

## General News.

## CANADIAN.

The Governor-General will pay his formal visit to Toronto next March, on the occasion of the Queen City's semi-centennial.

The Napanee & Tamworth Railway has been completed to Yarker. The Ontario and Pacific railway has, it is said, so far completed preliminaries that work on the line will be commenced soon.

The builders of Toronto are threatening to reduce the wages of stonemasons.

*The Wick* is the title of a new literary journal, the first number of which has been published at Toronto. It has a fine appearance and advertises a very promising array of contributing and editorial talent.

Hon. Attorney General Miller, of Manitoba, and Hon. Attorney-General Mowat of Ontario, are holding a conference in Toronto in reference to the disputed territory.

A Conference in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association of Eastern Ontario was held at Perth during Thursday Friday and Saturday. There was a large gathering and an interesting meeting. Gospel meetings were held each night in the rooms of the Association and town hall, which were largely attended, and great interest was manifested. It is expected that the result of this Conference will be the establishment of new Associations in many of the towns in that district.

The election in Sunbury, to fill the vacancy in the Local House created by the death of Mr. Sterling, resulted in the election of Mr. Glasier, the Government candidate, by a large majority.

Mr. Craig, the manager of the Exchange Bank at Montreal, is missing, and it is supposed that he has absconded. He owed the bank \$226,000.

Two young men named Levert and Lebelance, aged 17 and 18 respectively, were drowned at Brigham's Creek, near Ottawa, while skating last Saturday. Their bodies were found shortly afterwards.

An unknown man was found in the Grand Trunk yards, Niagara Falls, at 5.30 Saturday a.m., frightfully mangled, having been, it is supposed, run over by the N. York express at 4 o'clock. The body is not yet identified, but is believed to be that of a stonecutter from Queenstown quarries.

A report from Digby, N. S., says the Government steamer *Newfield*, while towing a new ship last night near that place, parted the hawser, and the new vessel went ashore near Port Prim Lighthouse, striking against a bluff rock. Capt. Brown, of the *Newfield*, was on board the new ship with nine others, only two of whom were saved. Capt. Brown and seven other men were drowned. The men saved were James Dane and James Sol.

At Toronto on Saturday night, James Parkes, an old man suicided by drowning in two feet of water. His wife died some time ago and left him with six children, which were a great care to him, and this is supposed to have led him to commit the rash act.

A disastrous fire occurred at Rat Portage on Tuesday of last week, a considerable portion of the business part of the town being burned. The fire broke out about 7:45 in a barber's shop, and in a short time was communicated to adjoining buildings, of which the following were destroyed:—Morse's bakershop, Mulligan's saloon, Connell's saloon, Coale's drug store, Philpen's bakery, and McDonald's confectionery store. It was finally found necessary to bring powder into requisition and to blow up McDonald's confectionery store, and finally, at 10.30 a. m. the flames were mastered. All the buildings were frame. The various losses are unknown, but some are heavy, and none of the victims have any insurance.

Mrs. John Kleiser, of Berlin, who has not been of very sound mind for some time past, hung herself Saturday morning. She placed a picket of the fence across the staircase, attached a rope to it and her neck, and jumped off. An inquest was not deemed necessary. The deceased was about 70 years of age.

A fire at Paris on Tuesday, resulted very disastrously. It broke out in Turnbull & Thompson's block. The premises were occupied by Mr. James Muir, dry-goods merchant, and the stock amounting to \$16,000 was totally destroyed, insured as follows:—Hartford \$5,000, Western \$5,000, the building was insured in the Waterloo Mutual for \$4,100. James McRae, shoemaker, adjoining, loses \$4,000, insured for \$1,500; Charles L. Newell, fruit dealer, loses \$1,100, insured in Hartford for \$600. The *Paris Transcript* office loses \$3,000; insured in the National, of Ireland, for \$700, Gore Mutual, \$1,800. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A serious fire broke out on Wednesday in the large wholesale

house of H. Haswell & Co., drugs and chemicals, McGill-street, Montreal. The stock, which was insured for \$60,000, was almost wholly destroyed, and the building, valued at \$10,000, badly gutted. The total estimated loss is about \$50,000.

## UNITED STATES.

Congress has opened at Washington. The President's message has been read, and is a carefully-prepared and interesting document. It refers to harmonious relations with foreign powers, internal growth and prosperity, and suggests the appointment of a Commission to consider the fisheries question, as the present arrangement in regard to this will shortly terminate.

The Windsor Theatre, in New York, was burned on Thursday night. All the audience escaped. Loss \$300,000.

Three negro children have been burned to death in Columbia County, Ga. The parents went to church and locked the children up in their cabin.

Daniel Defaux, who was found near Detroit Junction with his legs cut off, died at the hospital. The deceased was a resident of Vienna, Ont.

A fire in the Masonic Temple at New York, on Saturday, did damage estimated at \$200,000. Two firemen were seriously injured.

By an explosion of gas in the mines of the Youngstown Coke Company, at Greensburgh, Pa., Tuesday morning, a man named Thomas was burned to death, and six or seven others seriously injured.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Mr. Chamberlain, President of the London Board of Trade, has pronounced, in very decided terms, in favour of the conditions of Irish parliamentary representation being greatly modified.

The Queen has approved the appointments of Sir Edward Sullivan as Lord Chancellor of Ireland, Mr. A. M. Porter as Master of Rolls, Mr. John Naish as Attorney-General for Ireland, and Mr. Samuel Walker as Solicitor-General for Ireland.

A new trial has been denied in the case of Joseph Poole, convicted of the murder of Kenny, and the prisoner will be hanged on the 18th inst.

A prominent invincible, now undergoing penal servitude, has offered to give important evidence against fourteen men to be tried for the murder of Mrs. Smythe, in April, 1882.

A collision occurred on a French railway near St. Meene, last week, by which eighteen persons were killed and fifteen seriously injured.

The German Ambassador at Paris has informed Premier Ferry that the German Crown Prince will pass through France on his way home from Spain.

The nuptials of Prince Louis, of Battenberg, and Princess Victoria, of Hesse, will be celebrated at Darmstadt in February next.

The Prussian Budget shows a surplus of twenty-nine million marks.

Nordenskjold is planning an expedition to the South Pole in 1885.

Egyptian affairs are in a very unsatisfactory condition. The European population have taken refuge at Berda. The Egyptian Government has ordered the local chiefs to protect the fugitives. The advance on the Soudan will begin upon the arrival of Baker Pasha at Suakim. His force will comprise 3,000 troops. It is understood the Egyptian Government has requested England to exercise its friendly offices with the Porte to obtain permission to enlist recruits in Turkey for service in the Soudan. The latest Cairo advices say that the Khedive has received a despatch from a wounded English commanding officer at Birkett, a point south of Kashgill, the supposed scene of Hicks Pasha's overwhelming defeat, saying that the Egyptian army of occupation is still in existence, and is being recruited with much energy.

There is no change in the Chinese situation. A telegram from Paris orders that all the available transports be despatched to Algerian ports, where they are to embark at least 12,000 men with provisions for seventy days and large supplies of ammunition. The greatest activity prevails in the arsenal here.

Eleven hundred Chinese troops passed Hong Kong to-day on their way to Canton. More are following.

The English squadron has arrived at Shanghai.

The conference at Sydney of the delegates of the Australian Legislatures has unanimously passed a resolution in favor of the annexation of the New Hebrides, New Guinea, and other South Sea Islands.

Mails from Peru bring advices of a serious uprising of Indians near Huarocayo, where the most barbarous outrages have been committed against the whites. Fire and lances have been indiscriminately employed. Flourishing haciendas are reduced to ashes, cattle are stolen, children led off in captivity, men butchered in cold blood and their heads placed on high poles to mark the scene of slaughter. Women are subject to the most terrible treatment.