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News Summary.

DOMINION.

— On Wednesday last the customs authorities at Montreal seized a large quantity of Louisiana lottery tickets. There is a duty of 25 per cent. and 15 cents a pound on these tickets, which had been smuggled into Canada by railway men.

— Nicholas Connolly and Thomas McGreevy, who were implicated in the boodling transactions disclosed at the last session of Parliament, have been committed to stand their trial at the Superior Court which meets at Ottawa next month.

— The investigation into certain irregularities in the Toronto Custom house has resulted in the suspension of Thomas Sargant, an appraiser. Sargant is accused of passing goods imported by Sam Davidson, a defaulter, at an undervaluation. Mr. Davidson, a recently appointed appraiser of dry goods at Montreal, temporarily fills Mr. Sargant's position.

— The Clerk of the Senate has sent a formal protest to the chairman of the Civil Service Commission against that body's interfering in any way with the affairs of the Senate. The Internal Economy Committee of the Commons has made a similar protest against the contemplated invasion of its privileges, and it is probable that the intention of investigating the affairs of the Houses of Parliament will be abandoned.

— The agitation for Sunday street cars in Toronto resulted in the City Council passing a resolution to submit the question to a vote of the ratepayers on the day of the municipal elections. Those opposed to the people being asked to vote on such a matter presented to the Council a petition signed by 14,000 persons, but notwithstanding this the aldermen, by a vote of 18 to 5, relegated the question to the citizens.

— A London despatch to the Montreal *Star* under date of Dec. 24, says: The difficulty between Canada and Newfoundland has been engaging the earnest attention of Lord Knutsford and the Colonial Office for the past few days. Lord Knutsford himself was a party to the written pledge given to Canada by the Newfoundland government when the Newfoundland Bait Act was awaiting Royal assent that the act should not operate against Canadian fishermen, and fully realizes, therefore, the strength of Canada's present position. If Newfoundland still refuses to listen to reason it is suggested that the Imperial Parliament be asked to repeal the Bait Act obtained under the pledge which is now being violated.

— In order to enable our readers to understand the present political situation as to the vacant constituencies resulting from processes in the election courts, appointments and death, the following statements are given on the authority of the Montreal *Star* of Dec. 24: There are now thirty-five seats in the Dominion Commons vacant, eighteen Conservatives and seventeen Liberals. Of the eighteen Ministerialists, thirteen were unseated by the courts for corrupt practices, or have admitted the same. They are:

	Maj.
Henderson, Halton	104
McDonald, Victoria, N. S.	52
Miller, Prince Edward, Ont.	39
Ingram, East Elgin	46
Gillies, Richmond, N. S.	102
Marshall, East Middlesex	155
Dyer, Brome	1
Fairburne, South Victoria	25
Maclennan, Glengarry	321
Dupont, Bagot	53
Dickey, Cumberland, N. S.	840
Kenny, Halifax	939
Stairs, "	927
Unseated by House of Commons:	
McGreevy, Quebec, West	53
Seats vacant for other causes:	
Kingston, death of Sir John A. Macdonald	483
Laval, calling of Hon. J. A. Ouimet to the cabinet	534
Richelieu, resignation of Sir Hector Langevin	308
North Lanark, elevation of Mr. Jamieson to the Bench	301

Unlike their opponents, the Liberals have lost all their seats for corrupt practices. The delinquents are:

	Maj.
Trow, South Perth	177
Gibson, Lincoln	48
Borden, Kings, N. S	161
Forbes, Queens, N. S.	101
Spohn, East Simcoe	207
Tarte, Montmorency	107
Truax, East Bruce	114
Bowers, Digby, N. S	73
Brodeur, Rouville	69
Barron, North Victoria	202
Hargraft, West Northumberland	36
Cameron, West Huron	379
German, Welland	447
Proulx, Prescott	661
Mousseau, Soulanges	39
Allison, Lennox	57
King, Queens, N. B	29

Of dismissed petitions there are 25 on the Conservative side and 21 on the Liberal. In this connection it should be said that the 25 includes the petitions against the Conservative members from the Nova Scotia counties of Antigonish, Annapolis, Inverness, Lunenburg, Pictou and Shelburne. The Supreme Court at Halifax has given judgment that the legality of these petitions is voided through a technicality as to the time limit. But it does not yet appear certain that the final result will be to confirm those gentlemen in their seats. Five judgments against Liberals are now pending, and of petitions yet to be tried there are four against Conservatives and twenty-one against Liberals.

— Mr. Robert Campbell, the blind man, a familiar figure on our streets, was made happy on Christmas Eve by a present of $93 in cash and $9 worth in goods, the outcome of a fancy sale and concert held in Y. M. C. A. hall on Wednesday evening. Credit is due in this matter to some Christian ladies, of different denominations, who kindly interested themselves in the matter, and to a number of young girls who rendered valuable assistance, also to the musical friends who cheerfully gave their services at the concert, as well as to the proprietors of the hall and others who aided in the good work.

— The report of Mr. Casey, inspector under the Canada Temperance Act for the County of Cumberland, shows that out of 67 cases which have been tried during the past year, for violation of the act, 60 have resulted in a victory for the prosecution. Six cases were appealed to the county court, of which Mr. Casey gained four, lost one and one was settled. Mr. Casey is a faithful and efficient officer and an uncompromising enemy of the saloon. He has done most valuable service in the fight against the lawless liquor traffic in his county, and deserves the sympathy and support of all temperance people in his courageous efforts to enforce the law.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

— An exchange recalls the fact that John Bright once spoke of Cyrus W. Field as "the Columbus of modern times, who by his cable had moored the new world alongside the old."

— The London *Chronicle's* correspondent at Shanghai says: "The chief acting general of the Imperial army has been thrown from his horse and his neck broken. He was the best commander in the Chinese army and was greatly admired. China will find it difficult to replace him."

— Baron Fava, the late Italian minister to the United States, was summoned to Rome recently and had long conferences with the President and the Council on President Harrison's message. He has now returned to Naples. It is asserted on good authority in Italy that diplomatic relations will shortly be reestablished with America.

— Queen Victoria has written a letter in which she expresses sympathy with the agitation now being carried on for the abolition of the sport of rabbit coursing. The *Pall Mall Gazette* urges the Queen to give evidence of the sincerity of her sympathy with the movement by the withdrawal of her support from the maintenance of the royal buckhounds.

— The diplomatic unpleasantness between France and Bulgaria, which is attracting so much attention, is just one of those matters which may at any time fan the smouldering embers of war into life, and set all Europe in a blaze. The trouble resulted from the expulsion from Bulgaria of M. Chadouine, a French newspaper correspondent, who is charged with having made it his business to misrepresent the country and revile its public men. The French government, through its representative at the Bulgarian capital, in a manner peculiarly offensive to Bulgaria, it is said, has demanded the revocation of the decree of expulsion against M. Chadouine. Bulgaria refuses to comply, and diplomatic relations with France have ceased. It is scarcely probable that war will result, and yet it is one of those incidents the outcome of which, in view of the present inflammable condition of things in Europe, no one will undertake with any certainty to predict.

UNITED STATES.

— In the action by New York city to recover arrears, Justice Ingraham to-day decided that the Manhattan Railway company must pay the city five per cent. of the net income of the lines of the New York Elevated R. R., which it operates. Under the decision it will cost the company $10,000,000 to settle with the city.

— Nebraska follows the generous example of Minnesota in a contribution of corn for the famine-stricken Russians. Governor Thayer, of Nebraska, on Saturday issued an appeal to the people of Nebraska, calling for contributions of corn sufficient to make a train load, to be sent to the needy peasants of Russia. It is estimated by the Governor that the necessary contributions will be made within ten days, when the train will be placed at the disposal of the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Rusk.

— Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, writing to congratulate the poet Whittier on having reached the 84th anniversary of his birth, says: "I congratulate you on having climbed another glacier, and crossed another crevice in your ascent of the white summit, which already begins to see the morning twilight of the coming century. A life so well filled as yours has been cannot be too long for your fellow men and women. In their affection you are secure, whither you are with them here or near them in some higher life than theirs. I hope your years have not become a burden, so that you are tired of living. At our age we must live chiefly in the past—happy is he who has a past like yours to look back upon."

— In reply to a request for reliable information as to the occasion for a movement in the United States to relieve suffering from famine in Russia, Mr. John H. James, of Urbana, Ohio, has received a letter from the First Secretary and Charge d' Affaires of the Russian Legation in Washington, in which he says: "It is unfortunately too true that the population from twelve provinces (Governments) in Russia, representing a great deal over twenty millions of people, is actually starving. I have not been instructed to open subscriptions nor appeal to the help of the citizens of your great and noble country; but you may be sure that every cent sacrificed by you and your friends for the relief of our sufferers will help, and will bring everlasting gratitude from my countrymen. I am quite ready and willing to see that such aid is properly directed and delivered in Russia where it is most needed.

— Great activity has prevailed for several weeks past in the United States navy, and a war with Chili seems to have been regarded, if not as imminent, yet not among the remote possibilities. But there will be no war, we fancy, unless the greater republic shall pursue an unnecessarily exasperating course toward her weaker sister. The New York *Evening Post* says that the case of the attack on the sailors of the Baltimore, which has caused the present strained relations between the two countries, is pursuing its usual course in the Chilian courts, and further intimates that the one question which now contains any seeds of international trouble is the status of certain refugees whom Minister Egan is sheltering in the United States legation at the Chilian capital. Chili claims the right to deal with these political offenders in her own courts. The *Post* thinks Chili's claim is just and that the United States would be the last to submit to any such demands on the part of another nation as those which she is now permitting Minister Egan to make on Chili, in reference to these political refugees.

Convention Funds Received.

Nictaux church	$23 57
" " for F. M.	10 85
West Onslow	13 00
Liverpool	13 58
"My Left Hand," Digby, for Grande Ligne Mission	19 00
DeBert River	8 50
Great Village church S. S., for Grande Ligne Mission	8 00
Maccan	7 61
First Digby Neck, for Grande Ligne Mission	3 40
Hampton Village, church, S. S.	15 15
Summerside, P. E. I.	12 76
Isaac's Harbor, for Grand Ligne	8 25
Margaree, for G. S.	5 00
Westport, for Grand Ligne	17 50
" for Con. Fund	21 50
Springfield, N. S.	11 00
Cavendish, P. E. I.	10 00
First Hillsburg, N. S.	20 00
" for Grand Ligne	13 00
Second Cornwallis church	11 57
Beaver River church	14 00
" for Grand Ligne	7 15
Lockeport, for Grand Ligne	6 05
East Point, P. E. I., for Grand Ligne	8 00
First Hillsboro church, N. B.	5 67
Springhill, N. S.	5 60
" for Grand Ligne	6 40
Germain street, St. John	60 90
Hampton, N. S., for Grand Ligne	4 50

G. E. DAY.

Upper Sheffield, N. B., Dec. 1.

— Some four months since an expedition was sent by the U. S. Interior Department into the Rainy Lake region of Northern Minnesota, to examine into certain alleged timber depredations in that section. It had been reported that Canadians were stealing Minnesota timber to the amount of 18,000,000 feet annually. The expedition has returned, and, according to a Duluth despatch, Mr. de Lambert, who was its leader, reports that this part of Minnesota, bordering on Canadian territory, which he had expected to find almost worthless except for its timber, is a magnificent farming country, and the richest part of the state. He declares that the reports of the wholesale stealing of timber by Canadians are without foundation, but declined to say whether he had found traces of cutting by Americans.

— SAYS the *Congregationalist*:

Some men will never learn that it is not safe to play with edged tools. Dr. W. F. Staniford, of Illinois, seems to have been one of these men. He had a large practice, but lost it through habits of intemperance. Last spring he became a patient at the Keeley Institute, and declared himself entirely cured. He could not be satisfied, however, without testing his appetite for liquor to see if it was completely dead. In consequence he died of drunkenness last week. His case reminds us of many drinking men who a few a years ago professed conversion in revival meetings. They were so sure God had utterly destroyed their appetite for liquor that they were not afraid to go into saloons and breathe the atmosphere loaded with fumes of alcohol. Generally the last state of those men was worse than the first.

— 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 Hackmomore Lozenges. He will send them to you by mail. They give immediate relief.

Vasili Verestchagin,

the battle painter, was wounded in the Russian army while getting experience for his wonderful war scenes. Their realism is such a protest against all war that he became obnoxious to the Czar, though formerly a favorite. He is one of the special writers for *The Youth's Companion*.

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— The monthly concerts at the School for the Blind have been resumed. The first of these took place on Wednesday afternoon, in the assembly hall of the institution. The visitors were conducted to different parts of the buildings, and were loud in their praises of the arrangement of the music room. Through the plate glass doors of each of these rooms a pupil could be seen practicing upon one of the new Evans Bros., or Karn pianos recently put in by Miller Bros. of this city, who are the sole agents. These piano-fortes are particularly fine in tone and are giving every satisfaction.—*Halifax paper.*

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Literary Notes.

The twenty-third volume of *The Homiletic Review* opens with a noteworthy article from the celebrated pen of the author of "The Story of the Earth," Sir J. William Dawson, LL.D., F. R. S., on "Present Aspects of Nature and Revelation as Related to Each Other," in which he essays to prove that all forms of natural religion are not only reconcilable with, but in some degree contained in, the religion of Jesus Christ. Professor Robert Watts, of Belfast, follows with a thoughtful paper assailing the Higher Criticism as unscientific in its methodology, and defending the theory of the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. J. T. Gracey, D. D., of Rochester, points out discriminatingly the weak points of Buddhism; while Rev. Camden M. Cobern continues his studies in Egyptology with an interesting discussion of the question, "Have the monuments and Papyri anything to say of the Hebrews and the Exodus?" The sermonic and other sections are well sustained.

The Missionary Review of the World begins with the New Year a new volume that has every promise of surpassing in interest any that has preceded. The leading article in the January number is No. XXI. of the series on "The Miracles of Missions," by Dr. A. T. Pierson, the subject being "The Beginning of Modern Wonders." The Rev. Robert McAll, D. D., reviews, in an article on "The Gospel Afloat," the new enterprise of a Mission Boat for the canals of France. Another article of peculiar interest and timeliness in the department of Literature of Missions is, "Narayan Sheshadri, D. D., the Braham Apostle of the Out-Caste Mangs," by George Smith, LL. D. A protrait of the subject of the sketch is printed as a frontispiece. The International Department, Editorial Notes on Current Topics, Monthly Concert of Missions, and General Missionary Intelligence Departments, all show the best facilities for keeping in touch with every part of the great missionary field and giving the fullest news. Published by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York. $2 per year; 25 cents for single numbers. In clubs of ten, $1.50.

Dickens's Pet Daughter.

THE GREAT NOVELIST'S FAVORITE "MAMIE" TO WRITE OF HER FATHER.

Pretty "Mamie" Dickens was already considered by those who knew Charles Dickens best to be the novelist's favorite daughter. To none of his children, perhaps, was Dickens more affectionately attached, and the "pet daughter" saw much of her father under all circumstances. When even the dogs were chased out of the novelist's study, Mamie was allowed to stay. The daughter is now a full grown woman, living quietly just outside of London. For the first time since her father's death, Miss Dickens has been persuaded to write of him whom she knew so well. During 1892 there will be published in *The Ladies' Home Journal*, of Philadelphia, a series of articles by Miss Dickens under the attractive title of "My Father as I Recall Him." Fortunately for the thousands who will read what she writes in this series, Miss Dickens has a retentive memory, and she made copious notes during her father's lifetime. She will tell in this series everything she remembers of her father; how he educated his children; his family life and his personal habits; how he wrote his famous books; his love of flowers and animals; how Christmas was spent in the Dickens household; how the novelist romped with his children; the famous people who came to the Dickens home, and his last years and closing days. No articles ever published have in them so much promise of telling the world things which it has never known of Dickens, and Miss Dickens's story of her father's life will be eagerly looked for in thousands of homes where the name of Dickens is like a household word.

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Marriages.

MCGILVERY–TAITES.—At Springhill, Dec. 24, by Rev. H. B. Smith, B. A., Angus McGilvery, to Catherine Taites, both of Springhill.

HEWITT–HEWITT.—At Port Hilford, Dec. 12, by Rev. J. E. Tiner, George Hewitt, to Martha Hewitt, both of Port Hilford, Guysboro Co.

THOMPSON–WILLIAMS.—On the 17th inst., by Rev. A. E. Ingram, James Thompson to Hannah Elizabeth Williams, of Willow Grove.

ALLEN–KEENAN.—At the Parsonage, Montague Bridge, November 14, by Rev. A. Freeman, Wm. A. Allen to Mrs. Mary J. Keenan, both of Murray River.

MCCORMICK–SWEET.—At the Baptist parsonage, Springhill, Dec. 24, by Rev. H. B. Smith, B. A., James McCormick, to Hannah Sweet, both of Springhill.

GAYTON–AYLES.—At the Baptist parsonage, Dawsonville, Annapolis Co., Dec. 19, by Rev. I. B. Colwell, James W. Gayton, to Nettie Ayles, both of Hillsboro.

CARTER–MCCART.—At the home of the bride, Dec. 23rd, by Rev. H. A. Giffin, William P. Carter, of Truro, to Clara A. McCart, of Lower Economy, Colchester Co., N. S.

ROBERTS–NICKERSON.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Argyle Head, Dec. 16, by Rev. Addison F. Browne, Emerald F. Roberts to Gertrude Nickerson, all of Argyle Head.

DOUGLAS–HIGGINS.—At Ellershouse, N. S., Dec. 15, by Rev. T. A. Higgins, Capt. A. P. Douglas, of Maitland, N. S., to Jessie M. Taylor, daughter of J. M Higgins, Esq., of Ellershouse.

JONSON–JONSON.—At the residence of William Simons, Greenwood, Kings Co., N. S., Dec. 10, by the Rev. E. H. Howe, Arthur Jonson, of Halifax, to Hannah Jonson, of Granville, Annapolis County, N. S.

MORSE–MARSHALL.—At the residence of the bride's father, Dea. Theodore Marshall, Spa Springs, December 2, by Rev. E. E. Locke, Charles K. Morse to Emma L. Marshall, of Williamstown, Annapolis Co.

Deaths.

GALLOP.—At the home of his son-in-law, P. McMillan, Grand Falls, Oct. 19, Nathaniel Gallop, aged 90 years.

HARLOW.—At Caledonia, N. S., Dec. 7, Lucinda Grace, infant-daughter of Alex. and Helena Harlow, aged five weeks. "The child was caught up unto God."

FREEMAN.—At Caledonia, N. S., Dec. 7, Herbert H. Freeman, aged 40 years. Bro. Freeman professed faith in Christ many years ago. He leaves a wife and six small children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father.

BEW.—At Arichat, November 19th, Miss Ann Bew, aged 81. Her hope was firm in Christ. She leaves an aged brother, with whom she lived, to mourn her loss. The brother, Mr. John Bew, is well known for his Christian liberality.

PARKER.—At Billtown, Kings Co. N. S., on the 17th ult., Deacon Parker. Bro. Parker was baptized in 1843, and has ever since been a consistent and energetic member of Billtown church, serving it as deacon for over thirty years.

MCDONALD.—At McDonald's Point, Queen's Co., December 19, of pnuemonia, James McDonald, aged 71 years. For many years our brother was a member of the Baptist church worshipping in this place. Ever exemplifying a Christian's life in the house of God and out of it; his loss will long be felt in this community. Yet our loss is his gain. "And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.'" A wife, three sons and two daughters, with many relatives, mourn.

RANDOLPH.—At Lawrencetown, Annap. Co., after a lingering illness, Olivia, youngest daughter of David Fitz Randolph, aged 30 years. For several years our friend had enjoyed the assurance of faith in Jesus, and as a result she obtained complete victory over "the last enemy." Miss Randolph was one of the timid disciples whom Christ, when on earth, loved to encourage. In her gentle, shrinking spirit the Master saw the reflection of His own "meek and lowly" mind and so called her early to Himself. The aged father and remaining sister have our deepest sympathy in their sorrow.

MCMAKIN.—Suddenly at Springhill, N. B., Dec. 12, Joseph McMakin, in the 94th year of his age, leaving five sons and one daughter, thirty-one grand children and two great grand children to mourn his sudden death. He was a native of the North of Ireland, county of Down, and parish of Downpatrick. He emigrated to New Brunswick in 1815 and settled in Kings Co., Parish of Havelock. Some time after he became a member of the Baptist church of which he continued a member till he died. His funeral was attended by the writer, together with a large number of friends. Seldom are we called to attend the funeral of so aged a person.

HARRISON.—At Maccan, Sept. 27, Augusta, beloved wife of Mr. Henry Harrison, aged 57 years. She, with nineteen others, was baptized in March, 1851, either by the late Rev. W. G. Parker or Rev. J. Rowe, as both were engaged in the administration of the ordinance that day. Our sister worthily honored the profession she then made in early youth until called away, ever ready with a helping hand to do whatever she considered was for the benefit of God's cause. She leaves a sorrowing husband, nine sons and a large number of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Her funeral was very largely attended. An appropriate sermon was preached by her pastor, Rev. J. M. Parker. Rev. J. Johnson (Methodist), was present and took part in the service.

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