

General News.

CANADIAN.

Mr. Caron, Minister of Militia, is to exchange with Lieut.-Governor Robitaille, of Quebec.

The writ for the Lennox election has been issued. The nomination takes place on the 18th and the election on the 28th inst.

Telegraphic reports from various points in the Province of Manitoba and Territories give very favorable accounts of the wheat crop. The weather is splendid and a bountiful harvest is practically secured.

The report of the Bureau of Industries for August gives a cheering account of the wheat crop of the Province of Ontario. The fall wheat appears to have made steady improvement throughout the season, and in localities where it was regarded as hardly worth saving, good harvests have been reaped.

A young man named Elkington, about 18 years of age, was found in an unconscious condition in a gas pit or well at the Hellmuth Ladies' College, London, between seven and eight on the morning of the 6th inst. When discovered he was still alive, but on the doctor's arrival life was extinct. It is surmised he fell in there some time during the night and was overcome by gas.

A three-year old daughter of Mr. Stephen Barnhart, painter, Ridout street, London, named Ethel, was found drowned in a rain barrel containing about six inches of water. She had apparently leaned over the edge and fallen in head first. Her face was immersed in the small quantity of water at the bottom, and she was almost standing on her head.

Rev. T. D. Ethier, vicar of St. Bridget's Montreal, who arrived at Valleyfield on a visit, was drowned on the afternoon of the 6th inst. while bathing. The body was found about half an hour afterwards. It is supposed that he took cramps. Two young boys with him could render no assistance.

A fatal accident occurred on Court street, Toronto, on Tuesday last, at about 12 o'clock. A boiler and engine belonging to the Methodist Book-room, was being lowered to the ground by sliding it down two beams. An employee of Cowan & Co., named William Lovatt, was placing a block under the engine when it overturned, pinning the unfortunate man to the ground. Willing hands soon raised the enormous mass of metal from the prostrate form, and medical assistance was soon on the spot. It was found that he had received severe internal injuries, and had his right leg broken. He succumbed to his injuries about a quarter to one o'clock.

At Toronto about nine o'clock on Saturday evening last, a young man and a girl hired a row-boat, and started for Hanlan's point. Half way across they capsized the boat. Several boats were on hand shortly after, and the Geneva, which was passing, picked up the girl and took her to shore. The man, whose name is not known, was drowned, and his body has not yet been recovered. He was a stranger to the girl.

At Newmarket, a frame house owned by Mr. Minogue, and used as a cook house by a construction party of the Bell Telephone Co., was burned to the ground on the 9th inst. about 4 o'clock p.m. Three children were found locked up in a room, but were happily got out in time. The adjoining buildings were saved by the fire brigade.

Frank Williams, son of a wealthy Hanover farmer, was the victim of a terrible and fatal accident. He was driving a steam threshing machine across a rotten bridge, near Baldwins, when the bridge gave way and let the machine through about four feet, squeezing Williams in such a way as to render him helpless. In this position he was sprayed with steam till the flesh in many places dropped from the bones. He died last night.

UNITED STATES.

A heavy frost in East Tawas on last Friday night ruined the potato and buckwheat crops. There were frosts in various other parts of northern Michigan.

Cheney Ames, a shoe dealer at Elmore's Corners, near Kingston, N. Y., has shot himself through the heart because his girl went riding with a rival suitor.

Rev. H. M. Collison, pastor of Fullerton Avenue Presbyterian church, Chicago, shot his wife, and then himself last week. Both are dead.

At Salina, Ks., Swan Stiff, farmer, was shot and killed on the 11th inst., by a hired hand in a difficulty about wages.

At Piedmont, W. Va., Jeremiah Porter, aged 15, drank a pint of whiskey on Saturday night last, and died in terrible agony.

At Brooklyn, N.Y., Aug. 11th, an engine on the Manhattan Beach railway ran into a street car. A man named McCullen was killed and Rudolph Smith seriously injured.

Despatches from Nashville state that a party of masked men attacked a Mormon meeting in Lewis county on Sunday. Two elders were killed and a third taken into the woods and probably shot. The meeting was being held at the house of a man named Conder. Conder's son was knocked

down with a gun and his skull broken, while Mrs. Conder had her leg broken. One of the masked men, who proved to be David Hinson, a well-known farmer, was fatally wounded. There is great excitement in Lewis and Hickman counties.

At Niagara Falls, on the 10th inst., a stranger who arrived on the Sunday excursion from Buffalo, committed suicide by jumping into the rapids from the Third Sister Island on the American side. He took off his coat and vest and lay down under one of the trees, apparently for the purpose of cooling himself, when he suddenly sprang up and threw himself into the rapids.

At Arlington, Tex., a most atrocious murder was committed on the morning of the 9th inst., at 4 o'clock by R. A. Lindsey. The victims were his step-father, Jas. A. Wright, and step-sister Lindsey escaped to the woods, and at last accounts was at large, though closely pursued.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The committee having in charge the revision of the Old Testament have consented that several members shall undertake the revision of the Apocrypha.

The prejudice against cremation in England is fast dying out.

English Cholera has appeared in several districts in Lancashire. Over 200 persons have been stricken, and five deaths have occurred. Doctors attribute the outbreak to excessive heat and the use of improper food.

Casey, the chief witness for the Crown against the Maamtrasna murderers, has confessed to the Archbishop of Tuam, that all the testimony he had given at the trial was false. He frankly states that his services were secured for the purpose of convicting Nyles, Joyce, and the other prisoners. Crown Solicitor Bolton (who is accused of atrocious criminalities in Dublin) Casey averred, compelled him to swear against these prisoners, although he himself was reluctant to do so.

The Congress at Versailles have adopted by 602 to 165 the paragraph decreeing the Republican form of government to be immutable. The paragraph declaring monarchical pretenders to be ineligible to the presidency was adopted by 597 to 153.

There were fifteen deaths at Marseilles during the day ending 8.30 p.m. on the 12th inst. The weather is very hot. There is a continuous decrease in the number of deaths in the outlying villages.

The Spanish government is seriously alarmed over the disaffection in the army. Recently, at Barcelona, seventeen officers, including the colonel, were cashiered from one regiment on charges of disloyalty.

The English government has ordered 1,000 row boats for the Nile expedition in passing the cataracts. Six thousand men and 1,000 tons of coal will be sent to Wady Hala, which will be made the base of operations. Troops for Wady Hala will be sent by rail to Sarrao, and thence by camels to Temneh. The Nile is rising rapidly. The Tenth Battalion of Egyptian troops has gone to Assouan.

The Mudier of Dongola offers to place six boats with pilots and 1,000 men at the disposal of the Government, for the purpose of towing the Government steamers.

A Canton despatch says the Viceroy is superintending the laying of torpedoes, and the preparation of the barrier to obstruct the river. He has also ordered twelve tons of dynamite. Insults to foreigners have been forbidden. The town is quiet, although a strong war feeling prevails. A steamer is held in readiness to remove foreigners if necessary.

Latest despatches from China state that Admiral Lespes blockaded the port of Keelung, on August 5th. The Chinese attempted to repel him with a battery of Krupp guns, but were silenced in a very short time.

Tales and Sketches.

A SCRIPTURAL COG-WHEEL.

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Close beside the great cog-wheel that turned the calender rolls sat old Frazer. Short, slight, bowed with years, twisted out of all shape, swaying over the crank that he turned, he seemed part and parcel of the grotesque shadow that ever brooded in his corner. Rumor said that the old man had once been "one of the boys," that he had loved liquor and had taken his share in his day. He was known to be thoroughly temperate now, and that was about all that was known of him. The young bloods poked fun at the old man in many ways—invited him out to drink, inquired the price of gin, and did many other eminently wise and witty things of like nature. He bore it all patiently, until one day a young Hercules called "Swivel" said he would "make the old duffer take a sup," and forthwith he took a pocket-flask of brandy from his coat, and, stealing softly behind Frazer, held it close under his nose.