

29. French National Assembly prorogued. Cholera increasing at Vienna.

AUGUST.

1. Belfort and Nancy evacuated by Germans. Spanish Insurgent Fleet sail for Alicante. Bill for annuity to Duke of Edinburgh passes 3rd reading.

2. Terrible railway accident at Wigan, Lancashire.

5. Prorogation of Imperial Parliament.

6. Cadiz surrenders to National Troops. International Patent Rights Congress meet at Vienna. Comte de Paris visits Comte de Chambord. Emigration from Russia to America assumes alarming proportions.

7. Important changes in Imperial Ministry.

8. Cholera breaks out in Berlin.

9. Great Fire at Portland, Maine, 3 steamships burned.

12. Carlists gaining ground in N. of Spain. Christianople, Sweden, entirely destroyed by fire.

13. Dominion Parliament meet and is prorogued.

15. Treaty of Peace signed between Paraguay, Brazil and Argentine Republic.

17. Royal Commission issued to try Pacific Railway charges.

18. Close of Vienna Exhibition and distribution of Vienna Prizes.

20. Destructive floods in Agra, India, 3,500 houses swept away. Royal Commission meet at Ottawa. Land slide near Lima threatens to destroy that city.

21. Meeting of Directors of Canada Pacific Railway at Ottawa. Large fire at Quebec.

22. Prince Napoleon elected President of the Council General of Corsica. New oil territory discovered in Pennsylvania. R. C. Seminary at Posen, Russia, ordered to be closed.

24. Fire at Belfast, Maine. New programme of Irish Home Rule party announced. Terrible storms in Nova Scotia. 30 vessels driven ashore on Cape Breton. An immense number of houses, &c., blown down.

26. High price of bread, causing agitation in Paris. Sir Samuel Baker and party reach Cairo.

30. German Government order expulsion of Foreign Emigrant Agents from the Empire.

31. State and Treasury Department, Washington, refuse to admit British Columbian fish and fish oil free.

SEPTEMBER.

1. Vice-Admiral Yelverton takes possession of Spanish insurgent iron-clads at Cartagena, and brings them to Gibraltar.

2. 600 pilgrims leave London, Eng., for Paray le Moniale. Mr. Huntington refuses to appear before Royal Commission.

4. Meeting of Royal Commission at Ottawa. Letter of Sir John A. Macdonald to Mr. Pope, which was stolen from Post Office, appears in Montreal *Herald*. 3 deaths by Cholera in Washington.

5. Outbreak of yellow fever at Shreveport, Louisiana. Castellar elected President of Spain, with extraordinary powers.

7. Mr. Arch and Mr. Claydon arrive in Canada.

8. Terrible fire at Havana, Cuba. Violent storms on Black Sea. 70 vessels wrecked near mouth of Bosphorus. Geneva award money paid into U. S. Treasury.

10. Meeting of Provincial Synod at Montreal. Three railway accidents in England.

11. Telegraph and other offices closed at Shreveport from yellow fever. Vine disease making great havoc in Portugal.

13. France evacuated by German troops.

16. Opening of Provincial Exhibition at Montreal. King of Italy visits the Emperor of Austria. News received of defeat of British Force on the river Prah, Ashantee. Potato disease spreading rapidly in England.

18. Jay, Cooke & Co. suspend payment. Steamer Arctic arrives at Dundee with the remainder of the Crew of the *Polaris*.

19. Session of Spanish Cortes suspended until January.

21. Destructive fire at Smyrna, Turkey. Tornado at Tallahassee, Florida.

22. King of Italy arrives at Berlin. Yellow fever at Shreveport unabated. Newfoundland Legislature dissolved.

23. Steam Yacht *Deerhound* released by Spanish authorities. Return of Shah of Persia to his capital. Meeting of Canada Labour Congress at Toronto. Opening of Provincial Exhibition at London, Ont.

26. British and American Claims Commission close their sittings.

28. Nine accidents on English railways.

29. Typhoid fever increasing alarmingly in London, England.

30. Price of coal steadily advancing in England. John Bright is sworn in Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Parliamentary Summary---1873.

March 5th.—The first Session of 2nd Dominion Parliament opened. Hon. James Cockburn was re-elected Speaker of the Commons.

6th.—Opening of Parliament. Speech from the Throne referred to the arrangements for the Canada Pacific Railway, the proposed Canal enlargements, Immigration, consolidation of Election Laws, and several other measures, and congratulates the House on the flourishing state of the Revenue. After the Commons returned to their Chamber several committees were appointed and other routine business done.

7th.—SENATE.—Consideration of the Address was postponed to the 10th. Hon. Mr. Macpherson made some explanations

respecting an attack on him in *Montreal Gazette*.

COMMONS.—Question of Privilege of West Peterborough Election, introduced by Hon. Mr. Blake; on motion of Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald the question was referred to Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, with instructions to proceed without delay.

March 10.—SENATE.—Hon. Alex. Vidal moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Cochrane, the Answer to the Address, which, after a little discussion, was carried unanimously.

COMMONS.—The Muskoka contested election case was introduced by Mr. Blake, who moved that the Returning Officer be summoned to appear at the Bar on the 17th