

# DAILY EVENING MERCURY.

MORES ET STUDIA ET POPULOS ET PRÆLIA DICAM—Virg. Georg. IV. 5.

SIX O'CLOCK

80TH YEAR.—NO. 301.

QUEBEC SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1885

PRICE ONE CENT.

## SERVANT GIRLS.

### Great Scarcity of Female Labor in this Country.

(Guelph Herald.)

There is still a remarkable scarcity of supply on the female labor market in this country. Whatever may be said in opposition to assisted emigration, one thing is certain, that a desirable end would be accomplished were efforts put forth to induce morally pure and physically healthy young women to come to Canada and take employment as domestics. They could earn good wages and gain a comfortable and respectable livelihood. Many a lady is today performing the multifarious duties of the household

WITHOUT ANY ASSISTANCE,

who would gladly give employment to a good girl were such easily procured. Especially is this the case among the farmers. According to the latest returns of the Ontario Bureau of Industries, the agricultural classes find it impossible to hire girls for "love or money," as the saying goes. On this subject, Mr. Thos. Loyd Jones, of Burford, writes: "Domestic servants are very scarce, which is a great drawback to our wives, who are nothing better than white slaves. What with

RAISING A FAMILY

and doing the drudgery of a farm-house this state of things will have a most damaging effect on the rising generation." This view is substantially endorsed by other leading agriculturists throughout the province.

In the cities the same difficulty in securing female help is experienced. Every paper one picks up contains several advertisements: "Servant girls wanted," but it is a rare thing to read or hear about an applicant for such a situation. The chief difficulty towards supplying to a great extent the demand for

LARGE DEMAND FOR FEMALE LABOR,

by emigrants from the Old Country, is the fear entertained by many that an undesirable class would come over. Of course, we don't want the poor houses and other public institutions of England turned loose in this country. What we do want are virtuous and industrious young women, and as there are many of them living on a mere pittance in the mother land, their coming to Canada would be beneficial to themselves and likewise beneficial to the people with whom their lot would be cast.

## The Late Duke of Abercorn.

London Truth says:—The Duke of Abercorn was a Peer and a great landowner of the best type. He had been a prominent figure in society for more than fifty years, and he was certainly one of the most popular men of his time. There never lived a more genial and kindly man; he was a most generous and considerate landlord, and was universally beloved on his vast estates in Ulster. He was a strong churchman and a pronounced Tory. He was so courteous and pleasant that he was liked and esteemed by even the most bitter of his political opponents. The Duke was brought up by his stepfather, Lord Aberdeen, the Minister; so he was educated in a thoroughly Tory atmosphere. He was, perhaps the most popular Lord-Lieutenant that Ireland has ever known. He will be a great loss, as for many years he had made it his practice to spend at least half the year at Baron's Court, and the number of territorial magnates who live regularly on their estates is diminishing every year. The greatest sympathy is felt for the Duchess who loses her husband after a happy and prosperous married life of fifty-three years. The Duke was always a persona grata at Court. Prince Albert was particularly fond of him, and often consulted him with advantage about both public and private matters. The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn both figure prominently in "Lothair," and they were great favorites of Lord Beaconsfield, who regarded them, and very rightly, as ideal specimens of the "high nobility."

In a report on hydrophobia lately made to the Academie de Medecine by M. Leblanc, attention was called to the fact that the disease increases in proportion to the lax application of the prefectorial laws concerning dogs. In Berlin where the laws are executed with precision, there was not a case of hydrophobia during the past year.

## How to Select a Boy.

A gentleman advertised for a boy. Nearly fifty applicants presented themselves to him. Out of the whole number he selected one and dismissed the rest. "I should like to know," said a friend, "on what ground you selected that boy, who has not a single recommendation." "You are mistaken," said the gentleman: "he has a great many. He wiped his feet when he came in, and closed the door after him, showing that he was careful. He gave his seat instantly to that lame old man, showing that he was thoughtful. He took off his cap when he came in, and answered my questions promptly, showing that he was gentlemanly. He picked up the book which I had purposely laid on the floor and replaced it upon the table; and he waited quietly for his turn, instead of pushing and crowding, showing he is honourable and orderly. When I talked to him I noticed that his clothes were brushed, his hair in order; when he wrote his name I noticed that his finger-nails were clean. Don't you call those things letters of recommendation? I do; and I would give more for what I can tell about a boy by using my eyes ten minutes than all letters he can bring me." Little things show character, and frequently determine a boy's whole career. It is the boy who does the kind, polite and thoughtful acts unconsciously that wins his way to employment and success does not mean wealth or fame.

## Current News and Gossip.

Already twenty-six human beings have succumbed to hydrophobia this year in London alone.

A writer says that hens will lay profusely all winter if served with two warm meals a day.

Mr. Joseph Royal, of Winnipeg, has received one of the Confederation medals.

A woman made the first orange box in California, and has built up an industry in box making that amounts to 50,000 boxes a year.

Mr. Vanderbilt was so rich that he could have given every man, woman and child in America a \$3 Christmas present and have had \$10,000,000 left.

Electricity is now utilized in Russia for bleaching cotton. Manufacturers near St. Petersburg steep their material in water, which is then decomposed by electric currents. The oxygen, set free in this way, at once acts on the fibres.

A Justice at Los Angeles, Cal., married a couple the other day, and the groom gave him all the money he had, \$18, for the service: but the sympathetic judge presented the money to the bride and bestowed his benediction upon them both.

London would seem to be fast becoming the paradise of domestic servants. A lady living in Regent's Park, advertising for a cook and housemaid, announces for a cook "will be allowed the use of the bath and late dinner." They will also be allowed out two nights a week and every other Sunday.

Portugal claims to have the largest grape-vine in the world. It is growing at Oys, and has been bearing since 1802. Its greatest yield was in 1864, when it produced grapes enough to make 165 gallons of wine. It covers an area of 5315 square feet, and the stem at the base is six and one-half feet in circumference.

Colonel Sterling, of the Coldstreams, whose butler was helping himself to that gentleman's plate whilst he was serving his country in Egypt, is the only child of Mr. John Sterling, whose life Carlyle wrote, and grandson of the famous leader of the Times, who more than any one obtained for that paper, then edited by Mr. Barnes, the nickname of the "Thunderer." Colonel Sterling succeeded to a large property, including many objets d'art, under the will of his uncle, Sir Antony Sterling. His wife is a daughter of the late Sir John Trelawny, Bart., M.P. Their eldest son is in the Coldstreams.—London Paper.

## Nervous Debilitated Men.

You are allowed a fair trial of thirty days of the use of Dr. Dye's Celebrated Voltaic Belt, with Electric Suspensory Appliances, for the speedy relief and permanent cure of Nervous Debility, loss of Vitality and Manhood, and all kindred troubles. Also, for many other diseases. Complete restoration to health, vigor and manhood guaranteed. No risk incurred. Illustrated pamphlet, with full information, terms etc., mailed free by address: Dr. Dye's Voltaic Belt Co. Marshall Mich.

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IN SEAL, (with North Shore Marten Trimming) PLUCKED and UNPLUCKED BEAVER, PERSIAN LAMB, BOCKARAN, ASTRAKAN, SIBERIAN WOLF RACON, Etc., Etc.

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Latest Parisian Styles, IN PERSIAN LAMB, SEAL, BOKARAN, ASTRAKAN.

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Russian Faunines and Circars, BROCHE SILK, OTTOMAN SILK, LYONS SATIN, MATELASSE CLOTH

With Russian Mink Lining, Ermine, Squirrel, Musk Rat, etc., etc.

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ALASKA MARTEN, SHETLAND SEAL, PLUCKED and UNPLUCKED OTTER, RUSSIAN RACON

## SLEIGH ROBES!

Large Selection of—Black Bear, Musk Ox, Grey and Black Goat, Buffalo, Wolverine.

Immense Stock of Bed Steps, Black and White Bear, Silver Fox and Lynx Rugs.

Special Lines of Snow-Shoes, Moccasins & Toboggans

December 23, 1885



## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

### EXCURSION TICKETS!

WILL BE ISSUED between all Stations East of Detroit, for the Christmas and New Year Holidays, at the following fares:—

### CHRISTMAS.

At SINGLE FIRST-CLASS FARE on 25th December, good for return the same or following day.

At FIRST-CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD on 23rd, 24th and 25th December. Return journey to be commenced not later than Monday, 4th January, 1886.

### NEW YEAR.

At SINGLE FIRST-CLASS FARE on 1st January, 1886, good for return the same or following day.

At FIRST-CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD on 30th, 31st December, 1885, or 1st January, 1886. Return journey to be commenced not later than Monday, 11th January.

Tickets can be obtained only at the Ticket Offices, and will be valid for continuous trip in either direction by all Trains except Limited & St. Louis Express Trains on the Great Western Division, and 3.10 A.M. Train Point Edward to Toronto. Children between 5 and 12 years of age half fare.

JOSEPH HICKSON, General Manager.

Montreal, December 14th, 1885. d18-460d

## Sale of Watches and Jewellery!

MRS. A. McCALLUM,

IN RETURNING THANKS to the public for the liberal patronage extended to her late husband, wishes at the same time to draw their attention to the

### Cheap Sale of Watches and Jewellery

now going on to reduce the present heavy stock. Great Bargains are to be had for CASH. No. 65, St. PETER STREET. December 18, 1885.

## Head-Quarters! Continual Boom.

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### QUEBEC XMAS CARDS!

Showing Views of the City, Dufferin Terrace, Basilica and Seminary, Wolfe and Montcalm Monuments, St. John, Dufferin and Kent Gates, Citadel, Lorette and Montmorency Falls, and many other Views too numerous to mention of

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English & American Annuals for 1886

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AMERICAN AND ENGLISH ALMANACS FOR THIS YEAR.

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A Beautiful Selection of EUROPEAN GOODS, comprising Ink Stands, Ash Receivers, Cabinets, Opera Glasses, Work and Jewel Boxes, Paper Weights, Pocket-Books, Card Cases, Ladies' and Gent's Necessaries, Olive and Brass Ware, Gift Book of all descriptions, and a large assortment of

Velvet and Plush Photograph Albums

## WRIGHT & CO'S,

MOUNTAIN HILL, and 68, ST. JOHN STREET

December 4, 1885.

### BOOK AND JOB PRINTING

—AT THE

## MERCURY OFFICE.

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## P. MATHIE,

DRUGGIST,

CORNER ST. JOHN AND PALACE STS.

December 2 1885

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## QUEBEC AND LEVIS FERRY

The Steamers on this Ferry, connecting with the undermentioned Trains, will leave QUEBEC, LEVIS, FOR INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

A.M. A.M.

7.45 Mail to Halifax. 5.30 Accommodation from R. du Loup

8.00 Accommodation to R. du Loup. P.M.

1.45 Mail from R. du Loup.

5.00 Accommodation to R. du Loup. 7.4 Express from Halifax.

On Saturdays only.

P.M. 2.00 English Mail to R. du Loup

FOR QUEBEC CENTRAL RAILWAY:

A.M. 10.30 Express to Sherbrooke

A.M. 10.30 Mixed from St. Joseph.

P.M. 2.30 Mixed to St. Joseph.

P.M. 4.00 Express from Sherbrooke

ADVERTISERS IN ENGLAND or travelers from Canada will find a complete file of THE MERCURY from 1805 in the Reading Room of the British Museum, Great Russell Street, W.C., London, England.



## Quebec Mercury

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 26.

IT IS OFFICIALLY denied that Sir A. T. Galt will become a candidate for Winnipeg.

WHILE the present Government remains in power the full extent of the mismanagement in the Northwest cannot be known.

THE late Marshal Serrano of Spain, during his political career, saw eighty-four changes of Ministry in that country, four rebellions, and twelve changes in the head of the State.

IT IS SAID that ex-Speaker Anglin will be the Liberal candidate in North Renfrew for the Commons, and Mr. Thomas Murray, M.P. for North Renfrew, will be the Liberal candidate for Pontiac.

JUDGE MOUSSEAU has been for some time engaged on a work on constitutional law. If he made the mistake of building on the Macdonald plan the labor of revising is likely to be heavier than the original work, says the Globe.

SIR Henry Alfred Doughty Tichborne will come of age and enter into possession of his estates next May, and, in spite of the \$600,000 spent in opposing the "Claimant," he will be a rich man, his rent roll amounting to over \$140,000 a year.

A CORRESPONDENT of La Minerve wants to know why L'Etandard, the ultramontane organ, did not publish the letters of the missionaries of the Northwest as the Minerve did, and thereby enable the French-Canadians to understand the true character of Riel.

THE two sons of the Prince of Wales, Prince Albert Victor and Prince George, have just been elected honorary members of the Army and Navy Club, London. Both, it will be remembered, now bear Her Majesty's commission, and have full qualifications for membership in a service club.

LOUIS, King of Portugal, although a professed and prominent patron of literature, is very much devoted to making money on his own account, as his royal revenue is only \$400,000, while his wife gets in addition to the beggarly pittance of \$80,000, so that the poor family is somewhat pinched for spending money.

UNDER the Mackenzie Government the annual expenditure was increased by \$200,000, or at the rate of about \$50,000 a year. The present Government have increased the expenditure from \$24,445,000 in 1878-79, to \$25,327,000 in 1884-85, or at the rate of \$1,700,000 per annum. The rate of increase has therefore been about twenty-four times greater under Sir John Macdonald than under Mr. Mackenzie.

ADAM BADEAU, in his sketches of aristocracy in England, says:—The people like such stories about the Queen as this. Once upon a time there was a domestic quarrel between the royal pair, and the Prince Consort locked himself in his bedchamber. But soon Her Majesty repented and knocked at the Prince's door. "Who is there?" he asked. "The Queen," was the reply, and no answer came. After awhile there was another knock, and again the Prince Consort asked, "Who is there?" "Victoria, Albert," and the door was opened and the quarrel past.

King Milan of Serbia, so say the gossips of his court, has taken to wearing a hidden coat of mail which is, however, hardly what a Norman warrior would have understood by the phrase. Next the body it is of the softest silk. Over this is a thick, tightly compressed layer of eider down, and upon this again is a layer of wadding: the outer surface is of the toughest leather. This dagger and bullet proof case reaches from the neck to the knees and covers the arms.

A great well of natural gas was struck yesterday morning two miles west of Marietta, Ohio.

### Christmas Day.

The ever-welcome anniversary of the good old holiday of Christmas was celebrated in the usual manner yesterday. Very large and devout congregations attended the services in the various churches, the musical and other services in which were hearty and appropriate to this particular and joyful season. The weather was glorious and a good deal of visiting and driving was indulged in. The various churches were handsomely decorated for the festival.

### New Steamers.

The Levis Industrial Company is constructing a new tug steamer for the forwarding firm of Sincennes and McNaughton, of Three Rivers. The new boat is to be about 90 feet long, but only to draw nine feet of water. She will have compound engines and the frame is to be of iron.

Mr. G. T. Davie has laid the keel of a new boat in his yard at Levis for the Dominion Government. The new vessel is intended to replace the burned quarantine steamer Annie Stewart, and will receive the engines and machinery of that vessel.

### La Presse on Renegades.

La Presse says that in 1837, as in our day, there were patriots as well as in our day, the renegades were ambitious and selfish men, who traded in honors like the present French Ministers who betrayed their nationality for pelf and place. Lord Durham, in 1839, said of these people that they were of no use, as they exercised no influence over their compatriots, by whom they were regarded with unconquerable hate as renegades.

### Sudden Death.

The sudden death is announced at Indiana, United States, of Mrs. Connolly, wife of Mr. Connolly, of the firm of Messrs. Larkin, Connolly & Co., contractors for the Harbour Works. Mr. Connolly himself is at present at their works in British Columbia.

### Santa Claus.

This benevolent old gentleman seems to have paid his usual visits on Christmas eve to the delight and gratification of the young folks. The number of early risers yesterday morning was, as may be imagined, much in excess of usual. The "stockings" were, of course, the great attraction to these early birds.

### Sheriffs Sale.

The attention of capitalists is directed to the sheriff sale of beach property at Levis which is to take place at the church door there on Monday morning. The particulars will be found in another column.

### Sudden Death.

The Coroner, Dr. Belleau, left early this morning for Chateau Richer, to hold an inquest on the body of Madame Alexandre Gravel, who died there suddenly on the 24th.

### Basilica Services.

The Archbishop officiated yesterday at the Basilica, and the Revd. Dr. O'Ryan delivered the sermon. The musical service was very good and impressive.

### The Same Crowd of Crushers

La Minerve asserts that it is the same class of men that in 1872 combined to crush Sir George Cartier who are now attempting to crush the Hon. Mr. Chapleau.

### Christmas Eve.

Midnight mass was held on Christmas Eve in all the Catholic churches, which were everywhere well attended. The weather was clear and fine, with the glass at 10 above zero all night.

### Recorder's Court.

Two young tanners, drunk, \$10 and costs each. Joseph Allard, drunk and blaspheming, \$20 and costs or 4 months. Zoe Page, drunk, 4 months. Patrick Gallagher, drunk, 15 days.

### Thanks.

The Male Orphan Asylum acknowledges with thanks the following donations:—T. H. Dunn, Esq., goose and turkey; E. Jones, Esq., two turkeys; A. Friend, one turkey; Messrs. Tozer & Co., beef and mutton; Miss Healy, sweets for the boys; F. Holloway, Esq., oranges, cakes, sweets, &c., for boys' treat.

The Finlay Asylum acknowledges the following:—Three turkeys from Mrs. Edwin A. Jones, a pair of turkeys from Mrs. Williams, 12 lbs. sausage, two turkeys and a goose from friends, plum-pudding from Mr. N. Binet, 116 lbs. beef and mutton, from Mr. Delaney.

Irish loyalists are forming a union composed of all creeds who are against Home Rule.

### Trees by the Railroad.

(December Outing.)

What objection can there be to compelling, either by national or state legislation, every railroad company in the Union to plant trees forty feet apart on the outer limits, either side of its tracks, of its right of way? And the law may prescribe that the trees planted shall be of useful varieties, adapted to the soil and climate which the road traverses. And is it not fair that these great consumers should be made also restorers of forests? Cannot this law be made justifiable on sanitary grounds, on the highest reason for all law—the public welfare, the greatest good to the greatest number? Having such a law faithfully administered for fifty years—even for half that period—and the tourist by rail shall journey from Georgia to Maine and from Boston to San Francisco between continuous avenues of elms and oaks, sheltered from summer dust and heat, and from winter snow and storm. Let us try it.

### The Forty-Ninth Regiment.

(Toronto Mail.)

The 49th Regiment has been ordered to Halifax. The arrival of a British regiment sent home for repairs is not usually a very important event, but in this case a good deal of historical interest attaches to the change. The old 49th fought in Canada in 1812. It was at Queenston Heights, with about 200 of the York militia, and resisted the attack of the American Col. Van Rensselaer and his thirteen hundred men. It witnessed the death of General Brock. It aided in the capture of the American fort at Salmon river. Subsequently it occupied Fort George, and afterwards a detachment of thirty-six men from the 49th held Beaver Dam against the Americans thus saving Burlington Heights and Canada. The 49th is an old friend. Though of course its personnel has changed, the honors belonging to the regiment are retained.

### Political News.

It is said that Mr. Thompson, the new Minister of Justice, has suspended arrangements for taking a residence in Ottawa until the result of the ministerial crisis is known, and has obtained leave of absence from Ottawa for several weeks. It is learned, from those interested in the rebellion losses claims before the Department of the Interior, that it is impossible to get these claims liquidated. Mr. White, Minister of the Interior, has no funds, and refuses to ask a Governor-General's warrant until the present difficulties are settled.

### Army Signals.

Ordinary army signalling, by waving flags or torches, can transmit only ten words or so a minute, spelled out by letters; but an adaptation of the Morse telegraph alphabet, now generally employed, has more than doubled this rate of speed.

### The Temperature.

The following is the Temperature Record for every 24 hours in the shade at The MERCURY office, 130 feet above spring tide, as registered by the improved thermometer of Negretti & Zambra, Holborn Viaduct, London, (Philosophical Instrument Makers to Her Majesty and the Admiralty), made especially for our use:—

1885	mini-	8 a.m.	3 p.m.	maxi-	wind.	aspect
Dec 1.	24	30	29	31	e	cloudy
" 2.	17	20	23	28	—	clear
" 3.	26	28	33	38	—	—snow 4in
" 4.	15	16	20	30	w	clear
" 5.	18	23	22	26	s	snow 6in
" 6.	7	8	10	18	n	clear
" 7.	12	20	21	24	w	cloudy
" 8.	5	18	20	21	e	variable
" 9.	15	21	25	26	e	sleet
" 10.	26	32	35	39	w	clear sun
" 11.	25	26	21	32	e	cloudy
" 12.	13	14	17	24	w	clear
" 13.	15	23	25	27	w	snow 6in
" 14.	25	28	34	35	w	snow 6in
" 15.	15	17	12	33	w	clear
" 16.	8	4	10	14	n	clear
" 17.	3	2	7	10	w	clear
" 18.	4	8	14	15	—	cloudy
" 19.	17	23	27	30	e	snow 3in
" 20.	23	24	24	31	e	cloudy
" 21.	4	2	10	14	—	cloudy
" 22.	12	5	11	13	w	clear
" 23.	12	22	30	36	w	rain
" 24.	30	33	20	35	n	clear
" 25.	5	10	15	18	sw	clear
" 26.	2	5	19	13	e	cloudy

Puny, sickly, fretful children are very trying to the patience of all who have the care of them, and in the majority of cases the fretfulness arises from a weak and emaciated condition of the body, caused by the drain on the constitution during the period of teething, or the rapid growth of childhood, in such cases give Robinson's Phosphorized Emulsion according to directions, or the advice of your Physician.

### MARRIED.

DRUMMOND-BICKLEY—In St. George's Church, December 23rd, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, Arthur Percy Drummond, son of the late Andrew Drummond, Esq., of Toronto, to Clara Tina, third daughter of P. P. Bickley, Esq., of that city.

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Brussels Carpets and Borders to match.  
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Crimson & Eru Canvas Curtains from \$2.25.  
54 inch White Curtain Net from 32c.  
Guipure Lace and Velvet Antimacassars.  
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Curtain Poles, Rings, Chains, Stair Rods, &c.  
Mats, Mattings, Rugs, etc.

5 Per Cent. Discount for Cash.  
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English Prints, from 8c. per yard.  
English Prints—special lot bought expressly for Xmas Presents—first-class value, 14c., or 13c. nett.  
Stuff Dress Goods, a choice assortment of very cheap New Goods, 15c. to 25c.  
Latest Novelties in Laces, Frillings, Cream and Black Figured Nets and Flouncings, Cheap Ribbons for Fancy Work, Evening Flowers, A large assortment of Suede and Dress Kid Gloves for evening wear at moderate prices.  
Ladies Hem Stitch Handkerchiefs, good quality, \$2.00 per doz., or \$1.90 nett.  
Job Lot of Hemmed Cambric Handkerchiefs, from 75c. per doz.  
Spun and Silk Hose—evening Shades.  
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Latest Fashions in Satins, Silks, Grenadines, Velvets, &c., &c.  
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—ALSO—  
A Beach Lot of about 148,645 feet in superficies, comprising the central part of Windsor Cove, situated between the property of the Quebec Warehouse Co. and that of the St. Lawrence Dock Co., convenient to the Grand Trunk Railway Station, will be sold at the Church door of the Parish of Notre Dame de la Victoire, on MONDAY, the 28th December, at Two o'clock in the afternoon.

By special agreement in writing with the Societe Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien, before the day of sale, the purchaser will have the privilege of retaining part of the purchase money for a period of from One to Fifty Years, or the whole amount of the same by furnishing additional hypothecary guarantee approved by the said Society.

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December 23, 1885. 3

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1 do do	25,000
1 do do	10,000
2 prizes of \$9000	12,000
5 do do	10,000
10 do do	10,000
20 do do	10,000
100 do do	20,000
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500 do do	25,000
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Quebec Mercury.

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 26.

## CABLE NEWS

Collapse and Probable Resignation of the French Cabinet.

By cable to THE MERCURY.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Despatches from Paris say the Premiership of M. Brisson is collapsing, a number of his staunch supporters having deserted him.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—It is generally understood that the Brisson Cabinet will resign, and that M. DeFreycinet will form a ministry after the re-election of M. Grevy as President of the Republic, which now appears certain. M. Grevy will mark his re-election by proclaiming an amnesty to all political offenders.

The report that Admiral Galiber, Minister of Marine and Colonies, had resigned is confirmed.

Archbishop Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—His Grace the Most Reverend Marcus Gervais Beresford, D.D., Protestant Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of Ireland, and Metropolitan, is dead.

A Native Governor Appointed

To the Editor of THE MERCURY: ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Dec 26.—Sir Ambrose Shea has been appointed Governor of Newfoundland, being the first native and Catholic Governor since the days of Cabot.

Fire and Loss of Life.

By Telegraph to THE MERCURY. NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Dec. 26.—Early this morning a fire broke out in Boardman's grocery, in the Adams block, Georgetown, and extended to the Masonic block, Equitable building, Teemey's shoe factory and the private residence of L. J. Teemy, all of which were destroyed, causing a loss of \$80,000. Thirteen business places were burned out, and 150 hands thrown out of employment. During the fire, Joseph Illsley, a fireman, unmarried, and George A. Ghasenlock, who leaves a widow and child, were killed by falling walls. Clarence Clark, a baggage master, had his leg badly crushed. Fred Goldsmith, Arthur Tucker, and Chas. Williams, firemen, of Haverhill, were also injured, Williams being probably fatally hurt. E. A. Yeaton and another Georgetown firemen had their arms broken. The fire is a severe blow to the business interest of the town.

Killed by a Falling Tree.

By telegraph to THE MERCURY. PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 23.—Alice Sampson, aged 30 years, was killed this morning, being crushed by a large elm tree which was blown down by the gale. The tree was over 100 years old.

An Old Man Frozen.

By telegraph to THE MERCURY. FLUSHING, L. I., Dec. 26.—Michel Twohy, aged 78, was found this morning frozen stiff half a block from his house. It is supposed he had been drinking and laid down to sleep.

Victims of Jealousy.

By telegraph to THE MERCURY. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—Charles Johnson, colored, cut his wife's throat with his pocket knife last night, and then cut his own throat. Jealousy was the cause.

Steamships Arrived.

By telegraph to THE MERCURY. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Arrived, steamships Holland, from London, and P. Caland, from Rotterdam. QUEENSTOWN, December 26.—Arrived, steamships Etruria and Republican, from New York.

The Markets.

By telegraph to THE MERCURY. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Stocks active and strong.

Mutiny is said to be spreading in the Servian army.

The Czar has sent an autograph letter to Prince Alexander.

Seventy-five corpses have been removed from Fernandale mine.

Twenty-seven persons have died from small-pox in Longue Pointe Asylum.

The Indian native press has pronounced strongly against the imposition of an income tax.

## LATEST FROM MONTREAL.

A Budget of News from the Sister City To-day.

By Telegraph to THE MERCURY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—There are now only 21 infected houses in the city and only one new case verified in the past three days. The disease has now ceased to be epidemic.

MORTALITY RETURNS.

The official returns at the Health Office this morning show that the deaths from small-pox during the last two days were as follows:—Thursday, city, 2, hospitals, 4; St. Henri, 1. Yesterday (Friday), city, 3; St. Jean Brptiate, 1; Ste. Cunegonde, 1.

WINDSOR SQUARE CATHEDRAL.

A scheme is on foot for the completion of St. Peter's Cathedral. All the priests ordained by Mgr. Fabre since Archbishop Bourget resigned his seat, have entered into a league to make the Bishop a very rich present, to be raffled at the grand bazaar for the benefit of the Cathedral next summer.

## CENTRAL AMERICA.

The Leader of the Late Panama Rebellion Sentenced.

PANAMA, Dec. 24.—General Caceres will probably be elected President of Peru in March. Ex-President Prado has been permitted to return to Peru and to resume all his honors. He was President when the war with Chili commenced.

A HEAVY SENTENCE.

Rafael of Peru, the leader in the recent revolutionary movement in Panama, has been tried and sentenced to be exiled for 10 years, to pay the expenses of the Court, to be deprived of all political rights during the period of his exile, and to make compensation for the losses and damages sustained during the revolution.

Terrific Wind Storm.

By telegraph to THE MERCURY. SANDWICH, Mass., Dec 26.—A terrific northeast gale, unaccompanied by rain or snow, has prevailed here since yesterday noon, and today the wind is blowing harder than ever. No wrecks are yet reported. The sea is the heaviest known for years and the tides are unusually high. Sand-bars have shifted and the channels are unapproachable.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 26.—A heavy northeast gale has prevailed here from midnight and the wind is still blowing heavily. Several vessels have either dragged their anchors or broken adrift. No damage is yet reported.

A Good Example in Funerals.

(Toronto World.) The Vanderbilt family must be given credit for one thing, and that is for the good example that they have set in the direction of funeral reform. There is practically no limit to the amount of money that they might have expended in funeral ostentation but they preferred simplicity, and for setting so good an example to a great many vain and foolish people they deserve the thanks of every thoughtful person. The stylish funeral is a coarse vulgarity in the wealthy and a sinful extravagance in the poor.

Atlantic Soundings.

Captain Bentley, of the Guion steamer Wisconsin, reports the existence of a bank in the Atlantic not down in the latest admiralty charts, and that there is only sixty fathoms of water upon it. Its position he gives as latitude 41 degrees 5 min. north, longitude 65 degrees 2 min. west. The Challenger, on May 6 and 7, 1873, on her rather circuitous way from Bermuda to Halifax, found 258 fathoms of water a short distance south-west of the position marked by Captain Bentley, and 1340 fathoms a little north-west of it.

The new Tay bridge, to take the place of the one where the great horror occurred when completed will be rather more than two miles long: its cost between £600,000 and £700,000, and some 21,000 tons of new ironwork will be used in addition to the side-girders of the old bridge. The eighty-five openings which form the total length will increase in span from fifty-six feet near the shore to two hundred and forty-five feet at the centre of the bridge, which will be some seventy-six feet above the water. Another curious piece of information is that if the 3,500,000 rivets which will be used in the work were laid lengthwise they would cross the broad river more than 100 times.

Lorenzo Dow preached once from the text of St Paul: "I can do all things." "No, Paul," he said, "you're wrong for once. I'll bet you \$5 you can't," and he took a five dollar bill from his pocket and laid it on his desk. He continued to read, "through our Lord Jesus Christ" "Oh, Paul," said he, "that's an entirely different thing; the bet is off."

## LATEST FROM TORONTO.

What Residents of the Queen City are Talking About.

By telegraph to THE MERCURY.

TORONTO, Dec 26.—Colonel Wallace has been appointed to the registrarship of Middlesex, rendered vacant by the death of James Ferguson.

NAVIGATION RECEIPTS.

According to the official returns of the Toronto navigation receipts for the past season an increase of \$490 is noted over the previous season.

There is money in gas. The Municipal Co., of New York were organized in 1876, with a capital of \$500,000, which four years later was increased to \$3,000,000. According to Mr. Yalden, the expert employed by the Senate Gas Committee, the stockholders have received in dividends \$3,601,192, and now have \$6,600,000 worth of stock in the Consolidated Co., which is quoted above par.

Mr Newrich (doubtfully)—"Jane, dear, what is this they say in the paper about us? Parvenu? What does it mean?" Mrs. Newrich (composedly)—"Some compliment to our standing in sassiety, dear: I don't know many of those Italianish phrases."

## NEW YORK STOCKS.

Reported by T. E. Hannahan & Co., 86 and 88 St. Peter Street, opposite the G. N. W. Telegraph Company.

QUEBEC, December 26, 1885.

	Opg	Clg
C B & Quincy	103	104
N Y Central	39 1/2	40 1/2
Can South	120 1/2	121 1/2
Del & Hud	24 1/2	24 1/2
Del, L & W	24 1/2	24 1/2
Erie	24 1/2	24 1/2
Do 2nd	24 1/2	24 1/2
Jersey Central	30 1/2	31 1/2
Kansas & T	43 1/2	44 1/2
Lou & Nash	85 1/2	87 1/2
Lake & Shore	29 1/2	29 1/2
North Pacific	59 1/2	60 1/2
Do Pref.	107 1/2	108 1/2
Mich Central	106 1/2	107 1/2
North West	106 1/2	107 1/2
Do Pref.	106 1/2	107 1/2
Pullman Car.	94 1/2	94 1/2
Oregon Ry.	37 1/2	37 1/2
Ohio & Cent.	10 1/2	11 1/2
Ont & West	59 1/2	60 1/2
Pacific Mail	65 1/2	67 1/2
Reading	108 1/2	108 1/2
St Paul & M.	94 1/2	94 1/2
St Paul & Omaha	37 1/2	37 1/2
St Paul & Omaha p ef.	10 1/2	11 1/2
Texas Pac.	59 1/2	60 1/2
Can Pac.	53 1/2	55 1/2
Union Pac.	72 1/2	73 1/2
W U Tel.	42 1/2	42 1/2
West S Bds.	32 1/2	33 1/2
Gen Pac.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Or Trans.	32 1/2	33 1/2
Mo Pacific	107 1/2	107 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande	107 1/2	107 1/2
Ill Central	107 1/2	107 1/2
Rock Island	107 1/2	107 1/2
Exchange	107 1/2	107 1/2
Money	107 1/2	107 1/2

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