

General News.

CANADIAN.

The official returns of the voting in Lambton Co. show a majority for the Scott Act of 2,922.

Four new cases of diphtheria and one of scarlet fever, in Hamilton, have been reported to the Medical Health Officer.

For selling liquor to Indians a hotel-keeper of Chippawa Hill, North Bruce, has been fined \$50 and costs.

Mr. Henry Judah, Q.C., of Montreal, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment for obtaining a large sum of money on false pretences from Mr. C. B. Burland of that city.

The petition asking for the submission of the Scott Act in the county of Hastings will be deposited with the registrar at Belleville on the 25th inst.

Mr. Walter F. Gouin, Inspector of Inland Revenue for Manitoba, died suddenly in Winnipeg on Monday night of heart disease. Deceased was a brother of Postmaster Gouin, of Ottawa.

Mr. Guilett, the Liberal-Conservative candidate, has been returned for West Northumberland, defeating Mr. Kerr, the Reform candidate, by a majority of 79 votes.

A frightful murder has occurred at Joliette, near Quebec, a young man of 22 years of age having choked his mother to death while he was drunk.

Her Majesty's ships *Swiftsure*, *Heroine*, and two others have been ordered to proceed to Victoria, B. C., from the Chinese Station, as an increased naval defence for the province, in view of the possibility of war between Russia and England.

A farmer named J. Erskine, living near Leamington, met with a singular and fatal accident last week. He was pitching straw off a stack, and stepping too close to the edge slipped, and fell on a cow's horns, which entered a vital part of his body. He died in a few hours.

Mrs. Wescott, 78 years of age, of unsound mind, went into a barn belonging to Charles June, in Ovid township, near Coldwater, Ont., on Saturday afternoon while the family were absent, climbing on a hay mow set fire to it and was consumed, together with the structure and contents, only a few bones were found.

A fearful tragedy was enacted at St. Thomas on Sunday morning. A man named Mitchell armed himself with a Colt's revolver and proceeded to his wife's bedroom into which she had entered with a man named McIntosh. Mitchell forced the door and fired at McIntosh, who was standing in the centre of the room, wounding him severely in the head. McIntosh tried to advance upon his assailant but was received by another bullet from Mitchell, which terminated his existence by blowing his brains out. Mrs. Mitchell's life was saved by the timely arrival of her husband's mother, who seized the murderer until she had escaped.

The Riel rebellion in the North-West has not assumed such formidable proportions as was expected from the alarmist reports received here prior to the departure of our troops. At all events, since that time nothing definite can be found out about the doings of the Half-Breeds or their whereabouts. The amount of volunteers on their way to the front number about 4,000 men. Gen. Middleton has pushed on from Fort Qu'Appelle, having decided not to wait for reinforcements. The Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto have arrived at Qu'Appelle and are pushing on to overtake Middleton's force, the 10th Royals and Infantry School being but a short distance behind. The whole of the Toronto contingent suffered severely from the cold during their long and tedious journey via the C. P. Railway.—The large tribes of Indians are supposed to be keeping quiet on their reserves, only a few straggling bands having joined the insurgents.

UNITED STATES.

The graves of the Confederate dead at New Orleans were decorated on the 7th. The Grand Army of the Republic participated.

Bartholdi's great statue of Liberty will be shipped from Rouen for New York about the end of this month.

Portland, Maine, experienced the first effects of the amended liquor law on Tuesday, all the drinking places being closed and the hotels refusing to serve guests with liquor.

A skiff with a hunting party of four men in Columbia river, near Portland, Oregon, capsized, on the 7th, and three men were drowned.

At Chicago, on the 8th inst., Edward Lambert, aged 23, called at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna Mulligan, to see his wife, from whom he was estranged. He shot and killed Mrs. Mulligan, severely wounded his wife, and killed himself.

In the insane asylum at Nashville, Tenn., April 8th, a patient named Eldridge crushed the skull of an attendant with a floor mop, killing him, then attacked and killed a feeble patient named Layton in the same manner. He was secured while attacking another patient.

At New York, on the 8th of April, Nelson Edwards, a successful dentist, suicided by cutting his throat and body with a razor, inflicting ten ugly wounds. The physicians say he was two days killing himself. His room was deluged with blood.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Forty thousand miners are now on strike in Yorkshire, England.

The Prince and Princess of Wales accompanied by Prince Edward have been recorded an enthusiastic reception at the Irish metropolis. Dublin turned *en route* to welcome her distinguished visitors, and is decked out in holiday attire. Their Royal Highnesses will no doubt receive a hearty welcome everywhere they go.

M. Brisson, the new French Premier, has succeeded in forming a Cabinet. It is now probable that a peace convention will be signed with China on the basis of the Fournier treaty.

There were forty new cases of the disease supposed to be cholera at Jativa, Spain, last week, and twenty deaths. Yesterday there were thirty new cases and seven deaths. The press and the public are positive the disease is Asiatic cholera.

Baranda, Mexican, Minister of Justice, has gone south, ostensibly to meditate between the Central American States, but really to present claims against Guatemala for boundary damages incurred last August. Mexico will doubtless take advantage of Guatemala's weakness. It is believed that Congress will authorize Diaz to declare war against Guatemala as soon as the Executive is prepared. It is said that Diaz will review 20,000 troops here on the national holiday. — An American steamer sailed for Aspinwall on Monday with 450 troops and six guns.—Salvador has turned the tables on Guatemala, and threatens to invade the latter State.

The War Office has decided to send Lord Wolseley to Suakim to conduct the future military operations in that vicinity. He is expected to wind up the campaign in a blaze of glory, which will not only be a set-off to his *fiasco* on the Nile, but will enable the British to evacuate the Sudan with flying colors. Gen. Graham telegraphs that the Suakim Berber railway has been advanced toward Handoub. The army will march upon Handoub on Wednesday.—The Coldstream guards and Australians marched five miles towards Handoub, and are now constructing a zareba. The heat grows worse, and the sick list is increasing largely. Osman Digna's son was shot in the recent engagement.

Negotiations are still being carried on between England and Russia with regard to the Afghan Frontier question, and so far, no definite arrangements have been arrived at. Both nations are still making active preparations for war. Lord Dufferin and the Ameer are holding a private conference in Rawul Pindi, in India. England has guaranteed to the Ameer to resent all encroachment on her territory. The Russian Government is putting Cronstadt in a state of complete defence, and have laid thousands of torpedoes in their harbors. Some thousands of men will be drafted from England for immediate service in India.

TO THE YOUNG.

Boys should grow early into manliness in duty and danger, scorning the wrong and sticking to the right, in the ace of reproach, or loss, or death itself.

The boys of to-day, as compared with those of former years, "may know more of books and the world, they may be more refined and manly, but knowledge is not virtue, and refinement is not strength." What they need for the battle and serious work of life are the rugged virtues of "stability and bravery, a moral courage that dares to do right; that they may be neither coaxed nor driven into the ways of the wicked."

It is a sad fact and ominous of future evil, and a fact not to be denied, however reluctant we may be to admit it, that "the greatest deficiency in the character of the boy and young man of to-day is the want of reverence for those who are older, wiser, and superior. Indifference to parental authority, contempt of law and order, a spirit that laughs at restraint and seems to obey, is a feature of the times. But this respect for that which is above is the first lesson to be taught to the child in the cradle and impressed on him till his beard is grown."

The concluding word of the venerable "Irenaeus" to every young man is an earnest admonition to "seek first and before all else to be a true-hearted follower of Him who is the pattern of all that is noble, generous and good. And having enlisted under His flag, let him fight manfully the good fight, warring against the world, the flesh and the devil. For such young men the country cries out for as volunteers when the enemy is at the gate."—*Ev. Messenger*.