to the Convent of St. Joseph, in the town, necessitated by the addition of the late chapel to the increasing wants of the good inmates of the convent. That of Mr. P. Sweeney, builder, of Lurgan, was accepted at the cost of £1,100. Mr. Sweeney has almost, and very successfully, completed a handsome and commodious new male school quite near to the parish church of St. Peter at the end of North street. A very large and handsome new female school is also fast approaching completion almost adjacent to the convent and the contemplated new chapel, the foundation stone of which, it may be remembered, was laid early in the month of March last by the Most Rev. Dr. Leahy, Bishop of Dromore.

The Ulster Railway Company have lodged a petition against the Northern Union Railways of Ireland Bill, now before Parliament. The petition alleges that the promoters of the Northern Union Railways were interested, as representing large creditors of the Belfast Central Railway, which they state was an undertaking also ill-conceived and constructed at a cost so enormous as to be wholly unjustified by the position and circumstances of the line, which was consequently in an embarrassed condition. Amongst other objections in the petition is the following:—"That the proposed railways, if made, would not connect any other railways or any towns which are not already equally well connected by means of existing railways, neither would the proposed railways afford communication with quays at other positions of Belfast which are not already equally well afforded by existing railways."

The remains of the late Lord Clanmorris were conveyed by rail from Lismany Ballinasloe, to Cregglare, where they were on the 10th ult. interred in a cemetery with the demesne. The hearse was drawn by four black horses, richly caparisoned. The coffin was of polished oak, very richly mounted, and bore the inscription—"John Charles Robert Bingham, fourth Baron Clanmorris. Born 28th November, 1826; died, 5th April, 1876." Before the hearse a procession of the tenants of the estates in Mayo and Galway and their sons, composed of about 800 men, was formed four deep, and walked to the cemetery arrayed in shoulder scarfs and hat bands. Altogether the funeral was probably the largest seen in this part of Ireland for a long time. On arriving at the cemetery, the funeral service of the Church of England was read by the Rev. Mr. O'Sullivan, rector of Galway, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Nugent, rector of Ardahan.

On the 4th ult., Mr. Daniel Neill, a steward at Clonabreney, went out to shoot rabbits, and was found by Mr. Wade in about an hour afterwards lying on the ground in an insensible condition, with all the evidence of having received in his neck and head the contents of the gun which he carried. Mr. Wade despatched messengers with all promptitude for the priest and doctor; but before either had time to arrive Neill breathed his last. As no person was present when the sad accident took place, the prevailing opinion is that the trigger of the gun caught in one of the branches of a tree while the deceased was in the act of climbing for the purpose of shooting rabbits therefrom. Mr. Neill was much esteemed for his honest, upright, and obliging qualities, and his untimely death has cast a gloom over the entire locality. The funeral, which took place on the 6th ult., was one of the largest witnessed in the neighborhood these many years, and fully testified to the widespread popularity of the deceased, as also the deep and sincere sympathy felt by all classes for his bereaved family.

At the Castlebar quarter sessions there were two land cases of some importance. Patrick Langan having refused to pay an increase of rent for a farm on the property of the Marquis of Sligo, asked and obtained the maximum amount for disturbance allowed by the law; the chairman observing that he did not consider the increased rent that might be asked by a landlord a fair criterion of the value of the land, for landlords knew that tenants often prefer to pay a very large sum for the good will of their holdings rather than run the risk of being ejected. The Rev. Mr. Griffin, P.P., Turlogh, also obtained seven years' rent for disturbance from a farm held by him under the Court of Chancery. He was ejected by the agent, Mr. Thompson, because he refused to pay fifty per cent. increase of rent. In the course of the hearing, Mr. Kelly, for the defence, said that the lands were valued by a competent engineer, and all the tenants agreed to the value but the Rev. Mr. Griffin, who refused to pay any increase. Rev. Mr. Griffin replied that the tenants all refused to pay; but they had to consent, having no place to go to.

The church of St. Patrick, Dungannon, which has been in progress of erection, during the last eight years, is now fast approaching completion, and when finished in the manner proposed, will be a model parochial church, uniting completeness of internal arrangement with grace and beauty, both within and without. It plan comprises both nave

and chancel, north and south aisles, and eastern obsepal. A lofty bell tower and spire stand at the west end of the north aisle, and a spacious sacristy at the south side of the chancel. The baptistry occupies the west end of the south aisle. The dimensions of the church within the walls are 126 feet in length and sixty-five feet in width; and the height from floor to ceiling of nave is sixty feet, and to ridge seventy-two feet. The style of architecture is French Gothic of the 13th century, and of a severe type. The stone is from the Dunganon quarries. J. J. McCarthy, Esq., K. H. A., Dublin, is the architect, and Messrs T. Byrne & Sons, Belfast, are the builders. The church is situated on the south side of the hill where once stood the famous castle of the O'Neills, Earls of Tyrone.

The report of the Killarney District Lunatic Asylum for the year 1875 has just been published. The accommodation as at present is for 220 patients, but additional buildings are being erected for 100 more. The number at the asylum at the end of the year was 273; the number admitted during the year was 61; discharged, 16; died, 30. Of the 273 inmates, 11 were never married, and seven are widowers or widows. There is no less than 23 of a suicidal tendency, but 18 of the whole are probably curable, and 5 of those are declared convalescent. Of those admitted last year, poverty and reverse of fortune caused 17 cases; grief, fear, and anxiety, 14; love, jealousy, and seduction, 3; domestic quarrels and afflictions, 15; religious excitement, 7; ill-treatment, 1; study and mental excitement, 2; and pride, 1 (a female). Of the whole number in the asylum lunacy is known to have been hereditary in 67 cases. There are 8 paying patients. The actual expenditure for the past year was £6,984 19s. 4d., and the average cost was £25 13s. 5d. The amount obtained by farming, including that of the stock in hands, was £402 4s. 1d., leaving a profit of £80 6s. 1d. There are 16 acres under buildings and courts.

At Ballyporeen Petty Sessions, on the 12th ult., a case which excited considerable interest throughout the district came on for hearing, Mr. Worrall, County Surveyor, Tipperary, acting by direction of the authorities, summoned Johanna Ryan for having built, or caused to be built, a hut on the public road near Dangan, contrary to the provisions of the Act. In 1875 an ejection was brought against the defendant's husband for non-payment of rent, and a decree for possession was given. The hut was then put up on a road hard by that one, and afterward removed and rebuilt on a farm from which the husband had been ejected. Proceedings in a superior court had to be instituted at the suit of the landlord, Nathaniel Buckley, six weeks before, and through the agency of the sheriff the hut was removed, when it was re-erected on the public road close to the farm, at Cooladerry, from which she and her husband had been evicted. Mrs. Ryan, who appeared in court, said she had taken no part in having the hut erected. She had no other place now to shelter herself or her children. The County Surveyor said the hut consisted of old dressers, old wheelbarrows, a few boards and other articles, heaped up promiscuously. Apart from its illegality it would be doing an act of humanity to have it removed. Mr. Eaton, R.M., said this business was going on for over twelve months, but such things could not be allowed to continue just as if there was no law in the land. Mrs. Ryan had been leniently treated, but the hut could no longer be tolerated. A fine of 25 or two months' imprisonment was imposed. Mrs. Ryan is wife to Ryan, the man whom Mr. Bridge swears fired at him some twelve months ago. He has since been in hiding.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Three thousand iron-workers of Sheffield, who were on strike, have resumed work at reduced wages.

Several thousand colliers are out on strike in North Derbyshire, and thousands more are coming out when their notices expire.

The Lords of the Admiralty have issued an order prohibiting the use of petroleum or mineral oils, or the carrying thereof, in transport or troop freight ships. The use of mineral oils is also prohibited in ships engaged in the conveyance of powder, ammunition, or combustibles.

The London Examiner is indignant at the barrenness of the Prince of Wales's visit to India, and says that the intelligent natives of Bengal were never brought into contact with him. If the native Princes, who gave him such regal receptions, are not invited to England in their turn, the Examiner predicts great evil.

CATHOLIC INDUSTRIAL AND REFORMATORY SCHOOLS, GLASGOW.—The children of St. Mary's Boys' Industrial School, St. Mary's Girls' Industrial School, and Westthorn Boys' Reformatory School, Glasgow, have presented the Rev. Sydney Turner with a handsome marble timepiece on the occasion of his retiring from the office of H.M.'s Inspector of Industrial and Reformatory Schools.

For some reason or other the English people during the last financial year increased their consumption of tea, coffee and tobacco, and diminished their use of intoxicating beverages, as shown by the customs and excise receipts. The country has got a surplus; but it cannot be remarked as it was a few years ago, that they have drunk themselves out of their difficulties.

CONVERSION.—We take the following from the London correspondence of the Freeman's Journal:—"Scarcely a week passes without the record of some convert to the Roman Catholic Church from amongst the ranks of the Anglican clergy. Most of the clergymen who thus renounce the doctrines of the Church of England are men of mark, noted for scientific or literary attainments, or of fame in the pulpit. The latest accession is that of the Rev. R. J. Webb, Vicar of Hamleton-with-Bramstone, near Norwich, who, in addition to his profession of faith, has published a pamphlet, in which he asserts frankly that salvation is not to be found in the Church of England."

GIFT TO THE EPISCOPAL SEMINARY, GLASGOW.—On Friday last, says the Catholic Times, evidently in preparation for the ordination of the following morning, there arrived at the Episcopal Seminary, Partickhill, Glasgow, two cases, containing six large altar candlesticks, two brass torch holders, a thurible and boat, candles, and a set of Stations of the Cross, the gift of a benefactor. What enhances the generosity of the deed is the fact that it was done anonymously. The Rector is at a loss to thank the donor, and has requested us to give publicity to the deed, in hopes that this notice will meet his eye.

ORDINATIONS IN GLASGOW.—On Saturday His Grace Archbishop Eyre held an ordination in the chapel of the Episcopal Seminary, Partick-hill. Revs. Peter Donnelly and James Conaghan were ordained deacons; Messrs. Frederick Julius Evertz and Frederick William Hubert Beighemann, subdeacons; and the four minor orders were conferred on Messrs. Patrick O'neyn, S.J., Isaac Lee, S.J., Arnold Harris Matthews, and James MacDonald. His Grace had conferred the tonsure upon Messrs. Hogan, Lee, Matthews, and MacDonald the evening previous in his private oratory. All these gentlemen, with the exception of Messrs. Hogan and Lee, who are at St. Aloysius' College, Glasgow, are alumni of the Episcopal Seminary.—Catholic Times, April 7.

The gross injustice of banishing from England Irish people who may become paupers is so well known, and has been for years so generally admitted, comment upon it has grown stale, and had been for many a year unprofitable. A modest attempt is being made to remedy the evil. The 20th clause

of the Poor Law Amendment bill now before Parliament gives the right of irremovability after three years' residence to Irish paupers. One would imagine that Englishmen could not object to such a provision as this; yet we find a deputation from Lancashire and Yorkshire waiting upon the President of the Local Government, and urging the Government to strike this clause out of the bill. We earnestly hope that the good people of Lancashire and Yorkshire will lose no time in repudiating the inhuman request made by the gentlemen who composed this deputation.—Universe.

LONDON, May 2.—In the House of Commons this evening, Maurice Brooks, member for Dublin, gave notice that he proposed to question Mr. Disraeli on Friday next as to whether he intends to advise the Queen to extend mercy to persons imprisoned for breach of allegiance to Her Majesty. Mr. Disraeli in a vehement speech denounced as calumnious the statement by Mr. Lowe at a Liberal meeting in Bedford, that the Queen had asked two previous Premiers to introduce a Bill changing the Royal titles but both had refused. He denied the truth of the statement as far as it concerned himself and the late Earl of Derby, and cited a letter from Mr. Gladstone denying that the Queen ever made such a proposal to him. In conclusion Mr. Disraeli made a statement on behalf of the Queen, that Mr. Lowe's assertion was utterly unfounded. The Liberal leaders in the Houses of Lords and Commons have asked an explanation of the Government regarding the scope of the proclamation of the title of Empress of India.

"BULL-HEADED BIGOTRY."—We find in a late number of the Dublin Freeman the following account of the bull-headed bigotry of the heir to the British throne. Such conduct is worthy of the Grand Master of English Masonry. The Freeman says:—"The Prince of Wales has his faults, like other men, but certainly anything in the shape of religious intolerance has not been counted among them. It is then with deep pain we see that the Prince has, on his return from the East been guilty of an act more worthy of his grand-uncles of York or Brunswick than of a man of our own free and liberal age. On Friday his Royal Highness landed at Malta, where great preparations for his reception had been made. The great event of the Prince's visit was to be his opening of a 'conservatory,' an orphanage erected by Sir Vincenzo Bugejo, a Maltese millionaire. The object of this institution is, according to the Times correspondent, to 'feed, clothe, educate, and train to industrial occupations 50 female children deprived of their natural protectors through death, crime, or other misfortune.' Sir Vincenzo is to spend nearly £40,000 upon the building and endowment of this orphanage, and the Prince had formally undertaken to lay the first stone. On his landing, however, he expressed his regret that he was not able to lay the first stone of the conservatory, as it was 'a purely Roman Catholic establishment,' a circumstance previously unknown to him. The result was, says the Times correspondent, 'universal disappointment.' We cannot at all understand the ground of the Prince's action in this matter. Seeing that all the Maltese are Catholics it would be a strange thing for a Maltese gentleman to erect an orphanage which was not 'a purely Roman Catholic establishment. The Catholic religion is the religion established by English law in Malta, and it will be the Prince to offer it such a slight in such a place. Every day members of his family open 'Protestant institutions,' and no one objects. The Prince is returning from a land in which he has seen the representatives of Britain paying abject honors to the creed of the murderous Sira and the lascivious Vishnu. His squeamishness, then, is quite a remarkable occurrence. We further see that the native Maltese nobles absented themselves from the Prince's reception owing to a gross insult of the authorities. Is there some dangerous fool-official in the island who was trying to create a 'Maltese question?'"

UNITED STATES.

Arthur P. Devlin, who has achieved some notoriety in New England as an anti-Catholic lecturer, was arrested in Boston Friday for circulating obscene pamphlets devoted to the exposure of alleged immoralities of priests.

On April 18, in Jacksonville, Fla., Miss Belle Gross, in religion Sister Mary Cecilia, the Sister of the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Savannah, received the habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph, from the hands of her Rt. Rev. brother, Bishop Gross, of Savannah.

THE BULLION PRODUCT OF THE PACIFIC.—San Francisco, May 2.—The Bulletin publishes, editorially, carefully collected estimates concerning the gold and silver production of the Comstock lode, which shows the total bullion product from the discovery to the beginning of the year in round numbers is \$200,000,000, of which \$80,000,000 is gold.

A WHOLE FAMILY DROWNED.—New York, May 2.—A Port Jervis despatch announces the drowning yesterday of a whole family, consisting of Orsin Boyd, his wife and two children, at Fisher's Eddy, on the east branch of the Delaware River, near Hancock. He was fording the river, when one of the horses fell, dragging the other down, upsetting the wagon and throwing all into the river. Mrs. Boyd's body has been recovered, but none of the rest.

Several years ago a Jew obtained a tax title to over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of church property in Dubuque, Iowa, by the payment of the tax of four thousand dollars. Bishop Hennessey, upon discovering that during the widowhood of his son the interests of the church had been thus neglected, took immediate steps to relieve the vast property of its incumbrance. The money paid in taxes was offered; ten, twenty times the amount was tendered; but the Jew would have his pound of flesh, and this time his pound was the whole property. The case was brought to the courts, and has terminated favorably to the claims of the Bishop.

MINING MYSTERIES IN COLORADO.—Mining excitement is active in Boulder County, and its promise is better than a hundred such as the Black Hills. Day before yesterday the Keystone Mine, in Magnolia District was sold. Since its discovery and opening, about the middle of last summer, it has yielded over and above all expenses, about \$16,000. The prices realized fit so definitely stated, but it was bonded some time ago for \$35,000. One report says that the sale was for \$45,000 cash; another that it was for \$35,000 and one-fourth of the stock in the new company. What object a person can have in selling a mine for \$35,000 that has paid \$16,000 net profit in less than a year, is one of those strange things that no one else can guess. The Melvina in Gold Hill District, is one of the wonders of the country. In the last month's work—February 20 to March 20—it produced ore that was sold for \$19,937, cash. The total expenses of the mine during the same time were \$670, leaving a net profit of \$19,267. When the John Jay Lode was found in November last, one of the discoverers offered to sell the other his half interest for \$10,000, and give him forty days to pay it in. The offer was accepted, and before the forty days were up the mine was opened, all the expenses met, and the \$10,000 paid. This was a new district, without roads, in midwinter, and with all the disadvantages of developing a mine under such circumstances. Why such a sale was made is another mystery. The man selling it knew that he could not possibly get the money unless it was taken out of the mine, yet he risked the chance of fabulous wealth—such as the mine now assures—for the no less uncertainty of \$10,000 in forty days.—It illustrates one of the phases of human nature as developed in the average prospector.—Denver News.

CANADA.

Mr. O. Murphy has been re-elected Mayor of Quebec.

Mr. W. H. Kerr Q. C., has been elected batonnier of the Montreal Bar.

The stone masons and bricklayers of Ottawa have struck for \$2 75 per day.

Chatham has sixteen taverns licensed at \$330 each, and six shops at \$390 each.

The Canada Central and St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railways have decided to pay no more commission to ticket agents.

The assessment roll of East Nissouri, for the year 1876, foots up a total of \$2,381,225, being an average of \$61 52 per acre.

Windsor claims 6,599 population. The assessment shows \$1,560,220 real property, \$171,150 personal property, \$49,100 income: or a total of \$1,780,470.

Clinton has, by assessment, a population of 2,561, or 195 over last year. The assessment has also increased to the amount of \$30,000, the total being \$497,675.

The intention of the managers of the Richelieu Company to change the hour of their departure from Quebec to five o'clock instead of four as heretofore, meets with general satisfaction.

The duties paid at the Kingston Custom House for April were \$10,197 26; Tonnage dues, \$61 29; Port license fees, \$34. Value of goods exported \$26,243; Receipts at Inland Revenue Office for April, \$3,731 55.

Que. Que., May 2.—The Quo boom broke in three places last Friday week from a large mass of ice striking it. About ten thousand logs went out notwithstanding all efforts to save them. The boom has been repaired.

That part of the village of Dresden where the late disastrous fire occurred presents a very desolate appearance; but when the brick buildings which are projected are erected, the village will bear more of a metropolitan aspect than ever.

PICOTS, May 3.—The Dunkin Act submitted to the ratifiers of Prince Edward county last September, and passed by a large majority, came into force yesterday. The hotels have closed up their bars, but with that exception are doing business as usual.

A number of the farmers of Zurich are preparing for planting honey-locust hedges, which, no doubt, will be a great improvement, and quite a contrast to the zig-zag rail and board fences now in use, and will add materially to the appearance of the country.

The close season for snipe began on Monday, 1st inst., and on the 15th of August it ends. Between the 1st of May and the 1st of November, henpar, muskrat, mink, marten, raccoon, otter, and fisher must not be killed. Sportsmen would do well to remember these facts.

The Belleville street railway is going on. The work on the stables is fast approaching completion, and only a few more days will be required to finish them. The rails, and the timber on which they are to rest, have been laid on Railway Station street for a considerable distance, and a force of men are employed in surveying the line.

The Zurich correspondent of the Huron Express says:—"The land through which the Government drain was dug last year shows the benefits to be derived from draining on a large scale. Already the marsh land is as dry as the high land, and we hope shortly to see the big marsh drained in a similar manner. We believe the council took some steps at their last meeting to that effect."

In a few weeks the ratifiers of Fredricton will be called upon to record by vote their opinion on the advisability of the introduction of a supply of water for fire and domestic purposes, in accordance with a plan on the feasibility of which an exhaustive report was made to the City Council by H. G. C. Ketchum, C.E. Another plan has been proposed by Alderman Sampson.

DUNKIN BILL PASSED—NAPANEE, May 4.—The Dunkin Bill was passed for this county to-day by a majority of about 875, as near as can be ascertained. The non-Dunkin party took the matter very quietly and seemed to make no exertion whatever. They feel confident they can have it overthrown. The whole election was carried on very quietly, there being no disturbance whatever.

Mr. Peter Hawthorne, of the third concession of Hullett, has in his possession the horn of an elk, which measures four feet long, and ten inches round the butt, and the branches of which measure from nine to eighteen inches long. This puts the Morris specimen completely in the shade. This horn was found in McKillop some years ago. Mr. Hawthorne is anxious to hear of anything that will beat it.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE—SUDDEN DEATH.—WATFORD, May 4.—Ruben Glenn, formerly bar-tender for W. H. Rogers, hotel-keeper, of this place, attempted to commit suicide last night by taking strychnine. He procured the poison at a drug store, saying he wanted to poison rats, and immediately went to his room in the hotel. He was in the act of taking it, when one of the persons in the house detected his intention and took the poison from him. When it was taken from him he said it was no use, because if he failed in his purpose now he would carry it out very shortly. His strange conduct cannot in any way be accounted for, as he has always been regarded as a sober and industrious young man. He will give no reasons whatever for thus trying to take his own life, but remains quite mute.—Mr. Crane, of Brooke, fell dead on the road yesterday; a paralytic stroke was the cause.

NEW CITY.—ST. CATHARINES, May 2.—Yesterday was generally observed as a holiday in honour of St. Catharines becoming a city. The new order of things was ushered in by the ringing of bells, the booming of cannons, and other evidences of general rejoicings. Flags were flying in all directions, and everything presented a holiday appearance. The nominations for the City Council occupied a considerable amount of time. In the afternoon the grand march of the calithumpians created pretty general attention, and afforded an abundance of fun. The day was wound up by a display of fire-works in the Montebello Park, and a ball in the city hall by the fire brigade. The population of the city is 12,870; assessed value of real property, \$3,613,455; personal property, \$633,990; income, \$165,000; total assessment roll, \$4,409,355. This is nearly half a million of dollars in advance of last year, and double that of three years ago.

OTTAWA, May 2.—Last night's heavy wind broke the ice in Deschene Bay, on the Ottawa. It subsequently collected in Thompson's Bay, and sunk the boom owned by the Chaudiere lumbermen, allowing a large number of logs to escape, which have been carried over the falls. The number is estimated by some at ten thousand, and by some others as high as twenty thousand. The large cake of ice, which was opposite the city yesterday was broken by McClymont's men, one half of which, on the way down the river, collided with the piers of the Lower Ottawa Boom Co., cutting two of them over, and placing the boom in a dangerous position. Should this boom yield to the pressure of ice, some fifty thousand logs, belonging to the different mill owners of the Ottawa, will be set adrift to go over the Long Sault, and into the hands of the pirates. Mr. Eddy received a telegram to-day from the lower Ottawa boom, stating that unless something was soon done to relieve the boom it would certainly be broken. If such an accident occurs the loss will reach \$100,000.