

DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION.

The Business Portion of the Village of Watford Consumed.

WATFORD, Nov. 5.—One of the most destructive conflagrations that ever occurred in this village broke out last night about 12.30 in a building owned by Thomas Fawcett, and occupied by Wm. Gordon, tailor. The flames spread with fearful rapidity, and soon enveloped the adjacent wooden buildings on either side. Despite the heroic efforts of the fire brigade the building to the south, owned by Samuel Hingford, who occupied the upper flat, while the lower was tenanted by F. B. Boyd, soon fell a prey to the rapidly advancing element, while to the north Miss Howden's milliner's shop, Lewis's jewelry store, and P. Remier's clothing establishment, whose dry frame-work burnt very fast, were completely consumed, the occupants saving very little of their effects, and not a few of the little of their property. The fire, driven by a southeast wind, crossed Main street and ignited the premises of the Rev. John Shaw, who has a window in Fawcett's brick block, ran up the chimney in the upper flat, which is occupied by the Oddfellows, and on the west side of the street the fire swept on, demolishing Fortune's book shop, occupied by Messrs. Campbell & Stewart, fancy dry goods, and the premises of the late John Shaw, banking office. Thus the whole of one block lying between Front and Huron streets by a smouldering heap of ashes, and the loss was estimated at \$100,000. The whole brick block owned by McLaughlin & McLaren was in flames, which spread to the bakery, where the fire was extinguished. The loss was estimated at \$100,000. The whole brick block owned by McLaughlin & McLaren was in flames, which spread to the bakery, where the fire was extinguished. The loss was estimated at \$100,000.

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The Finance Minister Visits the Pastories. Last week Sir Leonard Tilley and Lady J. Tilley visited the leading industrial towns of the Province. They were accompanied by Mr. S. H. Hession, M.P., Mr. J. M. Daly, M.P., Mr. Andrew Montagu, ex-M.P., Lieut-Col. Campbell of Lisivoy, Mr. S. P. Fuller, Mr. John Currie, Mr. A. W. Robb, Acting Mayor of Stratford, Mr. F. H. Hession, Mr. J. Fenell, of Berlin, Mr. J. W. Lawrence, and others. The first station visited was one which is of perhaps greater importance to Stratford than any other.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

HARVINGTON, Nov. 4.—An inquest was held yesterday evening before Coroner Hoffman at the village of Yarker upon the body of an infant, which had been discovered in an open ditch, and was found to be the child of a woman who had been reported to have been killed by a dog and a little boy, and had apparently lain there for a considerable time. The jury, composed of Mr. Hoffman, Mr. J. W. Lawrence, Mr. J. Fenell, Mr. J. M. Daly, Mr. S. P. Fuller, Mr. John Currie, Mr. A. W. Robb, Mr. F. H. Hession, Mr. J. Fenell, Mr. J. W. Lawrence, and others, returned a verdict of murder against Malone, and recommended that he should be hanged at the gallows.

DARING BANK ROBBERY.

Fifteen Hundred Dollars Carried Off in a Bold and Daring Robbery. ST. THOMAS, Nov. 5.—The east branch of the Molsons Bank in this town was this afternoon robbed of \$1,500 in a most daring manner. About three o'clock two men in a dark cabriolet entered the bank, and one of them went to the bank counter and demanded the cashier to open the safe. The cashier refused, and the two men then proceeded to the vault, where they opened the safe and carried off the money.

LATEST HOME NEWS.

It is reported that negotiations are afoot for establishing a branch of the Bank of Paris in the province of Quebec. The Silver Isles Mining Company are going to increase their facilities for working by adding to their present equipment a large and powerful and improved machinery next spring. A mangrove mine is about to be opened up at the mouth of the Petite riviere, Watford county, N.S., by M. G. Churchill & Son.

DEATH ON THE LAKE.

Loss of Three Vessels with their Crews. One more has been added to the list of vessels wrecked on Lake Ontario during the present season, and the Belle Sheridan has gone down with six out of seven of her crew. She was an old vessel, built in the year 1852, and rebuilt in 1875, after which she came into possession of Mr. P. G. O'Connell, who owned her for a year or two. Hard times compelled her to be taken up, and for the past two or three years she had been lying at the bottom of one of the harbours in the city of Montreal.

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SERIOUS SHOOTING CASE.

A Quarrel Terminated by the Revolver—The Victim Not Expected to Live. A quarrel between two men at the residence of one of them in the city of Toronto, terminated in a most serious manner. One of the men, who was named John Smith, drew a revolver and fired at the other man, who was named James Brown. The bullet struck Smith in the chest, and he was taken to the hospital, where he is now lying in a dangerous condition.

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A BUBBLE POKED.

A Collapse of a Bonus Business—Hints of the Operators and a Scramble among the Shareholders. LONDON, Nov. 5.—More facts are to hand concerning the disappearance of W. H. Blake, from Exeter, while owing every body. His disappearance has caused a great deal of speculation, and it is believed that he has been taken to some distant part of the world. The collapse of his business has caused a great deal of loss to his creditors, and it is believed that the operators of the business were in a state of collusion.

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 Boring for oil at Baddeck, N.S., is to be commenced immediately.
 More lumber has been sawn on the river Philip, N.S., this year than for several years past.
 On Monday night Mrs. William Turan, of Liverpool, N.S., presented her husband with triplets.
 The Government fish-breeding establishment at Magog is progressing nicely, the frame of a large building having been erected for that purpose.
 A Mrs. Richardson, of Bentinck township, was butted to death by a vicious ram. She was 78 years of age.
 New copper, silver, and lead mines have recently been discovered in Newfoundland. Half a million dollars is asked for them as they stand.
 Six thousand five hundred and fifty-two tons of coal were shipped from Pictou last week, making the total shipments to date 238,681 tons.
 The Elgin Licensed Victualliers' Association have held meetings and subscribed funds for the purpose of fighting against the passing of the Scotch Act.
 Half-breeds report the existence of hard coal between the third crossing of the Souris River and the mouth of the Souris, the distance being about 400 miles west of Emerson.
 Mr. Geo. Beeman, who recently lost a valuable horse, which the Belleville police found, has been made the victim of a confidence man. The confidence man told him that he had lost a valuable horse, which he had found in the stable at Napawa, and wanted a valuable thoroughbred horse in exchange.
 The Spring Hill mines, N.S., are meeting a new feature in the coal trade by trying to supply the demand for slack coal which has recently been made in Massachusetts, owing to the fact that the mills there are using past mixed with slack coal.
 Messrs. Messrs. Murray, of London, J. H. Smith, of Montreal, A. Smith and George Van Valkenburg, of Forest, spent two days last week in the townships of Plymouth and Argyle, and had a capital success, and succeeded in bagging one hundred and twenty-nine quail and seven partridges.
 Messrs. Haggart & Cochrane, of St. Thomas, are at present engaged in filling a large order of their North-West agency, including one hundred and forty tons of wheat, and twenty-four tons of power straw cutters, and twenty-four tons of heavy machinery, and have been working for some time past, and are expected to complete the order within the next few days.
 In the death of Mr. John Steels, Brampton township perhaps the oldest settler in the town, his father, Thomas Steels, a U. E. Loyalist, having been in the army, and had a family of that name on Garden Island. Hewas about 22 years of age. Joseph Birman was a Kingston man, who was in the army, and had a family of that name on Garden Island. He was a school-teacher. They resided together in a small cottage on Garden Island, and were a young man named Peter Burns, of Little's lake, Kingston, who was on the Norway. A widowed mother was in the care of Joseph Birman, and was in the office of the city regarding her son, who was supposed to be on the vessel.
 On Tuesday morning the police were notified of the death of an elderly man, who was lying on William street, in a hole in rear of No. 23. The report was made by a woman named Bennett, who was in the house. Her story was to the effect that the girl had come to her home drunk the previous evening and had lain down to sleep on the floor. She was not up until the morning, when she discovered her father-in-law lying dead in the hall. She was a young girl of about 15 years of age, and was a member of the same family as the girl who was found dead in the room of the same name on the same street. She was a young girl of about 15 years of age, and was a member of the same family as the girl who was found dead in the room of the same name on the same street.
 The Kingston News very properly condemns the present mode of celebrating the jubilee, and says that it is a disgrace to the city that such an intolerant and unchristianlike attitude should be shown towards the workers in the cause of the jubilee. The jubilee is a national holiday, and it is the duty of every citizen to observe it as such. It is the duty of every citizen to observe it as such. It is the duty of every citizen to observe it as such. It is the duty of every citizen to observe it as such. It is the duty of every citizen to observe it as such.
 The death of Edmund N. Rogers, one of the oldest residents of the township of Whitby, in his 73rd year, has just occurred. He was a well-known citizen, and was a member of the same family as the girl who was found dead in the room of the same name on the same street. He was a young girl of about 15 years of age, and was a member of the same family as the girl who was found dead in the room of the same name on the same street.
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CHIT-CHAT.

Some women make it a business to pump up to kill the taste in the making.
 It is reported in a Kookuk law that the husband of a woman who was killed by the train was found in a very unusual position on the part of the deceased in driving an old spring-kick horse, hitched to an old rickety wagon, all of which was demolished by several of the plait's witnesses. It was shown on the part of the plaintiff that a log one foot in diameter, and six feet long, was found in the wagon, which was found to be the same as the one which was found in the wagon.
 Tom Beta, on being arrested for killing Judge Moore, in Georgia, declared himself innocent of the crime, but confessed the commission of a murder several years before.
 Dom Pedro, Emperor of Brazil, wished to visit a certain railroad bridge. He had one horse to carry, and started off for a trial trip. The engineer soon saw what seemed to be a big rock on the track ahead, and applied the brake, stopping the train within a few feet of the obstacle, which proved to be a log of pasteboard.
 Another Roman Catholic priest, the Abbé de Bicy, has gone over to the other side of the ocean to preach the Gospel in the United States. He is now in the United States, and is expected to visit the regular consular service. In Brazil there are also 17 consuls, but all of them belong to the regular consular service. In the United States there are 17 consuls, but all of them belong to the regular consular service. In the United States there are 17 consuls, but all of them belong to the regular consular service.
 At the review at Aldershot on the 21st, the 100th and 101st regiments were reviewed by the Prince of Wales. The 100th and 101st regiments were reviewed by the Prince of Wales. The 100th and 101st regiments were reviewed by the Prince of Wales.
 Sir William Harcourt is still enjoying himself in the West Coast of Scotland. He has been in the West Coast of Scotland, and has been in the West Coast of Scotland.
 An eye-witness tells me that the meeting between Roberts and the generals at Candahar was rather a melancholy affair. Roberts was rather a melancholy affair. Roberts was rather a melancholy affair.
 Leon Belmont, a handsome young person, went to Minneapolis two years ago, claiming to be the son of a wealthy man. He was a handsome young person, and was a member of the same family as the girl who was found dead in the room of the same name on the same street.
 A London paper, in giving an account of the new dress invented for gamekeepers, rural constables, &c., says that it will be of great use in the country. It is a new dress, and is expected to be of great use in the country.
 Justice Smith said, on opening his court at Comberville, Tenn.: "William Henry Smith is a man who is a member of the same family as the girl who was found dead in the room of the same name on the same street."
 A meeting has been held of the societies which are discussing the subject of fog and smog in London. Mr. W. Cole considered the first aim should be to absorb the smoke from factory chimneys, and the second to remove the smoke from the air.
 The Wreck Register for 1879-1900, published by the Board of Trade, shows that last year 3,000 wrecks occurred on the British coast. It shows that last year 3,000 wrecks occurred on the British coast. It shows that last year 3,000 wrecks occurred on the British coast.
 Aberdeen has lost one of its most prominent citizens in the death of Mr. Lewis Smith, who died on the 10th inst. He was a well-known citizen, and was a member of the same family as the girl who was found dead in the room of the same name on the same street.
 The breach-loading gun of 43 tons is so far advanced that arrangements are being made for taking it to St. Petersburg. It is a breach-loading gun, and is expected to be of great use in the country.
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RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

A colporteur in Japan recently sold over 1,000 Bibles in one week.
 The Southern Baptists have just organized a church of Chinese communicants in San Francisco.
 Bishop Fuller confirmed seven candidates for Holy Orders on Sunday evening in St. Alban's Church, Acton, on Sunday evening, Oct. 29th.
 One of the members of the French Cabinet predicted that the coming generation will have passed away France will have become a Protestant nation.
 The Chinese members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada are holding a theological course in Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati.
 The last annual report of the Free Church of Scotland in Canada for the year 1879 has been presented in all its history. It has now 1,800 communicants.
 A committee of the Sanganey Presbytery has failed to receive the proposed constitution, and the members have been asked to organize a new church.
 The people of Tepic (Gilbert Islands), under missionary teaching, have gathered and turned all their weapons. They have also abolished the liquor traffic and passed stringent laws against the sale of spirits.
 The Methodist mission among the Chinese in California has an average attendance of 40 Chinese at the Chinese school, and 15 Chinese at the evening school. The missionary, Mr. Gibson, lives among the Chinese.
 A vestry of Public Worship has addressed a letter to the directors of the mission, urging them to make sure that the directors and supervisors of the mission do not neglect any of their duties, and to ensure that the members of the non-authorized orders.
 At a meeting in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, the other day, under the presidency of Rev. Canon Gore, a collection was made for the relief of the poor in the city of London. The collection amounted to \$30,000 in memory of the late Rev. C. F. Fowler, of St. Peter's. The money will be used in building a paragonage for St. Peter's.
 The great work of church erection, for which most of the evangelical churches have provided, is now being carried out in the city of London. The new churches are being erected in the city of London, and are expected to be of great use in the country.
 A gift of \$50,000 has been made to the fund for the Melbourne (Australia) cathedral. The gift is a very valuable one, and is expected to be of great use in the country.
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CELEBRATING WOMEN.

Some Concerning Women are publicly demanding that women householders and owners of property should be allowed to vote for members of Parliament and of town councils.
 The women employed in the perfumery works of L. T. Piver, in Paris, have struck work because the discipline is so strict and the fines are so exorbitant that it is impossible for them to earn any money.
 A western lady, whose name of the pen is "Scintilla," writes to the editor of her favourite newspaper, asking him if he realizes what the majority of his readers are women when he so fills his columns with political articles.
 A determination to be honest is an appropriate motto for the improvement of the river of the Nile.
 A New York umbrella mender said yesterday that ladies use up their umbrellas chiefly in two ways. When walking they rub them in the mud, and when riding in cars they get them soiled by the mud on the wheels.
 The importance of the question is asked and answered in the "Parisian." ("Supposing that you are in society with a lady of a certain rank and that you do not know who she is an old maid or not, ought you to address her as madam or mademoiselle? If the person is pretty and rich, it is no matter how she is looked upon with indifference, but she is a woman of position, and it is only a question of time before she will be a duchess.")
 A Paris writer notes that women have never attracted the sea as a career. There was a time when women were to be seen in the attire of the golden sea. No woman accompanied Columbus, although the discovery of America was due to her husband's curiosity. On land women have shown themselves brave soldiers, from the time of the Amazons, who, in order to better the lot of the Amazon women, were made to be warriors, and to be brave soldiers, and to be brave soldiers, and to be brave soldiers.

HUMOROUS.

The apple core is be-ider herself.
 The butterfly never goes back on its grab.
 Said he: "Let us be one." And she was a different woman.
 The play school is the place of hire education.
 A hollow mockery—A mismatched stovepipe.
 "Success in life"—Treading on a man's nose.
 A bull in the kettle was worth two on your nose.
 A strain of music—Tightening the strings of a violin.
 It is a poor speller who does not keep an i to his p.
 Comets are wearing as long trains this season as they have worn for years past.
 The smallest kind of a yellow dog is a terrier in our dog's.
 Kisses sweeten a farewell. They are the cure of to-be, as it were.
 One man was a murderer of his own name, but it takes 12 men to make a murder of it.
 As with a woman, so with the horse. His back has in his man trouble.
 Coal is so black that it is wonderful how a dealer can make it appear so white.
 A man's man is willing to hold the stakes when the pot is a bottle of wine.
 The potato resembles an archery club because it is so light and so long.
 The girl who bangs her hair often makes the wife who bangs her husband's.
 Form of telegram to your shoemaker—No, no, no, my dear, I will not have you put on my shoes.
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 "Anty, you make the little baby cry so? I'll tell you what, I'll make you a feller, too!"
 "What does a woman want to put on gloves in the hot weather for?" asks a male subscriber to a woman's magazine, in a letter to the editor.
 Consoling: Poor officer! "His wife!" "Complaining that?" "You ought to be thankful there is anything in it."
 The ignorance displayed by our butchers is simply astounding. Not one in a score of them knows where a bird ceases to be a chicken and is no longer a chicken.
 Snow has not been so deep in the far West at this early date for years before, and old settlers are arranging to put their whiskies in the snow to keep them from freezing.
 It is the dastardly young brother who remarks: "Sister Sal's all the fashion now. She wears a horse hair around her waist, and a pair of black boots. What a beautiful girl she is! You ought to be thankful there is anything in it."
 The word love in one of the Indian dialects is "chess-chess-chess-chess." Easy to see why the Indians are so fond of the word, and how they are so fond of it.
 "Reverence emanates from the organs of the face." It is a very good definition of it. I've seen a man in a brown coat and a top hat, and a woman in a blue dress and a white shawl, and they were both looking at each other with the most intense interest.
 A handsome lady entered a dry goods house and enquired for a "bow." The polite clerk drove a pike-stick through the hole in her skirt, and asked her to pay for it.
 A green eye, was the reply. The young man drove a pike-stick through the hole in her skirt, and asked her to pay for it.
 Chicago girls are wonderfully full of resources. Their new device for hurrying up beautiful suitors is to severely procure the marriage license themselves, and then to make use of the fact in the papers to make the timid youths up to the required pitch of despatch.
 The agricultural editor of the New Haven Register remarks that "it is the yellow pumpkin that makes the best pie in the country." He says that he has had a yellow pumpkin that was as big as a man's head, and was as good as a man's head.
 "My case is just here," said a citizen to a lawyer the other day: "the plaintiff will swear that I hit him. I will swear that I did not hit him. I will swear that I did not hit him." "Five dollars," said the lawyer.
 "Any good coming on your farm?" asked the hunter of a farmer. "Splendid!" replied the agriculturist; "there's a drive well man down in the clover meadow, a cold plougher in the house, a candidate out in the barn, and two tramps down in the stock-yard. Climb right over the fence, young man, load both barrels, and kill 'em."
 Two weeks since a proposition to illuminate Paradise Hall, the meeting place of the Detroit Linnæan club, was discussed and held over to wait facts and figures furnished by Brother Gardner. His own announced that he would say a few words. "It seems to me," he began, "that I don't see much of you, and we are not meeting as we should do. I would like to see you, and I would like to see you, and I would like to see you."
 "By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws of the human body, a good digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. J. B. Scott has been enabled to cure many cases of indigestion, and to give a new lease of life to many of his patients. He is now a young man, and is a member of the same family as the girl who was found dead in the room of the same name on the same street.
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CABINET CHANGES. The vacancies lately created in the Cabinet by the retirement of Mr. MAISON and Mr. BAY have, we believe, been filled, and a slight rearrangement of portfolios has been effected.

THE REVENUE. No one could have expected that the revenue for October would prove as large as that for the preceding months.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Revenue. 1879: \$1,285,089. 1880: \$1,438,185. Total: \$2,723,274.

THE PACIFIC RAILWAY NEGOTIATIONS. Menaced by telegrams that have appeared in various papers purporting to contain an outline of the Pacific railway negotiations.

AN EASY LESSON IN POLITICS. The real cause of the defeat of the Democratic candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the United States.

been considered worth defending, if even the leading Reformers had shown that they were even indirectly connected with the public distress.

The position to-day, a position which grows more and more serious, is very like the position in the United States. The country is prosperous, all business is brisk.

THE NORTH-WEST LANDS. There are few things in their history which the Opposition leaders will have so much reason to be ashamed of as their policy in regard to the lands of the North-West.

CHRISTIAN UNITY. The controversy carried on in these and other columns upon the desirableness of unity amongst all who profess and call themselves Christians.

PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS. The Ontario Premier ought, by this time, to be engaged in setting his house in order before meeting the Legislature.

ENGLISH RITUALIST AIRE. History of the Rev. T. Pelham-Lord Penance, the judge of the ecclesiastical court.

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