SUMMARY OF NEWS.

BY ALLAN STRAMER.

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GEOGRAPHY EXTRAORDINARY.

A correspondent of a leading London weekly paper not long ago spoke of the "city" of Ontario, in Canada. Not to be outdone one of the principal provincial daily journals now gravely announces that "information has been received from Ontario, Canada, 'that the country around that town is swarming with the Colorado beetle.'"

GREAT FIRE AT BRADFORD.

One of the most destructive fires ever known in Bradford is reported in the Yorkshire papers. The premises destroyed were among the finest in that thriving borough, and included the warehouses of Messrs. C. Semon & Co., stuff merchants; Mr. Stephens, yarn and cloth merchant; Mr. Eagle, printer and stationer; and Messrs. Oddy & Co., cloth merchants. The damage is from £100,000. Mr. C. Semon has been Mayor of Bradford, is a very charitable gentleman, and is much respected.

MR. BRADLAUGH.

Mr. Bradlaugh since his trial has addressed a crowded meeting of his constituents at Northampton. He expressed himself confident of reversing the decision of the Lord Chief Justice, and said if he did not succeed in this he would, as soon as he came out of prison, continue to circulate the pamphlet until it was allowed to be legal. The following resolution was carried almost unanimously:—"That, hearing the statement of Mr. Bradlaugh, this meeting expresses its thorough confidence in him as one of the candidates for the future representation of the borough."

HUNTINGDONSHIRE ELECTION.

The polling was as follows:—

Lord Mandeville (Conservative).....1,492
Hon. H. W. Fitzwilliam (Liberal).....1,416

Conservative majority.....76

Huntingdonshire has not returned a Liberal candidate for nearly half a century; but on this occasion Lord Mandeville was not, it is stated, acceptable to some of the Conservative electors.

THE LONDON STOCK BROKING.

The London correspondent of the Liverpool *Courier* writes:—The extent to which business on the Stock Exchange has collapsed is only known to the members of the House. It is calculated that, apart from home stock, the business at present done is good business, securities is only about one-third of what it was during the palmy period before the late crisis; and in the speculative stocks the business has shrunk to one-tenth. A number of foreign operators must shortly add to have disappeared altogether from the market. Some that formed for years favorites for speculation are now dead in. Five per cent. Turkish, for instance, which long were the favorite stock in speculative hands, are entirely neglected. There are days in which not a bargain is made in them. Turkish Treasury Bonds, 5 and 6, also at one time amongst leading speculative paper, are seldom now named, if at all. Egyptian stocks are not quite neglected, but they are only spasmodically dealt in, there being sometimes large dealings, and sometimes none at all. Russians, especially the 1873 loan, still keep lively, but Austrians, on the other hand, are almost out of sight; and in Lombardo-Venetian, which used to form a favorite speculation, scarcely the transactions now are few indeed. In foreign stocks the business done is very small, and the amount of this paper which is held in England gives only from 90 to 95 per cent. Less than three-fifths of the five per cents, it is now estimated, are held in this country, while Germany, Holland, Switzerland and American are said to have disappeared altogether from the market. Some that formed for years favorites for speculation are now dead in. Five per cent. Turkish, for instance, which long were the favorite stock in speculative hands, are entirely neglected. There are days in which not a bargain is made in them. Turkish Treasury Bonds, 5 and 6, also at one time amongst leading speculative paper, are seldom now named, if at all. Egyptian stocks are not quite neglected, but they are only spasmodically dealt in, there being sometimes large dealings, and sometimes none at all. Russians, especially the 1873 loan, still keep lively, but Austrians, on the other hand, are almost out of sight; and in Lombardo-Venetian, which used to form a favorite speculation, scarcely the transactions now are few indeed. In foreign stocks the business done is very small, and the amount of this paper which is held in England grows every day greater. No