

Canada: [edit to newspaper]
[DATES TO FEBRUARY 21].

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.
The Dominion Telegraph Company has been organized, with headquarters at Toronto. The lines of this company are immediately to be extended to all business points throughout the Dominion. Contracts for the poles are given out. The lines will connect, in the United States, with the lines of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company.

The Toronto *Globe* patriotically advocates the opening up of roads through the North West Territory, even though it should involve expenditure from the Ontario Treasury.

FORESTALLING the action of the Legislature of Nova Scotia on the resolutions introduced by Mr. Wilkins, the Attorney General, Mr. Howe has taken his departure for England. The other delegates, of whom Mr. Annand, it is rumored, will be one, are shortly to follow, and the Imperial Cabinet is thus to have another bout with the resisters. We can readily understand that Mr. Howe, ambitious and unscrupulous as he is, takes a malicious pleasure in forecasting the conferences which he will press upon the Colonial Minister. He will now presume to speak with more authority than he did when he was in England before, and will have the Duke of Buckingham, instead of Lord Carnarvon, to deal with. There is no reason why either Ontario or Quebec should interfere in this matter. Let it be fought out in Nova Scotia itself. We have little faith in the result.

The Colonial Secretary may well ask that the people of Nova Scotia shall give Confederation a fair trial. The course which they are now taking is a mere exhibition of spirit. It has neither argument nor the advantage of the Empire or the provinces in its favor. In the meantime the Nova Scotia Legislature will adjourn; and the Ministers who had gone off to meet the Confederates members will come to Ottawa in March, and do their work there, and draw their pay under protest. It is very singular.

SIMCOE, Feb. 9.—Mr. Wm. F. Salmon, Judge of the County Court of the County of Norfolk, died this afternoon, aged 63.

QUEBEC, Feb. 11.—Ship-building is reviving here. Mr. Ross, of this city, has received orders from one firm in France for the construction of eight vessels. Should they be proceeded with immediately they will afford employment to a large number of men now idle.

KINGSTON, Feb. 10.—The Bank of Montreal building had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire this afternoon. About one o'clock fire was discovered in the basement occupied by the furnace and kitchen, but was extinguished after great exertions by the firemen. The building is greatly injured through its entire extent by smoke and water. Two of the women servants were nearly suffocated.

BURIED ALIVE.—The *Gospel Advertiser* says: One day during the latter part of last week a middle-aged man named Isaac Currie, of the township of Mono, went to Toronto on a visit with his wife. There he took sick, and Mr. Currie came home alone. He did not go to bed till 2 a.m. of Saturday morning, having eaten nothing for some time, and suffered much from cold and exposure. After retiring he was attacked with cramps and was unable to get up. On Saturday forenoon he grew rapidly worse, and by night was totally insensible, breathless, and apparently dead. He lay in this condition till the Monday following, when he was buried. It was noticed, previous to his interment, that the board on which he lay was warm, that his hand was closed and steady. While his face had lost its rigidity and assumed a pleasant smile. This was soon noticed abroad, and parties were bold to affirm that he was still alive. Immediately a party went to the grave and hastily broke open the coffin. No signs of life, however, were then visible, and a coroner's inquest being held upon the body a verdict was returned of "Death from exhaustion and exposure." He was in the grave about an hour before disinterment.

SUICIDE BY A BRIDE.—The *Owen Sound Times* says: Mr. Charles Van Pelt, of Cobden, was married to a young lady named Miss Hall, of Artesia, and, but a few minutes had elapsed after the ceremony which made them man and wife (we believe from the officiating clergyman had retired from the house) when the worth of the company was turned into sadness on learning that the bride had taken a poisonous dose of laudanum, and in six hours thereafter she expired; thus bringing to a melancholy and tragical termination an event which is usually looked upon as one of the greatest happiness and joy. No reason for the rash act has been assigned.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.
The St. John *Journal* says it has good reason to believe that, so far as breadstuffs are concerned, the Dominion tariff will be amended by striking off the duties on the article.

The St. John *Telegraph* states that New Brunswick starts, under Confederation, with a surplus of \$200,000. Mr. Blanchard, with a day or two since in the Nova Scotia Legislature, that his Province has \$137,000 to its credit, and that on the first of July next the Dominion Government will pay \$224,000.

A Halifax paper of the 31st ult. states that at that date Nova Scotia had received about \$14,000 from Quebec and Ontario for the relief of the distressed fishermen of the former Province.

THE PATENT SLIP.
EDITOR COLONIST.—I see by your morning edition that \$35,000 is to be applied to build a patent slip, capable of taking out a 1,000 ton ship (the money most likely to be sent away, for another elephant). I have the estimates and plans of a patent slip, got up for Victoria, which will take out a 1,000 ton ship worked by two horses only and haul her up high and dry in one hour and a half, the cost of which will not exceed eight thousand dollars to build. The iron work can all be got up at Scott & Kremer's foundry. (This estimate is for the work to be done here in town.) The lots to lay the slip on may cost \$1,000 more to purchase and to have everything in working order would not exceed ten thousand dollars, and after built there will be no expense whatever to run it.

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Wellington, Feb. 7, 1868.
Sir George Ferguson Bowen arrived here from Sydney by the s.s. *Kakoura* on Tuesday last. As was previously arranged, bugles sounded all over the town immediately that the vessel was signalled, the volunteers fell in near the wharf, crowds of people gathered around the vessel in the harbor, quickly displayed running up, down, and the Government steamer Sir Kilda with the Hon. E. W. Stanford, Premier, on board, put off to meet the Kakoura, which by this time had steamed into the harbor and dropped anchor. After keeping everybody waiting for more than an hour Sir George decided not to land that evening, but at ten

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BRANDY—Hennessy—cask & case

Porter—*Martell's*, in cask, and case

Porter—*John Martell's*, in cask