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CURRENT NOTES.

Probably the reason why the German emperor got a new crown is that his father's crown is too big for him. So are his father's shoes.

"Passer Domesticus, eh?" said the farmer when he heard the sparrow's Sunday name. "Well, he may be a domestic cuss, but it would be dollars in my pocket if he were a passer instead of a stayer."

A Detroit paper says that the United States payments for yearly pensions are $10,000,000 in excess of the whole cost of the military establishment of Great Britain both for effective and non-effective service.

"I've got a bright idea,"
Said a maiden young and fair
To her lover who was helping her
To rock a rocking-chair.
Then smilingly he answered,
"I'm very sure if you
Would be my little wife I'd have
A bright-eyed dear, too."

The Montreal Gazette points out that five elections of members of the house of commons have been held this year, of which Conservatives have gained three and Reformers two. One of the Reform successes was in Haldimand, but it has since been upset by the court. Practically the result of the year's elections stands: Conservative victories, 3; Reform victory, 1.

The American green goods men who have been pestering Canadians with circulars showing them how they can get good five dollar bills for a quarter or so each, seem to have extended their operations into Russia. Two Americans have been arrested at Odessa for taking into Russia two bales of counterfeit notes. The Russians are grim, serious people, and the Americans will probably do some hard thinking in the Siberian mines.

Moses Oats thus forcasts the weather for the next month:—"The cold weather we have had during the past two weeks is over. For the next month we shall have in Ontario fine warm weather considering the time of year, and very dry. The end of October will be decidedly warm, hazy and fine, and the first two weeks in November will be fine and warm for that time of the year. After that put on plenty of under-clothing and warm clothes."

They propose to outdo Eiffel at the coming American World's Fair by means of a swinging tower which will swing a platform capable of holding a thousand people from side to side of the grounds, gaining when erect an altitude greater than Eiffel ever dreamed of. Of course the mechanicism will be so arranged that when the tower reaches a vertical position its motion can be suspended for any desired length of time to give the passengers an opportunity to take in the scene, which from such an altitude will certainly be impressive.

A special from Sorel to l'Electuer gives an account of an odious trick perpetrated by the Tories at the expense of the general portion of the Richelieu electorate. Bills of the dead and gone Mechanics' Bank of Canada, now, of course, absolutely worthless, have been circulated to the amount of $10,000 throughout the county. To-day a number of people came up to Sorel to have the bribery money changed. Their disgust at finding that the paper was worthless, their shame at the exposure of their dishonesty, is more easily imagined than described. The thing created quite a sensation. It will be easy to trace all these bills, as the indignant holders will in many cases be only too glad to make a full confession. Interesting developments may be expected.

In order to show that the national terror of a Chinese invasion by immigration is not wholly a baseless fear in the United States, the collector at the port of San Francisco has published a return of the number of Chinese who have entered the country during the past sixty-five years. According to this showing, between the years 1820 and 1873, 20,155 Chinese landed. They seem not to have begun their migrations in the early part of this period, for between 1820 and 1831 only two Chinese are reported to have entered. After that they began to come over in greater numbers, and by 1888, 361,693 Chinese were in the country. In 1882, 35,000 arrived, and this number so shocked the sensibilities of the Yankees that the Restriction Act was passed, and this reduced the arrivals to 2 in 1888. Now there is what is supposed to be a total exclusion Act on the statute books, and if any Chinese still find their way into the hospitable republic, they do not honor the San Francisco collector of customs with a call.

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A Night of Terror.

Joseph Crawford one of the three seamen who were saved from the wreck of the "Erie Wave" near Clear Creek recently, related his experience on the night of the disaster to the Aylmer Sun, as follows:

CLEAR CREEK, Oct. 12. 1889.

I was on board of the ill-fated Erie Wave when she capsized. The night was intensely dark and chilly; a heavy gale had sprung up, and the waves raged furiously, rocking the schooner to and fro so violently that all on board became terribly sea-sick. About midnight the storm grew worse and the captain said to Bell and Soper, "I will cut the cable and let her go on shore." They answered: "No, let her ride it out." Scarcely had these words left their lips when she capsized. Being pretty full of water, for the pumps had refused to work all the evening, she failed to right herself, and lay rocking on her side, the heavy billows breaking over her until her spars went out. I expected every moment to receive a death blow, as I struggled in the darkness and chilling waves to secure a clinging position. After I had succeeded I asked the captain if all were on board. He said he was. I shouted: "Is Charlie there?" He replied that he was just ahead of him. Just then I heard a cry for help beneath. It came from Geo. Bell, who, suffering from rheumatism, was unable to help himself. I aided him to secure a good position and had just resolved to go to my brother, when a heavy billow swept me off. Fearing being struck or rocked under if I returned to the schooner, I resolved to make for shore. Then began a struggle which no language can describe. Only those who have had a similar experience know how much the mind is capable of thinking, the heart of feeling and the body of enduring in a watery combat. Nerved with the energy that desparation gives and bouyed up with the hope of rescuing a brother and my comrades, I struggled fiercely with the raging waves. My heavy overcoat and woolen clothing burdened me, but I dared not pause a moment to strip. Over and under water, swimming in every imaginable way to save strength, I at last began to get near shore. Even then, had mine been the only life at stake, it would have gone down. Every nerve and muscle was strained to its utmost tension to overcome the awful waves that so angrily receded from the clay cliffs. Several times I almost succombed, but a strong determination enabled me to reach the shore. There a precipitious clay cliff met me, which I began to ascend by digging one hole after another for my feet. I had nearly reached the top, when, overcome by exhaustion, I reeled and fell back a distance of fifteen feet, and laid a moment stunned. A cry from the perishing ones reached me and seemed to fill me with supernatural strength, for immediately I scaled the cliff that I could not climb even in daylight. Then I climbed up a gentle slope to meet another steep projection, from which I again reeled, falling a few feet. Gathering all my energy I made another mighty effort and gained the land. In my eagerness, to gain a dwelling, I took no precaution, and in the darkness violently ran against a fence, knocking me almost senseless. Rallying, however, I followed the fence and soon reached Daniel Moore's residence. No time was lost in spreading the news. Lights soon came, the life-boat was sent for, but all was in vain, for nothing dare face the turbulent sea. When morning dawned we could plainly see that none were on board. My brothers, brother-in-law and myself immediately began a search for the bodies. We searched the beach day and night, until we recovered six; deep grief wringing our hearts as one by one we lifted them from their watery graves.

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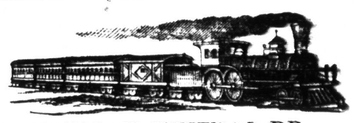

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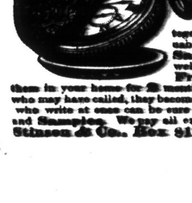

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