

In an extra issue of the *Canada Gazette* it is announced that two acts of the Manitoba Legislature have been disallowed. The first, with respect to the construction of the Red River Valley Railway; and the second, to amend the Public Works Act of Manitoba. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth in the prairie province over these disallowances, but so long as the C. P. Railway company refuses to abandon the monopoly clause of its charter, the Federal Government is bound in good faith to carry out its provisions to the letter.

The cotton crop in the Southern States promises to be one of the largest ever known. A careful estimate places it at 7,500,000 bales.

Jacob Sharp, who was convicted of bribing a number of New York Aldermen, has been sentenced to four years imprisonment. He is seventy years old, and is said to be very ill.

One hundred and twenty-six deaths from sunstroke are reported as having occurred in Chicago during the last ten days. The coroner, with his deputies, four in number, finds it almost impossible to overtake the work of holding the requisite inquests.

Our fellow-Provincialists in Boston have by no means forgotten their native Province. As a mark of their kindly remembrance, they have subscribed for and presented to the Yacht Squadron, of Halifax, a handsome silver cup, to be contested for at the coming regatta in August.

Minneapolis has this week been visited by fire, the huge Anthony elevator, which is one of the largest on the continent, having been burned to the ground with its contents. One million two hundred thousand bushels of wheat were stored in the elevator at the time. The total loss will reach \$1,075,000.

Seven soldiers were killed and seventy injured, by the explosion of the gunpowder magazine near Massowah, Italy. Property to the value of \$300,000 was destroyed.

The Imperial Institute fund now amounts to a large sum of money - the latest donation is that of Her Majesty, who has contributed fifty thousand dollars towards the Institute.

The women's memorial statue to the Prince Consort is about to be erected. Seven thousand persons, chiefly women, were present when the Queen laid the corner stone.

Frederic Krupp, the German metal founder and manufacturer of the celebrated steel guns which bear his name, died at his home, near Essen, Rhenish Prussia, on Thursday last.

A recent fire at Witepsk, in Russia, destroyed four hundred and thirteen dwellings, six school houses, and a bank. The loss is estimated at one million six hundred thousand dollars.

Satisfactory progress is being made in the movement to memorialize the Imperial Government to grant a subsidy to the Pacific mail service of the Canadian Railway Company from Hong-Kong and Yokohama to Vancouver, B. C.

A joint committee of the Houses of Lords and Commons are considering the subject of State-aided emigration, and hope to prepare a scheme which will afford relief without arousing the hostility of the working classes in the Colonies.

The Ameer of Afghanistan has not yet succeeded in quelling the uprisings of his rebellious subjects. Two battles have recently taken place, in the first of which the Ameer's troops were victorious; but in the second the rebels gained a slight advantage.

Dr. Tanner, Irish member of Parliament, has been called to account in the Commons for using in the lobbies of the House some strong language against Mr. Long, member for Wiltshire district. Dr. Tanner will not, if he can help it, speak to a Tory, and he resented the attempt of Long to engage him in conversation.

As yet it is not known whether Prince Ferdinand of Saxe Coburg Gotha will accept the throne to which he has been elected by the Bulgarian Sobranje. If the Prince was free to act as he thought best, there can be no doubt but that he would accept the proffered crown, but he is sufficiently behind the scenes to realize the dangers of the position.

Much uneasiness has been caused by the publication of a pamphlet in St. Petersburg, entitled "Waiting for War." It is supposed that the issuing of this pamphlet has been officially sanctioned; and as it predicts a great conflict between Russia and Germany, the diplomatists of the latter country have criticised it sharply, and have condemned in no measured terms both the Czar and his Cabinet for allowing such an inflammatory publication to see the light.

Unusual interest attached to the trial trip made recently of a twin screw torpedo boat, one of two built for the Italian government by Messrs. Yarrow & Co., of Poplar. The average speed was 25 knots (or 28 miles) per hour for six hours, the highest for one hour, 27.69 knots—the greatest speed ever attained through the water by any ship or boat. This boat has the following dimensions:—Length on water line, 140 ft.; beam, extreme, 14 ft.; draught, 5 ft. 4 in.; displacement, 100 tons. Steam is supplied by two locomotive boilers, one forward and one abaft the engine room. Either boiler can supply either engine, or both. The screws are driven by two pairs of compound engines, indicating over 1400 horse power combined. The trial trip took place in the Lower Hope, below Gravesend. The weather was very rough, the number of people on board 33, equipment complete, and load carried 12 tons.

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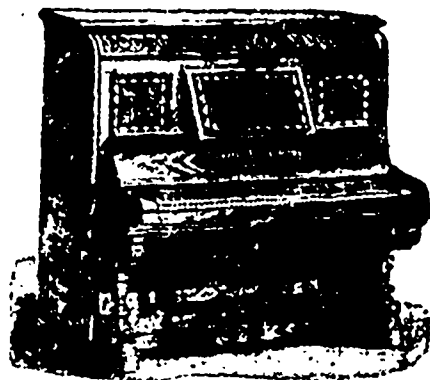
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