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News Summary.

DOMINION.

—Mrs. T. B. Barker, of this city, a sister of Governor Tilley, died on the 14th inst.

—Hon. L. E. Baker has presented a centrally situated lot of land to the town of Yarmouth.

—Mr. Proul, Liberal M. P. for Prescott, Ont., has been unseated on account of corrupt practices by agents.

—The report of the Quebec Royal Commission was placed in the hands of Governor Angers, on Tuesday, the 15th inst.

—It is reported that the Boston, Halifax and P. E. Island Steamship Company will purchase another boat to run between Halifax and Boston.

—Rev. W. McDonald, Presbyterian, of Hampton, has received and accepted a call to St. Paul's church, Fredericton. The presbytery has agreed to the translation.

—Mr. McLellan, Conservative member for Gungahy, and Mr. Mousseau, Liberal member for Soulanges, have been unseated on account of bribery by agents.

—Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, have secured the contract for the Central Exchange building of the Nova Scotia Telephone Company in Halifax. It is to be completed next June.

—A man named Robert Longin was shot in the neck by a woman named Maud Lindsay, in a house on Walker's wharf, St. John. Longin lies at the hospital in a very precarious condition. He was drunk at the time of the shooting. The woman is said to have been actuated by jealousy.

—The case of George H. Tippet, of Fairville, charged with violating the Scott Act, resulted in his conviction. He was fined \$50 and costs, or in default of payment 30 days in jail. The liquor recently seized in Tippet's place was ordered to be destroyed. The next case will be taken up on Tuesday.

—Premier Blair visited the Halifax school for the blind last week. In a speech to the pupils the premier said he was fully convinced of the good character of the work being done at the institution, and would advise the New Brunswick government to increase its grant in aid of blind pupils from New Brunswick attending the Halifax school.

—On Saturday evening 285 little boys and girls and some old women of Montreal received presents from Mr. S. Carley. Each present consisted of a suit of woollen underclothing, a knitted muffler, a pair of stockings and two oranges. There was one old woman there who had received a present regularly for the last twelve years, and her children and grandchildren also got presents, for they sell papers too.

—Says the Montreal Witness: Montreal will soon have the reputation of Monte Carlo and Wiesbaden. Another great "people's" lottery has been started. So as to make gambling as easy as possible, and appear as harmless as possible, the tickets are to be sold at ten cents. It will be like playing marbles, you know—quite too trifling to have any moral significance. The Liberal leader, Mr. Beaugrand, is one of the promoters of the lottery.

by the czar, that being the amount he usually devotes to state balls. There is good reason to believe that Baron Hirsch's immigration scheme will shortly pass the council of ministers. It provides for a central committee on the immigration of Jews here and fifty sub-committees in the provinces.

—The capital suggestion is being made that Britain should mediate between Canada and Newfoundland, and that the disgraced family quarrel now in progress. To have the mediation work any lasting benefit, the Imperial Government should go fearlessly back of the American treaty trouble into the long drawn out tariff friction between the two colonies, and clear the channels of trade by as much as the local interests of both will allow. No objections to a commercial union are very plain, at present; and if this could be agreed upon, all trouble for the future would be obliterated. But, no matter what the argument may be, the interference of Britain would do much to further it.—*Montreal Star.*

UNITED STATES.

—Bishop Phillips Brooks was fifty-six years old on the 13th of December.

—Mrs. Mary A. Livermore completed her three score years and ten on Saturday last.

—Edward M. Field, of the suspended New York banking firm of Field, Lindley & Wiechers, was arrested on Monday by detectives at the Manchester mansion, a private insane asylum near Tuckahoe, N. Y., and was arraigned on Wednesday last. His counsel entered a plea of not guilty. He was admitted to bail in \$25,000. J. J. Pierpont Morgan and John T. Terry qualifying as bondsmen. As soon as Field left the court room he was arrested in a civil suit brought by R. H. Dietz, who charges Field with hypothecating securities deposited with the latter's firm for a loan of \$125,000. Field was taken to the Ludlow street jail.

—If you have a hacking cough that distresses you and annoys others—particularly in church—send 12 cents in stamps to G. A. Moore, chemist, St. John, N. B., for a box of Hacknorne's Lozenges. He will send them to you. They give immediate relief.

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Marriages.

SPINNEY-HOBBS.—At Argyle Head, Dec. 9, by Rev. Addison F. Browne, Austin N. Spinney, to Ella T. Hobbs, all of Argyle Head.

WARD-SHANKS.—At Halifax, in North Baptist church, Nov. 24, by Rev. J. W. Manning, B. A., Gaetano Verdi, to Emma Spanks, all of Halifax.

LOCKHART-STARRATT.—At Falmouth, on the 2nd inst., by Rev. J. Murray, Henry Lockhart, to Jennie, eldest daughter of James and Alice Starratt.

BROWNELL-DAVIS.—In North Baptist church, Halifax, Dec. 15, by Rev. J. W. Manning, B. A., Robert Brownell, of Parrboro, to Emma J. Davis, of Sackville.

CORKUM-WAMBACK.—At Bridgewater, Nov. 5, by Rev. S. March, Elias Corkum, of Mount Pleasant, to Martha Syrena Wamback, of New Cambridge, Ind. Co.

KEANS-WHITMAN.—At Upper Clements, on the 10th inst., by Rev. W. H. Richan, Edward Keans, of Lower Granville, to Minnie E., daughter of Mr. S. F. Whitman.

WYTHON-ACKERT.—At the parsonage, at Springfield, on the 9th inst., by Rev. S. Langille, William Wython, of New Albany, to Bessie Ackert, of Lake Pleasant, all of Ann. Co., N. S.

BENJAMIN-DAY.—In this city, on the 14th inst., at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Sydney Welton, Wm. B. Benjamin, to A. M. Day, both of St. John, N. B.

SWINDLES-WRIGHT.—At the residence of Mr. John Wright, North Star St., Nov. 16, by Rev. J. W. Manning, B. A., James Swindles, to Maude Wright, both of Hammond's Plains.

WILLIAMS-CRISP.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on the 9th inst., by Rev. R. B. Kinley, Abner S. Williams, of Clarence, Annapolis Co., N. S., to Lizzie Crisp, of the same place.

LYON-MOSHER.—At the home of the bride, Halifax, Dec. 15, by Rev. Josiah Webb, S. T. B., Levi J. Lyon, of Cape Harbor, to Minnie C., daughter of Capt. John H. Mosher, of this city.

WILLIAMS-DOUGLAS.—In this city, on the 11th inst., at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Sydney Welton, B. A., Joseph Williams, to Mary Douglas, both of St. John, N. B.

SANFORD-VAUGHN.—At the residence of Mr. Lewis Bishop, Melrose, Mass., by Rev. George Cleveland, George W. Sanford, of Maiden, Mass., formerly of Berwick, N. S., to George A., daughter of Mr. Joseph Vaughn, of Greenfield, Kings Co., N. S.

Deaths.

CORKUM.—At Lakeside, N. S., after a painful illness, on the 19th Nov., Solomon Corkum, aged 47 years, leaving a widow and five children. He died trusting in Jesus.

LANTZ.—At Pleasantville, N. S., Nov. 12, Edos Lantz, son of Silas and Matilda Lantz, aged 10 years 10 months, was accidentally drowned while trouting in his father's mill pond. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved friends.

CARTER.—At Newcastle, Sunbury Co., N. B., Chipman W. Carter, aged 15 years, youngest son of Allan and Isabella Carter. Just a few minutes before he died he repeated the hymn, "There is rest for the weary." Mr. and Mrs. Carter were formerly residents of Mill Creek, Kent Co., N. B. (Telegraph please copy).

LUBY.—At Amherst, Dec. 13, after a lengthy illness, Dea. Thomas Luby, aged 71. Bro. Luby was baptized in 1858, and was sound in the faith. He lived a peaceful life, enjoying the esteem of the community and the confidence of his brethren. For some time he has been visibly maturing, and has at length "come to his grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh on in his season."

SMITH.—At Smith's Cove, Nov. 15th, Capt. Robert Sullivan, son of Deacon George Sullivan, aged 41 years, leaving a widow and an only son. He was a good man and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He had not identified himself with the church and regretted his neglect to do so when it was too late. But he entertained a hope which in his last days was as an anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast.

HUMBER.—At Second Peninsula, Lunenburg, Dec. 1, took place the burial of our aged sister Elizabeth Humber, aged 78 years. Fifty years ago she was baptized by Father Taylor into the Baptist church of North West. Her consistent life to the end won for her and the church the respect of all her acquaintances. The funeral was largely attended, and improved from that gem of a text so comforting to all Christian hearts, Rev. 14: 13, by the pastor—Rev. E. N. Archibald.

THOMAS.—At Smith's Cove, Nov. 27th, aged 34, Mrs. Laura Bell, wife of George Thomas, and daughter of Deacon Charles Potter, leaving a husband and six children, including an infant. Sister Thomas was a consistent member of the Baptist church, the doctrines and practices of which she held with a firm grasp, and in the work of which she was deeply interested. She was baptized by Rev. D. W. Crandall in 1871. In her home she is said to have been a model wife and mother. Solomon would say of her, "She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of the household, and eateth not the bread of idleness." Her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and her praiseth her.

SHELTZER.—At LaGrand, Lunenburg Co., N. S., Oct. 16th, Sister Olive L. Smeltzer, daughter of the late Nelson Smeltzer, aged 23 years 5 months. Our sister professed faith in Christ, and was baptized by Rev. S. March on the 13th May, 1855, being then in her sixteenth year. She maintained her Christian character at home and abroad, having spent many years in the United States; she returned to her home in impaired health, and from the first felt that consumption had marked her as its prey. About twelve months she lingered in patient hope and joyful assurance of eternal life. She leaves behind her the fragrance of a Christian life and a happy death; mother, brothers and sisters, and a host of friends, are comforted by the assurance that she sleeps in Jesus. The pastor preached to an attentive audience a sermon by way of improving this event, from Phil. 1: 23. May those who now mourn be cheered by the hope of a glorious reunion by and by.

COLPITTS.—On the 2nd day of December, at the residence of her son, W. E. Colpitts, of Coverdale, after a short but painful illness of ninety Sister Catharine Colpitts, aged 73 years, daughter of the late Michael and Mary Steeves, and wife of the late Lewis Colpitts. Our sister, 55 or more years ago, believed and was baptized by the late Rev. W. Sears, and united with the 1st Hillsboro Baptist church. After she came to Coverdale to live she united with the Coverdale Baptist church, and continued a worthy member of the church of Christ until she was called up higher. Our sister possessed a mild, kind disposition, and added to that the grace of God, and a supreme reverence and love for the Word of God that led her to make it her daily companion. All this, seasoned with earnest prayer to God day by day, made her a Christian of more than ordinary faith and piety. About 40 years ago her husband was called away by death. This was a great trial, left with three small children to care for, and not very strong physically; but she knew whom she had believed, and now she clung closer unto Him, and gave Him the first place in her heart and in her home. She trusted all with Jesus; she claimed the widow's promise and got the widow's blessing, for she was a widow indeed. She was a kind Christian mother; with willing hands and open heart she ministered to her family and to God's servants, who were always welcome to her home, and years ago often preached the gospel under her friendly roof. The writer can well remember words of counsel, words of cheer, spoken to him by her when holding service at her house in his early ministry, about 33 years ago. God bless her memory! There was a completeness in her Christian faith; she believed in God's sovereign love in the salvation of the soul—with Paul, not of works lest any man should boast; then with James she believed in a new life, and in her every day life said, "I will show you my faith by my works." She believed in man's accountability, and loved to point the unsaved to Jesus, and tenderly and lovingly would press upon their attention the precious invitations of the gospel. She felt that this was a great duty devolving upon the church of Jesus Christ, and with this on her heart some years ago she said to the writer that at her funeral she wished the minister to speak to the people from the first verse of the 55th chapter of Isaiah: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters." And again on her dying bed she renewed this request to her two sons, which was carried out at her funeral, in the presence of a large concourse of people. She was kind to every one, especially the poor; she loved to give as God prospered her. She lived some distance from the house of God, and was not always able to attend when she would desire; but the pastor and church knew that her heart and her prayer was for the good of Zion. She leaves behind three children—two sons and one daughter in British Columbia—all Christians, and a very large number of near relatives and many dear friends to hold her memory dear. She had many friends, and seemed to have no enemies. May God raise up many among her grandchildren and others of like holy life, who will live for the good that they can do. J. P. P.

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BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

—Lord Dufferin has been appointed British Ambassador to France in the place of the late Lord Lytton.

—A London despatch of December 15 says: Mr. Gladstone, accompanied by Mrs. Gladstone and John Morley, left to-day for Bearritz. An immense crowd gathered at the station and heartily cheered the Liberal leader.

—Mr. Gladstone read the lessons in a Liverpool church last Sunday, and the Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. Hyle, has since intimated to his clergy that the practice of admitting laymen to read and preach in churches is illegal, and that it should not be permitted in future.

—The widow of the Rev. Charles Kingley is dead. She was a daughter of Pascoe Grenfell and was married in 1814. For a great part of her life she was an invalid. In 1876 Mrs. Kingley published a biography of her husband, which was a touching tribute to the charm and virtue of his domestic life.

—The following terrible story comes from Vienna: The son of a peasant couple living in Wiesburg recently returned to them after an absence of sixteen years in America. The son was changed in looks, and thinking to give his parents a pleasant surprise later, did not disclose his identity. His mother was deceived but his father recognized him, although he seemed to decline his request for entertainment was granted, and, during a conversation which followed, he showed his entertainer the contents of a bag in which he carried 600 sovereigns. The sight violently aroused the peasant woman's cupidity, and as her supposed lodger had retired for the night and was sound asleep, she cut his throat in order to secure the money. When told by her husband that she had killed her own son, she fell dead.

—A St. Petersburg despatch says: The Quaker delegates who recently came to Russia to enquire into the distress in the famine districts complain that their investigation is hampered by obstacles raised to prevent their access to the provincial authorities. The Government officials decline to give the delegates letters recommending the provincial authorities to assist them, on the ground that the delegates might come to harm amid the disorders in the distressed districts. At the first sitting of the Central Relief Committee \$125,000 was paid in

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