

GENERAL NEWS

In Japan there are more than 1,200 places where Christianity is taught, more than 7,000 Protestant schools, and about every year 1,800 young persons go out from these schools into the life of the nation.

According to a report presented to the Dominion Parliament, the premium paid for life insurance in Canada during 1894 aggregate \$9,909,284, an increase of \$276,505 as compared with the previous year.

Bank notes, or "flying money" were first issued in China 2637 B. C. These notes were printed in blue ink on paper from the fibre of the mulberry tree. One issued in 1299 B. C. is preserved in the Asiatic museum at St. Petersburg.

Theodore Carr, aged 22, of Stanhope P. E. I. left in a dory on Thursday afternoon to set herring trawls and has not been heard of since. It is thought he has been drowned, as the dory with his coat and lunch along with oars in it has been found in twelve fathoms of water.

Three British warships have been ordered to Jiddah, seaport of Mecca, with orders to investigate the circumstances of the killing of the British vice-consul at that place and the wounding of the British consul, Russian consul and French consular secretary by Bedouins, also to protect lives and property of foreigners.

The latest fish story comes from the Rhone, near Geneva, and illustrates the sagacity of the speckled trout. A chemical factory on the bank of the river manufactures among other things artificial musk, and the trout in the neighborhood have learned by eating the waste that is flavored with musk they become flavored themselves, and are thus rendered unfit for human food.

A drowning accident took place at Stry Bay, N. S. Saturday. A married man named Mitchell was found drowned in shallow water off the harbor. He was standing on the bottom erect. The deceased had been spearing bait. As he made a lunge with his spear, he lost his footing and plunged in to the water. The unfortunate man could not swim. The water was less than ten feet deep. The boat was lifted away and was picked up empty.

Judge McLellan shot and killed Charles Bradshaw, white, at Fort Mill, S. C. During the morning Bradshaw had been on trial for a petty offence before Judge McLellan. He was found guilty and fined. He swore at the judge and threatened to shoot him. Judge McLellan left the court room to get a rifle. Bradshaw appeared before the court house later in the day and opened fire on the judge with a revolver, shooting at him four times. The judge returned the fire with his rifle.

Amadee Chatelle, who murdered Jessie Keith near Listowell last October, was executed at Stratford, Ont., Friday morning. Chatelle went to his doom with a firm and elastic step. Radcliffe was the executioner. The drop fell at 8.03 and the body was cut down eleven minutes after.

[Chatelle was a French-Canadian tramp, who returned to the Dominion last year after a long life of vagabondage in the United States. He met Jessie Keith near Listowell at an unfrequented spot, as she was on her way to school, and carrying her into the woods assaulted and killed her, after which he mutilated the body in a shocking manner. He was utterly unconcerned when arrested, and it was supposed was not sane in the full sense of the word. The doctors decided, however that he was not insane, and the law was allowed to take its course.

Santos, Brazil, is surely a bad place for Canadians. Letters from Capt. Morrell of the schooner Helen E. Kenney, undated of April 30, states that he had a fearful time at Santos, owing to sickness. He lost nearly all his crew through death and he was sick himself and had quite a hard time pulling through. New men would be procured, but every day some of them would be taken down sick. Capt. Morrell speaks of the loss of his mate, Charles W. Sprague, whom he speaks of as a hard working man. He does not mention the names of the other men who died but says his whole crew are about all gone. Among the Kenney's crew were Charles W. Sprague, age 43, of Hopedale, near Thomas Point, of Aylesford, N. B.; boatwain; Fred Petrov, age 29, of Acadia street, North end. There were also five Swedes, one Finn and one Norwegian and when she left here. The crew all young men. Capt. Morrell speaks of five captains going to the hospital from French and American vessels within four days. The Kenney sailed for Barbados May 1st. St. John Globe

THE FARM AND GARDEN.

HINTS AND FACTS FOR CITY AND COUNTRY RESIDENTS.

An Ontario Bulletin on the Subject of Pure Farm and Garden Seeds—Enlarge Yield from Intensive Farming—Best-Farm Notes.

A recent bulletin of the Ontario Agricultural College is devoted to the instruction of the Canadian farmer on the subject of pure farm and garden seeds. The bulletin gives illustrations of the most common weed seeds found in the clover seed sold in Canada, and the same impurities are found in the seed sold to our farmers, and also others, equally as bad. The common weeds, whose seeds are mixed with clover seed in Canada, are rib-grass (or narrow leafed plantain), white daisy, chicory, sorrel, rag-weed, bindweed, white cockle and bladder campion. An ounce of a like clover seed contains 40,000 seeds, and as high as 4,850 seeds of weeds were found in a half ounce, or over one fifth of the whole.

The advice given in the bulletin is directly to the point and should be heeded by every farmer. If seed has in it only sand, pieces of clover stems, etc., it can be sown without fear. It is a great mistake to buy cheap seed, as it is likely to possess poor vitality, by being old, and to contain seeds of weeds. It costs the grower more to clean the seed well than it does to sell it as it comes from the bulker. Clean seed cannot be afforded as cheap as impure seed. In most of the tests given in the bulletin, there were between 700 and 800 weed plants on each square yard sowed to clover seed. As there are over 4,800 square yards in an acre, one can easily figure out how many weed seeds he has bought and sowed on his new meadow. Every farmer should make a small collection of seeds of the weeds most troublesome on his farm, and thus become so familiar with them that when he buys clover or grass seeds a short examination will show whether it is pure or not, and what the impurities are.

**BIG CROPS PAY BEST.**  
A correspondent of The Farm News urges better farming. He very truthfully says that we need not be too apprehensive of the results of enlarged yield from intensive farming. Progress has been made, but so slow that some would be unwilling to acknowledge advance. There has indeed been a slight increase in rate of yield, but in what? Great Britain, Belgium, France and Germany are ahead of us. We ought not to worry about making it too high until it reaches half that of England. The conservatism of farm practice, acting as a brake upon progress, is sure to keep it at a snail's pace, in spite of newspapers, experiment stations and schools. The farmer who is able to double his rate of yield through better methods and increased fertility with small increase of labor, has solved for himself the problem of enlarged profit; but the average farmer derives no present benefit, only the possible future advantage of a good example. It is a pity that so many remain in the rear, and realize for labor less than half as much as those in the van of the rural procession, yet how can their progress be accelerated except by examples of greatest efficiency and success? It is inevitable, however, that varying degrees of energy, alertness, judgment, as well as intelligence and culture, in all lines of applied sciences should produce even larger differences in product and net profit. This is as it is and as it should be.

**FARM NOTES.**  
Farmers must learn the sources of fertilizers and how to use them. Farmers' institutes are open meetings of farmers, held for the purpose of discussing farm practice and economy. If we persist in making butter after old-fashioned methods, we will find it not paying that decrees for our neighbor a buck market for a superior article of butter.

Double cropping is a matter the majority of farmers do not see their way toward practicing, but where it can be done it is a pretty certain way in which to increase the earnings of the land. Crops must be used which do not require a long season for maturing, and you must make-up your mind to apply enough manure to counteract the extra drain made upon the land.

A correspondent who is evidently very much discouraged at the outlook, writes to ask "what is the use of trying to raise big crops, when we can't get the price for what we do raise, and if everybody doubled production, the price would be lower still?" Dear friend, there is not the least danger in the world that everybody will try to double production. It costs just as much to grow a half crop as it does a double one, and if you cannot get more than half price, you should try to get twice as much of the same number of acres. We know several farmers who do this, and they do not talk of hard times.

There is a belief that prevails among many farmers that many green manures are sometimes injurious to crops, causing the soil to turn sour instead of making it mellow and light. This can only happen when the soil is full of stagnant water. If there are underdrains the surplus water will filter through the soil and warm air from the surface will follow, which will stimulate fermentation of the green manure still more. Something depends on the kind of green herbage plowed under. A growth of clover has a large proportion of nitrogen in it, causing it to give off much heat when it decays, while a growth of sorrel rots more slowly, and may be said to sour the land, not because it is itself sour, but because it has too little nitrogen to get up much heat. A dressing of quicklime sown on the field after any green manure has been plowed under greatly adds to its effectiveness.

**The Bayeux Tapestry.**  
The "Bayeux Tapestry," called Bayeux from the place where it is preserved, is a pictorial history of various more minute in some particulars than written history of the invasion and conquest of England by the Normans in 1066. Tradition says it is the work of Matilda, wife of William the Conqueror, and the ladies of her court, and that it was presented by the queen to the Cathedral of Bayeux as a token of her appreciation of the services rendered to her husband by its bishop, Odo, at the Battle of Hastings. The tapestry is a web of canvas or linen cloth 2 1/4 feet long by 20 inches wide. There are on it 1,512 figures, only three of which are those of women.

WHIPCRACKS.

"What are you here for, George?" "I's been truck up, sub, for raisin' hogs." "Why, there's no law against that?" "Dat's what I'll un, sub; but dey sorter found out dat I raise de hogs over de fence."—Atlanta Constitution.

He—They say you are something of a mind reader. She—Do they? He—Yes, I am going to test you. What am I thinking about? She (looking at the clock)—You are thinking of going home.—New York Press.

"Well, you may talk as you like about Mrs. Lissener, but she's a woman that knows her business." "I admit that, and have no objection to her knowing it, but I object to her wanting to know mine."—New York Press.

"I's gwine to write pohtry," said Erastus Pinkley. "Who's gwine to do de spellin' foh yer?" "I's gwine to do mer own spellin'." "I see gwine to staht wif dialekt same as de udder pecks does."—Washington Star.

Burglar Ben—We might as well skip right out o' here, there's no money in dis job. Burglar Biff—How do you know? Burglar Ben—I jist found de card o' de feller dat lives here; he writes for de funny papers.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Consolation—Papa (after the seance in a back room)—Do you know that it pains me more than it does you to have to have to whip you? The Terror—No, papa, I didn't know it; but now that you have told me I feel better.—Harlem Life.

Mrs. Wigglestein—Do you know, Jack, I think I should like to learn to play poker. Mr. Wigglestein—Great heavens, Ethel, don't think of it for a moment. We can't both afford to play.—Somerville Journal.

How would the aspect of the eastern world be changed if a negro should drop a platter of turkey? Answer—Greece would fall, Turkey would be overthrown, China would be broken in fragments, and Africa humiliated.—Boston Transcript.

**The Last Resort.**  
He was plunged into the vortex of perplexity, and the girl was standing resolutely upon the brink, gazing down at him. He looked up at her hopelessly. "And you object to my calling so frequently?" he said. "Yes," she nodded.

"And I am not to be your escort on all occasions, as heretofore?" "No." "Nor call you by your first name?" "No." "Nor think of you any longer as my sweetheart?" "No." He gazed upon her, as one standing upon the shore gazes upon a receding ship.

"Well," he groaned, "the end of our romance has come, and we must get married." The light that shone in her face gleamed in triumph.

**Did Her Best.**  
This is the message the telegraph messenger handed to him: "Come down as soon as you can. I am dying. KATE." Eight hours later he arrived at the summer hotel, to be met on the piazza by Kate herself. "Why—what did you mean by sending me such a message?" he asked. "Oh," she gurgled, "I wanted to say that I was dying to see you, but my ten words ran out and I had to stop."—Indianapolis Journal.

**At the Circus.**  
The elephant hit the bars of the tiger's cage a whack with his trunk. "What do you want?" growled the tiger.

"I wanted to know," replied the elephant mildly, "if you knew we had gone into winter quarters?" "Of course, I do; what do you take me for?" "Well," smiled the elephant, "I don't have to take you for anything, thank goodness; but if I did, I suppose I'd take you for medicine," and he blew a thankful dust into the tiger's cage.

**She Liked the End the Best.**



He—And so you've read my novel. Did you like it? She—I like the end. I was so pleased when came to the end.—Judge.

**A Charming Romance.**  
He could not explain her indifference. Sometimes he thought she was trying to conceal the love she had for him, and sometimes he thought she hadn't any. "You are heartless," he said to her one evening in the twilight shadows. "Yes," she admitted trembling, "some one has taken it away from me." Upon this he rushed away and purchased a large and elegant engagement ring.

**A Good Reason.**  
"But my dear boy, why can't you wait? You are still in college and I don't think it well for a man in college to be engaged." "Perhaps not, Jennie; but if we're engaged I'll have a decent excuse for leaving college and going to work. If I go out now, people will say it was because I couldn't pass my examinations." "Well, what if they do? You don't care what people say, do you?" "Yes—when they tell the truth."—Harper's Magazine for October.

The Loss of the Colima.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Colima was lost on Monday of last week near Cuyatian, a small seaport to the southwest of Manzanillo of the coast of Mexico.

The latest advices state that twenty-six persons are known to have been saved so far from the wrecked steamer, leaving 187 unaccounted for, most of whom have been drowned.

It is now known that the Colima was driven upon the reef which sent her to the bottom by a furious hurricane, which had rendered her unmanageable long before she struck, and during which her captain, J. F. Taylor the first officer and chief engineer were killed by flying spars.

Captain Taylor, the survivors say acted with much skill and bravery during the storm, but while he was striving to keep the vessel safe from both storm and reefs he was instantly killed by flying spars. The first officer and chief engineer were killed soon after by loosened timbers. Thus the men upon whom most depended were dead some time before the Colima struck the reef.

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