

## General News.

## CANADIAN.

Standard time has been adopted in all the principal Canadian cities and towns.

It has been estimated that 55 lives and 60 vessels were lost by the series of gales on the lakes from November 11 to November 17, the vessels lost aggregating in value \$400,000.

The Trades and Labor Council of Toronto recently adopted a resolution asking the Government to discontinue assisted immigration.

The strike of the plasterers in Toronto still continues and causes much inconvenience and trouble.

John Marshall, a respectable farmer living near Vittoria, was starting for a load of wood, when his team of spirited horses ran away, dragging him a few yards, the wagon running over him, killing him almost instantly.

Last week James Moore, aged 14, living near Madoc was accidentally shot and instantly killed while playing with a loaded shot-gun.

The Welland cut-off of the Michigan Central or Canada Southern, which shortens the line between Niagara Falls and Chicago eleven miles, is now completed. The cantilever bridge at Niagara Falls will be ready on Dec. 1st for the passage of trains. The work is now substantially finished, excepting the touching-up of unimportant works, and the placing of some fixtures.

Mr. J. Gordon had his skull fractured and his head fearfully cut near Rodney on Saturday. It appears Gordon was adjusting the main belt of a steam thrasher while in motion, which slipped, throwing him against the machine, receiving the above serious injuries before it could be stopped.

The past week has been a disastrous one in the matter of fires; not many have been of a very serious character. The worst was that in Messrs. Brandon & Co.'s woodenware workshop in connection with the Central Prison at Toronto. The loss in this case was about \$40,000. Others were James Robertson's saw-mill near Cornwall, E. Brown's piano factory at Brantford, Craig's saw-mill at Woodstock, N. B., and McIntosh's at Springfield.

A nugget of gold weighing twenty ounces, and valued at \$350, has been taken out of the River Gilbert at Beauce, Que.

The Department of Marine and Fisheries has presented Michael Troy, of Wolfe Island, with a silver watch in recognition of his services in saving life on Lake Ontario.

The Finance Department, Ottawa, has forwarded to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, a receipt for \$8,000,000. The amount is deposited with the Bank of Montreal to the credit of the Receiver-General on account of stock guarantee.

Mrs. Carson, formerly of St. Thomas, who resides at Petrolia, missed her little Lizzie, between three and four years of age. A search was made, and the child was found, cold in death, lying behind the door. A doctor was summoned, who proclaimed the cause of death to be sewer-gas.

The Provincial election for Levis county, Que., was held last week. Mr. Lemieux, the Liberal candidate, was elected, his majority being variously estimated at from 40 to 80 votes.

At Montague, P. E. I., a few days ago, a 12 year old boy went to water two horses. While the animals were drinking a quarrel arose between them, and one attempted to kick the other, but unfortunately kicked the boy instead in the forehead. He only lived two hours.

The Department of Marine has received notification that the Colchester reef lightship foundered on the 12th inst. at her anchor. The men on board, three in number, are lost. The department has decided that no light will be maintained there during the rest of the season.

The engineers at the end of the Canada Pacific report the discovery of a large cave half a mile west of the thirtieth siding, high up on a lofty mountain side. It is three acres in extent, and wonderful in the abundance of fossil marine specimens to be seen in the interior.

The Methodists of Cobden, a rising village on the C. P. R., near Pembroke, have recently built a very substantial church, at a cost of \$1,000, which was dedicated on Sabbath, Oct. 28, by the Rev. James Elliott, D. D.

## UNITED STATES.

Despatches from many points east, west, and south indicate the general adoption of the new standard by the larger cities and most important railroads.

The American Secretary of State has ordered that the State Department be furnished with the naturalization papers of O'Donnell.

The bill striking out the word "male" from all election laws has passed the Council of the Washington Territory Legislature. It passed the Lower House several weeks ago. The Governor has expressed his intention of signing the bill. An enthusiastic ratification meeting was held by the woman suffragists.

Reports from Northern Maine show the most disastrous results of the gale. Many buildings have been destroyed and several persons seriously injured. Millions of dollars' worth of valuable timber in Maine forests is destroyed. The extent of the damage in Oxford County is \$75,000, and in Bethel upwards of \$20,000. Many hundred head of live stock were buried in the ruins of barns. Franklin County reports \$50,000 damage.

Thirty cases of diphtheria are reported at Waterbury, Va. The schools are closed. Much excitement prevails.

At Trenton, N. J., the State Normal and Model Schools are both closed. Four scholars sick with scarlet fever remain. The prompt closing of the schools will probably confine the cases to the few who were stricken last week. There are only a few cases in the city outside the school.

A passenger train on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad collided with a freight train last Friday, near Streator. The killed are:—Louis Greener, Streator, farmer; Rev. Samuel Dickover; L. G. Pease, attorney, of Dwight; Mrs. Alex. Henderson and daughter, of Wedren; and Man. Hubberton, of Streator. The following were injured:—Dr. J. H. Finley, Streator, who will probably die; J. F. Murdock, lawyer, Streator, scalded; Levy Young, engineer; Fireman Smith, Aurora; W. H. Doyle, conductor; Jas. Sullivan, of Garfield.

The steamer S. H. Parisot was burned this morning at Bullet's Bayou, above Natchez. No lives lost. The Parisot left Vicksburg yesterday for New Orleans with 3,100 bales of cotton, 1,300 sacks of oil cake, and 500 barrels of oil. The loss is over \$200,000. The steamer was built two years ago, and cost \$60,000.

Seven houses have been burned at Rahway, N. J., thirty seven families are homeless.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The election for the Rectorship of Glasgow University resulted as follows:—Postmaster General Fawcett, 797; Marquis of Bute, 679; John Ruskin, 391.

Advices from the British fleet on the West Coast of Africa state that recently 150 English sailors were sent up the Niger to punish the natives at different points on that river for outrages upon explorers and traders. After shelling the town of Aboh at the head of the Delta they ascended to Egga, a large town 300 miles from the mouth of the Niger. Here they landed and were at once attacked by the natives. A fierce fight ensued, in which three seamen were killed and several wounded. The attacking party of natives were driven to the bush, and the sailors returned to the fleet.

The British steamer Candor, from Liverpool, sank off Minden, Holland, on Sunday, during a violent storm. Eighteen of the persons on board were lost, including the engineers, who were killed by the bursting of a boiler. Eight persons were saved.

The same day the British steamer Hymethus was wrecked in a storm on the Dutch coast. But few of the crew escaped.

The *Times* says that the expected agreement between M. DeLesseps and the English shipowners includes a guarantee that each owner of stock in the proposed second Suez Canal shall have a voice in the administration of its affairs proportionate to the amount of his holdings. The plan also includes a loan by the English capitalists of £8,000,000 sterling at three per cent., to aid in the construction of the canal.

A. M. Sullivan, M. P., was taken suddenly ill last week. Recovery said to be doubtful. Overwork in the case of O'Donnell the supposed cause.

The Canadian case of Hodge v. the Queen involving the constitutionality of temperance legislation has been argued before the Privy Council. Judgment was reserved.

The North Wales colliers have demanded an advance in wages of 15 per cent. and Staffordshire colliers 10 per cent.

The election for a successor to O'Shaughnessy (Liberal), who resigned his seat in the Commons, resulted in the following vote:—Edward MacMahon (Parnellite and National), 922; James Spaight (Conservative), 473.

On Thursday, of last week, at Paris, while Prime Minister Ferry was in the Senate chambers, a man of 18 went to the Ministry of Public Instruction and asked to see M. Ferry. The latter's secretary informed the youth that M. Ferry was absent. The stranger left, but returned ten minutes later and forced his way into the reception-room,