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For December, 1881.

. THURSDAY, 8.—Immaculate Conception of the B. V. M. Less. Prov. viii. 22-35; Gosp. Luke i. 26-28. Council of the Vatican opened, 1869.
FEIDAY, 9,—Of the Octave of the Immaculate

Conception. Fast. SATURDAY, 10 .- Of the Octave. St. Melchiades, Pope and Martyr.

SUNDAY, 11.—Third Sunday in Advent. Epist Phil. iv. 4-7; Gosp. John i. 19-28. Monday, 12-St. Damasus, Pope and Confessor (Dec. 11).

Tusspay, 13.—St. Lucy, Virgin and martyr. WEDNESDAY, 14.—Of the Octave. Ember Day. Fast. Cons. Bp. Brondel, Vancouver,

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We do not like being obliged to call so frequently upon our subscribers to pay up necessary. Hence it is not our fault, but the forgetfulness or the neglect of those of our friends and patrons who do not seem to realize what a number of names the TRUE WITNESS bears on its subscription rolls; what an immense sum they owe us in the aggregate, though small to each individual and what good its pessession would enable the proprietors to do in the field of Catholic journalism if it were placed at their disposal at once promptly and cheerfully. To our agents we would offer our heartfelt thanks for their past co-operation and valuable assistance, which to most of them has been a labor of love. We would also suggest to them that now is an excellent time to collect, especially advance will receive the TRUE WITNESS from | Guiteau's insanity. now until the 1st of January, 1883, for one year's subscription, which is giving the remainder of this year's issues gratis. We want another strong pull to add one-third to the circulation of the TRUE WITNESS for the current year. Those of our readers who are in arrears will find on the labels attached to their papers to what date they have paid.

We would remind them also that the TRUE WITNESS gives facilities to which few other journals can afford; that in regard to its news and literature it is second to none on the Continent, and in cheapness stands alone. There is no other Catholic paper in America with half the pretensions of the TRUE WITNESS which sells for \$1.50 a year. In order to still further compete with the trashy and soul-destroying weeklies which compete with the TRUE WITNESS, we give Catholic clubs of five or ten the advantage of the paper for one dollar a year, and all we can say is that the Catholic who cannot pay two cents a week for such a paper is not worthy of he glorious name. It shall be our ambition to see it in every Catholic family in the Do-

A fire, supposed to be the work of an incendiary, broke out in the press room of THE POST office Friday morning, or rather this morning, and consumed or rendered useless the press used for the daily, together with other machinery. There will be, therefore, notice, and this edition will be printed in the Gazetic offices. We trust to the forbearance and generosity of our subscribers and advertisers until a new press is obtained, and the publishers are once more in a position to icone the usual editions.

Moutreal furnished the world with a gen nine sensation on Saturday in the shape of an infernal machine. This innocent looking object was found immediately behind the Court House, ticking away for the bare life until such time as it would blow the building sky high. Its intentions were, however, frustrated and the building saved, as well as a number of lives, through the vigilance of Constable Clarke. It is hard to speak calmly of such a piece of atrocity in intention. We trust that the authorities will spare no pains to discover the authors of this last piece of deviltry.

HUMAN nature is human nature all over the world, and it is just as strong, happily for our reputation, in Ontario as it is in Quebec. We all thought that such cold dignified beings as large bank shareholders would not tion more powerful is and that is the all yet to learn that a landlord has are not prejudiced or affected.

indulge in personalities, except in a highioned fashion, but the proceedings of the shareholders of the Mechanics' and Consolidated Banks relieved our minds of that delusion. And now we see the shareholders of the Ontario Bank can be just as profane and personal. They are having a lively time of it in Toronto; Mr. Glass, with a majority of the shareholders, wants to burst up the directory and place Colonel Cnowski in Sir Francis Hincks' position as regards the Consolidated but the Colonel is not inclined to move. When the pocket of the soul of honor and dignity is touched the soul forgets that there should be clium cum dignitate.

The hostile attitude assumed towards the United States causes the American papers to call for a navy. They have none at present that a Turkish or a Spanish iron-clad—not to count the Chillan "Huascar"-could not knock into a cocked hat—if it were large enough-in five minutes: Perhaps it is all for the better while the Americans are so touchy about the Monroe doctrine. The fact of having a revolver in a man's pocket often makes him commit murder, whereas if he had to go home for one, or purchase it, his sanguinary intentions might ooze through his eye-brows or he might count the cost of the wespon of destruction. If the Americans manage to get a good army on its feet, and a navy on its keel, the next thing they will demand, as did the Jews of old, is a lof any value to it as a feeder or king, so that they may be ruled like an assistant to the Grand Trunk. But not other people. But they should take warning only do the Syndicate deal with the present by the Jews whose Rehoboams and Jereboams divided the Kingdom into two parts. The fact is the Americans are too well off, but don't know it. What they really do require is not a navy, but a system of giving offices which will allow their Presidents fair play in insuring their lives and prevent the birth of any more Guiteau's.

GUITBAU, whatever else he may say, cannot

complain of net having a fair trial, or of what is, perhaps, of more importance to his vain soul, of not having his case filling the columns of the press, and interesting and disgusting a civilized world. The expense of the trial up to this is said to be over \$150,-000, a sum which it is estimated will be doubled before it is over. The names of the witnesses are legion; they are imported from all parts of the country; they are chiefly comtheir subscriptions, but we sometimes find it | posed of doctors and, what are now generally known as. experts. Their evidence is a curious jumble of science and humbug. A good many are beginning to fear that the plea of insanity will be entertained; a good many hope so for the sake of the good name of the Republic, but the majority of the American people hope sincerely that Guiteau may be banged. And hanged he will be in all probability. There are few men who are not more or less insane and Guiteau was certainly laboring under a wicked, destructive kind of insanity. But there was a good deal of self interested method in his madness; his repeated application for a foreign Consulship, proves this as well as that revenge followed rein the rural districts, when the harvests are | fusal. The fact is that if Guiteau escape the gathered in and money is plenty. We would | gallows all the men ever hanged in the United also urge upon them to explain that all the States were barbarously murdered, for each new subscribers they obtain who shall pay in and every one of them had a touch of

THE landlords are calling upon the Government to compensate them for the reduction made in their rents by the Land Courts. The modesty and childlike simplicity of the landlords are features of the strange age we live in. Let us illustrate. In the Westmeath Land Court the rent of a certain farm was shown to have been twenty-five pounds per annum for the last seven or eight years. The court decided to reduce it to fourteen pounds which is certainly a large reduction. It must be remembered the judges are solemnly sworn to do justice and, therefore, that it is their opinion the landlord had been drawing eleven pounds too much from the tenant for so many years. Like reductions are being made in thousands of other cases at which a howl arises from the landlords fearful to hear. Know you what. they ask? Nothing more or less than that the State-or some one or thing-should compensate them for the reduction! Is this not child-like simplicity? Or rather would it not be if the State consented? They have been robbing the tenants for years, for centualer and now that the law steps in and says by half rob them no more," they ask compensation. Why, if the law was strictly just, it is the landlords should be made disgorge. But the beauty of the thing their own accord, doing the same as the but one edition of the paper until further law is doing for the landlords in Irelandreducing rents.

> Once in about every ten years the Americans make a splurge into the Monroe doctrine and then settle down quietly to their business, without hurting one-half or annexing the other half of the world. They are at present intermeddling in South American affairs, in a manner not altogether creditable to the great American eagle. It seems that the American Minister to Peru recognized Calderon, one of the pretenders to to the Presidency of that unfortunate State, as the real President out of three competitors, whereupon the Chilians-real mas. ters of Peru-swooped down and carried off the American protege and his Secretary of State and put them into prison. Some of the American papers represent this as a gross insult to the American flag and the bird

mighty dollar. It seems that Calderon guaranteed an American company enormous privileges in the way of guano deposits worth thousands of millions if he was recognized, that General Huribus the American Minister and a creature of the Company recognised him, that the Chilians have unfortunately rerecognized him and hence the Monree doctrine, the bird of freedom, &c.

THE Toronto correspondent of the New York Herald sends an alarming, and to our mind, an exaggerated account of the alldevouring railroad propensities of the Syndicate. According to the correspondent the Syndicate is a veritable boa-strictor, not slowly, but rapidly eating up all the railroads in Canada and so isolating the once all powerful Grand Trunk that that line will have to seek alliance and connection with American railroads if it would live. The Syndicate (says the report) have assumed control of the Credit Valley railroad in Ireland, but the farmers persist in leaving running from Toronto to St. Thomas, where it connects with the Canada Southern-a line built with American money and which now belongs to Vanderbilt. The Syndicate have also secured the Toronto, Grey and Bruce, the The policy of the English landlords is guage of which was changed on Saturday last to suit exigencies, and it is also surmised that they have negotiated successfully for control or ownership of the Northern and Northwestern and in fact every line in Ontario they also look to the future, and with this view have secured the charter of the Toronto & Ottewa Railway, which is now being surveyed. The enterprising correspondent must surely exaggerate when he says the Syndicate have also acquired the Q., M., O. & O. Railroad. It is possible they are negotiating for its purchase or lease, but they have certainly not yet obtained control of it. The correspondent sider just rents if their leaders are released. closes his alarming piece of news as follows: It is more than likely that the Canadian Pacific Company will secure the absolute and the landlords' and the tenants' ideas of centrol of an entrance for themselves to Chicago. What the end will be it is difficult to forecast, but with their tremendous resources of capital my informant seems to think that the Canadian Pacific Bailway will be able to compel the Grand Trunk to seek amalgamation, leaving Canada completely under the thumb of a gigantic of self-sacrifice that actuates the Irish people monopoly."

THE RESULT.

The Liberals were all but annihilated in

vesterday's elections. All the Ministers were elected. The Hon. Mr. Lynch had a narrow escape. The Hon. Mr. Flynn was returned from Gaspe by acclamation. to release the suspects and compensate them, The latest returns show Conservatives fifty-two, Liberals eleven and Independents two. Thus, and we most regret to say it, there is positively no Opposition, at least none worthy of the name. Mr. Joly was indeed too honest. The result of the election-and let it be plainly and frankly stated-is a magnificent chastisement to bigotry. The French Canadian element rose in its majesty yesterday and voted for what? A principle? Really, no. Railway Stock Yards (now under the managethey understood that a secret understanding existed among the Protestant Conservatives and Liberals, and they took tition, viz :opposite grounds in the same way. It is dangerous to rouse the religious feeling in the Province of Quebec. The French-Canadians are amongst the most tolerant and justice-loving people in the world as the number of Protestants returned from their constituencies fully prove, but their good nature can be imposed upon too much. Mr. McGibbon stated the case very eloquently in Mr. Davidson's committee rooms last night, when he said if a distinguish- Thompson, Murray & Co, \$50; 2nd prize, od Conservative statesman visited the city given by Hope & Co, \$25. Class 2, part 2nda great many enthusiastic Conservatires would gather round him, but they were absent when really required. But Mr. of wethers for export, \$15, as follows: 1st McGibbon is an eloquent young man, and could have explained the situation more clearly were he so minded. He could have said, "Your religious bigotry is stronger than your party allegiance, and your Conservative | Chandler, \$5. Protestants went against you, principles, not because Mr. Joly is 'too honest,'but because he is a Protestant. If the election were a Federal one it would have been all right, there is no impediment | Co., \$25 there to the straight ticket. The Land | For the best five sheep, either wethers or League furnished a splendid excuse to the Chandler, \$10. bigots, but deep in their bearts they knew that the League was three thousand miles tions:-All stock competing for the above is that English and Scotch landlords are, of off while Joly was very near. They forgot one thing, however,-they forgot that some knives cut both ways, and that the French and the decision of judges in all cases is to Canadians are too shrewd and intelligent to he humbugged with the cry of Land League. They knew better; they knew it was Joly was the real issue, and they voted for Chepleau accordingly. The Protestants have been punished severely in the counties for

their bigotry.

THE LAND MOVEMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND. While not altogether crediting the stories that are sent to us by excited correspondents from the other side of the Atlantic, which describe the sufferings of the landlords as pitiable, there can be little doubt that they do suffer from the withholding of their rents. but their hardships are not keen enough to draw tears from the eyes of civilization. A tenant may suffer from cold or hunger, or both combined, but the of freedom screams wildly. Others of landlord counts it a cruel privation if he canthem talk of war, but that is not purchase that racer of Sir John, or if his sublime nonsense as three Chilian wife cannot give her usual annual ball, or if safe, but the bank's capital and rest will be men of war could sweep the American navy he cannot afford to pay his son's college debts. from off the face of the great deep. Woman There are degrees of suffering as there is not at the bottom of this trouble, but a fac- are degrees of pleasure, but we have satisfaction is telt that the other local banks

Archbishop of York and Dublin and other great mon, lay and olerical, are raising a fund to supply reduced families with at least a good Christmas dinner, but we all know what that means. Still if the landlords are not really suffering at present, the time is rapidly approaching when actual hardship will overtake them. The land movement grows apace; it is marching on and seems to be irresistible. The Scottish farmers have taken the field, and if their demands are not as large as those of the Irish, it is because their state is less cruel. The English landlords are making a tremendous effort to meet the agitation and to kill it in their part of the United Kingdom, not by coercion, however, or penal laws, but by kindness. They are meeting the tenants half way, even without being asked. They are reducing the rents on every side to a far-greater extent, in some instances, than is asked for their holdings all the same. They cannot pay any rents at all. The fature is growing darker for them, as American competition is assuming more formidable dimensions. wise, but it will hardly answer the purposes, the people are not such fools as to be blinded by the fact that the relief offered by the lords is only temporary, but that legislation is permanent and hence English and Scotch farmers are calling loudly for a Land Act. In Ireland matters have assumed most alarming proportions. The strike against rent is bebecoming universal, the causes leading to it being economical as well as political. We hear no more of the rush of enthusiastic farmers to their beloved landlords with money in both hands and a frantic cry to be allowed to pay rents. That was altogether too good to be true. The real state of affairs is this: The people are willing to pay what they con-This is about the ultimatum. But the Government will not release the suspects. what is a just rent are different. It would be very simple if the tenants entered the Land Couris, but they will not; they absolutely refuse, they are in a great measure masters of the situation, and it is beginning to be painfully evident that a whole nation cannot be evicted. The unity that prevails and the spirit in the great crisis are as marvellous as they were unexpected. All the confusion is in the ranks of the Cabinet, the army and the police who know not what to do in face of such a state of affairs, a state of affairs for which there is no precedent. The true policy of the Government now should be to bring themselves into rapport with Mr. Parmell and find out what measure of Home Rule would satisfy the Irish people, to grant such a measure, and then let the real Irish Government which would be formed, with Mr. Parnell at its head, deal justly and generously as between landlord and tenant

has died of hunger. It is true that the

LIVE STOCK EXHIBITION.

It has been announced that the first annual exhibition of live stock for export will be held at the new division of the Grand Trunk St. Charles, on Monday, the 19th day of December, 1881, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m. The following prizes will be open for compe-

Class 1, part 1st-For best carload of cattle for export, not less than 14 head, \$175, divided as follows: 1st prize, given by Messrs H & A Allan, \$100; 2nd prize, given by R Reford & Co, \$50; 3rd prize, given by J McShame, jr, M.P.P., \$25. Class 1, part 2nd—For best pair of oxen or steers for export, \$65, as follows: 1st prize, given by N H Wills for A & T Tiernso, \$40; 2nd prize, given by J F Reid for Young & McQuade, \$25. Class 2, part 1st-For best carload sheep for export, not less than 50 head, \$75, as follows: 1st prize, given by For best 10 sheep for export, \$35, as follows: 1st prize, given by J H Smith for John Swan & Son, \$25. Class 2, part 3rd-For best pair prize, given by C H Chandler, \$10; 2nd prize, given by C H Chandler, \$5. Class 2, part 4th-For best pair maiden ewes for export, \$15, as follows: 1st prize, given by C H Chandler, \$10; 2nd prize, given by C H

For the best cow, heifer, or steer, any age or breed, \$75, as follows:—1st prize, given by Messrs. D. Torrance & Co., \$50; 2nd prize, given by Messrs. A. W. Ogilvie &

ewes, for export—let prize, given by C. H.

The following are the sales and regulaprizes must have been fed or purchased in the Dominion of Canada by exhibitor. Prizes are payable day following exhibition,

be final. The following officers have been appointed: Superintendent, Mr A J Thompson, Toronto Judges for Cattle, Dr McEachren, F R, C V S Mr Edward Charters, Mr John Bowden, Mr. Robt Nicholson, Mr A Tallifer, Montreal; Judges for Sheep, M E Baker, V S, Mr Robert Hopper, Mr JB Roy, Mr Robert Bickerdike, Mr William Hoad, Montreal; Treasurer, C H Chandler, Montreal; Secretary, M H

Wells, Montreal. There will be several buyers of export cattle on the ground, but in the event of any remaining unsold, the Grand Trunk Railway will carry them back free of charge.

MPRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BANK FAILURE.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 1 .- The examination of the Bank of P. E. I. accounts by Messrs. Fyshe and Smith, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, disclosed nothing of moment beyond what was already known. The directors are devoting themselves to securing outstanding balances and valuing assets preparatory to meeting the shareholders. It is generally admitted that note holders and depositors are lost, and that the shareholders may be subject to a call under their statute liability. The public mind is not much excited. General

AN IRISH MARINER.

BY REV. THOMAS AMBROSS BUTLES.

The "Santa Maria" carried sixty-six perions. One of the crew was an Irishman. His name is found in the official list of those who perished in the Colony of La Navidad.

O'er the shadow'd sea they floated midst the tangled weeds of ocean, And their swelling hearts were clouded like the water's heaving breast;

And the sea, in ripples sighing round the sluggish ships in motion, Seem'd to sadly speak the longings of the weari'd souls for rest.

Ah! the troubled seamen trembled as they plowed with spirits daunted Where no keel had ever furrow'd since the

birth of sea and sky, And the starry gems above them, that the MASTER's hand had planted, Seem'd as lights of foreign dwellings with

no friendly spirit nigh.

Yet a Star unseen they thought of, and it smiled along the water, And the weari'd woke to courage, and the

hopeless hoped anew, And the trembling strung their voices to the praise of Heaven's daughter-Mary !- Star of earth and ocean !- Mother mild and ever true!

Bark of heauty !- named from Mary-dove of promise spread thy pinions, Glide along the sullen waters with thy banner floating free-

Earth and air and sky above us are the mighty God's dominions. And He bound this globe of beauty with the cincture of the sea!

Great Columbus—guiding spirit—seem'd to Kimper, vicar. see his Lord and Master, So he held his skip in harness with a sea man's steady hand.

And in Him alone he trusted to protect them from disaster,
And to Him he look'd to lead them tow'rds the undiscover'd land.

Hark! a voice along the waters like the sound of angel's greeting !--It is coming down from cloudlets where the

satior-boy is seen .--And the eager eyes of seamen see where sky and waves are meeting Land!-a Virgin land of beauty clad in flowing robes of green.

Lordly trees are gently waving leafy branches Glancing lakes are softly smiling sunny

welcome tow'rds the sea,— Giant bays with arms out spreading stretch to weari'd limbs of freemen,— Sandy shores are ever ready for the foot-

primts of the free!

Midst reviv'd rejoicing comrades one alone recalls the vanish'd !--One alone is mov'd by mem'ry-cherished visions waked awhile !-one,—a gloomy Irish Exile, far from home

and kindred banish'd, Seems to see reflected valleys of his darling mother-isle!

A political party? No. But against Joly; for ment of Messrs. Acer & Kennedy) at Point He, a "rough and ready" sailor, lov'd the friendly Spanish nation,-Lov'd the likeness of the Saviour on the THE PRESS ROOM OF THIS PAPER

floating flag of Spain,-But his heart's affections center'd in one spot of all creation-In the verdant isle of Ireland that seem'd

looking o'er the main.

Loud the voice of great Columbus, trumpettoned along the water, To the Pinta, to the Nina and the seamen by his side,—.
In the name of God our Father! in the

cause of Spain his daughter !-Let us bear the cross and banner o'er the intervening tide.

But remember !- none may tread upon the land that lies before us, None may kiss the smiling island till my lips shall press her robe .--

None may follow in my footsteps till the Cross shall glitter o'er us, And the flag of Spain in triumph touch this margin of the globe.'

XII.

In the boat that bears Columbus tow'rds the new discover'd treasure Bends the brawny Irish Seaman with his deftly feether'd oar,

And his azure eyes of beauty beam with sunny light of pleasure As a stolen glance discovers spotless ver-

dure on the shore.

XIII.

And the sailor's heart is bounding. like the shining waves beside him, And a smould'ring wish rekindles in his patriotic breast—
Shall the first, 'no sweetest greeting to the

new land be denied him-To the land that seems a daughter of the Old Isle in the West?

He is looking back tow'rds Erin as he sweeps the sea bef ohin, He is gazing towids her daughter as he

lifts the dripping oar, He is whisp'ring to his feelings, though the flag of Spain is o'er him His the hand that first shall offer friendly greeting to the shore.

Gladsome shouts are raised by sailors as they hear the sands resounding

As the keel awakes soft music by the ver dant island's side, And the boat that bears Columbus, like a steed of beauty bounding,

the foamy-crested tide.

XVI.

Sudden falls a sailor forward as they rise to stem the water, it seem'd by chance he totter'd, and it seem'd by chance he tell.

But he stretch'd a hand unnoticed to the ocean's levely daughter,

And he touch'd the hem that sparkled 'neath the wavy water's swell!

XVII.

Lift the Cross, O great Columbus!-let it stand beside the wildwood, Let it rest on earth in token of the Saviour's

sacred reign :--Still a hand that "crossed" the forehead of an exile in his childhood Has been first to take possession neath the waters of the main!

Raise the Spanish nation's banner where the startled natives rally,

Let it wave a joyous greeting tow'rds the sunny smiling shore, But the unseen hand that touch'd it once

above a blooming vailey Wav'd adleu to home, to kindred, Mother Erin evermore!

This beautiful poem was read before St. Mark's Academy at the St. Louis University on Tuesday evening, Nov. 22nd, by Rev. Thos. A. Butler, of Cheltenham, Mo. _ED.]

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

-Mr. F. A. Quinn has succeeded in making arrangements with the Sorel Railway Company, to place the depot, to be situated at Longuouil, on his property at

-No action has as yet been taken by the Government in reply to High Constable Bissonnette's request for an investigation into the mysterious disappearance of the girl Gauthier of St. Julien, which occurred some months ago.

—The following gentlemen were elected officers of the Catholic Cercle of Hochelaga for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Napleon Nolin; Vice-President, Mr. Joseph M. Coto; Secretary-Treasurer, M. Adolphe Lecours. Committee-Messes. Amable Colin, Antoine Masson, Honore Courtols, Napoleon Goyette and J. B. Levesque. This Society is under the direction of Rev. C. G. Huet, curate, and of the Rev. F.

-The Chief of Police has received a reuest for information from one Paul Leclere, who lett Montreal twenty years ago, and now lives in Michigan, about two brothersin-law named Leonard Lavigne, saddler, and Joseph Trudel, blacksmith. One Esther Gaudin, daughter of Pierro Gaudin and Elizabeth Verdun, who left Canada many years ago, and now lives in Lyons, France, has also written to know if Belloni Verdun or any oi

her relatives, is living.

It appears that the late Mr. Thomas Tiflin had two wills in existence on the date of his demise, one made some short time before his death, and another several months previous. The former will was the one first discovered, and by which about twenty heirs would come in for a share of his moveable property, viz., bank stock, securities, cash, etc., the bulk of the real estate having been bequeathed to his partner, Mr. James Skelly, amounting to considerably over half a million of dollars. The will lately discovered by Mrs. Tiflin is the earliest will, and clearly shows his disposition of that part of his estate not mentioned in the document at first discovered. Mrs. Tiffin, the finder of the newly discovered will, says that she was told by her late husband to destroy this will as he had made a new one. Before doing so, however, Mr. Tiffin changed his mine telling her to allow it to remain in existence as it would go to show after his death the real intention as to the disposal of his property. If this will is declared valid, the entire estate will be divided amongst three or four persons, instead of fifteen or twenty as it had been expected would be the case. The charitable legacies, however, will be all paid, as well as other small bequests. It is probable that a law suit will be the outcome of the new de-

velopments. ALMOST TOTALLY DESTROYED. On Friday morning at a very early hour the

press-room of this paper was almost totally destroyed by fire. Three valuable presses, including the large double cylinder Hoc press, upon which the daily editions of THE Post are printed, were rendered utterly useless. A large amount of belting, ink, paper, etc., and in fact this entire department which is the most essential in a newspaper office, was damaged so thoroughly that the Company will be obliged to completely re-furnish it How the fire originated is but too plain, the facts surrounding the affair showing clearly that it was the work of a malicious incen-

The spot where the fire commenced is directly at the side of the large press, which is situated but a few feet from a window, which was found broken on the arrival of the firemen. At this particular place the woodwork, flooring and ceiling is badly burned, and the press so effectually crippled that it will be almost useless to attempt to repair it. Another fact which shows pretty conclusively that the fire was not accidental is that the stove and gas brackets are all situated at the other side of the building, where the flames did not reach. The bricks of the building at the other side of the premises have been displaced and the wood work behind them menstormed into charcoal. This could not be delidy be done

accidentally. The foreman of the press-room and two assistants positively assert that they saw both the gas and the stove put out before leaving the press room last night. An open gate way leading to the spot where the fire commenced is another significant fact.

The loss sustained is estimated in the vicinity of \$5,000, partly insured.

FOR RINGWORMS AND OLD SORES Bathe in Perry Davis' Pain-Killer, and then apply a salve made of equal parts of rosin, beeswax, and sweet oil, mixed by simmering on a slow fire. Take internally halt a teaspoonful of Pain Killer in sugar and water, three times a day during the treatment. 130-2 WS.

A conference of American and Canadian railway directors interested in forming a combination for a new through route from Montreal to Chicago, was held at Washington on Thursday, Mr. Duncan McIntyre, Vice-President of the Canadian Pacific, and Captain Labelle, of the Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa railways, representing the Canadian lines.

A NEIGHBOUR

Gave me a dose of Da. SMITH'S GERMAN WORM REMEDY and it removed a large number of worms from my children after all Springs to shore with trembling motion from other so-called worm medicines failed.

THOMAS MCELLICOTT, 51 Anderson street, Montreal. 25 cents of all druggists, and at office, 663 Craig street.

It is stated that Mr. Hickson, while in England, engaged a number of drivers to come to Canada and work on the Grand Trunk.