NEWS SUMMARY.

— The department of militia has declined the request of a number of Toronto gentlemen to be allowed to establish a volunteer cyclist corps.

— Lieut.-Governor Chapleau formally accepted Premier DeBoucherville's resignation Dec. 14. Mr. Taillon will be called on to form a ministry, but it is not certain that he will do so.

— Incomplete returns from Soulanges county indicate that Bain, government candidate, has been elected to the House of Commons by about 40 majority. At the by-election last January his majority was 118.

— Recent excavations at the mines at Eben Hall's land, near St. Stephen, show a large deposit of copper sulphate beneath the light deposit of nickel. Mr. Hall was in St. Stephen lately with a large quantity of rich copper ore.

— Moses Wilson, of Salisbury, has been fined fifty dollars and costs for Scott Act violation. This makes $3,250 in fines imposed this year in Westmorland outside of Moncton, of which over two thousand dollars have been collected.

— An interesting lecture on Columbus was delivered Thursday evening in Carleton Baptist church, by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Kempton. The rev. gentleman dealt with the subject in an entertaining manner, and held the attention of his large audience throughout.—*Sun.*

— In order to counteract the monopoly sought to be established by the Canadian Pacific railway by securing possession of the Intercolonial railway, and the establishment of a fast line of ocean steamers between Halifax and Europe, the Grand Trunk railway proposes to inaugurate, in the near future, the fastest ocean steamship service between Portland, Me., and European ports.

— Mr. W. C. VanHorne, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in an interview, December 15, states that his road will not undertake an Atlantic steamship service. He says that he spoke to the government about it yesterday while in Ottawa, advocating such a line, and that he has done all he can to induce the steamship lines to take the matter up, but that the Canadian Pacific does not want it.

— E. A. Charters, of Sussex, is interested in a valuable mineral spring at North River, near Truro, N. S. An analysis by the dominion analyst shows that this water contains a large amount of soda, chlorine, lime and sulphuric acid and small quantities of magnesia and carbonic acid. This water, it is said, is as near as can be an exact counterpart of the celebrated German Fredericksbaale water.

— Judge Morse, of Amherst, speaking of Mr. Geldert who was killed a day or two ago at Pictou landing, stated that one of the deceased's brothers was the real Sam Slick. He gave Judge Haliburton the many and humorous stories collected in his journeys through the country, and Judge Haliburton threw them into shape and pointed the moral which charmed and continue to charm two nations. Haliburton, in consideration of these services, gave him the manuscript of the Letter Bag, which he sold for the sum of $4,000.—*Telegraph.*

— Sir Adams G. Archibald is dead, in his 79th year. He was one of the fathers of the Canadian confederacy. Sir Adams was one of the leaders of the liberal party previous to 1867, but at that time joined those conservative leaders who were in favor of confederation. He was the first governor of the North-west, going out to Fort Garry in the troublous times after the first rebellion. He occupied government house there from 1870 to 1873. Sir Adams was governor of Nova Scotia from 1873 to 1883, and after that time sat for Colchester in the Dominion Parliament.

— Official returns of the British Columbia salmon pack has just been completed by the fisheries department. The total for the year shows a decrease of 80,414 cases over 1891. Various causes are assigned for the decrease. The year 1892 was an "off" year for Fraser river, and the canners' combine restricted the pack on the Skeena. A large amount of fresh salmon was also exported. The total pack was 221,797 cases. Fraser river pack 68,152 cases, Skeena river 90,000, Rivers Inlet 17,123, Nass river 26,250, Gardner's Inlet 6,000, Alert Bay 4,292, Lowe Inlet 8,000. Only 15 out of 22 Fraser river canneries are working.

— Messrs. VanHorne and Shaughnessy, Peterson and Drinkwater, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, had a lengthy interview, Dec. 14, with Sir John Thompson, Mr. Haggart and other ministers, in reference to changes in the route of the main line through the Rockies, sections of lands and the Intercolonial. Mr. Shaughnessy stated that while his company had not committed itself to any definite proposition with reference to the Intercolonial and fast steamship service, he and his associates were desirous of getting possession of the Intercolonial and making it a part of their system.

— Rare sport in caribou shooting is reported this fall along the northern division of the I. C. R., in lower Quebec. Detectives Grose and Carpenter, of Montreal, a week or two ago, captured thirteen fine animals, within about twenty miles of Cape St. Ignace station, and another party from Montreal secured eight or ten in the same locality. The caribou is met with anywhere between Campbellton and St. Alexandre stations, and the last I. C. R. guide book gave a great deal of information that will be useful to New Brunswickers or Nova Scotians who desire to participate in this fine sport.

— The 22nd annual meeting of the School for the Blind was held in Halifax, Monday evening. The work of the school has been very efficiently carried on. The superintendent's report showed that 54 blind pupils had been under instruction during the year—37 males, 17 females. Seven of these have graduated. Of the 46 in attendance on the 1st December, 22 are Nova Scotians, 17 New Brunswickers, 1 was from P. E. Island and 6 from Newfoundland. The board of managers acknowledge the receipt of $400 bequeathed to the school by the late Sir Edward Kenny, and of $11,686.66, as one of the residuary legatees of the late J. P. Mott, of Dartmouth. These funds have been invested in good securities.

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— The Dominion Parliament is to meet for the despatch of business on the 26th of January.

— A meeting of the dairymen of Fort Lawrence, Cumberland Co., is to be held some day soon to consider the question of establishing a butter factory in the district.

— Mr. Schreiber has returned from his inspection of the Soo canal. He says the men are vigorously engaged excavating the approaches. Everything is ready for energetic masonry work in the spring.

— Louis Telleier has just died at Montreal, willing $500 to one Marion, of Terrebonne, whom deceased had sent to the penitentiary in 1882 for the alleged stealing of a note for $300. Telleier, in his will, declares that he swore falsely and he leaves the money to repair the wrong.

—The Weldon-Randall insurance case has been before the court for about ten days. All the evidence was in and the arguments for the crown and for the defence were concluded on Saturday. On Monday Judge Peters delivered his charge and the case was sent to the jury on the afternoon of that day. Up to the hour of going to press no verdict had been returned.

— Premier Taillon and colleagues were sworn into office on Friday, the leader taking the portfolio of president of the council. There are no other changes at present, but it is believed Hon. Thos. Chapais, son-in-law of Sir Hector Langevin, will join the cabinet without portfolio and lead the ministry in the upper house. It is also said that A. W. Morris, M. P. P., will return to his attack upon that chamber next session.

British and Foreign.

— On Thursday the French chamber of deputies, by a vote of 271 to 265, refused to discuss the proposition of M. Boisserin investing the Panama committee with judicial powers. This action is tantamount to a vote of confidence in the government.

— The North Atlantic Steamship Association, in view of American regulations in regard to immigrants, has decided to carry only saloon and second class passengers from January 1st; to reduce the number of sailings next year; to increase the passenger rates and to cancel all excursion rates for the Chicago fair.

— The contract for erecting the superstructure of the great tower to be built in Wimbley Park, near London, has been given to a Manchester firm. The tower will be constructed of steel and will exceed the Eiffel Tower by 150 feet in height, being itself 1,150 feet high. It will spring from a base 162 feet more elevated than that of the celebrated Parisian tower, and will be a wonder of modern architecture.

United States.

— The Cincinnati Presbytery by a vote of 31 to 27 suspended Rev. Henry P. Smith from the ministry.

— A Washington despatch of Dec. 18 reports James G. Blaine to be in a dying condition. The cause is Bright's disease.

— Philip D. Armour has presented Chicago with a five-story building to be known as the Armour Institute for manual training, science and art. He also gives $1,400,000 for its support.

— The will of the late Jay Gould has been offered for probate in New York. The property in that state consists of two million dollars in realty and seventy millions in personalty, the bulk of which goes to his children.

— The New York *Herald's* correspondent at Santa Ana, Brazil, telegraphs that the residents are terrorized, expecting invasion by the Federals. Several high military chiefs of the Republicans who are prisoners in San Borgia have been killed by the guards. It is reported barbarities were also practiced on women and children. Frequent skirmishes have taken place between Federals and Republicans in Rio Grand do Sol and a serious battle is imminent.

— Mamie Sweet, aged 12, daughter of the head waiter at the Wyoming House, Scranton, Pa., leaped from the seventh story window at her home on Lackawanna avenue to escape punishment for having wrongly delivered a package for her mother. She fell 125 feet, and suffered no injury other than a dislocated shoulder and a severe cut on one leg. There are no indications of internal injury, and the surgeon in attendance says she will quickly recover.

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