### News Summary. &

Hon. Mr. Fielding has returned to Ot-

Princess Holienlohe, wife of the German Chancellor, is dead.

The police force in the Yukon will be increased from 90 to 250 men.

Sir Frank Lockwood, Liberal member of parliament for York city since 1885, is dead.

John P. Conway and John McMillan claim to have made a rich find of gold in Inverness County.

Inverness County,
J. A. Darron, Q. C., ex-M. P., of Victoria,
has been appointed county judge for Perth,
Out., in place of Judge Wood.
Hon, J. D. Rolland has been re-elected
president of the Dominion Commercial
Travellers' Association, and Thomas D.
Paton, treasurer.

La Minerve, the only French morning cwspaper in Montreal, has suspended ublication after an existence of nearly fifty years.

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The Dominion Coal Co, will appoint a committee to confer with the Dominion and Nova Scotia governments concerning the operating of the Victoria mines.

Fred Elliott, of Rayfield, Ont., was sentenced Saturday to five years in Eingston penitentiary, with hard labor, for the manisaughter of his brother, Harvey.

The Halifax civic estimates for 1898 amount to fixto, you, one thousand more than last year. The rate of taxation for the present year is fi. 63, which it is hoped to lower somiewhat.

Alice, the little four-year-old daughter of John Somerville, Cambridge, Queens the fire was burned so badly that death resulted.

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Miss Lelia Herbert, daughter of the exSecretary of the United States Navy,
committed suicide at Washington by
jumping head-foremost from the third storey window of her father's residence.

At Boston, Mayor Quincy, Domocrat,
was re-elected in the municipal election by a decreased plurality over ex-Mayor Curtis, his opponent of two years ago, and
the city is again Democratic by about 4,033.

The commissioners for the arbitration of the Behring Sea sealers' claims have nearly completed their work in Boston. It is understood that the claims against the United States already approved will ex-ceed \$1,000,000.

Premier Rudini of Italy announced his new Cabinet, but was met by a motion of no confidence. The Ministry was austained by a small majority, but it is said the vote will have the effect of causing the resignation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Affairs.

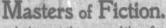
South America is again inquiring for Canadian flour, the first shipments sent evidently having been highly successful. The Lake of the Woods Milling Company has been in communication with dealers in that country for some time, and yesterday sold a consignment of three cars of best Manitoba. Formerly these shipments have been made by New York, but this time the consignment will go out by St. John, N. B.

John, N. B.

It is said China approves of the Russian fleet wintering at Port Arthur, being persuaded that this action is taken in the interests of China and necessitated by the German occupation of Rico-Chau. The occupation of Port Arthur cannot fall to provoke popular indignation in Japan, where public opinion is already excited over the Kiao Chau affair. Telegrams from all the European capitals show that Russia's step at Port Arthur is regarded as iantamount to permanent occupation and a reply to Germany's action. What will lingland do? Her fleet in Chinese waters now consists of one ironclad, nine cruisers and eighteen smaller men-of-war.

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The postmaster general has received a letter from a gentleman in Cheshire, Eng., asking for information regarding a young man named Joseph Harding, who is supposed to be in Canada. In May of this year a communication was received at the post office in Chester, Eng., from this Joseph Harding. In the letter the writer stated that he was atolen when a bay by a circus, from which eventually he ran away and went to Canada in 1888. He asked the postmaster at Chester for information, regarding his parents. The letter was duly communicated to the English newspapers, but until quite recently its purport did not become known to a family in the village of Lymn, Cheshire, who have since done everything they could to try and find out the address of the writer, as they some 20 years ago mysteriously lost a little boy. An appeal is now made to the Canadian newspapers to publish the foregoing in order that it may possibly reach the eye of John Harding, as his address is not known, so that the anxious family at Lynn may satisfy themselves that he is or is not their lost son.



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