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The Annual Statement of the Institution Just Issued.

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EXPLOSION AT HALIFAX

Intercolonial Railway Locomotive Blows Up and Does Great Damage.

Halifax, N. S., May 14.—Locomotive No. 187 of the Intercolonial railroad blew up in the roundhouse at Richmond this morning, and caused heavy damage to property. The engine was blown to fragments, parts landing several hundred feet from the scene. The loss will be \$25,000.

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PREPARING FOR THE PLEBISCITE

Views of the Lignor Men Laid Before Messrs Laurier and Cartwright Yesterday.

Four Points for the Government to Consider in Submitting the Plebiscite.

Bill to Incorporate the Kaslo and Ladang Duncan Railway Passes Railway Committee.

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Liquor men met Messrs. Laurier and Cartwright yesterday in the tower room of the house of commons. Mr. Haverston, solicitor of the Ontario license holders, addressed the ministers on behalf of the liquor men of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Manitoba.

First—Inasmuch as the plebiscite vote was a Dominion-wide vote, the list to be used in placing that vote before the people of the Dominion should be the Dominion voters' list as it is at present, with the repeating vote struck out.

Second—That an absolute majority of the electors of the entire Dominion and Territories be required before the government take any steps to introduce a measure in the direction of prohibition.

Third—That when submitting the question to the people, the government should submit the following question: "Are you in favor of direct taxation in order to make up the deficit which will be caused if prohibition is brought into effect?"

Fourth—That compensation be granted to those who will be affected by the introduction of prohibition.

Hon. Mr. Laurier in reply agreed that the Dominion lists should be used. There should be only one man, one vote. As to the question of taxation there was no other course open if prohibition was adopted than to resort to collecting the tax of \$50,000,000 in the revenue except direct taxation.

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OVER A HUNDRED KILLED.

Frightful Accident to a Military Train in Russia.

St. Petersburg, May 15.—The particulars of the disaster which befell a military train on Thursday evening between Ruchenof and Eliva, shows it to have been due to the cars crossing a low embankment which had been submerged and undermined by the recent floods in that district. The engine toppled over, dragging with it fifteen covered trucks filled with soldiers and two second-class carriages. All the cars were shattered and now lie in a heap of ruins covering the track for a distance of ninety yards. In the panic which followed the accident many of the soldiers jumped into the water and were drowned. Special trains were sent to the scene of the disaster for the purpose of recovering twenty-four bodies have been recovered, and the remains of sixty additional victims are beneath the debris.

A COMMON DANGER.

Austrian Manufacturers Fear the American Tariff.

Vienna, May 14.—At a large convention of Austrian manufacturers held here yesterday it was resolved to call upon the government to undertake to conclude international agreements with European powers with a view of "effectually meeting the common danger of European economy arising from the prohibitive tariff policy of the United States."

If sick headache is misery, what are Carr's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

VICTORIA CONSULSHIP.

Tscoma's City Treasurer Declines to Accept the Position.

Tocoma, May 14.—W. J. Sternberg, city treasurer, has refused the appointment of consul to Victoria, B. C., offered to him by President McKinley. The reason he gives for refusing the appointment is that he promised to give his support to W. A. Woodson, United States commissioner at this place, who is an applicant for the position. Sternberg is an applicant for the position of Japanese consul, and promised to throw his strength to Worden if the latter would support him for that position.

It is asked last night that Sternberg recommended the name of Worden for the Victoria consulate, which is worth \$3,000 per annum, doing so because he had promised so to do, in the face of an almost certain defeat for the consulate to be appointed by the president.

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