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N. B. Home Missions

The regular monthly meeting of the N. B. Home Mission Board, was held in St. John, March 1st, which was well attended and proved to be of deep interest. Reports were received from Gen. Missionary Rev. F. D. Davidson who is pressing his P. D. Davidson who is pressing his work with vigilance and some success. He is now assisting pastors in Albert Co. Also from Missionary pastors, Revs. I. W. Carpender, C. N. Barton, Geo. Howard, M. P. King and R. M. Bynon. These reports reveal that, notwithstanding the hardrough winter with its many drawbacks. our missionaries have received encourag-ment in their work, some of them special nasons of refreshing and ingathering.

Now dear brethren let us stand by our

missionaries. They are working for God and us, remember. You have through missionaries. They are working for God and us, remember. You have through your Board promised them aid, let us see that they get it promptly. Let offering be taken in every church for Home Missions, and forwafted to our treasurer, that our missionaries be paid and the work of God advanced.

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Mews Summary.

There were thirty-six failures in the ominion this week, against sixty-one in a corresponding week of 1897.

The dowage Countess of Elgin, mo of the Viceroy of India, is dead. She a daughter of the first Earl of Durham.

Sir Claude Maxwell MacDonald, K. C. M. G., British minister at Pekin, has been created a Knight Companion of the Bath for secent services.

Prince Albert of Belgium was given a dinner by the President at the executive mansion Friday night in honor of his visit to Washington.

Nomination in Russell county, Ont., for the provincial Legislature took place Fri-day, Marier (Conservative) and Guibord (Liberal) are the candidates in the field.

It was announced at New Brunswick, N. J., by President Scott, of Rutgers College, Friday that Miss Helen Gould had made a gift of \$20,000 to the college.

George E. Scroggie was fined \$5 and costs in the Toronto police court Wednesday. He refused to pay his fare on the street railway because he was not provided with a seat.

The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail declares French support of Spain would not exceed platonic sympathy and that there is no likelihood that the friend-liness of Austria or Germany would extend further.

Two C. P. R. freight trains collided on a curve near Rideau Bridge, Ont., Thurs-day night, resulting in the total destruction of both engines. About twenty cars were wrecked. No lives were lost.

Matthew William Pruyn, ex.M. P. for the county of Lennox, Ont., which he represented in the Conservative interest, died at Napanee on Thursday, aged 79.

In the Supreme Court at River Hunda,
...I., Friday William Seaman, of Wolverampton, was sentenced to ten years' imrisonment at Sing Sing for the thert of a
icycle. It was his second offence.

Monticello, the county seat of Wayne county Kv., was nearly destroyed by fire Friday. The court house, jail, two hotels, half a dozen stone houses and many dwellings were burned. Loss over \$75,000.

George N. Curzon, Thursday, in the House of Commons, said no communica-tions on the Cuban question had been ex-changed between the British ambassador at Washington, Sir Julian Pauncefote, and the government of the United States.

The battleship Maine relief fund started by Mrs. Long and other Washington Isdies amount now to \$9,266. Payments are being made from the fund as ordered from time to time by the committee to needy families of the sailors and marines lost in the Maine.

Fishery Inspector Chapman, Moncton, had a narrow escape from drowning at Buctouche last week. While making a tour of inspection on the harbor he accidently fell into a hole in the ice and with difficulty extricated himself from the water which is 30 feet deep at that point.

The British minister, Sir Claude M. MacDonald, visited the Chinese foreign office at Pekin on Tuesday and lodged a strong protest against the cession of Port Arthur to Russia. The latter power is still exerting pressure to bring about the dismissal of the British railroad engineers.

It is said that Japan has warned Russia that if the latter refuses Fort Arthur Japan will retain Wei-Hai-Wei and islands adjacent. It is also said the Japanese admiralty has ordered themen-of-war building abroad to be hurried.

Mrs. Charles Hughes, of Merrimackport, Mass., found her three-year-old child, Raymond, drowned in a pool of water two feet deep beside the roadway Friday. The child was returning home from a visit to its grandparents a short distance away and fell into the pool.

A sensation has been caused in Paris by the announcement that Comte Ferdin and Walsin Esterhazy, on the advice of coun-sel, has abandoned his prosecution of M. Mathieu Dreyfus, brother of the ill-fated prisoner of the Isle of Devils, for defama-tion in accusing him of having written the Bordereau.

Adrian Braum, a convict in Sing Sing prison, New York, murdered his wife who was paying him a visit in prison Sunday afternoon. While sitting together conversing, a few feet away from Detective Jackson's deak. Braum suddenly raised his arm and drove a knife with terrible force against the left side of his wife's neck, severing the great blood vessels and almost instantly killing her.

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