

General News.

CANADIAN.

A large deputation of temperance men waited on the Attorney General of Ontario on Wednesday to urge upon the Government certain amendments to the Ontario License Act.

A full report of the proceedings of the Grand Council of the Royal Templars will appear in next week's CANADA CITIZEN.

The coroner's jury in the Susan Gibbs murder case has returned an open verdict.

The Scott Act vote in Prince county, P. E. I., was:—For repealing the Act, 936; against 2,582; majority against, 1,646.

The Nova Scotia Legislature opened Thursday afternoon with a speech from Lieut.-Gov. Richey.

Theophilus Smith, aged 32 years, a married man, while chopping trees on his farm, lot 10, concession 6, Lobo, Ont., on Tuesday, the 12th inst., was struck by a falling limb and killed instantly. He leaves a wife in straightened circumstances.

James Hallady, twenty-seven years of age, son of Mrs. Hallady, a widow of Colborne Township, Ont., while cutting firewood in the woods got caught by a falling tree and had his right thigh broken, and while Drs. Young and Sloan were amputating the leg the young man died.

Sylvester Hughson, while felling a tree in the forest at Raleigh a few days ago, allowed his saw to get bound on the stump. In extricating it the tree fell upon him. He died a few hours after being taken home.

The brick dwelling of H. S. Martin, Lindsay, was destroyed by fire last Saturday, together with a law library valued at \$5,000 and the whole of his household effects. The family had a narrow escape.

A few days ago, as Mrs. Pennington, an aged lady residing on lot 15, con. 2, Adelaide township, was going about the house, she suddenly dropped dead. One of the family went to Strathroy to send the sad news to her son, John Pennington, who was living in Kansas. On the messenger reaching Strathroy a telegram was handed to him stating that John and his wife had both been murdered some days before.

Great excitement prevails at the village of Woodburn, Ont., over the suicide, on Sunday afternoon, of Walter Sturch, aged 15, son of Joseph Sturch, of Grimsby. He lived with Mrs. and Miss McGilcuddy. His body was found suspended from a beam in front of his bed with a strap round his neck. No cause whatever can be assigned for the deed.

A sad drowning accident occurred at Dipper Harbor, N. B., last week. Wm. Thompson, Henry Devine, and James O'Brien left their vessel in a shuff for the purpose of hauling their nets some distance off shore, and while going around the eastern point of the Harbor, being close to the shore, the surf broke on some sunken rocks, capsized the boat, and James O'Brien was drowned. Thompson and Devine were saved.

Mr. J. P. Beall, a commercial traveller, of Montreal, and widely known, jumped from a train on Tuesday, and received fatal internal injuries. He died at seven o'clock the same evening. He had been on the road seventeen years.

Spencer & Co.'s carriage and saddlery hardware store, at Oneida, was burned on Tuesday night. Saunders & Root, hardware, were damaged by smoke. The losses aggregate \$60,000.

At Bowmanville a frame building, owned by Lewis Quick, was burned on Monday night. The losses are as follows: Lewis Quick, hardware, stove and tin shop, total loss. Wm. Worfolk, hair-dresser, shop and furniture, total loss: David Davis, boot and shoe shop, partly saved.

UNITED STATES.

Great damage has been done in many states by the high floods resulting from the recent thaw. Thousands of people are left homeless, and many lives have been lost.

Three hundred oyster pirates have been shut in by armed vessels in Lower Chesapeake bay. Two piratical crafts were captured. There has been no resistance thus far.

A syndicate representing five millions has been formed at Philadelphia, to organize a steamship company.

At Milwaukee, Jerry Starnold, a telegraph operator, shot Bridget Eagan, the cook at the depot restaurant, and put a bullet into his own brain. Both will die. Starnold was desperately in love with the woman, who refused to marry him.

The steamer *W. P. Holliday* was burned at St. Louis on Tuesday morning. The watchman was seriously hurt. Loss, \$1000,000.

The manufactory of Phillips' Electric Cable Company, at Philadelphia, was burned last week. Four firemen were seriously hurt by falling timbers. Four miles of copper cable for the United States Cable Company was destroyed. Loss, \$28,000.

At Hot Springs, Arkansas, a serious fight occurred in consequence of a refusal to permit the opening of a gambling house. Five men were shot; two of them are dead.

At Centralia, Pa., three young men named Gelger have been poisoned by eating canned tomatoes. Their deaths are momentarily expected. Two children in the same family are suffering from the same cause.

Two colored women in Philadelphia quarrelled about a valentine, and one shot the other fatally.

The Norwegians in Minneapolis have subscribed \$400 to aid in the work of dethroning the King of Norway and Sweden. It is said the Norwegians in other cities have taken similar action.

At Dayton, O., eighteen drunken men boarded a Toledo, Cincinnati, and St. Louis coal train on Saturday at Middletown, and took possession. They seriously injured the conductor and brakeman. The latter was so seriously beaten that he cannot survive. The engineer was compelled to cut loose the engine to save his life.

The factory of Grossman and Klucker, at Allantown, Pa., was burned last week with a number of small buildings. Fifteen firemen were buried by falling walls. Chas. Miller, Wm. J. Lehr, David Clauss, Mahlon Bitting and John Handschue were killed. Streams of water were immediately directed upon the ruins covering the victims, which prevented a number being burned to death.

The Salem Coal Company's mines, at Shickshinny, Pa., are on fire. It is feared they will have to be flooded. This will entail great loss. The fire originated through the carelessness of a miner.

At Uniontown, Pa., Alpheus Wilson, aged 60, and his son Frank had been drinking together and quarrelled. It ended in the father ordering Frank to leave home. The latter complied, but in ten minutes returned and called his father outside. The old man started for the door, but before he could reach it Frank drew a revolver and shot him dead.

James Gratton, aged 35, threw himself in front of a train at Detroit, just as it was leaving the city, and was horribly mangled. Gratton was a cooper, and formerly lived at Hudson. The next day John Turner, 47 years old, blew out his brains with a shot gun, in a stable in rear of Roehm's meat-shop.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The British steamer *Sirrocco* arrived at Liverpool Monday and landed five men of the crew of the barque *Champion*, abandoned in mid ocean. The survivors had been clinging to the rigging for four days, were starving and badly frozen. The captain and seven of the crew had been washed overboard.

The London *Times* blames Lord Salisbury and Lord Stafford Northcote for not boldly declaring their policy.

Reports from all districts of Lancashire state that the operatives are unfavorable to the agreement to settle the strike. Mass meetings have been held at Darwen and Blackburn, at which resolutions to continue the struggle were adopted. Fifteen thousand striking weavers at Blackburn marched through the streets toward the house of a manufacturer, whose effigy they also carried. The police ordered the crowd to disperse, and finally charged them, injuring several of the marchers. The ensuing disorder was so great that the Manchester police were called upon for assistance.

The powers are about to come to an agreement for carrying out the work of civilization begun in Central Africa by the King of the Belgians.

The press law is being strictly enforced in Spain. Three editors in Palma, Majorca, have been condemned to eight years' imprisonment for violation of the law.

The French naval division of the Levant has been ordered to extend the sphere of its action to the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

Mount Etna is in a state of eruption. Strong earthquake shocks were felt before the eruption began.

The Social Democrats in Berlin are making vigorous preparations for the coming elections. The police yesterday broke up two meetings of workmen. The Government, which has hitherto been unconcerned, is now closely watching the present movement.

Advices from St. Paul de Loanda, the capital of the Portuguese province of Angola, West Africa, are that an attack has been made upon whites by muscular natives. During the fight an explosion of gunpowder killed forty natives.

Advices from West Africa, dated January 14, state that the King of Kinjaboo had assembled troops to resist the Anglo-French commission for marking the boundaries. The English commissioner had sent for assistance and French men-of-war were landing troops at Assinee. Lieut. Thompson, special commissioner, had been surrounded, and serious riots had occurred at Accra and Quitta, and had been attended with considerable loss of life. Smallpox is raging at Coomassie.