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### News Summary.

A case of leprosy has been discovered in the Chinese colony of Montreal.

Brantford, Ont., accepts Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$30,000 for a free public library building.

It is said that New York capitalists will invest \$750,000 in a beet root sugar mill, to be put up in Whitby, Ont.

Mr. Blair says the government will not grant any more charters from American territory into the Yukon.

Alexander McDonald, of Ottawa, was arrested Monday on the charge of choking his aged mother to death.

Dr. Borden, minister of militia, was rather severely bruised by coming into collision with a bicycle at Ottawa Friday.

A jury in Boston has upheld vaccination by finding J. H. Mugford guilty of a misdemeanor in refusing to allow a doctor to vaccinate him.

The fur fire sweep of forest fires in the central section of Pennsylvania has caused devastation to a vast amount of property and the loss of three lives.

The C. P. R. has placed an order for 36 locomotives, making 90 ordered so far this year. When delivered the road will have nearly one thousand engines.

A cable has been received by Lord Minto from South Africa stating that Bruce Carruthers is doing duty with his regiment at Klerksdorp.

The legislature of Newfoundland was prorogued Tuesday. The Governor congratulated the colony, in his closing speech, on the present favorable industrial outlook.

The British admiralty has ordered the third class cruiser Bellona to join the second class cruiser Thames in searching for the missing Allan Line steamer Huronian.

On account of decrease in the surplus the Royal Templars of Temperance of Hamilton, Ont., have increased their rates, particularly to members advanced in years.

A strict censorship is now being maintained in Canton, China, and the tendency of the officials is to belittle the rising, the only news of which can be obtained from refugees.

George Smith, of the 43rd Batt., Ottawa, enlisted with the fourth contingent and got married the next day. His wife called at the military department and asked that he might be brought back from Halifax. This will likely be done.

The London Daily Mail affirms that the agreement of the Atlantic shipping combine contains secret clauses to the effect that the American promoters of the concern intend to ask Congress to pass a new shipping bill permitting foreign built vessels to be brought under the American flag.

The council of Montreal Board of Trade has endorsed the application of George Robertson, M. P. P., of St. John, to the Dominion government for a three per cent. annual subsidy for twenty years on the cost of the proposed dry dock in St. John.

Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Canadian High Commissioner, is an interview, declined to say anything about the Atlantic shipping combination, except that he believed it would make a great opportunity for Canada and that it constituted a splendid opening for the fast mail service between Liverpool and Cape Breton.

The population of the civilized world may be divided to-day into two classes, millionaires and those who would like to be millionaires. The rest are artists, poets, tramps, and babies—and do not count. Poets and artists do not count till after they are dead. Tramps are put in prison. Babies are expected to get over it.—Gen. Stanley Lee, in 'The Critic.'

Winnipeg Free Press: The American Land and Loan Company are doing an extensive business in farm lands near the city. Within the past ten days they say they have sold in various districts 37,000 acres, all within fifteen miles of Winnipeg, and none have been sold for less than \$10 per acre. The purchasers were all Americans from either Iowa or Illinois and many of them will go on the lands this year.

Wilfred Conklin, of Mattesawan, is a patient at the Hudson River State Hospital, a victim of basket ball playing. Conklin was the centre on the Dutchess County Wheelmen's team. He played the game so much that he is now in a serious mental as well as physical condition. Conklin while playing recently at Catskill was hit in the eye. It was black for weeks and finally he began to act strangely. A commission declared him insane.

It is said the Roblin government of Manitoba intends to introduce legislation restricting the liquor traffic in Manitoba.

Militia general orders says: Officers commanding the third, fourth, fifth and sixth regiments C. M. R., will afford officers, non-commissioned officers and men of their respective commands an opportunity to assign part of their pay to relatives and friends in Canada, assignments equal to 25, 50 and 75 per cent. may be made. Assignments of pay will date from June 1, and payments will be made monthly from the department of militia and defence, Ottawa.

The following has been received from the British casualty department: Dan-gerously ill, 20th April, at Johannesburg, 2nd Regt. Mounted Rifles, (189) J. Millen, and (666) Michael Murphy, both of gunshot wounds. Died from enteric fever, 20th April, Pieteria, S. A. C., Capt. A. J. Boyd. Capt. Boyd is a son of Chancellor Sir John Boyd, of Ottawa; Millen is from London, Ontario, and Murphy from Peterboro, Ontario.

The Board of Trade of Toronto will summon a conference of Boards of Trade throughout the country to meet June 4th and 5th. Trade relations, defence, postal and telegraphic communication and new British duty on breadstuffs will be considered. The council of the board recommended the board to petition the government to increase the rebates now allowed on steel shipbuilding and otherwise to encourage that industry in Canada; also to prohibit the registration of foreign built ships in Canada by applying to them the same regulations as foreign countries apply to Canadian built ships.

The Norwegian parliament has made an appropriation of 5,000 kroner towards the entertainment of the World's Conference of the Young Men's Christian Associations, to be held at Christiania. The sessions will be held at the old fort, called the "Akershusfostning." Large delegations are expected from America, Great Britain, Germany, France, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland. When the Conference was held at Stockholm in 1888, a reception was given by the Crown Prince at the summer palace, and it is quite possible that similar marked attention may be received by the coming gathering. It is hoped that the son of King Oscar will be present. He is the president of the Stockholm Association and very active in its work.

John Nickelson, a returned Philippine soldier, who is now at Norfolk, Va., says that he has frequently seen the water cure administered, and states that on one occasion a detachment of soldiers gathered around the victim and burned his body with cigars, hoping to make him reveal the spot where the bodies of five American soldiers were secreted. After this punishment, the prisoner still declined. Finally the water cure was suggested. The man was thrown down and an army pistol placed in his mouth as a gag. Two barrels of water were then taken from a vile smelling swamp. These were poured down the throat of the prisoner. His body reached abnormal proportions. A soldier then stepped on the man to make the pain more excruciating. When released he directed them to the spot where the bodies of the Americans were secreted.

An old man, named Isaac Oulton, who lived alone on Douglas Avenue St. John, was found dead in his house on Wednesday evening last under peculiar circumstances. Oulton was a kind of hermit and somewhat of a miser withal. He had a sort of mania for gathering odds and ends of cast off property with which he packed his rooms and cellar. He was in California. It is said, about the time of the first rush of gold-seekers to that country, and came back with considerable money, but his investments in St. John had not proved profitable and most of his property had disappeared. The old man was found under circumstances which give rise to strong suspicions that there had been foul play. He was lying partly across his bed, the upper part of his face badly bruised and an ugly wound on the top of his head. The opinion of the physician who made the examination of the injuries was that they could not have been the result of an accident. There are suspicious of course, and talk especially of a man who gave his name as McKendrick and who is said to have talked with Oulton a day or two before about renting some rooms from him, but who now cannot be found. The old man is said to have been accustomed to carry money about with him which he kept in a leather bag and the bag had not been found. The case is enshrouded in mystery which may or may not be in part cleared up by the Coroner's inquest which at present writing is not concluded.

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