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CONSERVATIVE GERRYMANDER IS STILL IN OPERATION.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—(Special)—As an instance of the evil effects of the gerrymander of 1882 in Ontario election returns show that the Conservatives get 35 members, for the Liberals 36. Nipissing not being counted, although they have only some 3,000 more votes than the government candidates. The figures are 100,418 votes for the Conservatives and 187,234 for Liberals, making the popular vote in the province only 3,184 greater than for the government. If inequalities in favor of the Conservative party by virtue of the gerrymandering of 1882 were removed it would put a different face on the outcome of the poll in Ontario. The returns quoted are for the most part from the official figures communicated to the clerk of the crown in chancery. In instances where the official count has not yet been handed in, use has been made of the figures given out as official by the returning officers.

ISLAND POLITICS.

The Opposition in the Local Election Will Be Only a Demonstration.
Charlottetown, Nov. 26.—(Special)—Mr. Martin (Conservative) has been declared elected by 10 votes. A recount will be held.

In the local contest the Conservatives will have candidates in every district. Queens, Prince and Kings counties are being well represented. Mr. Martin will oppose Premier Farquharson. Mr. Barb, the Conservative who claimed his seat was broken into at the last session, seeks reelection. Mr. Hoad, editor of the *Le Libérateur*, will be his colleague. The Conservatives are not looking for success, claiming that many of the men brought out are not representative, but that it would make a bad impression throughout Canada to let the province go by default.

Nova Scotia By-election.
Pictou, Nov. 26.—(Special)—At a Conservative convention held here today Charles E. Tanner was nominated to the vacant seat in the house of assembly. It is understood James D. McGregor will

GREAT BRITAIN HAS SOME MORE TROUBLE ON HAND.

Zanzibar, Nov. 26.—The Somalis have risen in Jahaland and province of British East Africa. About 4,000 well armed men are on the warpath. Sub-commissioner Jenner, who has been on a tour inland,

by insurance, all in the Guardian company. The loss of Alex. Forbes, proprietor of the hotel, by damage to his furniture, by removal and breaking, is in the vicinity of \$1,000, upon which he had \$800 insured in the Norwich Union.

The grist mill was built about twenty-five years ago and was equipped with the very best flour-making machinery of that time, and the mill and machinery cost about \$25,000. The machinery had, however, become antiquated and the mill had not been operated for five years.

IN MARYSVILLE.
Saw Mills Belonging to the Alexander Gibson Company Burned—The Marysville Hotel Was Badly Damaged—Snow Prevented the Fire Spreading.

Fredericton, Nov. 26.—Carelessness of a workman firing an oil lamp caused a \$20,000 fire at Marysville this morning. The fire destroyed a grist mill and a saw mill with machinery and badly damaged the Marysville hotel. All the property was owned by the Alex. Gibson Company. The fire broke out 6:30 a. m. when Robert H. Atkinson, an employee in the grist mill, attempted to fill a lamp while the grist mill was running. The lamp was lit, and a spark fell on the side of the lamp, which took fire and immediately the flames were communicated to the tank. An explosion ensued and in less than a minute the whole place was ablaze. Atkinson gave the alarm and in a few minutes a crowd of men gathered at the scene of the fire, but they had little fire fighting apparatus. A line of hose on the cotton mill and across the bridge, but it was about fifty yards too short to reach the burning building. An old hand engine, which had been used for the past two or three years for flooding the skating rink, was brought into requisition and manned and was stationed at the side of the mill pond and a short line of hose laid to the fire, which was used to pump water to the mill. Both the mill and the machinery are a total loss. The loss is pretty well covered

attempts to save the saw mill only a few feet away were equally futile and in half an hour both buildings were a roaring mass of flames. The flour mill and machinery and contents were worth about \$10,000.

The saw mill contained gang saw and rotary saws and the other usual machinery. It employed from 25 to 30 men and cut about 35,000 feet of lumber, chiefly deals, per day. The mill and machinery were valued at \$12,000.

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EASTERN SIDE OF THE CONTINENT SCOURGED BY A STORM.

St. John Schooner Wrecked—Death and Destruction Reported From the Great Lakes—Telegraph Wires Laid Down by Wind and Sleet—Railroad Wreck Feared.

The whole eastern portion of the continent was swept by a new storm yesterday. From New York, Massachusetts and Ohio come reports of damage wrought by snow, rain and wind. The lakes and the Atlantic coast were scourged by the elements and loss of life reported. The telegraph lines went down, shutting off more news of damage. When the full story is told it will probably be found that the damage is equal to that wrought by any storm in the history of the North American continent. The storm has gone northeast and into the Atlantic through the Gulf of St. Lawrence. St. John seems to have been outside the radius of the gale.

ST. JOHN SCHOONER.

Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 26.—The battered hull of what was the St. Martins, N. B. schooner *Advances*, was washed ashore on the Wallis Sands this afternoon with no signs of life aboard. Whether her crew of four or five men have been taken off by a passing vessel, or have found a watery grave, can only be conjectured. There is a chance that they may have reached the Isles of Shoals, eight miles to the eastward off shore, as the schooner in her drift went very near that famous island cluster.

The schooner is a complete wreck, her hull and cabin washed away, and her main mast hanging over the side, while her foremast, though standing, leans at an angle. It is impossible to get any sort of confirmation of the disaster. Even the railway officials are unable to communicate with points north of either side of the river.

Storm in Kentucky.
Louisville, Ky., Nov. 26.—No trains have reached Paducah, Ky., since Saturday morning owing to the washout and flooded railway junction. The water is still rising and by tomorrow traffic probably will be resumed.

Gale in Ohio.
Cleveland, O., Nov. 26.—Another violent storm prevailed on Lake Erie and throughout northern Ohio, the wind coming from

the English markets, and at paying prices. Contrasted with the pears sent from France, which is the pear producing country, the bulk of our pear supplies have hitherto been drawn, they were in size and color far superior; as regards flavor, the French fruits were nowhere near them.

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The Canadian apples and pears, therefore, need fear no competitor, taking as they do the lead in the trade, and standing, as far as general quality is concerned, higher than any similar fruits sent into the English markets from any foreign country.

With regard to the Canadian grapes, the parcels I examined were in fine condition and of good appearance. The berries were not large, but the flavor was excellent, and quite different to the insipid foreign grapes sent us from Spain and elsewhere.

The best we have seen of the sort for some time past, and if they could be put upon our markets after October, when the glut of other outside arrivals of black grapes was over, they would meet a good sale.

Of the two varieties—Red Rogers and Black Rogers—of grapes examined, I am satisfied that the black is the best suited for the trade here.

Much of the success attending the sale and shipment of these fine fruits was due to high quality and skilled culture, the use of small packages, honest grading, careful packing, and care in transit.

Prof. Robertson, of the agricultural department, is to be congratulated upon the success which has attended his persistent efforts to induce growers to adopt the above items, and Canadian fruit packers have done well in acting up to his instructions.

I cannot close this report without pointing out that the fruits were brought over in cool storage, regulated by the use of electrical ventilating fans, a method which was established by the Hon. Sydney Fisher in 1887, by the adoption of this system the fruit puts on a perfect color, keeps perfectly sound, and without having its quality in any way impaired.

SAMPSON MORGAN.
JUDGMENT REVERSED.
Washington Decides the Lacemakers Shall Be Admitted.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The treasury department today decided to admit the lacemakers and their families who were brought to this country by Dr. Dove, the "Dove head," and the founder of Zion City, Illinois, to teach others the art of lace making.

This is a reversal of the action of the Philadelphia immigration officials who had decided that the lace workers should not be admitted to this country.

INDEMNITY CLAIMS WILL BE TOO GREAT FOR CHINA TO PAY.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The state department has been informed of the agreement or understanding or preliminary treaty. It is not possible now to learn just in what form the matter stands reached by the foreign ministers at Peking. It is not regarded as proper to give out for publication at this time any detailed information respecting the agreement. It may be stated, however, that the arrangement stands a very poor chance of receiving the sanction of all the powers represented in the Peking conference unless some material amendments shall be permitted.

There is reason to believe that the indemnity proposition has taken such an excessive form as to make it impossible for China to meet the demand, and this fact, taken in connection with the unreasonable demands of some of the powers respecting punishments may require our government to make active efforts to have the demands moderated. There are indications, too, that in these efforts our government is to receive the support of one of the most powerful of the governments represented at the Peking conference and one who generally has been supposed of late to have favored an extreme position.

Times Correspondent.
London, Nov. 27.—Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Peking Sunday says: "The foreign envoys have agreed to two proposals that were previously rejected, owing to lack of unanimity. These are Sir Ernest Satow's proposal that China should agree to recede the commercial treaties and the Italian proposal that China should consent to foreign financial control as a guarantee of the indemnity."

Snowed All Day.
Montreal, Nov. 26.—A big snow storm raged here all day delaying trains and impeding street car traffic, but the most serious effect was the delay caused to the sailing of ocean steamers.

Steamers Delayed.
Montreal, Nov. 26.—Held-Dempster steamers Lake Champlain and Elora are still in port, delayed by the heavy snow storm now prevailing. The company has had to look after 225 passengers who were here ready for sailing on Thursday and have had to board them at the leading hotels since they are anxiously awaiting the statement of the storm. Steamers Bengore Head and New Head of Head line are in the river on the way to this port.

Crew Lashed to a Mast.
Kingsville, Ont., Nov. 26.—An unknown schooner is sunk on the middle ground off Point Pelee, and the destruction of the rigging for the masts are above the water. Since Sunday morning the tug Home Rule from Amherstburg has been trying to release the vessel, but efforts have been fruitless. It is feared that the men will die from exposure before aid can reach them.

Cannot Find the Bodies.
Quebec, Nov. 26.—(Special)—Further news received tonight from Seven Islands says a large searching party started out early this morning to find the bodies of the victims of Wednesday night's catastrophe, but their efforts proved futile. Nothing was found and it is thought the ground, further search will have to be deferred until spring.

THE GERMAN FLAG
Has Been Displayed Upon the Great Chinese Wall.

Beijing, Nov. 26.—A despatch received here from Field Marshal von Waldersee, dated Nov. 24, says Colonel Waidenfels' expedition has hoisted the German flag over the great wall, which was reached Nov. 22 by way of Hey Ling Cheng after a difficult mountain march.

The despatch adds that the French have had a severe fight with Boxers thirty kilometres south of Pao T'ing Pit.

German Denial.
Berlin, Nov. 26.—The correspondent of the following authoritative statement as to the rumors that Germany has territorial ambitions in the western hemisphere: "The reports constantly recurring in the American press which impute to Germany plans for acquiring territory in the western hemisphere are absolutely baseless. Germany does not intend in any way to acquire territory in North, Central or South America. She values the friendship of the United States far too highly to jeopardize it by acquiring such territory, large or small."

THE CZAR OF RUSSIA.
Brokers Have Been Daily Announcing His Death.

London, Nov. 26.—Since the czar's sickness apparently assumed a serious turn it has been the daily practice of brokers in Paris, London and elsewhere to announce his majesty's death. Hence probably, the report of the czar's death which reached New York.

THE BOERS IN PARIS.
President Kruger Took the Air in an Open Landau.

Paris, Nov. 26.—Dr. Leyde, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, visited the French minister of foreign affairs, Mr. DeSesse, this morning. Mr. Kruger took a long drive during the afternoon in a landau.

VISITED BY A BULLET.
ictu Editor Had Narrow Escape

Pictou, Nov. 26.—(Special)—R. C. Hamilton, editor of the Canadian, had a close call Saturday. While writing at his desk at 32 calibre bullet crashed through the office window and passed within a few inches of his head. A man named Johnson of Westville, has been arrested for the offence.

TO FIGHT SMALLPOX IN GLOUCESTER.
The Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health Summoned.

Fredericton, Nov. 26.—(Special)—Dr. E. B. Fisher, secretary of the provincial board of health, has gone to Gloucester county in response to a telegram from Premier Tweedie to look after the small-pox epidemic in that county.

Serious Fall.
Cathlam, Nov. 26.—(Special)—Dwight Cassidy, son of Mr. Charles Cassidy, met with an accident yesterday. While skating on the lake he fell and struck his head, producing unconsciousness.

Again Going North.
Christiana, Nov. 26.—The Arctic expedition steamer *Stella Polaris* left Lusk for Italy. The ice of the Abruzzi will leave Christiana Wednesday.

Supplies for the Court.
Shanghai, Nov. 26.—Native Christians from Fan Cheng Hsin, on Jan. river, report that they saw 400 boats, taking supplies for the court at Sian. The small German detachments destroyed Ah Hsin Wang, sustaining no losses. The Great Britain sides in this particular with the United States.

No other representative journal, however, adopts this tone.