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News Summary.

DOMINION.

The Secretary of Agriculture for N. B. has made arrangements with the I. C. R., and expects to do so with the N. B. R., for half fares for all who desire to attend the horse sale at Fredericton on the 30th inst.

An Ottawa despatch to an exchange says: The railway department has received encouraging advice from Cape Breton regarding progress of work on the island railway. Operations will be carried for the snow disappears, giving employment to thousands of men. So far several miles of rail have been graded, ready to receive road. Extensive docks will be built at Port Tupper on the Strait of Canso.

William Fisher, of Middle Siewickie, came to Truro on the 8th inst. and not feeling well applied to a doctor, who gave him 24 pills to be taken "one each day." By some means unknown he got the idea that the pills were a powder and took 22 at once, and though every effort was used to save him, he died on Saturday morning. He was an old man but quite vigorous.

The financial statement of the Starr manufacturing company, Halifax, for the year ending 28th February, 1887, shows the net profits for the year as \$13,223.74.

The liquor dealers have largely backed down from their position of defiance to the new law and about 80 have taken out licenses. The number of liquor shops last year was 160.

Among the officers who are to take a three months' course of instruction at the Kingston, Ontario, military school are Captain McLaughlin, 67th Carleton, N. B., light infantry, Captain Palmer, Prince Edward Island garrison artillery, Charlottetown, and Captain Mansell, 8th Princess Louise (King's, N. B.) Hussars.

The P. E. I. House of Assembly will meet for despatch of business, on Tuesday, 29th inst.

Fredericton is to have a new deaf and dumb asylum.

The sixteenth general annual meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of P. E. Island, was held at Charlottetown on the 3rd. The printed statements show that the net profits of the year amounted to \$15,029.45, or about 11 per cent. on the capital of the bank. The business of the year has been favorable and the outlook is good.

The steamer "Electra" built for the Eastern Lobster Co., and intended for the lobster fisheries, was launched at Acadia, N. S., on Thursday, 18th February, and was a "well," for carrying from 25,000 to 30,000 live lobsters in bulk, the water in which is kept in circulation by an independent steam pump placed in the engine room; and will have a room to carry lobsters packed in cases with ice.

Mr. Frank Selton, of this town, owns a cow which from Saturday, 13th February to Saturday, 26th February, made 15 lb. butter; and from the 26th to the 6th March, 15 lb. the better. In addition Mr. Selton sold 21 quarts of milk and a pint of cream. The cow is half Jersey. This, we think, is the best record in the county.—*Leicester Times*

A special meeting of the Dominion Alliance, (Toronto) has been appointed to draft a prohibitory bill to be submitted at the coming session of parliament.

Early on Friday morning, the Canadian Pacific express for Toronto ran into the rear portion of a freight train stationary on the main line near Fredericton, plunging with terrific force into the rear car, breaking it to pieces and igniting its cargo of vitrol. Fire spread rapidly in all directions and ten cars of the freight train were, with their contents, consumed. The engine of the express was totally wrecked and the most remarkable portions of it were burned. The fire extended to the tender and the first car of the passenger train before a relief engine could be got to draw off the rest. No lives lost.

Mr. J. M. Reid is at a Halifax hotel with a bar of gold from the Oxford mines, East Chesterbrook, which weighs 131 ounces, and is worth about \$2,500. It is the result of two weeks' work.

One of the most promising and praiseworthy efforts to definitely solve the problem of "pure insurance" is that of The Dominion Safety Fund Life Association. It appears to have taken upon itself a happy solution of most of the difficulties connected with the system, while preserving its principles with strict fidelity.—*Insurance Society, Montreal.*

The Nova Scotia government call for tenders for a new loan of \$100,000, with interest at 4 per cent. payable half yearly.

The prospectus of the *Maritime Monthly*, a journal devoted to the interests of stock raising, has been issued by Mr. John Wallace, of Fredericton, N. B.

Ten thousand dollars have been subscribed at Ottawa for a new Y. M. C. A. building.

The Quebec legislature re-opened on the 16th. The government intends inviting the governments of other provinces and that of the Dominion to examine the question of their financial and other relations with the federal government.

At the annual meeting of the St. John Log Driving company, held last week, the rates of driving are fixed as follows, per thousand feet, from several points to Fredericton boom: Grand Falls, 30 cents; Salmon River, 11 cents; Arctostock Falls, 15 cents; Tobique, 14 cents; Big Presque Isle, 9 cents; Beagumic, 9 cents; Medixnakeg, 9 cents.

Halifax will celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by contributing \$3,000, towards establishing a School of Design, and spending \$5,000 on a grand jollification. St. John's commends will recommend the erection of building to accommodate the Free Public Library, the National History Society, and the Historical Society, to cost in the vicinity of \$30,000. A meeting of citizens will be held at an early date to consider the matter.

One thanks to Mr. Campbell for a bunch of Mayflowers placed on our table yesterday.—*Leicester, N. S. Times.*

A frame building was destroyed by fire, at Bracebridge, Ont., on the 15th. When discovered it had made such headway as to render it impossible to save either building or contents. As soon as the fire could be extinguished search was made among the debris and the charred remains of Hugh Dennison and his wife, the occupants, were found in different parts of the ruins.

The war office authorities have made arrangements for the transportation from

Canada to London during the coming season of 3,000 horses for artillery trains.

At a consistory at Rome on Thursday, five new cardinals were created. The Pope also recognized the new archbishops and bishops in Canada, the United States and Australia.

Under the Septennate bill passed by the German Reichstag, the army will be increased from 427,000 to 468,000 men, and the number of field batteries will be increased from 340 to 364. A corresponding increase in the budget will bring the annual military expenditure from \$168,000,000 up to the annual expenditure of France, \$170,000,000. Britain \$148,000,000 and Italy \$160,000,000. This makes \$888,000,000 for five nations, and if the army expenses of Austria, Turkey, and the lesser nations be added, the grand total of the annual military burden of Europe will be nearly \$1,000,000,000. Such armaments as these are incompatible with a long continuance of peace.

A terrible prison mutiny has occurred at Bevel, in the Russian province of Esthonia, on the Gulf of Finland. The revolt included 300 prisoners, who rebelled against the prison authorities because the governor provided them with bad food. The governor, in fear of his life, took refuge in a guard house, which was defended by four soldiers, he succeeded in escaping to surrender on condition that the governor should be dismissed from his post. The governor would make no conditions, and at his order the soldiers fired repeatedly on the unprotected prisoners, and kept up the massacre until the mutinous mob were led to the ground. Fifty were killed and a number wounded. This crushed the rebellion, and the governor of the province has since congratulated the governor of the prison on maintaining order at any cost.

London was enveloped in a remarkable darkness one day last week. At noon it was as dark as midnight in the entire region bounded by Charing Cross, Whitehall and the Strand, the atmosphere being pitchy black. In the east and southwest portions of the city it was somewhat clearer. Snow was falling heavily at the time.

A few days ago, at St. Petersburg, while the Czar of Russia was returning from the Russian station in Cathedra, St. Peter and St. Paul, a bomb attached to a cord was thrown in his direction. The intention was to tighten the string which was connected with the mechanism and thus explode the bomb, but before it could be executed the criminal and a suspected accomplice were seized. It was found that they lived together in a lodging house in a suburb of the city. The police visited this house and discovered there a quantity of explosives and a number of revolutionary pamphlets. Over 200 persons have already been arrested in connection with the case. The German police and the Russian authorities that an attempt was to be made against the Czar's life but the latter failed to trace the plotters. One of six students arrested in connection with the plot, carried a hollow book containing a bottle filled with dynamite and poisoned bullets. The others had parcels and bags containing bombs. It is alleged that a woman was arrested who had a bomb concealed in her muff. Queen Victoria has sent a telegram to the Czar congratulating him on his escape. The Prince of Wales has visited the Russian ambassador and expressed the grief of himself and Princess of Wales that such an attempt had been made on the life of the Czar and their congratulations upon his escape. The Pope also has telegraphed to the Czar congratulating him on his escape from assassination.

The parliamentary committee appointed to investigate the charges against the London corporation held its first session last week, Lord Hartington presiding. Mr. Firth, formerly a member of parliament, deposed that he had examined the accounts of the corporation. He found a special committee had been appointed in 1882 to oppose the reform bill, and that there was expended by the committee a total of £50,000. He said that practically the city accounts had never been audited, notwithstanding the fact that the corporation employed so-called auditors, who, witness added, were lively men, without practical knowledge of their duties. Meetings held in support of the reform bill were raised by roughs, who had been supplied with thousands of forged tickets of admission by corporation officials. A man named Hodge made affidavit that he had been engaged to bribe roughs to break up the reform meetings. Mr. Scott, city chamberlain, being sworn presented a written official protest against the production of the corporation's accounts on the ground that in demanding accounts and acted in a manner derogatory to the rights and privileges of the corporation.

An Engine and tender went through the Vincent trestle, 12 miles from Marietta, Ohio, on the 16th, and the engine and fireman, were killed; and conductor and brakeman badly scalded.

The failure of Poole, Hubbell & Co., probably the largest house in the sugar trade of the Philippines, was announced in New York by cable on Tuesday, and caused great excitement in the trade. Their failure is attributed to the steady decline in the price of sugar, of which they have carried a large amount for a long time. It is supposed that eastern banks are principally interested in the failure.

A panic occurred at the Roman Catholic Church of the Nativity, Chicago, on St. Patrick's Day. The church was completely crowded. All at once there was a sharp crack, followed by a grinding crash, and fully 200 men, women and children were precipitated to the ground, uniform having given way. Twenty-three persons in all received more or less serious injuries. Many people were injured by being trampled on.

At Buffalo, N. Y., early Friday morning fire occurred in one of the large hotels, and spread so rapidly, many of the inmates were unable to escape. About thirty are seriously injured, and a number must have perished in the flames. The total loss by fire is about \$400,000.

An ice gorge near the city of Bismarck, Dakota, broke on the 18th, and carried everything before it. A warehouse nearly 700 feet in length was moved bodily over 30 feet, and sent crashing against the bluffs.

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