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**News Summary.**

The international exhibition at Cork was opened on Thursday.

A large number of counterfeit \$2 bills are in circulation in Toronto.

Eight hundred men for the fourth contingent left Winnipeg on Thursday for Halifax.

Sergeant Sheldon, of the C. P. R., has been reduced to the rank of corporal for having been found intoxicated.

The latest election figures from France show that 248 Ministerialists and 163 anti-Ministerialists have been elected to the Chamber of Deputies.

W. A. McLeod, merchant, of Rat Portage, was arrested at Winnipeg on Thursday on a charge of defrauding the Bank of Ottawa out of \$7,000.

Howard Munro, aged 28, a lobster fisherman, was killed off White Head Friday afternoon. He was struck by the main boom of a vessel and knocked overboard.

Contractor Anderson is making good progress with the work of fitting up the new rifle range at St. Marys, York county, and expects to have it completed some time during the present month.

The executive of the National Council of Women met at Montreal on Tuesday under the presidency of Mrs. Robert Thomson, of St. John. The annual meeting will be held at St. John, N. B., July 3 to 9.

J. Y. Cain, of Winnipeg, late accountant in the court house, was committed for trial Thursday on thirteen charges of forgery and uttering forged checks to a total of \$2,324. The charges date from 1895.

At a special meeting of the Amherst town council to consider tenders for a system of sewerage, the tender of Clarke & Connolly, of Toronto, was accepted. The contract price for material and work is \$49,480.

The coroner's jury of Kingston, Ont., returned a verdict of accidental homicide in the case of the schoolboy Sharp, who on Monday shot Beatrice Holland at Frontenac school. They believe the boy did not think the revolver was loaded.

The Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways have closed contracts with the Dominion Coal Company, which aggregate half a million tons. That of the Canadian Pacific is for the current year, while the Grand Trunk's contract is for next season.

The North Sydney Herald building, on Water street, opposite the post office, occupied by A. C. Bertram, proprietor of the Herald, and by Sydney Salter, lumber merchant, took fire at 8:30 Friday evening in the press room. At 9 p. m. the fire was under control. All the printing materials in the Herald establishment are destroyed. The building and plant were insured. Mr. Bertram is in Ottawa.

A sad accident occurred in the Bay of Fundy Thursday afternoon. A boat manned by Marvin Morehouse and Egbert Robbins filled and went to the bottom. John and Herbert Holmes managed to rescue Morehouse, but were too late to save his companion. The accident took place off Sandy Cove. The deceased was 21 years of age, was unmarried and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Robbins.

Yarmouth, the birth place of the Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia, invites the Order's representatives to meet with the Grand Division on Wednesday, May 7th. The present aspect of Temperance Reform, viz.: Inspiring evidence of growth, of new life, of renewed vigour, in contrast to Legislative insensibility and inertia; the consideration of "What Next?" all help to invest the coming meeting with interest and importance. The Order has added over 1800 to its membership the past quarter.

It is shown by the U. S. naval report for 1902 that the total number of vessels of the United States navy, built and building, is 135, and the total cost will be \$235,082,209. The report adds that comparatively few of them have any real fighting value. Naval prowess lies almost entirely in 18 battleships, 8 armored cruisers and 21 protected cruisers. The rest of the ships would cut but little figure in actual war.

Eric Sharp, a 15 year old boy, and Beatrice Holland, a bright girl of 14, had a little tiff in the cloak room of the public school at Kingston, Ont., on Monday. Sharp pulled a revolver and shot the girl dead. Young Sharp says the girl tipped his hat and he threatened to shoot, and when he pulled the revolver out of his pocket it went off accidentally. The scholars say Sharp told the girl if she did not stop fooling he would shoot her, and he drew the revolver, aimed and fired, and then made his escape, but gave himself up to the police.

A dozen cases of small pox were reported to the Ontario health department on Monday.

The Ottawa Northern and Western Railway passed into the control of the Canadian Pacific on Thursday.

George Reyno, a fisherman at Herring Cove, was seriously stabbed during a fight there Monday night. The knife blade pierced his lung. No arrests have been made.

Abbe Tanguay, the well known French Canadian historian and geologist, died at Ottawa, Monday, aged 83. He was one of the original members of the Royal Society of Canada.

Judge Dewey, of Boston, on Monday discharged Luigi Gratti, an Italian, who had stabbed a man for calling him "scab" and assaulting him when he had taken a striking workman's place.

Carl W. Grant, at Malden, Mass., tried to kill himself while under arrest. Grant is said to have made a confession that he had taken \$1,500 from the Congregational Publishing House, in the Boston office, of which he was employed as shipping clerk.

The correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph at Pretoria says that General Botha, with other Boer leaders, attended meetings of the Utrecht and Vryheid commandos last week. At these meetings a strong opinion in favor of peace was expressed.

Lord Kitchener reports: "Since April 21st 25 Boers have been killed, 78 have been taken prisoners and 25 have surrendered. There has been desultory fighting in various sections of the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony. The garrison at O'Kiep, Cape Colony, successfully held out until it was relieved by the columns."

In the graduating class of the Baltimore Dental College this year, out of 100 students 9 were Canadians. One of them took the first prize, one the second prize, and six got honorable mention. Among the latter was Mr. O. B. Moore, son of locomotive engineer Joseph H. Moore, sr., of the Shediac Branch.

John Brown, a colored man who was under arrest at Sydney for shooting Malcolm Ferguson, escaped from the county jail and left a note stating that he was going to the seashore about sixty miles away for air, that he would return to trial if alive and to "terrify the court if dead."

At Halifax Tuesday at the convocation of Dalhousie, held in the Academy of Music, the degree of M. D. C. M. was conferred on 21, the largest number in the history of the Medical College. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Martin Joseph Griffin, librarian to the Parliament of Canada, and on Robert Murray, editor of the Presbyterian Witness.

The divorce bill, introduced by Earl Russell, was thrown out in the House of Lords on Thursday. The bill provided for divorce on five grounds in addition to the causes already valid in England. The Lord Chancellor, Earl Halsbury, said, it was an outrage that the bill should have been introduced. The Lord Chancellor then moved its rejection, which was carried.

The transport Cestrian, which will sail from Halifax on the 8th inst., will have the 3rd Regiment and two squadrons of the 4th Regiment under Mayor O'Farrell. The Winnifred, which will sail on the 15th, will have the 6th Regiment and the headquarters and two squadrons of the 4th Regiment. The Cornishian, which will sail on the 20th, will have the 5th Regiment on board.

The Ogilvie Milling Company, which has made several advances in the price of flour, announces another move up of 5 cents a barrel, making \$4.30 for Hungarian and \$4.20 for Glenora patent. The Lake of the Woods Milling Company has made no change since the other company commenced the advances and their prices for what are commonly called the same grade of goods are now 30 cents a barrel lower. As these big concerns have always sold their goods on the same price basis the situation has caused much comment in trade.

The British columns are now in close touch with the British garrison at O'Kiep and the relief of the British force there is practically completed. The plucky little garrison at O'Kiep has been closely invested by the Boers for weeks past and has put up a defence which can be compared to that of Mafeking. On the night of April 15 forty Boers rushed an outpost on a kopje held by twenty of the British garrison. The Boers were repulsed and the British had four men wounded. Heliograph communication has now been established between O'Kiep and Klipfontein, 50 miles distant.


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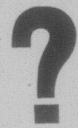
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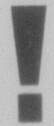
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