The Toronto World.

SIXTH YEAR — THURSDAY MORNING OCTOBER 22 1885. — PRICE ONE CENT

AN UNACCEPTABLE GIFT.

A SMALLPOX VICTIM OFFERS THE DISEASE TO A YOUNG LADY.

Fifty-one Deaths on Tuesday in Montreal and Vicinity—Seventy-one New Cases Reported—Vaccinated Hackmen.

MONTREAL, Oct. 21.—The sub-committee appointed to consider the delays in prosecuting offenders against the health laws has completed arrangements whereby a special court will be established to-morrow exclusively for the purpose of hearing cases of infringment of the regulations of the central board of health.

The citizens' committee has thus far issued 90 health star badges to hackmen, and those carters who hold these badges have had themselves and their families vaccinated. Orders have been issued by C. A. Spencer, assistant general superintendent of the Canada Pacific Railway company to the company's policemen at the depot to allow no cabs or cabmen to come inside the yard or take passengers from the depot who cannot produce a badge as well as a pass from a health office.

There were 37 deaths in the city yesterday from smallpox and 14 in the adjoining municipalities.

The medical health officer reports 71 new cases of smallpox yesterday, 51 of which were verified.

Mr. Thomas Trimble having volunteered his services gratis to the board of health was duly installed as superintendent at the central office to-day.

As a young lady 15 years of age was passing along Notre Dame street east yesterday, a man badly marked with smallpox was also passing. For some reason he went up to her and looking her steadfastly in the face remarked: "Will you accept the smallpox from me, miss?"

In a case in the police court to-day several witnesses were present who had come from a house where a man had died of smallpox. When it became known the court room which had hitherto been crowded was soon emptied.

The case of the young man Daoust, until recently a placarder in the employ of the health department, was up before Judge Dugas to-day, when the preliminary investigation into the charge of indecent assault was continued. The evidence adduced was very similar to that already given regarding the defendant having passed off as Dr. Laberge. His unbecoming actions in his examinations of women were borne out by the evidence of new witnesses. He will probably be committed to the court of queen's bench for trial.

The central board of health have adopted very strict regulations regarding isolation. The bodies of persons dying of smallpox during the present epidemic will not be placed in vaults but buried in the earth.

Last night a carter drove a man up to the health office suffering from smallpox. On being questioned the man said that his name was Pierre Caron and that he had come from Ottawa by the C.P.R., on a visit to his brother-in-law at Ste. Cunegonde. There Dr. Evouard said that he had smallpox and sent him to the civic health office. The medical health officer ordered the carter to take the man back to Ste. Cunegonde. At midnight the carter brought the man back again, stating that the authorities at that municipality would not receive him there, and as the man could not be left in the cab all night the medical health officer sent him to the smallpox hospital. The case will be reported to the central board of health and all parties prosecuted.

Rogue Certificates of Vaccination.

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 21.—Cases of refusal to produce a certificate of vaccination or submit to personal examinations on board of trains have been frequent, but in no case have the resisting parties been let go. This has led to a new traffic. An American in Montreal has been selling certificates of vaccination at 25 cents apiece. The following is a copy of one of them captured last night by a medical officer on the train bound west. The man who had it said he paid 25 cents for it, that he had never been vaccinated, and that they could be had at the same price without stint. The word "successfully" had been struck out of the original.

CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION, NO. 20.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that Charles Horton, aged 23, child of——, No. 73 Commissioner street, has been vaccinated by me. DR. LABERGE, per L. P. Dated Montreal, Oct. 7, 1885."

The Captain's Wife a Victim.

ROUSES POINT, N.Y., Oct. 21.—The canal boat James Dunn, Capt. Clark, arrived here yesterday from St. John's. On inspection it was found that the wife of the captain was suffering from smallpox. The boat was promptly quarantined. Another boat has been quarantined, as it is supposed that persons on board have been exposed to smallpox. Both boats were loaded with lumber for New York.

Epidemic in Peoria.

PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 21.—The local health authorities of Peoria have decided to take active measures for stamping out the smallpox, of which there have been altogether 38 cases and 7 deaths here. There were 5 new cases reported Saturday, 3 Sunday, 6 Monday and 4 yesterday.

Silks, Satins, Dress Goods, Gloves and Hosiery with from 25 to 50 per cent discount off at Farley's Bon Marche.

DISMISSED IN DISGRACE.

Punishment of Eight Haligonians who Deserted Their Colors.

HALIFAX, N.S., Oct. 21.—At a general parade of the 63rd rifles in the drillshed to-night an order was read containing instructions for the dismissal from the battalion of eight disgraced militiamen. The men were drawn to proceed to the North west last April with the Halifax Composite battalion, and on the morning of the departure were missing. They comprise one sergeant, one corporal and six privates. The sergeant and corporal are to be reduced to the ranks and then with the others dismissed in disgrace from the corps.

Home Rule Sympathizers.

PENETANGUISHENE, Ont., Oct. 21.—A successful meeting was held here last night in the interest of home rule for Ireland, Mayor Keating in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Capt. Wm. Moore Kelly, S. Fraser, (reeve of Tay), Rev. J. F. McBride, Wm. Steers (barrister), E. W. Murphy, and P. Ryan of the Midland Free Press. Resolutions endorsing the present Irish National party were unanimously adopted and contributions called for in support of the movement. The subscriptions on the spot amounted to $75.

Died of Lockjaw.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Last night Dan B. Harvey of Center street died of lockjaw, caused by a scald on his leg received in Petrolia while working in a cooper shop. The scald in itself was not serious, but unluckily he caught cold in the wound and inflammation set in, which speedily resulted in death.

LABBY WANTS TO FIGHT.

Being Given a Taste of His Own Medicine He Turns Sick at the Stomach.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The St. Stephens Review prints a letter signed "Mansfield" on behalf of Labouchere, editor of London Truth, challenging Allison, editor of the St. Stephens Review to a duel for writing scurrilous verses reflecting on Labouchere's ancestors. Allison appends his reply, refusing to entertain the "ridiculous proposal," as he says he has no wish to hurt Labouchere or to be hurt himself. He says he is unconscious of having abused Labouchere, whom he has always regarded as a subject for mirth, rather than for indignation. Allison proposes that an aged retainer be sent to meet Labouchere with horsewhips, the use of which he says Labouchere is understood to have learned from experience.

MICHAEL DAVITT ON HOME RULE.

His Idea of What it Means—Mr. Goschen Defines His Position.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Michael Davitt, speaking at Greenock to-day, maintained that home rule meant the possession of the same privileges as are granted to the Channel islands and the colonies of Great Britain. He deprecated protection against English goods.

Mr. Goschen in a speech at Hendon denied that he was at variance with his party. He adhered to Mr. Gladstone's program, but retained freedom to criticize extreme radical proposals.

LITTLE HOPE FOR RIEL.

The Privy Council Hear His Case and Adjourn Until To-Day.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The case of Louis Riel was under consideration by the privy council to-day. Mr. Jeune, the prisoner's English counsel, stated the prisoner's side of the case, and made a long argument on behalf of his client. After hearing Riel's counsel the judges thought it was not necessary to hear the other side of the case. Judgment will be pronounced to-morrow. The decision will probably be against Riel.

CABLE NOTES.

King Thebaw says he will lead his troops in person against the English.

The Shans have risen against King Thebaw and burnt some villages.

It will take a fortnight for the British ultimatum to reach King Thebaw.

The Anglo-Turkish Egyptian convention is declared to be satisfactory to the powers.

The strike having terminated at Ashton-under-Lyme, the mills are now running full time.

The porte has decided not to send troops into Eastern Roumelia without a European mandate.

King Milan has withdrawn the troops that were threatening Widdin, Prince Alexander of Bulgaria having protested.

The people of Berber have declared themselves independent and the governor has given in his submission to the khedive.

Mr. Spurgeon urges every Baptist church to establish a lay preachers' association and to encourage all members who are able to preach to do so.

The Cork cattlemen who are boycotting the Steam Packet company have chartered a Liverpool steamer and expect to obtain another, for the transportation of cattle to England.

Bulgarians on outpost duty on the frontier of the province of Adrianople have outraged a number of Mussulman girls and killed a peasant who was crossing the frontier.

Mr. Stead, of the Pall Mall Gazette, and the party committed for trial with him will be tried for the abduction of Eliza Armstrong at the central criminal court to-morrow.

The authorities of Woolwich arsenal have been ordered to supply 10,000,000 rounds of cartridges and 10,000 rifles for the expedition to be sent against King Thebaw of Burmah.

The neatest boys' school clothing is being produced this autumn by Messrs. Thos. Thompson & Son at the Mammoth House, King street east. The prices too, are very low.

Marriage of the Beautiful Tennie C. Claflin.

From the New York Sun.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—Some time ago I reported to the Sun the marriage of Victoria C. Woodhull to John Biddulph Martin, banker, of Lombard street and Hyde Park Gate, and a most felicitous and delightful marriage it has been. At the same time I hinted at the approaching marriage of her sister, Miss Tennie C. Claflin, and this event took place on Oct. 1. The happy man is Mr. Frederick Cook, a great merchant, a wholesale dealer in India shawls in St. Paul's churchyard. He lives at Doughty house, Richmond, one of the most beautiful spots in England, the mansion being upon a height overlooking the Thames and all that extensive and lovely valley which is so famous in literature.

Mr. Cook is also the proprietor of the celebrated estate at Cintra, opposite Lisbon in Portugal, which Beckford once owned and adorned, and which is now recognized by all artists and experts as the most marvellous picturesque and desirable country seat in Europe. A long description of it was lately published in the Gardener's Chronicle, with engravings, showing that its beauty is indeed extraordinary, combining the trees and flowers of both temperate and tropical climates. On account of the great additions and expenditures which Mr. Cook has made there, the king of Portugal has bestowed upon him the title of Visconde de Monserrate, and of course the name of his wife will henceforth be borne along with his in the records of the Portuguese nobility. In England, however, he is still Mr. Frederick Cook and she is Mrs. Frederick Cook, though he enjoys here a distinction unusual among merchants on account of his Portuguese title and the fact that he is the friend of royalty. He is also the owner of one of the finest of picture galleries.

So much for perseverance, truth, beauty, and courage. Two American women gifted and cultured, working unaided for social reform, are now filling high places in European society, and the names they have made will never die—Victoria C. Woodhull, true reformer and woman's friend, and her sister and fellow worker, Tennie C. Claflin! Rarely has so much genius been crowned with such splendid success. FIDELIA.

Two hundred silk umbrellas at half price, part of Forbes, Convey & Co.'s stock, is offered at Thos. Thompson & Son's, King street east.

Seized for Smuggling.

HAMILTON, Oct. 21.—To-day Mr. Gress, customs officer, Montreal, with the local appraiser, seized the stock of T. J. Carroll, a local jeweler here, on a charge of smuggling. The amount involved is $600. Mr. Carroll says all his stock was bought in Canada and denies smuggling.

EXPLOSION IN A MINE.

ONE MAN KILLED OUTRIGHT AND OTHERS FATALLY INJURED.

The Disaster Caused by a Naked Lamp on a Miner's Head—A Majority of the Victims Poles and Hungarians.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 21.—A terrific explosion of gas took place in No. 2 slope of the Delaware and Hudson coal company at Plymouth this morning. The accident was caused by a miner entering an abandoned portion of the slope which was marked dangerous with a naked lamp upon his head, thereby firing the gas. One man, Dennis Titus, is dead, and fourteen are frightfully burned, most of whom, it is thought, will not recover. Those burned are nearly all Poles and Hungarians. Titus was instantly killed, and when found lay 200 feet away from his kit of tools, which he was examining at the time. When the gas was ignited the men in the slope were thrown to the ground or against the ribs of gangways. The lights on their heads were extinguished by the shock of the second explosion and all were in confusion, making their way through the flames and managing with great difficulty to reach a place of safety. Thirteen or fourteen were horribly burned and breathed the flames to such an extent that their injuries are considered fatal. The shaft at which the explosion took place is one of the largest operated by the Delaware and Hudson Co., the average daily hoist of coal being from 350 to 400 carloads. Three Polish laborers have since died. It is feared this evening that nearly all the others of the injured will die.

THE KEY TO CHRISTIANITY.

Canon Farrar Discourses Learnedly on the Doctrine of Atonement.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 21.—In his address before the Episcopal church congress last night Canon Farrar said: "The doctrine of atonement is the key to christian faith. Its truths declared the reconciliation of man to God. Errors have arisen from theological subtleties, and sometimes a name has been given to some systematic theory of an atonement, but the belief set forth in the scriptures is the real doctrine of atonement. I say at once, and without fear of contradiction, that no theory of the atonement, no scholastic explanation of the atonement, has ever been accepted by all creeds, or can put forth any claims to catholicity. This is sufficiently admitted by all eminent theologians in every history of doctrine ever written." After referring to the various theories which had been put forward and zealously advocated for years, he said, "None of these theories have ever been stamped with approval by the church of God. They have, at the utmost, been left as permissible opinions in the region of unfathomable mysteries. In popular apprehensions all such theories are dangerously tainted with heresy." The cause of these errors, he held, was that they sprang from ignoring the fact that it had not pleased God to give us the plan of salvation in detail.

DIABOLICAL WORK.

Attempt to Blow up a Street Car in St. Louis With an Infernal Machine.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 21.—A startling development in the street car strike to-day was the discovery by the police of an infernal machine on the Washington avenue car tracks. The machine was a piece of two inch pipe two feet long and filled with gunpowder. At either end was affixed a gun-cap, so arranged as to communicate with powder within. The machine was laid along the groove in the track, and so arranged that the wheel of a car would discharge the cap as soon as it was touched. No arrests have been made. All the lines are running.

SECRETARY MANNING'S ORDER.

Its Disastrous Effect on Canadian Shipping by Boat and Rail.

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 21. — Secretary Manning's order prohibiting the shipment of grain or other articles in Canadian bottoms, except for export, has caused considerable excitement among shippers. The effect of the order will be to cause all shipments of flour and other shipments from Duluth, which are bound for New York, Boston or other American ports east, a large portion of which have been going via Collingwood or Sarnia on the Grand Trunk, to go via Buffalo and roads centering there.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

A live stock exchange has been organized at St. Louis, Mo., similar to the one in Chicago.

The grand order of railway conductors yesterday selected Chicago as the permanent headquarters of the organization.

The steamship Niagara from Havana arrived at New York yesterday with three of her crew suffering from yellow fever.

A foot of snow is reported from nearly all parts of the northern peninsula of Michigan, blockading the railroads. There was a light fall at Glena and Monmouth, Ill., Tuesday.

The ancient order of Hibernians of New York adopted resolutions last night cheering Parnell and pledging him financial support, also resolutions upon the death of Cardinal McCloskey.

Leland Sulgrove, assistant professor in the Indianapolis high school, was accidentally killed last night in the yards of the Panhandle R. R. Co. Two trains passed over the body, cutting it to pieces.

At the city waterworks of Lowell, Mass., yesterday morning five derricks fell, killing Owen Elmer, a laborer, and seriously, perhaps fatally injuring Jas. P. Roberts, city engineer, Patrick Mongowan, John Royal and William Clew.

On Monday night Edward Hodgson of Hazleton, general agent and collector for the Brewing company of Philadelphia, was knocked down near Shenandoah, Pa., and robbed of $600, and thrown down a mine breach one hundred feet deep. He was fatally injured.

The British bark Robert S. Besnard, Capt. Andrews, from Hiogo, Japan, laden with camphor and rags, attracts much attention at Portland, Me., on account of her crew, which consists of fourteen Japanese sailors, none of whom can speak a word of English or understand an order from their officers without the aid of signs. Andrews made the voyage from Hiogo in 157 days.

Sunday Newspapers.

TROY, N.Y., Oct. 21.—The Presbyterian synod of New York reconvened this morning under the newly elected moderator, Dr. Miller of Ogdensburg. Resolutions expressing condemnation of the publication and reading of Sunday newspapers were presented and held for further action. Resolutions urging Presbyterians to resist encroachments of the church of Rome, on the spirit and conduct of public institutions were referred to a special committee.

MARRIED HALF A CENTURY.

Mr. and Mrs. Tallman of Hamilton Celebrate Their Golden Wedding.

HAMILTON, Oct. 21.—Lieut. Col. Gibson and Capt. Adam left for Quebec this morning to investigate the defects of the ammunition factory there. They are members of the commission appointed for that purpose.

The members of Ambitious City lodge, I.O.G.T., last night presented James Wilde, Barton street east, with a valuable meerschaum pipe and a complimentary address.

It is not likely that young Hunt, who is now in California, will come here to prosecute Arthur Cline, the hackman who is charged by his son-in-law, John Sheridan, with misappropriating the $1000 bill. The Sheridan brothers have not been able to raise the $800 bonds required from each and are still in jail.

A scheme to improve the Masonic hall property is under the consideration of the directors. It is proposed to lower the ground floors and modernize the front of the building at a cost of $3500. One meeting has been held and the scheme approved of, and a general meeting of the craft in Hamilton will be held on the 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tallman, 90 John street north, celebrated their golden wedding last night. Their sons and daughters and their families, and friends to the number of 100, were present. The venerable pair are the heads of a family of 12 children, 38 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. They have resided in Hamilton since 1836, at which time there was no pretence of a town, the hospital at the foot of James street then being erected was the most pretentious structure in a radius of fifty miles.

David Winstone, 70 years of age, die in the jail to-day. He was a frequent visitor for drunkenness and vagrancy, and at the time of his death was incarcerated for insanity.

EXPORTATION OF DEER.

Twelve Carcases Seized at Black Creek on the Niagara.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Oct. 21.—Some ten or twelve deer, principally very young, arrived here per American express on the evening of 19th from Haliburton consigned to J. H. Allen and Charles Jenks, Black Creek, a village on the Niagara river, about midway between here and the International bridge. When loaded on an express truck and being transferred from the Grand Trunk depot to the M. C. R., seeing such a number consigned to such a small village the collector of customs, S. W. McMichael, made inquiries and found they had been shot by Buffalo parties near Haliburton for the Buffalo market and they were sent to Black Creek to be ferried across at that point to evade the Canada customs act for the prohibition of venison being shipped out of the country as well as the American customs duties. They were sent up by express yesterday morning to Black Creek, followed by special constable J. R. Dowd of Welland, who kept watch all day. About 9 p.m. last evening he caught Jenks about starting with a row boat load and at once confiscated the lot, and placed both Jenks and Allen under bail for violating the act, and brought all the venison here and to-day retailed it for what it would bring. Both Jenks and Allen plead ignorance of such act being in force.

BUCKSHOT AND RAZOR.

An Aged Man Found Dead With a Wound in the Abdomen and His Throat Cut.

STRATFORD, Ont., Oct 21.—On Monday morning last word was brought to the city that Alex. Aikens, an old man 90 years of age, living near Topping, in the township of Northeast Hope, had been found dead in a shanty belonging to one of his sons. Investigation proved that he had been shot through the abdomen with buckshot. His throat was also cut, evidently with a razor, which was found near by. An inquest was held by Dr. Hyde, coroner, and although nothing very definite was brought forward in the way of evidence, the circumstances surrounding the case seemed to indicate that Aikins came to his death at his own hands. The inquest was adjourned till next Tuesday.

THOSE C. P. R. CONTRACTS.

Further Claims Against the Company on Construction Account.

MONTREAL, Oct. 21.—In addition to Mr. MacCrae's action against the Canadian Pacific railway for $207,000 for a claim which the C. P. R. tried to cut down to $35,000 for bridge contract on the north shore of Lake Superior, another firm, Messrs. Conmee & McLaren, whose contract was for $1,500,000, and who had been paid all but $200,000, state that they were also treated in this manner, and have taken an action against the Canadian Pacific company in Ontario. The firm of Winslow & Co., who had a contract for $50,000 claim a balance of $5000 and extras of $25,000, and will take an action here in a short time for about $30,000.

Mistook a Boy for a Squirrel.

OTTAWA, Oct. 21.—Last night while Charles McNeil was out hunting he thought he saw a large squirrel in a tree near by. He discharged his shotgun and found the game to be a boy 16 years old who had left school to gather beech nuts. His name was George Foote. The discharge struck him in the abdomen and he fell to the ground. He was taken to Dr. Phillips' office, where it was found three shots had passed into the cavity of the bowels.

Evidently Incendiarism.

COLLINGWOOD, Oct. 21.—The large and handsome brick dwelling just completed, situated on the corner of St. Marie street and Ontario, built for the Rev. Father Kiernan, was completely gutted by fire, which, strange to say, started in an upstair wing of the structure. The house was not yet occupied, and was not taken off the contractor's hands. The loss will be from three to four thousand dollars; no insurance.

DOMINION DASHES.

Col. Otter's men are expected in Winnipeg to-day. The colonel has gone to the mountains.

The majority of Everett, the victorious tory in the election for St. John county and city, is 371.

The Dominion bank proposes to erect a building worth $20,000 for the accommodation of its branch at St. Thomas, Ont.

The clothing establishment of Donegan & Nish, a new firm at Morrisburg, Ont., was burnt out yesterday. No insurance.

Chang, the Chinese giant, has become an expert on roller skates, and is giving exhibitions at the Princess rink, London, Ont.

In the court of review at Montreal yesterday, Chief Justice Johnson presiding, a motion for a new trial was made in the libel case of Dixon v. the Toronto Mail, in which a jury recently granted the plaintiff $1 damages. The judge took the motion en delibere.

PREMIER OF DENMARK.

HIS ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION BY A PRINTER.

Two Shots Fired Without Effect—The Ministerial Policy Inimical to the Well-being of the State.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 21.—A desperate attempt was made at 5 o'clock this afternoon to assassinate Premier Estrupp by a youth named Rassmussen, a compositor. Rasmussen fired two shots from a revolver at the premier, but missed him both times. When in the act of firing a third shot the would-be assassin was seized by detectives, a number of whom have constantly been in attendance on the premier for some time past owing to the extreme hatred of the populace towards him and other members of the cabinet. Rasmussen was hurriedly taken to prison, the officials fearing that an attempt at resque would be made. The first shot struck a button on Estrupp's coat and glanced off. The second went wide. Rasmussen declares that his motives were political, as Estrupp's conduct in the present political controversy in Denmark is inimical to the state.

AN AFTERNOON TRAGEDY.

The Skulls of Mother and Daughter Crushed by a Tramp.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 21.—A terrible tragedy was committed about 2 o'clock this afternoon at the house of John Conway, dairyman, in a thickly populated part of the city. A neighbor entering the house found Mrs. Conway and her daughter Kate lying dead upon the bed in the inner room, with their skulls crushed, and the bed deluged with blood, which was yet warm. The girl was kneeling beside the bed, her head upon her mother's body. Marks of blood were found on the kitchen floor and the weapon of death, a car coupling pin, was discovered in the alley where it had been thrown. About thirty dollars in money was missing from the house. The most plausible theory is that the murders were committed by a tramp.

They Were Married at Montreal.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Oct. 21.—The celebrated case of Nellie B. Wilcox against Fred. P. Wilcox as heir of the late Otis N. Wilcox, was concluded in the circuit court this morning. The jury rendered a verdict giving right of dower and declaring that the parties were married in Montreal, and consummated the marriage under the laws of New York. Otis N. Wilcox left real estate valued at $50,000 and personal estate approximating $1,000,000.

Minnesota Millers Disgusted.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 21.—The Millers' association has voted to shut down on November 1. The reason given is that they cannot pay the present prices for wheat and sell their flour in the east on the basis of an advanced rate. They must either get cheaper freight rates or buy cheaper wheat. Millers claim to be running at a loss now, and unless the relative prices of wheat and flour come nearer together the only course left will be to stop making flour.

A Newly Married Couple Suicide.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 21.—Thomas Whiteley, a traveling man from St. Louis, was married last Saturday at Beatrice, and came to this city yesterday afternoon. It was noticed to-day that he and his wife had not been seen since they retired last night. The room was broken open and both were found dying from the effects of morphine. The case is supposed to be one of suicide.

Explosion in a Grocery Store.

MEXICO, Mo., Oct. 21.—A terrific explosion occurred in the grocery store of Petit & Lantz this morning, and in about two hours some $50,000 worth of property was burned. The fire was caused by an explosion of three kegs of gunpowder, but it is not known how the ignition took place.

Ribbons, Laces and Buttons, a straight 50 per cent discount off our ordinary selling price. The Bon Marche selling off.

IS BLUE RIBBON INTOXICATING.

Ex-Ald. Davies Can Drink Twelve Glasses Without Feeling It.

The appeal in the "blue ribbon beer" case came up before Judge McDougall yesterday. The appellant is Mr. David Wooten and the respondent License Inspector Dexter. Mr. Bigelow appears for the former and Mr. J. J. McLaren, Q. C., and Mr. F. E. Galbraith for Mr. Dexter. After some argument it was decided the onus rested with the respondent to prove that blue ribbon beer was intoxicating and to prove this a great array of doctors were summoned to court. Between those summoned on each side some twenty medical men were in court. The first called was Dr. Cassidy, and following him were Drs. Geikie, Wm. Ogden, Uzziel Ogden, S.E. McCully, Wm. Oldright, Jno. King and Prof. Shuttleworth. Their testimony was to the effect that about a quart of the beverage in question would make a man exhibit symptoms of intoxication, notwithstanding the evidence of Mr. Thos. Davies to the contrary, that whereas he could not drink a single glass of lager without feeling its effects he could drink ten or twelve glasses of the blue ribbon of an evening without feeling the slightest effects therefrom. The beverage was shown to contain 2.97 per cent. of alcohol. The case was adjourned till to-day when the other side will give their evidence.

Death of an Old Resident.

Another of the pioneers of the dominion has just passed away, at the ripe old age of 89. We refer to the death of Mr. Isaac Clare, who died on the 20th inst. at the family residence, No. 84 College street. Deceased was a native of Holt, Norfolk, Eng., and came to this country in 1836. He took up his abode in the city of Quebec, where he remained about five years. He returned to England with his family, and sojourned there for two years, but finding his native country not at that time conducive to his welfare, he determined to return to Canada, and located in Toronto. He purchased a lot on Queen street (then called Lot street) on which he built his shop and stores, where for about thirty-five years he carried on the business of veterinary surgeon and blacksmith. Mr. Clare had retired from business about ten years previous to his death. He was one of the pioneers of Toronto, a local preacher of the Methodist church, and trustee of the Queen street branch of the denomination. Though deceased lived to such a ripe age and filled well the alloted period of life, he will be much missed by a large circle of friends and fellow workers in the church with which he was connected. Deceased leaves a widow and three children—John Clare of London, Ont., Isaac James and Annie Louise, both of this city.

The Silver King.

This popular melodrama is having a good run at the Grand opera house. It will be presented every evening this week, with a matinee on Saturday afternoon.

THE FAIR AT WOODBRIDGE.

Large and Successful Exhibition—A Crowd of Visitors.

The event that annually stirs Woodbridge to the core is the union exhibition of the West York and Vaughan Agricultural societies. Then the smart little village dons her best rib and tucker, and welcomes the people from miles around to her show. The fair that opened Tuesday and closed yesterday was pronounced by old timers to have surpassed all previous efforts. The finest products of the well cultivated farms in the surrounding district were there in abundance. There were many superior animals among the live stock; of dairy produce, home manufacturers and ladies' work, the display was admirable. The attendance Tuesday was comparatively small but yesterday there were not short of six thousand people on the grounds. West York's yeomanry turned out in large numbers and many visitors from the city were present. Things were very lively; none of the scenes and attractions usually found at a country fair were wanting. The leading spirit of the show was N. Clarke Wallace, M.P. Born in Woodbridge, he has been everything in the village from prize boy at school and leader of the band to reeve and representative at Ottawa. He had the band at the station to meet the Torontonians, who were lunched and played up to the grounds. Among the people from the city were Col. Gray, M.P.P., who had a word and a nod for everybody, with a view of making himself solid with his constituents for a second term; Wm. Rennie, W. R. Hamilton and H. J. Hill, representing the Industrial Exhibition association; Ald. Saunders, Ald. Mitchell, T. H. Bull, Deputy Chief Stuart, George Eakin, J. D. Oliver, M. McConnell, Fred. Worts, J. H. Beaty, J. H. Mead, E. M. Morphy, Frank Turner, Capt. McKay, Chas. Burns, John Holderness, W. H. Doel, Sam Richardson, H. E. Hughes, Robert Davies, W. P. Atkinson, E. P. Roden, John Laidlaw, Hugh Miller, Robt. Swan and many others. James Speight and William Milligan came over from Markham and Reeve Tyrrell was there from Weston. Toronto contributed several side shows and fakirs, all of whom left with swollen purses.

One department of the fair cannot be passed by without comment. It is the butter. The quantity and quality of this very necessary commodity on exhibition was the subject of general remark and admiration. The display was far in advance of that at the Industrial; there were over 250 entries. No less than 67 entered for the special prizes given by Wallace Bros. Verily West York and the adjacent counties are the places for butter. The prizes offered in all the departments were liberal. Many specials were donated by local business people and by Torontonians.

All eyes, more or less, were turned on the horse ring in the afternoon. Mrs. Braun, of the Kingston road, drove off with the red ticket as the "best and most skilful lady driver," second place being awarded to Mrs. T. Brownridge of Brampton and third to Miss Chew of Weston, who came in too late to compete. Miss Louise Wright of Richmond Hill was declared to be the best lady rider, Miss Chew being second. For fastest trotting horse, T. Pinkerton, Schomberg, second, and J. F. Scholes, Toronto, third. Mr. Johnston also got the red ticket for the fastest trotting team, W. Whitmore, Woodbridge, being second, and E. Gallanough third. W. Whitmore proved to have the fastest trotting stallion; W. Walker, Thornhill, got second. The first prize for the fastest 3-year-old or under, trotting or pacing filly or gelding, was carried off by James Brown, Woodbridge, John Armstrong of Hornby being a close second. Henry Perdue had the best turnout—span of horses, carriage and harness. The program in the ring closed with a highly interesting affair. During the afternoon three Toronto gentlemen—T. C. Blogg, J. F. Rowan and Fred Cook (the Mail's fair Freddy)—had been eagerly scanning the faces of all the fair sex, with a view of picking out the handsomest lady on the grounds. Their task was not an easy one, but finally the unanimous choice of these professional judges of beauty fell upon Miss Sarah Wilkinson, of Woodbridge, who was called to the stand and presented by Mr. Clarke Wallace with a gold ring, Mr. Wallace declaring her at the same time to be the belle of the fair. Miss Wilkinson smiled, blushed and gracefully retired. The ring was the gift of Mr. Swan, who as Mr. Wallace neatly put, has such an admiration for the ladies in general that he cannot decide upon any one in particular and so remains a bachelor.

The fair closed at 5 o'clock, when the officers, directors, members, judges, guests, and a large number of friends adjourned to the Woodbridge hotel, where the annual dinner of the societies was held. After the repast, which was most tempting, John Abell assumed the chair, while N. C. Wallace did the honors at the lower end. Several toasts were drunk and responded to, among the speakers being Col. Gray, E. M. Morphy, Wm. Rennie, Wm. Milligan, W. P. Atkinson, Rev. Mr. Ford, Rev. Father Egan, Deputy Reeve O'Neil (King), Deputy Reeve Dollery (York) and E. P. Roden. Thus terminated the Woodbridge fair, which can justly be called a success.

Preparing for Col. Otter's Reception.

Ald. Steiner's reception committee met yesterday afternoon and considered the matter of tendering a fitting ovation to Col. Otter and the members of C company, S. I., on their return from the Northwest. It was decided to present Col. Otter and his men with a similar address as the one presented the city corps on their arrival home on July 23 last. The question of asking the mayor to proclaim a half holiday on the day of the arrival was discussed but the subject was allowed to lapse. The co-operation of the late reception committee and the citizens generally will be solicited. The returning soldiers will leave the train at the foot of East Market street, and march to the city hall, where the mayor, aldermen and citizens will receive them, and the address will be presented.

The ex-members of the Queen's Own met last night, and decided to turn out in full force to receive Col. Otter and C company. They will wear their badges, and march in the procession with the volunteers. Notice will be given in Saturday's papers of the time and place of meeting.

Enormous discounts; big bargains; Farley going out of business.

Concert at Woodbridge.

At the Woodbridge fair concert last night, Thomas Scole and Alex. Gorrie made a big hit, the former as the German Senator, and the latter with the song, The Man that Makes the Gas. They were encored several times.

Maples for the Green Isle.

Col. Gray will to-day make a shipment of young maples to the Earl of Annesley, who intends planting them on his estate in Down county, Ireland. Our national tree should live and flourish on the green isle.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York: Belgenland from Antwerp. At Antwerp: Peunland from New York.

RECKLESS AT SEVENTY.

A TRUE BILL FOR MURDER FOUND AGAINST "DEVIL JOE."

His Trial Postponed Until Next Assizes—An Ex-Insurance Agent Found Guilty of Forgery and Fraud.

SIMCOE, Ont., Oct. 21.—The grand jury to-day returned a true bill against Joseph Smith for the murder of John Armstrong in the township of Middleton last Sunday. The prisoner was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. On the application of his counsel his trial was postponed till the next assizes. He is a tall strongly built man nearly 70 years of age, and is married and has a grown-up family. He has not for a long time past lived with his wife, and, it is said, has been leading a reckless sort of life. The gun with which the fatal shooting was done is now in the possession of the county jailer. It is made of iron and very much resembles an umbrella handle in form and appearance. The ramrod has to be kept in the barrel when carried with the gun. There is an exploded cap on the nipple at the side of the weapon and the trigger requires strong pressure in order to set it off.

John Lemon, ex-agent of the Accident Insurance company of North America, was to-day convicted of forging a bond given by him to the company for the proper discharge of his duties. He was also convicted of obtaining money from a proposed insurer by false pretences, with intent to defraud. On a third indictment against him for forging and altering a policy of insurance in the company with intent to defraud, the crown offered no evidence and a verdict of not guilty was entered.

Any amount of goods less than half price at the Bon Marche.

THE VETERINARY COLLEGE.

Opening Lecture—More Than Half the Students From the United States.

Dr. Smith gave the opening lecture of the season of 1885-6 to a couple of hundred students of the Ontario Veterinary college yesterday morning. He briefly traced the history of the profession from the earliest times to the present. He sketched its progress in Europe and on this continent. He then referred to the origin of this college. Twenty-five years ago the idea of founding a veterinary college originated in the minds of the members of the board of agriculture. The principal promoter was the late Hon. Adam Ferguson. Dr. Smith engaged as principal. He has now occupied his present position twenty years. In 1869 part of the present building was built and in 1876 additions were made. It will soon be necessary to undertake extensive operations in order to afford accommodation for the increasing number of pupils. The lecturer concluded by heartily welcoming his students and admonishing them to diligence. A conversation with Dr. Smith revealed the fact that the institution is now self supporting, the revenue arising from the $50 which each student is obliged to pay for his year's tuition being sufficient for all running expenses. A competent staff is employed. The lecture and dissecting rooms are most convenient. A noteworthy fact in connection with the college are that nearly half the students are from the United States, where veterinary colleges abound. Moreover, in almost every open competition in essay writing, etc., on agricultural subjects which has taken place in Canada for several years, the prizes were carried off by graduates of this college. Several positions as lecturers on veterinary science in agricultural colleges in Canada and the United States are also occupied by graduates.

The Price of Coal Raised to $6 per Ton.

A meeting of the Toronto Coal exchange was held yesterday, and the question of raising the price of coal was considered. After some talk and as much unanimity it was decided to raise the price from $5 50 to $6 per ton. The advance will take effect this morning.

The Sale of Timber Berths.

The hotels were filled last night with lumbermen, here to attend the sale of provincial timber limits to-day. Hon. Mr. Pardee, the commissioner of crown lands, will do the honors, and Peter Ryan will do the auctioneering.

An Egg Puzzle.

Editor World: A market woman buys eggs at 2 for a penny and as many more at 3 for a penny, and, thinking to make her money again, she sells them at 5 for twopence. She, however, lost four pence. How many eggs did she buy, and what did she pay for them? R.

PERSONAL.

Judge Clarke of Cobourg is at the Queen's.

Mr. H. Merrick, M.P.P., is at the Walker house.

Rev. V. Clementi of Peterboro is at the Rossin house.

Geo. A. Cox and wife, Peterboro, are at the Rossin house.

Mr. John Charlton, M.P., Lyndock, is at the Rossin house.

Mr. W. C. Caldwell, M.P.P., Lanark, is at the Rossin house.

Senator J. S. Plumb of Niagara is stopping at the Queen's hotel.

Mr. Samuel Lount, registrar of the County of Simcoe, is at the Rossin.

Mr. A. P. Cockburn, M.P., North Ontario, is registered at the Queen's.

Charles Leland, the famous hotel proprietor, died at Long Branch on Monday at the age of 71.

Mr. Bell, the Guelph organ king and vice-president of the Traders' bank, was in town yesterday.

J. S. Peckham, Wanbaushene; B. A. Boas, Montreal, and J. W. Taylor, Montreal, are at the Rossin house.

It is stated that the Hon. Wm. Macdougall will contest South Lanark at the next general election as an independent.

Canon Farrar has consented to present to the Webster