

News of the Week.

CANADA.

At Fredericton Junction, Thursday, the outbuildings of Whitfield Tracy were destroyed by fire. Loss \$500; no insurance.

Andrew Henry, of St. Mary's, N. E., was killed on Boundary Creek, W. Co., by something breaking about the derrick, which caused it to fall. The machine was being used in repairing a bridge on the highway road.

At Marysville, N. B., Friday, Edward Oldenberg, barber, was killed while coupling cars on the Canada Eastern Railway. He was not an employee of the road, but had been in the habit of going on the track and dropping the coupling pin into place. Caught between two cars, he was crushed to death.

Crop conditions in Manitoba and the Northwest territories were never better than at present, and the indications are for the most abundant harvests in the country's history.

Mrs. Octave Tremblay, widow of the Grand Trunk conductor killed in an accident last December on Victoria bridge, has been given \$10,000 damages against the company.

Mr. Jas. A. Burlock, a well known and highly respected farmer of Cornhill, K. Co., was gored to death last Thursday by a bull. Mr. B. had gone into a stable to fasten the animal and was knocked down and trampled on, and death was immediate.

The total cut on the headwaters of the St. John river this year was 110,000,000. Fully one-half of this has been hung up and will not come out this year, unless there are very heavy rains.

Mr. W. Scott, who lumbers in the district around Magaguadavic lake, says the fire has done vastly more damage than was supposed. The whole country from Shogomoc to the foot of Magaguadavic lake is swept, and he estimates that a tract of 100,000 acres has been burned over, some of it the finest timber land in the province. He figures that from thirty to fifty millions of feet of lumber has been destroyed by fire in that section. What is standing will have to be cut this year, or else the worms will get in and complete the ruin, and it is likely that several rotary mills will be started at once. Mr. Scott lost his camps and outfit.

John Berry, a sailor, about 32, of Kent Co., was drowned at Reed's Point, St. John, Monday night. He had been drinking and fell off the wharf.

At Glace Bay, C. B., a conductor named McKinnon was robbed of \$450 in an Italian shack. He was drinking, the liquor was drugged, and when he recovered consciousness he found his money gone.

At Richibucto, Kent Co., a few days ago, a boat containing four sisters, daughters of M. Arsenaull, was upset, and two of them were drowned. They were aged respectively, 14 and 19.

Owing to the outbreak of smallpox at Amherst the schools have been closed.

It is understood that an item of \$35,000 will be inserted in the Ontario supplementary estimates to cover the cost of the Stratton-Gamey investigation.

Mr. J. Harvey Brown, St. John, has purchased from the estate of the late Sheriff Sturdee the residence on Wright street. Mr. Brown is anxious that a school shall be established in this province for deaf and dumb children, and it is understood that he will give the property free of rent for several years in order to assist in this good work.

In the second year medical classes at McGill, H. C. Mersereau, of Doaktown, son of Inspector Mersereau, and D. S. Likely, of St. John, are the chief prize-winners. Mersereau leads in the aggregate of all subjects, and Likely captu-

ed the first prize given by the McGill Medical Society.

William Allen, colored, Amherst, N. B., employed by the Rhodes, Curry Co., was charging the furnace at the iron works, Wednesday, when an explosion took place, blowing out part of the furnace and contents. A fragment of metal struck him on the right side, broke his ribs and tore through the organs, causing severe internal hemorrhages.

Hayden's saw mill and sash factory, Woodstock, were burned Tuesday night of last week. Loss \$15,000. No insurance.

The last announcement of Provincial government appointments contains the following: Carleton — James Baxter and Charles F. Carpenter, to be justices of the peace. Victoria — James W. Tompkins and John K. Larlee, to be justices of the peace. York — James Reynolds, of Lower Hainville, to be a commissioner of wild lands in room of Aaron Price, resigned; Oliver Grey, Charles Carpenter, Ezra Cronkhite and Charles Moore, to be justices of the peace.

Charlotte — William S. R. Justason, to be a justice of the peace.

A warehouse, in the rear of the Market, Moncton, occupied by Baban & Co., collapsed Wednesday. Loss, about \$1,000.

The east bound trans-continental express on the C. P. R., went through a bridge crossing at Scovil Lake, east of Winnipeg, Wednesday morning, and the engineer, and fireman lost their lives. The engine and one car of fish went into the lake, while the rest of the train, crowded with passengers, held the rails and hundreds miraculously escaped a fearful death.

Clement Anderson, back of Campbell Settlement, York Co., was a loser by the forest fires. His two barns, with their contents, were destroyed.

James E. Smith, Geary, met with a heavy loss Tuesday night. His house, and out-buildings, with their contents, were burned. No insurance.

THE EMPIRE.

An official estimate, just issued, places the wheat crop of India at 7,780,000 tons, which is the largest ever known. The surplus for export purposes is estimated at 64,000,000 bushels.

The Lieut.-Governor of the Transvaal has remitted the remainder of the sentences of the majority of the former burghers convicted of military offences during the late war.

At Hong Kong the spread of the plague has reached an alarming stage, the worst since 1894.

Since the first of the year 78,697 persons have left the United Kingdom for foreign countries. Of the total 43,532 were British born, and of these 28,143 went to British possessions, 13,968 to the United States, and 1,403 to other foreign countries.

FOREIGN.

King Alexander and Queen Draga, of Servia, were shot to death in the royal palace at Belgrade, Wednesday night. The deed was carried out by the army. Besides the king and queen, Premier Markovitch, General Petrivitch and former Minister of War Pavlovitch were shot, together with several aides de camp, and Queen Draga's brother also was murdered. Prince Karageorgvitch was claimed king. A new government was formed and issued a proclamation asking the people to gather round the new king and government. The people generally, received the news of the murders quietly, and there does not seem to have been any expression of great sorrow.

Reports recently come from the fire swept districts of Northern Maine indicate that the estimates of damage by the great forest fires has been too low rather than exaggerated. One of the foremost lumbermen of the state says that the losses on the standing timber alone will exceed \$10,000,000.

Over one hundred people are believed to have been drowned Sunday as a result of a collision between two passenger steamers, the *Insulaire* and the *Liban*, near Marseilles.

A big bonfire of seized gambling apparatus took place in Philadelphia. 1,300 slot machines and various other gambling devices, valued at \$25,000 were burned by order of the department of public safety. The machines were seized in recent raids by the police and by the law and order society.

The loss to the crops caused by the floods in Kansas is estimated at \$5,000,000.

Several Jewish charitable societies in Germany and elsewhere are combining to form a Hebrew colony in Brazil as a refuge for persecuted Jews. Thousands of Hebrews in Russia and Roumania are clamoring for transportation to the colony.

It is reported that the village of Enidge, in the district of Adrianople, consisting of five hundred houses, was attacked on June 3 by Bashi-Bazouks, and the entire population, with the exception of two hundred men, massacred.

Mrs. Mary McKnight has confessed the murder of her brother, John Murphy, his wife, and their three-months old baby.

The loss at St. Louis by floods is estimated at \$3,000,000.

It is estimated that the loss from fires and drought in Aroostook county, Me., will exceed \$1,000,000. An estimate for northern and eastern Maine is \$3,000,000.

UNCLEAN SPEECH.

Says the *Examiner*: A number of gentlemen, members of a certain social club in New York, were speaking the other day of the pleasure they derived from the companionship of the club, and one of them remarked that not the least element of his own enjoyment in it was the absence of vulgar and indecent story-telling. "I attend my club and society functions composed of men only," he said, "and my ears are constantly offended by the disgusting tales repeated by those who claim to be gentlemen, and some of whom profess to be Christians." Others of the party gave similar testimony as to the commonness of this habit of loose talk in gatherings of men. The habit is far too common—though, to be sure, it would be too common if it were only occasional—and Christians should set themselves resolutely against it, not only by refusing to listen, but by openly rebuking the practice, as did General Grant on one occasion. "As there are no ladies present," began an officer at the general's mess one day, during the Virginia campaign, with a

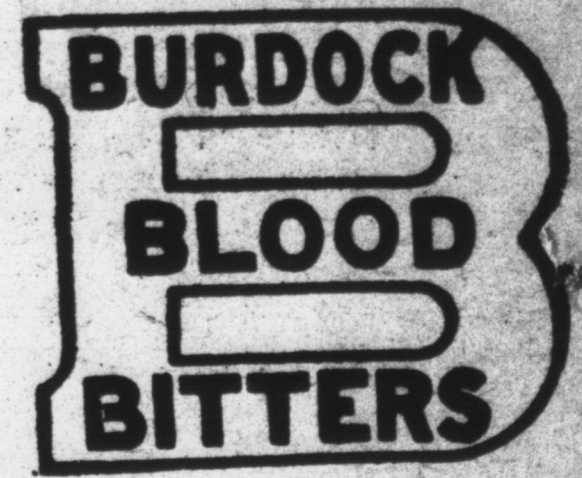
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leer that indicated the sort of story he was going to tell. "But there are gentlemen present," was Grant's quick rejoinder, and the story was not told. The followers of Jesus, at least, should set an example of purity in speech on all occasions. "Let no filthy communication proceed out of your mouth," is an apostolic admonition it were well if all would constantly heed.

—The railroads evidently consider the Young Men's Christian Association an institution worthy of their support for the good it is doing among their own employees, for in 1902 they contributed \$730,000 toward the support of 107 railway branches of the association.

—Rev. Charles Spurgeon, son of the great Spurgeon, who has been pastor of South St. Baptist Church, Greenwich, Eng., for twenty-four years, has found it necessary to resign, and at the leaving the church and congregation presented him with two hundred guineas, and a valuable silver table centre-piece. In reply to the address Mr. Spurgeon took occasion to say that he had made it an invariable rule to preach fresh sermons every week.