



A Summary of News for the Past Month.

1st.—Richardson Drug Co.'s buildings, St. Louis, destroyed by fire, loss \$500,000. . . . Senator Blair, of New Hampshire, wants Canada annexed, peaceably if she will and forcibly if she won't.

2d.—Emperor William, of Germany, replying to a deputation predicts peace for 1889.

3d.—Judgment rendered in the Laprairie election case disqualifying James Mesheane, ex-Minister of Public Works, in the Mercier Cabinet, for seven years. . . . Lincoln pulp mill of Merriton, Ont., burned, loss \$30,000.

4th.—Reported that 200 persons lost in the snow and frozen to death in Russia during the past week.

5th.—Hon. Edward George Villiers Stanley, eldest son of the Governor General, married to the youngest daughter of the Duke of Manchester in London, England.

6th.—Letter from the Pope read in the Irish Catholic Churches sympathizing with the Irish people in their present suffering and praising their fortitude.

7th.—Governor Ames, of Massachusetts, recommends the extension of female suffrage in that State.

8th.—Advices from Mandalay state that a battle has been fought between the British forces and the Karens; loss, British, 5; Karens, 200. . . . Attempt made to blow up the royal palace at Madrid, Spain.

9th.—Cyclone swept over Reading, Pa., and blew down a silk mill in which 250 girls were employed, 28 of them being killed and 20 seriously injured. . . . Seven storey house in Pittsburgh, Pa., blown down by the storm, and 25 men killed and 30 severely injured. . . . Niagara Falls Suspension bridge completely wrecked by the storm. . . . Quebec Legislature formally opened.

11th.—Sir John Macdonald 74 years old to-day. . . . Principal Grant tendered a reception at Queen's University, Kingston.

12th.—Dominion Evangelical Alliance send a lengthy petition to the Governor General-in-Council praying against the Jesuit Estate Act.

14th.—Eight persons killed in a railway collision near Talma, Ohio.

15th.—Several heavy business failures announced in Montreal.

16th.—Mr. Neveu, Liberal elected in Joliette, Que., for the House of Commons. . . . Letter dated August 17th received in Brussels from Stanley the explorer.

17th.—Sanford Fleming, C. M. G., re-elected Chancellor of Queen's University, Kingston. . . . Arabs destroy the German Missionary Station at Tuga and massacre eight missionaries.

18th.—Carload of cotton (144 bales) shipped from Kingston, Ont., for China, via the C. P. R. . . . Wilson, Gladstonian, elected in Govan, Scotland, for the Imperial Parliament.

20th.—Authentic accounts received in London, England, of General Gordon's murder in Khartoum.

22d.—Wm. Ross, Collector of Customs, Halifax, removed from his post for allowing the American ship Batson to tranship her cargo of fish. . . . Railway collision at Point St. Charles, Montreal; one woman killed and five persons injured.

23d.—Advices received of three hideous assassinations of negroes in Kingston, Jamaica, by "Jack the Ripper." . . . First annual dinner of the Board of Trade, Montreal. . . . Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance endorses parliamentary suffrage for women.

24th.—Farewell Banquet given by the Lord Mayor of London to United States Minister Phelps. . . . Formal opening of the Ontario Legislature. . . . Mr. Goyette, Nationalist, elected in Laprairie for the Quebec Legislature, and Mr. Lariviere in Provencher for the Manitoba Legislature.

25th.—An English missionary and sixteen of his followers murdered by the natives of Zanzibar.

26th.—Death of ex-Chief Justice Sir William Buell Richards, at Ottawa, aged 74. . . . Railway Committee of the Privy Council give permission to the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway to cross the C. P. R. at Morris. . . . Mme. Albani enthusiastically welcomed in Montreal.

27th.—Great excitement in Paris, France, over the election of General Boulanger for the Seine Division. . . . Terrible distress reported amongst settlers in Seward County, Kansas.

28th.—Grand Opera House and the Post office at Duluth, Minn., destroyed by fire, loss \$200,000. . . . Reported that Gen. Harrison's Cabinet will comprise Mr. Blaine, Secretary of State; Senator Allison, Secretary of the Treasury; Gen. Alger, Secretary of War; Mr. Wanamaker, Secretary of the Navy, and Mr. Estee, or Mr. Swift, of California, Secretary of the Interior. . . . Lord Wolseley creates a sensation in England by lecturing in favor of conscription for the army.

29th.—Serious rioting in New York between street car strikers and the police. . . . Death of the King of Annam.

30th.—Sudden death of Prince Rudolf, heir-apparent to the Throne of Austria, at Mierling, near Baden. . . . Mr. Colter, Reformer, elected in Haldimand for the House of Commons.

31st.—Formal opening of the Dominion Parliament. . . . U. S. Minister Phelps leaves London for the United States. . . . Advices received from Samoa that the Germans have declared war against Matanafa, and that probably all the Samoans will join against the Germans.



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BUENOS AYRES, SOUTH AMERICA. — Our correspondent writes us that most damaging hail, rain, and wind storms have been experienced in many parts of the Argentine Republic, and great loss was sustained to the crops, and cites an instance where one extensive grain grower lost 8,000 (eight thousand) acres of wheat. It is, however, reported that the Republic will have some ten million bushels of surplus wheat which will be mostly absorbed by Brazil.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, December 25, 1888. — Our harvest is now about completed and is the poorest in the history of the colonies. We scarcely have sufficient wheat for our own requirements. South Australia will not average more than four bushels per acre. The annual consumption of wheat in Australia is about twenty-four million bushels. We have had most excellent success with The Toronto Binders, in spite of such adverse circumstances. We have won in open field competition eight first prizes and two second prizes against the Hornsby, Walter A. Wood, McCormick, Deering, Osborne and Buckeye. What better can we have?

MR. FRED I. MASSEY, manager of the European Branch House of the Massey Manufacturing Co., who has been here on a short visit, returned to his field of operations by the S. S. "Etruria" on Saturday last, the 2d inst. He reports that the harvest season was most disastrous throughout most all Europe. A great deal of grain in North England did not ripen and was not out. Rain was incessant all summer, and the average temperature for the month of July did not exceed 44 degrees.

PARIS, FRANCE, Jan. 14, 1889. — The Grand International Exhibition opens here May 1st next. Most of the space is already taken up and it promises to be a successful affair. Although we understand the Canadian Government is taking no active part in the Exhibition, we expect to see some Canadian interests represented and notably amongst them will be the Toronto and Massey Machines. Now that we have a direct steamship service between Montreal and Havre, landing passengers within three hours of Paris, we hope to see many Canadians here during the Exhibition season.

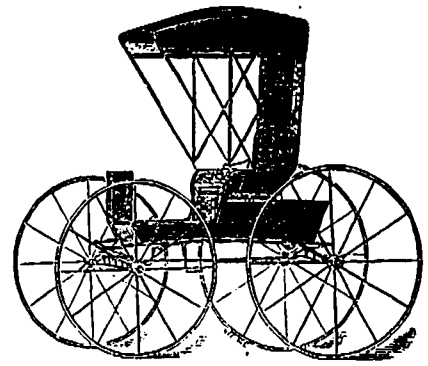
EUROPEAN WHEAT STOCKS, JANUARY, 1889.

THE stock of wheat in Europe was large for the first of the year, as will be seen below:—

	Bushels.
United Kingdom	22,000,000
France, in and out of bond, about	18,000,000
Belgium and Holland, about	4,000,000
German Ports, about	3,000,000
Buda-Pesth, about	11,500,000
Russian northern and southern ports, about	25,000,000
Danubian ports, about	3,500,000
Total stocks, about	87,000,000
Total on passage to Europe, exclusive of Mediterranean	22,770,000
Grand Total	109,770,000

The new wheat crop on this continent is only six to eight months away. If it happens that Europe gets short of wheat in July and August, 1889, the Atlantic ports with a good crop and an early harvest can, as they have before, furnish Europe with tens of millions of bushels from the crop of 1889. This alone would make good any probable deficiency in supply there may or might be.

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