

go very far in shaping the views and choice of many pupils and we doubt if he can perform a better service either for the boys or for the country than by inducing as many as possible to choose farming as their life work and to go into it with intelligence and "a will." The soil is the source of all wealth and its cultivation is the surest way to comfort and a competence in Canada.

The Report of a Committee of the Board of Trustees of Queen's University, Kingston, setting forth the views of the authorities of that institution on the question of University Federation has been published. The paper is a clear and able document, and adduces some cogent reasons why that University is not prepared to enter the proposed Confederation. The cost of the removal of that institution is estimated at about a quarter of a million of dollars, and the trustees have at command no such sum which they could divert for the purpose. Removal would be considered a breach of trust by many benefactors who have contributed to Queen's at Kingston. But aside from these two practical difficulties it is strongly argued that the interests of higher education in the broad Province of Ontario demand more than one educational centre, and that Eastern Ontario needs its own University. In a word, the Authorities of Queen's do not acquiesce in the principle of centralization, and it must be admitted there is force in their contention, although in one part of the argument they seem to lose sight of the fact that the proposed scheme is a federation not a consolidation, and that each institution will retain its distinctive character and modes of working. Queen's will not, probably, come in, but from her peculiar position this must have been anticipated, and need not prevent the confederation of the other institutions.

The Week's News.

The Legislature of Ontario opened on the 28th ult.

The Nova Scotia Legislature meets on the 19th inst.

The Dominion Parliament commenced its session on Thursday, the 29th ult.

Judge Gowan of Barrie and Dr. Sullivan of Kingston, have been appointed to the Canadian Senate.

Italy has the colonizing fever badly. This Government is sending two expeditions to different parts of Africa.

The Pennsylvania Senate proposes to inflict corporal punishment on wife beaters.

The Scott Act was carried in Carleton on Thursday, by from 800 to 1,000 majority.

An anti-dynamite bill of a very stringent character has been introduced in the New York Legislature.

Rev. Charles Hamilton, of Quebec, was on Tuesday elected Bishop of Niagara, as successor to the late Bishop Fuller.

The negotiations for a treaty between France and the African International Association have failed. Portugal is blamed.

Fifty villages are reported to have been destroyed and two thousand lives lost in Malaga, by recent earthquakes. Thirty thousand persons have quitted Malaga to escape danger.

The property exempted from taxation in Toronto, according to a summary made up by the Assessment Department, amounts to nearly \$45,000,000.

Amongst the means proposed in London for putting a stop to dynamite outrages, are an extension of the Crimes Act to England and an improvement of the detective system.

The Dominion Government have determined to make the usual land grant to the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway, on the same terms as the grants to Manitoba Railways.

Mrs. Nichols, of Peterboro', has offered the Town Council a furnished suburban residence with extensive grounds, and an endowment of \$10,000, for the purpose of a public hospital.

An express train between Sydney and Waggawagga, New South Wales, went through a bridge into a creek. Forty passengers were killed.

The statue of the late Sir George Cartier, in Parliament Square, Ottawa, was unveiled on Thursday last by Sir John A. Macdonald, who eulogized the deceased statesman.

According to the British trade returns there was an increase in the imports from Canada in 1884, over those of 1883, as follows: Oxen, £145,000; cows, £16,200; wheat flour, £112,247; cheese, £197,000.

Tewfik Pasha, Envoy extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Sultan, officially denies to the British Ambassador that any outrages have been committed by Mussulmans on the Christians of Macedonia.

The schooner Arcana, from Portland, Maine, for Annapolis, Nova Scotia, foundered on Quaco reef, in the Bay of Fundy, in a terrible storm on Wednesday night, and nine men lost their lives, only one of the whole crew being saved.

Private advices from Panama to Washington give startling accounts of the mortality amongst labourers on the Panama Canal. The number of deaths in November alone is said to have been 109, and during the year 1884, 2400.

Several Government candidates were defeated in the late French Senatorial elections. As the general elections take place in a few months the news is said to have had a depressing effect upon M. Ferry.

Out of five British newspaper correspondents who were with Stewart's expedition, three have been killed and one wounded. One of them, Mr. Herbert, was Secretary to Lord Dufferin while the latter was Governor-General of Canada.

The number of books issued from the Toronto Free Library and its branches from the date of its opening in April to December 31st, 1884, was 179,506. The number of persons having made use of the reading rooms is estimated at 400,000.

The Right Hon. John Bright says, in a recent speech, that giving Canada the right to make her own commercial treaties, and the Project of Imperial Federation, both mean the entire freedom of Canada. Whenever Canadians thought that step necessary England would not object.

Chief Detective Cullen, of Greenfield, Mass., has notified the Grand Trunk Railway authorities that a plot exists for blowing up Victoria bridge. The company is taking extra precautions. The detective says that the dynamiters intend commencing a campaign in Canada.

Great fear was entertained in regard to the fate of three iceboats which left Cape Traverse, P. E. I., for Nova Scotia, on Monday last. After two days and a night of terrible suffering the passengers and crews reached Argyle Shore in an exhausted and frost-bitten condition.

After several days intense anxiety the British public were rejoiced to hear on Wednesday, news of Gen. Stewart and his heroic band. A series of battles have been fought, the Arabs being repulsed in every case with immense slaughter. The British loss has been comparatively light, but Gen. Stewart himself is severely wounded.

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