

NEWS SUMMARY.

British and Foreign. - The Quebec Legislature met on Thursday. - The New Star states that Mr. James Stewart, late proprietor of that paper, has purchased the Amherst Press. - After making all deductions ordered by the court the total assessment of the city of Toronto for 1898 is \$150,766,635, or \$500,000 less than in 1897. - The Halifax police magistrate has delivered judgment against the Horse Car Company for doing sly labor on Sunday by driving cars. He convicted and fined them \$5. - A fire which started on Tuesday evening last in the library of Sir Leonard Tilley's house on Germain street, was extinguished by the aid of the fire department before it had made much headway. - Messrs. J. & A. McMillen have issued their Almanac for 1898. This well known annual contains much information on a variety of subjects which it is exceedingly convenient to have at hand. Our thanks are due the publishers for a copy. - Five moose were shot in the woods at Shilice, Cumberland Co., last week. Three were killed by an old hunter named Phillips, one by B. B. Barnhill, and another by Mr. Barnhill's son, a youth of 12 or 13 years. The carcasses of two of the animals were sent by Mr. Barnhill to St. John friends. - Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Fredericton, spent Sunday last in Montreal on his way west to attend a meeting of the Prohibition Commission in Montreal on Tuesday. After finishing his work in Quebec, the Commission will proceed to Ontario, and with that province will complete the work of taking evidence in Canada. - James Young, son of Mr. Andrew Young, living a short distance from Bathurst town, while carrying a piece of firewood on his shoulder slipped and fell. The piece of wood struck him heavily on the forehead, fracturing his skull. He died shortly afterwards. The deceased was about thirty years of age and leaves a wife and three small children. - According to the Toronto Globe's London cable Mr. Blake's speeches are in great demand. On January 24 he visits Glasgow at the invitation of the Scotch liberals, and on January 27 he visits Bath. In February he will probably speak in one of the London court audiences, and will probably visit Hull at a later date, to keep a promise made several months back. - At a meeting of the St. John Anti-Tobacco Association, held on Tuesday evening last, the following officers for the ensuing term were elected: Rev. Dr. Wilson, president; Rev. A. J. McFarland, vice-president; W. P. Bourke, secretary-treasurer; R. A. H. Merr, corresponding secretary; W. J. Stewart and Mrs. G. A. Henderson. - A dynamite explosion occurred at Acadia Mines, in Nova Scotia, on Tuesday, by which John Williams lost his life and Sampson H. King and James Wright were seriously injured. The men were sitting around a fire in a small building, near the mouth of one of the levels, when the fatal explosion occurred. The probability is the dynamite was being warmed and must have been carelessly handled. - Michael Gould, of Nappan, has been sentenced by Judge Morse to two years in the penitentiary for stealing a value containing a commercial traveler's samples, from the I. C. R. baggage room at Amherst. The property belonged to G. A. Andrews, representing C. N. Vroom & Co., St. Stephen. N. B. Gould is also suspected to be connected with several other robberies of a similar character which occurred here lately. - Mr. Houle, 472 Dorchester street, Montreal, was killed one morning last week by the explosion of her cooking stove. The hot water pipes connected with the stove had frozen and Mrs. Houle had lighted the fire in order to thaw the pipes. A few minutes after a dreadful explosion took place, and when the neighbors and firemen arrived the kitchen Mrs. Houle was found lying with her face so disfigured as to be almost unrecognizable. She was taken to the Notre Dame Hospital by the ambulance, where life was found to be extinct. - On Friday last Miss Annie Dodsworth, daughter of Thom. Dodsworth, died at her father's (Arthur Dodsworth) house at Athol, N. S. She had been attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Dodsworth. The funeral of the deceased was to take place Sunday. On Saturday night Mrs. Arthur Dodsworth, with her husband, retired to bed as usual, she being apparently in good health. Mr. Dodsworth awoke about four o'clock Sunday morning and found his wife lying a corpse at his side, she having died in the night, and on the eve of the funeral of her husband's sister, at whose sick bed she had been a constant attendant. Her sudden death is attributed to heart failure. - A proclamation has been issued by the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, summoning the legislature of that province to meet on the 19th inst. This is more than a month earlier than the usual time for the meeting of the legislature, and it is said that the early meeting is on account of certain business which calls for immediate attention. No definite information has been given as to the nature of the business to be brought forward, but President Fielding is reported as saying that it is connected with plans which the government have had in view for about a year for the purpose of securing a more vigorous presentation of the coal mining industry of the province. It is reported that a syndicate aims to obtain control of the coal mines of the province, and fears are expressed in some quarters of the evil effects of a monopoly. Premier Fielding, however, asserts that these apprehensions are not justified by the facts. As the meeting of the legislature is so close at hand the public will not have long to wait for further information in regard to the matter. In the meantime there seems to be no reason why judgment should be passed on the character of the government's process as they will have been made definitely known.



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