

THE SESSION.

Shortly before the house met, THE HERALD, alluding to the threats made by the opposition press as to what was about to happen to the session, reminded its pugnacious contemporaries that threatened people lived long. The gift of prophecy was not necessary to warrant such a statement; a little common sense covered the ground. Never at any time was the life of the government in danger, and prostration day found it stronger than ever before. Disappointed office-seekers may cry out that the country is against the government, and talk as the Monoton Times does about the government not daring to dissolve the house and appeal to the people; but the representatives may be trusted to understand public opinion almost as well as an editor, who spends most of his time in his sanctum, and who professes to be able to gauge popular sentiment on any given subject between the time a despatch reaches the office and the hour of going to press. The presence that makes a person happen to write articles for a newspaper he is therefore so closely in touch with the public mind as to be able to determine what the electorate thinks upon any subject is only put forward now by certain weak people, who imagine that the public above everything else gobbles up the idea of dissolving the house, if the government should be foolish enough to take so uncalculated a step, it would deserve the defeat which the Times threatens it.

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DOMINION ILLUSTRATED.

The latest issue of the Dominion Illustrated (April 12) contains some illustrations of all Canadian subjects. "Our Pet and Her Pets," the opening full-page engraving, is a really charming picture, the chief figure being the grandchild of a Canadian poet. The "Walker of the Snow," by Mr. Blair Bruce, is made more telling by Mr. Shanley's spirited poem. "Moving Day" is as readable and interesting to all. Views of the Chaudiere Falls, of the Cascade in the Selkirk and the Big Pic Bridge (north of Lake Superior) will gratify all lovers of their country. A portrait of Mr. Miall, Deputy Minister of Internal Revenue, and a fine view of the Western Department Buildings, Ottawa, complete a really good number. Address: The Dominion Illustrated, 75 St. James Street Montreal.

SAD ENDING OF A BULL FIGHT.

At the conclusion of the bull fight at Guadalajara, Mexico, on Sunday a section of the amphitheatre collapsed, precipitating thousands of spectators to the ground. The scene which followed was terrible. Those who had not been hurt by the fall trampled over the hundreds of bruised and injured, intensifying their sufferings. The police, with the aid of the unjured spectators, finally succeeded in rescuing the wounded from under the debris. While no deaths are reported many persons have received injuries which may prove fatal.

COMING HOME.—T. F. Barker, manager of the Stock Farm, will return to his home in St. Mary's on May 1st. He will lead his household and other effects at Hammond River on the steamer Clifton and come directly to Fredericton.

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CHICAGO, April 24. Anselmo Morago, who represented Chile at the Pan-American conference, is in the city. In an interview last night he said, "The conference will not do this country one bit of good. It was a foolish expenditure of Uncle Sam's money. We established that the United States does not want the trade of the Spanish countries and if we had known that eight months ago the invitation to look over your industries would never have been accepted. The cry of protection has heartily disgusted all the Spanish delegates and they will only be too glad to get home and begin the work of bettering our trade relations with foreign countries. We do not ask you to allow manufactured goods to enter free of duty. We do not charge you duty, yet when we try to send our wool here you shut out our trade by high tariff. We are not going to force our trade upon you. We feel sorry that this expensive trip to the United States will not be of any benefit to the people who so royally entertained us. But that is not our fault. It lies entirely with your government. If your tariff laws had been amended before we came then the result would have been totally different."

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CANADIAN NEWS.

The Week's Events in Brief—The Cream of our Exchanges.

Three batteries of artillery have arrived at Halifax from Bermuda.

A Quebec despatch says the elections in that province will take place June 14.

The census just completed places the population of Winnipeg at over twenty-five thousand.

Alex. Mowat, of Campbellton, has gone up the St. John river with half a million salmon eggs for the hatchery there.

Miss Mary E. McLeod, of Carletonville, King's county N. B., is a student at the medical college of the University of Michigan.

In Lancaster, spring ploughing began on the 21st inst. and planting on the 23rd. This is probably the first in the province this season.

Charles McKean, who disappeared from the Mile Brook, near Halifax, about 10 days ago, is supposed to have committed suicide.

The British Columbia government are endeavoring to make arrangements for the accommodation of several deaf and dumb children of that Province in the Manitoba school.

The writs have been issued for the general election in Nova Scotia for the Provincial Assembly. Nominations take place on Wednesday, May 14; polling on Wednesday May 31.

A little girl named Charity Woods, of Moncton, fell off a chair and dislocated her thumb. Seeing the bone protruding through the skin, she pulled it back in place again.

The red mottled marble from the quarries near New, N. S., is to be used for the interior decoration of the 20-story building being erected in New York for the World newspaper.

The body of an infant with a stone tied to the neck was fished up by a boy named Nelson Casey, from a creek at Colborne, Ont., on Friday last. The case is in the hands of the coroner.

Mr. Lewis, of Charlottetown, is in possession of a silver crown of the year 1695, when William III. was King. It is one of a nice collection of rare old and curious coins which Mrs. Lewis made.

By the burning of their dwelling at Belleville, Ont., on Thursday night, Jane Archer, a charwoman, lost her life, and Wm. Arthur, her husband, was seriously and fatally burned on the arms and head. The couple are about 60 years of age.

The lumber cut on the Peniac this year exceeds that of many years. The operators were John Christie, Alex. Donald, George Walker, and Charles Atherton, who are at present engaged in driving their logs to Marysville saw mills.

There has now been three days rain at Winnipeg, Man., with the prospect that it will continue for some time yet.

Farmers are quite confident of an excellent crop this year.

Owing to representations made to the Government the duty on beef has been reduced from three to two cents per lb. and pork will not be cut in half as has been placed at one and a half cents per lb. Packages to be free of duty except in the case of lard in tins.

A young Englishman named Thomas Kimber, who came from Exeter in the "Sarnia" about three weeks ago and was stopping at the Grand Central Hotel, has disappeared, leaving behind a large amount of baggage. The detectives have no clue as to his whereabouts and no cause can be assigned for his disappearance.

Charles H. Whiting, convicted of indecently assaulting his niece, at Toronto, a little girl 11 years old, and sentenced to 23 months imprisonment and 25 lashes with the cat, received the latter punishment. He screamed loudly at each stroke of the cat. No blood was drawn. Whiting has but one more month to serve.

H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught will shortly visit Canada. He will arrive at Vancouver, B. C., on the Queen's Birthday and will proceed to Niagara Falls, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec, after which he will try his skill at fishing the rivers of New Brunswick. He will sail for England on the 15th of June.

A man named August Blanche was attacked by some drunken Italians about a week ago in Montreal and was badly stabbed in the hip that his leg had to be amputated. The operation, however, was made too late, gangrene setting in and death resulting on Thursday. An Italian named Evan was charged with the crime and is now in prison.

The international wrestling match between Duncan C. Ross of Cleveland, Ohio and Professor William Miller, the champion of Australia, was recently decided at the Melbourne (Australia) Athletic Club. Miller won three of the five bouts and the stakes, amounting to \$2000.

Steve Brodie, his wife and young Steve are going to sail for Europe on the steamship Nevada on Tuesday. Steve says he is going to Hungary from the Hungerford bridge, where Donovan lost his life, and swim the English channel, besides leaping from numerous European heights overlooking water.

A French force of 350 men made a reconnaissance of the position held by the Dahomians, seven kilometres from Porto Novo, and subsequently attacked the stronghold. The French were compelled to retreat to Porto Novo after 30 French soldiers and 20 of their native allies were killed or wounded. The loss of the Dahomians was heavy.

At Kingston, on Saturday evening, Fred Schultz, of Odessa was married to Lillie Berry, the 15-year-old daughter of a Kingston. A few hours after the wedding the groom was arrested on a warrant charging him with perjury in having made affidavit before the license issuer that the parents of his intended had given their consent to the marriage. At the Police Court next morning the young couple were allowed to go in peace.

Henry Lercollette and Victoria Wright were being married in a country church near Salisbury, Ind., and the clergyman was about to declare them man and wife when an aunt of the young woman appeared with a letter from the wife of Lercollette. The woman asked the minister to read the letter aloud. When the minister finished reading the letter the young bride fainted and Lercollette in the excitement disappeared.

Farmers living in the eastern half of Acheson Kan., report that a wire worm is doing great damage to wheat. The worm is about an inch long and the thickness of fine wire, and of a dark brown color. Wherever it works the wheat withers. The worm is not confined to any farm or neighborhood but it is all over the eastern half of that county. Whether it is further west or in any other county it is not known. It resembles closely the wire worm common in Ireland.

W. W. Stanton, mate of the schooner Adie Shaeffer, while fishing for bass Thursday three miles off St. Augustine drew his line and found entangled therein the strangest creature ever caught in the waters of this coast. It is about six feet long, pure white and scaleless. The head and face are wonderfully human in shape and feature. The shoulders are well outlined and most resembling those of a woman and the breasts well defined and show considerable development, while the hips and abdomen continue the human resemblance. It has four-fingers, two of which are placed at the lower termination of the body and give one the impression that nature made an effort to supply the strange creature with lower limbs. When it was drawn on board the schooner it gave utterance to a low moaning cry like the sobbing of a child. The schooner has been thronged with visitors all day to view the strange object. Mr. Stanton will present his mermaid to the Smithsonian institution.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A Summary of the Press Telegrams From All Parts of the World.

Thousands of negroes are preparing to seek homes in Oklahoma.

The flood caused by the overflow of Darling river, N. S. W., is subsiding.

One of the New York and Brooklyn ferry boats will carry 2,000 passengers at a trip.

The Bank of England has reduced its rate of discount from 3 1/2 per cent to 3 per cent.

There were 1,578 desertions from the United States army during the past nine months.

The rivers and harbors bill of the United States has been completed. It appropriates over \$20,000,000.

The Massachusetts house of representatives has refused to grant municipal suffrage to women.

The British budget was presented to the house of commons Thursday. A surplus of £3,221,000 is shown.

A gang of opium smugglers was arrested at Buffalo late Sunday night. The police captured a large quantity of the drug.

Fire destroyed thirty-three houses in the business portion of Greenwood, Miss., the 23rd. Two men were burned to death.

All the employees of Castle Garden, New York, were discharged by the government, having ceased to use the place as an immigrant landing station.

Wednesday night the tailoring establishment of Hugh Cary, Hamilton place, was entered by thieves and three thousand dollars worth of materials taken.

John E. Cowden, said to be the oldest Oddfellow in the country, died at Amesbury Mass., on the 20th inst., aged 82. He joined the order in Philadelphia in 1826.

G. W. Billington of Caribou has a sheep who did herself proud last week. She gave birth Monday to a good sized lamb and on the following Thursday gave birth to another.

All the brickmakers in the northern and northwestern parts of Chicago numbering 1,200, struck today to enforce the demand that \$2000 brick shall constitute a day's work instead of 8,000.

The carpenters strike at Indianapolis has been settled on the basis of an 8 hour day and 30 cents an hour. This is an advance of 5 to 10 cents an hour. About 500 men will resume work.

Customs Inspector Norcross made a raid on Smith's saloon Key West, Fla., and seized the biggest lot of smuggled cigars ever captured here. There were over 15,000, valued at \$5,500 or more.

Ex-captain Bowen, of a gang of outlaws, the most of whom are now in the penitentiary, has been captured in the Blue mountains and taken to Salt Lake City. A companion named Gibson was shot dead.

John H. Griffin, a young man of New York, in trying to reach some girls with whom he had been flirting, attempted to leap from roof to roof over an airshaft separating two houses, but fell a distance of 60 feet and was killed.

Baltimore, Md., April 21.—The third trial of William W. Christopher for the murder of Charles P. Logue last summer in Baltimore, Md., was heard the 21st, and resulted in Christopher pleading guilty. The court imposed a fine of \$100 and costs.

The strike agitation begun at Ostran is spreading to Prussia. Cavalry are guarding the frontier. Two Czech agitators have been arrested on Prussian soil. It is believed an Austrian and German Anarchists are in London raising money for the agitation.

The first fish story of the season comes today to the effect that a man caught a pickerel, inside of which was a bass, and inside of that again a couple of perch. The locality is not given, and perhaps the omission is wise. All fish stories do not bear the closest scrutiny.

In the international wrestling match between Duncan C. Ross of Cleveland, Ohio and Professor William Miller, the champion of Australia, was recently decided at the Melbourne (Australia) Athletic Club. Miller won three of the five bouts and the stakes, amounting to \$2000.

Steve Brodie, his wife and young Steve are going to sail for Europe on the steamship Nevada on Tuesday. Steve says he is going to Hungary from the Hungerford bridge, where Donovan lost his life, and swim the English channel, besides leaping from numerous European heights overlooking water.

A French force of 350 men made a reconnaissance of the position held by the Dahomians, seven kilometres from Porto Novo, and subsequently attacked the stronghold. The French were compelled to retreat to Porto Novo after 30 French soldiers and 20 of their native allies were killed or wounded. The loss of the Dahomians was heavy.

At Kingston, on Saturday evening, Fred Schultz, of Odessa was married to Lillie Berry, the 15-year-old daughter of a Kingston. A few hours after the wedding the groom was arrested on a warrant charging him with perjury in