

General News.

CANADIAN.

The fall shows at different places in the Dominion are reported as being unusually successful.

A farmer named W. J. Cambell, of Delaware township, was kicked in the stomach by a horse last Friday and died the following day.

Port Perry village has carried a fire by-law which has given great satisfaction to the rate-payers. A first-class steam fire engine will now be purchased, and the village, which has been rebuilt with marvellous rapidity, will have ample protection.

A child three years old, named Laderonte, was burned to death on Sunday at Ottawa. She was playing with matches—hence the accident.

James Brown of Morrisburg, Ont. who was accidentally shot last week whilst hunting, died undergoing amputation of his leg.

The prisoners in the Blythe murder case have been convicted of man slaughter with a recommendation to mercy.

An infamous attempt was made on Saturday night last to upset the Canadian Pacific train, near Ste. Scholastique, by placing a pile of things on the track, consisting of ties and rails. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

A lamentable occurrence transpired at the Griggs House, London, during last week, when a bell boy named James Currell, whose relatives reside on Ridout street, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. An inquest was held, the jury finding that he died by his own hands while crazed with drink.

Rails are being laid on the K. & P. R. R. between Calabogie Lake and Renfrew. The C. P. R. allows the K. & P. R. R. to run a second track over the pile bridge at Smith's Creek, Renfrew, thus saving the former a large expenditure.

A boy named McGilvary was fatally injured by a horse power on the farm of Mr. Simon Elliot, of Malton. He went to get on the power when his foot slipped into the wheels and it was crushed to pieces. The limb was amputated on Friday, but he died on Saturday evening.

An old man named Frank McLean, 75 years of age, met with a severe accident on the track of the Hamilton and Dundas Railway, near Ainslie Wood, Ont., last week. He was struck on the head by the engine, receiving a severe wound.

A man named Hill, who has been acting strangely for some time back, was brought to Thamesville, Ont., for medical examination as to his sanity. He was afterwards taken to Chatham to be cared for. While there he got hold of a knife and cut his throat. He will likely recover.

The Grand Trunk express met with an accident near Pickering, 23 miles east of Toronto, last week. Four cars of No. 3 express, going east, went off an embankment just east of the station. Two Pullmans were burned. No one was killed. About a dozen were bruised and otherwise slightly injured. The cause of the accident was a broken frog.

Norman Snider, of Winnipeg, who has been missing for the past week, was found dead in his room recently, with an empty revolver by his side and a bullet hole in his temple. The door was locked on the inside and his valuables untouched. No reason is assigned for the act, except that he stated he lost \$11,000 recently in some real estate transaction.

The steamship *Finchley*, Capt. Garson, loaded with phosphates from Coosaw, struck off Isaacs' Harbor on Monday, during a dense fog, which set her leaking badly. The captain engaged a fisherman to mud the ship, but being badly damaged, she sank before a place of safety could be reached. After a desperate effort the crew succeeded in getting clear of their foundering vessel without any lives being lost.

Newfoundland dispatches state that the following vessels were lost on the Labrador Coast during the recent easterly gales:—Cornellia, Mayflower, Annie, Alice, Osprey, and Jessie.

In White Bay, Nfld., 3,000 people are starving. Commander French, of the war-ship *Cloride*, and passing vessels have rendered temporary assistance. Commander French has forwarded a strong appeal for aid to the Newfoundland Government.

Fires.—A fire on Monday night in the stables of W. L. Perrigo, Montreal, burned nine horses and the whole contents of the buildings. Loss, \$2,500. —Last week a large unoccupied grain elevator at Belleville was burned to the ground. —Hon. Judge Taschereau has sustained a loss of \$1,000 by a fire at Ste. Marie de la Beauce, which destroyed his barn with all its contents. —A fire at Winnipeg last week, destroyed the house occupied by Shaw Bros. A fireman named Talbot was seriously injured by falling from the roof. —On Tuesday morning, a fire broke out at Louisville, 50 miles from Montreal. It is supposed to have originated in the vicinity of the public market, and the neighboring buildings being nearly all wood, it spread with great rapidity. The Catholic convent was destroyed, and about 20 other houses. —The same day Lachine was the scene of a disastrous conflagration

which broke out about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and resulted in the total destruction of about 23 houses, leaving some fifty families without homes. Loss about \$30,000.

UNITED STATES.

Burdett & Pond, merchants, of Water street, New York, have assigned. Liabilities \$500,000.

Gresham has resigned the postoffice and will succeed Folger. Hatton temporarily succeeds Gresham.

The mackerel fleet on the Massachusetts coast is in trouble, owing to hurricanes. The loss of two schooners is reported. The crews were saved.

Last week Miss J. C. Welton, of New York, was frozen to death in making the ascent of Long's Peak, Col. She was caught in a snowstorm.

Hiram Huyck, postmaster, Eatonville, N. Y., accidentally shot and killed his wife with a shotgun.

At Chippaqua, N. Y., on the 23rd inst., Daniel Lee, shoemaker, and wife went on a spree and left a can of alcohol within the reach of their little son, who drank some of the contents and died.

The United States authorities have seized the schooner *Adele*, which was caught taking seals at the Aleutian Islands. She carried the German flag, but this is supposed to be a blind. No international complications are apprehended. The schooner had a crew of 22 armed men and skins valued at \$10,000.

A ferry-boat loaded with workmen capsized Saturday night at Michigan City, Ind., and all were thrown into the water. It was supposed all were rescued, but the channel has been dragged and the bodies of Charles R. Ebbeck and a youth unknown found. The search continues.

A destructive cyclone, a quarter of a mile wide, coming from the west, passed over a lonely portion of the Lehigh valley road, near Towanda, Pa., Sunday night, damaging or wrecking everything in its course. Trees were uprooted and carried away, buildings overturned and shattered to pieces. Several cattle were killed. Five persons were injured.

Sunday afternoon a Baltimore and Ohio express train and a freight train collided a mile west of Farmington, Va. Both trains were at full speed. Six freight cars and the mail car of the passenger train were demolished. Five men were killed, three fatally, and several badly injured. All employees.

While the express train was running from Chicago to St. Louis on Monday night the piston rod broke near Pontiac, necessitating a stop. A freight train came down the grade and threw it from the track. The wreck caught fire, and a hole had to be quickly chopped in the roof of the sleeper to get out the passengers. Most of them were rescued in their night clothes. Some were seriously cut and bruised.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Numerous demonstrations have been held in various cities in England in favor of the Franchise bill. At some, effigies of the Earl of Salisbury were burned.

At Carlisle recently Mr. Gladstone said that in the present crisis the Lords ought to study the best means to provide that the House of Lords shall not fall. This end can be best secured by their acting with moderation and prudence.

It is reported that the Government has ordered the bombardment of Dover from the sea by portions of the Channel squadron, in order to test its defences.

The English authorities have ordered increased precautions at Dover to prevent the landing of dynamite. English detectives accompany each steamer that crosses the channel, and all baggage is subject to the closest examination.

The police have seized the cattle of several inhabitants of Loughrea and many other districts for refusing to pay the awards under the Crimes Act to the relatives of persons murdered. The cattle have been sold.

A desperate conflict occurred on the 24th ult. at Rowndie, Province of Saratov, between several German inhabitants and Russian peasants who were visiting the fair. During the melee eleven persons were killed, including one gendarme; 30 wounded.

A cloud-burst occurred at Pachuca, Mexico, on the 28th., causing a terrible inundation. The amalgamating works were destroyed, and considerable silver under treatment lost. It is estimated thirty persons were killed. A great deal of property was destroyed and many cattle drowned.

Advices from Madagascar state that the Hovas are suffering great privations from the want of provisions. Many Hovas have surrendered to the French forces. General Miot, French Commander, continues to strengthen his position, but sees no prospect of a speedy end to the campaign. It is also stated that the French have occupied the Bay of Passandava, and erected a fort.

A violent and prolonged shock of earthquake was felt in Santiago, Chili, on the 24th ult.