News Summary.

DOMINION.

—Judge Hilton, at Yarmouth, last week, delivered judgment against McDonnell, for violation of the Scott Act. There were five cases against the same individual and a fine of fifty dollars and costs for each case was imposed, making a total cost to the defendant about four hundred dollars.

At Barrington last week two convictions were obtained, and a fine of fifty dollars and costs imposed.

—John Foster, of Bridgetown, N. S., 76 years of age, has chopped, split and piled 26 cords of wood during the past winter.

—James Gibson and Joseph Kirkpatrick killed on the Nashwauk, recently, six caribou, some of which they were obliged to cache in the woods on account of the depth of the snow.

—The Ontario Agricultural College declares that peas are better and cheaper food for cattle than maize.

—Three victories and one defeat for the C. T. Act on Thursday last. It was carried in the following places by the majorities named,—Lambton county, 2,400; Elgin county, 3,100; St. Thomas, town, 1,711. In the county of Missisquoi, Quebec, it was defeated by forty votes.

—A Bill is before the P. E. I. Legislature to incorporate a Telephone Co., who propose to extend telephone connection between Charlottetown, Summerside, Souris and other points on the island.

—CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., March 19.—In the Legislature to-day the Premier, Mr. Sullivan, announced that he would move an address to the Queen representing the failure of the Canadian Government to carry out that part of the terms of Confederation which requires the maintenance of steam service for mails and passengers between Prince Edward Island and the Mainland, and praying the Queen to compel Canada to fulfil the terms of union, and compensate Prince Edward Island for nonfulfilment in the past.

—A very pleasant episode took place in the N. B. Assembly on Friday last. Mr. Heatherington was presented with an elegant silver water pitcher, salver and goblets on behalf of the House, in commemoration of this the 25th anniversary of his wedding day.

—We have received a copy of a handsome little volume issued by the Dominion Safety Fund Life Association of this city, and entitled "*The Natural System of Life Insurance.*" The general subject of Life Insurance is very fully discussed in its pages, and the foundation principles upon which all safe and permanent business must be based are clearly defined. A business man having once grasped the leading principles set forth in this book, is completely armed against the many unsafe and possibly fraudulent concerns which too often delude the unwary. The Association which issues it—a well-known company in this city—certainly courts the fullest investigation of its methods, and has no fear in laying before the public its principles and practic. We understand the Dominion Safety Fund Life Association will furnish a copy of the treatise to any one making application therefor, and cordially advise our readers to rocure a copy and read it for themselves.

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THE REBELLION IN THE NORTH WEST.—We give below as full an account of this alarming uprisingas our space will permit. The telegrams selected contain a connected account of the whole matter up to date.

March 23.—Riel and a number of half breeds have risen and cut the wires near the south Saskatchewan, and threaten Fort Carleton, some forty miles west of Prince Albert. One or two telegraph operators have been captured. The Dominion force in Fort Carleton is one hundred men. In addition to these there are 90 mounted police within striking distance, and they will join the others by to-morrow night or Wednesday morning.

March 23.—Telegraphic communications have been restored with Battleford. No news has yet been received there from Carelton.

Col. Irvine reached Humboldt last evening with 100 mounted police on his way to that point.

March 27.—Latest intelligence from Fort Carleton received by Sir John Macdonald, states that Colonel Irvine, with 90 mounted police, arrived at Fort Carleton this morning. Before his arrival, Crozier moved out of the fort to secure some stores at Duck Lake, but was met by a superior force of half-breeds who opened fire. Crozier retired to the fort with a loss of twelve killed and elevan wounded. The half-breed loss is not known. Particulars of the killed and wounded are as follows: Two mounted police killed and 7 wounded; 10 civilians killed and 4 wounded.

Later accounts of the fight state that the half-breeds opened fire while Crozier and Riel were holding a conference under a flag of truce, and that they had only one man wounded, as they shot down the mounted police, &c., at long range, while they themselves kept under cover.

Col. Irvine felt compelled, after the fight, to evacuate Fort Carlton, destroying all the provisions and war material there, and to retire upon Prince Albert. There have been rumors that his whole force has been captured by the rebels, but thus far nothing authentic has been heard from him.

The chief excitement now is over the prospect of a general Indian rising. The news is most olarming, as the following despatches show:

WINNIPEG, March 30.—The city to-day is greatly excited over the outlook in the North-West on account of a general uprising of Indians reported to be emminent. A despatch from Qu'Appelle reports an outbreak of Indians in File Hills reserve, 30 miles north-west of Fort Qu'Appelle, General Middleton having ascertained that 300 Indians had joined the rebel movement there and killed Indian Agent Nichols there, sent forward to that point three companies of Winnipeg rifles and one gun and a portion of the field battery. Gen. Middleton will not, however, move his main force until until the arrival of volunteers from the east, as his present force is not equal to the emergency should the Indians join Reil.

WINNIPEG, March 30.—Despatches from Battleford are alarming. The Indians have gathered at Poundmakers reserve over 500 strong and are encamped in sight of the town. They threaten to attack the barracks. All the settlers with families are within the barracks for safety and every available man has been enrolled for service. The half-breeds in the neighborhood have left the palace, and it is feared they will join the insurgents. A large settlement of half-breeds in the vacinity of Duck Lake, forty miles west of Brandon, are leaving quietly. The settlers are much alarmed and many families are being sent to Winnipeg for safety.

The following despatch has just been received by a prominent Winnipeg citizen:

Battleford has been captured and the Indians got possession of every house. The inhabitants escaped to the barracks, where they are now expecting an attack from the Indians, who are gathering on the south side of the Cattle river. Telegraphic communication is expected to cease any moment.

OTTAWA, March 30.—Poundmaker and his followers, before encamped eight miles from Battleford, have pulled up stakes and pitched their camp three miles from Battleford. This is thought to be only a game of brag.

Manitoba and the North West are intensely excited. The people are arming for defence. All over the Dominion the volunteers are offering their services. The following forces are benig sent to the front.

One hundred men of "A" battery, Quebec, and two guns; one hundred men of "B" battery, Kingston, with two guns; eighty-five men from "C" School of Infantry, Toronto; 250 men from the Queen's Own Battalion, Toronto, and 250 men from the Tenth Battalion, Toronto; also 380 men under Col. Williams, M. P., in all 1,165 men, in addition to the Winnipeg battalion of 300 men, and the Winnipeg field battery of 60 men and six guns, now at Qu' Appelle, under Gen. Middleton, and are pushing to the front. The 65 battalion, Montreal, has been called out but not ordered to go to the front as yet. Fifty men of the Governor General's Foot Guards, the best shots in the Dominion, muster here to-morrow morning and go forward at once.

In the N. S. Legislature, the chief interest has been centred in the debate on the Repeal resolutions of Mr. Fraser. An amendment has finally been carried to the effect that should the government of the Dominion refuse better terms to N. S., the question of repeal should be submitted to the vote of the people.

—In N. B. there has been nothing of general interest, except the opposition of the Council to the Assembly.

—At Ottawa the debate on the Budget has been concluded. At present all attention is directed upon the war in the North-West.

—Arrived ex-steamer "Parisian," from Liverpool, 3 cases Half-Price Books, &c., from the Religious Tract Society of London to Baptist Book & Tract Society, Halifax, N. S. Catalogues furnished upon application, free. GEO. A. McDONALD, Sec'y.

—The Allan mail steamer Parisian, Capt. Wylie, arrived at 6 o'clock last Sunday evening, from Liverpool, G. B., after a fair passage. 76 cabin, 9 intermediate and 71 sterage passengers, also 250 for Portland—including 50 boys sent out by Mrs. Birt.

—There was a Chinese riot in a California town the other day, and the citizens shipped all the Chinese for San Francisco. But have there not been Irish and American riots before now, and yet all of the nationality of the rioters have not been driven out.?

—There have been 244,000 acres planted to trees in Nebraska in the last 12 years.

—The great Yukon River, in Alaska, is so long that if its source were at Salt Lake its waters might empty into New York Bay, and its mouth is so wide that New York would be on one side and Philadelphia on the other.

—President Cleveland has rented a pew in an unpretentious Presbyterian church, where his sisters attended service Sunday.

—The war against liquor is going on in Newfoundland. Their permissive bill, much like our Scott Act, was carried on the 25th ult., by a vote of 978 against 185, in a district which includes the town of Brigres, of 200 population.

—Nova Scotia possesses the oldest official in the world. Hon. Samuel Chipman, registrar of deeds, in Kings County, was born in 1790, and although in his 95th year he still holds his official position and performs the duties of his office. Mr. Chipman, in 1830, was elected to the General Assembly and again in 1840. In 1865 he was elected as representative of Cornwallis, and was re-elected on his appointment to the Financial Secretaryship. He entered the Legislative Council in 1863 and remained there until his appointment to the office he now holds.

—There are, on sale at the Baptist Book Room, Halifax, a series comprising 53 biographies. Each biography contains 32 volumes of closely printed matter. They can be had for 30 cents per dozen. They are a marvel of cheapness.

—The Government Savings Bank, for January, shows deposits:—Nova Scotia $7,033,222; New Brunswick $4,556,644; Prince Edward Island $1,626,896, being in all an increase over deposits to the credit of depositors January, 1884, of $1,777,100.

—Twelve hundred tons of Spring Hill coal are shipped daily over the Intercolonial to the Upper Provinces.

—ON THE TOBIQUE.—A correspondent writes from Arthurette, Victoria Co.: The cut of lumber on the Tobique River this season will fall far short of previous years, being about 7,000,000 feet of spruce and about 800 tons of birch timber. The snow is some four feet deep in the woods and at the rate it is snowing at present it will add two more feet, which must stop lumbering operations for the present season. I understand hunters are taking advantage of the deep snow in killing moose. I think such wholesale slaughter should be stopped at this season of the year.

—$1,500 was paid a few days since to Mr. Townshed, of New Glasgow, N. S., for a Jersey cow, by J. S. Hart, of Whycocomah, C. B.

And now it is said that Mr. Townshend, of Brookside Farm, New Glasgow, N. S., has refused an offer of $3,200 for one of his favorite Jersey cow.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

—There has been nothing of special interest from Egypt. On the Nile, Korti has been evacuated, and the troops have retired to Debbeh and Dongola, where they will remain during the hot season. The loss of the British in the battle Sunday, March 22, near Suakim, was heavier than at first supposed, 316 being now reported *hors de combat*. In a skirmish on the 24th, 400 Arabs were killed. It is thought that Gens. Graham and McNeil will be recalled because of their blundering. The Egyptian troops have been sent back to Cairo and the advance upon Tamai is delayed because of loss of camels and inadequacy of transport service. Osman Digna's men are said to be almost starving, and it is reported that many are prevented from deserting only because of fear.

The latest news from the Soudan is very strange. We give the telegrams:

SUAKIM, March 30.—A messenger from Osman Digna bearing a flag of truce has arrived here asking terms of peace. An answer will be sent to-morrow.

A spy from Tamai reports that Osman Digna has been deserted by almost his entire force, only about a hundred followers remaining with him.

LONDON, March 30.—A despatch from Dongola states hundreds of disaffected Arabs are flocking to the standard of El Santousi, who has appeared as a prophet in rivalry of El Mahdi, and who has established a camp near that of the False Prophet at Omdurman.

—The chief interest in England is centred around the question of peace or war with Russia. The opinion is that war is well nigh inevitable. Russia is delaying reply to questions of the British government, and is supposed to be gathering her forces near the Afghan frontier, while professing a desire for peace. England is paying no attention to these professions; but pressing on preparations for war with great energy. The reserve and militia have been called out for permanent service; 25,000 to do garrison duty in Ireland. Malta, Gibraltar, and the various naval stations are being furnished with full supplies. The fleet is being prepared for immediate service. Munitions of war are being prepared at the arsenals, and the enthusiasm is rising.

Lord Dufferin has had interviews with the Ameer of Afghanistan, and the chief Indian princes, and the best feeling seems to prevail towards the British. 60,000 men are said to be ready to be thrown across the Afghan frontier, if needed. It is hoped that war may still be avoided, but all appearances are to the contrary. Turkey is ready now to turn against England, who has several times saved her from being driven across the Bosphorus, if a large enough bribe can be offered.

The latest news shows a greater prospect of of a peaceful solution of the question at issue between England and Russia.

—The House of Commons have ratified the agreement of the powers respecting Egypt, by a majority of about 40, the Parnellites voting against the government.

—The French, at last, admit a reverse, having been driven from Dongdong by the Chinese with all loss of 230 men. It is said the French are desirous of peace. It is to be hoped they may be taught a lesson not again to make an unprovoked attack, and then seek to exact an indemnity because those assaulted defend themselves.

The French have been driven from Langson by the Chinese. Gen. Nagrier has been wounded. Gen. de Lisle asks 25,000 reinforcements. It is supposed that 1200 of the French troops were killed or wounded in the engagement.

This disaster has led to the resignation of the Ferry government. There is great excitement in Paris. It is supposed that there will be no change in the war policy.

—SALMON FISHING EXTRAORDINARY.—Wonderful success attended the opening of salmon fishing in the Forfarshire rivers. On North Esk alone 1,000 salmon, some weighing 30 lbs., were killed and 310 were taken at one haul. Eight tons of fine fish were despatched from Montrose to the London market.

—The most delicate watch wheels are now made of paper pulp in Germany.

—Japan has 30,000 common schools, 3,000,000 pupils and 84,700 teachers.

—The annual return of the volunteer corps of Great Britian of 1884 has just been published. It shows that the force on the authorised establishment has grown from 160,321 in 1860 to 249,419 in 1884.

—Pesth is just now greatly moved by the conversion of Father Elisaus Bass, Prior of the Fathers of Charity, who has left his Order, his Convent, and the Romish Church to become a Protestant.

—The Liberals of Hampstead, near London, have invited the Marquis of Lorne to be their candidate for Parliament in the general election.

—Some British buyers of oats who have heretofore obtained their supply of foreign oats from Baltic ports, now that there is a possibility of war with Russia, are looking to the United States to supply any deficiency that may arise. A steamer was chartered a few days ago at Boston to load with 80,000 bushels of No. 2 white oats for London; and the next Allan line steamer from Montreal to Glasgow will take 20,000 bushels of Canadian oats.

—LONDON, March 20.—The dowery given by the Duke of Bedford to his daughter on marriage with Sir Edward Malet yesterday $650,000, was invesetd in consols.

UNITED STATES.

—President Cleaveland is filling up the various offices at his disposal, with great deliberation. He appears determined to keep his promises, and introduce reforms in the civil service. The hungry office-seekers, who fill all the hotels at Washington, are getting weary of waiting, and many of them are going home sadder but wiser men, as they see offices filled by those who have not sought office, but have waited for office to seek them. He is evidently intent on keeping the U. S. free from all foreign entranglements.

—John Taylor, head of the Mormon church, has fled from Salt Lake City to avoid giving testimony in the federal courts against some of his polygamous associates.

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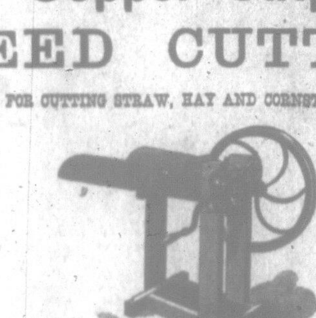

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