

## News of the Week.

### CANADA.

Waterford, Ont., suffered to the extent of \$60,000 by fire Tuesday.

Theodore Doucette, the man burnt to death in the fire on the fishing schooner "Gertrude," in Boston last Thursday, belonged to Tusket, N. S.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. has purchased the steamships of the Elder-Dempster line. The fleet numbers 14 steamers—all new, the oldest having been built in 1897. The price paid is \$7,500,000, an average of over a half million for each boat.

Customs Officer James Bogue, who has been stationed here, died Wednesday morning in the church of the Holy Rosary, St. Stephen, of heart failure.

Mr. Jeffries, charged with setting fire to a barn at Watt Junction, C. Co., was acquitted.

The army reserve are due at Halifax on March 6th by the Tunisian. There are 310 on board.

At Sydney, on Thursday, William Densmore was burnt to death, through falling into a slag pit.

At Perth, N. B., a few days ago, the barn of the Hotel Perth, with contents, was burned. Partial insurance.

Steamer Bruce, running between Port au Basque and Sydney, C. B., has succeeded in reaching Louisburg, C. B., after battling six days in the ice.

The Riverdale, Ont., woollen mills were totally destroyed by fire Friday. Loss, \$200,000; insurance, \$102,000.

At East Lescester, Cumberland Co., Thursday, Luther Hunsley was crushed to death by the falling roof of an old lumber camp he was tearing down.

In Toronto, Friday, Judge McCrimmon sentenced Samuel Lewis, convicted of impersonation at the liquor act referendum election, to one year's imprisonment and a fine of four hundred dollars.

Three hundred Italians employed by the Dominion Iron and Steel Company at Sydney, struck on Monday for higher wages. Trouble was feared, and the military were asked to send a detachment of troops.

### THE EMPIRE.

A severe gale last week did considerable damage along the English coast.

King Edward has conferred the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George on Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador at Washington.

Conciliation towards Ireland is the order of the day. Matters are extremely hopeful.

Lord Cromer, speaking at Khartoum, of the improvement of the Soudan, said that progress would not be rapid until the country had easy access to London. For this purpose the Suakin railway would be put in hand immediately.

### FOREIGN.

A head-on collision between two trains near Berea, Ohio, Tuesday night, four mail clerks were burned to death and several trainmen were more or less seriously hurt.

The Democratic Liberal party in Holland have introduced a bill to amend the constitution of the Netherlands, so as to extend suffrage to all men and women over 21 years of age, with the exception of lunatics. The bill also provides that the electorate shall be the same for both Chambers.

A despatch announces the complete destruction of Port Depaix, Hayti, by fire Thursday night. Only the vessels belonging to the Haytien Company were saved.

As the result of an unprecedented rain-

fall, San Antonio, Texas, is partly submerged and much loss of property has been sustained by the rising of the San Antonio river. Many houses along the river were swept away. The loss of property in city and country will approximate \$500,000, not including the loss to railroads.

Carrie Nation was arrested at the Grand Hotel, San Francisco, Friday night on a charge of malicious mischief preferred by a saloon keeper in whose place she broke a bottle of whiskey. She was released on bail furnished by her manager.

### OPENING UP SIBERIA.

Siberia already ranks as the fourth gold-producing country, and exports more than \$25,000,000 of gold annually. An English company, with a capital of \$5,000,000, has just secured a concession of 370,000 acres of land in the Amoor territory. So large a concession indicates the value of the mineral products of Siberia. Within the last thirteen years more than 1,000,000 immigrants have settled in Siberia, and nearly one-quarter of this number went there last year. During the first three months of the year 1895 the Trans-Siberian Railroad carried 211,000 passengers and 64,080 tons of freight; during the first three months of 1889 it carried 1,075,000 passengers and 735,617 tons of freight. When it is remembered that the road is unfinished, it will be seen that an increase of passenger traffic amounting to 410 per cent. and an increase of freight traffic of 1,045 per cent. in four years, means a great deal. The Trans-Siberian is but a little further north than the Canadian Pacific. The fruitfulness of the Dakotas, of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and Peace River Valleys may be more than duplicated in Siberia. A strip of virgin soil, 350 miles wide and more than 2,000 miles long, is one of the advantages which Siberia is offering to new settlers.

### THE CLUB AND THE HOME.

Of all the mischievous excuses made by good men for the saloon, the worst is the suggestion that the saloon is the poor man's club; that he needs a place to feed his social life. It should go without saying that no man—rich or poor—has need for a club-house is nothing other than a gambling den, and a saloon conducted on a illegal basis. The most unsafe man in the community is the modern club man. Our homes should be our clubhouses; where the clubhouse flourishes, the home-life languishes—whether it be the poor man's home or the rich man's home. The great majority of divorces will be found among the supposedly best people—the club people. The average man does not work harder than our fathers worked; they were up early and late; they knew nothing of eight-hour days; they often worked ten and twelve and fourteen hours. There were fewer books, magazines, and papers than are found today; wages were lower and prices higher; yet these men felt no need of going to a saloon to find social life; they found it at home; they helped to make it. There was such a thing as a fireside; not necessarily an open fire-hearth, but a fire-side of the heart around which they gathered every day; there was an

ouen Bible, there was a song of praise there was the burning altar of prayer. These hard-working men made this country; they went out into newer sections, blazed a path for other feet, made the country, the town, the nation. A saloon was not part of their furniture; they did not need it; it would have been an insult to their manhood to suggest it. The saloon, the clubhouse, was not needed then, it is not needed now; any man who urges its need, who suggests that any living man needs it, is the enemy of his race, a home-breaker, one who strikes at the heart of our home-life—whether such a supporter is a saloon-keeper or a bishop! We need to consider the home question; the club question has no place in the thought of any lover of his kind, be he pagan or a Christian.—*The Baptist Union.*

### THE MAGAZINES.

An up-to-date feature in this, the *Methodist Magazine* for March, is an illustrated paper on "Morocco and its Problems." Memories of Mexico, with seventeen engravings, describes the progress of that republic. "John Wesley's Journal," is interesting in connection with the Wesley bicentenary. "Steve's

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The first of a series of papers is the leading article in the March *Century*. Readers of the *March Century* will have inside glimpses of "The Chicago Board of Trade," the most powerful and famous of the several like bodies which furnish an organization for the grain business of North America. "Lovely Mary" ends. It will soon appear now in book form.

There is such an array of good things in the March *St. Nicholas* that most boys and girls will settle questions of picking and choosing by sitting down and reading the number right through. "Mother's Wolf Story" tells of an exciting an adventure as ever a little lass had. "Marjorie's School of Fiction" is readable and helpful. "The Unlucky Parrot" furnishes the fairy tale. The March chapters of "The Story of King Arthur and his Knights" gives the boys and girls the old but always beautiful stories of King Arthur's finding of Excalibur and winning of Guinevere. There is plenty of verse and pictures, too, to make fun.