News Summary.

DOMINION.

—The census of Newfoundland, completed to 1884, has just been published. It shows a total population of 193,378, an increase in ten years of 34,420. The population of St. John's city is placed at 38,137, an increase of 7,563.

—A large force of men will be soon at work at the brickyard, Marysville (Gibson). The output of bricks this year will be extensive, in order to meet the local demand and to fill large orders from abroad.

—The Salvation Army claims one hundred and fifty converts in St. John. It is about to commence operations in Fredericton.

—In the Truro civic elections Cyrus Eaton was re-elected Mayor by acclamation.

—On Wednesday night a fire originated in the North Sydney *Herald* office, and within an hour five adjoining buildings had been burned. Those burnt out are Benjamin Connell, David Scott, Donald McDonald, Herald office, R. J. Moffatt, G. S. Brown, and two larges stores.

—During the month of April, at Springhill collieries there were mined and raised 33,035 tons of coal, by far the largest figures ever reached by any colliery in Canada.

—Many will regret to read the following: The saw mill at Turtle Creek, Albert County, owned by G. S. Turner, was burned on the night of the 4th inst. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have been incendiary. The loss is estimated at $6,000; insured for $3,000.

—Dr. Taylor has decided to withdraw from the contest in King's County, N. B.

—Mrs. Ranger, of Brockville, Ont., ate some parsnips, of a second growth, last week and died. Her children did the same and became dangerously ill, but recovered.

—Last Saturday night May 2nd, burglars entered the store of Hon. John Lewis, Albert Co., by forcibly breaking the door in. They stole clothing and money to the value of about $100.

—A correspondent writing to the Hants *Journal* from Ellershouse, reports a farmer there with four pairs of calves and one pair colts—all twins. This is startling enough, but another farmer rejoices over fourteen pairs of twin lambs.

—The Rev. Mr. Evans assisted Mr. Gibson in placing the first wool in the pickers in the Marysville mill on Thursday April 3rd last. A few days will elapse before all the departments of the mill are in operation.

—The price of hay is rising rather rapidly in St. Stephen. It is now selling un-pressed for from $10.00 to $12.00.

—Over 1400 crates of live lobsters were sent to Boston from Yarmouth last week.

—A long discussion was held with closed doors in the Newfoundland Assembly on Thursday night on the subject of the fishery clauses of the Washington Treaty.

—The best preparations in existence for purifying the blood and extracting the water therefrom, is Gates' Life of Man Bitters and Invigorating Syrup as shown by actual test, they frequently curing when all other preparations have failed. Don't give up till you have tried them.

—One hundred less saloon and hotel license have been granted this year by the Provinces Commissioners in Montreal.

The Grand Trunk traffic receipts for the week ending April 25th show a decrease of $29,474.

—The splendid steam saw mills owned by Todd and Co., at St. Margaret's Bay, were burned Saturday night. The direct loss is estimated at $40,000 to $50,000 besides a large prospective loss. Insurance variously stated at from $15,000 to $22,000.

—Mr. Henry Stanley has been appointed governor of Congo state; Herr Erwalde, of the consulate at Bombay, will be minister of commerce, Herr Neuss minister of finance.

—THE NORTH-WEST.—During the week there have been two fights. Col. Otter, who came to the relief of Battleford so opportunely last week, on May 6th, with a force of 300 mounted infantrymen, started for Poundmaker's reserve, thirty-five miles west of that town and on the south side of Battle river. Arriving there early Saturday morning, he made an attack on the hostile Indians, estimated to number 600. The fight commenced at 5 o'clock. The Indians and their squaws fought with coolness and bravery. They were armed with every conceivable style of weapon. The battle raged seven hours, and ended in the retirement of the Indians, after a loss of about one hundred killed and wounded. The Canadian losses were eight killed and fifteen wounded.

The fight was a severe one, and seems to have been a drawn battle, as Col. Otter retired to Battleford at its conclusion. Our boys behaved splendidly.

The following despatch, May 7th, seems to betoken a general rising of the Indians:

A despatch from Edmonton announces hostiles to the north and east in numerous bands. All the Indians west of Battleford are in war paint. The settlers have all fled.

John Walkenshaw and Albert Harkness, both from Ontario, were killed by Big Bear's band over a week ago. Their wives and the wives of two missionaries are prisoners.

On Sunday, the day which is often chosen for battle, Gen. Middleton began an attack upon Riel's stronghold at Batoche. The fight continued during the whole day. The rebels made a rush for the guns, but were repulsed through the coolness and bravery of Capt. Howard, an American officer who was in command of the Gatling gun. He advanced the gun, and is said to have mowed the enemy down by its discharge. The rebel tactics are the same as at Fish Creek. They kept under cover, and fired at our troops in the open. The casualties are small, but one killed and six wounded. The rebels were driven from their advanced position, but their stronghold yet remains untaken. The telegraph wires are down and no later word has been received. It is supposed that Gen. Middleton will require more men before he can crush the rebellion. The news from the front is awaited with feverish impatience.

In view of the proportions which the rebellion is assuming, more troops are needed, and a New Brunswick contingent is ordered to the front. It is to consist of four companies from 62nd Batt., St. John; one from 71st, York; one from the 74th, Sussex; one from the 73rd, Chatham; and one from the 67th, Woodstock.

There will be many mothers and wives and sisters to whom this news will bring anxiety.

—The Franchise Bill is still blocked in its progress through Parliament. The Opposition are determined that it shall not pass. Its provisions, they say, are such that the elections can be virtually controlled by the party in power. The clause which gives votes to Indians who are in receipt of government bounty will, by throwing the vote of these wild men in favor of the government which feeds them for the time, give the Conservatives a majority in several Liberal constituencies; while putting the power to revise the voters lists into the hands of barristers appointed by government, opens the way for any amount of corrupt practices, for which there can be no redress. The prolonged fight over the Bill is stirring up party bitterness to almost an alarming extent.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

—ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.—Last week closed with the prospect of the submission of the question at issue between these two great nations to arbitration, and of peace. As the week has advanced, it has become more and more evident that Russia is continuing her old game of temporizing. When the official despatches reached London, it was found that they were not as favorable as the proffer telegraphed at first. The two nations cannot agree upon the arbitrators. Russia refuses to submit to arbitration anything which will bind her to loose her hold upon the territory already seized. At last the Czar has declared that he is responsible for Komanoff's advance into the disputed territory.

At present there is a prospect that Gladstone's government will be overthrown. Sir Stafford Northcote has given notice that he will move a vote of censure on the Afghan policy. It is feared by Gladstone's friends that the vote will carry, and this is the absorbing topic of interest at present in England.

Since the above was in type, the following despatch has been received, which changes the whole apparent situation:—

LONDON, May 11.—Earl Granville this afternoon, in the Lords, said in regard to the Afghan boundary question: A conference upon the subject had been held between himself, Earl Kimberly secretary for India, and Baron de Staal, Russian minister at London, which resulted in an agreement perfectly satisfactory to England, Russia and Earl Dufferin.

Mr. Gladstone announced in the Commons that he was about to present to the house some most important papers in regard to the foreign policy of England in her relations with Afghanistan. He stated that a satisfactory arrangement had been effected between Granville, Earl Kimberly, secretary for India; Baron de Staal, Russian minister to England, and M. Lessar, special Russian agent in London, in regard to the Afghan frontier.

No sooner had Gladstone finished than the conservatives opened upon him and the government the bitterest attack within their power to make. This was led by Right Hon. George Francis Hamilton, member for Middlesex, Lord Hamilton being strongly pushed forward by the tories. He secured the occasion for making an attack by moving the consideration of the amendment given notice of by Sir Stafford Northcote, the present Conservative leader in the commons last Friday. This amendment moves, on the second reading of consolidated fund bill, a fresh vote of censure against the government, and concludes in the following words:

"The house having shown its readiness to vote supplies, refuse their assent until informed of the present policy and purposes for which the money to be granted is to be applied."

After a spirited debate, in which Mr. Chamberlain, president of the board of trade, Henry Chaplin, and the Marquis of Hartington participated, Gladstone moved second reading of the consolidatd fund bill (the $55,000,000 credit). Lord George Hamilton's motion was rejected and Gladstone's carried.

LONDON, May 11.—Lord Hartington, secretary for war, stated in the commons this afternoon that a decision had been reached by the government in regard to the Soudan which practically involved the abandonment of the advance to Khartoum. He said the government had resolved to make Wady Halfa the most advanced position as the permanent defence of Egypt. The British troops would be withdrawn as soon as the Nile rises. It is expected the rising will occur about the end of May. The withdrawal of troops involved the abandonment of the engagement to advance to Khartoum. This statement was received with cheers from the government benches. Efforts would be made to establish an administration in the province of Dongola and complete the Nile railway as a commercial enterprise.

Gladstone has brought the whole question of his foreign policy to a direct issue, and has been sustained. It is a matter of great rejoicing and thanksgiving that war seems to be averted. Taught by the past, however, let us rejoice with trembling.

UNITED STATES.

—There are 20,000 barrels of last year's mackerel catch in the Portland, Me., market.

According to the figures of the Boston Board of Assessors there were in that city, May 1st, 43,930 dwelling houses, of which 546, valued at $3,447,200 were vacant.

—John B. Osgood & Co., of Boston, the well known publishers, have failed.

—Twenty-five thousand dollars were found sewed in the shirt of a miner who died in a Philadelphia hospital on Tuesday. He had another $35,000 in a bank.

—Half of the cotton crop of the Arkansas valley has been destroyed by floods.

—I could sometimes wish that you did not leave your news so abruptly and promptly as you do, the moment the last syllable of the benediction has been pronounced. There is no need that you should have your hat in your hand, no need that you should have the great coat upon the shoulder; nor yet that, the moment the last syllable is pronounced, the doors should be thrown open as though you were eager and impatient until the thing had come to a close. It would be well—it would be better more in harmony with those outward expressions of reverence—if there were a moment's silence, a silent pause, indicating that, when the service is closed, you have not been eager for its close, and then it is yours, to go away in the hopeful confidence that God, who has been reverently waited upon by you, and whose benediction had been pronounced over you in his name and by his authority, would go with you and help you to make the rest of your life, not secular as distinguished from religious, but spiritual and godly through and through.—*Dr. John Hall.*

—THE PRAISE OF BOOKS.—Employ your time in improving yourself by other men's writings; so you shall come easily by what others have labored hard for.—*Socrates.*

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning.—*St. Paul.*

They asked their wisest man by what means he had attained to such a degree of knowledge. He replied: "Whatever I did not know I was not ashamed to inquire about."—*From the Persian.*

The words of the good are like a staff in a slippery place.—*Hindu Sayings.*

In books we find the dead as it were living; in books we forsee things to come. These are the masters who instruct us without rods and ferules, without hard words and anger. If you approach them they are not asleep; if investigating you interrogate them, they conceal nothing; if you mistake them, they never grumble; if you are ignorant, they cannot laugh at you.—*Richard De Bury.*

It does not matter how many, but how good, books you have.—*Seneca.*

INVOCATION.—(By W. Roscoe.)—

God of the changeful year! amidst the glow
Of strength and beauty and transcendent grace
Which on the mountain-heights or deep below,
In sheltered vales and aadh sequestered place,
Thy forms of vegetable life assume;
Whether thy pines, with giant arms displayed,
Brave the cold north; or, wrapt in eastern gloom,
Thy tracklees forests sweep a world of shade;
Or whether, scenting ocean's heaving breast,
Thy odoriferous isles innumerable rise,
Or under various lighter forms imprest,
Of fruits and flowers, Thy works delight our eyes,
God of all lifel whate'er these forms may be,
Oh, may they all unite in praising Thee!

Foreign Mission Receipts.

Mrs. S. J. Manning, Treas. W. M. B. U., quarterly grant in aid,	$614 20
Dr., orders paid,	33 05
A Friend, for support of Venkia and girl,	15 00
E. M. Kierstead, proceeds sale of Year-Book,	4 12
Mamie Chaloner, Digby,	1 00
Rollingdam Ch. per Rev. W. J. Stewart,	3 00
Portland Church, " "	8 50
Dea. Robt. Elkin, Cumberland Bay, " "	5 00
A Friend, " "	1 00
Jas. Anderson, St. George, "	5 00
Rev. M. A. King, " "	1 20
A Friend, King's Co., N.B. "	2 00
Carleton Church, " "	8 50

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St. John, May 12, 1885.

Convention Funds Received.

Deerfield Church, installment,	$4 30
Berwick Church, "	17 00
North Sydney Church, F. M.	16 55
New Glasgow Church, instalment,	10 00
Maastown, Up. Londonderry, "	5 00
Wm. Frizzle, Esq., Mabou,	5 00
	$57 85

G. E. DAY.

Yarmouth, N. S., May 11, 1885.

Marriages.

MCLAREEN-SMITH.—At the residence of the bride's father, April 8th, 1885, by Rev. A. L. Powell, Mr. John McLaren of Lower Argyle, Yarmouth, Co., and Miss Ella M. eldest daughter of J. McL. Smith, of Barton, Digby Co., N. S.

QUINLAN-WEAVER.—At Middleton, May 5th, by Rev. E. H. Sweet, Mr. T. Edward Quinlan and Miss Ida May Weaver, both of Victoria Vale, Annapolis Co., N. S.

MEISTER-BROWN.—At New Ross Baptist Meeting House, May 5th, by Rev. S. J. Archibald, assisted by Rev. J. F. Kempton, Edward Freeman Meister, of New Ross, to Ida Vendora Brown, daughter of Mr. Henry Brown, of New Ross.

HERGET-HURTLE.—At New Ross Baptist Meeting House, by Rev. S. J. Archibald, David Herget to Emma Hurtle, of New Germany.

BROWN-MORRIS.—At Welsford, Cornwallis, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. E. O. Read, Mr. John W. Brown, of Acadia College, and Miss Edna L. Morris, of Wolfville Seminary.

TROOP-BALSAR.—At Havelock, Annapolis Co., on the 10th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. W. L. Parker, Mr. Joseph E. Troop, of Bear River, to Dora Balsar of Havelock.

HATFIELD-BARTON.—At the Parsonage, Boston, Mass., on the 25th March, by the Rev. William A. Smith, G. Corey Hatfield, to Mary C. Barton, both of St. John, N. B.

Deaths.

CADY.—In El Paso, Ill., April 24th, Mrs. Augusta R., wife of Rev. E. C. Cady, in the 43rd year of her age. —Deceased was born in Vermont, Feb. 11th 1842, was married Aug. 10th 1861, and went almost immediately to Portland, St. John, where her husband had been settled as pastor for nearly two years. In Jan. 1864 she buried her sister Mary, and in Jan. 1865 her mother, both dying of consumption, as had her father and oldest brother before. In 1871 she went to Iowa with the family, on a visit to her husband's people. Here we labored with churches at Washington, Fort Madison, and Glenwood, spent a short time in Centennial agency work for Burlington University, removed to Roseville, Warren Co., Ill., in Oct. 1876, to Toulon, Stark Co., Nov 1881, thence to El Paso, Woodford Co., in March 1883.

During all these years, and in all these fields, she was an earnest, devoted, and faithful Christian, a wise, judicious helper to her husband in all his labors. In Portland she had charge for ten years of successive large Bible classes of young ladies, the most of whom she saw converted and baptized, some of whom will see this notice and remember her labors.

In all these fields of labor she made many warm friends and no enemies. In 1877 she began to show signs of being affected with that old enemy of her family, consumption; and with this and other diseases almost equally relentless, she struggled hard for life, until on Friday morning, April 24th, she gave up in this unequal contest, and bidding adieu to friends on earth she passed on to meet those who had gone before.

She leaves a sorrowing husband and four children, three of whom were born in Portland, to mourn their loss, all of whom are members of the church and hope to meet her in heaven. By her purity of life, wisdom in council, faithfulness to church and family duties, and patience in suffering she has left to her family and all who knew her, a legacy of priceless nature.

She had been in this new field but four weeks. The funeral services on Sunday afternoon were conducted by Rev. O. A. Williams of Galesburg, Ill., an old college school-mate of mine, Text. 1, Thes. 4: 18, "Therefore comfort one another with these words." The sermon, services, and many acts of kindness on the part of friends here and elsewhere, were all that could be desired. E. C. CADY.

MCDONALD.—At Littleton, Little S. West, on the 5th inst., Wm. J., aged one month and two days, only child of John and Harriett A. McDonald.

SIBLEY.—April 23rd, after a lingering illness, Maria, wife of William Sibley, for many years a consistent member of Lower Stewiacke Baptist Church. She is much missed and sincerely lamented by a large circle of friends and relatives.

WRIGHT.—On May 3rd, Robert Wright, in the 72nd year of his age. He died in full hope, trusting in his Saviour. He was for many years connected with the Baptist Church in Lower Stewiacke.

HARRIS.—At Sheffield's Mills, April 27th, aged 51 years, Rebecca, eldest daughter of the late Elisha Harris, and beloved wife of Henry Beckwith, Esq. A large family and a wide circle of friends mourn their loss, in her removal.

MURRAY.—At Milton, Queens Co. N. S., May 2nd, Mrs. Margaret Murray, wife of Rev. P. F. Murray, aged 75 years. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church. Since coming to Milton she endeared herself to all by her amiable christian character. Her meek and quiet spirit did much to advance the religion which she professed. In the memory of the poor she will long live; as she delighted to bestow of her worldly substance to relieve the needy. Her funeral was largely attended; and the services were participated in by Rev. Mr. Johnston, (Congregational,) Rev. J. W. Walls of Liverpool, as well as the pastor. The grace of God comforts and sustains Bro. Murray in this hour of sore trial, and the promises to which he has often directed others, now become a source of rest to his bereaved heart; also to that of his only daughter and child. COM.

BAKER.—At Wentworth, Hants county, N. S., on May 1st Lalia A., aged 2 months, infant daughter of John and Alice Baker.

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Hides, per lb.	0.06 to 0.07	.....
Lambs, each	2.50 to 3.00	.....
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Pork, per lb.	0.07 to 0.7½	.....
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The mails for the United Kingdom for despatch by the steamer leaving Quebec, via Rimouski, for Liverpool, on the 9th May—the first outgoing steamer under the summer arrangement—and by each succeeding steamer during the present summer, should leave St. John Post Office in time to go forward by the train leaving St. John on Friday evening and due at Rimouski on Saturday afternoon.

Postmasters and Railway Mail Clerks in the New Brunswick Division will please be governed by this date in the despatch of mails for Europe by steamers from Quebec, via Rimouski.

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