

CANADIAN ITEMS.

Sir A. J. Smith has offered the Baptists of Dorchester, N.B., a site for a church edifice in the Shiretown of Westmorland.

The St. Croix Courier says practical steps have been taken in St. Stephen, N.B., towards the erection of a cotton factory.

Mr. George Durdell, Appleton's missing plasterer and school teacher, has been heard from. He is at present residing in Nebraska.

The Montreal Assinian relates that Louis Gosselin, of St. Marie, Kent county, has discovered a valuable mine which promises to be rich and of good quality.

Tomato boxes, 40,000, and onion boxes, 25,000, are among the items of a contract being filled by a Nova Scotia firm, J. Ford & Sons, of Milton, for the West Indies.

A precocious St. Thomas youngster last week headed all his father's boys, excepting one, in the hope of getting a living headless rooster. The experiment failed.

Thomas Jones, an old resident of Cambridge, was found leading a fence about a mile north of Cobourg, and was so badly frightened that he died a few days afterwards.

The Presbyterian congregations of Percy and Campbellford have appropriated as follows for foreign missions:—Home Mission, \$85.44; Foreign, \$41.95; Colleges, \$19.56.

Mr. Kenneth McKenzie, one of the most extensive farmers of Manitoba, and formerly of Ontario, has just reported that this year he raised 75,000 bushels of wheat from his crop.

One car load of iron ore found gold ore while shipping to Detroit, Mich. It was found in twelve cars of iron ore at the same time sent to Buffalo, N.Y.—Belle-Vue Intelligencer.

Dr. Cuthbertson, doctor of medicine, and Rev. Geo. Outhbertson, of Wyoming, who has been organ of the Presbyterian Church in that town, was recently presented with a watch and a chain and purse of money by friends.

Gulph Herald.—Galt, the truly good village, was horrified last Sunday when a train or two of habitation breaking cars run through the town. There they were, and the Grand River, too—it was running through the good town all Sunday long.

Says the Halifax Herald.—The Starz Manufacturing Co. of Halifax, N.S., have sold this year about 18,000 pairs of slates more than their average sales for the last five years; and have also received orders, which they are unable to fill, for 14,000 pair more.

It was stated in the Carleton Place Herald that the town hall there was unsafe. The town council, on the contrary, says it is safe, and that the builder of the hall that the door is capable of sustaining safely any number of people.

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OUR CABLE LETTER.

Topics that are Attracting Attention in London.

ENGLAND'S RELATIONS WITH FRANCE.

Manitoba as the Wheat Market of the World.

PERSPECTS OF CANADIAN ANNEXATION.

The United Things British Statesmen are Saying of Each Other.

SPLIT IN THE LIBERAL RANKS.

People Dying of Starvation in Ireland.

THE GOVERNMENT'S RELIEF PLAN.

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(BY CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

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THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Interesting Summary of News.

THE FIGHTING WITH THE NAGAS.

Details have reached the Times of the gallant capture of Kozima, the Nagas who took part in the defence of the stronghold—now representing it as from 3,000 to 4,000 men. The Nagas were estimated at 1,200. The latter estimate is made by the correspondent, who took part in the Nagas, and sends us an interesting account of the fighting.

THE VIOLENT DUKES OF MANITOBA. The Victoria, the Dukes of Manitoba, announce a plan of giving relief to the distressed districts by means of loans to the landlords on liberal terms through the Board of Works, the money to be spent in the carrying out of works of public utility, and which shall be completed in six months' time.

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ONE OF THE MOST EXTENSIVE OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY WAS GIVEN BY THE HON. MR. HARDIE, OF ST. JOHN, RECENTLY, AND SEVERAL OTHER OFFICES ARE ABOUT TO BE CONNECTED WITH THIS SYSTEM, AND MAKING RAPID PROGRESS, HAVING TWENTY-FIVE INSTRUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAIN OFFICE.

THE OFFICERS OF THE GRIMSHAW AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ARE:—M. J. DALTON, PRESIDENT; J. H. BANKES, VICE-PRESIDENT; R. W. JOHNSON, SECRETARY; J. M. GRIFFITH, M. O. MERRITT, OLIVER TALLMAN, AUDITORS, JEREMIAH COLLINS AND D. W. EASTMAN.

AS A REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF BIRMINGHAM UNION MASONIC LODGE, HELD AT BROWN'S, THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE DULY INSTALLED BY R. W. BRO. JUDGE DARTNELL, D.D.G.M.:—P. M., R. W. SMITH; W. M., M. STOKES; S. W., P. F. PARRY; J. W., D. MCAVOY; S. D., IRA PALMER; J. D., JAMES WADDINGHAM; J. L. D., S. F. FICKETT; D. AT T. H. EDWARDS; P. M., W. W. FERRIER, M. C. LIND.

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A CARPENTER NAMED HENRY ISAAC, WHO LIVED IN ST. CATHARINES, AND WHO WAS RESIDING ON VINE STREET, EMIGRATED TO MANITOBA LAST SUMMER AND TOOK UP HIS RESIDENCE AT EMERSON. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND CHILD, AND THEY WERE SETTLED IN ST. CATHARINES, STATING THAT MR. ISAAC HAD THE MISFORTUNE TO HAVE BOTH OF HIS FEET FROZEN, AND THAT THE INJURY WAS SO SEVERE AS TO NECESSITATE THE AMPUTATION OF BOTH FEET TO PREVENT BLOOD POISONING.

MR. J. O. COLE, FOR SOME YEARS ASSISTANT-CLERK OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SUCCEED THE LATE MR. HIMMELFARB, WHO DIED IN 1878. MR. COLE WAS PUBLIC OFFICER CANADA IN 1841, AND WAS DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF BERTHIER 1842-3, AND WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT-CLERK OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL IN 1843.

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THE INDEPENDENCE "BOOM."

First Meeting of the Council of Five.

THE COUNTRY STILL SAFE.

Adoption of a Provisional Constitution, and Election of Provisional Officers.—Another meeting to be held.

The fact that a meeting of the Council of Five was held on Saturday night was no secret. Telegraphic despatches to outside papers had been received, and the news had been widely known. The names of several prominent persons were mentioned in connection with the meeting.

A shocking murder was committed on the 28th December at Calton, near Glasgow. A woman named Green took home her husband, who had been severely injured, and she was found dead in the morning. The police are investigating the case.

The Mark Lane Express says that its appearance above the soil, and roots have in many places been seriously damaged. A friendly note was given to the new comers, and conversation was resumed. A feeling of uneasiness, however, appeared to come over one of the ladies who had been present.

Mr. Darwin is lucky. By some happy coincidence he has succeeded in inducing the Turin Academy to grant a grant of twelve thousand lire, or about four hundred and eighty pounds sterling English, to the man who is described as having been the victim of the hideous plot.

The Lord Mayor of London has received a first instalment of £2,000 from the Duchess of Devonshire, who has been invited to the distribution of the money to the poor of the city.

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EXPLOSION ON A STEAMSHIP.

Two Men Instantly Killed and Others Injured.

New York, Jan. 17.—When the passengers of the steamship Greece, from London, were leaving the vessel yesterday afternoon a terrific explosion occurred, and a column of fire and smoke shot up from the hatchway, setting fire to the rigging. The fire was soon extinguished and it was discovered that two longshoremen had been instantly killed. Several others were terribly mutilated and burned. The explosion is believed to have been due to coal gas generated in the hold during the voyage. The dead are Michael Walsh and Patrick Dunn. Walsh was blown through the timbers fifty feet into the air, and his clothing torn from the body. Dunn was blown thirty feet through the hatchway and fell on the bridge with his clothing on fire.

New York, Jan. 18.—It is now supposed that the fatal explosion on the steamship Greece, on Friday, was caused by the ignition of gas which had accumulated in the hold from the coal which had been carried by one of the men who were killed. Three more victims of the explosion are expected to die.

MANITOBA.

A Non-Political Paper—Proposed Railway from Rapid City to the Great Lakes.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 17.—The first number of the Morris Standard, a non-political journal, has been issued. The company has been formed at Rapid City for the purpose of constructing a railway from that place to Lorne place in the British Columbia. Messrs. James Cameron, J. H. Bell, and J. H. Bell, are the promoters. The railway is to be 1,000 miles long, and will be a great boon to the people of the West.

At a meeting of the Conservative Club yesterday, the number of vice-presidents of the club was increased to five. The club is now a very popular one, and its meetings are well attended. The club is now a very popular one, and its meetings are well attended.

MADOC'S PROGRESS.

Madoc, Jan. 17.—The iron ore mine in looking well. The vein in the Seymour mine is growing wider and wider, and of great richness as the work progresses. The shipment from this mine is five cars per day. Several new mines are being developed. Everything looks splendid for the future of Madoc. There is now a vacant dwelling or store in the place. This year there will be erected three or four fine three-story brick blocks, a large grain warehouse to replace the one destroyed by fire in December, a Roman Catholic church and several dwellings. The Cross block is being fitted up as a first-class hotel by Mr. Connelly. This will be the first hotel in Madoc. The new Madoc three good hotels can be found in any town in these parts.

CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

Charges Against a Charitable Institution. New York, Jan. 17.—All the children, twenty-two in number, of the Shepherd's Fold, were taken to the State House on a warrant granted at the instance of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, to investigate charges made against the institution of starving and neglecting the children. The case was adjourned until Saturday. The children, meantime, were placed in the care of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

THE AGE OF MASONRY.

Discovery of Emblems under America's Obelisk. Washington, Dec. 17.—A telegram received at the State Department from Commander George announces the discovery of Masonic emblems in the foundation of the obelisk erected by his pedagogue upon which it was set by the Romans. Drawings were made and the emblems were preserved as found.

RECENTLY ARRIVED.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—A boy with a basket and sleigh entered a yard in rear of a Wellington street yesterday, and stole therefrom about half a basket of herring. As he was passing down the lane, going out again, he was noticed by the servant of the house, who upon seeing him, he emptied the herring out in a second corner, and then passed around in front of the shop with his sleigh and empty basket. He was not seen again.

Bay of Quinte Fishery Returns.

Belleville, Jan. 17.—The annual return of the herring fishery of the Bay of Quinte for the year 1879 shows an estimated commercial value of \$23,376, or \$10,000 less than the preceding year, and a great improvement in the quality of the fish. The fishery has been very successful, and the fish are of a superior quality. The commercial value of the fishery in 1879 was \$23,376, or \$10,000 less than the preceding year.

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New York, Jan. 17.—The annual report of the mercantile agency of Dun, Brierley & Co. brings into strong relief the improvement in business which has taken place during the last year. For the seven years preceding 1879, the annual average of liabilities of bankrupt firms and corporations varied from \$121,000,000 in 1872 to \$254,000,000 in 1878, the annual average being \$183,000,000. For 1879 the amount of liabilities was \$98,000,000, or but 52 per cent. of the annual average of the preceding seven years, and 42 per cent. of the liabilities of 1878. The percentage of failures and the average liability show a corresponding decrease. The number of one trader in every 64 failed, in 1879 only one in 100 succumbed to financial pressure, and while in 1878 the average liability was \$22,300, for 1879 the average was \$1,741.

Sudden Death of a Farmer.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 18.—John Stoddard, a well-to-do farmer of East Nissequoy, was taken ill yesterday, and died this morning. While standing about the contracted cold, and before midnight he died. He was aged about 35, and leaves a wife and one child.

The Effects of a Flask of Whisky.

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Shipments of Iron Ore from Hastings County.

Belleville, Ont., Jan. 15.—Eleven car loads of iron ore were shipped to Buffalo, N. Y., to-day.

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