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### News Summary.

There were twenty-five failures in Canada the past week, against thirty-eight in the corresponding week last year.

The effect of the Canadian government reply to the Washington proposal is that the suspension of pelagic sealing should follow and not precede the sittings of the joint commission.

The schedule of liabilities of John A. Willard, who assigned at Mankato, Minn., last week has been filed. The grand total is \$1,471,300. The direct liabilities are \$522,722. The assets are \$849,000.

The Rome correspondent of the London Times says there is a well-founded report that the government is about to suppress nearly a hundred clerical clubs and associations. This report causes great indignation.

It is claimed that the electric railroads at Cairo, Egypt, are beating those of Brooklyn in the record of numbers of people killed. The Egyptian roads have been running a little over a year and 140 people were killed or injured by their cars during the first twelve months.

A reply has been prepared by the Dominion government and forwarded to Washington in respect to the negotiations which are now going on between both countries. The government refuses to say what the reply is until such a time as it reaches Mr. Foster's hands.

Ada Pinney, a sixteen-year-old girl, of Andover, Vt., was shot Wednesday evening by her brother-in-law Frank Lombard and died early on Thursday, after intense suffering. Lombard was examining his gun, which he held over his knee, when it was discharged, the contents entering the girl's hip.

Ernest Kempt, oyster expert for the fisheries department, returned to Ottawa Friday, having completed the season's work. His inspection tour has taken him well over the maritime provinces. The beds planted in P. E. Island are doing well, but the Shediac beds are visited by poachers.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, member of the committee on foreign relations, has reached Washington on his way back from Honolulu, where he went to post himself on the annexation question. He believes it is a national duty and will be in every way advantageous to all concerned to annex Hawaii to America.

Col. Sharkey, of the 5th Royal Scots, Montreal, has written to General Gascoigne acknowledging the correctness of statements made in the press by the colonel in criticism of previous statements made by the general. General Gascoigne will return to Ottawa next Tuesday, when he and the Minister of Militia will go into the question of the trouble with the 66th Battalion, Halifax.

The death is announced of Robert Forest, one of the best known and most respected farmers of Grafton, Quebec. One day last week he was working on his burnt land and drank some water that had been in a copper kettle for several days. He was taken ill and a doctor was summoned when it was found that he had been poisoned by the water and all efforts to save his life failed. He leaves a large family.

A Washington despatch says:—The proposal of Mr. Foster, representing the United States government, which the Canadian delegates took back to Ottawa with them, was: "First—That both nations agree at once to a suspension of all killing of seals during the next season in the Pacific Ocean and Behring Sea modus to go into operation on the first of next month. "Second—That representatives of the governments of the United States and Great Britain, including Canada, be designated to enter with as little delay as possible upon consideration of all unsettled questions between Canada and the United States, with a view to a settlement by treaty, this to include the sealing question and any other matters which either government may choose to bring forward."

Premier Sagasta on Tuesday formally declared that the government of Spain could in no way modify its programme of autonomy for Cuba. He expressed the hope that the Cuban Assembly would elect a commission which would co-operate with a Spanish commission in determining the commercial relations between Cuba and Spain by consulting their mutual interests. Marshal Blanco has been authorized by the government at Madrid to sign a credit for \$100,000, to be devoted to the immediate relief of the suffering peasants who have been gathered in the vicinity of the towns occupied by the Spanish troops as a precautionary measure, who have been suffering great hardships and privations. The cabinet in council has approved the article in the autonomy of scheme giving the Cubans the control of the customs.

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