

General News.

CANADIAN.

Latest reports show that crops in Ontario are considerably below the average. Wheat has suffered badly from rust, and the first crop is small.

Toronto and Kingston have adopted the new standard of time.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company has decided to erect a new station at Windsor for the Great Western Division. Plans have been accepted, and the structure will cost \$40,000. Contracts have been let and work on the new station will be commenced at once.

A movement is on foot for the establishment of a city hospital at Brantford.

An effort is being made by influential citizens of Guelph to have a branch of the Credit Valley Railway built in their city.

The first skeleton of a mastodon found in Canada has been unearthed on the farm of Mr. George Crumblin, near Woodstock.

The Edison Incandescent Electric Light Company of Hamilton has received the contract to light the House of Commons, Ottawa, the work to be completed and in working order for the meeting of Parliament next January. This system has been tested several times at the J. H. Killey & Co. Iron Works and pronounced a decided success. The light can be easily distributed, is regular in brilliancy, and easy on the eyes.

Laval University has conferred upon the Marquis of Lorne the degree of Doctor of Laws and Languages, in recognition of his services in the cause of Canadian education.

The strike of the plasterers at Toronto still continues without any prospect of an immediate settlement.

Last Thursday evening a fire broke out in *Grip* office, Toronto. It was extinguished after much damage had been done. The loss is fully covered by insurance, and our enterprising contemporary will manage to keep business moving on as usual in spite of this sudden interference.

Fires have occurred during the past week at Durham, Millbrook and Napanee. There was a good deal of damage to property but no loss of life.

The Executive Committee of the Y. M. C. A. of Canada held its annual meeting at Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, on Saturday afternoon. Mr. V. S. Cole, Travelling Secretary who has recently returned from England, presented a most encouraging report. It was arranged to hold conferences at Sherbrooke for the Province of Quebec, November 15 to 18; Perth, for Eastern Ontario, November 30 to December 1 and 2. A third conference, for Western Ontario, will be held at some time and place yet to be agreed upon.

The Quebec Field Battery, commanded by Major Crawford Lindsay, has been awarded the Governor-General's cup for general excellence.

There was a big turn-out at Quebec to witness the departure of the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise per steamship *Sardinian*, although the weather was wretched, and the streets were lined with umbrellas. All vessels in port, as well as those passing on the river, hoisted their flags, and rockets went up incessantly. The river was comparatively smooth as the *Sardinian*, carrying with her the ex-viceregal party, steamed off for England.

A brakeman named Thomas Howe was killed at Windsor on Sunday. His train was passing under a low bridge, and he did not notice his danger in time to stoop.

Henry Russell Greenwood and Henry Harding for the murder of William Maher, are sentenced to be hanged on the 12th of December next.

Wm. Leavitz, a wealthy farmer near St. Thomas, in a fit of insanity, committed suicide by forcing a walking-stick down his throat.

An old man named Wm. McIntosh was choked to death by a piece of meat while dining at the Albion Hotel, Niagara Falls, on Tuesday.

On Sunday, the youngest child of Mr. Daniel Frank, of St. Thomas, fell into a barrel of water and was drowned.

On Saturday evening, conductor Mayne, of the G. T. R., who resides at London, was brutally beaten and afterwards robbed by a gang of roughs. He is dangerously ill.

An accident occurred last week on the Grand Junction Railway at Foxboro'. A passenger train collided with a ballast train and both were badly wrecked. Several persons were seriously injured.

At Cornwall, a boy named Frank Simpson, aged eight years, was riding in a cart when the side board gave way throwing him to the ground. The wheel of the cart passed over his head killing him instantly.

Last week a large number of persons at Mississippi, on the line of the K. & P. railway, were seized with sudden sickness. A city physician was summoned, when it was ascertained that they were suffering from the effects of poisoning. The injurious substance had been eaten with canned lobsters and salmon.

In Toronto, on Wednesday night, a serious fire occurred on the premises of the Liquor Tea Co. The loss is about \$15,000. Insurance, \$30,000.

The Earl of Cork, who is at present travelling in Canada, was the victim of an extensive robbery at Montreal, on Saturday last. It appears from his complaint to the chief of police that his pocket-book containing a circular note from his Lordship's bankers in London for £1,000 sterling, \$150 in Canadian bank bills, and some invaluable papers have mysteriously disappeared. The detectives are engaged on the case.

George M. Sterling, M. P. P. for Sunbury, New Brunswick, is dead. He was a brother of Sheriff Sterling, of York county, and was the second son of the late Mr. George H. Sterling.

James Holmes and William Bracken, the Halifax dynamiters, have been committed for trial in the Supreme Court for having dynamite and dangerous explosives in their possession. Bail for them was refused.

UNITED STATES.

The International & Northern Telegraph Company, with a capital of \$5,000,000 has been at New York.

The President has appointed Thursday, the 29th November, a day of national thanksgiving.

The Interior and Naval Departments have decided to adopt the new time standard of November 18th.

The Utah commissioners had an interview with the President on Friday. They are divided in opinion whether to recommend a government for the territory by legislative commission or by a commission like that in the District of Columbia. There is no difference of opinion as to the fact that polygamy cannot be destroyed under the Edmunds law. One of the commissioners, however, says that under the operation of that law information has been obtained which will be a guide to legislation that will destroy polygamy.

The negroes of Virginia are holding meetings and adopting resolutions asking the Mahone candidates to pledge themselves to secure the passage of State laws to protect the social rights of the coloured race.

The general freight depot of Michigan Central Railway at East Saginaw was destroyed by fire on Monday, with the official books and papers. The Saginaw Valley & St. Louis Railroad loses one car and the Detroit, Lansing & Northern two cars loaded with feed. The approximate loss is \$18,000, on which there is no insurance, as the company carries its own risks.

Last week, at Greenfield, Ohio, John Daggert, bartender, was attacked on the way home by an unknown person, shot twice, and instantly killed. Some coloured men saw the murder, but failed to catch the murderer.

There have been several deaths from diphtheria at the Blind Institution, Worcester, N. Y.

Two very destructive cyclones occurred at Paris, Ky., Sunday night. The first demolished a house, killing four negroes. The second caused destruction of property, but no loss of life. A great number of buildings were damaged throughout the path of the cyclone in the country.

A cyclone also passed over Catahoula and Texas parishes in Louisiana. Eight houses on the plantation were blown down and four negroes wounded on another. One house was lifted and carried half a mile into the woods. The negro church was turned half around. Houses and cabins on several other plantations are reported demolished. Many negroes were injured. Mrs. Bowman's house in Catahoula parish was blown down. She escaped, but her three children have not been found since.

A large saw mill, two salt blocks, and two drill houses, the property of Bliss, Brown & Co., six miles from East Saginaw, Mich., were totally destroyed by fire last week. Loss, \$65,000; insurance, \$43,000.

An explosion occurred on Sunday afternoon in the Pennsylvania Coal Company's shaft No. 7, three miles from Pittston. Thirty men