

News Summary.

There were twenty-five failures in the Dominion last week, against thirty-three in the corresponding week of 1899.

Dr. Goodspeed's new book, "Messiah's Second Advent: A Study in Eschatology," can be had from Geo. A. McDonald, 120 Granville Street, Halifax, N. S. for \$1.00.

Five railway employes were instantly killed and twelve persons were injured by the explosion of a boiler in the power house of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad at Chicago on Monday evening.

Dr. Thompson, of Williamsport, Pa., and Adam Bailey, of Panther, W. Va., were shot and killed Wednesday night by James H. Chambers, a prominent merchant of Panther.

The Queen's appointments to the international arbitration court are Lord Pauncefoot, Sir Edward Malet, the Right Hon. S. Edward Fry, and John Westlake, professor of international law at Cambridge University since 1888.

The revenue of the Dominion for the five months ending November 30 was \$21,504,705, compared with \$20,199,373 for the same time last year. The expenditure was \$14,418,589 while the difference between revenue and expenditure is shown in a surplus of \$7,686,000 on ordinary revenue. Our capital account there is a surplus of revenue over all expenditures of \$2,600,000.

Horace J. Hayden, vice-president of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, was instantly killed Friday night at his home in New York. Servants found his body lying in the yard. Mr. Hayden was subject to attacks of shortness of breath, and, it is supposed had opened the window to get fresh air, and fell out.

At the opening of the Second Chamber at the Hague on Thursday President J. G. Gleichman said: "President Kruger arrived here to-day. He will take up his residence here. I take the occasion to propose that the chamber authorize me to welcome in its name the president to our country and offer him an expression of our cordial sympathy." The proposal was adopted amid cheers and bravos.

An explosion of chemicals, the use of which was for spectacular effect in the initiatory rites of the Improved Order of Red Men, cost the life of Past Sachem, Ira T. Crockett, of Lynn, and severely burned W. F. Rogers, of that city. The third, or warriors' degree, was being worked for Chickatawbut tribe of Beverley, Mass. Monday night by the degree staff of the Lynn tribe.

Mr. Bond has secured the consent of Jos. Chamberlain to an enlargement of the Newfoundland cabinet. Its personnel is: Premier and colonial secretary, Robert Bond; minister of justice, Wm. Horwood; minister of finance, Edward Jackman; leader of the legislative council, George Knowling; members of the cabinet without portfolio, Messrs. Edward Morris, Augustus Harvey, James Pitts, Henry Woods and James D. Ryan.

The French Chamber of Deputies on Friday rejected a motion providing for a parliamentary inquiry into slavery and cruelty in the French colonies. The Premier regarded the matter as want of confidence. The motion was defeated by a vote of 409 to 116. General Mercier alluded to his speech of Dec 4, when he urged training the army so as to be ready for an invasion of England. He said he was unable to understand the sensation his remarks had produced. He did not desire war with Great Britain but thought the government should provide for such an eventuality.

The Christmas number of the Ladies' Home-Journal is brilliant both in the make-up and in the list of contributions, containing several full-page drawings of unusual merit. Among the contents, exclusive of the matter in the regular department are Elizabeth Lincoln Gould's "Little Men Play," founded upon Miss Alcott's famous story of that name; "The Fourteenth Man," a story by Joseph Blethen; "The Christmas Days at Rock Farm," by R. G. Havers. There are several especially timely articles, notably Edward Bok's editorial on the subject of Christmas. The departments contain numberless ideas and suggestions for the holiday season. The journal is steadily increasing in interest and promises to cover a large literary and artistic field during the coming year. Published by the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

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