

CHOOSING A PIANO.

Next to choosing a wife the most difficult thing in life is the choice of a piano.

But it is among the medium-priced pianos the greatest difficulty of selection is found.

Now, to avoid these troubles the purchaser should make up his mind, if possible, what piano he wants before starting out to buy.

DYNAMITE.

The New York Herald, of April 10th, says: "Detective Fahy, of Montreal, and a number of Dominion Government detectives are at present in Europe on a mission entrusted to them by the British Government in connection with the recent dynamite outrages."

A representative of the Post called on his brother, Mr. James Fahy this afternoon, and learnt that the detective had gone to Europe six weeks ago, and the last heard from him was the receipt of a telegram from Paris about a fortnight or three weeks ago.

It is supposed that when James McDermott, the spy, was here last summer, he threw a net about a number of people and in order to give substance to his intrigues, mentioned the names and residences of many persons in England and Europe.

MARY ANDERSON IN TROUBLE. London, April 9.—Miss Mary Anderson has wound up her engagement at the Lyceum Theatre with a row, which has, however, ended her to the hearts of all loyal Londoners.

THE SUDAN TROUBLES. SUAKIM, April 14.—The meeting of Sheikh Mohammedi with the followers of Osman Digna failed to accomplish the desired object, owing to rumors that the rebels had captured an Egyptian station at the fifth cataract, and that Khartoum had fallen.

THE FRANCHISE BILL.

New York, April 13.—The Tribune's correspondent cables that the unexpected majority for the second reading of the franchise bill on Monday considerably improves the prospects of the measure, besides strengthening the government in the house, and in the country.

THE AUTONOMY RESOLUTIONS.

Quebec, April 12.—The following are the autonomy resolutions which the government intend to offer in lieu of Mr. Mercer's resolutions on Tuesday.

THE CUBAN INSURGENTS.

MADRID, April 13.—Official advices from Cuba say Agüero marched from the coast to Puerto Príncipe, and the old revolutionary district of Bogana, and was joined by a number of men.

THE FRENCH ARMY.

New York, April 13.—The Sun's cable says: The bourgeoisie of France have been thrown into a state of fierce alarm by the acceptance by the Chamber of Deputies of the principle of the new army bill.

FROM QUEBEC.

Quebec, April 12.—The following has been forwarded to the Premier of Canada: The Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, Premier, Ottawa:—

The citizens and commercial men of Quebec respectfully request that provision be made in the railway resolution for a guarantee of interest or such other measure as will ensure the construction of a bridge near Quebec to connect the Pacific with the International and if it is considered indispensable that a short line be built through the State of Maine to the Maritime provinces, it is earnestly requested that the route suggested by the Board of Trade via Quebec and Woodstock be thoroughly examined before the location of the short line is determined.

THE NATIONAL AMATEUR LACROBIE CONVENTION.

Toronto, April 12.—The annual convention of the National Amateur Lacrosse Association did not adjourn till 2 o'clock this morning. The proposition that the championship should be decided by the winning of the greatest number of games in a match of two hours' duration, was lost on a vote of 39 to 22.

FRENCH CANALS AND RIVERS.

In France there are now 4,575 miles of navigable rivers and 2,900 miles of canals. In the year 1852 there were only 4,190 miles of river navigable and 2,440 miles of canals, the increase in the length of rivers being 385 miles and in that of canals 460 miles.

THE PRESIDENTIAL OUTLOOK.

New York, April 14.—A careful estimate of Arthur's probable strength at the Chicago convention gives him 37 votes of 73 delegates. Buffalo, which is Stewart's stronghold, will give him two. Albany will give him one; Brooklyn, possibly four, and this city 14, with enough other districts giving him one each to make up the total.

LAWRENCE BARRETT.

London, April 14.—The Times says Barrett is a highly trained actor, and will always please even if he can never deeply stir his audience. The Standard finds in him no trace of tragic power.

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

New York, April 13.—The Post's London correspondent says:—The subject of the Government of India has excited some attention here, consequent upon the discussion which has taken place regarding the Liberal bill. Mr. Stagg, M.P., has given notice of a proposal which will make a complete change in the manner of governing the country.

OVER-STUDY.

In support of a resolution passed at a popular meeting in Bradford, England, that home lessons should not be compulsory on children under ten years, Dr. Bogagliati stated that in the last decade deaths from hydrocephalus at the school ages had increased 20 per cent.

THE ISTHMIAN OF KRAV CANAL.

The French commission appointed to consider the practicability of cutting the isthmus of Krau for the proposed Malayan canal have completed their survey. The report asserts that the cutting of a maritime canal on the level through that isthmus will present no considerable obstacles.

"GREC."

The Greeks have always had the credit of being a very patriotic nation, and one can scarcely be surprised at the many letters to Figaro complaining of the very unpleasant use of the word "grec" in the discussion over the recent card cheating in Paris.

OBITUARY.

Alphonse Haentjens, the French statesman, is dead. Dr. Fogg, the German explorer, has died in Africa. Edouard Dentu, the French editor and publisher, is dead, aged 53 years.

Finance and Commerce.

Consols in London sold at 103 9-16 money; 102 11-16 account; Erie down to 21 1/2; Illinois Central 131 1/2; Ontario Pacific 82 1/2. New York stocks were, in general, easier. The Northern Pacific were exceptions. Manitoba sold at 9 1/2 and Ontario Pacific at 32.

COMMERCIAL.

There has been no sensible alteration in trade matters since our last weekly review. Researches among wholesale merchants leave the impression that trade is maintained at a good steady volume about equal to last year, and there are no hopeful signs of any great expansion this spring, with a few exceptions.

WEEKLY REVIEW—WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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City Breadstuffs, Dairy Produce and Provisions.

The past two or three days has witnessed no change of importance in grain or flour on account of the holidays. Canada spring wheat, is quoted at \$1.06 to \$1.10; red winter \$1.08 to \$1.10; white \$1.06 to \$1.08.

Wheat, bush..... 23,121 219,824 217,584 Corn, bush..... 19,321 11,955 10,899 Oats, bush..... 66,228 92,948 72,317

MONTREAL CATTLE MARKET.

At the Viger market receipts were light, and the demand was poor. Sales were made at 60 to 64c per lb. for beasts that could not be classed as choice; medium to fair grades sold at 54c to 58c, and lean, rough cut at 40 to 52c per lb. live weight.

MONTREAL HORSE MARKET.

The demand has been good and prices were firm. Mr. Maguire has sold at the College street market since our last report one brown horse, 8 years old, \$150, 2 bay horses \$260, 2 do \$275, 1 grey do, 6 years old, \$150, a splendid roan mare, 6 years old, \$300, a black horse, 5 years old, \$200, 5 horses weighing 1,200 to 1,400 lbs, and ranging from 5 to 8 years old, \$800, a bay horse, 7 years old, \$130, a grey horse, 5 years old, \$165, a bay horse, 6 years old, \$145, and a grey mare, 6 years old, \$140.

ST. JOHN, N.B. MARKET.

Beef per lb 50 to 90c; butter per lb 15c to 22c, butter roll, per lb 28c to 30c, cheese per lb 10c to 12c, eggs per doz 23c to 25c geese 75c to \$1.00, hams and shoulders per lb 13c to 15c, hided pork per lb 6c to 8c, hay per ton 18 00 to 12 00, lamb per lb 8c to 11c, lamb skins each 65c to 75c, lard per lb 14c to 16c, mutton per lb 7c to 9c, oats per bush 40c to 42c, potatoes per bush 40c to 75c, pork per lb 8c to 10c, tailow, rough per lb 7c to 8c, tailow rendered, per lb 7c to 8c.

BIRTH.

DUGGAN.—At Quebec, on Monday, March 18, the wife of A. T. Duggan, of a son.

MARRIED.

BACON.—HARD.—At Portsmouth, Ohio, March 29th, Harry Bacon, of Montreal, to Miss Ella M. Hard, of Portsmouth, Ohio.

DIED.

MULLIN.—Died suddenly, of heart disease, in this city, Sunday, April 6th, Mary Lundy, aged 77 years, widow of Luke Mullin, and mother of M. Mullin, wood dealer.

ORGANS.

For the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of the late Sir John A. Macdonald, a grand organ and piano, with all the latest improvements, and of the most beautiful and costly of any combined with great volume of power and rich and melodious tones.

SPRING SEASON 1884.

S. CARSLY.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

NEW SHOW ROOM NOW OPEN.

The spacious and handsome room entirely devoted to the exhibition of Paris and New York millinery goods is now open. The display of Paris and New York fashions in trimmed hats and bonnets is magnificent and has never been equalled in this city.

MUSLIN DEPARTMENT.

We are showing a New Stock of Spring and Summer Muslins.

NEW CHECKED INDIA MULL, in White, Cream, Sky and Pink.

NEW FRENCH PIQUE, in White, Cream, Sky and Pink.

BROADBRED SATENS, in White, Cream, Sky and Pink.

NEW CHECKED PERSIAN MUSLINS for Ladies and Misses' Summer wear.

NEW STRIPED PERSIAN MUSLIN, Figured and Striped Brilliant.

VICTORIA LAWS, Bishop's Law.

JACONNET CAMBRICS, Embroidery Cambrics, WHITE GREENADINES, Colored Tartan, all shades.

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PROPERTY FOR SALE.

In the Village of St. Sophie, County of Terrebonne, a good dwelling House and Outbuildings with a large Garden, within three acres from the Depot of the Great Northern Railway. Terms easy. For further information apply to Rev. A. A. BRADY.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL.

In virtue of the order given by the Honorable M. Doherty, one of the Judges of this Court, upon the petition that day filed by the said M. Doherty to have been absent from the said Province for upwards of thirty years, and that he be put into the final possession of the said estate, and that Joseph A. B. Levesque, the said M. Doherty, be ordered and enjoined to pay over to whom it may appertain the sum of three hundred dollars now in his hands in full of the said debt.

PROTESTANT OFFICE.

Montreal, 22nd March, 1884. HUBERT, HONEY & GENDRON, P. O.