

SUMMARY.

DEAN STANLEY sailed for England on the 6th inst. LEONOLD RANKER, the German historical writer, is dangerously ill. JEAN JACQUES FAY, the Swiss political economist, is dead, aged 82. SAMUEL PHILIPS, the English actor, died of congestion of the brain on the 6th inst. NOBLESSE WRECKED occurred on the English coast on Sunday by a heavy gale. THE DAUGHTER of Prince Bismarck was married in Berlin, on the 6th inst., to Count Rantzau. A LIBSON DEPARTURE says Portugal, France and England will act in union against the King of Dahomey. THE RELEASED PENITENT ABERNETHY will be permitted, because of feeble health, to remain in Great Britain and to visit Ireland. TOTAL PRUSSIAN DEFICIT for the fiscal years 1877-78 will be 78,000,000 marks, of which 70,000,000 will be covered by a loan. LORD JUSTICE CHRISTIAN, of the Court of Appeals in Ireland, has resigned on account of increasing debility of hearing. A JERUAM DEPARTURE to London says fever prevails alarmingly in some cities in the Punjab, and hundreds are dying weekly. THE FRENCH EXHIBITION finally closed on Saturday afternoon. The receipts since the opening were 12,653,746 francs. MR. O'CONNOR POWER has issued an address in which he vigorously replies to the address of Dr. Isaac Butt to the electors of Limerick. SUBSCRIPTIONS in Glasgow to the fund for the relief of the Glasgow Bank shareholders has reached \$83,000, and in Edinburgh \$27,000. NEARLY HALF of the cotton mills in Ashton-under-Lyne District have stopped, in consequence of the depression in trade, and many are running on short time. A MOVEMENT is on foot to induce the depositors of the City of Glasgow Bank to accept a composition of fifteen shillings in the pound, so as to relieve shareholders. IT IS STATED in Rome that the Pope will make a direct appeal to the Czar on behalf of the Polish Catholics, and if the appeal be fruitless, will issue an encyclical letter denouncing the conduct of Russia. THE HOME RULE CONFEDERATION has arranged a series of demonstrations in the large town of Great Britain, commencing at Birmingham and Wolverhampton. Mr. Parnell, member of Parliament for Meath, will be the chief speaker. MAJOR DRAHEIM, of New Orleans, now making up the report-work of the Howards during the epidemic, expresses the opinion that there has been 40,000 cases of fever in New Orleans and vicinity. The Howard Association physicians did not report to the Board of Health. CAYTON ADVICES to Oct. 23rd say fighting has been renewed in the Trans-Vaal. A British detachment 500 strong was compelled to retreat before the Kaffirs, who subsequently made a night attack on the English, but were repulsed. THE STORY is published in Washington that Major General Reno, killed during the late rebellion, was maliciously shot dead during a skirmish firing by a member of Colonel Eubank's B. Hayes' regiment, the soldiers of which had been upbraided during the day by Reno for destroying a field of wheat. THE N.Y. "HERALD" devotes a page to a map and description of a newly discovered mammoth cave in Virginia. It says: "It is the impression that these caverns will eventually be found to extend in a chain to the Shenandoah River; they may even extend under the river and on toward the mountains. SEVERAL MARRIED JOURNALISTS state that the Premier, Canovas Castillo, intends to provoke a crisis after the discussion of the press law, and if the King again entrusts him with the formation of a ministry he will select Senor Eloydun, Minister of Colonies, and Gen. Jovellar, as his colleagues. MRS. 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This great achievement of sending and receiving a message at the same time upon the Atlantic cable is justly considered one of the most important of telegraphic wonders. AT A MEETING on the 7th inst. of the non-Mormon women of Salt Lake, Utah, a memorial address to Mrs. R. B. Hayes and the women of the United States was adopted, praying that Congress be immediately prevailed upon to enforce the existing laws for the abolition of the practice of polygamy. THE REMAINS of the late Mr. A. T. Stewart, the millionaire, were stolen last week from the family vault in St. Mark's Church graveyard, New York, and so far no trace has been found of the thieves. It is supposed the robbery was committed in order that a reward might be offered for the return of the body. A SEVERE EARTHQUAKE took place in the southern portion of San Salvador on the evening of October 2nd. Nearly all the houses in Jocopa were destroyed, and many families buried in the ruins. Ten bodies have been recovered. The earthquake is supposed to have been occasioned by the eruption of the volcano of Trepa. IT IS REPORTED that Detective Dorsey, of the Central Office in New York, has found a most important clue to the Manhattan Savings Bank burglary. Detective Smethers confirms the report. He said that Detective Dorsey had located the whereabouts of the burglars, and that their capture and the recovery of bonds will soon be effected. THE ELECTION for members of the Great Council of the Canton of Geneva has re-

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THE REV. JOHN LEIGHMAN, one of the oldest priests in Nova Scotia, died at Sydney Mines on Thursday last. Forty years ago he was the only priest in Halifax, and had sole charge of St. Mary's Church. THE ELECTIONS for the Dominion Parliament are over. Mr. Bunster, Conservative, was re-elected for Vancouver District by a large majority. All the delegates from the Province are supporters of the Macdonald Government. THERE ARE 250 tons of freight on the steamer "Daota," frozen in at Pembina. Arrangements are being made to have the goods sent on by Canadian teams, which will be permitted by the United States Customs. MR. SAMUEL BEATTY, late of the Leader, has been appointed general agent for the Union Pacific Railroad, and will make Toronto his headquarters. He will make a specialty of selling that company's land in Nebraska. THE HON. EDWARD BLAIR arrived in Toronto from Europe on Saturday night by the 11 o'clock train. At the station he was met by a number of friends who gave three cheers for him as he left the car. The honorable gentleman looks as if much improved in health. MR. McCALL, the Inspector of Indian Agencies, has returned to Winnipeg from a tour of inspection to all the agencies within the Manitoba superintendency. He reports that the Indians are contented, and are making great improvements in house building. AN AVIANT COURT MARTIAL was held at work on board the flagship "Hellerophon," Halifax, when three sailors of H.M.S. "Iroquois" convicted of

breaking out of the ship while lying at the dock, were sentenced to two years, eighteen and twelve months' imprisonment respectively.

A BATTLEFIELD DISPATCH says that reliable couriers from the plains report an outbreak of war between the Assiniboines and the Sioux. Eight of the latter were killed. The Assiniboines also stole a band of horses from the Blackfeet, and killed a Blackfeet chief.

A PENINSULA DISPATCH to Winnipeg says that a Texan detective met one of the notorious Texan train robbers in the post office at that place on Friday. A fight ensued, during which both were shot dead within five seconds. There are two others of these robbers who are supposed to be in Dakota or Manitoba.

AT THE LATIN UNION CONFERENCE, Italy agreed to abolish paper money for smaller amounts than five francs, to relieve France of the glut of small coins, driven here by the use of small notes in Italy. These small coins will not be received by the treasury of any other State after the end of this year, and Italy will take back those now on foreign soil. She has also agreed to restrict this year's coinage of five-franc pieces to twenty million francs, while other powers have coined no silver this year.

AT THE MALLORQUIN SENATE POLICE COURT, London, a summons was set down for hearing against Lady Annie Louise Gooch and another, charging them with conspiracy to palm off a spurious child on Sir Francis Robert Sherlock Lambert Gooch as his heir. Lady Gooch's counsel presents the certificate of her physician that she was unable to attend, but the Magistrate declared the certificate unsatisfactory, and adjourned the case for a week, declaring that if Lady Gooch was not present then he would issue a warrant for her immediate apprehension.

SECRETARY SHERMAN has addressed to Secretary Everts an official communication, setting forth the injustice of the Canadian authorities in depriving American seamen from receiving rewards given to captains and crews of vessels coming to the relief of vessels in distress. This position of the Canadian authorities is based on rights they claim belong to the seamen of each country in waters of their own country. It is, therefore, insisted that rewards of such service in Canadian waters belong exclusively to Canadian seamen. As this distinction is not observed in American waters our seamen are naturally indignant.

AN OLD RESIDENT of Elora and Galt, C., named W. Kerr, formerly of the 9th Regiment, died suddenly of heart disease on Thursday morning last. He was with Sir John Moore at Corunna, served through the Peninsula war, and was at Waterloo. He had received a pension from the British Government for nearly thirty years, and had just completed his eighty-seventh year.

THE WAIT for a new election for three lives in the Dominion House of Commons, vacated by the resignation of William McDougall, Esq., Q.C., was brought to that city by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery from Ottawa, and handed to the Sheriff on Tuesday morning. The nomination takes place on the 21st inst., the

THE CRATER OF VESUVIUS. Mr. J. Eddy writes as follows to the Montreal Weekly Witness regarding the actual condition of the crater of Mount Vesuvius on Sept. 20th, at the same time sending them a sketch which we reproduce: "Vesuvius having been for a long time in a disturbed condition, and the reports of an eruption growing more and more exciting, I determined to pay a visit to the mountain, and to see in what condition it really was. It is, perhaps, almost needless to say that I found everything had been very much exaggerated. This, indeed, I had expected; for anyone who knows where the Observatory is placed, and how Professor Palmieri stayed there, unmoved by the terrible eruption of 1872, will find it difficult to believe that he would now spend his time in building a dyke round his observatory, as the telegrams reported. Still, the visit was not unsatisfactory, for I was able to descend into the old crater, which would, of course, have been impossible in a great eruption, and to see the new cone as the same eruption which is actually going on. Leaving Naples with a friend, we drove up as far as what used to be the Hermitage, now deserted by the monks, who have been expelled ever from that solitude by the Italian Government. Here we left our carriage at a small inn and took horses to the foot of the cone, accompanied by a crowd of guides, who, however, soon failed off, leaving us with the three who were chosen to go up with us. At the foot of the cone we were met by as many more of them. My friend, after about fifty yards of ascent, reached the lower slope, found it too fatiguing, and contented to be hauled up. This encouraged others of the loafers to follow us, in hopes of my doing the same; but, finding that it was a waste of time, they soon left us. The climbing is certainly tiring, like walking through loose sand on the seashore, with a stiff hill thrown in; but, with a little patience, one works one's way on. The crater was so filled with smoke that we determined to descend into it to see what was to be seen. Half way down, when we got in sight of the new cone throwing up flames and showers of red hot stones, I confess to feeling rather nervous about continuing the descent, and I think it was excusable; but the guides say there was no need for alarm, and that other people were already down there, so we went on. The floor of the old crater has in the last few weeks risen a considerable height, and is still rising, for when we reached it there were two or three small streams of lava oozing out of cracks in it, and slowly flowing over the cooler blocks. These streams came out red hot, but soon turned to the dull lead color of the rest of the lava; only directly in front of the crater itself is full of cracks, showing the lava red hot at about a foot or two beneath the surface, and even where we stood you could not bear the hand on it longer. At the upper end of the hollow is the new cone, which forces its way up suddenly, and keeps up a continuous shower of lumps of red-hot lava. The most violent explosions drove up to a height of a hundred feet or so, with a dull, smothered report; the lesser ones

throw up the liquid fire some twenty or thirty feet, and as the pieces of lava fall on the side of the cone they turn black almost instantly, and help to raise the little hill in height. The cone is quite black, and about fifty feet high. One theory is that it will grow up the hill, and then, and take the place of the old cone, as the old one did that of the left-hand cone in the year 79, when Herulanus was destroyed. In front of the cone is a mass of rock which lately fell from the two crests of the mountain, and the lava would therefore take the course it followed in 1872, towards the Observatory and San Sebastiano. At present the activity of the eruption has so much diminished that there is little probability of the lava flowing down the sides of the mountain for some weeks to come, if it does at all. But perhaps, as the moon seems to exercise some mysterious influence over the volcanic elements, there may be a further increase of activity at the next full moon, and the lava will rise high enough to overflow."

VICE-REGAL RECEPTION BY THE NAVY.—The naval authorities at Halifax are making great preparations to receive the Vice-Admiral Inglefield. The fleet, under command of Vice-Admiral Inglefield, will afford a naval spectacle such as has rarely been seen there. It will consist of the "Sarmatian," a fleet and escort her up the harbor. The Sarmatian will fly the royal standard, and on the fleet coming up with her, a royal salute will be fired. The fleet will then form into two lines, led by the "Hellerophon" (flagship) and "Black Prince," and accompany the Vice-Admiral up the harbor. The fleet saluting as she passes. She will anchor off the dockyard, and when the time for landing, which will probably be about half-past one, arrives, the Admiral will disembark on the pier. A procession will then be formed by the ships' boats, and will pass down between the double line of the dockyard, where the various authorities will be in waiting to receive the illustrious personages.

"AN OPINION AS AN OPINION."—The Toronto Mail editorially expresses its opinion of the Dunkin Act as follows: "The Dunkin Act is having a hard time. Toronto did well to steer clear of it last fall. Wherever it has been tried it has proved a failure. In Grey it has been repealed, and in Bruce, Prince Edward, York, Peterborough, Northumberland and Durham there is a strong movement towards having it annulled. The Dunkin Act instead of strengthening has weakened the temperance cause, and is a very doubtful whether the Scott Act could now be carried in counties where its predecessor has failed. A CONVENTION of Conservative candidates met on Saturday afternoon at the Liberal-Conservative Association Hall in London to select a candidate for the Local Legislature. Those who were prominently in the field as against the present member, Mr. Richard Tooley, were

MEANS. Thomas Routledge, of London Township, and Robert Droney, of Dorchester. Mr. Droney withdrew his name, and the vote lay between Messrs. Tooley and Routledge. The result was largely in favor of Mr. Tooley, when the vote was made unanimous.

THE CITY OF QUEBEC NEW LOAN has fallen flat in London. It is improbable that the public will subscribe for it. The Times' editorial points out that Quebec has an enormous debt for the size of the city. The City of Quebec Company put the loan on the market at a minimum price of 100. The Times is surprised to find a Scotch Bank taking an enterprise of this kind at the present time. Ordinary prudence should have counselled delay. In spite of the hardihood of asking such a price, the raising of the loan just now looks as if there were extreme urgency at the back of the borrowing. It is hardly likely that many people will be disposed to subscribe. Should any be disposed to do so they cannot too carefully inquire into the circumstances of the issue and the money wanted for, as it may bolster up abortive railway schemes on banks which have lent money on such schemes. No information is afforded. It is notorious that both the Province and the City of Quebec have got into difficulties through the scrupulous fostering of bubble undertakings.

AN "ENGLISH ALDER" CASE has just come to light in Toronto. It seems that eleven years ago a young man named George Jewell, residing on Osgood street, in St. John's Ward, married a very handsome girl, whom he afterwards left, and went to seek his fortune in the United States. The years flew by, and no word or sign came of the missing husband. At length, seven years having flown, the wife saw a notice of her spouse's death in the papers. She thought, with much reluctance, consented to become the better





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We invite communications from farmers giving their experience on matters interesting to them as a class.

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THE BALLOT.

The recent ballot-box case has, like the murder case recently, so severely alluded to some days ago by Mr. Justice McRid, laid bare some unhappy facts with regard to the condition of the population in whose hands the safeguards of our liberties are placed.

Legislator. What is sought to be secured by the ballot? Secrecy. And how was that secrecy sought to be obtained? By requiring each voter to make a cross, the easiest mark conceivable, before the name of the candidate whom he wishes to return.

THE FRENCH LANGUAGE IN CANADA.

Mr. E. Laroze, in his Histoire de la Littérature Canadienne, entertains the belief that a brilliant future is in store for the French language on this continent.

The French. Now it is evident that all these singular facts can point but to one result,—at least they indicate a tendency in the relative position of the two languages which, in course of time, must issue in the prevalence of the English.

THE AMERICANS SHIFTING GROUND.

After a good deal of discussion the United States press has now come to the conclusion that notwithstanding this last objection raised by Secretary Everts, the award must be paid.

ROMANIZING HIGHER EDUCATION.

A few days ago took place the "Solemn Agitation of the Faculty of Law of Laval University at Montreal." The services were commenced by the whole personnel, professors and students, attending mass and "invoking the protection of the Immaculate Virgin, august patron of Laval University."

themselves. The operatives have found that, however much high duties may seem to protect the profits of the manufacturer, they afford no protection to labor, and that they have resulted in largely replacing the native operatives with unskilled, unprincipled and ignorant foreigners.

THE GOFF-BAKER SCANDAL.

We have wondered what complaints the proprietor of the Herald in the Goff-Baker case could have whereon to base charges against the WITNESS.

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LITERARY REVIEW.

The New Dominion Monthly for November opens with another instalment of the "Memoirs of the Equimaux Tobit of the Mackenzie and Anderson." These Indians are very interesting in their character, but also very cowardly.







