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News Summary.

DOMINION.

—It is reported that a regular crusade against the liquor dealers of Digby and Truro will be instituted immediately. Truro has the Scott Act but never enforced it.

—With a week or fortnight six Scott Act convictions have been obtained in Charlottetown.

Referring to the above item the *Island Guardian* says: "Heading the list of Scott Act delinquents, will be found the name of one of Her Majesty's justices of the peace for the city of Charlottetown. We do not know the precise nature of the oath which every magistrate takes when he accepts office,—but we think it cannot include less than an engagement to keep and also uphold the law.

—Quite a number of Scott Act fines have been imposed and collected in Westmorland lately.

—During the past three months, Scott Act inspector Beaton has secured 32 convictions in West Elgin, the total fines aggregating $3,500.

Lunenburg, N. S., will apply for incorporation.

—Ex Detective Nagle, Private Detective Fahey and Chief Constable Bureau of the Grand Trunk, are charged with the late robbery at Bonaventure depot, when about $5,000 was stolen out of the safe.

—Diphtheria is strongly prevalent at White Rock, Kings, N. S. Thirteen cases were reported from there on Wednesday. None have as yet proved fatal.

—Diphtheria has broken out afresh in Windsor, although not to such an extent as to cause serious apprehension.

—Mr. W. Pemberton came across a bees' nest in a hollow tree on his farm, near Windsor, N. S. The vacancy in the tree was about 6 feet by 18 inches, and contained about a barrel of comb and honey weighing fully 250 pounds.

—Advices from Ontario state that oatmeal has advanced 35 cents per barrel there. Lard advanced ½ cent per pound last week in New York. Sugar at the refineries has advanced ¼ cent per pound.

—The excitement which was caused among the Miramichi fishermen by the raising of the bag net license fee to three dollars culminated in a monster meeting at Chatham and the formation of a fishery protective association.

—The people are talking of paving the Main street of Portland, N B, about a mile and a quarter long, at a cost of $38,000, the street railway company to put down one quarter of the pavement.

—Advices have been received at Ottawa that Mr. Kampfer, the Parisian capitalist, will spend the coming session there promoting his scheme for the purchase of the Interoceanical railway.

—Tenders for the carrying of Canadian mail on a weekly service between Canada and Great Britain for a period of ten years closed. Only two tenders were put in.

—The petition to unseat Sir John, has been dismissed. It is understood that he will resign in Carleton and sit for Kingston. The judge said the election was an exceptionally pure one; that both sides had acted nobly.

—The typhoid fever epidemic in Ottawa is rapidly decreasing, the new cases occurring being of a very mild character. An analysis of the city water shows no indications of serious impurities.

—Women are taking an unusual interest in the Toronto municipal elections this year. As the female voters number 3,000, it is expected they may hold the balance of power.

—A number of Ottawa capitalists have organized a company and purchased a tract of 300 acres of land at what is known as Limerbeau, about 13 miles from the city, for the purpose of boring for natural gas, which it is believed exists there in large quantities.

—The Free Press says a very alarming state of things will be revealed by the publication, in a day or two, of the report of the government analyst, which will contain results of the analysis made of milk taken from establishments of retail venders throughout the dominion and an analysis of milk taken from herds made a short time ago.

—The adoption in Canada of the American system of appointments to the civil service is being urged. It is claimed that Ottawa gets more than her share of official patronage. It is proposed that each province shall receive appointments on the basis of population, thus ensuring representation in the civil service of remote portions of the dominion.

—Rev. C. H. Spurgeon is a decidedly practical preacher. He caught the true spirit of his text, "Take no thought for the morrow, &c," and gave it practical illustration when he declared: "I insured my life last week, and have thus been able to obey the injunction of the text; for much undue care and anxiety that I had is now laid aside, secure in the knowledge that my forethought has provided for my loved ones." If you too wish to obey the injunction The Dominion Safety Fund Life Association, St. John, N B., will take care of your loved ones.

—The successful tenderers for the last four sections of the Oxford and New Glasgow railway have made their deposits. The contracts have been signed.

—A mammoth stable holding 400 horses is to be built in Montreal by the C. P. R. to accommodate the rapidly increasing trade in shipping ranche horses to England.

—Some Digby fish traders are now shipping their goods to Halifax via the bay steamer and the I. C. R. The Secret brought over 100 drums of dried fish for Halifax, Saturday night.

—A gang of counterfeiters are at work in Hamilton, Ontario. Many merchants have been victimized. The notes are on the Bank of Montreal, Merchants' Bank and Bank of Commerce. Most of them are $10 notes.

—The Ontario government has appointed Hon. T. W. Anglin, Wm. Houston, provincial librarian, and Deputy Attorney Johnston, commissioners to enquire into the working of the municipal systems of other countries and suggest any improvements that may be applied to the Ontario statutes.

—Prof. Saunder has returned to Ottawa, from Wisconsin and North Michigan, bringing a collection of valuable seeds. He entered for the Ottawa, Toronto, and in the Northwest and the Maritime Provinces that many varieties, not yet tried in Ontario, have succeeded well. Prof. Saunders is hopeful of the result of tree planting in the Northwest, and says nine years ago the state of Iowa was a treeless expanse, but on his recent visit he was surprised to find many excellent young forests.

—Canada's first newspaper was published in Halifax. The Nova Scotia *Royal Gazette* is now the oldest paper on the continent.

—Nearly 200,000 barrels of lime were burned by the St. John Lime Kiln men during the season. Nearly all of it was shipped across the line.

—An enormous quantity of gun cotton is stored in tanks on the northeast side of George's Island, which stands in the centre of Halifax harbor. During the snow storm and darkness one night last week, three men were found near the tanks. On hearing the guard approaching the men jumped into their boat, rowed away and were lost in the darkness. They were discovered before any damage was done, but one of the tanks was found uncovered. This greatly excited the military. Georges Island is an impregnable fortification and depot for stores of gun cotton, torpedoes and other munitions of submarine warfare. Its proximity to the city is such that the explosion of the enormous quantity of gun cotton stored there would inevitable destroy the business portion of Halifax and result in appalling loss of life.

—Mr. J. T. Trowbridge has been called the Thackeray of writers for boys. He will not only contribute a serial story to the *Youth's Companion* for 1888, but also a true narrative of his own boyhood and his early struggles for literary distinction. The latter will be supplemented by a similar paper written by Miss Alcott, in which she will give the autobiography of her girlhood. Some of her "Little Women" will appear here without any of the disguises of fiction.

—A small bright electric lamp shining in a St. John window attracts much attention. It is the first time that Kookogey's invention, a new light from a primary solution battery, has been shown in Canada, and it consequently excited much curiosity. By means of wires connected with a 14-cell battery in the rear of the store, the electric flash shone brightly. The light is estimated to be equal to about 10 candle power, and to cost no more than gas, with none of its disadvantages of smell and heat and flickering.

—The *Witness* has entered upon a crusade against the Montreal bucket-shops. The revelation has created no end of consternation among the proprietors of these concerns, and it is stated heavy actions for damages will be begun against the paper by the parties whose names are mentioned.

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—The Correspondence Delest, of Vienna, states that Russia has agreed to accept the Duke of Gothland, second son of the king of Sweden, as a candidate for the throne of Bulgaria in place of Ferdinand.

—Lord Hartington, replying to a vote of confidence at the unionist conference, Thursday, denied that the unionists had deserted the Liberal principles. The Unionists would continue to act with the Conservatives.

—A prohibition movement of unheard-of proportions have just been prepared by six Great European powers. Great Britain, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, and Denmark, all bordering on the North Sea, have agreed that no fishermen of theirs on those waters shall buy spirits or have them on board their vessels. Even vessels selling other articles in those regions will have to be licensed.

—At the annual meeting of the Central Chamber of Agriculture, recently, many provincial delegates were present and took part in an excited discussion over a motion favoring protection. Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, Conservative member for Lincolnshire, deprecated placing duties on cereals unless an agitation in favor of bimetallism and abolishing of bounties failed. The motion was carried two to one.

—A meeting to advocate fair trade was held at St. James' hall, London. Howard Vincent, conservative member of parliament, asserted that the majority of the conservative party favored fair trade of necessity to find employment for the increasing population. He said other nations used fair trade to the disadvantage of England. Resolutions were adopted favoring moderate import duties and urging a modification in the free trade policy. John Bright protests strongly against anything that savors of protection and says that if the conservatives bring forward any such measures, they cannot expect the support of the Unionists.

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—The national convention of the republican party to nominate candidates for president and vice-president will be held at Chicago on June 19th, 1888.

—Coal is $9 50 to $10 50 a ton in Minnesota. Railroads in the Northwest cannot spare cars enough to carry fuel. In some parts of Dakota there is no coal to be had, notwithstanding that the olizzard season is on.

—A loss of two million dollars was sustained by Nebraska last year through the cattle fever.

—The supreme court of the United States, in deciding the three prohibition cases from Kansas, held that the state under the police powers had the right to suppress the liquor traffic, and that in the state proceedings no right or privilege guaranteed to the distiller and liquor dealer had been denied or abridged; also that the state had the right to suppress the traffic without paying damages or compensation to liquor dealers. This settles the question of the validity of the prohibition law in the affirmative.

—John Wanamaker has recently furnished a library of 2,500 volumes for the use of the women employed in his establishment. He has also rented a house where the female clerks may obtain board and washing at a cost of $3.25 per week. In case the charge is more than the per capita cost of maintenance, a lower rate will be established.

—For the first time since the reconstruction of the Southern States there is not a single colored man in the house. In the last house there were two, Messrs. Smalls and O'Hara, and ten years ago there were seven.

—A despatch from Provincetown, in the Boston *Advertiser* of Thursday, says that the past fishing season has "proved the most fearful, as regards loss of life and property,—the loss of life having been the heaviest for nearly 50 years."

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