DOMINION NEWS.

A Record of the Week's Events in Canada.

ONTARIO.

H. J. Black of Hamilton, Ont., was taken to the hospital in New York recently, suffering from insanity. He arrived there Tuesday from Chicago.

Her Majesty the Queen has, by order of the Governor-General, expressed a desire that the observance of her birthday should be postponed to the 28th of June.

The Minister of Education has informed the chairman of the Kingston Collegiate Institute that it has the right to teach the subjects in dispute, but that its title must be changed.

Miss Thompson of Belleville, who met with an accident by falling from the stage of the City hall on the second inst., remained insensible twelve days, being restored to consciousness on Wednesday night.

F. Stearns & Co.'s difficulty with the Customs officials at Windsor has not yet been settled. The firm have given $5,000 bonds pending an investigation; in the meantime they are allowed to continue business.

It is stated by the Governor-General's secretary that the change of date of her Majesty's birthday is not intended to apply to the public generally, by which it will be observed on the 24th, as usual, but only to the official celebration.

Private information states that a poor farmer named Hammond, of Innisville, who was victimized by hay-fork fiends, went crazy, and had to be placed in gaol. On Sunday afternoon he cut his throat in the cells. He will probably recover.

Quo warranto proceedings were initiated on Tuesday to set aside the election of Mr. Standish, as a member of the School Board of the town of Palmerston. The argument will be heard in a few days before the Common Pleas Divisional Court.

The wife of Fred. Hamilton, a well-known peanut vendor of St. Thomas, has eloped, it is supposed, with her brother-in-law. She left a note behind her addressed to her husband, advising him not to follow her, threatening if he did to shoot him on sight.

A new steamer on the propeller model is to be built this summer to ply on the route formerly travelled by the celebrated Maid of the Mist on Niagara river, making landings on both the Canadian and American side. The vessel is expected to make her first trip this June next year.

The suit of collision between Indian agents and contractors to secure the sale of the same herds of cattle two or three times over to both the Canadian and American Governments is sufficiently disproved by the fact that the Canadian authorities only buy their meat in the carcass.

Advices received by the Deputy Minister of the Indian Department emphatically contradict the Grit stories of trouble and discontent among the North-West Indians. The aborigines everywhere in that region are perfectly quiet, and Indian matters generally are in a satisfactory condition.

In the *Globe* stock case of Brown v. Nelson, in which Mr. Gordon Brown is suing Nelson, the Edinburgh publisher, for the return to him of 44 shares of *Globe* stock, an order nisi was obtained yesterday by Mr. Osler, Q.C., on behalf of the plaintiff to set aside the verdict given at the trial for the defendant. The motion will be argued next week.

Two constables of the Hamilton force were suspended recently by Judge Sinclair as the result of an investigation into the recent escapes from the cells at the Court-house. His Honour, in announcing his decision, commented very severely upon Sheriff McKellar's staff of assistants and constables, most of whom, he said, were unfit for service.

The Gospel Army at Dunnville are doing good work. There have been over fifty converts, and the Opera house, which seats over eight hundred, is crowded to overflowing each night. Capt. Atterton arrived last night and hundreds were turned away unable to gain admission. They are doing much to strengthen the already very strong feeling in favour of the Scott Act, which it is hoped will be voted on in Dunnville this fall.

Jas. Stevenson, an agricultural implement dealer who lived at Rock village, on the Montreal road, a few miles from Ottawa, decamped for parts unknown about a month ago, leaving a tarnished reputation behind him. Not a few money lenders mourn his departure, as they have been victimized to a considerable extent. During the past year he is reported to have floated forged paper to the amount of about $2,000, as near as can be ascertained since his departure has been made known.

A telegram reached St. Catharines on Saturday from Aiken, South Carolina, stating that Mr. Alfred Rykert, eldest son of J. C. Rykert, Esq., M. P., had breathed his last in that place. He was a young man of remarkably bright promise, and to all appearance had a long lease of life. But in the opening of his manhood he was attacked by lung disease which carried him off. He was in his 28th year. His last hours were soothed by the tender care of his mother, who on learning he could not survive much longer even in the mild climate to which he had gone to escape the severity of our Canadian winter, hastened to his side to impart such consolation and assistance as a mother's tender solicitude alone can give to her offspring. His parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

The Grit conspiracy case was brought up again on Tuesday before the Queen's Bench Divisional Court, composed of Chief Justice Wilson and Mr. Justice Osler. Mr. Irving, Q.C., appeared for the Crown, and Messrs. S. Richards, Q.C., D. McCarthy, Q.C., H. Cameron, Q.C., and W. A. Foster for the defendants. Some time was consumed in a discussion as to the necessity of moving to file the return to the *certiorari*, and as to the completeness of the return, which was objected to, for the reason that it did not contain the depositions and evidence taken before the Police Magistrate. Mr. McCarthy then moved for an order *nisi* calling upon the Crown to show cause why the return should not be amended so as to include all the papers and documents used before Chief Justice Hagarty at the sittings of Oyer and Terminer on the motion there made to quash the indictment. The court granted the order *nisi*, returnable for argument on Friday next. The proceedings so far are strictly technical, but the position of the case, simply stated, is that all the papers necessary for the argument are not now before the court, and leave was granted yesterday to move on Friday to amend by producing those which are missing.

A Monstrosity.

LONDON, May 16.—A calf of an extraordinary description was last night born on the farm of Geo. Willsie on Deleware town line. Its striking character was a double head, four eyes, two mouths and noses, all perfectly formed. There were three external ears, but the centre one, located where the two heads joined at the back, was attached to a double opening. There was a slight curvature in the spine, but otherwise the body of the calf was naturally formed. Two young men in this city secured the head and are preserving it as a curiosity.

From the Capital.

OTTAWA, May 20.—The Minister of Marine has decided upon chartering the steamer Neptune from a Newfoundland firm for the Hudson Bay exploring expedition. She is a wooden vessel of 650 tons, wood sheathed, and over that the bows are iron plating. She is the same vessel the Americans employed in their expedition last year. The captain has had great experience in Northern seas.

Up to the 19th inst. 2,468 immigrant settlers landed in Canada during the present month. As all stations reports to the Department of Agriculture are that not a single one of the number remains unemployed. At Montreal there were four who made complaints to the St. George's Society; of these, three it was found refused to work because the wages were not sufficiently high. The wages offered were $15 a month and board. The fourth was a clerk who had not found a suitable place.

From the Canada Gazette.

OTTAWA, May 16.—To-morrow's official *Gazette* will contain a proclamation fixing the 25th June as the day for the celebration of her Majesty's birthday.

The following appointments will appear:—Judge Cameron to be Chief Justice of the Common Pleas for Ontario, vice Wilson.

William Plankett, of Toronto, to be landing waiter.

A proclamation declares the Preservation of Peace Act to force in all parts of British Columbia within ten miles on each side of the located line of the Canadian Pacific, including the line itself, for a distance of twenty miles from the provincial boundary at the summit of the Rocky mountains.

Cases at the London Assizes.

Bennett v. Creighton, was an action to recover $500 damages for assault by the defendant upon the plaintiff, by which he alleged his leg was broken, that he suffered great pain, and was unable to resume work for some time. The plaintiff is a farmer of Biddulph, and defendant was a tavern-keeper of Lucan. On the evening of the 24th of October plaintiff was at defendant's tavern, having a sociable time. They sat up rather late, and next morning as the breakfast bell was about to ring the defendant came down stairs into the bar-room. He accused plaintiff of doing him out of the price of a meal, and the dispute ended in the defendant making a sudden rush at the plaintiff, throwing him to the ground, and causing him to break his leg in the fall. Verdict for the plaintiff, and $15.

Emma Cudney, of Strathroy, has been sentenced by Judge Elliott to one month's imprisonment in the county gaol for exposure of an infant child.

Struck by Lightning.

ST. THOMAS, May 20.—A heavy thunderstorm passed over this vicinity last night. The house of Mr. John Heard, a short distance from this city, was struck by lightning. Mrs. Heard was knocked senseless, but shortly afterwards recovered. The chimneys were knocked down and the house otherwise badly wrecked. Several others in the house at the time were not injured.

SIMCOE, May 20.—Mr. Francis Twiss, a wealthy and very much respected farmer of Courtland village, left home about seven o'clock last night to look for some cattle. Not returning his sons started to look for him about ten p.m. No trace of him was discovered until early this morning, when his body was found under a tree where he had taken shelter from a severe thunderstorm. The lightning had struck the tree and glancing off struck him. Death was instantaneous. Deceased was a very influential man in the community, and will be much missed.

Forest City Items.

LONDON, May 20.—Early this morning an elderly woman named McGregor, living on Grey street, was badly burned while endeavouring to light the fire with coal oil. The kindling was not igniting as speedily as she desired, and the woman procured the oil can and began pouring the contents upon the chips. The small stream of oil became inverted, and an explosion resulted, scattering the burning fluid in all directions, principally over the clothing of Mrs. McGregor. The noise of the explosion and the screaming of his mother, whose clothing was one mass of flame, brought her son William to her assistance. By this time the victim had reached the yard, and with commendable presence of mind the son threw his mother to the ground, rolled her over and over, and tore the burning garments from her person. While doing so portions of the skin and flesh were forced from his body. He succeeded in extinguishing the flames, and in his efforts had one of his hands and an arm badly scorched. Dr. Moorehouse was sent for, and did all that could be done for the unfortunate woman. Her condition is not at all assuring.

A very sudden death by poisoning occurred in Watford on Monday. Mary, the eighteen-year-old daughter of James Connor, took some deadly drug in mistake for castor oil, and notwithstanding the efforts of three physicians, died in a few hours. The exact nature of the drug is not known, but the symptoms were those of poisoning by strychnine.

An Intricate Lawsuit Settled.

KINGSTON, May 19.—The case of Raymond v. Davis, which has occupied the attention of the Council for five days, is concluded. It referred to a farm in the township of Kingston worth about $6,000. The plaintiff is a widow, who formerly owned the property and resided upon it. Defendant is her half brother, who resides near Pittsfield, Ill. In 1879 the plaintiff got into trouble with a tenant and wished her brother to come down and manage her business. It resulted in her giving defendant a deed in consideration of his maintaining her and of the payment of $5 a month in advance. This conveyance is now impeached by plaintiff as an improvident arrangement, made without full understanding by her of the transaction and without advice. The majority of the evidence taken under a commissioner at Pittsfield, Ill., was read, over 2,000 folios, and the most minute particulars as to the treatment of plaintiff were enquired into. There was also a *habeas corpus* in Illinois, under which it is alleged plaintiff was taken out of defendant's custody. The decision given to-day was in favour of defendant on all points. Mr. J. Macher for plaintiff. Mr. B. M. Britton, Q.C., for defendant.

A Sad Case of Suicide.

An exceedingly sad case of suicide occurred in Kingston on Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. The wife of Samuel Smith, a spinner at the cotton mill, cut her throat from ear to ear with her husband's razor and died shortly afterwards. Dr. T. Fenwick had sewed up the wound, and her husband was nursing an infant three months' old in the yard when he was horrified at seeing his wife in the doorway with blood streaming from her neck. He let the baby drop and ran towards her, when she staggered back into the house and fell on the floor, where she died in about twenty minutes. When the wound was stitched she gasped, "Kiss me and tell mother." Her husband kissed her and she breathed her last. She was a highly respectable woman, 33 years of age, and came to this country two years ago. She had a sore throat for some time and it used to fret her very much. She was of a melancholy disposition and imagined she had different diseases, and that she did not profess the right religion. It is thought she committed the act while temporarily insane. She was in the midst of making pies when she ceased work, got the razor out of a canvas bag, and standing before a glass took her life. Besides the infant she leaves a boy three years old.

Interesting Discoveries near Peterboro'.

It is an opinion held by many, says the Peterborough *Review*, that ground now covered by the town of Peterborough was the scene of a great battle fought by Indians in bygone years. The remains of Indians and relics of the race frequently found at least proves that numerous red men at one time inhabited this part of the country. Quite recently a discovery made by men working near the Ontario and Quebec bridge, at the side of Dalhousie street, added further proof to that already collected. They were digging in the earth, filling carts, when they came upon a human skull, and more shovelling revealed two more skulls, bones, arrow heads, and other relics of the noble red man. One of the skulls was broken in removing it, and another was taken by one of the labourers. Mr. J. E. Burnham secured the third skull, which was well preserved, and will send it, with some of the relics, to the museum in University College, Toronto. Mr. Richard Cook, who resides near the corner of George and Dalhousie streets, has quite a large collection of curiosities, many of them gathered at this place. His collection includes rough hewn stone gouges, tomahawks, more finely finished arrow heads, heavy stone pipes, and numerous other rare articles. More curiosities will probably be found as the earth is removed.

The Scott Act Campaign.

PICTON, May 20.—Hon. J. B. Finch, of Nebraska, delivered two lectures here on prohibition in the Methodist church on Sunday evening and one last night. On both occasions the large church was crowded. The temperance question, and especially the prohibition phase of it, was presented in a logical and trenchant manner. Mr. Finch's lectures are given under the auspices of the Star lecture course.

RODNEY, May 20.—An enthusiastic meeting in favour of the Scott Act was held here last night. Rev. T. R. Earle, of Tecumseth, was present for the purpose of organizing the township, and giving explanations of the Act and its working. Notwithstanding the rain the hall was well filled. Dr. Munger occupied the chair.

An invitation was extended to opponents of the Act to come forward, but no one responded. Mr. Earle then addressed the meeting, followed by Mr. Morrow, of Oxford. A resolution was passed in favour of the Act unanimously by a standing vote.

CHATHAM, May 20.—The Scott Act fight has been a one-sided affair in the county of Kent until to-day, the promoters of the measure having had their own way for months past. This evening, however, it was made plain that the battle is not going by default. One of the largest meetings ever held in Chatham greeted Mr. E. King Dodds in the skating rink at a meeting called specially in opposition to the passage of the Act. The chair was occupied by Mr. H. A. Patterson, lumber merchant, and a number of prominent citizens occupied seats on the platform. Mr. T. J. Bell, of Dundas, made the opening speech, after which Mr. Dodds spoke for upwards of two hours, being greeted with enthusiastic applause. The Scott Act will be vigorously opposed from this time forward in the county of Kent.

Specimen of Grit Malice.

A case was begun at the Police Court in Hamilton which shows in vivid colours the spite and malice of which the average Grit politician is capable. James Aikens was the Grit candidate for the reeveship of the township of Binbrook, at the last municipal elections, and was defeated. Mr. Aikins is a Grit of the most rabid type, and, instead of quietly accepting his defeat like a sensible man, he spooned around for vengeance. Mr. Wm. Ptolemy, the township clerk, was returning officer at the elections, and Mr. Aikens foolishly charged him with dishonest practices in connection with the election. The defeated "politician" brought a civil action for penalties against Mr. Ptolemy at the last assizes, but the action was withdrawn, the judge having decided that it would be necessary for the plaintiff to show that Aikens was defeated by means of Mr. Ptolemy's alleged sharp practices, and this the plaintiff and his counsel knew could not be established. Having failed at the upper court, Aikens this morning instituted criminal proceedings against Ptolemy before the police magistrate. The defendant is accused of having opened a packet of ballot-papers which had been duly marked; with fraudulently supplying ballot papers to Frederick White and William Shaw, who were not, it is alleged, entitled to vote; with inserting the name of one Samuel Harris upon the assessment role, and with refusing to allow Aikens to inspect the assessment role. The case was not gone into this morning. The counsel for the prosecution endeavoured to spring the matter on the defendant and his counsel, and had a dozen witnesses present, for which the defendant was widely unprepared, but Mr. Waddell, the defendant's counsel, was granted an adjournment until Tuesday, the 27th inst. The feeling among Binbrook farmers of both sides in politics is that the action has originated from the spite and malice which, in weak natures, result from disappointment and defeat.

QUEBEC.

The man French, who was shot at by his father-in-law, Osborne, at Gatineau Point, succumbed to his injuries on Saturday night. This was the result of a family quarrel.

The late Judge Okill Stewart bequeathed to the Legislative Assembly his library of 117 volumes of works on law and a valuable collection of the journals of the Provincial Legislature.

Hon. D. A. Ross has been offered the Liberal candidature for the Quebec Legislature in the county of Megantic, but has declined nomination. Mr. Frechette, ex-M.P., will probably be the Conservative candidate.

The corporation of Montreal are said to intend urging on the general manager of the Grand Trunk railway the immediate commencement of the new depot in Bonaventure street, according to the agreement between the two bodies.

Montreal has a very expensive toy in the shape of a park, which, on account of its distance from the city, is only enjoyed by a very limited number. It originally cost $2,000,000, and its working expenses are calculated at $20 per working hour for every day in the year.

A deputation of two officials of an English Mark Mason's Lodge in Montreal has proceeded to London to take counsel there from the Grand Lodge of England as to legally disputing the constitutionality of the Quebec Provincial Grand Lodge of the same degree.

One of the many defaulters in connection with the funds of the corporation of Montreal is at last being brought to account in New York, not by the city authorities, however, but by the Guarantee Company, who refuse to redeem his defalcations on the ground that the Montreal civic authorities retained him in their employment after his peculations were known.

The historical character who disposed of the letters containing the pacific scandal to Mr. Huntington for $1,000 has just shuffled off the mortal coil in Montreal. His name was Geo. Norris, and he had been a stenographic writer in the office of the hon. J. J. C. Abbott. Deceased has been latterly engaged taking evidence in the local courts.

Amongst other distinguished guests intending to honour Quebec with their presence during the meeting of the British Association are Dr. Ball, of Dublin, Astronomer Royal for Ireland, whose visit will be made the occasion of his giving a popular lecture on comets, and Rev. Silas E. Hackney, of Southport, England.

For some time past rumours have been rife as to the unsound condition of the walls of the splendid new church of St. Jean Baptiste, Quebec. A commission of experts was appointed to investigate and report upon the building. They have just reported that the inside wall upon which the tower was to rest has given way, and must be entirely pulled down and rebuilt. The cost will be over $3,000.

A firm, named Pledalne & Beaudreau, of St. John's, Que., has been purchasing all the hay in the surrounding country for many miles on credit, and has failed with no assets, after victimizing the farmers, it is reported, out of $150,000. The *modus operandi* resorted to by the parties to get the hay was by offering much higher rates than others. Beaudreau is offering five cents on the dollar as a compromise, and the other partner dare not show up.

Hill, a Montreal policeman had a marvellous escape from being shot with a revolver by a scoundrel named James McGauvan, who was trying by running away to escape being taken to the station. Finding the constable almost within arms' length of him, McGauvan turned around after pulling a pistol and fired directly at the constable's face, the ball whizzing over him. Officer Taylor, who was also in pursuit, came up before the would-be assassin had time to discharge a second shot, and made him prisoner.

At the semi-annual meeting in Montreal of the Provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons, the City and District Board was nominated a committee to investigate, with the Committee of Victoria College Faculty, now sitting, as to how the examination papers at the close of the session of Victoria were tampered with and became known to the students of that college before passing in their degrees. Some members of the faculty in question admitted the fact, but they have not yet discovered how the fraud was accomplished.

Capt. Cuthbert Augustus William Fornette, a British officer who served under the Iron Duke in the gallant 60th Rifles throughout the Peninsular war in the early part of this century, and who probably bore the war medal with many clasps for his services in many a battlefield prior to Waterloo, has just passed away in Montreal, greatly respected, in his 90th year. Deceased finished his military training at Sandhurst in its first opening. He was descended from a military family belonging to the Island of Jersey. His father was an officer in the same regiment before him, and was on intimate terms with the Queen's father, the Duke of Kent. The deceased was paid a visit by the Duke of Connaught, better known as Prince Arthur, while his royal highness was stationed in Canada, and the meeting was said to be very cordial. There are very few survivors of the most memorable campaign in British history remaining in this province; still, there are some who are drawing pensions regularly yet.

THE NORTH-WEST.

Prospectors are going to the mountains in hundreds.

Considerable contraband whiskey has been stolen at Calgary lately. The police are working up the case.

Two hundred dollars' worth of Kootenay gold has reached Calgary, and has been forwarded to Montreal.

Mr. Geddis, Conservative, will oppose Major Walker for the representation of Calgary in the North-West Council.

The stone-cutters have struck for $4 a day. There are about forty of the strikers. The employers say they can fill their places.

Two Icelanders were nearly killed on a hand-car near Lasalle, a pump handle striking one and precipitating him out of the car, which was overturned. The other occupants of the car were uninjured.

It is understood that the Manitoba delegation are satisfied with the result of their visit to the capital. Some of the claims they make will be granted, others will not. In all probability a re-adjustment of the debt upon the lines advocated by them will be admitted by the Dominion Government to be a just claim.

The sensational stories of trouble among the Indians of the North-West are purely inventions. The complaints of hunger and starvation among them are without foundation in fact, and are to be attributed to their chronic state of grumbling, in which respect they far transcend the average Grit newspaper. The reason for Chief Pie-a-pot leaving his reserve, which has been made the peg for so many alarming rumours of late by correspondents with vivid imaginations, is found in the simple fact that he was tired of it and wanted to attend the sun dance.

Mr. Simpson writes on the 30th April from Glover Beer, Alberta, about three hundred miles north of the Canadian Pacific railway, that ploughing commenced on the Indian farm at the Peace Hills the early part of the month. The farmers began their spring work between the first and the fifth of April, both ploughing and seeding. On the 24th of April there was a heavy rainstorm all day, which turned to snow on the 25th, since which time the weather has been bright and warm. The early sown grain is up and looking well. The ice left the Saskatchewan on the 21st of April. The water was very low, and there will be no freshet, the ice rotted away. The Edmonton and Saskatchewan Land Company brought in 400 bushels of red fife wheat from the Bell Farm, over three hundred bushels of which had been delivered to farmers. The Agricultural Society imported forty bushels and private individuals brought in sixty bushels.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Bluenose Shipowners and the Merchant Shipping Act.

ST. JOHN, N.B., May 17.—At a meeting of shipowners this afternoon to take action respecting the Merchant Shipping bill, it was resolved to forward a memorial to the Dominion Government to the effect that as there was doubt as to how the bill would effect colonial shipping, and as the Dominion Government have certain powers over colonial shipping, that they petition the Imperial Government to exempt colonial shipping from the operation of the Act. It was decided to interview Sir Leonard Tilley on the subject when he arrives in town.

Three Men Afloat on a Cake of Ice.

ST. JOHN, N.B., May 15.—Charlottetown advices state that three men of the steamer Tunstall, before reported sunk by ice in the straits of St. Lawrence, are missing. The steamer went down bow foremost in five fathoms of water six miles from shore. The captain and crew started for the shore, and all but three got there in an exhausted condition. The three men, for some unknown reason, started back for the spot where the steamer went down. They may be on the floating ice yet. A rescuing party has gone after them.

CASUALTIES.

Thos. McCormick, a carpenter, in taking down the frame work of a railway bridge near the Great Western railway station at Simcoe the other afternoon, was struck by heavy timbers, and his head crushed so as to be almost unrecognizable, causing his death. Deceased was a resident of Cayuga, and leaves a wife and two children.

A Horse Thief.

William Cain, a resident of the town of Barrie, has succeeded in getting himself into disagreeable notoriety as a horse thief. No less than four separate charges, all of recent date and to all of which he has pleaded guilty, have been preferred against him. Cain's field of action was in Gwillimsbury township, in the vicinity of the village of Queensville, where he was on Monday last brought up before Justices John Fairbarn and John Soules, and charged with stealing the following:—A horse owned by Robert Little, of East Gwillimsbury, on the 4th of March last, from the stables of Mr. R. Dunham, of Barrie; a horse owned by Wm. Selby, on the night of the 13th inst.; a democrat waggon owned by John Linskill, on the night of the 13th inst.; a set of harness, saddle, etc., owned by John H. Collins, on the night of the 12th inst. All the above parties reside in East Gwillimsbury. After a short search the whole property was found in Orangeville, and the theft brought home to the proper party. He was brought down to gaol yesterday morning to stand his trial at the County Judges' Criminal Court.

A Frightful Death.

About 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning one of the most frightful accidental deaths ever recorded in Hamilton took place. Charles Kirkwood, the unfortunate young man, was an employe at the rolling mills, and was employed as what is known as a "rougher on the guide mill." Kirkwood was lying on one side of a fly-wheel, and another rougher was stretched on the other side, while others were lying about in various places and positions, endeavouring to snatch a little sleep. The seats on which they slept were protected from the wheel by a boarding, but Kirkwood's feet caused his death. They were hanging near an unprotected gap. At exactly 3 o'clock the whistle was blown as a signal for the men to get up and proceed to work. Before the unfortunate Kirkwood awoke the engineer put the engine in motion. Before the ponderous wheel had made half a dozen revolutions the engineer noticed an object flying through space with the velocity of a cyclone, and strike the water-pipe. Instantly the steam was shut off, and a sight, which would cause the blood of a slugger to become frigid, was witnessed by Gus Post, the engineer. The head was as completely and cleanly severed from the body as if it had been guillotined, and it lay in the bottom of the pit, a shapeless mass. An car was the only recognizable part of the luckless Kirkwood's head. His limbs were also completely flattened, and if a pile-driver had done the terrible work it could not have succeeded better. Just how the deceased got himself entangled into the wheel is not exactly known, but it is supposed that while getting up he was somewhat dazed and accidentally came in contact with the wheel, which carried him speedily to destruction. Coroner Philp was satisfied that the accident was unpreventable, and did not think it necessary to hold an inquest. Kirkwood hails from Hazelton, Ohio, and had the reputation of being a good mechanic, and was admired by his associates and fellow-employés. He was single and 23 years of age. His remains will be cared for by his fellow-workmen until an answer is obtained to the telegraphic despatches sent to Hazleton.

CRIMES.

Henry Vansickle, an hotel-keeper at Otterville, died suddenly last November under suspicious circumstances. Recently Vansickle's widow and his bar-tender, who were married last Wednesday, were brought before the magistrate at Woodstock on the charge of murdering the deceased, and were remanded to procure further evidence.

Atcheson Nixon, the bigamist, was brought up to the Toronto Police Court on Monday to receive sentence. No further attempt at defence was made, and the prisoner was sentenced to one year in the Central Prison. John Geddes, who is also charged with bigamy, was further remanded for a week. The evidence against him so far was considered to be of a very unsubstantial character, and he was released from custody on his own bail. There is no doubt about his first marriage, but there is a difficulty to prove that his wife is dead, as no one has seen her during six years past. The marriage with the lady who claims to be his second wife has not been proved either, and so the case stands.

The St. Thomas Rioters.

ST. THOMAS, May 19.—The special Court of Oyer and Terminer for the trial of the rioters charged with the murder of Antonio Malette opened at the Court-house this afternoon before Mr. Justice Gait. Messrs. Colin MacDougall, Q.C., and J. Stanton appeared for the Crown, and D. J. Donohoe for the prisoners. The Grand Jury having been sworn, they were addressed by his Lordship, and the court was adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9.30.

True bills for manslaughter were found by the grand jury at St. Thomas on Tuesday against the prisoners charged with causing the death of the Italian Mallette at the riot on Good Friday. Two of them were tried, Andrew O'Brien and Edward McFadden, the former being found guilty and the latter acquitted.

The Lazier Murderers.

PICTON, May 16.—It is stated now that Joseph Tompsett does not deny being at Jones' on the night of the murder, but he says Lowder did the shooting. Lowder repudiates this with the statement that he was in the road when the shot was fired. The Lowders feel that in trying to save Tompsett George has been made to suffer more than he otherwise would have, while Tompsett's friends assert that the Lowders have been throwing the blame all on him. It is the general belief that both the prisoners will make a confession before the day of execution. One of the witnesses for the defence has stated since the trial that he was quite positive both the prisoners were at Jones' the night of the murder. The petition which is being circulated to have their sentence commuted is not being generally signed.

A petition for a commutation of the sentence to imprisonment for life of the condemned men for the murder of Lazier was forwarded to the Government from Picton recently. It is said to have between five and six hundred signatures.

Burglars at Work.

CALEDON EAST, May 17.—On the night of the 12th Mr. George Burney's tin shop was entered and $49 in cash, a revolver and other minor articles were taken. The burglars next effected an entrance into Mr. Cranston's store, in connection with which is the post-office. Here they went upstairs, when they became alarmed at the noise of the inmates moving and hastily decamped. Suspicion rests on two forbidding-looking characters who were noticed spying around the village.

GEORGETOWN, May 17.—The residence of Mr. Francis Clark, of Glenwilliams, was entered this morning by a burglar who succeeded in making away with $1,050 in cash. Mr. Clark arrived home from Windsor the day previous with that amount, which he placed in his pantaloons pocket and slept with them under his head. About one or two in the morning he became aware of their being gently drawn from under him, and sprang up in time to see a man leaving the room. Mr. Clark followed him down stairs and fired a revolver at him. As no trace of the ball could be found afterwards it is presumed it struck the burglar somewhere. The latter grabbed a chair and threw it through a window, and then sprang through himself and made good his escape. The pantaloons were found afterwards some distance from the house.

The Wall Shooting Case.

The preliminary investigation in the Wall shooting case took place at the Police Court in Hamilton. Mr. Crerar, County Crown Attorney, was present for the prosecution, and Mr. Carscallan appeared for the defence. The prisoner entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of shooting with intent to kill. Clarke, the man who was shot, was the first witness called. He swore that the prisoner, Wall, entered his bedroom and threatened to shoot him and also his wife. He informed Mrs. Clarke that he would give her five minutes to pray, and after considerable wrangling, the prisoner discharged the weapon, the ball taking effect in witness' arm. Two shots were fired immediately after, one of the balls lodging in the head of Clarke's child, a little girl. Witness then jumped out of his bed, and, while scuffling with Wall, succeeded in gaining possession of the revolver. Several witnesses for the prosecution were called, and corroborated Clarke's testimony. The last witness who took the stand was Jim Findley, the young man who accompanied Wall to the scene of the shooting on the night it took place. His testimony was all in favour of himself. He swore that he went with Wall to "have some fun," not knowing what was going to happen. He also stated that he remained outside until Wall emerged from the building in which the shooting took place. The pair then headed for Grimsby, and from thence to St. Catharines, at which place they were so cleverly captured, and from that point they were to proceed to Syracuse, N.Y. The magistrate considered that a *prima facie* case had been made out, and committed the prisoner for trial, bail being refused. Findlay was also committed.

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