





CANADIAN ITEMS.

The total value of property in Belleville this year is \$133,640.

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THE CONSOLIDATED BANK.

Prosecution of the Directors.

The Case Against Sir Francis Hincks.

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The Body of a Respectable Girl Found Dead in a Field.

"My Existence Has Become Intolerable."

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THE OFFER DENIED.

England will not Allow Russian Interference, but will Decide the Future of Afghanistan.

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LITERATURE AND ART.

George Sand is to have a statue near her Chateau de Nohant.

"Moonlight," by James Boyle O'Rilly, has reached its third edition.

A volume of poems by Theodore Tilton is announced by R. Worthington as in preparation for the next issue of the "Poet."

Prof. Galushko has in the press a work on the "History of Russian Literature," which will be published during the present month.

A bust of the late Australian sculptor, Summers, is to be placed in the shrine hall of Somerset, which county in England he was a native.

A volume of songs from the works of Tennyson, accompanied by music, is announced by the Laureate's London publishers, O. Kegan Paul & Co.

The brother of Wm. M. Hunt has undertaken to write the life of the deceased artist, and has been abundantly for a brilliant and instructive book.

The season being over in London, and society going somewhat dull, the Liberator has announced a subject for an animated discussion in the literary papers.

Mr. Van Tropic's proposal to spend the winter in Russia, with a view to becoming more intimately acquainted with what is going on there than a resident of Paris, has been accepted.

John Hay, the poet, who wrote "Little Breches," who was one of Lincoln's private secretaries, who married a very wealthy Ohio lady, has gone into politics in that State.

A new volume of selections from Thackeray's works is in preparation. It will probably do service in a magazine before it is put to rest.

It is stated that Mr. Herbert Spencer's health, which has always been precarious, has almost entirely improved, so that he is better able to bear the heat of the year than he was some years ago.

A. S. Barnes & Co. are about to publish a new volume of "The History of the United States," a review of their institutions and of the causes of their decline and fall, by a new writer, Mr. Henry Mann. It is an octavo of 600 pages.

Of Frodo's "Cesar," The Times of London says:—"Such as it is, and with all its faults, it is a volume of no ordinary merit, and is a credit to the author."

Some time before Christmas, Charles Scribner's Sons will publish Miss Georgina Hogarth's volume of "Selections from the Works of Charles Dickens."

These letters will be entirely new. Mr. Forster, it is understood, used none of the correspondence of Charles Dickens.

Rev. M. J. O'Brien, of Belfast, Ireland, has in the press a historical and critical account of the famous "Prophecy of St. Malachi," which is supposed to have been written by Pope Malachi in 1190.

Mr. O'Brien hopes not only to furnish it, but also to give a clue to the origin of the "prophecy."

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LADIES' CORNER.

Leaves from Miss McDonald's Diary—A Singular Record of Jealousy and Intemperance.

The young woman who shot Hickey, Miss Anderson's manager, Sunday night in Cincinnati, and then killed herself, seems to have been a woman of far more than ordinary intelligence, but whose blind infatuation rendered her a monomaniac on the subject of her lover.

Extracts from her diary indicate that she was far above the average of her class, and, after reading her intensely sorrowful words, it is a surprise to learn that she was a well-known actress of bad repute in Syracuse, and had been through an experience such as only comes to those who have trod the broad road of so-called pleasure.

Even with this knowledge, no one can read but that under gentle or more favorable auspices, Miss McDonald would have been what the deities she might have become, "an honorable instance of a disgraced girl."

Hickey first met Miss McDonald, it is said, while she was a member of the ballet in the house he was connected with. He became at once violently enamored of her, and followed her everywhere.

Miss Anderson's manager she met at one of her parties, and she was so much attracted to him that she intended to marry the young actor.

This might have done with the purpose of disgracing her father, but it certainly had the opposite effect. The book which she kept exhibits the violence of her feelings and her unreasonable subsistence. The following are a few of the entries in her diary.

"The word 'rump' has been used so often, it is an abbreviation of Hickey's first name—Sylvester."

May 10.—I received a gentleman's description of a very coarse and commonplace woman. He came over in the steamer from Europe with her, and said she would call 'rump' and 'rump' that she could hear her all over the ship; also that her foot and hand were very large.

June 29.—My dearest friend came home yesterday. I will see my very soon, and he will put his arms around me, and say, 'How is my little girl?' Such a minute as that will overjoy me in my bed. If I could only see him, I would say all to myself for just one month, that I might be everything to him as he is to me, for only one month, that I might live in tortures for all the countless ages of eternity. I would do it this very minute.

Aug. 10.—Yesterday I was 20 years old. It does not seem very old, only those who count time by the hour and minute. I wonder if there will ever be a happiness for me. I would not treat a girl that loved me, as readily as he does me. Yet I love him all the more for his neglect, but sometimes it almost makes me die.

Sept. 14.—I went up to Georgia's house yesterday. She has a very pleasant home, a husband that loves her, books and music, and seems very happy. I wonder how it is that some people have everything heart can wish and others have nothing.

Sept. 14.—He has dared to tell me that he loves the actress, and never knew what she meant until he saw her. He also said that he would marry her, and that he would do it. I know that he would never give his love without encouragement. He is a little fellow, but he has a heart that is big as the world.

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Leaves from Miss McDonald's Diary—A Singular Record of Jealousy and Intemperance.

The young woman who shot Hickey, Miss Anderson's manager, Sunday night in Cincinnati, and then killed herself, seems to have been a woman of far more than ordinary intelligence, but whose blind infatuation rendered her a monomaniac on the subject of her lover.

Extracts from her diary indicate that she was far above the average of her class, and, after reading her intensely sorrowful words, it is a surprise to learn that she was a well-known actress of bad repute in Syracuse, and had been through an experience such as only comes to those who have trod the broad road of so-called pleasure.

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Hickey first met Miss McDonald, it is said, while she was a member of the ballet in the house he was connected with. He became at once violently enamored of her, and followed her everywhere.

Miss Anderson's manager she met at one of her parties, and she was so much attracted to him that she intended to marry the young actor.

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AGRICULTURAL.

ROOSTING PLACES. Far less attention is paid to providing suitable roosting places for fowls and chicks than is given to a host of other matters connected with poultry and poultry houses.

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THOUGHTS ON BREEDING HORSES. We often hear it said that it does not pay for farmers to raise this or that breed of horse, but this is true only in a limited sense. The best always pays. The best of any strain or breed of horse will sell readily, at good prices, and the poor ones of all breeds are drawn upon the market for the most part.

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