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CIRCULATION OF THE STAR FOR 1884 AND 1885
 Week ending Aug. 22nd, 1885, 25,376
 Monday, 22,657 Tuesday, 25,576
 Wednesday, 22,720 Thursday, 25,435
 Friday, 22,730 Saturday, 25,525
 Sunday, 22,683
 Total, 137,301

PRESENT DAILY AVERAGE
 26,630.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1885.

CAN nothing be done to prevent the high water robbery and the result is becoming so common on Fletcher's High?

A DEATH FROM REGINA STATE that 1950 half-breed claims have been dealt with in the North-West by the claims commission, although the work is not yet completed. It looks as though every half-breed family in the North-West had a claim.

THE search of the detectives for the men who killed young Monteth has been unexpectedly terminated by the voluntary surrender of four young men who charge themselves with that offence, but who plead that it was done in self-defence. Their description of the affair differs materially from that given by the Monteth family. They have taken a wise course in coming forward as they have done, and one which will doubtless tend to modify public resentment against them.

THE authorities of St. Jean Baptiste Village confess themselves unable to cope with popular prejudice against sanitary precautions. There are fifty-four cases of smallpox known to exist in the village. The houses are not placarded, the patients are not isolated, the neighbors are not vaccinated. This is a matter which concerns Montreal as much as it does St. Jean Baptiste. While smallpox exists in Montreal it would be folly to pretend that Montreal is out of danger. Contagion does not recognize municipal limits. Under the circumstances the Board of Health should take into immediate consideration the wisdom of extending its operations to the surrounding municipalities, as it has the legal right to do.

YESTERDAY our reporters had to chronicle the arrest of "a small and sickly child about eight years old" charged with stealing seven dollars from his uncle. The arrest of this desperate character was accomplished by Detective Gladu and the prisoner passed the night in jail "screaming through the night." A child of that age would not know the value of seven dollars, and would hardly realize the wickedness of stealing. The Police Magistrate very properly discharged the child; but, we regret to add, recommended its affectionate uncle to give it a sound flogging. Surely the night of the child's arrest was not a night of such a nature as to make sufficient impression upon the infant without any further punishment. Still it seems as though somebody ought to have a sound flogging in connection with this case.

We congratulate the Hon. Thomas White upon his re-election in Cardwell. His victory will give additional relief to the banquet to-morrow evening. The result will be a matter, however, to the country. The election was a vote of confidence in the Government. The choice of the electors was restricted to a member of the Government and a supporter of the Government, and the fight was not one in which Liberals and Conservatives could be expected to be very enthusiastic. The result could hardly be expected to come to any other decision than the one they have arrived at. We do not know much about Dr. Allison's merits, but the Hon. Thomas White was the old member, an able man, and the Minister of the Interior, three things greatly to his credit, and his victory in an election. The probability is that few Liberal votes were cast, and that Mr. White got at least as many of these as Dr. Allison.

THE knight of Sir Frederick Middleton and Sir Adolphe Carleton, the *Globe* to question once more the combined and proprietary of such honors being bestowed at this time of day and in such a country as this, and we wonder our contemporary does not add on such people as Sir Adolphe. Finally the *Globe* comes to the conclusion that if these honors were in any possible measure marks of genuine worth their bestowal might be justifiable, but it denies that our Canadian knights represent "the finest of our intellectual or social wealth." If more discretion were exercised in the distribution of honors in Canada, the country would command more respect. Knighthood in Canada is little more than the badge of a successful politician; it is so seldom conferred upon anybody but a politician. The exceptions only make the rule more prominent. The value of titles depends entirely upon the class of people they are generally conferred upon. A working man does not raise himself to eminence by calling himself a "knight of labor."

MOTIVE POWER IN STREET CARS. Compressed air as a motive power for street railway cars has been tried in London, Eng., recently, with great success. Ten cars are being constructed to be run by compressed air on the line. The cars will run at twenty-five miles an hour, and are only allowed to run at eight. The compressed air cylinders have to be recharged every thirteen miles. There is no noise, steam or smell from the engines. Although the first cost of these cars is very great, it is said that taking into consideration that the horse car requires fourteen horses to be bought and fed, the compressed air engine is an incomparably cheaper motive power.

Montreal will probably be about the last city in the world to adopt the compressed air engine, but the Montreal City Passenger Railway Company is slow to adopt new ideas, but because there is an objection to any other motive power than horse flash which is peculiar to cities in which wheels have to be abandoned for several months in the year. The compressed air engine could not be used in the winter, and the company could not afford either to keep the horse idle in summer or to make the sacrifice selling them every year would involve.

INOCULATION OF SMALLPOX.

Inoculation of the smallpox, as a means of warding off the ordinary attack of that disease, is traditionally reported to have been practised in some lands in China and Hindustan, and an English physician who resided for some years at Aleppo, states that the inoculation, that it had been in use among the Arabians from ancient times; but he remarks, no mention is made of it by any of the Arabian medical writers known in Europe. None of the travellers in Turkey have noticed the practice previous to the eighteenth century, when two Italian physicians sent information of it to the English medical professors, who, however, took no notice of the matter.

Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, (wife of the British Ambassador to Turkey, and sister of Lord Kingdon) during her residence in Constantinople, at Belgrade, on March 18th, 1718, caused her infant son to be inoculated with the virus of smallpox, being the first English person to make the experiment. It was perfectly successful, and the hope of obtaining such relief, and saving many lives induced Lady Mary to form the resolution of introducing the practice of inoculation into her native country. It was an arduous, and difficult, and for some years a thankless task. She had to encounter the pertinacious opposition of the medical professors, who rose against her, almost to a man, predicting the most disastrous consequences; but, supported firmly by the Princess of Wales (laterwards Queen Caroline) she gained many supporters among the nobility and the middle classes. In 1721 four condemned criminals were inoculated, and this test having proved successful, the Princess of Wales had two of her own daughters subjected to the operation with perfect success. Some of the nobility followed the example of the Princess, and the practice gradually extended among the middle classes, though the fees at first were so expensive as to preclude many from the benefit of the new discovery.

It is remarkable that Voltaire should have been the first to mention in France to recommend the adoption of inoculation to the inhabitants of that country. In 1727 he directed the attention of the public to the subject, and pointed out, to ladies especially, the value of the practice, by informing them that the French of Genoa and the Genoese had by this means preserved the beauty of their faces, which they have for centuries been distinguished. He stated that they inoculated their children at as early an age as six months; and observed that most of the 20,000 inhabitants of Paris who died of smallpox in 1720, probably have been saved if inoculation had been then in use.

Dr. Gregory has observed that the first ten years of the progress of inoculation in England were singularly unfortunate. It fell into bad hands, was tried on the most unsuitable subjects, and was practised in the most injudicious manner. By degrees, however, regular new criteria in the progress of the practice, and the opposition of the clergy ceased, and the public became convinced of the fact that the disease in the new form was scarcely ever fatal, while they were aware from experience that when it occurred naturally, one person died out of about every four. A new era in the progress of inoculation commenced when the smallpox hospital was founded by voluntary subscription in 1746, for the extension of the practice among the poor of London. The College of Physicians published a strong recommendation of it about 1754 and 1776 a dispensary was opened in London for the gratuitous inoculation of the poor. In 1798, Dr. Jenner announced his discovery of vaccination, and inoculation of the smallpox was gradually superseded by inoculation of the cowpox. On the 23rd of July, 1840, the practice of inoculation of the smallpox was abandoned by the British Government, and 3 and 4 Vict., c. 29. This statute, entitled "An Act to Extend the Practice of Vaccination," enacted that "any person who should produce or attempt to produce by inoculation of variolous matter the disease of smallpox, should be liable on conviction to be imprisoned in the common jail or house of correction for any term not exceeding one month."

NOTE AND COMMENT.

A High Price for Cigars.

Chas. Hlad, the peasant vendor of Hamilton, received a consignment of cigars from the United States in the middle of the bag was a box of cigars. The cigars were only worth about a cent each, but the vendor, hearing the Customs authorities heard of it and fined him \$50.

A New System of Short Hand.

Mr. Wallace Ritchie is the author of a system of abbreviated long-hand which he claims can be acquired by two hours' study, and after a fortnight's practice he is successfully employed in making condensed reports. By it vowels are generally omitted, and common prefixes and suffixes are represented by single letters.

Beer.

(From the Scientific American.)

The use of beer is found to produce a species of indigestion of the organs, profound and deceptive fatty deposits; diminished circulation, conditions of congestion, and local inflammation of the liver and kidneys, are constantly present. A slight injury, or a fortuitous accident, to the organs, or mind, will commonly provoke acute disease, ending fatally to a beer drinker.

Too Ready to Set Out.

Rel told a Montreal *Star* reporter the other day that he had a divine commission which was given to him in a mountain near Washington, in 1874, by "the spirit of the Lord." The spirit, addressing him, said "Go down to the city of the living, and to accomplish for the benefit of humanity." The mission assigned him, the raising of the dead and the resurrection of the living, and that a man divinely appointed should be offered to him his work for \$35,000.

No Haste Necessary.

(From the Boston Transcript.)

It will be no great misfortune if some of the semi-advertising schemes to raise immediate funds for the Grant memorial fall through. Grant's fame is, or ought to be, of a kind to last, to endure forever. It is not so surely as at all events, the future recognition from generations to come, his name is frankly acknowledged to be the popular zeal fade out, as though the sense of indebtedness to General Grant were a temporary, a perishable thing, and, ere it is, or vanishes, must make haste to plant a monument. Great heroes of history have waited many hands to rear before their monuments were put up, and then they were masterpieces.

Don't Let Them Land.

(From the Toronto News.)

It is the wildest folly to send any man, woman, or child, with any pronounced irregular habits to Canada in the hope that the change of residence will exercise a reforming influence. The case of a woman is sent here in pursuance of the Salvation Army scheme, nothing is more certain than that she will be a nuisance to her old friends and will be a source of trouble to the community. The number of outcasts in the streets and in the houses of the city is a very painful view of the scheme is altogether preposterous, and the government or, falling short of that, the community, should direct efforts to forward to England the strongest remonstrances against it. We may be sure that the government of England, and the landing of this class of immigrants, so that the energies of the promoters of the scheme will be concentrated on unfortunate Canada.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Conclusion of the Ontario Rifle Competition.

TORONTO, August 27.—Splendid weather characterized the fourth and final day of the Ontario Rifle Competition, which was held at the Gun Club, near the city. The matches were the Martini, Ontario, Gzowski, the revolver and the extra series. The results of the matches were as follows: Martini, first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second, thirty-third, thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-first, forty-second, forty-third, forty-fourth, forty-fifth, forty-sixth, forty-seventh, forty-eighth, forty-ninth, fiftieth, fifty-first, fifty-second, fifty-third, fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh, fifty-eighth, fifty-ninth, sixtieth, sixty-first, sixty-second, sixty-third, sixty-fourth, sixty-fifth, sixty-sixth, sixty-seventh, sixty-eighth, sixty-ninth, seventieth, seventy-first, seventy-second, seventy-third, seventy-fourth, seventy-fifth, seventy-sixth, seventy-seventh, seventy-eighth, seventy-ninth, eightieth, eighty-first, eighty-second, eighty-third, eighty-fourth, eighty-fifth, eighty-sixth, eighty-seventh, eighty-eighth, eighty-ninth, ninetieth, ninety-first, ninety-second, ninety-third, ninety-fourth, ninety-fifth, ninety-sixth, ninety-seventh, ninety-eighth, ninety-ninth, one hundredth.

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THE JURY DISAGREED.

The Inquest on Monteth's Body.—Eleven Jurymen in Favor of a Verdict of Manslaughter and Four for Murder.—The Prisoners Tell the Story in Court.

The inquest on the body of the late Wm. Monteth was continued this evening in the Municipal Court, Judge P. J. McKeown presiding. The doctors who services had been rendered to the body of the deceased, and the jury, who were sworn at 7 o'clock in the afternoon, found him lying on a sofa with a confused wound about the head, and a small wound on the forehead. He was sensible and complained of great pain in the head when I was dressing the wound, I could not detect a fracture. I was called again about nine o'clock, he was then insensible and breathing heavily, I applied for to the head and remained until half-past ten o'clock. I was summoned again after reaching home, and when I arrived the deceased was dead.

Doctor Barnes and Dr. Leblond were admitted the result of their post mortem examination, which was as follows:—

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