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Hon. Edward Blake, M. P., has been nominated for the Chancellorship of the University of Toronto, and it is understood he will accept the position if elected.

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Councillor Smith, of Sambro, who was in the city yesterday, told a reporter that the cod fishery on the coast east and west of Halifax for this summer, is a failure. No fish have been taken. Some good hauls of mackerel and herring were made at Pennant and Terrance Bay Wednesday.

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Amherst Press: An old man named William Day, of Georges River, North Sydney, was killed on Wednesday by a buill. The animal was owned by a neighboring farmer and Day attempted to drive him from his field, when the bull attacked him and running him up against a fence gored him almost to death. He lived only an hour afterwards. The man was about 75 years old, and was father of Councillor Day, of Georges River.

Save the Amherst Press: The weather.

Day, of Georges River.

Says the Amherst Press: The weather during the past two or three weeks has been highly favorable for the rust or smut of wheat, and during that time it developed seriously. A large area of land was this year sown in wheat in this locality and there are some fields that are being cut down now and used as hay or plowed under, the rust having made a crop impossible. The spores of rust develop best in warm, moist weather such as has prevailed here this month.

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Sussex has organized for the plebiscite with J. S. Trites, president; H. A. White, 1st vice-president; J. E. Slipp, 2nd vice-president; W. N. Bigger, secretary, and Chas. Erb, treasurer. The ministers in the parish have been asked to preach one or more temperance sermons between now and the time of election. The following were appointed a committee to, canvass the parish and assist in organizing in other sections: J. S. Trites, W. H. White, Joshua Prescott, H. W. Folkins, Jessie L. Prescott and Charles Erb.

A Gloucester despatch says: "The package of papers taken by the crew of package of papers taken by the crew of the schooner Florence, of this port, from the body of Candido Diaz, who perished in the La Bourgogne disaster, and sent by express from Canso, N. S., were received Monday afternoon by John Pew & Son, owners of the vessel. Messrs. Pew say that the value of the papers is yet to be determined. One is a letter of credit from a Paris bank for \$40,000. The firm's counsel will look after the interests of the vessel in the case, which is unparalleled in local annals."

The wheat farmers of the great West are now engaged in harvesting the largest crop ever known in the nation's his tory, and the only embarrassment the farmers are laboring under is the diffi-culty of getting farm hands to assist in the It is more difficult to get ten hands now than it was to get foo twelve months ago. As a result it is feared that some of the grain in Minnesota and the Dakotas will probably go unharvested and loss follow. Farmers are paying \$2 a day and found, and with the threshing season following the harvest, work will likely last till January, making the season pay a neat \$120 in clear profit to the worker

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Mews Summary.

There were seventeen failures in Canada this week, against thirty in the corresponding week of 1897.

The celebrated watchmaker, Lobner, of Berlin, has perfected a mechanism capable of measuring and recording the thousandth part of a second.

The district of Carmarthenshire, Wales, was swept by a tornado on Thursday. Great damage was done. Traffic was paralyzed and the people were panic striken.

The Russian government has ordered a 5,000-ton ironclad cruiser from the Krupp works at Kiel, and a similar vessel from the Vulcan works at Stettin.

At a series of bull fights at the village of Vicalvaro, four miles from Madrid, on Monday, twenty-eight persons were injured.

The Northwest Review denies the report that any satisfactory settlement has been reached regarding the Manitoba school difficulty.

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Returns compiled by Mr. George Johnson show that there are in Canada 559 creameries, 2,558 cheese factories and 203 factories producing both butter and cheese.

M. de Staal, the Russian ambassador to Great Britain, according to a special despatch from St. Petersburg, will soon retire from London and be succeeded by Count Cashini, Russian ambassador to the United States.

A passenger train on the Union Colliery.

A passenger train on the Union Colliery Coal Railway on Vancouver Island plunged down through the Trent River bridge, a distance of 120 feet. Six people were killed and three injured.

C. W. de Pauw, who failed in New Albany, Ind., a few days ago, had liabilities of \$350,000 and assets of \$45,000. Banks in New Albany, Indianapolis, Chicago and Louisville, suffer considerably.

There were several thunder storms on Thursday in various parts of England with heavy rains and hail. In the low lying districts many house were flooded and there was considerable divinge to crops.

Gov. Budd, of Callifornia, has commuted the sentence of John Corbett, who has been serving a five years sentence at San Quentinfor burglary. His term would have expired next Thursday. He is a brother of James Corbett, the puglist.

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Sis William Augustus Fraser, Bart., the author, and one of the Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, is dead. Sir William was born in 1826 and succeeded his father in the baronetcy in 1834, and was formerly a captain in First Life Guards. He was a member of parliament and an author of some note.

The annual congress of the institute of international law opened at The Hague Thursday. The minister of foreign affairs of the Netherlands, Dr. K. H. Beaufort, in welcoming the delegates, referred to the Spanish-American war as "a cruel disappointment." Nevertheless, he declared, the sentiment in favor of the solidarity of the neonless was progressing. the peoples was progressing.

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Says the St. John Telegraph: Diver Frank Henrion, of the West End, with scow and assistants, returned home Tuesday from the scene of the wrecked brig of war Plumper, which was sunk in 1812. The brig was located but is not intact. A large lead scupper was secured and brought up. Mr. Henrion says that for the past few days there was a heavy undertow, and as soon as a more favorable opportunity offers he will go down again, when another attempt will be made to get hold of some of the specie.

It is yet too early to give an accurate statement of the extent of the losses sustained by the United States troops in battle during the war, but the figures now given out in Washington furnish what may be regarded as a very close approximation of the killed and seriously wounded. The losses of the United States have been almost exclusively of the army at Santiago. The report of the dead and wounded as 21 officers and 1,197 men wounded, and 84 enlisted men missing. There is not yet any report of casualties at Mamila.

At the conference of colonial premiers with Mr. Chamberlain last year, a proposition was made and favorably considered to institute an exchange of military units between Great Britain and the colonial brigade will go to Great Britain are, that it shall remain for two years; that it shall not be called upon for foreign I received in Great Britain are, that it shall remain for two years; that it shall not be called upon for foreign I received in Great Britain are, that it shall remain for two years; that it shall not be called upon for foreign I service; that the pay shall be that intervinally received in Great Britain. It is probable an affirmative answer will be sent by the Dominion government.



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