

The Forth bridge in Scotland will no longer have the greatest single span of any bridge in the world. The new cantilever bridge over the St. Lawrence, at Quebec, will have a span of 1800 feet. The Forth bridge has two spans of 1700 feet each.

Canada will have the largest turbine ever built. It is to be installed for the electric power works at Shawinigan Falls, on the river St. Maurice, and has a capacity of 10,500 horse-power.

Asserted and denied, it is now again asserted, and apparently proved, that cancer is a parasitic and infectious disease. The discovery of its cause is the first step towards its cure. A serum has already been found capable of effecting this cure in some of the lower animals, it is said; and, if this be true, it will soon be regarded as a curable disease in human beings.

A rebellion is expected in Venezuela. The United States representative in that country has recently called upon the Washington government to resent an insult offered to him by the president of Venezuela. Probably, as in Panama and Santo Domingo, the disturbed state of the country will lead to United States intervention.

Another revolution has begun in the Argentine Republic, and military rule has been established throughout the country.

Revolution is threatened in Albania; which is but another evidence of the disturbed state of the whole Balkan peninsula.

All the evidence has been given in the North Sea inquiry, and it only remains for the court to give its decision. The Russian claim is that the firing on the British fishing boats was justified by the presence among them of Japanese torpedo boats; and they seek to establish the fact of their presence by the direct evidence of one of the Russian officers. The British, as a matter of course, can offer no direct evidence to the contrary. The most their witnesses can say is that they did not see any such craft.

The uprising of the natives in German Southwest Africa, which seemed about to spread to other European colonies, has been suppressed.

A mob of thousands of striking workmen marching towards the palace of the Czar so alarmed the authorities in St. Petersburg, on the 22nd of January, that, after trying other means of checking their advance, the military were ordered to fire upon the strikers. Hundreds were killed; but, though quiet was restored in St. Petersburg, the disturbance, which has a political as well as an industrial meaning, has spread to other cities. At Moscow, at Warsaw, at Kieff, and in other places, there have been serious disturbances. The strikers demand shorter hours of labor and representative government; both of which demands, it is believed, the Czar is ready to grant to a certain extent as soon as quiet is restored.

The government of New Zealand has passed an act for the compulsory eradication of noxious weeds, and to prevent the introduction and spread of weeds through the sale of impure seeds. Dock, burdock, ox-eye daisy, wild turnip and thistles are among the weeds listed.

The latest marvel in telegraphy is an instrument that can send messages at the rate of forty thousand words a minute, and deliver them in writing at the other end of the line. The writing is done by a pencil of light acting upon a slip of sensitized photographic paper.

"Every man who dies in our army must fall on the field of battle," is a saying attributed to a Japanese officer; and the wonderful records of the Japanese hospitals since the war began have made the saying almost literally true. The figures given are hardly credible; but there is no doubt that never before has the number of deaths from disease in an army in active service been so small a proportion of the total loss as in the Japanese army of today. The preparations to save the lives of their men were amongst the first considerations of the leaders in making ready for the war; and however the war may end, the world is indebted to them for this great sanitary victory.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Mr. Tuttle T. Goodwin is principal of the Petitediac superior school at an advanced salary, larger than any paid in that school for many years.

The institute of the teachers of Kings and Hants Counties, N. S., will be held at Hantsport, April 19th, and 20th. Exhibits of writing from grades 3 and 7, and of drawing from grades 5 and 8 of the common schools will be received, for which small money prizes will be awarded to successful competitors. Work from high schools and manual training schools is also asked for. A very interesting programme is being arranged for the meeting.

Mr. F. R. Branscombe has been appointed teacher of grades 7 and 8 in the Dorchester superior school.

Mr. Percy J. Shaw, director of nature-study teaching in the schools of Truro and vicinity, was married January 21st to Miss Mary A. McKay, daughter of the Supervisor of schools for Halifax. Both are graduates of Dalhousie College, and have been successful teachers. The REVIEW unites with their many friends in wishing the bride and groom a happy married life.

Miss Mary Smallie, who has taught in the Digby schools for over forty years, has resigned her position, much to the regret of parents and trustees. It is said that during the long period that she has taught, not a single record is to be found of any complaint or dissatisfaction with the teacher, and the order of her department has always been excellent.

Mr. B. P. Steeves, B. A., who proved an efficient teacher of the Dorchester superior school, has been appointed principal of the Harkins Academy, Newcastle, N. B.