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International Geological Congress at Berlin.

The following is the substance of a circular which has been forwarded by the Committee of Organization for the above Congress to the scientists throughout the world, dated at Berlin, May 15th:

"The International Geological Congress decided at its meeting on October 2nd, 1881, at Bologne, that the third session should be held at Berlin in 1884."

"The Committee of Organization, formed in Germany, has appointed the 25th of September for the opening of the session. The meetings will occupy from the 25th till the 30th of September, and geological excursions will take place between the 1st and 5th of October.

"An exhibition of geological collections and charts will be held during the session.

"The programme in detail of the meetings and excursions will be distributed in good time before the opening of the Congress."

The circular contains a request that those who desire to take part in the transactions of the Congress will, as soon as possible, forward their application for membership to the Secretary of the Committee of Organization at Berlin, giving name in full, vocation and address.



THE LATE HENRY G. VENNOR.

On the morning of the 9th of June it became the painful duty of the Press of this continent to announce the death of Henry G. Vennor, Esq., scientist and weather prophet, whose name had been made famous during the past few years of his life, and had become known throughout the entire civilized world. The fact that Mr. Vennor had been ill for some time had been generally known, and it had become apparent that there was little hope of his recovery. He passed away on Sunday evening, the 8th inst., and his death will have been a sad surprise to many. Mr. Vennor was born in Montreal, on December 30th, 1840, of English parentage, his father being a member of the firm of Budden & Vennor, an

old established hardware house. He was educated at Philip's School and the High School there. During his boyhood that preference for natural science which led to his celebrity of late years manifested itself, and while yet at school he collected and exhibited specimens which gained honourable mention at a provincial exhibition, and which is now in McGill College University. After a course in the zoological and geological classes of McGill, and a session of the classes in provincial land surveying and civil engineering, Mr. Vennor tried, in the year 1860, mercantile life in the wholesale warehouse of Frothingham & Workman. After five years, however, he gave up that and received an appointment as assistant to the late Sir W. E. Logan, taking part in all the surveys of the geological commission for fifteen years after his appointment, serving directly under Sir W. E. Logan, Dr. T. Sterry Hunt and Dr. A. R. C. Selwyn. In 1870 he was elected a fellow of the Geological Society of England. Mr. Vennor's revised classification of the old Laurentian Rocks of Canada, which were his especial field of survey, gained him a reputation as a scientific observer, and in 1872 his ability gained further recognition by his researches into the phosphate resources of Ottawa County. In 1880 Mr. Vennor resigned his position on the survey, having during his connection with it rendered the country and science at large valuable service. But useful as these services were, and stamping him as they did, as a man of marked ability in his profession, it is rather to his prognostica-

tions regarding the weather that Mr. Vennor owed his fame which dated from the correctness of a prophecy that the Christmas of 1875 would be a green one, followed by a muddy New Year's Day. Following up his success and adding to his celebrity, he published the first of *Vennor's Almanac*, since then published yearly, which among other kindred matter, contained, as is of course well known, monthly forecasts of the weather for the entire year, and which he supplemented with the *Monthly Weather Bulletin*. Mr. Vennor was also widely known as a student of ornithology; his work on "Our Birds of Prey," published in 1875, is a valuable one, and his collection of raptors (birds of prey) is one of the most complete on the American continent. Born, as above stated, in 1840, Mr. Vennor had reached but the age of 43 years and 6 months at the time of his death. The sad result removes from our midst a thoughtful student of science, whose work will live after him.

In the May number of the REVIEW attention was called to the dissatisfaction which some of the clauses in the Dominion Mining Regulations had created among miners and others interested in mining industries in the North-West Territories. We took occasion at the same time to point out the advisability of the representative mining men in the North-West meeting together and formulating their objections to the clauses in the regulations, forwarding the same to the Minister of the Interior for his consideration, and pointing out to him wherein they are distasteful, and the nature of