

NEWS SUMMARY.

The N. B. Legislature was prorogued on Saturday morning.

Mayor Peters was re-elected in St. John on Tuesday last by a majority of 927 over Mr. Sturges.

It is believed that the rolling mills of Canada are about to pass under the control of a Boston syndicate.

Gaspereau fishing has been good in St. John harbor this week.

The revenue from Chinese immigration at Vancouver, B. C., for last month was \$1,501, as compared with \$3,721 for corresponding month last year.

The Waterloo street church, St. John, has invited the F. C. B. general conference to hold the next annual session there, and the invitation has been accepted.

A joint stock company, with a capital of a quarter of a million, has been formed in Ontario to buy up and develop mica and phosphate properties in the Ottawa valley.

In Vaudreuil on Wednesday Mr. Harwood, the Liberal candidate, was elected by about one hundred and fifty votes over Mr. Chervier, who fought under government auspices.

A bill has been introduced in the Nova Scotia Legislature to suppress guessing and missing word competitions. It came from the city council and, it is said, is likely to become law.

The British Board of Trade returns show that emigration from British ports to Canada more than doubled in the past quarter of the current year as compared with the previous year.

Among the passengers by the steamer Empress of India, which has just arrived at Victoria, B. C., from Peking, are three Chinamen, suffering from smallpox. They have been isolated.

A strange story comes from Chrysler, Ont. A woman named Boyer, who was supposed to be dead and had been laid out for burial, rose up and got out of the coffin a few hours before the time appointed for her funeral and is now quite well.

A young man named John Yull, of Ramsay township, Ont., was returning home with a team of horses on Sunday when he stumbled and fell heavily on his knee. The shock resulted in a fracture of the spine, and in a few minutes young Yull expired.

The Nova Scotia Provincial House of Assembly passed the second reading of the Woman's Suffrage Bill by a vote of seventeen to nineteen, and it was sent to committee. All the members of the Government and the leader of the Opposition voted against the second reading.

Michael McLoughlin, of Buctouche, who is known to be a very successful farmer, is now building a butter factory near the railway station at Buctouche. Already some 200 loads of ice are stored in it, and the house, which is 30 by 60 feet, will be ready to receive machinery early in the spring.

The Windsor & Annapolis Railway company have purchased the Western Counties railway, and will hereafter operate the whole distance under the name of the Dominion Atlantic railway. The capital of the new company will be \$5,000,000, the whole of which is held by English capitalists.

To an influential deputation of live stock importers in Montreal last week, Mr. Angers, the Minister of Agriculture, said that the Government was making arrangements to have a Scotch veterinary surgeon present at the slaughter of Canadian cattle at English ports to see that diseased animals were not substituted for healthy Canadian ones.

At the Assize Court, in Kingston, Ont., on Monday, the case of Robert Shaw, a lawyer, against Police Constable Snodden, for unlawful arrest, the latter having taken the former into custody because he persisted in asking questions at a political meeting, was decided in favor of the plaintiff. The City Board of Police Commissioners will now be asked to instruct the police that they are not required to do duty at public meetings.

Montreal despatch says: The latest political rumor here is that after the conclusion of the Behring Sea arbitration Sir John Thompson is to be raised to the peerage and will remain in England as a member of Her Majesty's Judicial Council. In such an event Sir Charles Tupper will return to Canada and assume the premiership, while Hon. C. H. Tupper will replace his father as Canadian commissioner in London.

The Montreal Star says: The Liberal victory in Vaudreuil will present an almost irresistible temptation to such a change of the tariff reform press as far enough away from the county to have escaped the echoes of the contest to claim a triumph for their principles. Here in Montreal, however, the alternative is more easily withheld, for we have known all along, and grieved to know, that the real issue upon which the election would turn was the attitude of the two parties on the Manitoba school question. The tariff reform is a mere cloak for the latter.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.



While immigrants are arriving in Montreal in large numbers bound for the Canadian North-west, hundreds of people from the provinces of Quebec are leaving to work in the New England States.

The estimates were brought down in the House of Assembly, Halifax, Thursday, by Premier Plesling. Owing to the changes in the fiscal year, they are estimated that nearly two thousand Christians are in Turkish dungeons.

Dr. Haffkine has written from India to the Russian papers that he has conquered cholera by his inoculation method and that on his return he will publish his cure.

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A Zanibar despatch of April 15th says: A letter from Tippoo Tib's son confirms the report of the death of Emin Pasha and all his people.

The British cruiser has seized a show sailing under Peruvian colors, having on board sixty children kidnapped from Zanibar under French protection, and evidently intended to be sold as slaves.

Upon the opening of the Behring Sea Court of Arbitration in Paris Wednesday, Baron de Courcelle announced that the court had decided not to admit the British supplementary report for the present.

Hon. Arthur Stanley, son of the Governor-General, who has been lying ill of rheumatic fever in London for nearly three months, is still confined to his room, with Lady Stanley in constant attendance.

There was a fearful mining accident at Pont-y-Pridd, Wales, Tuesday morning. A spark from an engine ignited the gas in the pit, and about 50 men are cut off by the flames, with very small chances of escape.

The London Daily News is of opinion that the division on the second reading of the Home Rule bill will not be reached till Thursday of this week, although the Government will endeavor to force a vote by Monday.

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Receipts for Denominational Work.

From March 15th to April 10th: Asstia Mines church, \$150; Westchester, \$50; New Glasgow, \$10; Sydney, \$8; Rawdon, \$5.00; Ragged Islands, \$10.25; Wallace, \$6.25; Hampton Sunday-school, \$5; Lunenburg Town, \$25.50; Argyle, \$7; 2nd Horton, \$17.21; 2nd Horton, \$10; Berwick, \$8; New Tuxet, \$6.00; Weymouth church, per the following members: Mrs. Marshall, \$5; Clara Marshall, \$10; Ida Grant, \$5; Mrs. C. Newcomb, \$5; Hattie Marshall, \$1; Jacob Wyman, \$1; C. H. Hankinson, \$2; Rev. A. Williams and family, \$1—total \$6.05; Hill Grove, \$7; Clementsport, \$7; Halifax 2nd, \$81; 3rd Cornwallis, \$9.25; Springhill church, \$5; Springhill Sunday-school, \$7; Upper Wilmod church (Evergreen Society), \$3.04; Rev. A. F. Browne, Tuxet, \$6; Argyle church, \$1; Onslow East, \$6.58; James McGuchon, Sonora, \$1; Newport church, \$4; Shubael J. Dimock, Newport, \$1; Mrs. D. Parker, Newport, \$2; Maccan church, \$5.10; North Sydney, \$32.96; Nictaux, \$18.53; Lawrence town and Valley West church, \$5; Ingilville Mission Society, \$5; West End Sunday-school, Halifax, \$1.37; Lake church, \$7; Lake George church, \$4.55; \$34.73. (Before reported, \$3,900-45. Total, \$4,234.24.)

Correction.—In last report, March 22, "An old Academy Student" should have been \$100 instead of \$1.

The third quarter of the Convention year closes with the present month. We are looking for large remittances 'at once.

Wolfville, Apr. 11. Treas. for N.S.

THE SUNNY SIDE.—I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the members of my Bible class for their kindness and expression of respect for me on Monday evening, April 10, at the close of the Bible lesson, Bro. C. E. Knapp, in behalf of the class, presented to me a beautiful melissa waterproof coat, valued at \$15. It was a complete surprise to me, but of no less value for that. May the great giver reward them abundantly. Although Dorchester may be branded by some as "the devil's half acre," or by the Salvation Army as "God forsaken Dorchester," yet it is clear there are a large number of kind and generous Christian people living within its limits. This is not the first expression of kindness and good will that the Baptist pastor has received. The friends met at the parsonage early last fall and left a very nice sum of money with us; and later they presented Mrs. Keirstead with an invalid's chair worth \$17, an acknowledgment of which was sent to the Messenger and Visitor, but which the Government will endeavor to force a vote by Monday.

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Kingsley, Staffordshire, England, to Mary A. Dalton, of Oston, Nottinghamshire, England.

SMITH-WARD.—At the church of the Good Shepherd, Boston, Mass., April 5, by Rev. Geo. S. Prescott, H. W. Beecher Smith, of Grangeville, Kent Co., N. B., to L. Elise Ward, of Kingsley, Staffordshire, England.

Deaths.

EATON.—At Canard, Cornwallis, April 6, Alfred S. Eaton, aged 41 years.

COX.—At her home, Narrows, Cambridge, Queens Co., April 4, Mrs. Elizabeth Cox, widow of the late Marcus Cox, in the 80th year of her age.

CHASE.—At Lower Cambridge, on the 28th of March, Montequien McD. Chase, youngest son of the late W. H. Chase, aged 19 years, and a member of the Lower Cambridge Baptist church.

JOHNSON.—At Windsor Plains, Hants Co., N. B., March 31, of consumption, Andrew Johnson, sixth son of Jacob Johnson, aged 22 years. He was not a church member, but before his death he professed faith in Christ.

Lewis.—Suddenly, at Windsor Plains, N. B., Sept. 31, 1892, of heart failure, John Lewis, aged 72 years. He was a church member for eighteen years. We were strong believers that his end would be peace. He left an aged widow to mourn his loss.

MILLER.—At the Range, Queens Co., after a lingering illness, on the 7th inst., Arthur O. Miller, aged 29 years. His brother leaves a wife and a large family of relatives to mourn his early departure. Calmly trusting in Jesus he chose the subject for his funeral discourse in Rom. 8:23, and then in peaceful slumber passed over to the other shore. He was a member of the 2nd Grand Lake church and much beloved by all who knew him.

BARNELL.—At Gabstrup, on Jan 24, of consumption, Margaret Jane, aged 7 years and 5 months, youngest child of David and Mary Barnell. Her course of life was marked by her piety and her last resting place. The funeral exercises were conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. Mr. Crafts (Methodist). A sermon was preached from Micah 2:10. To the bereaved and sorrowing family we tender our sympathy, praying that the God of all grace may support them in their affliction.

INGRAHAM.—At North-east, Margaree, on the 20th day of March, after a short though painful illness, borne with Christian patience and submission to Divine will, Laura Marinda, beloved daughter of Iriel L. and Lydia Ingraham, aged 16 years. Death always brings sadness, but seldom has it laid its joy hand upon one in our midst and left such wide-spread sorrow. She seemed to have endeavored herself to all with whom she came in contact. Cheerful and obedient in her home, kind and forgiving towards her schoolmates, she seemed the embodiment of pure womanhood. Although not a member of the church, she was a constant attendant upon the means of grace, and during the times of her greatest suffering she could rejoice in redeeming love, and disinterestedly in her risen Lord. Let us hope that she has gone to join the church above. A large concourse of people followed her remains to their last resting place on earth. Her sorrowing parents and friends have the heart-felt sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement; but may they look beyond this tempest of clay to where she now dwells, and realize that their loss is her gain.

W. R. M. V. RECEIPTS.

Money received from April 6 to April 11: Lawrence, hal support of Mabel Held (Mrs. Churchill's) school; \$5, toward Mr. Morse's salary; \$9; Port Williams, F. M., \$4; Five Islands and Lower Economy, F. M., \$4; Lower Cambridge, F. M., \$3; St. John (Brookside street), F. M., \$10; Gabstrup, F. M., \$6.84; Canoe F. M., \$10; Brooklyne, F. M., \$7.50; Yarmouth (Temple church), to constitute Mrs. A. S. Murray a life member, F. M., \$25; Harvey Bank, F. M., \$7; H. M., \$2.10; Billtown, F. M., \$3; H. M., \$2.20; Cavendish, F. M., \$3.55; N. W. M., \$1; Farmington Mission Band, one share in building fund, \$10; Mill Village, F. M., \$4.08; H. M., \$2 cts.; Weymouth, F. M., \$2.75, proceeds of missionary concert, F. M., \$7.25; Chipman, F. M., \$11; MARY SMITH, Treas.

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MARRIAGES.

CARROLL-MALLORY.—At Springhill, April 11, by Rev. H. B. Smith, M. A., John Carroll, to Jessie Mallory, both of Springhill.

JOHNSON-NEELSON.—At East Mountain, March 28, by Rev. M. W. Brown, George E. Johnson, to Minnie Nelson, all of East Mountain, Colchester Co.

SMITH-BROWN.—At Moncton First Baptist church, April 11, by Rev. A. J. Kempton, Saul L. Smith, of Vernon, B. C., to B. Maude Brown, of Lewisville, N. B.

CLARKE-SPINNEY.—At Tatamagouche, N. S., April 5, by Rev. P. D. Nowlan, George C. Clarke, of North Dakota, U. S., to Emma L. Spinney, of Tatamagouche.

HOOD-DALTON.—At the church of the Good Shepherd, Boston, Mass., April 5, by Rev. Geo. S. Prescott, Isaac Hood, of

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THE sketch of the history of the Baptist cause at St. George, which we found on our second page, written by Dr. Saunders, will be of interest to our aged readers. It will recall to our minds events which have a place in their memories, and younger people it should be of interest as an instance and an illustration of the way in which our churches were established.

WHETHER there is any truth in the report that the Pope is to issue an encyclical letter urging all the faithful a more thorough study of the Scriptures, and especially of the priesthood such a study of the Scriptures as will enable the church in its efforts to keep abreast of school search and criticism, we do not know. It will be generally regarded by us, we suppose, as rather too late. Of course if it should be true that Roman Catholicism be permitted and even joined, Christian Union intimates, invitation to put the authority of the Scriptures above that of the church, the fundamental issue between testamentalism and Romanism would be settled. Martin Luther will remain unchanged. Even so it would be a boon to the people to permit them to read and study the sacred Scriptures for themselves. For the entire Word brings light, and enlightenment comes liberty is to follow. It would be a change, the bishops of Quebec, instead of their subordinates to study of the Bible by the people, confiscate, destroy or mutilate copies as come into their hands, enjoin upon them a thorough study of the Scriptures and instruct them to permit the people generally to read the Word of God.

A RECENT event in which diligent students of the New Testament will feel more or less deeply interested, is the discovery, in the St. Catherine convent on Mount Sinai, of a palimpsest containing the four gospels in the original Greek. The copy is believed to be an ancient one, and is attracting attention among Biblical scholars. A palimpsest is a parchment or paper which has been used for writing, and then scraped clean and used again. In this case, the original text of the gospels was written in Greek, and then the parchment was scraped clean and used again for other purposes. The discovery of this palimpsest is of great importance, as it provides a valuable check on the accuracy of the existing text of the gospels.

It was here that Tischendorf, in 1859, discovered the famous Greek manuscript of the New Testament. The palimpsest contains the gospels in Syriac (said to be the discovery of two ladies, Mrs. and Mrs. Gibbons, who photographed several pages and carried the London. The Pitt press, of which then sent out Messrs. Burditt, and J. Rendel Harris, who photographed the entire work. Whether it is more than the four gospels in the original Greek, or the text of the Greek MSS., does not contain twelve verses of the gospel. Prof. Harris, the expert now deciphering the palimpsest, is a scholar, but was for a number of years engaged in educational work in the United States, principally in connection with the Johns Hopkins University. Some scholars are discounting the discovery of this newly discovered MS. being the original text of the gospels. It is more probable, however, that it is a version from the Greek.

THIS week again we suggest good field of space and forego to give opportunity for the contribution of valued correspondents of the proposed Brunswick Convention. The pledged ability of the brethren discussing this subject pro and con our columns and the service they have rendered the denomination them to a respectful Some of our readers feel, no doubt, it is unfortunate that such a should have arisen. Perhaps yet we are strongly inclined that it will result in good. In consideration of the subject shall by that broad and fair-minded which should characterize men, if there shall be an endeavor on the part of all, of unkind personalities and all real merits, and getting free of prejudice and misconception, calm and intelligent view of in all its bearings, and so to in the light of experience and able wisdom, whether some of our denominational systems may be desirable, and if so modification should be, if attention of the subject shall this line—and surely every one this is the right and Christian