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News Summary.

DOMINION.

— Wolfville, N. S., is agitating for incorporation.

— Windsor has exported 124,000 tons of plaster during the year.

— Yarmouth voted against incorporation—304 against 146.

— There are 112 applications for liquor licenses in Halifax city.

— The gross earnings of the C. P. R. during the past year are estimated at $14,000,000—net $4,000,000.

— At the last meeting of the Halifax city council an assessment of $268,000 was ordered for next year.

— The anthracite coal mines at Anthracite, B. C., are to be opened immediately.

— Large quantities of finnan haddies have been shipped from Digby to Montreal via Yarmouth and Boston.

— A beacon light has been placed on the pier at Belliveau's Cove, Digby, Co., N. S., by the dominion government.

— Yarmouth has decided against Town Incorporation by a majority vote of about 168. Amherst has voted in favor, 173 to 153.

— A number of Belgians, none of whom can speak English, have arrived at the Joggins coal mines with their families.

— Sixty-one thousand head of cattle and 46,000 sheep have been exported from St. Lawrence ports during the past season.

— An eight year old boy of John Maginty, West Caledenia, Queens Co., N. S., was horribly mutilated by the household dog the other day.

— The Dominion election in Cumberland has resulted in the return of Mr. Dickey by a majority of 1000 to 1100 votes.

— The Nova Scotia sugar refinery have declared a half-yearly dividend of 10 per cent., making 15 per cent. for the year. They have also declared a bonus of 10 per cent.

— Yarmouth's imports this year aggregated $640,000, and its exports $838,500. It has 111,273 tons of shipping on its registry, a decrease of 5,169 tons.

— The employes of the New Brunswick railway are to be reduced 10 per cent. in wages, commencing on New Year's and extending for two months.

— The cotton mill at Hamilton, Ont., has orders for its productions which it will take until July to be executed. Orders from China, which could not be filled, have been refused.

— It is rumored that the federal government will grant a subsidy of $50,000 yearly for three years to a Quebec company formed for the development of the gulf seal fisheries.

— The erection of grain elevators at Quebec is under consideration of the harbor commissioners. The minister of public works will be interviewed on the subject.

— A company is about being formed at Gaspe, with a capital of $500,000 to carry on the fishery trade of Labrador. It intends to construct special steam vessels for the work.

— It is rumored that John M. Egan, who for some time pas divisional manager of the C. P. R., will be appointed general manager, vice Van Horne, who is now president of the company.

— Government have decided to erect a steel bridge at Grand Narrows on the Cape Breton Railway, to replace the ferry which was at one time thought to be sufficiently practicable. The estimated cost is $500,000.

— In King's County, Prince Edward Island, eight convictions are reported in November of as many persons for infringement of the Scott Act. The fine is $50, or two months imprisonment.

— On Xmas day, John Curtis, Inglisville, at a shooting match, by the bursting of his gun, had his left hand so mangled as to require the amputation of two fingers. He was attended by Dr. Morse, Lawrencetown.

— The exact population of Toronto, as shown by the recent census, is 166,809. From omissions which have come to light it is supposed that the real population is little short of 170,000, exclusive of Parkdale.

— The Dominion Safety Fund Life Association of St. John, N. B., has won an exceptional record for prompt payment of its losses, and for equitable dealing with its members. All its policies are, by their terms, indisputable after being in force three years.

— John Gunn, the oldest postmaster in the Dominion, and one of the oldest inhabitants of Pictou Co., N. S., passed away on Thursday morning, at the advanced age of 92. Mr. Gunn lived in Hopewell (Pictou) for over 50 years, and was among its first settlers.

— Advance sheets of the trade returns for the last fiscal year show the aggregrate trade of Canada to have been $201,000,000, of which $90,000,000 were exports. The imports for home consumption aggregated $102,000,000, Duties collected, $22,200,000.

— The gold mining men of Nova Scotia are agitating for a Dominion assay official at Halifax, so that proper methods of assaying gold bars may be pursued. As things are at present, the bars of gold have to go to Philadelphia mint before their value can be ascertained.

— The postmaster general's report for the last fiscal year shows an increase in the postal revenue of $150,000. The annual postal travel in Canada is estimated at nearly 25,000,000 of miles. an increase of 56,000 during the year, Eighty million letters and 16,000,000 postal cards passed throught he Canadian mails during the year.

— The MESSENGER AND VISITOR returns thanks to J. Sidney Kaye, general agent of the Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool, G. B., for a generous supply of blotters and calendars issued by the Royal.

— The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Railway company give notice of an application to parliament for an act empowering the company to extend its line of railway from its junction with the Intercolonial at Sackville to Wood Point and to a deep water terminus on the Bay of Fundy.

Mr. J. C. Stewart, comptroller of postal finances, died at Ottawa Wednesday evening. He was 49 years old. Mr. Stewart organized the Dominion post office savings bank and was appointed its first superintendent 25th January, 1868. On the amalgamation of the savings bank and money order branches, Mr. Stewart was appointed superintendent of both branches, 1st October, 1881.

— Hugh Curry, of Grand Mira, N.S., met with a sad death the other day, under the following circumstances: He intended to go gunning, and went to the barn to load his gun; while so engaged it must have exploded prematurely, for when his mother went to call him for dinner she found him dead, the charge of shot having entered the side of his neck, causing him to bleed to death. He was a son of Hugh Curry, Grand Mira, and was in the 17th year of his age.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

— The war ship Hyacinth has taken possession of the Harvey islands in the Pacific, in the name of the British government.

— Japan is likely soon to be thrown open to foreign commerce. England and Russia are rivals for political supremacy in that country.

— An attempt has been made to blow up the office of the commissary of police in Paris with a dynamite bomb. Nobody was injured.

— The leading French soldiers condemn Boulanger's action in deciding to contest the vacant seat for the department of Seine. A strong government clique is organizing to oppose him.

— Henry A. Blake, whose appointment as governor of Queensland was opposed by the people of that country, has been appointed governor of Jamaica.

— Inquiry into the recent accident to the Czar's train results in attributing the disaster to criminal conspiracy. All recently discharged railway employes will shortly be arrested.

— The Emperor of China has conferred marks of distinction upon Prince Bismark, Herr Krupp and Herr Sultow, the president of the Vulcan company, as a token that China is satisfied with the building of Chinese ironclads in Germany.

— Work on the Panama canal continues, but on some sections labor has been reduced. Some 2,000 men have been discharged the past two months owing to disputes between the canal company and the contractors. It is not expected more workmen will be dispensed with.

— A crisis appears to be imminent in the Bolton (England) cotton trade. A portion of the employes are now on strike and refuse to return to work until their demands are complied with. Masters complain of bad work, and threaten to order a general lockout unless work is improved and strikers return to work. The operatives are amply supplied with funds, and defy the masters. A prolonged struggle is feared.

— In the French Senate last week Admiral Vernon stated that the English had erected lobster canning factories on the French shore of Newfoundland, greatly to the prejudice of French fishermen. The minister of foreign affairs stated that French fishermen did not require Newfoundland bait. The government would cause the removal of the factories at once. He assured the senate that the government would neglect nothing calculated to develop the French fisheries.

UNITED STATES.

— The value of all crops in Iowa this year is estimated at $240,000,000.

— The close time for trout fishing in Maine waters has arrived. The season for fishing begins February 1st.

— Miss Hattie M. Burr, of Bangor, Me., has been commissioned to solemnize marriages, administer oaths and acknowledge deeds.

— There was a $300,000 fire at Cincinnati on the 25th. It burned factories and dwellings covering three acres. near the corner of Budd and Harriet streets.

— The entire business portion of Marblehead, Mass., was destroyed by fire Tuesday night, the 25th inst. Seven acres were burned over and some 60 buildings destroyed. Loss $500,000.

— Charles Gleck, 14, went into a magazine at Mount Pleasant, Ohio, last week, which contained 210 kegs of powder and ten cases of dynamite, with a lighted cigar in his mouth, and a spark ignited the powder. Gleck was blown into atoms, and several others injured.

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His Father's Flower.

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We have lately heard the history of another flower whose errand into the world was as strange and pathetic.

The prisoners in the Eastern Penitentiary in Pennsylvania were formerly subjected to solitary confinement. The warden at that time was a man who took a keen personal interest in his prisoners, and tried to be a helpful friend to them, as well as an inexorable jailer.

One man, Benedict, sentenced for five years for forgery, was inaccessible to any friendly approach. He was evidently a man of some education, although belonging to the working-class; but he was possessed with a dumb, bitter rage against God and all his fellowmen.

In the third year of his imprisonment he was attacked by a slow, incurable disease, and lay day after day upon his pallet without speaking, a prey to his own wretched and foul thoughts. The only answer he made to the pleadings of the warden or chaplain was to glare at them savagely.

One day a fellow-prisoner, who was discharged, sent to "Ben" a broken pitcher in which was growing a little plant. The warden himself carried it to him.

"One of the men heard you were sick, and sent you this. He raised it from the seed in his cell."

Benedict grunted, and did not open his eyes. The warden set it down beside him. The perfume of the flower soon filled the cell.

Benedict started up eagerly. "Where is the mignonette? Oh! there."

He lay down, ashamed of his emotions, but his eyes were fixed on the little flower, and the color receded from his face, leaving it very pale. Presently he put out his hand and touched it gently.

"My father," he said, as though the words were wrung from him, "always had the garden full of this weed—*at home*."

The warden wisely went out and left the man alone. He knew that the memories it wakened were stronger than any words which he could speak.

It was a month before Benedict died. A stranger would have thought him savage and sullen to the last, but the warden saw that while the perfume of this flower was near him, he could not forget his innocent childhood, or the father, whom it appeared he had loved better than anybody in the world.

"The old man," he said gruffly, one day, "who made the mistake of bringing me into the world, was a Baptist. If one of his kind of preachers was here, perhaps I'd listen to him."

A Baptist minister was brought, and he did listen, though still silent. As he drew near the end, there was a change in the whole man. His voice softened; he spoke gently; at times his eyes were full of a terrible wordless sadness. He kept the little brown plant near to him, watered and tendered it constantly.

"It sort of makes me a boy again," he said one day, with a smile; the first the warden had ever seen on his face.

The day he died he kept his hand jealously on the pot. "Father liked to have it around—at home," he muttered, as if in apology.

"Do you believe in the Christian faith, my friend?" asked the clergyman, seeing that the end was near.

"I believe in my father's God. *He* knows me. *He'll* forgive me."

He did not speak again, but fell into a stupor. An hour later, he shivered once or twice, then all was still; the little pot of mignonette fell broken to the floor. It had done its work.—*Youth's Companion.*

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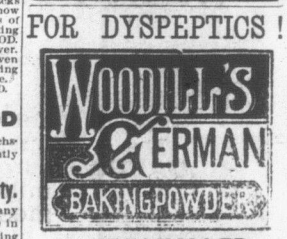

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