

General News.

The Yarmouth County Temperance Convention has resolved to take steps towards the adoption of the Canada Temperance Act in the county.

Monday was Queen Victoria's sixty-first birthday. She assumed the throne June 20th, 1837, was crowned June 28th, 1838, was married February 10th, 1840, and was left a widow December 15th, 1861.

A dime-novel reader who went West to exterminate a few Indians, had not written home for a new crop of hair for two reasons—first, he hasn't enough money to buy a postal card; second, he is dead.—North-West Herald.

George Ball's marriage, which, after sundry denials and counter denials, seems to be an accomplished fact, continues to excite comment. The bridegroom, John Walter Cross, is considerably younger than the gifted bride.

An abstract of life assurance in Canada, just issued, shows the number of Canadian companies doing business in Canada to be 75; British, 18; American, 2; Canadian policies number 21,856; British, 8,865; United States, 20,263. The Canada Life does the largest business.

A rather peculiar marriage was recently celebrated in Trinity Church, Paisley, England. A woman known as "Granny Kilgour" aged eighty-four years, was married to a man named "Tommy," the "Granny" fifty husband. The marriage created so much excitement that the happy pair had to be escorted home by the police.

The following letters were written over the Ten Commandments in a Welsh church, and remained there a whole century before they were interpreted by the use of a vowel they form a two-line verse.

PR S V H Y P R C T M F. V L K F H S F R P C F S T N.

A FORTUNE FOR CAPT. TOWER.—The "Globe" says that Capt. Tower, who was recently convicted at St. John for scuttling the British ship, received news yesterday that he had drawn the \$10,000 prize in the Royal Havana Lottery. The drawing is said to have taken place April 25th. The lucky number was 1585.

Those yellow-covered books are still doing their work. Two more boys, one aged fifteen and the other twelve, ran away from their homes in New York, lately well armed with rifles, pistols, and knives of fearful workmanship, and started on a career of Indian slaughter. They were arrested last night, minus \$101, the \$125 which the younger warrior had stolen from his father.

Dominion counterfeit one dollar notes circulate about Ottawa. The paper is lighter and has a grayish appearance; the red ink numbers are smaller and ragged on the edges, as if printed with poor ink; the word "one" on the lower side of the bill has a faded appearance, and the word "note" printed in smaller type, immediately under the word "one," is printed in red.

The Russian Government is severely exercised regarding the ravages of the corn beetle. The losses to the farmers this season from the destructive pest are estimated at four millions to five million pounds. Dealers in American grain are preparing to take advantage of this calamity and sell the U. S. and Canadian wheat at very low prices. Professor Lindner asserts that unless the Government succeeds in the effort to eradicate the pest, the ravages of the corn beetle in Russia's future are gloomy indeed.

A TERRIBLE FALL.—On Saturday morning, James Dennis, a workman on the Custom House, while engaged with some others in removing a derelict, fell from the top of the building, a distance of about 65 feet. He alighted on a pile of stones, and was severely injured internally, and it is feared, received external injuries of a serious nature. He was moved to the Public Hospital, and at 11 o'clock last evening was still in a dangerous condition, though still conscious. Dennis is unmarried and about 38 years of age.—St. John Star.

Recently a telegraph operator named Thomas Holister was arrested in San Francisco by a Chicago detective. Holister had formed a habit of cutting telegraph wires uniting New York and San Francisco, and then to send East a despatch, dated at some station in the Sierras, saying that the cable was broken by an earthquake, had destroyed San Francisco and Virginia City. The object of the plot was to cause a panic in Pacific Mail shares, and to cause a rise in securities in the New York market, the panic to be taken advantage of by confederates.

Professor Henry tells us that the flashes of lightning often observed on a summer evening, unaccompanied by thunder, and popularly known as "heat lightning" are merely the light from a storm cloud, reflected from clouds, or perhaps from the air itself. A director of a certain telegraph line, on one occasion, to satisfy himself on this point, asked for information from a distant operator during the appearance of flashes of this kind, and learned that they proceeded from a thunder-storm then raging two hundred and fifty miles eastward of his place of observation.

A few days ago a young Englishman named Eliza Henry Deane came to this city with \$3,000 in his possession, intending to go to Colorado to purchase a stock farm. He took up his quarters at a hotel up town and waited over a few days to see the sights. On Wednesday afternoon he became indisposed. He accompanied her to a saloon in South Fifth avenue, where he robbed him of \$2,900 and got out of the way. He gave a description of the woman to the officers at headquarters, and they succeeded in arresting her. She gave her name as Eliza Ryan. She was taken before Justice Murray of Jefferson Market Court yesterday and was held in \$500 bail for trial.—New York Star.

OLD SILVER PLATE FOUND.—Mr. Edward Davidson, of Upper Falmouth, found on his farm, a few days ago, 12 pieces of silver plate. He discovered them by accident. The edge of one of the pieces was thrown up to the surface by the frost, so he removed the dirt away and found the others. The farm on which these pieces were found is the old Castle Frederick farm, and was formerly inhabited by the French, and afterwards owned by Governor DesBarres, father of the present Judge DesBarres. The Nova Scotia Historical Society are desirous of buying the lot, but we would hope King's College will secure them to their valuable collection. Castle Frederick has many historical associations connected with it, and still retains evidence of its being an ancient settlement, as very many relics have, from time to time, been dug up on the farm.—Windsor Mail.

TELEGRAPH NOTES FOR THE WEEK

Brackett, Texas, May 28.—This morning the most disastrous rain storm ever known here set in and it still pours in torrents. All of Brackett, except the portions on two hills is inundated. The floors of every business house are from one to five feet under water. Several men were drowned. Great anxiety is felt for the safety of families along Los Moras Creek. More than twenty persons have been drowned, and a dozen houses washed away.

Hartford, Conn., May 28.—A severe hurricane passed over Suffield and Enfield this afternoon, doing great damage. Frederick, May 26.—At White Rapids, eleven and a half miles below Grand Falls, at 3 a. m., to-day, while thirteen men, streamers, in the employ of Messrs. Miller & Woodman, Indiana, were crossing the river in a scow B overturned by low striking a rock, and three men, jumping from fright overboard, were drowned. London, May 28.—In the House of Lords, yesterday, the burial bill, and the bill of disincorporation of all churches and cemeteries without the Church of England service, was read a first time.

Glasgow, May 27.—The Acadia Country caught fire on the roof of the moulding and machine shop, about 5 o'clock this afternoon. Before seven or eight fire engines could be got in proper working order the fire had extended to boiler and blacksmith shops, all of which were completely destroyed. Very little saved. The casting building was saved without damage. No insurance. Banbury, May 27.—There are disturbances in the village, close to our frontier. On Monday three men, disguised as monks, with 25 followers, crossed the frontier and entered the village of St. John, where the governor was killed and the insurgents triumphant. Great excitement prevails on both sides of the border, and many Burnside are crossing into our territory. There are rumors of a great pitched battle, in which the insurgents were victorious. The Burnside remanifest, is allowed to have been stopped. Brooklyn, N. Y., May 26.—The oil works of Bush & Deslar, at the foot of Twenty-Fifth Street, were burned this morning. The fire was ushered in by a tremendous explosion. The shipping along the river front, and the buildings, which were extended nearly half a mile, was the most brilliant ever witnessed here. The lumber yard of Willard & Co. was also burned together with a small steamer and a schooner. The total loss is \$600,000. A watchman was burned to death.

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THE IMMIGRATION INDEX.

The present post seems likely to be unparalleled in the history of this country for the number of immigrants who arrive from Europe. Already more than 100,000 have arrived at Castle Garden since the 1st of January. Not less than 46,000 of these were landed in the month of April alone. The present rate of arrivals is said to be 4,000 per week; and according to the returns published by the steamship companies the volume of immigration for May has far exceeded that of any previous month. Several lines have found it necessary to put on extra steamers. The demand for accommodation is so great that the companies in advance are compelled to pay detention money to emigrants awaiting their turns. Should this influx of immigrants continue during the summer months it is probable that close upon 1,000,000 will land on the shores of the United States and Canada during the year 1880. This will imply an addition of 10 per cent. to the population of this country from foreign sources alone, and the fact of so many immigrants with marked prominence as a social and political phenomenon.

The nationalities of the immigrants who thus arrive are strongly mixed. They seem to come from every part of Europe. Out of 13,363 passengers who sailed from Liverpool during the month of March—of which 12,167 were bound for the United States—5,025 were English, 82 Scotch, 27 Irish, and the remainder from other parts of Europe. In the latter were Germans, Danes, Swedes, and Scandinavian, Poles, Spaniards, and in succeeding arrivals, the same nationalities were represented. Many of these bear the reputation of being thrifty, and industrious, able and willing to work, and it is possible that in the future money to enable them to make a decent start in their new life. These are valuable recommendations. They lay good foundations for success in the future. It is the healthy and industrious of the country; and such will eventually make their way.—A. Journal.

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