PROVINCIAL NEWS.

FREDERICTON, May 20.—Mrs. John Fleming died this evening at 5 o'clock at her home in this city. Deceased was an estimable lady and in her seventy-third year. Her husband has been dead about twenty-three years. Three sons, John H. Fleming, Robert Fleming and Alex. Fleming, and one daughter, Mrs. John Harvey, survive her.

W. T. L. Reed, who recently sold out his broom manufacturing business to Wm. Lawrence, and intends to leave for British Columbia on Wednesday, was presented with a handsomely mounted silver cane by Star Council, Royal Templars, last night.

WOODSTOCK, May 20.—W. A. Connolly of Jacksontown met with a serious loss yesterday afternoon in the destruction of his house and barns by fire. The fire occurred between one and two o'clock from a supposed defective flue running through the attic. In spite of the fact that the fire started in the daytime, and that the neighbors did all that was possible, it was found that the flames made quite a headway. One barn was saved. Mr. Connolly lost a large quantity of grain and most of the furniture that was in his house. He had $1,000 insurance, and his loss is estimated beyond the insurance in the neighborhood of $500.

The Dominion building flag and the flag at the American consulate are at half mast, out of respect to Gladstone's memory. Across the street from the A. O. H. rooms is a banner with the words, "In memory of Hon. W. E. Gladstone," while the statesman's portrait, draped in black, is hung in the front of the rooms.

ST. MARTINS, May 20.—This morning William McCumber, while at work in Geo. R. McDonough's saw mill at Tynemouth creek, got caught by one of the belts and injured so badly that he died a few hours afterwards. Mr. McCumber was about sixty-five years of age and a resident of Eastern St. Martins. He leaves a wife and family.

Provincial Constable Rawlings, accompanied by Liquor Inspector Lewis, made a search today in Mrs. Ingraham's unlicensed premises and discovered a quantity of liquor, which was seized and removed.

DORCHESTER, N. B., May 20.—The May circuit of the supreme court, which was adjourned by Judge Vanwart until today at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of giving his honor time to form his judgment in the case of Hannah Gallagher v. Angus McQueen, bailiff to the Dorchester Hotel company, was reopened at that hour and the judgment of Vanwart, J., read by Judge Hanington. In January last the hotel company distrained on Mrs. Gallagher for two hundred dollars rent due, which distress was replevined, and the cause tried the first week of this month. The plaintiff in replevin sought to prove that the lease was invalid, the hotel having been leased by the company for the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, and for that reason the company could not recover the rent. The company argued that the plaintiff, in order to prove his case, relied on an illegal contract, to which he was himself a party, and therefore by law he could not succeed. This view was held by Judge Vanwart to be correct, and his judgment was therefore delivered in favor of the company, directing that the goods be returned to them. The case was argued by Geo. F. Gregory, Q. C., on behalf of the plaintiff, and M. G. Teed for the company. There was some excitement this afternoon when Sheriff McQueen again visited the hotel and seized a large quantity of Mrs. Gallagher's furniture as distress for a second quarter's rent, which fell due on the first of April, and which she refuses to pay. This was taken from the hotel and stored in the Hillside house, so called, where it is guarded. As Mrs. Gallagher is debarred from re-taking it with effect by replevin, it is not known what means will be resorted to, but it has been proclaimed by good authority that it will be re-taken by force. This will mean a lively time, as the company have fully determined to hold the goods, which have been advertised for sale on Thursday next. The parlors of the hotel are rather scantily furnished tonight.

FREDERICTON, May 21—On Saturday the rumor was again revived here that Harvey Lawrence and a party of seven, including his two sons, who left Keswick in March for the Klondyke, had all been drowned on a stream near Chilkoot pass, with the additional fact that Elisha Gilpatrick of Danforth, Me., was the only survivor. Telegrams to Danforth and Houlton did not confirm these rumors, and it is now hoped the whole story is without foundation.

In all the churches today references were made to the death of Gladstone and the place he left in the Christian church. Flags have been at half-mast on the provincial and city buildings since the announcement of his death.

Col. McLean, who was here Saturday, completed arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the 62nd battalion on their visit here Tuesday.

The Fredericton Boom company will commence rafting operations at Douglas booms tomorrow.

The Sons of England, led by the 71st band, marched to St. Ann's church this afternoon, where Canon Roberts preached the annual sermon to them.

SUSSEX, May 21.—On Thursday afternoon last the Presbyterian church at Waterford was the scene of very impressive services, which constituted an event of great interest to all who were present, but specially to the Presbyterians of the village and surrounding country. For four summers A. H. Campbell labored as catechist in that section, his labors being attended by much success. Two churches—the one at Waterford and the other at Mechanic—have been built and dedciated, and two others—one at Markhamville and the other at Long Settlement—are in couse of construction, mainly through his instrumentality. A few weeks since Mr. Campbell completed the course of study prescribed for candidates for the Presbyterian ministry, and was graduated from Dalhousie College. After visiting for a time at his early home, he returned to the charge upon which he has been rendered so useful, and was on Thursday afternoon ordained according to the form of the church of his choice, and duly appointed "ordained missionary" to the congregation.

The congregation assembled on the occasion was a large one, quite filling the church, and representing all parts of the charge. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Fraser, moderator of the Presbytery of St. John, who delivered a beautiful and appropriate sermon on Retirement for Devotional Purposes, taking as his text Matt. 14, 23. Then followed the exercises of ordination, which by most present had never before been witnessed. This part of the services, as was fitting, was specially solemn. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. Mr. Rainnie, who in opening said he was only an aprentice himself, trying to learn the best ways to do the best work, and then proceeded to enumerate, illustrate and enforce the peculiar and necessary duties of a good minister of Jesus Christ. It was a masterly address, full of thought, and eloquently spoken.

The charge to the congregation was made by Rev. Mr. Ross, superintendent of missions, who was at once pointed, practical, amusing and impressive in his utterances.

The Rev. Mr. Hamilton (Methodist), who was present and took a lively interest in the proceedings throughout, complied with a request of the moderator to make a few remarks before the meeting closed. Inspiring and appropriate music was furnished by the choir at intervals during the exercises. After the benediction had been pronounced by the newly ordained pastor, he was escorted to the door by Rev. Mr. Ross and Elder Moore, where he was greeted by the members of the congregation as they passed out. Mr. Campbell enters upon his work in the rew relations resulting from the events just described under most favorable circumstances. The retrospect is satisfactory in a good degree and the prospect is equally cheering.

Sheriff Freeze sold at public auction this afternoon, in front of the Dominion building, the John Brown property in the parish of Havelock, the same having been seized and taken under and by virtue of an execution at the suit of William Brown. Ora P. King, of White, Allison & King, was the purchaser, at $200.

LOST—A Pocket Book containing a quantity of stamps and some valuable papers, the latter no good to any one but the owner. Finder will please leave at THOMAS J. DEAN'S Grocery Store, Wall street.

ST. STEPHEN, May 21.—Tuesday promises to be the greatest day of athletic sports that the border towns have seen. The observance of the day will really commence on Monday evening, when the Knights of Pythias will hold their grand ball in the Curling rink, which has been specially decorated for the occasion. Every effort will be put forth to make the evening enjoyable for all attending.

The Y. M. C. A. sports have an unusually large list of entries for the different events, and the prizes are the most numerous and valuable ever offered, as the following list will indicate: G. W. Ganong, M. P., banquet lamp; J. D. Chipman, M. P. P., to be named; Mayor Clarke, to be named; Otis W. Bailey, prize cup, silver; Todd Bros., fishing rod; W. B. Ganong, bicycle suit; C. C. Phinney, cyclometer; J. T. Whitlock, silver mug; Andrew Mungall, picture; C. W. Young, silver biscuit jar; W. R. Carson, solid silver watch; W. R. Carson, dictionary, Webster's; W. R. Carson, silver napkin ring; Oak Hall, bicycle shoes; A. H. Bell, bronze clock; Ross Bros., pocket knife; J. Kalish, bicycle hose; W. H. Edwards, one doz. cabinet photos; S. McCurdy, razor; A. J. Fraser, hat; Trimble Bros., bicycle shoes; Sedge Webber, sweater; E. M. Ganong, bicycle lantern; Inches & Grimmer, half doz. cans corn; J. E. Algar & Co., pair braces; Cameron & McTavish, silk handkerchief; J. A. Boyd & Son, bicycle pump; J. Vroom & Co., racquet; A. I. Teed & Co., box raisins; C. U. Vroom, pair braces; Vroom Bros., stand; DeWolf & Dinsmore, revolver; E. B. Kierstead, picture; Soap Co., watch, solid silver; Soap Co., nickel watch; J. E. Ganong, broze clock; Boston Shoe Store, bicycle lamp; J. L. Haley, Indian clubs and dumb bells; Robt. Clark, one doz. cabinet photos; W. R. Carson, silver watch.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve dinner, supper and lunch before the train leaves, in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, opposite the C. P. R. depot.

The coming of the St. John Rifle company and the Artillery band is eagerly anticipated by the citizens.

Fred S. Flinn's bakery, in the lower part of Calais, was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning.

OLD PROTECTOR.

Andrew Bradley has returned from a visit to Lynn, Mass., where he went recently to repair a hand-engine built by him some fifty years ago, and now owned by one of the fire companies in Lynn, who use it in their annual competitions. The tub was formerly known as Protector No. 2, and was built of the very best of material, the box being of mahogany. When purchased by the Lynn company, some two or three years ago, it was repainted and profusely decorated and now is known as the Eagle, and as such has been successful in numerous competitions, being entered last year at Peabody, Boston, Glenmere Park, Lynn, Franklyn Park and several other centres where such contests were held. At all of these contests, with the exception of one or two, where the apparatus broke, the Eagle won first place, and at Peabody, Mass., won a $200 purse. The Eagle holds the present record, throwing a distance of 223 feet. Last season several breaks occurred and the machine was considered not reliable. Numerous mechinists of Lynn and Boston tried to repair the tub, but none seemed to understand the engine, and Mr. Bradley was sent for. He went to Lynn some week or more ago and has put the engine in as good a shape as ever, much to the satisfaction of the sporting men of the city, who put their faith on the Eagle or Protector No. 2, as it was known when used to protect property in this city.

WOMAN'S WAR ON FRANCE.

Philadelphia Asked to Assist in the Proposed Boycott of Paris Millinery.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—A number of Philadelphia women have received letters from asquaintances who figure in the social life at Washington, urging them to co-operate in a movement to boycott Paris millinery and other products of French fashion in retaliation for French sympathy shown with Spain. A well known dressmaker here says that a movement springs up every year to patronize American designs and materials in feminine attire, but it has never met with success. French dress models have always held superior rank, but if any general movement sets in before August to patronize purely domestic designs and goods the Paris dressmakers and milliners are likely to suffer a severe loss.

HERE ARE NOBLE SENTIMENTS.

Great victories are not won in a day. It is something to have effected within so brief a time, as British diplomacy has lately done, the disarming of the Anglophobia sentiment, once so vociferous in this country, which held it to be the chief end of virile Americanism to be ready to scrap with England at the drop of the hat. We have all been more or less afflicted with this disease, but the day is coming when saner views will prevail, and when, whether with or without a written agreement, the two wings of the greatest living race will flap, not roughly, in quarrelsomeness, but together in unison, for flight to higher levels of human aspiration and achievement.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER SET FREE

South American Nervine Carries Health and Happiness Where Ever It Goes.

"My daughter was afflicted with nervous fainting spells for over a year. They caused great weakness. Nothing that could be done for her gave her any relief until we tried South American Nervine. There was a wonderful change for the better after a few doses. She continued in the treatment, and today she is as well as ever. My wife also was a victim of indigestion, dyspepsia and nervous prostration and this great remedy has been a great benefit to her. We cheerfully recommend it." J. W. McRitchie, Bothwell, Ont.

THE MARKETS.

Revised Every Monday for the Weekly Sun.

While there is no noteworthy advance in eggs the market is firmer, as P E Island stock is going to the Montreal market. Potatoes are firm. Meats, poultry and butter are steady. Rhubarb is cheaper. The market does not present any features of special interest, the changes in prices being very slight.

Wholesale.

Beef (butchers') per carcass	0 07	0 08
Beef (country), per qr lb	0 02	0 05
Lamb, carcass	2 50	4 00
Pork, fresh, per lb	0 06	0 07
Veal	0 04	0 07½
Shoulders	0 08	0 09
Hams, per lb	0 11	0 12
Butter (in tubs), per lb	0 13	0 17
Butter (lump)	0 13	0 17
Butter (creamery)	0 18	0 19
Dairy (roll)	0 16	0 18
Apples, per bbl	1 75	4 00
Fowl	0 50	0 70
Turkeys	0 10	0 12
Eggs, per doz.	0 08½	0 09½
Cabbage, per doz	0 40	0 80
Mutton, per lb (per carcass)	0 05	0 09
Rhubarb, per lb	0 01	0 02
Potatoes, per bbl	1 25	2 00
Parsnips	1 75	0 00
Turnips	0 55	0 65
Calf skins, per lb	0 00	0 10
Lamb skins, each	0 70	1 00
Hider, per lb.	0 07	0 08
Beans (yellow eye)	1 40	1 50
Beans (white)	1 05	1 10
Carrots, per bbl	1 00	1 25
Beets, per bbl.	1 50	1 60
Cheese	0 08	0 08½
Horse radish, per doz bot	3 90	1 00
Horse radish, pints, per doz.	2 25	2 50
Maple sugar	0 07	0 09
Maple syrup, per gal	0 75	1 00

Retail.

Beef, corned, per lb	0 06	0 10
Beef tongue per lb	0 08	0 10
Roast, per lb	0 10	0 18
Lamb, per quarter	1 00	1 50
Pork, per lb (fresh)	0 07	0 10
Pork, per lb (salt)	0 07	0 10
Hams, per lb	0 12	0 16
Shoulders, per lb	0 08	0 10
Bacon, per lb	0 16	0 16
Sausages, per lb.	0 10	0 12
Tripe	0 08	0 10
Butter (in tubs)	0 16	0 18
Butter (lump), per lb	0 16	0 18
Dairy (roll)	0 18	0 20
Butter (creamery)	0 20	0 22
Eggs, per doz	0 09	0 11
Onions, Bermuda, per lb	0 00	0 08
Parsnips, peck	0 25	0 30
Turnips, per peck	0 18	0 20
Beets, per peck	0 25	0 30
Radishes, bunch	0 04	0 06
Horse radish, small bottles	0 00	0 10
Horse radish, large bottles	0 00	0 25
Apples, per peck	0 20	0 45
Lard (in tubs)	0 12	0 14
Mutton, per lb	0 08	0 12
Beans, per peck	0 25	0 50
Potatoes, per peck	0 20	0 30
Rhubarb, per lb	0 02	0 03
Lettuce	0 04	0 06
Cabbage, each	0 05	0 10
Fowl	0 60	0 80
Turkeys, per lb	0 12	0 15
Maple sugar	0 11	0 13
Maple syrup, per pint	0 20	0 25

FISH.

Dry cod are scarce and higher. There is no change in other kinds of cured fish. Halibut is easier. Shad and salmon are now quoted.

Wholesale.

Codfish, per 100 lbs, large, dry	3 40	3 60
Codfish, medium shore	3 25	3 50
Codfish, small	0 00	2 00
Salmon, per lb	0 22	0 25
Shad, each	0 10	0 12
Shad, per hf bbl	5 00	5 50
Pollock	1 90	2 00
Smoked herring	0 07	0 08
Gaspereaux, per 100	0 00	0 50
Grand Manan, hf bbls	1 90	2 00
Finnen haddies, per lb	0 4½	0 05
Canso herring, bbls	0 00	5 00
Canso herring, hf bbls	0 00	2 75
Shelburne herring, bbls	3 75	4.00
Cod, fresh	0 00	0 02
Haddock, fresh	0 00	0 02
Halibut	0 06	0 07

GROCERIES.

There is no change to note in this list. Molasses is in light supply and very firm. Cream of tartar is fractionally easier.

Coffee—		
Java, per lb, green	0 24	0 26
Jamaica, per lb	0 24	0 26
Matches, per gross	0 26	0 30
Rice, per lb	0 03½	0 03⅝
Molasses—		
Barbados	0 29	0 30
Porto Rico (new), per gal	0 33	0 36
Fancy Demorara	0 00	0 00
Salt—		
Liverpool, ex vessel	0 00	0 00
Liverpool, per sack, ex store	0 44	0 48
Liverpool butter salt, per bag, factory filled	0 90	1 00
Spices—		
Cream of tartar, pure, bbls	0 18	0 19
Cream of tartar, pure, bxs	0 21	0 25
Nutmegs, per lb	0 50	0 70
Cassia, per lb, ground	0 18	0 20
Cloves, whole	0 12	0 15
Cloves, ground	0 18	0 20
Ginger, ground	0 15	0 20
Pepper, ground	0 14	0 17
Bicarb soda, per keg	2 30	2 40
Sal soda, per lb	0 00⅞	0 01¼
Sugar—		
Standard granulated, per lb.	0 04⅝	0 04¾
Canadian, 2nd grade, per bbl	0 04⅜	0 04½
Yellow, bright, per lb	0 04	0 04⅛
Yellow, per lb	0 03⅞	0 04
Dark yellow, per lb	0 03¾	0 03⅞
Paris lumps, per box	0 00	0 06
Pulverized sugar, per lb	0 05½	0 06
Tea—		
Black 12's, short stock, p lb.	0 41	0 44
Congou, per lb, finest	0 22	0 28
Congou, per lb, good	0 18	0 22
Congou, per lb, common	0 11	0 15
Oolong, per lb	0 30	0 40
Tobacco—		
Black 12's, long leaf, per lb.	0 57	0 61
Black, highest grade, per lb.	0 61	0 62
Bright, per lb	0 57	0 73

PROVISIONS.

Pork is marked higher. Plate beef is very firm, also lard.

American clear pork	16 50	17 00
American mess pork	0 00	0 00
Old American light clear pork	14 00	0 00
P. E. I. mess	16 50	17 00
P. E. Island prime mess	12 00	12 50
Plate beef	16 00	16 50
Extra plate beef	16 50	17 00
Lard, compound	0 06¾	0 07¼
Lard, pure	0 08½	0 09½

GRAIN, SEEDS, HAY, ETC.

Pot barley is higher. Beans are firm. Oats are steady. Except barley, the list is unchanged.

Oats (Ontario), car lots	0 45½	0 47
Oats (Carleton Co)	0 39	0 40
Beans (Canadian), h p	1 10	1 20
Beans, prime	1 05	1 10
Improved yellow eye	1 65	1 75
Split peas	3 80	3 90
Round peas	3 25	3 40
Pot barley	3 75	4 00
Hay, pressed, car lots	8 75	9 50
Timothy seed, American	1 75	2 15
Clover, Mammoth	0 07	0 07½
Red clover	0 06½	0 07
Alsike clover	0 07¾	0 08½
Timothy seed, Canadian	2 00	2 40

FLOUR, MEAL, ETC.

There is no change to note in this list. The flour market was a little unsettled last week, but wheat advanced sharply in Chicago on Saturday.

Buckwheat meal, gray	0 00	0 00
Buckwheat meal, yellow	1 40	1 50
Manitoba hard wheat	7 50	7 75
Canadian high grade family	6 15	6 35
Medium patents	5 75	6 00
Oatmeal, standard	4 50	4 60
Oatmeal, rolled	4 50	4 60
Cornmeal	2 25	2 30
Middlings, bulk, car lots	20 00	21 00
Middlings, bag'd, small lots	22 50	23 00
Bran, bulk, car lots	17 00	18 00
Bran, small lots, bulk	18 00	19 00
Cottonseed meal	0 00	0 00

FRUITS, ETC.

Strawberries are cheaper. California cherries are quoted. The rest of the list is unchanged.

Currants, per lb.	0 06	0 06¾
Currants, cleaned, bulk	0 07	0 07½
Evap. apples, per lb	0 10	0 10½
Dried apples	0 06	0 06½
Evap. apricots	0 11	0 12
Evap. peaches	0 11	0 12
Grenoble Walnuts	0 12	0 13
Popping corn, per lb	0 07½	0 00
Brazils	0 12	0 12½
French walnuts	0 09	0 10
Prunes, Cal.	0 06	0 09
Prunes, Bosnia	0 04½	0 05
Peanuts, roasted	0 09	0 10
Apples, new, per bbl	3 75	5 00
Pineapples	0 11	0 15
Cal. cherries, box	2 25	0 00
Egyptian onions	0 03	0 03¼
Raisins, Cal., L. L., new, 20 lb boxes	0 00	0 00
Malaga, new	1 50	1 60
Black Basket	0 00	2 25
Malaga clusters	3 25	3 75
Raisins, Malaga, Muscatels 3 Crowns	0 06½	0 07
Raisins, Sultana	0 10	0 11
Valencia layers, new	0 06	0 06½
Messina oranges, half bxs '00s	2 00	2 25
Messina do., 80s	1 90	2 00
Cukes, per doz	0 00	0 80
Cal. Navel oranges.	0 00	4 00
Cal. Seedlings	3 00	3 50
Valencia, old	0 03½	0 04
Valencia, new	0 05½	0 06
Lemons, Messina	2 50	3 25
Figs, per lb	0 09	0 14
Figs, bags	0 00	0 04½
Almonds	0 11	0 13
Cocoanuts, per sack	0 00	4 00
Cocoanuts, per doz	0 60	0 70
Filberts	0 08	0 10
Pecans	0 12	0 00
Honey, per lb	0 00	0 20
Bananas	1 50	2 25
Strawberries	0 15	0 18

LUMBER AND LIME.

There is still no activity in the lumber market and quotations are nominal. It is stated that quite a large fleet of sailing craft has been chartered to load at provincial ports, but very few steamers.

Birch deals	0 00	0 00
Hemlock boards	0 00	6 00
do., planed	0 00	6 50
Birch timber	0 00	3 50
Spruce deals, B Fundy mls	0 00	0 00
Spruce deals, city mills	0 00	0 00
Shingles, No. 1	0 00	1 00
Spruce boards	6 00	6 50
Shingles, No. 1, extra	0 00	1 40
Shingles, clears	0 00	2 40
Shingles, extra	0 00	2 75
Aroostook P. B., shipping	0 00	14 00
Pine shippers	0 00	10 00
Common	12 00	13 00
Pine clapboards, extra	35 00	40 00
Shingles, second clears	0 00	1 80
No. 1	0 00	30 00
No. 2	0 00	20 00
No. 3	11 00	12 00
Laths, spruce	1 00	0 00
Laths, pine	0 00	1 00
Lime, casks	0 90	1 00
Lime, barrels	0 60	0 65

FREIGHTS.

Ocean freights are firm, coastwise dull and easier.

West Coast England	52s 6d to 55s
New York	$2 25
Sound ports	2 25
Boston	2 00
Barbados	5 00

OILS.

There is no change in this list this week.

American water white, Chester A (bbl free)	0 19	0 21
Canadian water white Arclight (bbl free)	0 17	0 19
Canadian prime white Silver Star (bbl. free)	0 15	0 16
Linseed oil (raw)	0 47	0 48
Linseed oil (boiled)	0 50	0 52
Turpentine	0 50	0 52
Cod oil	0 27	0 29
Seal oil (steam refined)	0 44	0 46
Seal oil (pale)	0 40	0 42
Olive oil (commercial)	0 85	0 95
Extra lard oil	0 55	0 65
No 1 lard oil	0 50	0 60
Castor oil (commercial) pr lb	0 09	0 10

IRON, NAILS, ETC.

Nails (cut), base	0 00	1 85
Nails, wire (base)	0 00	2 00
Refined, per 100 lbs. of ordinary size	1 60	1 80
Common, 100 lbs	1 50	1 70
Ship spikes	3 10	3 90
Patent metals, per lb	0 00	0 13
Anchors, per lb	0 04	0 05
Chain cables	3 60	7 00
Rigging chains, per lb	0 03¼	0 04

THE DROP IN CHEESE.

MONTREAL, May 20—The cheese market seems to have struck a steep down grade, and taken naturally to tobogganing. There has been a decline in the cable of 2s within a fortnight, the cable having gone off 6d this morning, making the quotation 40s for white and 42s for colored. The prices in the country have declined fully 1c during the week, and some exporters claim that we are nearing a 7c market. It is understood that most of the cheese on the other side is in the hands of one firm, which deals in Canada, but the demand has not come up to their expectations. Buyers were not offering more than 7¼c today. At the Kingston board yesterday 31 boxes only changed hands, at 7⅜c, though 1,324 boxes were boarded. They decided to allow half a pound for shrinkage. At Brockville 1,040 white and 2,303 colored were offered, and the price realized was 7¼c.

A CRUEL FARCE.

The Terrible Ordeal of a French Soldier at Grenoble.

An incident which is not, perhaps, wholly without a bearing on the Dreyfus case is reported by the French papers. The scene is the barracks at Grenoble, where a purse recently disappeared in circumstances that threw suspicion on a number of soldiers in garrison there. A lieutenant of engineers investigated the case. After questioning and searching the men to no obvious purpose, the officer picked out one of them as the probable culprit and ordered him to confess. The man protested his innocence, and there was not a particle of evidence against him. The lieutenant was convinced of his guilt, however, and in order to force a confession tried the effect of a torture which, though entirely mental, was none the less terrible. It consisted in solemnly condemning the man to death and ordering his immediate execution by a file of soldiers. The poor fellow was stood up against a wall, blindfolded, and warned that he had but a minute to live. As he still denied the theft, the cruel farce was carried to its end, and a volley was fired at him. Blank cartridges were used, but the man went through all the horrors of death except its final pangs. The military authorities have taken the matter up, for it seems that they considered this method of securing evidence somewhat objectionable. The lieutenant they condemned to sixty days of confinement in a fortress, but, lest the dignity of martial justice should be affronted, care has been taken to spread the rumor that the officer's mind had been unbalanced by an attack of fever contracted in Tonquin.

HONORS FOR CANADIANS.

LONDON, May 20.—The royal birthday honors are characterized by innumerable military rewards for services in the campaign against the rebellious Afridis on the northwestern frontier of India. No fewer than six Victoria crosses were awarded.

Several honors were bestowed upon distinguished Canadians. The Hon. Charles Alphonso Pantaleon Pelletier, speaker of the senate of Canada; Hon. Jas. David Edgar, speaker of the Canadian house of commons, and John George Bourinot, clerk of the house, are made knight commanders of the order of St. Michael and St. George. Principal Parkin of the Upper Canadian college, Toronto, receives a companionage in the order of St. Michael and St. George.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH.

It May Have the Effect He Desired—Rumors of an Understanding With France.

LONDON, May 18.—The Standard this morning says: "The contrast between the speeches of Lord Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain has led to fresh rumors of cabinet dissension; but it appears probable that if any such differences existed they had reference not to the general position of foreign affairs, but to the situation in West Africa and to the extent of the concessions it was advisable to make in order to establish a friendly understanding with France. There is reason to believe that Anglo-French relations have improved, and the prospects of a settlement are more hopeful than they have been for some time. It is rumored that the foreign office has agreed to concessions in West Africa in return for French concessions elsewhere, not impossibly in connection with the development of English trade in China."

The Daily News says it hears that "while Mr. Chamberlain's intention to take the line he did in his Birmingham speech was not communicated to the cabinet, it was fully made known to Lord Salisbury, and met with his approval."

The Times, commenting editorially this morning on the discussions in parliament yesterday and the Hispano-American situation, says: "The United States will regard with equanimity the threat of a general conflagration in Europe, in which Spain would be reduced to the role of a subordinate actor. It is the danger of any consequence of this kind, indeed, that will make continental powers think twice and thrice before interfering in the Spanish-American quarrel."

The editorial proceeds to refute the arguments offered by Michael Davitt against an Anglo-American alliance, and says: "In spite of Mr. Davitt's protest, we take leave to express our conviction, as well as our hope, that Mr. Chamberlain's plain speaking on a subject which has long occupied the minds of thoughtful men on both sides of the Atlantic has produced a good effect."

A CHINESE WAR INVENTION.

The board of works, according to a Pekin despatch, has lately been turning out hundreds of steel shields for the Pekin field force. These shields are about the ordinary size of the native war shield, and not much heavier. They are claimed to be bullet-proof, and within each shield is concealed a sword-bayonet, which can be made to protrude in front of the shield by simply touching a spring. Armed with these shields a body of soldiers, it is alleged, could "charge" with impunity an opposing enemy, and put the latter to the sword without any harm to the former. This shield is said to be the invention of an officer of the imperial guards, who has declared that "the new weapon will be more efficacious in the field than the usual bayonet charge."—North China Herald.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

In 1782.

O, thou that sendest out the man
To rule by land and sea;
Strong mother of a Lion-line,
Be proud of those strong sons of thine
Who wrenched their rights from thee!

What wonder if, in noble heat,
Those men thine arms withstood,
Retaught the lesson thou hadst taught,
And in thy spirit with the fought—
Who sprang from English blood?

But thou rejoice with liberal joy,
Lift up thy rocky face,
And shatter when the storms are black,
In many a streaming torrent back,
The seas that shock thy base!

Whatever harmonies of law
The growing world assume,
Thy work is thine—thy single note
From that deep cord which Hampden smote
Will vibrate to the doom.

—Tennyson.

SEA FARE ON THE MONTAUK.

New Jersey Naval Militia Tired of a Diet of Salt Horse and Hard Tack.

PORTLAND, Me., May 17.—There is disappointment aboard the monitor Montauk, which has been stationed in Portland harbor. The members of the New Jersey naval militia, who brought the monitor here from Philadelphia, are, owing to a technicality, confined to sea rations. Their paymaster, W. H. Fulper, being a state officer and not attached to the navy, has no authority and no money to purchase fresh provisions. Having tired of salt horse, hard tack and canned goods, the New Jersey men are impatiently awaiting the arrival of the day when the new Portland naval brigade will be mustered into the regular service and assigned to the Montauk.

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For Infants and Children.

The facsimile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

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Latest news in THE WEEKLY SUN.

GLADSTONE'S DEATH.

Eulogies Passed by Leaders in the Commons and House of Lords.

LONDON, May 20.—The eulogies of Mr. Gladstone in the house of commons today formed a historic episode. There were more members assembled in the house than upon any occasion since Mr. Gladstone himself introduced the home rule bill. They filled every seat, clustered on the steps of the speaker's dais, and the peers' gallery was crowded with the foremost members of the house of lords. The United States ambassador and all the members of his staff were among the diplomats present. After prayers they silently awaited Mr. Balfour for a quarter of an hour, and when he rose all heads were bared.

Mr. Balfour's speech was remarkably eloquent and displayed great good taste, while Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt's econiums of his dead leader were delivered in a more glowing style. The liberal leader's voice thrice broke with emotion, and he was compelled to pause and wipe his eyes.

Mr. Dillon was in his most oratorical style, and when he described how Mr. Gladstone's sympathies were unbounded by nationality and embraced the oppressed of all races the Irish benches responded with murmurs of assent.

In the house of lords there was a full attendance of members. The Marquis of Salisbury spoke feelingly of Mr. Gladstone who, he said, "was ever guided in all his efforts by a lofty moral ideal." Continuing, the premier said the deceased would be remembered not so much for his political work as for the great example, hardly paralleled in history of the great Christian statesman.

The Earl of Kimberly, the liberal leader, followed with a touching tribute, and the Duke of Devonshire expressed generous appreciation of Mr. Gladstone's services in behalf of the liberal unionists, saying their severance from Mr. Gladstone was a most painful incident. But, he added, he could recall no word from Gladstone which added unnecessarily to the bitternes of the situation.

The Earl of Rosebery delivered an eloquent panegyric on the deceased statesman.

LONDON, May 20.—Queen Victoria's message to Miss Helen Gladstone was as follows: "I am deeply grieved at the sad news. Beatrice and I wish to express our deepest sympathy with your dear mother and with all of you.

(Signed) V. R. I."

LONDON, May 22.—Mr. Gladstone's death was the occasion of a tremendous outburst of public oratory today. In almost every church in the kingdom a sermon was preached in his memory.

Telegrams of condolence continue to pour into Hawarden from all parts of the world. The Queen and the Duke of York have again written Mrs. Gladstone, who today attended service at Hawarden church, where a memorial service will be held while the funeral service is being held in the Abbey.

London, May 22.—Saturday, May 28, has been fixed for the funeral of Mr. Gladstone.

WESTFIELD.

The public hall at Westfield was crowded to the doors Friday night, the occasion being a public educational meeting.

Inspector Carter, the first speaker, addressed the meeting upon the "Duties and responsibilities of teachers, school officers and parents." H. W. Robertson read a carefully prepared paper upon "Compulsory education." Geo. U. Hay's address upon "Some of the needs of the schools" was, to the regret of all, crowded out.

B. W. Robertson, teacher in Westfield Centre, acted as chairman, and there was a large attendance of parents and teachers from other parts of the parish.

Some excellent musical selections were given by Miss Nase and Mrs. Woodman, and some very creditable recitations by pupils.

It is in contemplation to form the teachers of the parish into an association. It was regretted that Dr. Jenkins, owing to a recent accident, was not able to read his paper on "Physical culture."

TELEGRAPHY IN COREA.

Whenever a new minister is appointed he generally dismisses the clerks of the different bureaux in order to make room for his poor relations and friends. This may work well in those bureaux where nothing is done except drawing the salaries at the end of each month, but in a place like a telegraph office skilled labor is required. Of course, this necessity does not appeal to the minister's idea, and he appoints his proteges as telegraph operators, who cannot distinguish a telegraph instrument from a telephone. The majority of them do not even know their own alphabet, much less foreign letters.—Seoul Independent.

BACK TO ENGLAND AGAIN.

The Antipodes is again in the field for providing us with a new variety of food supply. The Waitaki River, Oamari, New Zealand, is noted for its trout, and twenty-two of these fish have recently arrived frozen in two blocks of ice. They were brought hither by the s. s. Otarama, having been caught on January 5 by rod and line. The total weight scales at 122 lbs. It is very satisfactory to know that New Zealand trout owe their existence entirely to the ova forwarded some time ago from England, and the propagation has been a great success. —Ice and Cold Storage.

BRITAIN'S POSITION THREATENED.

England must inevitably, sooner or later, come into collision with the three powers, Russia, France and Germany, which are competing with her in the Far East. If this collision takes place before England has come to an amicable arrangement with Russia, France and Germany, so much the worse for her. England's predominance in East Asia is at an end. Not only in Chinese waters, but in many other parts of the world, England will find that the same three European powers are threatening her predominant position.—Novoe Vremya, St. Petersburg.