Brilliant Ceremonies and a Brilliant Assemblage.

IN THE SENATE CHAMBER.

Unusually Large Gathering of Spectators.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—Parliament was formally opened this afternoon with the usual ceremonial solemnities. Not for many years had so much interest been taken in cardinal and pale blue ribbons. Miss Fleming, pale blue silk trimmed with white and blue flowers. Mrs. McLeod Stewart, pink with reincass train, lace trimmings. Miss the proceedings. Members and Senators have come earlier this year than ever before. This was partly due of course to the interest taken by the new members of the Commons in the opening ceremony and in the buildings which are now for their use.

For several days past the library, reading room and Commons and Senate Chambers have been the scene of a constant proceshave been the scene of a constant proceshave been the scene of a constant processing of members new and members old, of sion of members new and members old, of members hot, and, it may be added, of some members who looked particularly cold. The ascertainment of localities, such as the smoking room, the library, the different galleries, the committee rooms, the departmental offices and the necessary seats in the House—these things have all been attended to with the proper amount of interest and industry. A considerable amount of amusement has been going on in the introduction of new members to Mrs. Hale stin princess train. Mrs. Jac. Lace trimmings. Mrs. H. Alexander, light silk with ruby velvet skirt and train, lace trimmings. Mrs. Carruthers, white satin, tulle trimmings. Mrs. W. R. Baker, pink silk, flower and lace trimmings. Mrs. W. R. Baker, pink silk, flower and lace trimmings. Mrs. Garruthers, white satin, tulle trimmings. Mrs. W. R. Baker, pink silk, flower and lace trimmings. Mrs. Garruthers, white satin, tulle trimmings. Mrs. W. R. Baker, pink silk, flower and lace trimmings. Mrs. Carruthers, white satin, tulle trimmings. Mrs. W. R. Baker, pink silk, flower and lace trimmings. Mrs. Carruthers, white satin, tulle trimmings. Mrs. W. R. Baker, pink silk, flower and lace trimmings. Mrs. Carruthers, white satin, tulle trimmings. Mrs. W. R. Baker, pink silk, flower and lace trimmings. Mrs. Carruthers, white satin princess train, lace trimmings. Mrs. Carruthers, white satin, tulle trimmings. Mrs. W. R. Baker, pink silk, flower and lace trimmings. Mrs. Carruthers, white satin, tulle trimmings. Mrs. W. R. Baker, pink silk, flower and lace trimmings. Mrs. Sunthaman, and lace trimmings. Mrs. Carruthers, white satin, tulle trimmings. Mrs. Sunthaman, and lace trimmings. Mrs. Carruthers, white satin, tulle trimmings. Mrs. Sunthaman, and lace trimmings. Mrs. Sunthaman, and lace trimmings. Mrs. Carruthers, white satin, tulle trimmings. Mrs. Sunthaman, and lace trimmings. Mrs. Carruthers, white satin, tulle trimmings. Mrs. Carruth on in the introduction of new members to after the health of the former members, and not unaccompanied by some sly jokes about the escapades of the defeated ones. From two o'clock the usual crowds began to gather before the building, in the lobbies, in the corridors, and at every available Mrs. Boucher, black velvet train, lace the corridors, and at every available trimmings. Mrs. Justice Taschereau, black velvet train, lace trimmings. Mrs. Steele, space. There were crowds on the streets and at the corners; and all Ottawa had, in a measure, "culled out a holiday," and black satin train, lace trimmings. Mrs. Alexander Mackenzie, black velvet train, come out to wait in patient expectation to come cut to wait in patient expectation to see—well, to see his Excellency and her Royal Highness "pass the streets of Rome."
The weather was all that could have been expected. A heavy fall of snow during two days past had cleared the air, and the sun Hervey; and Hon. E. Moreton, comptroller. The ladies in waiting were Lady S. Honourable Mrs. Moreton, Chayter. Macnamara, Honourable Mrs. Moreton, and Mrs. De Winton. Capt. Chayter, having been recalled to join his regiment, the 91st, ordered to Natal, left for Eng-

Ottawa, and of a good many other places as well, are gathered. Elderly ladies whom time has mellowed have lead their young friends to their places, and though there is a great crush, there is no confusion to speak of; and if there is any annoyance white foreheads do not show it, and linery something must be said or one's duty would not be done. All these ladies have not taken so much trouble to be passed by without notice. Perish the thought. The Princess Louise wore a black satin, princess train, low necked, studded with diamonds; a tiara of diamonds on the hair, and diamond necklace. Lady McNamara, a black satin princess train, low necked, with jet trimmings, diamonds, and velvet ostrich feather in hair. Mrs. DeWinton, a black grosgrain silk, princess train trimmed with satin, coronet of diamonds on the head, and diamond necklace. Lady Macdonald, black silk velvet, princess train, blue feathers in hair. Mrs. W. G. Perley, pale blue brocade, princess dress handsomely trimmed with point lace, diamond ornaments. Miss Perley, white lustre trimmed with white satin. Miss Pattee, white silk grenadine, with ruchings of white silk. Mrs. J. G. Bourinot, black moire and black velvet elegantly trimmed with Honiton lace, gold and pearl ornaments. Mrs. R. C. W. MacCuaig, primrose silk with white lace flounces rose silk with white lace flounces and revees of green velvet. Mrs. M. J. Griffin, ecru silk with revees and trimmings of cardinal brocade. Mrs. R. Pope, black grosgrain trimmed with satin, and jet head-dress, feathers and pearls. Mrs. Lemoine, mauve satin dress, princess train. Madame St. Jean, brocade velvet train over brown satin skirt. Miss Whitcher, seal blue silk, Maltese lace trimmings. Mrs. Johnson (Hull), black silk velvet train, lace trimmings. Mrs. Johnson, seal blue dress and princess train. Miss Johnson, mastic silk trimmed with seal blue silk. Miss Johnson, white muslin trimmed with blue silk. Mrs. Friel, purple silk, trimmed with mauve satin. Mms. Gelinas, gold silk, princess train, and satin trimvelvet train over brown satin skirt. Miss Whitcher, seal blue silk, Maltese lace trimmings. Mrs. Johnson (Hull), black silk velvet train, lace trimmings. Mrs. S. L. Tilley, black silk velvet train over silk skirt, lace trimmings. Mrs. Johnson, seal blue dress and princess train, Miss Johnson, seal blue dress and princess train, Miss Johnson, seal blue dress and princess train, Mrs. Gelinas, gold silk, princess train, and satin trimmed with blue silk, trimmed with mauve satin. Mme. Gelinas, gold silk, princess train, and satin trimmings. Miss Woodman, light blue silk, a la princesse. Mrs. Morgan, light green silk, trimmed in dark green velvet and embroidered. Mrs. Tupper, velvet train, Honiton lace trimmings. Mrs. Stafford, dark gray silk basque and train, lace trimmings. Mrs. Ritchie, claret-coloured velvet train over satin skirt with lace trimmings. Miss Ritchie, pink silk princess train, lace trimmings. Mrs. Remon, pink silk dress with princess train. Mrs. Meredith, ecru satin princess train, tulle trimmings. Mrs. Geary's were obliged to turn out in their night garments, and, in making their way to a neighbour's house, Mrs. Sutherland, one of Mr. Geary's sisters, had both her feet badly frozen. The coroner was notified, but deemed an inquest unnecessary. trimmed in flowers and fringe. Mrs. J. P. Wiser, black silk velvet train, lace trimmings. Miss Smith, pink silk princess train, tulle trimmings. Mrs. Burpee,

navy blue velvet train, lace trimmings, tulle veil and feather in hair. Miss Sarnby Scott, white satin princess train, tulle trimmings. satin princess train, tulle trimn Miss Scott, black velvet princess trimmed with ceil blue satin. Miss trimmed with ceil blue satin. Miss Kate Merritt, ecru satin princess, tulle trimmings and pearls. Mrs. Flannigan, white silk, white satin trimmings, Honiton lace, and gold ornaments. Mrs. McClennan, black velvet, Honiton lace, gold ornaments. Mrs. James Skead, purple train over white satin, Honiton lace. Miss Reynolds, marcon satin, Honiton lace. Miss Burham, mauve and white satin. Miss Stewart, light blue silk trimmed with mastic satin. Miss Lula Fleming, white silk trimmed with white

Miss Armstrong, princess train of light grey over pink silk tulle trimmings. Mrs. W. H. Walker, black silk velvet train over ceil blue satin skirt.

Mrs. Germell, white silk princess train less trivaless trainings.

old gold satin, lace trimmings, head dress of old gold and feathers. Miss Heney, ecru silk princess train, lace trimmings. Mrs. H. Lapierre, black velvet princess train, trimmed with Brussels lace. Miss Russell, white silk princess train.

court costume.

After his Excellency's speech (which will Macnamara, Honourable Mrs. Moreton, and Mrs. De Winton. Capt. Chayter, having been recalled to join his regiment, the 91st, ordered to Natal, left for England last night.

THE SCENE IN THE SENATE CHAMBER.

The Senate Chamber is brilliant to behold. The walls are newly ornamented in gayer colours than before, about the judiciousness of which there is the usual variety of opinion. But what are walls in the presence of so much beauty as is here. In the galleries and on the floors the fashion and beauty of Ottawa, and of a good many other places as well, are gathered. Elderly ladies when the process of the Commons is handed the documents, and making his bow, he retires with him in a mob, as usual. His Excellency and her Royal Highness rise, There is a fresh stretching of necks, a fresh rustle of silks, a faint whiff of perfume in the air. The Royal party depart in stately silence. The brilliant gathering of ladies dissolves from view. The galleries begin to move door-wards. There is a fresh shouldering of arms, a new crashing of music, a louder booming of cannon, a jingle of sleigh-bells, and all is over.

THE DRAWING-ROOM. The DRAWING-ROOM.

Their Excellencies' drawing-room in the evening was certainly the most brilliant affair of the kind ever seen in Ottawa. About four hundred ladies and gentlemen were present. The ladies' costumes baffled description. Her Royal Highness wore mourning, as in the afternoon, and his Excellency his Windsor uniform, The Min isters of the Crown and their wives, Supreme Court Judges and their wives, and the members of the Senate and Commons were first presented, and then the general public. The ceremony commenced at 9 o'clock and was over at 10 o'clock. The drawing-room will be continued on Sattrao'clock and was over at 10 o'clock. The drawing-room will be continued on Satr-day evening. Quite a number of Americans were presented, among them an ex-Governor of Connecticut. The Guards' band furnished the music, the Dragoon Guards the escort, and the Governor-General's Foot Guards the guard of honour.

LOSS OF LIFE AT A FIRE.

A Young Man Burned to Beath in London Township — Narrow Escape of Other Members of the Family.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The residence of Mr. LONDON, Feb. 12.—The residence of Mr. Robt. Geary, fifth concession London Township, was totally burned this morning at four o'clock and one of the young men in his employ, named Everett, who slept over the kitchen where the fire broke out, perished in the flames. His body was found afterwards burned to a crisp, merely the trunk remaining in a position showing that he had died crouching in a corner of the room. The whole family had a very narrow escape from a similar

There are over two hundred applicants for the license inspectorship in Cardwell.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.-The first session of OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—The first session of the Fourth Parliament of Canada was opened by commission to-day. The Senate and House of Commons assembled at three o'clock, Chief Justice Ritchie presiding in the former, and Mr. Patrick, Clerk to the House of Commons, acting as presiding officer in the latter. The attendance of members of both Chambers was large and all the galleries were crowded to excess.

Just as the hour of three was indicated by the clock, Mr. Kimber, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, announced himself at the door of the Commons by giving the usual three knocks. When admitted and after bowing to the members, he reand after bowing to the members, he re-peated the usual form of summons to the Senate, where he said the Honouralte William Johnson Ritchie, Deputy Governor and Chief Justice of Canada, desired the immediate attendance of that honouralle

House.

The members, led by the Clerk, then proceeded to the Senate, where Hon. Senator Wilmot informed them that it was their duty to return to their Chamber to elect a Speaker and to return to-morrow to hear the reasons why his Excellency had called the Parliament at this time.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER. When the Commons had returned their Chamber, Sir JOHN MACDONALD, address the Clerk of the House, said he had the honour to move that hon. Joseph G. Blanchet, the member representing the electoral district of the County of Levis, electoral district of the County of Levs, should take the chair of the House is Speaker. (Cheers.) To those hon genthmen who had been in Parliament for some time, it would not be necessary to state the peculiar qualifications of the hon member whose name he had proposed for the office of Speaker. The hon member had had great Parliamentary experience, from 1861 until the Confederation of the Provinces. He was a member of the Parliament of the late Province of Canada. Hon, Mr. TILLEY seconded the motion. Mr. MACKENZIE stated that before indicating the course he proposed to take in

dicating the course he proposed to take in reference to the Speakership, he desired to express his astonishment at the nomination the leader of the Government had just made. (Langhter.) All would recollect that the hon, gentleman in proposing a Speaker to the new House in 1872, gave it

After prayers the Usherof the Black Rod attended with a message from his Excel-lency the Governor-General desiring the attendance of the faithful Commons in the Senate chamber, whither the Commons hurried, followed by the Speaker and the officers of the House.

In the Senate the Governor-General delivered the following

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE,

Honourable gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In meeting the Parliament of Canada for the first time I desire to express the gratification I feel at having been selected by her Majesty for the high and important office I now fill, and to assure you of the great satisfaction with which I now seek your aid and co-operation. In acknowledging with profound gratitude the reception which has been accorded to myself as her Majesty's representative, I am also commanded by the Queen to convey through you to the people of Canada her thanks for the loyal, generous, and kindly manner in which they have welcomed her daughter.

The contribution of Canadian products and manufactures to the great Interna-Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

under contract and will be energetically pushed to completion in order to secure as rapidly as possible the connection between Lake Superior and the great North-West.

A bill for the amendment and consolidation of the Acts relating to stamps shall be submitted for your consideration, as well as a measure amending the Act relating to weights and measures.

The decennial census must be taken in 1881. I think it expedient that a measure for the purpose should be passed during the present session in order to give ample time for the preparation of all the preliminary arrangements and to ensure the census being taken as accurately and inexpensively as possible. In connection with GREATFIRE AT LONDON

pensively as possible. In connection with this subject it may be well to consider the propriety of providing some means for the collection and collation of vital, criminal, and general statistics.

A bill will be laid before you for the re-

arrangement of some of the departments of the Government, and also measures relatthe Government, and also measures relating to the survey and management of the
Dominion lands, to the Mounted Police,
and to the Post Office department; and
also for the amendment in some particulars
of the laws relating to Indians.

A measure will also be submitted to you
for the vesting in, her Majesty for the use
of the Dominion of certain Ordnance and
Admiralty lands in the Provinces of Nova
Scotia and New Brunswick.

tion of the strictest economy to the public expenditure, and by the readjustment of the tariff with the view of increasing the evenue, and at the same time of developing and encouraging the various industries of Canada, you will, I trust, be enabled to restore the equilibrium between revenue and expenditure, and to aid in removing the commercial and financial depression which unhappily continues to exist. I have directed that the public accounts of the past financial year shall be laid before you. Honourable gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: Parliament has recognized the importance f providing for the safe deposit of the surplus earnings of the people by arranging for their being placed with the Government a a fair rate of interest. It may be well for yot to consider how far it is practicable to give a like security and encouragement to persons who may desire by an insurance upon their lives to make provision for those pendent upon them. Your best attention will, I doubt not, be

given to the important subjects I have alluded to, and to the general interests of the country. The members of the Commons then re-urned to their House, where the proceed-ngs were of a purely formal character.

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A Clever Swindler. HAMILTON, Feb. 12.-An individual, whose identity as yet remains in obscurity, has been successfully practising swindling in different parts of Ontario for some time past. In Brantford, about six months ago, he cleverly forged a cheque for \$600, and as in the present instance "fitted" without levels any class to be reheaded. as in the present instance "fitted" without leaving any clue to his whereabouts.
Later on in a similar attempt at St.
Catherines the wily forger was detected,
but managed to evade the law by a rapid
trip to the other side. Since that time of the present month, when Messrs. C. T. Jones and E. C. Morgan, exchange brokers, of this city received letters to the follow-

SIR, I send you \$17 in U. S. currency. Send me your cheque for its value. Use me as well as you can, for I am often receiving same from my customers in the States, and if you do right by me I will send you others as I receive them. Your answer by return mail will oblige.

Yours truly,

Dealer,

Dundas, Ontario.

To this Mr. Jones replied, enclosing a marked cheque for \$16.83, which Thundex collected. The letter sent to Mr. Morgan contained \$14 with a similar request, and was signed Thomas Ford, Dundas. A cheque on the Exchanga Bank for this amount was returned by Mr. Morgan, and on the 6th inst., Ford called and presented it, altered to \$400 and received payment. The cheque read:—

\$400.

\$400. HAMILTON, Ont., Feb. 3, 1879. To the Manager of the Exchange Bank of Canada. Pay to Thos. Ford, Esq., or bearer, four hundred No. 350. CHAS. E. MORGAN.

in St. Roch's on Saturday of a malady which bore a singular analogy to dropsy. After death an autopsy was performed to establish the exact nature of the disease, when a kind of sack or bag containing No. 350. CHAS. E. MORGAN.

The alterations were cleverly made, the four being allowed to stand and "hundred" after death an autopsy was performed to establish the exact nature of the disease, when a kind of sack or bag containing without detecting the forgery, and the clever scoundrel has once more departed without identification. A question has arisen now between the bank and Mr. Morgan, whe is liable for the money, the latter being of the opinion that the bank sheuld have detected the fraud, and the former maintaining that Mr. Morgan's signature was sufficient guarantee for paying the amount, the filling up of the cheque not being important.

MURDER IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. SMALL-POX IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. An Indian with a very Black Becord.

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CANADIAN ITEMS.

The sparrow hawk has been seen in many where English sparrows are

A baby seven months old and weighing

The Nova Scotia Legislature is summor

Brampton announces its willingness to treat liberally with any company establish-

A resolution to establish a poorhouse wa

Allen Myers, a brakesman was killed on

the Canada Southern a few days ago, twenty-one cars passing over his body.

It is proposed to organize a joint stock company, with a capital of \$100,000, to

erect a steam grain elevator at Emerson

The Kincardine Town Council have re

Tenders have been called for by the

Quebec Government, for the purchase and removal of the ruins of the old court house

A young man opened a writing school in St. Mary's recently, collected his fees in advance on the first and second nights, and

It is said that Lieutenant-Governor Laird

Charles Kelso, of the Merchants' Bank.

Perth, has received information that he has fallen heir to the sum of \$125,000 by the

at Quebec.

disappeared.

death of a relative.

for the County of Simcoe.

A class for the scientific instru nilitia officers has been opened at Halifax.

N.S. It will meet twice a week.

A violent disease among horses has broken out at Smith's Falls. Messrs. (arling's Brewery Destroyed-A diligent newspaper reader in Lindsa abscribes for twenty-two different journals A Port Burwell "sportsman" killed twenty-four foxes along the lake shore last Quarter of a Million

LONDOK, Ont., Feb. 13.—The first large fire that has visited this city for upwards of six years occurred this morning, whereby the magnificent new brewery of Messrs. Carling & Co., together with about three-fourths of its contents, was reduced to ruins. The fire commenced at about four o'clock in the malting department, the malt in the drying kiln igniting and heating the iron doors and framework so as to set fire to the woodwork adjacent. The alarm was quickly given, and the fire brigade were speedily on hand. Meantime the engine which is always kept on the premises was brought into use. On the arrival of the firemen, four lines of hose were attached to the new hydrants on the corners of the brewery square, and thus five fifty pounds is the pride of the township of Elma. ed to meet for the despatch of business o Thursday, March 6th. The reported outbreak of leprosy in a French-Canadian family at Squirrel Creek, P. E. I., is contradicted. defeated by one vote at the last meeting of ers of the brewery square, and thus five streams were available. The

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 13 .- The first large

A measure will also be submitted to you for the vesting in, her Majesty for the use of the Dominion of certain Ordnance and Admiralty lands in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you at an early day. They have been prepared with as much regard to economy as is compatible with the efficiency of the public service. I regret that the receipts into the Treasury from ordinary sources continue to be inadequate to meet the charges against the consolidated revenue. You will, I doubt not, agree with me in the opinion that it is not desirable that our finances should longer remain in this condition. By the application of the strictest economy to the public seconditions and by the application of the strictest economy to the public seconditions and her the strictest economy to the public seconditions and her the strictest economy to the public secondition. UTILITY OF THE WATER WORKS, solved to memorialize the Government for the expenditure of \$30,000 on their har-The horse which drew the first car on the City Passenger Railway of Montreal has just died, after 17 years' continuous

curred, the slate roof in the centre of the eccurred, the slate roof in the centre of the building rose like a huge wave with a crash, as though the building was being rent by an earthquake, and then collapsed. Those outside imagined from the shock that the whole building was on the eve of falling, the massive walls of brick and stone being jarred and shaken. For some time the fate of the men inside on the first floor was a mystery and the cause of infloor was a mystery and the cause of in-tense anxiety, but they soon were found not to have been injured. The effect of the explosion, which was caused, it is sur-Euziebe Brien, a good-looking French girl, nineteen years of age, gave birth to a healthy male child the other day on a doermised, by the ignition of malt dust, was to renew the fire on a more extensive scale than before. A few minutes after the roof had fallen in, flames were noticed bursting has intimated his intention of resigning the Indian superintendency of the Northout in different directions, soon uniting in

A GENERAL CONFLAGRATION which devoured the contents of the building with astonishing rapidity, and against which the firemen were to a large extent which the hieremen were to a large extent powerless, seeing that the fire was raging behind immense walls of brick, and was not very accessible from below. The interior was supposed to be as nearly as possible fireproof, and yet the progress of the flames, after once gaining the advantage, was something marvellous. There were in stock some 30 000 cr. was something marvel stock some 30,000 or FORTY THOUSAND RUSHRIS OF RADILEY AND

Robert Parker, of Guelph, shipped on Monday, two buggies to Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and will make another ship-MALT, all of which became food for the flames, or all of which became food for the flames, or is so damaged by smoke and fire as to be unfit for any purpose whatever. The stock of hops was partially saved, and the stock of bottles was saved almost entire. The safe was turned out of doors early. The boiler, engine and machinery, situated in the lower part of the building, are all preserved in tolerably good shape. They cost \$5,000. The stock of barrels and ale is nearly all destroyed. The warehouse and cellar on the north side, containing a portion of it, escaped destruction.

The entire loss, so far as it can be at present estimated, will not fall short of \$250,-000, on which there is insurance, in varying 000, on which there is insurance, in varying dumb.

South Africa, and will make another shipment to the same place in a few days.

Our farmers are preparing to profit by the stoppage of the United States cattle by the stoppage of the United States cattle trade with England. In many districts they are fattening stock for shipment.

The Presbyterian congregation, Seatorth, have decided to extend a call to Rev. A. D. Macdonald, of Elora. The salary offered is \$1,400 and a free manse.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy, of Victoria Settlement, N. S., are both glib of tongue, but their family, consisting of the petitioner, by Messrs. McNeil and the petitioner, b

A PATHOLOGICAL CURIOSITY.

A youth named Joseph Desgranges, from St. Hyacinthe, was arrested at Montreal on Wednesday, charged with robbing Bishop Moreau of \$300. The prisoner is a son of the Bishop's caretaker. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, of Petrolia, went QUEBEC, Feb. 12.-Madame Plante died

It cost \$795 to take the vote in Bruce

THE ENGLISH MAIL Armstrong was arrested on suspicion, but discharged. Mr. Denison has only recently arrived in Canada, and the loss leaves him

of Ireland bills stolen. A man named

While some few of the Halifax medical

While some few of the Halifax medical men are of opinion that the unusual prevalence of colds in that city this winter originated in something like Cyprus fever, the great majority of doctors there believe there is no such thing in this country as Cyprus fever. The latter is a malarial fever. It belongs to the country in which it originates, and is not contagious as are ordinary fevers.

Eighteen months ago H. Boudreau, a

farmer of Bernier, Eastern Townships, declared he had been robbed on the highway of \$750, but his story was laughed at. The other day Bruno Nolette, a farmer residing at Richelieu, boasted of the manner in which he plundered a wayfarer over a year ago of the amount specified. He was arrested, and Boudreau having identified him, he was committed for trial.

At a meeting of the chairmen of the various

Montreal Corporation committees, on Thursday afternoon, it was agreed to petition

the Dominion Government to amend the law regulating the calling out of the military

in case of emergency, so that they can only be called out by a requisition signed by the

mayor of a municipality, or in the event of his refusal, by four members of the council

of the municipality, together with two magistrates not members of the council.

The Winnipeg Free Press says that a letter from England states that the parentage of Lord Gordon Gordon, the notorious

age of Lord Gordon Gordon, the notorious swindler, who committed suicide in Mani-toba on being arrested by a Toronto detec-tive in 1874, has been discovered, his father being a notorious fewellery smuggler, car-rying on operations between the Continent and Great Britain, with his headquarters

on the Island of Jersey. The latter has

Reports from the Marmora gold mining

region are favourable. The Feigel mine is being worked by a company who have twenty-five men employed, and find their operations profitable. At the Williams' mine the shaft is down 135 feet, and the

ein is reported to increase in wealth and

richness. The Gatling Company have at last resolved on the nature of the process

to be employed in reaching their eres, and are about to procure the necessary

It is becoming almost as common for

township financial officers in Canada to

levant with the municipal funds as it is in

the United States. The latest sinner in

this respect is Alexander Macdonald col-

lector for Caledon West, who last week

went off with two thousand dollars. His

People in Sweetsburg are greatly ex-

fasten upon divers respectable persons of the county. So far, two heavy actions of damages have been entered against Mr. Clayes, the rejected Grit candidate, and

recently been arrested.

Mr. Wm. Switzer, Deputy Reeve of Sunnidale, has been appointed director of the Hamilton and North-Western railway for the Country of Signets.

A petition praying for the repeal of the Dunkin Act in Perth, signed by fifteen hundred ratepayers, has been deposited with the sheriff of the county.

People in Sweetsburg are greatly excited over the Mississquoi contested election case by the unwarranted charges which the bill of particulars has sought to fasten upon divers respectable persons of

less in a strange land.

ordinary fevers.

Interesting Summary of New

THE MARRIAGE OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUG At Windsor Castle arrangements a now being made for the nuptials of the Duke of Connaught and Princess Lo Margaret of Prussia, which it is understowill take place with becoming magnificer on Thursday, March 13th, at St. George Charle in the pressure of the Charle Chapel, in the presence of the Queen a members of the Royal family. Abo three weeks previous to the date fixed the marriage her Majesty, Princess Beatric and the Court will take up their residen at Windsor Castle, when the final prepar tions for the ceremonial will be complete ose observed at the nuptials of her Roy Highness Princess Louise and the Marq of Lorne. Platforms will be erected the nave for the accommodation of pri leged spectators, and the stalls of Knights of the Garter and seats in choir will be reserved for the more tinguished guests, as upon the celebratic of former Royal marriages. In order to l present at the marriage, the Crown Prince of Germany will, it is stated, proceed England at the end of February, the Crow Prince following at the beginning of Marc

FOREIGN DUTIES ON BRITISH IRON. The Marquis of Salisbury has addresse to the Secretary of the British Iron Tra Association (Mr. J. S. Jeans) a letter fro Lord Odo Russell, relative to the mor ment now in progress for the reimposit of duties on English iron entering G

growing agitation, not only in favour of r imposing import duties on iron generall but also of taking such measures as m but also of varing such incentive as a tend in particular to exclude English copetition altogether from Germany. I battle of free trade will be fought out d ing the next Session of Parliament, and Free Trade Association for that purpo has been formed in Berlin under the ab guidance of Herr Bamberger. Meanwhil I hear on good authority that the Commission now sitting to report on the protection to be afforded to the iron trade of Germany will probable recommend a protection district. recommend a protective duty of 50pf., 6d. on the hundredweight. I need no point out to your lordship that this dut would have the effect of closing the Ge man market altogether to the British ir

of 21d. per cwt., now levied on all Englis pig-iron entering Belgium. The Belgium Government have now addressed her Maje ty's Minister at Brussels on the subject this petition, and have, in effect, decline absolutely to give it.

The entire loss, so far as it can be at present estimated, will not fall short of \$250,000, on which there is insurance, in varying sums, of about \$75,000.

DUNKIN ACT REPEAL.

Repeal Carried in Northumberland and Durham. The be again attempted in Prince Edward.**

**BOWMANVILLE, Feb. 13.—The final result of the three days' polling for the repeal of the Dunkin Act in Northumberland and Durham, is a majority in favour of the repeal of 1,046:—

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A PATHOLOGICAL OURIOSITY

**Three sons and a daughter, are all deaf and dumb.

A young butcher boy in Clinton is able to take orders from a hundred customers in going his rounds, and, without having made a single note, will fill them all corporate in going his rounds, and, without having made a single note, will fill them all corporate in going his rounds, and, without having made a single note, will fill them all corporate in going his rounds, and, without having made a single note, will fill them all corporate in going his rounds, and, without having made a single note, will fill them all corporate in going his rounds, and, without having made a single note, will fill them all corporate in going his rounds, and, without having made a single note, will fill them all corporate in going his rounds, and, without having made a single note, will fill them all corporate in going his rounds, and, without having made a single note, will fill them all corporate in going his rounds, and, without having made a single note, will fill them all corporate in going his rounds, and, without having made a single note, will fill them all corporate in going his rounds, and, without having made a single note, will fill them all corporate in going his rounds, and, without having made a single note, will fill them all corporate in going his rounds, and

next morning. The horses were tracked by blood through the streets and through adjoining fields, but the tracks were obliterated by the rain, and pursuit had to be abandoned. On Tuesday morning the horses were found entangled in McKellar's driving on a very cold day recently, taking a child with them. When they arrived at their destination and unrolled the child it was dead, having been smothered.

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It cost \$795 to take the vote in Bruce on the by-law repealing the Dunkin Act, and a local journal thinks that the papers and lecturers who advocated the measure should be made to pay that amount.

Mr. David Grant and other Montreal Orangemen have taken an action in the Superior Court against Mayor Beaudry, for the recovery of \$10,000 damages, for false arrest and imprisonment on the 12th of July last.

The Quebec Nouvelliste says it is reported that the Ursuline nuns of that city have received communications from thirty of the sisterhood in France, applying for admission into the Quebec convent in the event of their being expelled from France, Christopher Cyre and his wife, two of the oldest inhabitants of Madawaska, N. S., aged ninety and eighty-six years respectively, died last week within thirty-six heurs of each other, after a married life of sixty-two years. They were buried in one figrave.

Two school-boys named respectively Beale and Forbes, quarrelled at St. Thomas, and the former drawing a pocket-knife stabbed Forbes badly in the side of the head. A surgeon dressed the wound, which, though not dangerous, was very severe.

Captain Hayes, boat-owner, of Brock-ville, was presented by the Mayor, at a meeting of the Town Council, with a handsom gold medal, on behalf of Mr. William McCullough, of Brockville, for saving him, his wife and child from drowning in January, 1878.

The farm residence and contents of Mr. John Woods, Allin's Settlement, Township of Madoc, were destroyed by fire on the night of '22nd January, Mr. Woods' the settlement of the billed the measure of the Broth of the setate of the Broth of the s

many :Lord Russell says :-"There is a stead Association memorialized the Belgian Mi-ister of Finances for the repeal of the du

absolutely to give it effect, urging that is only the duty now levied that hinder foreign pig-iron from taking a more as more preponderating place in Belgium The present time would also, say the Go ernment, be ill chosen for taking any st to render the position of the native pr ducers of pig-iron in Belgium worse the it is already, and it is argued that nowhere else, notwithstanding the progress of fr trade ideas, would such a proposal be e tertained at the present time. A consideration of another kind likewise tends make the remission of the present impoduties inopportune. These duties bring the Belgian Treasury a receipt of 600,000 per annum, and this would be altogeth lost if the memorial of the British In Trade Association were complied with. THE PARIS LOTTERY. The drawing of the Paris Lottery exci

The drawing of the Paris Lottery excit immense interest both in England at France. All the London papers have lor reports daily, and give the prizes as the are drawn. Fleet street rivals the Troc dero in the number of eager aspirants to winning numbers, and every restaurant hits crewds of anxious speculators, comparitickets, and commenting with more or ledespondency on the narrowness of the shave by which they have missed a graduation of the shave missed a graduation. lot. At Paris, ladies, we are told, sat their carriages feverishly taking notes the numbers, after the example, doubtles of the frequenters of M. Blanc's establisments, though with less reason. One fagambler screamed and fainted when si found that she had gained a prize.

HABITUAL DRUNKARDS. Dr. Cameron's Habitual Drunkards B proceeds on the permissive principle so fas regards the incarceration of persons wiseek State aid for the cure of their in seek State aid for the cure of their in firmity. They must apply personally to licensee of a "retreat," stating the tim they are desirous of remaining in it, an their application will have to be certifie by a Justice of the Peace, who is satisfie that they fall within the designation "habitual drunkards." After admission however, they become to all intentions. however, they become to all intents a purposes prisoners, and may not of the own will recover their freedom within the period for which they have voluntarily agreed to submit to discipline, provide always that their imprisonment shall not exceed the term of 12 calendar months. power of discharge is given to Justices cases where they are satisfied that suc discharge would be reasonable and proper

THE CATTLE DISEASE QUESTION.

In an editorial the Times observes : In an editorial the Times observes:

"The appearance of pleuro-pneumoni among a cargo of cattle that has arrived a Liverpool from Portland is a most unto ward event. In itself, and in the conse quences it necessarily involves, it must b profoundly regretted. These who were no aware of it before, learnt the importanc of the Transatlantic trade in live cattle from the debate on the Ministerial Cattle Plague Bill of last session. There could Plague Bill of last session. There could not be a healthier commerce. It promise a direct reduction in the cost of living, a direct reduction in the cost of living, national benefit so unequivocal that the the weakest believer in reciprocity coul not venture to deny it; and the preparations so widely made for enlarging the trade gave employment to crowds of work men whose energies would otherwise rus in idleness. Much of this must now be suddenly arrested. The Committee of Council will have at once to consider what Council will have at once to consider whe must be done in the way of schedulin North American ports. Attempts will, course, be made to discriminate betwee one and another place of embarcation. Ou Canadian fellow-subjects will eagerly claim to be excluded from the operation of an order scheduling the United States. The will never and order scheduling the United States. The will urge, and, so far as we know, wi urge truly, that the infection is confined their neighbours, while the Dominion entirely free from it. But we foresee grea if not insuperable, difficulties in makin the distinction that will be sought for The very cattle that have reached us in a infected condition have come through Carada though bought in and sent from Unite States markets; and, again, any cattle of Canadian origin must, at this season of the States markets; and, again, any cattle of Camdian origin must, at this season of the year, be embarked, almost inevitably, a United States ports. We have the consolation of thinking that a dead meat tradinary replace the trade in live cattle, if the latter is perforce suppressed, but two observations must be made upon this. I the first place, it would seem that, as is as Canada is concerned, the conveyant of meat in the form of the living animal cheaper, even in winter, since that mode. of meat in the form of the living animal cheaper, even in winter, since that mode bringing meat to our market has been pratically preferred. A dead meat trade it therefore, at best an exchange for tworse; but we must remember, in the se ond place, that in the summer months dead meat trade is almost an impossibilit We cannot say that the difficulties of the transit may not be eventually overcombut all the skill, ingenuity, and patience importers have so far been thwarted. Vahall be very glad if any discriminatican be made between cattle coming from Canada and coming from the Unit States. The import trade from Canadas increased with great rapidity, and capable of the largest extension. Last ye we received five times as many live cat from the Dominion as in the year befor The number of head imported in 1877 w 6,412, but in 1878 this sprang up to 3.