

ver and 30 per cent. of lead was taken from this small specimen. It is considered that even 20 per cent. of silver is a good paying investment. It is scarcely to be wondered at that the whole neighbourhood is excited, and when spring opens, fully two-thirds of the residents of this township will be out prospecting in the hope of discovering some equally rich bonanza. Mr. Mooney has sold a half interest in his mine to Mr. R. H. Walker, of the firm of Walker & Leggitt, of Newark, N. J. These gentlemen are largely interested in mines in Passaic, N. J., Marquette, Mich., and Silver Islet, Thunder Bay. He also placed the remaining half interest upon the market in the shape of shares, at \$100 each, to be limited to \$200, retaining some 40 shares for himself. The remaining shares were quickly bought up by leading business men.

THE NORTHERN SHRIVE.—The Perth, Ont., *Expositor* says:—A bird has lately made its appearance about town, called the Northern Shrive, which has been killing the sparrows in large numbers. It has a grey head, with pink wings, and a bill like a woodpecker. They should be killed wherever seen.

A SHEEP KILLER.—A wild dog of Alexandria Bay, near Kingston, has killed about 250 sheep since the winter set in.

A SLIDING ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday night of last week, a crowd of boys took advantage of the beautiful moonlight to indulge in coasting on Telegraph Hill, Ottawa, and among them was a lad named Johnny Burnett, son of the widow Burnett, of Albert street. After several of his companions had "run the gauntlet," this little fellow mounted his sled, and started down the hill at a lively rate. Before he had proceeded far the sleigh was knocked out of the narrow course, and he was precipitated 20 feet below, his head striking on a stone and producing a fracture of the skull. Medical assistance was immediately summoned, and the lad removed to his home. The unfortunate boy lingered through the night in terrible pain, and the next day death put an end to his sufferings.

MONTREAL FIELD BATTERY PRESENTATION.—On Friday afternoon of last week the Battery mustered at the Drill Shed, the occasion being the presentation to Gunner Thomas Walker of the Dominion Artillery Association money prize, and also the medal given by Capt. Kings, of the Welland Field Battery, for the highest individual score in the Dominion. The score was 46 points out of a possible 52, being the highest number obtained by any gunner in the Dominion. The Montreal Field Battery made the highest score, as a battery, of all the batteries in the Dominion.

OPENING OF THE NORTH SHORE RAILWAY.—The first through train by the North Shore Railway from Montreal arrived at Quebec at 9.30 p.m. on Feb. 9th. Several hundred people were at the depot, and had been waiting for some hours for the arrival of the train. Loud cheers, rent the air as the cars moved into the station, and after some remarks from Mr. Joly, a torch light procession was organized and escorted the Premier to his residence on the Cape. At Terrebonne bridge Mrs. Joly drove the last spike, a silver one, of the road, sending it well home by her own efforts, with a silver hammer presented her by the contractor, Hon. Thomas McGreevy.

ICE-HARVESTING.—Ice-harvesting is rapidly progressing to the east of Isle Ronde, Montreal. Our readers will have an idea of it from the sketch.

MOUNTAINS OF SNOW.—The sketch in the corner represents St. Denis street, opposite the Deaf and Dumb Asylum. Ever since the snow-fall this street has been the admiration of the lovers of the beautiful snow, which seems to have accumulated there from the heavens, the mountain, and the neighbouring streets. Corporation men are busily employed cutting a sidewalk daily, but, as one pithily remarked, "The more you shovel, the more there comes." Shortly after passing the reservoir there is a snow wall some fifteen feet in height. In the rear of the St. George's cricket field the road is impassable.

AN AVALANCHE AT CAPE DIAMOND.—A snow avalanche from the cliff at Diamond Harbour, Quebec, last week, partially smashed in a building of considerable dimensions and importance.

THE LATE RT. REV. DR. BETHUNE.—The Right Rev. A. N. Bethune, D.D., D.C.L., was appointed Coadjutor Bishop to the Bishop of Toronto (the late Dr. Strachan) in 1867, under the title of Niagara, and became Bishop of Toronto on the death of Bishop Strachan in 1868. Bishop Bethune was looked upon in Church circles as a man of great learning and piety. He was of the High Church School of thought, and gave his countenance and assistance to those clergymen in his diocese who belonged to that school.

THE LATE POET DANA.—Richard Henry Dana was born at Cambridge, Massachusetts, Nov. 15, 1787. He was the son of Francis Dana, Minister of the United States at the Court of Russia, and Chief Justice of Massachusetts. He studied, but did not graduate, at Harvard College, was admitted to the bar of Baltimore in 1811, and removed to Cambridge, U. S., in the following year. His tastes being chiefly literary, he became connected in 1814 with the *North American Review*, then just established, and his earliest writings, "An Essay on Old Times," and an article on the poems of Washington Allston, first appeared in that periodical, of which he became part editor in conjunction with Professor

Channing in 1818. With some assistance from Mr. Bryant, the poet, he published "The Idle Man" in 1821. "The Dying Raven," and "The Husband's and Wife's Grave" appeared in the *New York Review* in 1825, and "The Buccaneers" in 1827. Mr. Dana delivered, in different places in the United States, in 1839-40, a course of ten lectures on Shakspeare.

THE EXECUTION OF MONCASI.—The attack on King Alfonso was made by Moncasi as his Majesty was passing from the great central plaza of Madrid, the Puerta del Sol, through the Calle Mayor toward the royal palace. The King was attended by a guard of honour, but rode ahead of his aides. Moncasi, who stood near the arched passageway into the ancient Plaza Mayor, where were performed the awful acts of the Inquisition, fired twice at his Majesty, the second shot taking effect in the hand of an aide who rode up to his rescue. The culprit was at once secured. The examination of the prisoner began on the second day after the shooting. The public prosecutor conducted the investigation with the utmost rigor. The court appointed counsel to defend the accused, who had declared to the magistrate at the prison that he did not wish to choose his own lawyer. According to the custom in Spain, the lawyers of Madrid are obliged in turn to take up such cases when the persons interested can not afford or do not choose to select counsel. The counsel appointed was Senor Jimenez del Cerro. He displayed much zeal in the cause of Moncasi. He requested the Court of Appeal to allow him to examine the witnesses, and to permit the examination of Moncasi by two medical men whom the defender named in his petition. Both requests were granted, and the public prosecutor on his side named two eminent physicians, who visited the Saladero Prison on October 30. The four doctors questioned the accused, and he answered all their queries with great readiness. They reported, after a second visit at a later date, that Juan Oliva y Moncasi was quite sound in mind. One of the physicians desired that more information should be obtained from the family and native place of Moncasi, and Senor Jimenez del Cerro directly filed another petition claiming this inquiry, on the ground that the accused was reported to have been detained for several months in a lunatic asylum. The judge did not consent to this petition, and he only prolonged the delay granted for the medical investigation of the prisoner himself. The trial resulted in condemnation to death, and the sentence was carried out on the 4th of January. Hanging was long since abolished in Spain, and the garrote substituted for the barbarous gallows. The method of execution is clearly shown in the engraving. The culprit is placed on a seat, his back leaning against a strong upright post, to which an iron collar is attached, inclosing his neck, and so contrived as to be drawn home against a sharp steel point by turning a powerful screw behind the post. The arms and legs of the culprit are tightly bound. When all is ready the executioner takes the lever of the screw in both hands, gathers himself up for a powerful muscular effort, and at the moment of a preconcerted signal, draws the iron collar tight, while an attendant flings a black handkerchief over the face. The sharp point severs the bones of the neck, and a momentary convulsive pressure of the hands and a heaving of the chest are usually the only visible signs of suffering. Death is instantaneous.

ARTILLERY PRACTICE AT ST. HELEN'S ISLAND.—The Montreal Garrison Artillery held their annual target practice the week before last, on St. Helen's Island, commencing on Wednesday, the 5th inst., and lasting until Friday. The duties necessary before the practice, namely, clearing the storerooms and battery of snow, bringing the guns, 24 pounders, into position and mounting them, and placing the target on the ice, were very readily performed by the men. The distance was 1200 yards, and the five rounds allowed each man consisted of 3 solid shot, 1 common shell, and 1 shrapnell. Capt. Short, of "B" Battery, acted as umpire, and Lieut. Sheppard, also of "B" Battery, took charge of the range party. Lieut.-Col. Fraser, in command of the Brigade, was present; also, Capt. Molson, Acting Adjutant, and surgeons Major and Brown, alternately, according to militia regulations. The officers commanding the various batteries attended while their own squads were firing. The prizes, presented by the Dominion Artillery Association, are a silver medal and two badges, for the first, second, and third, respectively, of each battery. The prize winners are as follows:

- No. 1 Battery—Gunner Hyndman, Corporal Denman, Sergt. Farrow.
- No. 3 Battery—Corp. Brunell, Gunner Aiken, Sergt. Hibbins.
- No. 4 Battery—Gunner Pilgrim, Gunner Fenner, Corp. Mount.
- No. 5 Battery—Gunner Sharpe, Gunner Plow, Sergt. Andrews.
- No. 6 Battery—Sergt. Linklater, Gunner McLeod, Sergt. Cunningham.

The highest score, 38, was made by Gunner Sharpe, of No. 5 Battery.

The noise caused by the heavy guns brought a great number of spectators across the ice from the city, who were much pleased at the opportunity afforded them of witnessing the efficiency attained by this branch of the Montreal force.

A RARA AVIS.—A large black bird, resembling a crow, was seen in front of the Court House, Montreal, the other day, busily engaged in pecking into the food that had been thrown out for the sparrows, and at the same time keeping the little birds at a respectable distance.

ECHOES FROM PARIS.

A WOVEN book has been manufactured at Lyons, France, the whole of the letter-press being executed in silken thread.

THE Emperor of Austria has presented to Madame MacMahon a purse embroidered in the style of the thirteenth century, with her armorial bearing in pearls.

THE Italian Commission of the Paris Exhibition has presented the Queen of Italy with an album representing the most notable objects of the Exhibition. It is really a very beautiful *souvenir*, worthy of the Exhibition and of the Queen to whom it was presented.

THE genius of M. Gustave Doré has at length obtained official recognition in his own country. He appears among the promotions in the Legion of Honour recommended by the Ministry of Fine Arts. M. Doré has been raised to the rank of Officer in the great national order of merit. The same honour has been conferred on M. Paul de St. Victor, distinguished as a dramatic critic; while M. Lamoureux, the conductor at the opera, and M. Emile Pessard, the composer, have been made Chevaliers.

A COUPLE of members of the French Academy claim to have made an astounding advance in dentistry. They profess to be able to take out a tooth, stop it, and put it in again! They further declare ability to substitute a sound tooth (not artificial) for a decayed one. In each case the consolidation of the tooth is said to occur in ten or twelve days. One of these scientific Frenchmen, M. Magitot, asserts success in fifty-seven cases of the first kind out of sixty-two operations.

THE fan of fans for this winter is the Camargo fan. It is of Louis XV. in style, and in material of white or coloured satin, embroidered in flowers and moss foliage. The frame is of mother-of-pearl. On black satin, this coloured embroidery of flowers and moss is marvellously effective. For mourning, the fan may be embroidered in white flowers, lilac flowers and silver. A Camargo fan costs £4 English money, and it is the cheapest of all this winter's fashionable fans. But there are cheaper fans; as, for instance, the plain silk fan, painted with flowers, which may be had from ten to fifty francs according to the mounting. Japanese fans cost thirty francs. The ladies admire them very much. Japanese hand screens are equally in favour, and do not cost much.

A WARNING to romantic young ladies who fall in love with "distinguished foreigners" is afforded by a case which is just now the talk of the fashionable world in Paris. It appears that recently the French police received notice from the Austrian authorities that a young lady belonging to one of the highest families in Hungary had run away with a gentleman, and the couple were believed to be living in Paris. The police there were not long in finding them out. They had taken an apartment in an hotel in the St. Honoré Quartier, and the gentleman had given his name as that of the Baron Johann de Wirst. On examination it turned out that the distinguished visitor was only the *valet de chambre* of a count living in the neighbourhood of the chateau inhabited by the young lady's parents near Pesth. He had written a number of love-letters to her representing himself to be an Austrian nobleman, and promising to marry her as soon as they arrived in Vienna where his property lay. Before leaving Pesth the *faux baron* robbed his master of several thousands of francs, with the help of which, added to a somewhat polished exterior, he succeeded in throwing dust in his foolish victim's eyes. The young lady has been sent back, bitterly repentant, to her family, while the *valet de chambre* has been handed over to the Austrian authorities, who, it is to be hoped, will make him pay dearly for his heartless conduct.

ECHOES FROM LONDON.

It is stated that a trial of the electric light will shortly be made at the reading-room of the British Museum.

It is expected that the Archbishop of Canterbury will officiate at the marriage of the Duke of Connaught.

It has been proposed to introduce the electric light into the London ball-rooms—as it will improve the aspect of the fair dancers, and keep the room cool. The idea of a cool room at present is an addition to the horrible.

THE bronze lions in Trafalgar square are beginning to wear away already. Not one of them is without incipient signs of decay. This is very bad. The British Lion evidently will not do without some kind of protection in this case, a coat of colour.

It is regarded as a certainty that Queen Victoria intends going to Germany this year. It is expected that after visiting the grave of the late Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt, Her Majesty will go to Cobourg, where she will make a longer stay.

By the first week in March it is hoped that the second section of the Metropolitan bridges—Lambeth, Vauxhall, Chelsea, the Albert, and

Battersea—will be opened toll free to the public. By August next it is considered probable that the whole of the bridges within the Metropolitan area will have been freed from toll, both for vehicle and passenger traffic.

A VERY curious literary fact is that Lord Houghton has actually not only competed for the literary prize of £5 5s. offered by a weekly newspaper, but has so answered the questions put as to carry off the money. This is not a little remarkable, for that so old and distinguished a man should try at all is curious, while that he should win is not less notable.

HUMOROUS.

BOOKS are man's best friends. They never go back on him when he lends them to a neighbour.

A CONTEMPORARY tells "how to utilize" old fruit cans. Give a boy a string and a strange dog and he needs no further directions.

PROBABLY the happiest combination in all this wide world, during these merry winter days, is half a mince pie with a boy around it.

THE schools are deprived of the presence of many a boy who has just enough of a sore throat to keep him at home in the back yard building snow forts.

A CORRESPONDENT wishes to know if we are the author of the "American Encyclopedia." Well, no—no; not exactly the author of it. We killed the canvasser, however, if that is what you mean.

JONES, through the lather: "Strange, I never can grow a good beard, and yet my grandfather had one three feet long." Hair-dresser: "Can't account for it, sir, unless you take after your grandmother."

MUSICIAN: You say you have a desire to become a musician, and have a good ear for music. Judging from the ear on the photograph enclosed in your letter, we should think you had a better ear for a lead pencil.

MRS. PARTINGTON again: "Poor man!" said the old lady, "and so he's really gone at last! Ninety-eight, was he? Dear, dear! to think how that if he'd lived two years more he'd have been a centurion."

It is all very well to talk about economy, but the difficulty is to get anything to economize. The little baby who puts his toes in his mouth is almost the only person who in these hard times manages to make both ends meet.

"CAN a man belong to a brass band and be a Christian?" asks an exchange. We see no impediment in the way. But if he is given to practising at home, it is an utter impossibility for the man living next door to be a Christian.

"WERE there cats in the ark?" is a question that is troubling the religious edifier of an exchange. Certainly there were, and the first thing they said after leaving the ancient craft was, "If there's Ararat round here we want to gopher it."

A CONCITED young man, in talking with an aged clergyman, said, with a most dogmatic air: "I never believe anything which I cannot understand." The old clergyman mildly responded: "Then, young man, it is probable that your creed will be a very short one."

Two little children went to church alone in Westfield, Massachusetts. They became tired during the long sermon, and the older one, supposing that school rules held good in churches, led his sister up in front of the preacher and said: "Please, sir, may we go home?" He said "Yes," and they soberly walked out.

A PROVIDENCE youngster fond of visiting museums, of a speculative turn of mind and very affectionate, startled his mother the other day by remarking that if she died he would stuff her, so that he could sit in her lap all the time. He afterward added, "When I die, if I don't go where you are, I'll come back and die over again."

ECCLESIASTICAL.

THE venerable George Lovick Pierce, the oldest minister of the Southern Methodist Church, has become very feeble. He is now in his 93rd year.

IN the ten years ending in 1871 the Roman Catholics of New South Wales, Australia, increased from 99,193 to 145,932, being a larger percentage than any other denomination could exhibit.

THE Memphis Synod of the Southern Presbyterian Church has rejected an overture asking for the formation of a coloured presbytery, on the ground that at present it is not expedient.

THE receipts of the Baptist Missionary Union to January 1 of the present year were \$117,131 12, or \$28,542 77 more than to January of the preceding year. The financial year ends April 1.

At the invitation of Bishops of the American Episcopal Church, Rev. W. J. Knox Little, rector of St. Albans, Chesham, has left England to take part in mission service in several cities of Canada and the United States.

THE English Church Union claims a membership of 17,750, including 10 bishops, 2,500 clergymen, the remainder being laymen. During the past 10 years the Union has spent nearly £40,000 in defensive litigation.

THE "Revised Book of Discipline" of the Southern Presbyterian Church has been rejected by the first presbytery which has voted upon it. The book has been repeatedly revised, but rejected and sent back for further revision in every instance.

At a Methodist revival at Clifford, Ind., the other day, an elder of the Christian Church, who was present as a visitor, was invited to pray, but had not gone far when he began to incorporate in his supplication his views on baptism, whereupon the presiding minister stopped him summarily.

IN obedience to the bishop's order, the choir of the Church of the Gesu at Montreal has been reorganized so as to exclude all female singers. The fine music at the late evening services, which began just as the Protestant congregations are coming out, have always drawn great numbers of Protestants to the Gesu.

THE oldest Bishop in the Church of England is Rev. Alfred Ollivant, Bishop of Llandaff, aged 81; the youngest is Right Rev. Rowley Hill, Bishop of Sodor and Man, aged 43. The oldest prelate of the Irish Episcopal Church is Right Rev. John Robert Darley, Bishop of Kilmore, aged 79; the youngest, Right Rev. Robert Samuel Gregg, Bishop of Cork, aged 45. The oldest prelate of the Scotch Episcopal Church is Right Rev. Robert Eden, Bishop of Moray and Ross (Primus), aged 75; the youngest, Right Rev. George Richard Mackarness, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, aged 56.