

## FIRES.

Two saw-mills have been burned in Prince Edward Island, one at Tyne Valley, belonging to James Yeo, member of the Dominion Parliament, and another at West Point, belonging to Owen Campbell, the loss being several thousand dollars in each case. Two dwelling houses in Charlottetown, capital of the same Province, belonging to James Barrett, have been burned. Griffin & Grundy's foundry, Guelph, Ontario, has been burned; loss three thousand five hundred dollars, insurance one thousand. The main building of Hamlin University, owned by the Methodist Episcopal church, near Minneapolis, Minnesota, has been burned, the one hundred and twenty pupils escaping, and the library being saved; loss sixty-five thousand dollars. R. Forrester's dye-works, Halifax, Nova Scotia, suffered a loss of three thousand dollars, while the building was damaged to the extent of five hundred dollars. By a fire in the engine sheds at Hemmingford, Quebec, the Grand Trunk Railway has lost from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars' worth of property. The Royal Opera House, Toronto, has been burned; loss sixty-five thousand dollars, insured fifteen thousand dollars. Duncan McIntyre, Avonmore, Ontario, has had his house burned, the fire starting from a stove-pipe; loss about fifteen hundred dollars. The wet pulp mill of the Timonieroga, New York, Pulp and Paper Company has been destroyed, a loss of fifteen thousand dollars. A boarding house tenanted by one Fallensbee was burned at Newcastle, New Brunswick, lately, and many of the inmates escaped by jumping from the second story windows, one fireman had his arm broken and another made a heroic rescue of a child. Twenty-four draught horses and six mules were consumed in the burning of Lorillard's stables at Hoboken, New Jersey, a few days ago. George Vezina has had a fine cottage at Chateau Richer, Quebec, destroyed by fire, the loss being two to three thousand dollars, insured. The principal offices of the Intercolonial Railway at Moncton, New Brunswick, have been burned out. A fire causing a loss of one hundred thousand dollars has occurred in New York, the concerns affected being Broom & Smith, leather dealers, the Bell Printing Press Company, the Great American Engraving and Printing Company, Wessel's Printers' Warehouse and Hope & Co., galvanized iron merchants. At Rondout, New York, on Sunday morning, a fire started in a barber shop and spread to the building of the Cornell Steamboat Company, occupied by several ferry and railway companies, and also caught and burned the steamboat "City of Catskill," valued at one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The loss of the owners of the building is placed at twenty thousand dollars, and its occupants also lose heavily.

## CRIME.

Foul play is feared to have overtaken H. T. Plumb, a travelling salesman from New York, at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, where he disappeared from a hotel, and his overcoat and dress coat were found in a canyon near by, covered with blood. Maggie Crulet, in her twelfth year, was shot and killed in Philadelphia by Miss Catherine Burneson. A number of little girls were playing near that lady's window, when she raised the sash and fired a revolver among them, the result being as above stated. Miss Burneson claims that she thought the weapon was not loaded, and that she had only meant to frighten them with it. George Mahan, an engineer, was lately taken to the Bellevue Hospital, New York, suffering from delirium tremens. He was placed in

the Alcoholic Ward, and on the second day he knocked out the brains of another patient, with a chair, fractured still another's skull, and inflicted severe injuries upon the attendants who tried to restrain him. Mahan is thirty-four years old, six feet in height, and weighs two hundred and fifteen pounds. His relatives say he was a peaceable and industrious man until he took to drink a few months ago. James Livingstone, aged sixty, Berlin, Massachusetts, killed his wife with a hatchet, and then told his neighbors, saying both had been drunk and quarrelled. R. J. Smith, Lowell, Massachusetts, shot his wife dead and then shot himself fatally. Safe bursting is said to have become so prevalent at Council Bluffs, Iowa, that merchants leave their safes open at night to avoid having them ruined by explosions, and one of the mills had the combination posted above the safe, with a request to the burglars to use it and not injure the safe. A policeman named Watson, New Lots, New York, has been arrested for backing one of the contestants in a fight that came off in a room adjoining that where his court was held. Recently a Government benefaction called the orphan money was distributed among the Cree Indians in Arkansas, and one of the band who received two thousand dollars went crazy with delight and shot two of his sleeping companions. The camp was aroused, and in the attempt to capture the lunatic another man was mortally wounded. The lunatic went under a waggon and defended himself with fire-arms, but was soon shot dead. James Worthylake and Dennis Hutchinson quarrelled over an old score subject at a dancing party in Digby county, Nova Scotia, and fought outside, and Worthylake was shot dead, and his antagonist received a bullet wound in the breast which was expected to end his days soon. A policeman has been arrested at Council Bluffs, Iowa, for stealing a watch, and the case is believed to be the beginning of an investigation into much bad conduct on the part of the police. H. C. Gurney, an accountant in the Durham, Ontario, branch of the Toronto Bank of Commerce, lately left for parts unknown taking fifteen thousand dollars with him, and leaving a thousand or two more in doubt. The bank is secured for five thousand. John G. Buchan-Hepburn, son of Sir Thomas Hepburn, a Scottish baronet, has been murdered by riotous miners whom he was trying to conciliate, in Chihuahua, Mexico. Milton Yarberry, who was guilty of many murders, was hanged at Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the murder of Charles Campbell. Joseph Lavington and Charles Fields, sneak thieves who have been operating in the hotels of Toronto, have been sent to the penitentiary for three years. A messenger of the Murray Hill Bank, New York, was jostled on a street car and robbed of a wallet containing eleven thousand dollars. A French widow, named Adele Peanne, has accused Francois Desplane of inducing her to come to America under promise of marriage, and then absconding with two thousand dollars' worth of her property, leaving her and three children destitute. Patrick Canning and William McElrath, employees of the Commissioner of Jurors, New York, have been arrested on a charge of corrupt and gigantic fraud. It is estimated that they had four or five thousand customers among prosperous citizens, from whom they annually took a fee of one hundred dollars each, in return for which the citizens were assured against having to serve on juries.

A PANIC FROM SMALL-POX exists in the south-western parts of Virginia, where several towns are smitten.

## FRANCE.

Prince Napoleon has been released from imprisonment, the Tribunal quashing the indictment for treason against him. The Radicals are violently excited against the administration of justice for the release of the Prince. The latter, with his son Louis, has gone to London on a visit to the Empress Eugenie, who, however, is reported as having recently disclaimed any sympathy with his pretensions. The bill for the expulsion from France of all members of former reigning families has been the cause of a very exciting discussion in the Senate. Admiral Jaureguiberry opposed the bill on the ground that it made martyrs of the Orleans Princes, who were never hostile to the Republic, and he would prefer a law not aimed at persons. The Minister of Justice announced that the Government had agreed to abandon the bill and accept a proposal made by Senator Bardoux, to the effect that the princes might be expelled by decree of the President if their acts threatened the safety of the nation. This proposal was rejected by a vote of a hundred and forty-eight to a hundred and thirty-two, and the first article of the Government bill was defeated by a vote of a hundred and seventy-two to eighty-nine. M. Waddington, a Republican Senator, then proposed that any prince found guilty of furthering pretensions endangering the state, shall be banished; trial to take place before the Court of Assizes or before the Senate sitting as a High Court, and this proposal was adopted by a hundred and sixty-five to a hundred and twenty-seven, and afterward sent to the Chamber of Deputies, where it was referred to the committee that had charge of the Government bill. The health of M. Fallieres, the new Premier, is shattered, and he cannot therefore retain the position. Different statesmen are mentioned as likely to be given the duty of forming and leading a new Ministry, as the present one will likely resign if its bill on the question of the position of princes is rejected by the Legislature. In Paris the feeling of uneasiness is said to continue, and business to be stagnant, with the people yearning for strong government. The Communists are rousing themselves to prepare for the anticipated general elections, and M. Felix Pyat, a fire-eating and dangerous Communist journalist in the troubles of 1871, has revived the publication of the newspaper in which he then advised the destruction of certain prominent monuments, residences and churches. Germany is said to feel excitement over the elevation of General Thibaudin to the French Ministry.

DR. HAFE was exploring a chasm near Atlanta, Georgia, and became lost on the Tallulah Falls bluff. He was discovered on a Sunday evening on a narrow ledge, three hundred feet down the bluff and a hundred feet above the water. At daybreak he was clinging to the almost perpendicular wall, and it seemed almost impossible to rescue him. Five men, however, took ropes and worked their way down until they got within fifteen feet of him. They then threw him a rope, which he fastened about his body and was thus let down to the ground.

MR. BINGHAM has introduced a bill in Congress to have a commission of seven appointed to investigate the telegraph business of the country and ascertain if anything can be done to cheapen telegraphic communication.

MRS. GORDON, an old woman of fifty-seven, in Toronto, was recently frozen to death on the floor of her house, where she lay down in a drunken state.

## THE WEEK.

SIXTY SHEEP were smothered in a box car overturned in deep snow in the Grand Trunk yards, point St. Charles, Montreal.

THE SENATE OF NEW JERSEY has passed by eleven to nine the bill prohibiting the manufacture or sale of any intoxicating drink.

"HEAD MONEY," or the tax of one dollar for every alien passenger brought into New York port from a foreign port, has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

THE INDIANS in ARKANSAS are greatly excited over the threatened attempt of colonists to enter upon their reservation. Troops are guarding the border, but no intruders have as yet appeared.

SAMUEL HARTAN, of Wilmington, Delaware, one of the most prominent shipbuilders of the United States, has died in Vienna, Austria, aged seventy-seven, leaving an estate worth over two millions.

INDIAN ALARMS are revived in New Mexico territory, the savages that are feared being supposed to be the same as those recently deprecat in Mexico, and the settlers are said to be wholly unprotected.

TEN YEARS OF SERVICE were decreed for a portion of the slaves in Cuba from the proclamation of emancipation, and the anti-slavery societies of several provinces of Spain are now agitating for having the emancipated slaves relieved from such an extension of their thralldom.

THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW JERSEY has come to the help of the rural municipalities by passing a bill to tax corporations on the same basis as individuals, and let the proceeds go into the treasury of the counties containing the property so taxed. An excited discussion took place over the bill, in which it was stated that railways now paid the State six hundred and forty-three thousand dollars in taxes, whereas if equitably taxed they would pay over three millions annually.

THE HEADQUARTERS of a bad lottery swindle have existed for years at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada, and the local authorities apparently could not suppress the concern, as it only dealt with persons at a great distance, who did not care to go to the expense of bringing the swindlers to justice. Circulars have been sent broadcast advertising the lottery, but no drawings are ever held, and only enough small prizes are given to serve as baits. It is said that the present session of the Dominion Parliament will deal with the matter, and legislate with a view to make some international arrangements with the United States for the suppression of such institutions.

AT WIGAN, in England, there lives a young lady, now dying of consumption, who for several years has desired to make Mr. Gladstone a birthday present, her own birthday occurring on the same day as his own, but she never ventured to do so until last December, when she made a bookmark, worked in silk and bearing the words, "The Bible our guide," which some friend of hers forwarded with her explanatory note. Some days afterward she received by rail from Hawarden a box containing a very choice selection of camellias and ferns, and some fine English grapes, with notes from Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone inclosed. Mr. Gladstone's was as follows: "I am greatly touched by your kindness in having worked a bookmark for me under the circumstances at which you glance in such feeling and simple terms. May the guidance which you are good enough to desire on my behalf avail you fully on every step of that journey in which, if I do not precede, I cannot but shortly follow you."

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