

ECHOES OF THE WEEK

Canadian.

Samuel Wilmont, superintendent of fish culture, says the new hatchery at Tadoussac is one of the most complete of its kind in existence.

At the inquest held on the body of the unknown man found dead on the beach at Chateau Richer on Saturday afternoon it was identified as that of Paul Peloquin, aged 59 years, a patient of Beauport Lunatic asylum, who escaped from that institution on Easter Sunday evening.

The parish school at St. Jean Chrysostome, county of Levis, has been closed owing to the prevalence of diphtheria.

A habitant who arrived in Quebec from Lake St. John some days ago with six children has cleared out leaving five of them in the police.

Fred. Bennett, aged 26, committed suicide by hanging himself from a beam in his slaughter house at Belleville, Ont., between 9 and 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

Col. Amyot's Compulsory Voting bill has been considered by a special committee. Hon. C. H. Tupper, Mr. Flint and Mr. Lariviere refused to recognize the principle of the bill.

The contract for dredging the shoal in Hamilton harbor has been let to Mr. F. B. McNamee, of Montreal.

It is understood that the quarantine stations, which are now under control of the Department of Agriculture, will be transferred to the Department of Marine and Fisheries, which already has control of the Marine hospital.

Mr. A. W. Ross, M. P., states that as a result of the decision of Parliament not to place binder twine on the free list, a new cordage and twine factory to employ 200 hands will shortly be established at Winnipeg.

Miss Williams, of Guelph, Ont., has instituted legal proceedings against C. F. Whitley, of the staff of the Government Experimental Farm, Ottawa, for alleged breach of promise of marriage, claiming damages to the extent of \$10,000.

The Victoria, B. C., members had an interview with the Minister of Marine and Fisheries on Wednesday, and protested against the employment of Chinese cooks on the Government steamer Quadra.

The Peterboro spring assizes opened on Tuesday. Hon. Mr. Justice Rose presiding. The first case concluded was that of J. J. Brealey vs. William Swinton, J. L. Walton and Andrew Young, of North Monaghan, an action for damages for assault.

An old man named Truax, residing on a farm near Batavia, N. Y., killed his step-daughter with an axe because she wanted to go housekeeping on her own account.

A burning cinder cake set fire to the oil house of the Allentown rolling mills on Tuesday night. Workmen in their efforts to extinguish the flames upset a can of dynamite, which exploded, destroying the building.

William Astor died Tuesday night at the Hotel Liverpool, Paris. The cause was heart disease. Mr. Astor was the father of Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton and was greatly worried over the Borrowers-Fox-Milbank scandal, in which she was involved.

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smashed the doors and windows. The priest at the time was officiating at evening service and a volley of stones was thrown through a window, one of them nearly striking a face.

In Point Coupee parish, La., on Tuesday a robber entered the store of a wealthy planter named Cotter and demanded \$100 from Cotter. This being refused the robber shot Cotter dead.

The ferryboat Cincinnati, of the Pennsylvania railroad, while coming into the Cortland street slip went head on against the pier. Four persons were knocked insensible and there was a panic on board.

Plimmer Larvor, a negro of Niagara Falls, N. Y., annoyed at the crying of the three-year-old child of Henrietta Marshall, a colored woman, kicked the babe to death.

Fire broke out shortly before 8 p.m. on Wednesday on the stage of the Grand Central theatre, Philadelphia, and before it was subdued nearly a million dollars' worth of property had been destroyed.

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Ravachol and Simon, the Anarchists, were found guilty of the crimes with which they were charged in the indictment and were sentenced to penal servitude for life.

Sir James Joseph Allport, chairman of the Midland Railway company, is dead, aged 81.

Premier Rudini will accompany King Humbert during the Italian King's coming visit to England.

It has been arranged for King Humbert, of Italy, and the Austrian Emperor to visit Berlin simultaneously.

Henry Irving is very ill. He has partially lost his voice, and since Thursday has not appeared on the stage of the Lyceum theatre. He has gone to Hastings for a change.

Creamer and White, the young men charged with robbing Dix & Phylfe, bankers, of New York, of \$57,000, and who arrived at Copenhagen on the steamer Oakdale, were searched shortly after their arrest.

At a large meeting of Glasgow ship-owners on Tuesday it was resolved in view of the unprofitable state of trans-Atlantic carrying trade, to reduce the wages of seamen and firemen by ten shillings a month, and the pay of employees of other trades in proportion.

A dynamite cartridge was exploded on Tuesday afternoon in the hall of the residence of the Swiss Consul at Debourne, a suburb of Bourdeaux city. No damage was done, but the affair has caused much excitement.

The police have arrested twenty-five Anarchists at Roubaix, a large manufacturing town in the department du Nord.

A band of Socialists attempted to hold a parade in Riggio on Wednesday. They marched along singing the "Workingman's Hymn," and at last they acted so disorderly that the police dispersed them.

Two girls, Socialists, were arrested at Rotterdam on Tuesday for distributing on the streets copies of a pamphlet containing insulting references to the Queen Regent and the young Queen Wilhelmina.

The Government of Belgium is drafting measures to suppress Anarchism. Stringent laws will be adopted regulating the use of dynamite.

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Protecting Wages.

Seventeen-twentieth (or more) of our workmen are taxed in order to protect three-twentieths (or less) from the pauper wages of Europe. Who pays the pauper wages, and who pays the wages of our protected workmen? In a profitably conducted business the consumer of an article pays the amount that has gone for wages in its production.

Plucky Western Women.

Throughout the great west are scattered numbers of women who have grown wealthy as miners, ranchers and homesteaders. They owe success to the fact that they "got ahead of the men" by reason of superior pluck and shrewdness. One of the most conspicuous cases is that of two Los Angeles girls who recently visited Santa Fe and filed upon homesteads they had just located.

"The Greed of Labor."

The American Carpet and Upholstery Trade is the organ of the Philadelphia carpet trust and of the curtain manufacturers, who succeeded in getting Mr. McKinley and his friends to tax lace curtains sixty cents on the dollar for their benefit.

This is considered an outrage. The organ of the corporations says that lacemakers are demanding much more than is paid to the "bright and accomplished young women" who "work in stores like Wannamaker's for five to eight dollars a week."

"Artificial basis" is particularly good from men who have got a law passed to have their lace curtains taxed up to the price of goods of superior quality.

their goods sixty cents more than the goods are worth at a fair and profitable price, they are sure to attract attention when they complain that "wages extorted on account of the scarcity of certain classes of help is unjust to the manufacturer, since it tends to depress old and retard new industries."

Labor Must Fight Its Own Battles.

The failure of what has been known as the "anti-truck law" to run the gauntlet of the supreme court revives the old issues between employer and employee in regard to the abuses which exist chiefly in mining communities. The law was designed to protect mining and manufacturing operatives from extortion, and to provide that their wages should be paid in lawful money.

From the decision there is no further appeal to the courts, and indeed the decision is correct according to established law and precedent, just as the Dred Scott decision was correct, although it virtually announced that the negro had no rights which a white man was bound to respect.

It is amazing that among all employers of labor the owners and operators of mines should be the most insolent and brutal in prescribing and enforcing conditions which reduce their employees practically to serfdom.

In the absence of any power on the part of the legislature to interfere, the miners must apparently depend on compact organization among themselves, supported by a vigorous and unmistakable public sentiment wherever it can be aroused to their benefit.

When the Salvation Army Started.

The Salvation Army has been in existence thirteen years. It had its origin in a sensational way in the English town of Whitby, in the rough coal mining district of Yorkshire, where General Booth, at that time Rev. Wm. Booth, was doing humble missionary work.

A Definition.

The difficulty of defining certain very simple words is known to no one better than to the makers of dictionaries. The word Life has bothered definers a great deal; and one lexicographer was unable to do any better, in making his dictionary, than to adopt a schoolboy's definition.

The most elaborate scientific definition of the word does not define it better, because men of science do not really know what life is. In a certain text book of science, used in a great college, the definition of the word was the following:

Life is that property residing in an organism by means of which it is enabled to appropriate materials from other organisms, and assimilate them to its own structure.

There was in the class which was going over this subject a youth to whom an understanding of this formidable definition was utterly impossible. He was called upon, one day, by the professor, to tell what life was.

The student struggled hard to recall the definition, which he had laboriously committed to memory. But it had now utterly gone from him. He was not the youth, however, to sit down without making any answer at all, so he boldly said:

Life, professor, is all a fleeting show, He said it so sincerely, and the answer seemed to reflect so faithfully his feelings at the time, that the professor smiled, and said:

I don't know but that is as good a definition of it as any.—Youth's Companion.

It is reported that all open-air demonstrations on May Day will be prohibited in Spain. The German Emperor has arranged to start on a month's whaling trip on July 9th.

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