

News Summary.

DOMINION.
Frederick has decided in favor of the Megantic route...

It is estimated that the season's lumber cut on the St. Croix will amount to about 42,000,000 feet.

The river span of the bridge across the falls connecting the I. C. R. with the New Brunswick Railway, was commenced April 14.

The Kentville News Star says that on the 25th ult. 21 persons, mostly young men, left that place for Boston...

The outlook for the Cape Breton coal trade is said to be very poor. The sales made smaller than last year.

At a meeting of the N. S. E. Company on Saturday, April 14th, it was voted to sell the steamer Dominion and the real estate and wharf and property of the company in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia...

Three sealing steamers have arrived at St. John's N. F. — One with 25,000 seals, worth \$60,000, the others with loads of \$25,000 each.

An Ottawa despatch says that Lieutenant Colonel Ray, M. P. for Annapolis, has offered his services to the government and is ready to serve in the Northwest in any capacity required.

By a return recently received, it appears that the total number of petitions and signatures received by parliament this season proving that no change be made in the Scotch Act, and that a prohibitory bill may be passed, has been as follows:
Ontario, 263, with 48,066 signatures; Quebec, 144, with 12,756 signatures; Nova Scotia, 111, with 7,160 signatures; New Brunswick, 94, with 8,145 signatures; Manitoba, 4, with 121 signatures; and British Columbia, 1, with 63 signatures. The total signatures were 78,991.

The rumormongers' much cherished in the Nova Scotia Legislature. They sought the other day to amend the law relating to their traffic that they would not have, as now, to secure each year a portion of apprentices in their respective wards in favour of their receiving license.

The attempt was very summarily disposed of by a vote of Mr. Gayton. It received the three months' host by a vote of 23 to 9. Who are the nine?

CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT.—In the House of Commons last week, Dr. Berghin moved the second reading of the bill embodying the Dominion Alliance amendments to the Scotch Act, and that a prohibitory bill may be passed, has been as follows:
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If our representatives should always vote as they do now, our country might well be proud of them.

The Scott Act Amendment Bill suggested by the Dominion Alliance has passed with but slight amendments. Determined efforts were made to introduce provisions which would destroy its force, but without avail.

THE NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST.
The following despatches give the gist of the news from the North West:
April 7.—An exciting despatch has been received from Major Jav to the effect that about 60 Cree Indians, in full war array, entered the Red River on Friday afternoon, after holding a war dance, helped themselves to whatever they wanted. The citizens were so much alarmed that they took all their families to the Canadian Pacific dining rooms and determined to stay there as long as they could.

From Turtle Mountain district comes the cry for assistance from white settlers who have half-breed neighbors on both sides the frontier. Troops have been sent to assist them.

It is stated that Battledore is surrounded by a thousand Indians, but no attempt has been made on the barracks.

OTTAWA, April 10.—The Government has just received word of the escape of 24 white settlers, including two priests, at Fort Peck, 80 miles from Battledore, by Cree Indians five days ago. One woman was captured and will probably be tortured to death. Those who escaped managed to reach Fort Pitt, 40 miles from the scene of the massacre. At that station there are 25 mounted police who telegraph they will hardly be able to hold out against the Indians, numbering some five hundred, who are remaining down upon them.

Gen. Middleton by the close of this week will have under his command a total force of three thousand two hundred and thirty-two men. By the end of the present week the whole of this force will have reached Qu'Appelle, or penetrated beyond that point.

THE POPULATION.
The following is a table giving the population, according to their origin, of the people of the districts which are more or less connected with the rebellion, or which may become involved:—

Table with 5 columns: District, English, Scotch, French, Irish, Total.

This table is according to the census of 1881, since which the proportion of English and Scotch people has been largely increased.

So far 20 have been killed in the North West. Alas! this probably is but the beginning.

The Halifax contagion has been summoned to the seat of war. They started west on Saturday. There was an impetuous and enthusiastic demonstration on the part of the citizens at their departure.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.—The Assesment Bill passed its third reading, 28 to 4. A resolution in favor of the Bill urging the Dominion Government to extend the Intercolonial to Louisbourg, C. B.

The new franchise Bill proposes to give the right to vote to:
1. Those assessed for \$150 real estate.
2. Those assessed for \$500 personal or personal and real combined.

4. As many of the owners of joint property as such property is sufficient to qualify.
In the Dominion Parliament a motion favoring action to secure reciprocity with the United States, was voted down 98 to 58.
The April meeting of the N. S. Fruit Growers Association will take place at Palmer's Hall, Kingston Station, on Tuesday the 21st inst., at 7 o'clock, p. m. All persons interested in fruit culture are invited to attend, take part in the discussions, and become members of the Association. The W. A. R. will return percha attending the meetings for one third fare on certificate from the Secretary.
A young man named Douglas Hoyt committed suicide on Saturday, near Pictou.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.
ENGLAND AND IRELAND. As yet we had to press back the latest news was of a reassuring character. But while the prospects of peace seemed brightening, and the Russian ministers were making large professions of a desire to come to an agreement with England, the whole progress of events was changed by the news of what appears to be an unprovoked attack upon Peshawar, a strategic position hitherto regarded as an Afghan territory. The Afghan general made a brave resistance, but was driven out with the loss of 200 killed. Russia, all the time has been talking peace, has been pushing forward from station to station toward India, and the general opinion is that her aggressive policy is but a pretence to blind England to her real intentions, and give her the opportunity to seize upon some of the keys to the military position on the Afghan frontier, if not to capture Peshawar, before the British are handed to her the way. Russia's whole course of diplomacy has been fitted to deprive her of the respect of all who honor truth and honesty. The situation, at present, in India, however, is of the gravest. England says she will not give the inch of territory from it, and await the result of the labors of the Afghan commission, appointed months ago. Russia, while professing a desire for peace, not only refuses to retire, but seems pressing steadily forward. Is the meantime both nations are straining every energy to press forward preparations for war, and one of the greatest struggles of the time seems almost inevitable. We append some of the most important despatches.

LONDON, April 9.—Parliament reassembled today after the Easter recess. In the Commons, Gladstone confirmed the intelligence of a battle between the Russians and Afghans, and said: "From information the Government have received of the fight, the Russians have apparently been guilty of an unjustifiable attack on the Afghans. England had demanded from Russia full explanations in regard to the affair."

April 10.—In an editorial article the Standard says: "The last point which Russia claims, even if it is not yet occupied, is in her grasp. Her soldiers have won it by an act of provocation and a shameless violation of solemn promise made on the Neva. England has acted in good faith, even with chivalrous scrupulousity akin to simplicity. 'We have looked for that honesty in others, because the same, in other, we have practiced ourselves. We have our reward. We are once more on the brink of war which may involve both Europe and Asia.'"

April 13.—The Daily Telegraph publishes a despatch from Berlin which states that Russia refuses to yield an inch of territory she has occupied on the Afghan frontier, and that the Czar intends to express his approval of the Russian general by appointing him commander in chief in Turkistan.

Sir Thomas Brassey is reported as saying: "We are here as they are at the war office, as ready for war now as if it was actually declared. 'We' are the plain British war fleet in the Baltic within four days. We can cut the sea with cruisers within twenty-four hours."

The Russian now claim that the Afghans were the aggressors. The British are awaiting information from the English officers on the ground.

WAR IN THE SoudAN.
An escaped prisoner from Osman Digna's camp reports that the Arabs are thoroughly cowed. Tamai is held by only 200 men and they are short of provisions. He says there is an abundance of good water beyond Tamai.

A merchant from Kassala reports the rebels have almost abandoned the siege. It is hoped when they will hear of Osman Digna's collapse they will abandon it altogether.

LONDON, April 10.—The report is confirmed that the British government has given Italy to occupy Cairo and the Soudan. Gen. Wolsley has been ordered to withdraw his entire force from the Soudan for service elsewhere. The Mahdi has been severely defeated at El Obeidi.

FRANCE AND CHINA.
The new cabinet has been formed in France. Negotiations for peace are about concluded between France and China. France has spent millions to force the Chinese to pay an indemnity for killing some French soldiers in self defence, and now after all the cost in bloodshed and money, has to make peace, and bear her own losses.

The visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Ireland, which promised so well at the beginning, seems fated to prove a failure, so far as promoting good feeling is concerned. The reception in Dublin was all that could be wished. Just as the royal visit was about leaving the city, however, Mayor O'Connor, who is a nationalist, was hissed by the crowd, and in retaliation made a free speech and called for cheers for Parnell. When the Prince and Princess arrived at 11 o'clock, the crowd row and the mob had to be driven back at the point of the bayonet. At Cork there has been a riot, and the doors and windows of houses decorated in honor of the royal visit have been smashed. It is to be hoped that when the excitable population have had their outbreak, the innate courtesy of the Irish nature will assert itself, and a reaction take place.

Florence Nightingale is engaged in her good old work, and at 65 being almost as lively as ever to raise funds to provide assistance for sick and wounded British soldiers in the Soudan.

Henry M. Stanley expects to return to the Congo region at the end of the month.

The building begun near London in 1879 by Mr. Thomas Holloway, in memory of his wife, is announced as finished. It cost over \$2,000,000, and is to be a University for Women. It stands in a beautiful park of ninety acres, is admirably endowed, and consists of two blocks, each 520 feet in length, connected in the centre and at the ends by cross buildings, thus forming a double rectangle.

The Great Mogul, the Emperor of Delhi, is no more. The last descendant of that dynasty, Jehan Bakht, died recently at Raouson, where he had lived a political prisoner.
The Turkish authorities are taking extraordinary precautions to prevent Tripoli from setting any attempt on the part of France to seize the province.

MARKET REPORTS.

Table with columns: Item, Price. Includes Apples, Beef, Butter, Eggs, etc.

For coughs, colds, dyspepsia, irregularities of the bowels, asthma, palpitation of the heart, sick headache, stomach and pin worms, use Gates Invigorating Syrup. It is quick in action, harmless in effect, always gives good satisfaction, and should be kept in every household.

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a tickling cough and itching throat, or do you breathe rapidly when lying on your side, or sitting up, or during the night? Do you get weary, nervous, and dizzy? Do you have pain in your stomach, liver, or bowels, or a feeling of heat? Do you have a feeling of coldness? Do you have a feeling of heat? Do you have a feeling of coldness?

WATERBURY'S PORTING EXTRACT is the most reliable and pleasant to take, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. It is the prescription of one of the oldest and best physicians in the world, and is used throughout the world. Price 25c per bottle.

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Brown's Peppermint Cure is an excellent remedy for coughs, colds, and other ailments. It is made from natural ingredients and is very effective.

JAMES PYLE'S PEARL SOAP. THE BEST THING KNOWN FOR WASHING AND BLEACHING. IN HAND OR SOFT, HOT OR COLD WATER.

MUTUAL RELIEF SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA. The object of this Society is to establish a Widow and Orphan Benefit Fund from which, on the satisfactory evidence of the death of a member of the Society, who has complied with all its laws and requirements, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars may be paid to his family, or to those depending on him, as he may direct.

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Our REAL FRUIT SYRUPS. Make Most Delicious Summer or Winter Drinks.

Wholesale Drug and Spice Merchants, HALIFAX, N. S.

STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSE, 223, 225, 227 Barrington St., Halifax, N. S. BALDWIN & CO., Direct Importers of English and Foreign CHINA, GLASS AND EARTHENWARE, CHANDALIERES AND LAMPS FOR CHURCHES. And Private Use. Electro-Plate and Table Cutlery. WHOLESALE and RETAIL.

PUTTNER'S Emulsion. With Hypophosphites and Pancreaticum.

Puttner's Emulsion advertisement with a large illustration of a man carrying a fish on his back. Text describes its benefits for various ailments.

Copper Strip FEED CUTTER. FOR CUTTING STRAW, HAY AND CORNTALKS.

TIPPET, BURDITT & CO., ST. JOHN, N. B. OR THEIR LOCAL AGENTS. Advertisement for a feed cutter with an illustration of the machine.

Intercolonial Railway. 1884. WINTER ARRANGEMENT. 1885.

Table showing train schedules for the Intercolonial Railway, including departure and arrival times for various stations.

Windsor and Annapolis Railway. 1884. WINTER ARRANGEMENT. 1885.

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INTERNATIONAL STEAMSHIP COY. Two Trips a Week.

Advertisement for International Steamship Company, detailing routes and services.

COLLEGE SONGS Of the American Colleges. By Henry Randall Waite.

Advertisement for College Songs, a collection of songs from American colleges.

FUBLIC SCHOOL HYMNAL. By Irving Sennott.

Advertisement for Public School Hymnal, a collection of hymns for schools.

ISAAC ERE'S Photograph Rooms.

Advertisement for Isaac Ere's Photograph Rooms, located at 13 Charlotte Street, St. John, N. B.

THE CHRISTIAN VOL. I. SPECIAL NOTICES.
The directors of the...
Providing that 60...
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