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It is now time to consider the question of lesson helps for the coming year. We desire to recommend the splendid periodicals published by the American Baptist Publication Society. There are nineteen different ones and each completely fills the sphere for which it is designed. Quite a number of new departures have been undertaken this year and each periodical promises to be a distinct advance on the preceding numbers. We know of none better for Baptist schools. With all their excellence they are as cheap as any others published.

News Summary.

An outbreak of diphtheria has declared itself on the island of Anticosti among the workmen.

Fire early Thursday in the plant of the National Starch Company, at Des Moines, Ia., caused a damage of \$200,000.

The election of Geo. Loye, Liberal M. P. for Beauharnois, Que., was annulled. Loye admitted bribery by agent.

Ambrose Atkins, watchman on the derrick scow used in the Hillsboro, P. E. Island bridge construction, is missing. Grappling for the body is being conducted.

Signor Marconi, of wireless telegraph fame, arrived at St. John's Friday on the steamer Sardinian with his balloons. He will immediately make preparations for his wireless telegraph experiments along the coast.

The agent for the American Ice Company at Augusta, Me., has received instructions to cut all the ice possible on the Kennebec and Penobscot this winter. It is expected that at least 400,000 tons will be harvested.

Representative Taylor, of Ohio, introduced a bill into Congress for a pension for Mrs. McKinley at the rate of \$5,000 a year beginning Sept. 14, 1901, the date of the death of the late President.

During the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Dec. 3, at the Portuguese city of Goa (on the west coast of India) the sinking of a launch resulted in the drowning of 140 persons.

Three persons were killed and 40 injured in a head-on collision between two passenger trains on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad, near Malvern, Ark., Thursday.

J. W. MacFarlane has arrived from Atlin district with the second count of the district, the figures of the original count having been lost in the Islander disaster. MacFarlane says the second count is 600 short owing to miners having left the district for the winter months.

W. R. Baker, of the C. P. R., at Montreal, who accompanied the royal party on their recent tour through Canada, has received from the Prince and Princess of Wales and members of their suite some very handsome gifts and letters of appreciation of his attention to them.

Hereafter the French railway companies are required to submit every person applying for a post on their staff to a very rigorous medical examination, and anyone who is suspected of tuberculosis, or who even seems likely to contract the disease, is not to be admitted to the staff. This is to protect the public who travel.

During the year ended 30th September, 1901, three sentences of death were committed to imprisonment for life. Two of the sentenced were from Dawson City, Yukon Territory, and one from British Columbia. There were thirty criminal cases in which the prerogative of mercy was exercised during the year.

A bank in Buffalo has \$15,000 worth of Canadian silver which it is anxious to dispose of at a liberal discount. This sum no doubt forms part of Canada's contribution to the Pan-American. Several banks in Toronto have been offered the collection, but have refused to accept it, owing to lack of storing room, and the certainty of a great many of the coins being mutilated.

On Friday a Canadian Pacific freight train was running slowly around a dangerous curve, 400 feet above the Fraser river, when Engineer Randall saw a rockslide scarcely fifty yards ahead of him. He reversed his locomotive, but it was too late. Before the engineer and fireman could jump the locomotive rolled over and over 300 feet down the bluff to the river. Engineer Randall and Fireman Petrucci were crushed to death beneath the locomotive. Three cars were wrecked.

A week ago a number of new cases of small-pox occurred in St. John, some of them in parts of the city where the disease had not previously appeared. Since then only one or two new cases have been reported, while a number of those who were first attacked are convalescent. No new cases have appeared in the public hospital for more than a fortnight, and it is believed that danger of contagion in that quarter is now passed. The new epidemic hospital is understood to be now about ready for the reception of patients. Any doubt that existed as to the power of the Board of Health to enforce vaccination has been set at rest, and if the Board of Health is alive to its responsibilities and equal to its duties an improvement is to be expected.

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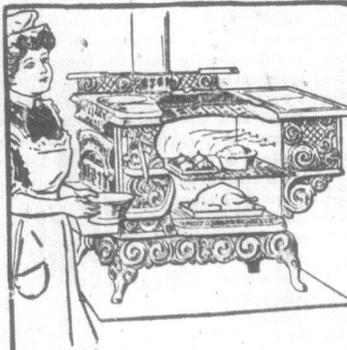
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