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AN AWFUL TALE OF DEATH.

WHAT THE SURVIVORS SAY OF THE B. & O. DISASTER OF TUESDAY.

The Engine Driver of the Freight Train Was Drunk, It Is Said—The Sufferings of the Doomed Passengers in the Burning Carriages.

TIFFIN, O., Jan. 5.—The worst has not been told of the wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio seven miles from here. Engineer Keeler of the freight was drunk, according to the statement of his conductor, Fletcher. Both men escaped. So did the engineer of the colliding passenger train, Lem Eastman, but Fireman William Frederick was caught between boiler and cab and so mangled that he died at 5 last evening. In less than five minutes from the moment of the collision, and before an organized effort at rescue could be made, the fire of overturned stove communicated to the woodwork, and the flames leaped high in the air, the roar mingling with the cries of anguish of the imprisoned victims, to whom death in its most terrible form was a horrid presence. The train men and uninjured passengers were powerless, and could only look upon the pyre and hope for a speedy termination of the suffering of the victims.

The smoker contained from twelve to twenty passengers, some of whom were immigrants, and but two men escaped alive, and one of them, an Irish immigrant, was so terribly bruised and burned that he cannot recover. The name of the man who escaped uninjured could not be learned.

Survivors in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Among the survivors of the wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, who arrived here early this morning, Harry Forrester of Baltimore was the most seriously injured. To a reporter he said: "I can't tell you much about the way the thing happened. It was as quick as a flash, and how I got through the millions of splinters and falling timber I don't know. When I got up the cars were on fire and I could hear the people all crying out in agonized tones for help. I was somewhat dazed, but these cries brought me to a realization of the calamity. The sights were terrible. There seemed to be wounded people everywhere, and all were crying for aid. I was covered with blood from the wounds on my head, and could not do much to assist. The groans of those in the burning cars were awful. I was near the express messenger, who was killed, and the baggageman, Gates, who had all the flesh nearly torn off one of his legs. There were only four of us, I think, out of eighteen who got out of the smoking car."

Prof. Francis Kendall of Crete, Neb., said: "I was sitting in the first-class coach which was coupled just in the rear of the smoking-car and ahead of the two sleepers. Our first intimation of danger was the sharp application of the brakes and the reversing of the engine with such suddenness that we were thrown forward in our seats. Then came a deafening crash in front of us, and our car was shaken up as if by an earthquake. All the glass in the windows was broken, we were thrown all over the car, and the women screamed. We all got out as quickly as possible. The baggage and smoking car were one pile of kindling wood, and had already caught fire. We tried to aid those at work on the burning cars, but the heat was so intense that we were driven back. There were several persons to be seen in the flames, but they were beyond human help. Some of them were alive and their cries could be heard. We then ran forward to the engine. Here we found the fireman jammed in between boiler-head and water-tank. With axes, saws and timbers we worked for nearly an hour to release him, but without success. He was caught by the lower limbs, and he finally died before our eyes, having uttered hardly a word, though conscious till the last.

"The statements made concerning the cause of the disaster by the crew of the freight train were very conflicting. The general excuse given was that they thought there was time to reach Republic before the express arrived. They knew they were running on the time of the express, but Tiffin and Republic are but five miles apart. They did not agree as to whether the freight was standing still or moving. A brakeman said the freight was moving slowly, while others of the crew said it was standing still, having become stalled. There were probably sixty people on the train, and about thirty of them came on to Chicago on the train with me. It was the most sickening and horrible sight that a man ever saw."

Several of the passengers tell substantially the same stories. All unite in saying that the death of W. H. Parks, who is supposed to have been connected with the Knights of Labor statistics at Washington was undoubtedly the saddest and most heartrending of the whole wreck. When the crash came he was riding in the smoker. He succeeded in getting the upper half of his body out of the coach window, when his legs were pinned by the debris in the interior of the car, and there he was burned to death before the eyes of those outside, who could do nothing for him. "I shall never forget it," said one of the survivors. "As the flames were creeping closer and closer to him, when he came to the conclusion that he was doomed to death, he pitched his pocketbook to us and gave us the address of his mother in Washington. After that the flames closed around him, and we did not see him again."

Conduct of Officials Condemned.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The conduct of the local employes of the Baltimore and Ohio road was made the subject for comment by all the morning papers. Anxious relatives crowded about the station during the day, but despite their tearful entreaties they could obtain no information as to the arrival of trains from the scene of the wreck. The wrecked train arrived here at 12.30 this morning. Very few friends of the passengers were waiting to meet it, as they could not learn of its coming.

THE LAW MUST BE ENFORCED.

Remarks of a Judge at the Hearing of the Woodford Riot Cases.

DUBLIN, Jan. 5.—Fifty-six men, arrested last August at the time Father Fahey was taken into custody for resisting the collection of rent and eviction on the Clanricade estate at Woodford, County Galway, were to-day sentenced to various terms of imprisonment, ranging from twelve to eighteen months. The judge censured the inspectors of police and local magistrates for allowing the rioting, and declared that no Chief Secretary for Ireland, no Under-Secretary and no Inspector-General could be justified in giving orders to prevent the police from assisting a sheriff in making evictions or carrying out the process of law for collection of rents due. Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, who was at the time of the Woodford riots in special military command in Ireland, had a short time before caused it to be known that he would not permit the military to be used in eviction work without first being convinced that their assistance was absolutely necessary. This, of course, withdrew from the sheriffs the military, upon which they had previously relied, and with which they were usually accompanied in their undertakings, and the landlords contend that the situation encouraged lawlessness and rioting on the part of defaulting tenants.

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Death of a Waterloo Veteran.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 5.—Victor Tarde, an old citizen of Medina County, died yesterday aged 95 years. He was a member of the famous "Old Guard" of Napoleon I., and served under that general in several engagements, being a participant in the battle of Waterloo.

Earthquake Shocks in Texas.

GALVESTON, Texas, Jan. 5.—Slight earthquake shocks were felt in various parts of Texas this morning.

A MASSACHUSETTS MURDER.

The Body Dismembered and Strewn Along the Roadside.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 5.—A bundle of bloody clothing was found yesterday in Lexington. To-day farmer Brooks discovered near the place the head of a man, which had been severed from the body, and near it other portions of a body covered by snow. The head was gashed and distorted by terrible wounds. It had evidently been chopped from the body with a dull axe. About a mile from where the head and arm were found the investigators discovered in a deep gulley a mutilated trunk. It was naked, and deep cuts in the hip and leg indicated the intention of the murderer to sever the left limb as they had the right, which had been rudely chopped off at the thigh. The features were those of a hard working man.

The Somerville police have received information which indicates that the disfigured remains found in Lexington to-day are those of George A. Codman. Codman was a young unmarried man, and carried on the milk business in Somerville. There is little doubt that the victim was killed by a terrible blow on the back of the neck with an axe and then chopped to pieces as found. The left leg, which was hacked off, has not yet been discovered.

A MISSING WOMAN.

A Case in Chautauqua County, N.Y., That Causes Excitement.

JAMESTOWN, Jan. 5.—Mrs. B. Larson, the wife of a farmer near Busti, Chautauqua County, after a few angry words with her husband about 10 o'clock last Saturday night, threw an apron over her head and left the house. Larson, who had returned home intoxicated a short time before, followed her. He returned alone about 2 next morning and asked for a lantern to find his wife. No trace of the missing woman can be found. She has several acquaintances in Jamestown, but they know nothing of her whereabouts. The neighbors are excited and demand investigation. Larson is well off, but frequently gets drunk and makes it unpleasant for his family. He offers a reward of $25 for his wife's discovery. The quarrel was about the knitting of a pair of mitts for the hired man, for which Mrs. Larson was to be paid. Mrs. Larson was thinly clad in a calico dress when she left and may have frozen to death.

MYSTERIOUSLY POISONED.

Two Members of a Brooklyn Druggist's Family Dead and Others Dying.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The family of Joseph Mauri, druggist, residing in Butler street, Brooklyn, have been mysteriously poisoned. Two deaths have already occurred. The family consists of Mr. Mauri, his wife Carrie; Louis, aged 14, Joseph 12, Martha 10, Carrie 8, John 6, Alice 4 and Eugene 2 years old. With the exception of the mother, the whole family were taken sick on Sunday after eating. Joseph went last night to visit an aunt and died there to-day. Eugene died at home this morning. John is dying and the father and four children are very sick and are being attended by five physicians. They are unable to determine the cause of the poisoning until a post mortem examination is held.

A $60,000 Fire.

CORNING, N.Y., Jan. 5.—Fire at 11 o'clock last evening destroyed the Brown Block, a three story brick building in the centre of the village. The first floor was occupied by the postoffice; Champeny Brothers, dry-goods; John Searl, books; Stern Bros., dry-goods. The second and third floors by Mrs. T. Clark, millinery; C. D. Sill, insurance; F. T. Readwell, photographer; Michael Powers, tailor. Total loss $60,000; two-thirds insured. The rear walls fell while ten firemen were inside, but they all miraculously escaped. The fire burned fiercely and spread to the Daily Democrat office and threatened the Journal office.

A Fireman Tortured to Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—It is alleged that John Schroeder, a fireman, was tortured to death on board the steamer Alameda, which arrived here from Auckland a few days ago. Schroeder, being ill, could not stand the heat of the fire-room. The engineer ordered him to go to work and when Schroeder refused the engineer ordered two men to hold the sick man up before the open furnace door. Schroeder died soon afterward. The United States Attorney will investigate the story.

Only One Man Killed.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 5.—Only one man was killed by the wreck of the "Modoc" train yesterday. His body now lies at Washburn's Morgue in this city so badly burned that identification is impossible. It was taken from the ruins of the smoking car directly behind the baggage car. It is thought, from a cap found marked "U. S.," to be that of a soldier known to have been aboard the train and who has not been seen since. Twenty persons were injured more or less seriously.

Labor and Politics in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—To-morrow night the United Labor party will hold its county convention at Clarendon Hall. The Executive Committee intends to scrutinize the credentials of every delegate, and it will suppress every member who it thinks would be a detriment to the organization. It is stated that a number of politicians are making desperate efforts to capture the organization, and considerable trouble is looked for.

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Marriage of Secretary Lamar.

MACON, Geo., Jan. 5.—Secretary Lamar was married this morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of the bride by the Rev. Mr. Parke, of Sandersville, to Mrs. Wm. S. Holt, of Macon.

After Twenty Years.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 5.—Dr. J.N. Doyle of Lincoln, Tenn., was arrested here yesterday for the murder of Joseph Deutsch, a barber, at Effingham, Ill., in 1866.

Snow Far South.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 5.—Several inches of snow fell in Louisiana yesterday.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The Democrats of Maine have nominated William Henry Clifford of Portland for United States Senator.

There was a slight earthquake shock at Summerville, S.C., at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. All quiet at Charleston.

The heaviest snowstorm since 1880 visited Georgia yesterday, in portions of which snow lies to the depth of five inches.

A fire last night destroyed a passenger and baggage car on the Lehigh and Hudson Railroad at Belvidere, N.J. Loss $300.

The railroad branch of the Y.M.C.A. held its annual meeting at the Grand Central Depot, New York, Tuesday night. Cornelius Vanderbilt presided.

The Coal Trade Journal reports that the production of anthracite for 1886 was 32,126,722 tons, against 31,893,190 in 1885. The demand is unusually good.

The annual rental of the pews in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, took place Tuesday night. The amount realized was $27,361 in excess over the amount of last year.

Orange growers in Florida are happy because the cold wave passed away without injuring the fruit or trees. The lowest point reached by the mercury was 22° above zero.

A boy named John Michaels of Passaic, N.J., is at the hospital in Paterson with symptoms of hydrophobia. He was bitten by a small dog several weeks ago.

Two freight trains collided on the New York Central road at Syracuse, N.Y., at 2 yesterday morning. Several cars were wrecked and the locomotive badly damaged. No one was hurt.

Senator Jones of Florida, who has been in Detroit for about a year laying siege to Miss Palma, the daughter of a millionaire, causing quite a scandal there, says he intends to return to Washington.

The strike on the docks of the Erie and Delaware and Hudson Companies in Weehawken obliged laborers yesterday morning to suspend work. About three hundred coal heavers are out at Weehawken.

A construction train on the Alabama Great Southern road was wrecked Tuesday morning. Engineer Dewes and Fireman Fowler were killed. The engine struck a cow and went down an embankment.

SALISBURY'S HEAVY TASK

FEW OF THE POLITICAL LEADERS ANXIOUS FOR OFFICE.

Lord Lansdowne Invited to Come Over and Take a Hand, But He is Doing too Well in Canada to Change Now—Lord Churchill Going to the Continent.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Daily News, without being too sanguine as to the results of the proposed conference of Radicals and Gladstonians, says that the anger which the proposal excites among the Tories is a measure of the satisfaction with which it may be greeted by the Liberals. It is expected that the conference will be held at Sir William Vernon Harcourt's residence in London.

The Standard says the course which Mr. Chamberlain sanctions calls for stern rebuke, and that whatever happens he cannot pretend that he had not been warned of the conditions of any possible compact.

Churchill Going Abroad.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Randolph Churchill is going to the continent. He will not appear in Parliament until after the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

Lansdowne Will Not Accept Office.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Lord Northbrook has decided not to accept a position in the Cabinet. He has written to Mr. Goschen regretting his inability to join the ministry in view of the Conservative discontent and the doubtful nature of the agreement with Lord Salisbury. Lord Salisbury is urgently pressing the Marquis of Lansdowne to accept an office in the Cabinet. It is now reported that Lord Lansdowne is not willing to surrender his emoluments in Canada, especially as the revenues from his estates are decreasing.

Irish Opinion.

DUBLIN, Jan. 5.—The Freeman's Journal says the adhesion of Joseph Chamberlain to the Liberal party will be dearly bought, if it cost the abandonment of the vital principle in Mr. Gladstone's Irish policy of an Irish Executive responsible to an Irish Parliament only. The Irish leaders will never, says the Journal, sanction such a bartering away of their rights.

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"THE POET LONGFELLOW."

The Subject of an Address by Mr. O'Hagan of the Pembroke High School.

The regular weekly meeting of the Toronto Branch of the Irish National League was held last evening in St. Vincent Hall, corner of Victoria and Shuter streets. After the transaction of the ordinary business President Mulligan introduced Mr. Thomas O'Hagan of the Pembroke High School, who delivered an interesting lecture on "Longfellow." He began by describing the early life of the great American poet, and his youthful love for literature. He traced his successful course at college, his tour in Europe, during which he acquired much matter for literary work, his acceptance of the professorship of mathematics at Harvard University, to his retirement to his home at Cambridge—an old colonial house which was once the headquarters of Washington, and which as the residence of the poet soon became the shrine of literary pilgrims of the Old and New Worlds. The lecturer dwelt considerably on the poet's kindly spirit. Longfellow's sorrowful disposition was brought into prominence in "Evangeline," which immortalizes a part of Canada. The lecturer's description of the heroine and the various stages of this poem was particularly interesting. "Hiawatha" he thought too dim and phantom-like, not seizing upon the heart like "Evangeline." In the lyrics there was so much of humanity that well-thumbed volumes of the poet's works were found in the poorest homes. He looked upon Longfellow's dramas as lacking motive power and totally unfit for the stage, though possessing great descriptive merits. The lecturer throughout made copious quotations, displaying great recitative powers.

At the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. O'Hagan on motion of Mr. C. L. Mahony, seconded by Mr. Cahill. The Secretary announced that the tickets for Dr. Pepper's lecture were ready, and that on receipt of one cent postage a copy of Mr. Davitt's lecture in the Adelaide-street Rink will be sent to any address in the province. The meeting then adjourned.

THE GRANNEN WILL CASE.

Arrival of William Grannen's Son and Heir at London.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Mr. Alonzo Grannen, son and heir of the deceased William Grannen, of this city, arrived from Australia on New Year's Day. It will be remembered several months since that the contents of a will alleged to have been made by William Grannen, who died on October 8, 1886, in favor of His Lordship Bishop Walsh, leaving only $700 of an estate, said to be valued at $35,000, to his son Alonzo and two old friends who had nursed him during his illness. The will was drawn up by a law student named Dignam, and the executors alleged to have been appointed under this will were Rev. M. J. Tiernan and the student mentioned. The will was put in for probate in the usual manner, when T. H. Luscombe, barrister, acting for friends of the son Alonzo, who was in Australia at that time, immediately filed a caveat praying that the probate be not granted. Since then an administrator has been appointed in the person of Mr. H. Becher, Q.C., but beyond disposing of sundry chattels to liquidate debts nothing has been done to test the validity of the will. Both sides were awaiting the arrival of Alonzo Grannen, who is here now and intends to have it thoroughly sifted before he returns home.

CABLE NOTES.

A farmer named Leary was shot dead by an emergency man named Cordal at Castle Island to-day, in the course of a quarrel.

Active military preparations are in progress in Montenegro. They are supported, it is said, by Russian supplies and money.

A surgical operation was performed Tuesday upon Cardinal Jacobini's throat. The operation was successful, but the Cardinal was left very weak.

In well informed circles at St. Petersburg the statement that an alliance has been formed between Russia and Germany is declared to be untrue.

It is strongly believed in Berlin that the Government's demands embraced in the military bill will be conceded for three years and possibly seven.

The Emperor and Empress of Austria will meet the King and Queen of Italy at Venice in March on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument to the late King Victor Emanuel.

A gang of forgers have been arrested at Stamboul while engaged in forging coupons of internal loan bonds. The police seized the counterfeiting machinery and false coupons to the amount of $30,000.

Three petitions for a declaration of bankruptcy were filed yesterday in London against the Monarch Steamship Company. Mr. Smith, chairman of the company, was appointed receiver until Tuesday next.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, G.R.C., held its annual banquet at the Walker House last night.

The Toronto Reform Club holds its annual club dinner to-night. Hon. Oliver Mowat will preside.

The friends of Mr. Thomas Coulter of the Arcade presented him with a gold chain and locket Wednesday night.

The Criminal and Civil Assizes will open on Monday. Chief Justice Cameron will do the criminal business and Judge Rose the civil.

James Taylor of 199 Euclid-avenue, Seaton Village, who captained steam barge Kincardine between Owen Sound and Goderich last season, was arrested here yesterday and taken to Owen Sound on the charge of having embezzled $209 from E. F. Le May of Owen Sound, the owner of the barge.

Mr. Coolican, instructed by the executors of the estate of the late R. S. Bigford, picture dealer, will sell by public auction, commencing this morning at 11 o'clock, the large stock of oil paintings, mirrors and fancy goods in the store lately occupied by Messrs. Robert Hay & Co., King-street west.

THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE SUICIDE.

The Identity of the Man Who Jumped Into the Rapids Still Unestablished.

NIAGARA FALLS, Jan. 5.—The identity of the man who committed suicide by jumping from the Railway Suspension Bridge on Monday evening has not yet been discovered. It was currently reported that Fred. Robinson, a painter, living at Clarksville, near this place, was the man. It was given as a reason that he had been out of work and was disheartened. An investigation showed that this was not so. Mrs. Robinson was seen by your correspondent and said: "My husband is alive and well. He has not jumped off the bridge, and I don't see any reason why he should do so." Miss Udell, a sister of Mrs. Robinson, said the report had given the family considerable annoyance. It had even been reported that her brother, Walter Udell, was the victim, but this was untrue. Another report was that a telegraph operator on the Michigan Central Road had taken his life.

The suicide was a deliberate one. It occurred at 6.15 p.m. on the Canada side of the bridge, not far from the centre. The bridge was dark, the electric lights not being lit, and the two men who saw the self-murderer were unable to describe the man any more than to say that he was tall and wore dark clothes. He went on at the Clifton end of the bridge, perhaps 25 or 30 feet ahead of Joseph Cottinger, a conductor on a Pullman car who was crossing to supper at Hon. Walter Horne's Western Hotel. Walking in an opposite direction was Harry Conquest, a clerk in the Michigan Central freight office. When the two railroad men were perhaps sixty feet apart the stranger walked to the railing, climbed up on it and jumped or tumbled off. The conductor ran toward him to stop him from jumping, but did not get near enough to recognize the features. Mr. Conquest at first thought that the man was a bridge workman, and did not pay any attention to him until he saw the conductor run toward the man.

The body has not been recovered, and the chances of finding it are believed to be very slim. Nothing was left behind by which the man could be identified.

This is the third suicide from the bridge. The first was that of James Pierce, about twenty years ago, and the second was that of William Allen some five or six years ago. There was an unconfirmed report that a girl had jumped or was thrown off several years ago, but beyond the finding of a body it was never verified.

Branciere the Harp Racket. Don't go.

HAMILTON WANTS A CARNIVAL.

Pleaded Guilty to Larceny—Fined for Non-Removal of Snow.

HAMILTON, Jan. 5.—A proposal to hold a winter carnival here meets with widespread approval. Curlers and snowshoers will do all they can to make it a success, and the leading horsemen have promised to do all they can so far as a winter meeting is concerned. The Board of Trade will take the matter under consideration on Friday, a meeting having been called for that purpose.

Burglars broke into the store of George Ellis, corner of James and Cannon streets, last night and stole several cases of liquor.

Beakeman James Forman, who was hurt at Allandale, was brought to his home in this city last night. He was caught and crushed while coupling cars, but though his injuries are severe they are not thought to be fatal.

The propeller Myles, which was sunk in Kingston harbor on Nov. 2 will be raised by the owner, Mr. Myles, probably next month. The timber to be used in the work is being purchased in this city.

Eighteen persons were fined $1 and costs each at the Police Court to-day for neglecting to clear their sidewalks of snow.

Milo Heath, the young man who was arrested yesterday for the larceny of a watch belonging to Andrew Jeffery, pleaded guilty when arraigned before the Police Magistrate this morning. The watch—an imitation gold, valued at $3—was stolen from Jeffery's store at the fair grounds about the beginning of last October. Heath said he was drunk when he got it, and all that he knew about it was that he had it. He had since stopped drinking entirely and for ever. He was allowed to go under deferred sentence.

RUN DOWN BY A TRAIN.

Remarkable Escape of a Stage-Coach Load of Passengers at London.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—This morning about 11.30, as train No. 8 from Windsor was drawing into the Richmond-street station, the driver of the Nissouri stage, not noticing that the crossing gates were down, attempted to cross the track, and did not observe the approaching train until too late. The engine struck the coach in the centre, smashing it to atoms. How the driver and the passengers inside escaped is a mystery. As it was, they managed to get off with a few scratches. One of the horses was carried for some distance on the cow-catcher and its leg broken; the other got clear.

To Report on the Knights of Labor.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 5.—Brother Augustine, a monk of the Franciscan order, was in the city this morning en route to Chicago. He arrived in this country from Austria three weeks ago, having been sent on his mission by special instructions issued from Rome by the Pope. While his special business, he said, was to institute Polish monasteries in this country and learn particularly about the condition of Polanders here, he also hinted that he would make a study of the Knights of Labor.

Montreal Newspaper Men Committed.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—Hugh Graham, proprietor of the Montreal Star, and Richard White, Managing Director of the Gazette, have been committed for trial on a charge of criminal libel brought by Donald Downie. The trial will take place at the next session of the Court of Queen's Bench.

The Foreign Mails Arrive.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—The Allan mail S.S. Sarmatian, from Liverpool for Portland via Halifax, arrived at Portland at 3.45 this morning.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

The St. Clair River at Courtright is frozen over and teams cross with safety.

The Detroit River at Windsor is frozen almost solid and piled up with windrows of ice ten feet high.

Capt. Provost, late of the 65th Battalion, Montreal, has received a commission in the French army.

Port Stanley has approved of a bylaw granting $2000 bonus to John Ellison to aid him in establishing a saw mill.

The schooner B. R. Stevenson of St. Andrews has been seized for receiving her outfit in the United States and fined $400.

A short time ago a silver and gold bearing quartz ledge was discovered on the Salmon River, in British Columbia, and it is expected to develop great riches.

An Indian woman named Annie Moss has laid a charge of criminal assault against Thomas O'Brien at Victoria, B.C.

Last week Robert Reiston's brewery on the Vancouver-road, near Westminster, B.C., was totally destroyed by fire.

Orillia property owners have carried a bylaw to raise $20,000 for extending the waterworks system and lighting the town with electric light.

An icicle falling from an eave in St. Thomas struck William Tremaine on the head on Saturday night and he has been under the doctor's care ever since.

Andrew Turner of Buxton drank so much whisky in Chatham last Friday that he was unable to speak until Sunday. The doctors think he will recover.

Aaron Cornell, an old resident of Delaware, died recently at the age of 91 years and 8 months. He was a native of New York State, and once served under General Brock in 1837, holding the position of militia captain.

The efforts of engineers to strike natural gas in the neighborhood of Meaford have proved successful, gas having been found at a depth of twenty feet in the Masonville well. It is expected that a supply will be obtained sufficient to provide a portion of the city with heat and light.

While working in Armstrong's carpet factory, Guelph, James Cowan became entangled in the shafting and had everything in the shape of clothes torn from his body, his boots excepted. He was so badly injured that for a time his life was despaired of.

THE BUSY BUZZING BEE.

HOW CANADIAN HONEY IS APPRECIATED IN ENGLAND.

Good Results From the Exhibit of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association at the Colonial—The Annual Meeting and the Commissioners' Report.

The seventh annual meeting of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association was opened yesterday afternoon in the City Council Chamber President Pettit was in the chair. It was decided to accept this meeting as the one to have been held on Dec. 7 and 8 last.

A discussion arose as to the advisability of charging an entrance fee to the meetings to others than members and invited guests, but the proposition was voted down.

President Pettit delivered his annual address, referring to the advancement of the association, which should have the endorsation of every bee keeper. Mention was made of the Colonial Exhibition and its success. He expressed the opinion that larger and better quantities of honey should be produced. Sugar should not be used for feeding. He believed in the tiering up system, and allowing bees to ripen their own honey. He also desired the appointment of an official to inspect all honey sent to England.

Mr. J. A. Abbott was elected an honorary member, and a vote of thanks was tendered the chairman for his address.

A motion was introduced for the appointment of a committee to apply to the Legislature for the passage of such laws as will assist bee keepers in quarantining and suppressing the disease known as foul brood. A lengthy and interesting discussion followed, it being held that some legal protection of the nature contemplated, was necessary. At the request of Rev. W. F. Clark the matter was tabled for the time being.

Mr. S. Corneil referred to the fact that bee keeping was not taught in the Guelph Agricultural College, and advocated making application to the Ontario Government to defray the expenses of Mr. Frank Cheshire, the eminent scientist of England, for a lecturing tour through Canada, dealing with bee culture. Several members expressed the opinion that Mr. Cheshire was too scientific, and that the average bee keeper in this country would not be benefited to any extent by his proposed series of lectures. Mr. Corneil then introduced a resolution for the appointment of a committee to discuss with the Minister of Agriculture the advisability of a series of lectures on bee culture being delivered throughout the country. The motion was lost. The meeting adjourned until the evening.

The night session was devoted to the reception of the report of the commissioners—President Pettit of Belmont, R. McKnight of Owen Sound and S. Corneil of Lindsay—who had charge of the association's honey exhibit at the Colonial Exhibition. Each of the gentlemen named made an interesting, and thoroughly comprehensive statement, showing that Ontario honey compares more than favorably with the product of other countries. President Pettit said that the honey from Queensland, Australia, was the only dangerous rival the Canadian article had. He advised intending shippers to send only light colored honey to England. British honey was good, and by some Englishmen was regarded as having a better flavor than the Canadian article. The consumption of honey was only beginning to be developed in England, and Canadian bee keepers would find there a good field for the sale of their products. Numerous inquiries had been made by German dealers, and there was a prospect of a trade being opened with that country.

Mr. S. Corneil explained that 38,000 pounds of honey had been placed in the commissioners' charge by twenty-seven members of the association, the aggregate amount, all but 700 pounds had been disposed of when the exhibition closed, and the balance on hand was eventually sold. The prices realized were remunerative and would be acceptable to the contributors. The amount to be distributed after deducting necessary expenses was $930. Over 300 pounds of honey were distributed gratuitously to visitors during the exhibition, with a view of introducing it to the English public, and among the prominent personages to whom they had sent honey were Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince of Wales and Sir Charles Tupper. He had received letters stating that many purchasers, who testified to the fine flavor and quality of the honey, warranting the opinion that at no distant date a ready market would be found in England for its sale.

Mr. R. McKnight said the commissioners had done everything possible to introduce the Canadian article in England, and they felt satisfied with their success. He estimated that over 100,000 people had tested the honey without paying for it. Everyone of the salesmen employed by them was instructed to induce every visitor to taste the honey, and the consumption of 700 lbs was ample evidence of the success of their efforts. The exhibit was regarded with great favor, and by the manager of one of the largest grocery houses in London, it had been stated that the sample of Ontario honey shown him was the best he had ever handled and was a credit to Canada. The commissioners had been most courteously treated by the members of the British Beekeepers' Association and he hoped that when Mr. Cowan, the President of that body, visited Canada next summer, the bee keepers of the province would show their appreciation of his kindness to their delegates.

A vote of thanks was tendered the delegates, and also the British Bee Keepers' Association for its courtesies and kindness to these gentlemen. Mr. Abbott, a member of the British Association, who was present, made a brief speech, expressing his appreciation of the compliment paid that body. He trusted that the Canadian bee keepers would find in England a profitable market.

The association will meet again this morning.

CROSS COUNTRY SNOWSHOE TRAMP.

The Toronto Club Out Last Night—Prescott as a Horsey Place.

Nineteen members of the Toronto Snow Shoe Club tramped last night to Eglinton, and thence to Deer Park, for "rest and refreshment." The return journey was through the Rosedale ravine and over the White Bridge. President Jack McLaren set a lively pace, and Chris Henderson proved himself an active "whipper-in." The outing, being chiefly across country, was a tiresome but nevertheless an enjoyable one. On Saturday night the club will visit Weston.

General Notes.

The return cricket match between the English and Australian elevens, played at Melbourne, Australia, yesterday, resulted in a drawn game.

Jim Carney the prizefighter of London, was banqueted at Birmingham last night. He will depart for Brooklyn on Jan. 14, to fight for the championship of the world.

The Ottawa races are set down for to-day.

Reardon, the Hamilton ball player, has signed with Eau Claire, Wis.

M. Flynn, the well-known horseman of Prescott, returned home last week from Australia, where he drove in a number of trotting races with considerable success.

Prescott is credited with being the horsiest place in the Dominion. Any and every day you can see half-a-dozen trotters hitched to speeding sleighs taking their exercise on the high road. J. P. Wiser has a score of promising youngsters in charge of Ed. Rooney; Dr. Monaghan has half-a-dozen speedy colts, and there are many others who own from one to three.

Wm. Graham, champion wing shot of England, says he is ready to meet Capt. Bogardus, within a week or so, in a match of 100 birds each.

A cablegram received by Richard K. Fox at New York Monday says: "Charley Mitchell will bring Jem Smith to America. Knifton, the 'Eighty-one-to-one,' wants to go over and force Smith to fight him there. The winner—Smith against Knifton—desires to meet Sullivan. Will you stand Knifton?" Mr. Fox has taken time to reply to the cablegram, which was sent him by Mr. Atkinson of the Sporting Life, London.

Howland's Majority 2195.

The official figures in the Mayoralty contest, as given by the City Clerk are: Mayor Howland 9153, David Blain 6958. Majority for Mr. Howland 2195. The World's calculation was only 29 below this.

DID HE "DIE" FOR THE INSURANCE?

An Interesting Case to be Tried at the Assizes—Where is Dunseath?

Probably the most interesting case to be tried at the forthcoming York Assizes is that of the heirs-at-law of Samuel Dunseath against the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Dunseath was a member of the order, living in the neighborhood of Orangeville. Early in January, 1886, he left home, ostensibly for Dakota, having previously insured his life for $20,000, distributed among several companies. On Jan. 15 Dunseath, with two companions, boarded the ferry steamer Victoria at Windsor and crossed to Detroit. When the boat reached its dock the men did not land with the other passengers, and a minute after the crowd was ashore Dunseath's companions raised the alarm that he had fallen overboard. They say that he was sick and while retching fell over the rail. Dunseath's friends gave their names as James Carson and Gallagher. They did not seem to be very anxious about recovering the body, and after crossing to Windsor the two disappeared. The Detroit police and ferry authorities looked the case up