News Summary.

DOMINION.

—A large number of horses are being shipped from Annapolis, N. S., to Boston.

—The Halifax *Herald* says that the N. S. Legislature is expected to prorogue on Thursday next.

—Robert J. Burdette will lecture in St. John on Monday and Tuesday evenings next.

—The Toronto *Globe* says hay costs the government $400 a ton at Clark's Crossing. The freight from Qu'Appelle to the crossing is $220 a ton?

—Reports from the Magdalen Islands and Cape Breton say the heavy packed ice is moving south and southeast. The Sardinian brought 580 chests of rifles and bayonets, 3,530 boxes ball cartridges, and 225 cases of revolvers, for troops operating in the Northwest.

—James Murray, the new consul to St. John, New Brunswick, is a member of Tammany Hall, and a personal friend of John Kelly, who recommended his appointment. Gen. Warner has been consul here for nearly twenty years.

—The Salvation Army has commenced holding meetings in St. John. A man and four women have arrived, others are expected.

—There was a large fire at Shelburne on the 17th inst. Loss $10,000. Originated in Roger's hotel.

—The attention of the Imperial Government having been called to the defenceless condition of British Columbia in the event of war between England and Russia, the secretary of the navy has ordered two ships of war from the China seas to Victoria for the protection of British Columbia and British shipping in the Northern Pacific. It is understood that the Canadian Government has also sent a considerable quantity of artillery ammunition to Victoria for the use of the land forces in the event of trouble.

—There appears to be some hitch in the handing over of the "Alert" by the United States authorities to the admiralty at Halifax, which is likely to cause considerable delay in the department of marine getting the Hudson Bay expedition ready to depart. The minister of marine states however, that he is holding the Government steamer "Lansdowne" in reserve and will despatch her, should not the "Alert" be ready shortly.

—The total number of custom seizures in Nova Scotia during the year ending the 30th June last was 62, and the total amount of fines exacted was $15,738. One third of the fines seems in all cases to have been paid to the officers making the seizures. The seizures at each port were: Halifax, 29; Annapolis, 7; Arichat, 1; Bridgetown, 2; Cornwallis, 4; Digby, 1; Guysborough, 2; Lunenburg, 1; Margaretville, 2; Parrsboro, 3; Yarmouth, 5; Port Hood, 2. The total number of seizures in the province in the last six months of 1884 was 81, and the total fines exacted $32,567.

HORSE SHIPMENT.—Thirty horses, valued at $2,925, were shipped to the United States from St. John Monday morning per steamer "State of Maine."

—News from the North West indicates that Riel's men are deserting him in some places, and it is now learned that some of the outlaw's Indian allies have entered the conflict unwillingly. The rebels are, however, defiant, and a battle is imminent at any time. Riel has issued a manifesto in which he rehearses the grievances of the half-breeds and says that they have been put off time and again with promises. He says it was not their intention to shed a drop of blood, and that they were first fired upon by Major Crozier, in the battle at Duck Lake; war, he asserts, is being forced upon them and they have determined to fight to the bitter end, as they have only a choice of two deaths—by the public executioner or in battle.

Latest despatches from the North West show that General Middleton has reached Batoche's ferry without encountering the enemy. It would seem that he passed Clark's crossing on Friday and pushed right on to Batoche's, from which point he will proceed to Prince Albert, some forty-three miles distant, where Col. Irvine is cooped up by Riel and his allies, leaving Battleford to be relieved by the other column. It was expected that Riel would have concentrated his forces at Batoche to delpute Middleton's advance, and from the natural advantages of the situation he could have undoubtedly made a desperate stand, but according to our despatches the rebel leader was nowhere to be seen. He may have only fallen back for a short distance, and if so a battle is still likely to occur, but if he retreats far to the northward his force will fail to pieces by desertion. A few days at the very outside will settle the question of Riel's ability to stand a pitched battle with the Canadian troops.

—It is said that Fort Pitt has been taken by the rebels, and it is feared the whole party gathered there has been massacred.

—On Tuesday evening of last week Gideon Reid near Kentville was accidentally shot by his son Harry while playing with a pistol. The wound is in the head, and it is doubtful whether he will recover.

—The Scott Act has been carried in Chicoutimi county by 550 majority.

—The Burrill Johnson Iron Co., of Yarmouth, are building two steamers for parties in St. Pierre, Miquelon.

—Mr. J. L. Inches has been invited by the Local Government to vacate the Secretaryship for Agriculture and has accepted the call. Mr. Charles H. Lugrin, recently editor of the *Daily Telegraph*, and still later of the Fredericton *Gleaner*, has been appointed his successor.

—HAY.—Fifteen car-loads of hay have been shipped from Sackville this week and more will follow immediately.

—Johnson McDonald, formerly station master at Digby, received severe injuries last week while assisting in shunting cars at Yarmouth. He stepped off a wharf in the darkness and fell a distance of sixteen feet.

—Mr. J. S. Boies DeVeber has been elected Mayor of St. John by acclamation.

—The nomination as president of the British Association at the Birmingham meeting in 1886 has been offered to Sir William Dawson, C. M. G. LL. D., F. R. S., principal of McGill college, Montreal. Sir William Dawson, thus so signally honored, is a Pictonian and a Pictovian.

—A son of Charles Dickens is a Captain in the Canadian police and is in command of a post threatened by Riel's rebel forces.

—Henry Judah, Q. C., of Montreal has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for obtaining money under false representation. Judah obtained $25,000. Many lawyers get money which had better remain in the pockets of their clients.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

—The Russian railway from the Caspian sea toward the territory now in dispute extends from the front of Michaelovsk on the Caspian 300 miles to Askabad, on the Persian frontier. The projected continuation, 150 miles, to Sarukhs is now under construction. Sarakhs is situated on the Hari Rood, about 150 miles Herat, which is on the same river.

—The Porte has replied to England and Russia. Turkey will remain neutral and will close the Dardanelles and Bosphorous to men-of-war of either nation. Notice of this decision has been sent by the Porte to various foreign ambassadors of Constantinople.

—In an editorial the News says: "The belief that peace will be maintained increases. We trust that the belief will be justified. It is better to make the needed concessions ourselves than to trust to the meditation of a third power. It is sometimes said that the frontiers of Russia and British India must soon be conterminous; that it is probable Russia is rapidly advancing into the intervening space. Such event would probably be attended by some advantages.

The Times St. Petersburg correspondent says: "Later details state that the Afghan losses by Russian bullets, cold and hunger amount to 1,000. The Sarik Turcomans, acting under the advice of the Russians, pursued them almost to Herat.

Eleven fast steamers have been bought, ready equipped, at various ports for use as Russian privateers.

The arming of men of war at Cronstadt continues. Orders were issued to-day to have all put to sea.

Advices from Samarcand state that General Komaroff's victory over the Afghans has favorably impressed the inhabitants of Bokhara. Persia is said to favor England.

A despatch to the Moscow Gazette says Russia cannot rely on Persia in the event of war. Some Russian tourists were lately expelled from Khorassan, while Englishmen have been freely admitted.

Freidenblatt learns that the English government has warned English traders at Black Sea ports to be prepared to leave. Freights on the Black Sea have risen 50 per cent.

—The situation has again become more warlike, between England and Russia. The Russian government refuses to give any explanation of Komaroff's attack on the Afghan's and says that Komaroff would have neglected his duty had he not made the attack he did, Russia has also it is supposed retreated from the basis of negotiations supposed to be agreed upon and is making further demands.

—SPAKIN, April 17—Three colums of British troops will advance from Suakim Handoub, and Otao, respectively, at daybreak to-morrow, and march towards Debbert, in an endeavor to surround and capture Osman Digna's soldiers there.

—Osman Digna has written to the Emir of Berber advising him not to fight any more, because the English are building a railway to Berber, and Osman Digna's army is dispersed.

—ODESSA, April 20.—In all well informed quarters here, without exception, the good faith of the Ameer toward England is mistrusted.

—The *Standard* believes that the following are the basis of the reported compromise between England and Russia:—Russia consents to an immediate meeting between Gen. Zelevoi and Sir Peter Lumsden at Pul-i-Khatun. Russia and England having agreed to limit the zone to be debated to the territory between the Lessar Line on the south and from Ak-Tepe to Pul-i-Khatun on north, excluding Pul-i-Khatun and including Penjdeh. Russia renews her assurance that no further advance will be made provided the Afghans do not attempt to regain their former positions. The commission is instructed to find a practible frontier north of Meruchak and to the south of Pul-i-Khatun, restoring Zulficar and Akrobat to Afghanistan, Penjdeh to be ceded to Russia and a friendly agreement is to be made with the Ameer.

—A continuous interchange of despatches has been kept up since Saturday between Earl Granville, and M. DeGiers, Russia foreign minister. The indications are again more warlike. The breach between Russia and England is widening and the possibility of an amicable settlement is considered more remote than at any time during the past few days.

—LONDON, April 20.—It is reported in Liberal circles that the negotiations regarding the frontier question have assumed a less favorable aspect, owing to the revival by Russia of questions which had been regarded as finally settled.

—The *Standard* says that despite the apparent peaceful settlement of negotiations there are indications sufficient to warn reasonable men against the assumption that the storm has passed. There is no abatement of Russia's ardor in preparing for war, and the exultation of the Muscovite papers in reminding the British that their threats are futile, suggest that their statesmen may attempt to push their advantage beyond the limit which Gladstone's cabinet even can tolerate.

The published reports of the battle of Chalchuapa on March 31st, say Guatemalans left 1,600 on the battle field. The Guatemalans admit a total loss of 1,800 men. Salvador had 500 killed and 150 wounded, including many officers. Since peace was signed by Salvador and Guatemala, general confidence in commerical circles is returning.

The following figures show that the total number of persons in receipt of relief in 1849 and 1881 respectively.

	1849.	1881.
England	934,000	805,000
Ireland	620,000	109,000
Scotland	122,000	102,000
	1,676,000	1,014,000

Thus in all three divisions of the Kingdom there is a material decline in the amount of pauperism.

UNITED STATES.

—A high-license law has been passed by the Legislature of Wisconsin. It fixes the minimum fee for license in towns of 500 inhabitants and under, at $100, and the maximum at $400, and of $200 and $500 in the larger towns.

—The height of apartment houses in New York is preposterous. A house 178 feet high has actually been erected, and one of 15 stories, 182 feet high, with a cupola 40 feet higher, has been projected.

—In consequence of the threatened war between Russia and England, the price of flour has advanced 75 cents and in some cases $1.00 a barrel in Minneapolis.

—PITTSBURG, April 16.—Chris. Bradford, the famous life saver, died to-day of paralysis. During the past seven years he with his brothers, Ned and Mike, saved 523 lives at Atlantic City beach.

—Gen. Grant continues to improve, and unless an unforseen change for the worse occurs, there will not be another general consultation in a week.

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" 13th. Canard, Mrs. S. B. Kempton, 4 00
" 14th. Newport, Miss E. M. Dimock, $6.00, $1.00 of which was collected by a little girl, Ella Richie, 6 00
" 15th. New Glasgow, Mrs. J. F. Morrow, 2 00
" 15th. Sackville, Mrs. W. Thompson, 12 00
" 15th. From Mrs. D. G. McDonald, to constitute her a Life Member of W.B.M.U. 25 00
" 16th. Salmon Creek, N.B., Mrs. G. G. King, 17 00
" 17th. Newcastle, Mrs. E. P. Bill, 2 35
" 17th. Onslow, Elida A. Blair, 5 00
" 17th. Onslow Mission Band, Mrs. C. H. Martell, 10 00
" 17th. N. E. Margaree, Mrs. J. Frizzle, 7 00
Mar. 5th. Chipman, should be Salmon Creek, 7 00

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Butter, small bxs. p lb	0.20 to 0.22	0.15 to 0.20
do ordinary per lb.	0.15 to 0.18	.....
Eggs, per doz.	0.14 to 0.16	0.16 to 0.20
Ham, smoked per lb.	0.11 to 0.13	.....
Hides, per lb.	0.06 to 0.07	.....
Lambs, each	2.50 to 3.50	.....
Mutton, per lb.	0.10 to 0.12	0.05 to 0.07
Oats, per bus.	0.40 to 0.45	.....
Pork, per lb.	0.07 to 0.7¼	.....
Potatoes, per bus.	0.40 to 0.50	0.50 to 0.90
Turkeys, per lb.	0.18 to 0.20	.....
Veal, per lb.	0.04 to 0.07	0.06 to 0.10
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Marriages.

At the Baptist church, Goshen, Albert County, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. George Seely, Sanford W. Parkin, Esq., to Miss Ella, daughter of the late George DeMill, all of Elgin, A. C. (*Moncton Times* please copy.)

At Carleton, on the 14th inst., by Rev. Jos. A. Cahill, Mr. Frederick Spinney, to Miss Eliza J. Lennox, both of Musquash.

At Dorchester, on the 7th inst., by the Rev. A. T. Dykeman, Henry C. Poole, to Mary Jane Chapman, both of Dorchester, Westmorland Co.

At Sackville, March 10th, by Rev. E. C. Corey, Mr. Chipman Snowden, of Sackville, to Miss Lizzie Girvan, of Buctouche, K. C.

At Halifax, April 15th, by the Rev. J. W. Manning, A. B., Mr. Reginald West, of Yarmouth, to Sarah Boutilier, of Halifax.

Deaths.

At Sackville, April 1st, Mrs. Millage Bowser, aged 38 years. Her end was peace.

At Cumberland Bay, Q. Co., on the 4th March, after a short illness, Mrs. Robert Caldwell, aged 96 years. Deceased was a member of the Baptist church for 40 years.

At Jolicure, West. Co., April 1st, Mrs. Christopher Wry, aged 76 years. In the early part of her married life, she and her husband were made the subjects of God's saving grace, and baptized by the Rev. Joseph Crandall. She united with the 2nd Baptist church of Sackville, of which she remained a constant and active member till death. Her house was always a home for the ministers of Christ. When death came it found her waiting for the morning of the eternal day. She has left a sorrowing husband four sons and five daughters, (the youngest of whom is the wife of Rev. T. Bishop), to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and mother.

At Sand Point, N. S., March 28th, Thomas, infant son of Daniel and Annie Goodick, aged 4 months and 7 days.

At Sand Point, N. S., April 10th, Elizabeth, beloved wife of William Armstrong, leaving a husband and two young children.

At Clementsvale, April 10th, Mary Ann, wife of Deacon Lowe Potter, aged 77 years.

In last week's issue Hanteport should have been in the place of Hampton in the death notice of Deacon Wm. Davison.

At Wakefield, Mass., on the 12th inst., Benjamin Randall, formerly of Bridgetown, N. S., in the 75th year of his age. The remains were conveyed to Bridgetown and interred in the public cemetery on Wednesday the 15th inst.

At Canard, April 18th, Mrs. Edward Power, aged 103 years. For many years Mrs. Power has been a consistent member of the 1st Baptist Church, Cornwallis. Though so aged, she retained the faculties of her mind to the last week of her life, and could converse of the past, to the satisfaction of all who called on her. Her remembrance of the old ministers of the denomination, with whom she had an extensive acquaintance, was very clear, and her conversation concerning them, always interesting. For several years her prayer has been, "Lord Jesus, take me home." She has obtained her desire.

At Jordan River, N. S., April 11th, Emeline, beloved wife of Amos Pentz, aged 29 years and 7 months. The church and temperance societies lose a valued member. But greater far is the loss sustained by the family of four children, from 12 years of age down to an infant of 7 days. With what depth of feeling did the fond mother give them back to God's loving care! Faith triumphed in the dying hour, and will find its reward in the care with which God will cherish the helpless ones committed to Him. A deeply bereaved, but Christian husband, four children, a brother and two sisters, are left to mourn their irreparable loss. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with them all.

IN MEMORIAM.—By the death of Deacon Thomas Armstrong, of Sydney, C. B., the Baptist Church there lost a respected and beloved member, and the community a worthy and esteemed citizen. Dea. Armstrong was born in 1813, and, at the time of his death, had reached more than the alloted space of life. Brought under the influence of the preaching of Rev. George Richardson he was by that eminent father of the gospel baptized into the fellowship of the North Sydney Baptist Church, and was chosen deacon in 1839. Deacon Armstrong removed to the United States in 1851, and connected himself with the Baptist Church in Fewburyport, Mass., where he was also chosen deacon and was for a number of years Superintendent of the Sabbath-school. He always remembered his connection with the church in Newburyport with satisfaction. He returned to Sydney in 1866 and undertook the management of a large boot and shoe factory, which he conducted for a number of years. In the following year he was once more chosen to the office of deacon, and served in that capacity until his death. The deceased was a man of good mental powers, strict integrity, and energy in every good work. He was the eldest brother of Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Kentville, and of Deacon James Armstrong, North Sydney, and uncle of Rev. W. F. Armstrong, Maulmain, Burmah. During the latter years of his life he devoted his leisure to compiling a record of his family, which was to him a labor of love and of which he left a large volume in manuscriot. He leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss.

At the residence of J. D. Magee, Esq., Shawano, Wis., April 7th, Thomas Magee, aged 67 years. Mr. Magee was the second son of the late father Thomas Magee, one of the pioneer ministers of N. B., and brother of the late Rev. John Magee, of Nashwaak, N. B. He was himself for nearly forty years a licensed minister of the Baptist denomination. He was converted to God at the early age of eighteen years, and united with the church at Oak Bay, Charlotte Co. Soon after uniting with the church he began to exercise his gift of public speaking with much acceptance and continued to preach frequently in different parts of his native province till 1866, at which time he removed with his family to Shawano, Wis. He preached at various stations in Shawano county, and was much beloved and respected by people of all denominations, frequently occupying both Methodist and Presbyterian pulpits in the city of Shawano. His services were very frequently required on funeral occasions as, owing to his warm sympathetic nature, he was peculiarly fitted to comfort the mourning hearts of the bereaved. He excelled in prayer and direct appeal: zeal and fervor frequently rising to real eloquence. During his long illness—more than a year—he was singularly calm and patient, and looked forward to death without a single fear. At times his spirit seemed borne upward on the wings of a triumphant faith, and it was truly a privilege to listen to his utterances of joy in the prospect of a blissful eternity. He fell asleep in Jesus sweetly as the babe reposing on its mother's breast; his last whispered word being 'Lord' as he pointed upward with a smile. He leaves one daughter, two brothers and a sister, with a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

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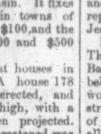

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