

News Summary.

DOMINION. — There are no cases of scarlet fever at present in the Windsor Collegiate school.

— Large quantities of logs are being got out for the Alma Lumber Co.

— The Kent County Council and the Town Council of Hantsport, Ont. have decided to erect public buildings to cost about \$40,000.

— Collectors of Customs in the Maritime Provinces have been instructed not to issue any further licenses under the modus vivendi.

— A soldier in the West Riding Regiment, stationed at Halifax, was found dead in bed on Thursday morning, having been poisoned by canned lobsters.

— Hon. Mr. Kirkpatrick has introduced a bill to permit foreign vessels to aid vessels wrecked or disabled in Canadian waters.

— Samuel B. Robbins, master of the steamship Rosignol, of Yarmouth, N. S., has been fined \$10 and costs (in all \$17 50) by the Liverpool police court, for going to sea on a foreign voyage without having a certified mate on board.

— The Merchants Bank of Halifax shows profits of \$112,000; reserve fund, \$200,000; deposits, \$2,860,000, and loans and discounts, \$3,919,000.

— The chemical pulp mill at Chatham, N. B., will be put in operation in a few weeks. The water for it is to be brought from the St. John's River.

— The Messrs. Churchill, of Hantsport, N. S., are building a steamer which they propose putting on the route between Boston and Shelburne.

— The Cumberland Railway Coal Co. have shipped 2,200 tons coal since Jan. 1st, something never done before. Vessels are still loading.

— It is rumored that oil has been discovered at Nolle Lake, a few miles from Port Elgin, and that the owner of the premises has been offered \$5,000 for his claim.

— Insurance Commissioner Tarbox, of Massachusetts, in his recent report says: "The old system of life insurance is, humanly speaking, safe; if it is too expensive, and cannot be reformed, the fault, some other system that can provide safety with less cost will supersede it."

— The Journal of Commerce Montreal, says: "We believe the Dominion Safety Fund Life Association, St. John, N. B., has definitely solved the problem of the safe and cheap insurance of the future, and marks a new departure in the history of life insurance."

— An effort is being made to have a light placed at the end of the Stony Creek, Albert Co., breakwater, for the safety of vessels passing up the river to Moncton.

— The St. John Customs and Inland Revenue receipts during the month of January show a decided increase compared with the same month last year. The collections in customs amounted to \$69,957.83, an increase of \$30,624.92. The inland revenue receipts were \$19,423.94, an increase of \$1,514.46.

— The Northern and Western Railway now carry a daily mail to and from Hantsport, N. B. This new departure, the mails between these points having been carried by stage for nearly fifty years.

— The annual statement of the Bank of Nova Scotia shows the profits last year to be \$141,000; reserve fund, \$460,000; deposits, \$4,781,000, and loans and discounts, \$2,800,000.

— An explosion of a vessel containing alcohol and carbolic acid occurred at Kempville, Ont., recently, which may result in the death of W. Bottom, agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Bottom was picked up in an insensible condition with his face horribly burned and mutilated. One arm was torn off and his arms and hands were badly burned.

— The long talked of telephone line between Digby and Westport, connecting these two places and intermediate localities, will be constructed early in the ensuing spring. The Dominion government has promised \$2,000 for the laying of cables across the passages.

— The annual report of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company, shows profits of 8 per cent. on the capital, but no dividend will be paid, as the directors advise, instead, a decrease in the debt and efforts to further strengthen the company's credit and financial position.

— The New Elman, Lunenburg County, N. S., gold mine, reported to be worth \$70,000, has turned out to be a very rich silver mine, and the property is being fitted with the most modern machinery.

— It appears that all our big spruce lumber is not cut yet. Four logs were cut this season by Mr. James Gillis, on Catamaran stream, Little South West Miramichi, which scaled respectively 1397, 1165, 1024, 926.

— The Yarmouth Steamship Company declare a dividend of eight per cent.

— Allan A. Ferguson has been elected mayor of Ficton.

— Sir George Baden Powell, member of the British House of Commons, has arrived in Ottawa to interview the government with regard to the proposed fast line of steamers between Canada and Japan.

— There was quite a blaze at Charlottetown on Monday week, the Cameron block being considerably damaged by fire. The closet in the "Bijou" restaurant, and in which the fire started, contained, in addition to the clothing therein, about \$40 in cash. The stock loss is estimated at \$200, but the loss is much greater. The stock in a number of stores was considerably damaged by water.

— Jobster packers will be interested in the announcement that hereafter the French government mean at least to enforce their law prohibiting the sale of canned goods having solder inside the tins. The German law respecting 10 per cent. only of lead in solder inside cans will be stringently enforced this year.

— James Ross, who built the heavy mountain sections of the Canadian Pacific, has been awarded contracts by the Chilean government for 700 miles of railway, embracing an outlay of \$22,000,000.

— On November the twenty-first, Lieut. W. T. Tilley, R. E., a graduate of the Royal Military College and son of Sir Leonard Tilley, was married at Burke, India, to Miss Lena Armstrong, daughter of the surgeon of the brigade to which he is attached.

— Iron mines near Middleton, N. S., are to be developed. The ore will be shipped by way of Port George by the line of steamers to Great Village, thence by rail to Londonderry Iron Works.

— Samuel Geddes, of Niagara Falls, Grand Trunk Railway car repairer, had his fingers crushed by moving car trucks about two weeks ago, and resisted having the middle finger amputated, died on Thursday, mortification having set in, which extending into the arm, caused lockjaw. The deceased leaves a wife and family.

— Seventy leading citizens of Cape Breton have formed a league and subscribed \$1,000 to enforce the Scott Act.

— A copy of the Montreal Witness Carnival Number has been received. It is an excellent number, the reading matter is interesting, while the illustrations are spirited in design and extremely well executed.

— It is expected that about two weeks hence trains will be running on the Central Railway from Norton to the Washademoak.

— B. G. Bishop's hardware store, in Wolfville, N. S., and the adjoining musical store, occupied by A. M. Liddell, were burned Friday night. G. O. Patriotic harness shop, J. M. Shaw's barber shop, the Custom House and the Acadian newspaper office were badly scorched.

— A great excursion composed of Erench Canadian members of the State Legislatures, merchants, farmers and others from the New England States, will go to Lake St. John district next June under the direction of Mr. Proul of Quebec and Cure Labelle, to seek out land and report to their compatriots who desire to return and settle down in Canada and enjoy our institutions, rather than those patronized by the disastrous Wiman.

— Official contradiction is given to the statement that Lord Seckville has been appointed British Ambassador at Constantinople.

— The rumor that England is about to withdraw from the blockade of East Africa is unfounded.

— After the manner of all other exhibitions, the Melbourne exhibition closes with a deficit of a million dollars.

— The Grand Council of Annapolis has elected Bunlay king. He is a son of the former king and is only ten years of age. His regency has been established under Prince Hwadue.

— Owing to the strike twenty steamers are detained at Glasgow. It is impossible to secure a sufficient number of seamen and firemen to work the vessels.

— It is not expected that German military operations in Samoa will commence until sufficient reinforcements can be sent to the island. The German warships with available landing force of 300 men are now there.

— A thousand Clyde firemen and sailors struck for an increase of three shillings per week, which the Allan company has conceded.

— The Crown Prince of Austria-Hungary, on Monday, 28th, went on a shooting excursion to the Pyrenees, accompanied by several gendarmes. The prince felt somewhat indisposed on Tuesday and excused himself from attending a family dinner party. When the shooting guests assembled next morning they were overjoyed by the news that the Crown Prince had died from apoplexy.

— A letter from a New South Wales coal firm regarding the recent trouble with the coal miners at Newcastle, says at the close of the strike the shipping in port represented over one hundred thousand tons register, and the loss by the strike to the ship-owners and the district in general is estimated at fully \$2,500,000.—Ez.

UNITED STATES.

— Mr. E. L. Board having resigned, Mr. H. H. Fletcher has been appointed superintendent of the news service of the New England Press Association.

— The U. S. salt yield last year was: Michigan, 4,000,000 barrels; Syracuse, 1,000,000; Ohio River and Hutchinson, 1,000,000. Salt is now quoted at 57 cents, including barrels. "The trust would raise it to about 75 cents.

— A big fire occurred in Buffalo, N. Y., on the 2nd, which originated in the building of Root & Keating, wholesale leather dealers. Many business blocks were destroyed, as well as the Boeyley House, fronts largely destroyed, and occupied with their lives. The loss is estimated at about \$2,000,000, upon which there is insurance probably of \$750,000.

— At the Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Erie, Pa., as the inmates were sent themselves at the dinner table, one day recently, a man named McQuinlan, in sport, pulled a chair away in which one Louis Bachler was about to seat himself. Bachler fell on the floor in a sitting posture and streams of blood gushed from his mouth and nostrils. He had ruptured blood vessels, and almost before he could be lifted up he was dead before the eyes of hundreds of his horrified comrades. McQuinlan, who is distracted over the tragedy, was committed to jail.

— Officers of the Chicago West Side street railway company have discovered a scheme which was being worked by the conductors of that road by which they have been turning a large share of the receipts into their own pockets. One of the conductors invented the method in practice and sold it to the other conductors for \$25 each. One of them betrayed him and the company will prosecute those concerned in the stealing.

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Yarmouth, Feb. 1. G. E. Day.

FOR W. B. M. U.

Table listing contributions for W. B. M. U. from various churches and individuals, including Halifax African Baptist Church, Great Village, per Mrs. L. C. Layton, etc.

In acknowledgments from W. M. A. S., for L. M. Pedford, Tusket, read L. M. Bedford, New Tusket.

Marriages.

STODART-HUNT.—At Greenfield, Jan. 22, by Rev. J. E. Blakey, Lemuel H. Stodart, of Falkland Ridge, Annapolis Co., to Lilian F. Hunt, of Greenfield.

Deaths.

HANDLEY.—At Gayboro, Jan. 19th, Mrs. Eliza Handley, aged 41.

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