

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

DOMINION.

The bye-elections in South Ontario and East Hastings on Saturday, resulted in the return of the government candidates by large majorities.

Col. Rhodes, late member for Megantic and Minister of Agriculture in the Mercier government, died on Wednesday.

Says the Montreal Star: "The ministers are reported as being satisfied with the result of their Washington conference. They could not very well be disappointed, for it is hardly likely that they went with great expectations."

It is understood that Mr. Mowatt will introduce a bill at the present session of the Local Legislature absolutely prohibiting the sale of cigarettes, cigars or tobacco, to any one under the age of 18, and further making it an offence for such young youths to be found smoking in public or to have tobacco in their possession.

Recent legislation forbade the selling of the weed to those under 14 by tobacco dealers, but as hotel-keepers were not prevented selling, the law was practically a dead letter.

Louis (the Canadian) strong man is attracting much attention in the old country by his feats of strength.

Among the things he does is the elevation of a 268 lb. bar-bell which he generally puts up twelve before he lowers it, and the putting up a 172 lb. bar-bell while in a kneeling position.

On one occasion, he placed the 72 lb. dumb-bell on a pedestal shoulder high, a 7 lb. weight was placed on the little finger of the right hand, and then grasping the 72 lb. weight he raised the mass without either raising or lowering the arm, the strength of the wrist being the only factor used in the feat.

The Boston Transcript says: "The tone of exultation in the Washington correspondence and editorials of Republican papers over the departure of the Canadian Commissioners with nothing particular accomplished towards reciprocity would imply that the Administration deems it a merit to keep the attitude of our country towards our nearest and best neighbors on a level of indifference and the conditions of trade strained and impeded by hostile tariffs. We can assure Washington opinion that it is about as far wide of the mark in this matter as it was in imagining that the spirited policy of hectoring and bullying a little South American republic just emerged from an attempted coup d'etat was either glorious or popular in his country at large."

The Grand Ligne Mission held its fifty-fifth annual meeting Thursday afternoon in the Methodist French Baptist church, Mr. A. A. Ayer presiding.

The annual report showed that two new stations had been opened, one at St. Pie and one at Ottawa. Some forty-two persons had been received into the church and baptized.

The Grand Ligne Institute was in a fair working condition. Principal Masse's report stated that there were 108 boarders and 15 day scholars.

The report of the Montreal mission showed that there had been 18 persons added to the church during the year. The financial statement showed receipts from all quarters of \$17,772. The total expenditure had been \$16,199, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,573. A statement was read showing that \$11,000 was the sum subscribed, but owing to death, etc., it was probable that not more than one-half would be collected.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Influenza is reported to be on the decrease in London and the statistics show a general improvement in health all over the kingdom.

Mount Vesuvius is again in a state of eruption. A stream of lava issued from the base of the great cone and flows into the Arno del Cavallone.

England and Scotland were visited last week with a severe snow storm. There has also been a heavy fall of snow in parts of France, obstructing business in the streets of Paris.

Latest despatches report tremendous snow storms in various parts of Great Britain. Trains are blocked, business greatly impeded, and thousands of quartermen and others thrown out of work.

Mr. Gladstone is announced to return to England on Tuesday of this week. Mr. Herbert Gladstone has said that his father is now in a vigorous health, and that he has been accustomed of late to indulge in six-mile walks.

On Thursday last the long expected local government for Ireland bill was introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. Balfour. The measure met with severe criticism at the hands of the Liberal leaders and the leaders of both factions of the Irish party.

All the Home Rule papers in Dublin announce Balfour's bill as a sham and an insult to the Irish people. The Freeman's Journal says an appeal to the country on this legislative abortive would make Balfour and his colleagues the laughing stock of the country. The Irish Times (Unionist) says the bill appeals to the wisdom of the house.

A ministerial crisis has taken place in France. Premier de Freycine's government having been defeated very unexpectedly it would seem, on Thursday last. The resignation of the cabinet has been accepted by President Carnot. The reasons for the defeat are not yet clearly apparent, but a part of them, at least, is to be found in the strained relations between the government and the French Roman Catholic bishops.

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Young People's Department.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, HALIFAX, N. S.—At a regular business meeting of the church the subject of B. Y. P. Union was brought up, and by vote, the whole subject was to be considered by the pastor and deacons, who reported favorably; and accordingly the young people were called together by the pastor on Friday evening, Sept. 25th, 1891.

By resolution the Union was organized, and the following were elected officers until Dec. 31st, '91: President, Mr. Percy Bentley; vice-president, Miss Gertrude Fulton; secretary, Miss Rose Hayes; cor. secretary, Miss J. E. Davidson; treasurer, Mr. Geo. A. McDonald. The society accepted the local constitution of the B. Y. P. U. of America, and appointed committees, who have been prosecuting the work assigned to them with a degree of activity and earnestness. Active and associate members are enrolled, and a large number of each have been added to our Union since its organization.

The Union holds a weekly service of prayer and praise, conducted by its members; a concert service and rally, which is held monthly, at which nearly all the members are present and respond. A benevolent society was also given by the members.

JENNIE E. DAVIDSON, Cor. Secy.

HOME MISSIONS.

Receipts from Jan. 10 to Feb. 6.

Foster Settlement, Mission Band (New Germany), \$2; Lockhartville, W. M. A. (Brooklyn), \$3; A. S. Caswell, Hillsburne, Annap. Co., 60c.; Mrs. Stephen King, do, 50c.; Legacy, Miss Ruth Hamilton, Onslow, \$2.00; Con. Fund—E. A. Rose, Hebron, \$1; Amos Hubby, South Penette, P. E. L., 60c.; Venie Parker, Hebron, 50c.; Wolfville Sunday-school, \$68.65; First Springfield, N. S., \$8; Second Springfield, \$3; Coll. Female, Yarmouth, \$2.31; Jos. S. Brown, Savoy, \$5; W. B. M. Union, \$187.50; First Keswick, N. B., \$6.50; Cardigan church, N. B., 64c.; Nashwalk, \$10.38; N. Con. Fund—St. Francis, \$2; do, Arturville, \$1; do, Rev. C. Henderson, Annapolis, \$4; do, Birch Ridge church, N. S., \$6.22; Rev. C. Henderson, Annapolis, \$1.

A. COLEMAN, Treas. H. M. Bd., Hebron, N. S., Feb. 11.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mrs. Stephen John, Hillsburne, 50c. Eva Durke, Hebron, 41c.

GRAND LIGNE MISSION.

New Germany church, \$9; Weymouth church, \$6; Digby church, (Africa), \$2; Parker's Cove church, \$3.40; Mrs. Porter, Hebron, \$2.00; Canada church, N. S., \$6.22; Rev. C. Henderson, Annapolis, \$1.

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W. B. M. U. RECEIPTS.

St. Martin's Sunday-school, per R. C. White, one share in Palconda building, \$10.00

Debert River, per Mrs. L. D. McCully, F. M., 10.00

Canada, per Mrs. J. Whitman, F. M., \$10; H. M., \$5; 15.00

Pine Grove, per Mrs. I. Dodge, F. M., \$7.77; H. M., 50c.; 8.27

St. John, Main St., per Mrs. N. C. Scott, F. M., 10.25

Cumbers, one share in building fund, \$10; towards support of a child in Mrs. Churchill's home, \$13; 23.00

New Germany, per Ella B. Verge, F. M., 8.00

Pine Grove, per Mrs. M. B. E. Bently, 2 shares in building fund, 20.00

Dartmouth (S. S. Mission Band), H. M. \$23.26; on account of 3 shares building fund, \$25; 48.26

First Salisbury, per Mrs. R. C. Stevens, 7.00

Truro (Immanuel church), per M. M. Ross, to constitute Mrs. W. F. Parker a life member, F. M., 25.00

Hantsport, per Jennie Henshorn, F. M., \$6.75; Regina, \$5.37; Mite Boxes, H. M. \$3.47; 15.89

MARY SMITH, Treas. W. B. M. U., Amherst, Feb. 15.