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SUMMARY NEWS.

Dominion.

Work has been begun on the Amherst waterworks system.

Hardy Bent, colored, reported missing from Digby, has returned home.

The crops in the Lake St. John district are reported to be in fair condition.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co., is shipping 1,000 tons of wheat and 5,000 barrels of flour to Sydney, Australia.

Owen Clawson, of Brantford, Ont., partook of toad stools in mistake for mushrooms on Sunday and died from poisoning.

Captain David Melville, a retired sea captain of St. Stephen, N. B., was drowned in the St. Croix river on Tuesday.

The bank and most of the sloops in Wolfville will now only take American silver at 20 per cent. discount and bills at 5 per cent.

The seventh annual convention of Canadian Stationary Engineers opened at Kingston, Tuesday, with delegates from all parts of Canada.

Truant officer Webster of Halifax has been taking a census and estimates that there are 8,000 children in that city between 8 and 16 years of age.

Dr. Geo. A. Hetherington, who returned on Sunday from an extended trip to Europe, assumed charge of the New Brunswick Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

Canadian inventors are warned against an organization in England called the International Patentees' Agency, which is conducted by one man and is claimed to be a first class swindle.

A committee of Moncton citizens has recommended that the city donate $1,000 to the Johnson Cold Storage company for a building, give free water and light and exempt from taxation.

A man is going about collecting money in the name of the Abell deaf and dumb institution—an institution not now in existence—and the citizens are warned not to give this man any money.

Over one million feet of manufactured lumber at Joggins Mines wharf was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The lumber was owned by J. W. Hunter of Leamington, and was being shipped to South America.

On Saturday the boiler of A. W. Gillingham's saw mill, 40 miles from McLeod, Man., exploded, killing three men named Smith, May and Edsall and injuring another. The mill was completely wrecked.

Inspector Jones had Messrs. E. T. Sturdee and John Schofield before the police magistrate at St. John, N. B., on a charge of handling liquor as brokers without a license. The matter was discussed but no action taken.

Edward Bilman of Albert county, who walked off the Boston train, Wednesday morning while asleep, arrived at St. John, all right. He was but slightly injured, and walked from the place of the accident to the nearest station.

Harry Thompson, son of Mr. John Thompson, formerly teacher in Leinster street school, St. John, N. B., was quite badly injured at Welsford station, Monday. He fell from a staging, a distance of 25 feet. It is feared he is injured internally.

The new St. John pilot boat was launched at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday evening last. She was christened "Howard D. Troop," and is of a very pretty model. She is 95 feet in length over all, 22 feet beam, 9 feet 6 inches deep and registers 69 tons.

The apple crop in the Annapolis Valley is enormous and of excellent quality. Throughout Canada also the crop is good. There will likely be a large trade in apples between Canada and Great Britain this year, as the European crop is reported to be very poor. It is not expected, however, that prices will be high.

Monday afternoon, Frank King, of Somerset street, St. John, while under the influence of liquor staggered in front of electric car No. 32 on Main street, and before the car could be stopped was hit by the fender and thrown violently to the pavement. Dr. Fritz sent him to the hospital. King received a bad cut on the back of the head and his face was badly bruised. Motorman Dykeman and Conductor Banks have been laid off pending an investigation.

The bqetn. Peerless, Captain S. B. Davis, arrived at North Sydney on Sunday from Honfleur, France, after a passage of 24 days. The vessel is discharging ballast at the breakwater and will load coal at the Victoria pier for Chatham, N. B. The Peerless is an excellent sailor and the very fine passage made by her this season is worthy of note. The vessel left Yarmouth on the 9th of April for Barbados, at which port she loaded cargo of molasses for Quebec. At the latter port she loaded cargo of deals, proceeded to Honfleur, and arrived at North Sydney on her return voyage as above stated on the 16th inst. This is a record, said a shipping man, very few masters can boast of. Sydney Herald.

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The H. M. S. Crescent, the flagship of the North American squadron, as already announced, will be here the first week in September.

The remains of Tamar Anderson, aged 81 years, who died in Boston, were brought to the city Saturday and interred in the Rural cemetery, Rev. Dr. Carey officiating.

Wm. Curry, sheriff of Hants Co., died suddenly Saturday morning from heart failure. Deceased was father of Dr. M. A. Curry of Halifax, who married Miss Robertson of St. John. He was in usual health last evening.

The Natural History Society, St. John, N. B., has lately received from Fred J. McNaughton a handsome donation of fossil plants from Joggins Mines, N. S. The specimens represent the principal plants of the carboniferous age, such as pine trees, ferns, calamites and club mosses. In the coal period none of the higher orders of flowering plants are found, but plants similar to pines abound. Ferns also were plentiful, and many beautiful ferns are known. The collection contains some fine specimens, and will be added to the growing geological section of the museum.

United States.

At Troy, N. C., Monday, the boiler of Taft's saw mill exploded, killing five men and injuring four, three of whom will die.

Monday at Eau Clair, Wis., a music hall which was being torn down collapsed, and twenty-five men went down in the ruins. Three were killed and fourteen injured.

Mr. Snyder, an American missionary, has arrived at Liverpool from the Congo Free State. He says he penetrated more than 1,000 miles in the interior of the state, and discovered a large lake.

The United States Consul at Belfast, Ireland, writes to the Department of State at Washington that Canadian furniture dealers are making great efforts to introduce their wares in all parts of the United Kingdom, and that his countrymen will have to be on the alert to compete with them. One agent of an Ontario firm, he says, sold within a week $5,000 worth of furniture in Belfast, and $10,000 worth in Dublin.

The Democratic Honest Money League held a monster meeting in Madison Square Garden, New York, Tuesday evening. The weather was delightfully cool and seating accommodation was provided for 18,000 people. The principal speaker of the evening was Hon. Bourke Cockran, who replied to the speech of Presidential candidate Bryan made in the same building last week. Among other things Mr. Cockran said: "We must raise our hand against the nominee of our party (Bryan), and we must do it to preserve the future of that party itself. We must oppose the nomination of the Chicago convention, and we know full well that the success of our opposition will mean our own exclusion from public life. But we will be consoled and gratified by the reflection that it will prove that the American people cannot be divided into parties on the question of simple morals or of common honesty:

British and Foreign.

It is stated in Paris that the will of ex-Empress Eugenie, drawn recently, favors her namesake, Eugenie, the daughter of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg and Princess Beatrice.

The Manchester ship canal people are making renewed efforts to divert Canadian trade from Liverpool. Marshall Stevens, manager of the canal, sailed on the Lucania, on the 15th, to interview Toronto, Montreal and other houses. Large lumber shipments are now reaching the canal from Canada.

There was a fatal collision between two yachts at the regatta of the Royal Albert Yacht Club at Southsea, England. The Meteor, owned by Emperor William of Germany, collided with the small yacht Isolde, throwing all the latter's crew into the water and fatally injuring her owner Baron Von Sedwitz, who died in a short time. The victim of the accident was a son-in-law of the late Charles Roosevelt of New York.

Hilary A. Herbert, United States secretary of the navy, with his daughter, arrived at Southampton on board the American line steamer St. Louis. As the St. Louis passed Netley, three miles southeast of the port, the United States steamer Minneapolis, which is lying at anchor there, fired a salute in honor of Mr. Herbert, and Admiral Selfridge and his staff, in full uniform, met the secretary upon the dock when he landed at Southampton from St. Louis.

A meeting of the supporters of Timothy Healy, held in Dublin Tuesday night adopted a resolution denouncing the coming nationalist convention as a mere attempt of John Dillon to bolster up his own leadership and to promote his personal ambition. Another resolution was adopted expressing satisfaction that the Irish land bill had been passed by Parliament. Mr. Healy declared that so long as Mr. Dillon was at the head of the nationalists the party would never achieve success. Mr. Murphy, the chairman, denounced the convention as a delusion and a snare for Irishmen in foreign countries.

The ships of the French Mediterranean squadron were practicing artillery firing near Toulon, when the torpedo cruiser Vantour fired her machine guns at a target which was being towed by the battle ship Brennus. Through some fault in the management of the guns, the shot from the Vantour were showered upon the bridge of the Brennus, where Admiral Gervais and the officers of his staff were stationed in the conning tower, observing the practice. The glass in the windows of the tower was shattered and the structure badly injured, but fortunately the admiral and his aids were not hurt. The helmsman of the Brennus, however, was seriously wounded.

Arctic Adventure in 1896.

[N. Y. Tribune.]

The present season is marked with more than ordinary interest in respect of Arctic exploration. More expeditions than usual have been at work, and some results have already been attained. Dr. Nansen has just returned from his daring adventure, crowned with brilliant success. He did not reach the Pole, but he got about two hundred miles nearer to it than any one else had done; he demonstrated the practicability of his peculiar method of exploration, although he partially disproved his own theory of Arctic currents, and he gained a considerable store of information concerning the polar regions which he will presently make the common property of the world. His achievement assures him honorable fame among the most daring and most successful of explorers in the frozen North.

What Mr. Andree is doing is a matter of speculation. Word may be expected from him any day, or it may not come for some time. The last report was that he was ready to start on his unique voyage, and is only awaiting a favorable wind. If that did not speedily come, however, he would have to abandon the enterprise for this year for the Arctic day was drawing to a close, and, of course, he would not venture on a balloon voyage to the Pole by starlight. The rumor that his balloon had been seen by Indians on this continent is not for a moment to be credited. The probability is that he has not started, but is on his way back to Europe, baffled by unpropitious weather.

The Peary expedition is lost sound, but in good condition, and will doubtless be able to continue its work. Its commander's name is identified with some of the most successful exploits in Northern Greenland, and there is good reason to look for many more achievements by him and his comrades. He is devoting his attention not to a mere dash for the Pole, but to complete exploration of the country as he goes along, to filling out the blank spaces on the map, and to adding as much as possible to detailed scientific lore. That is, after all the most profitable work to be done in those regions, and the doing of it distinguishes the true explorer from the more sensational adventurer.

The Jeaffreson-Farnham expedition has got back from Spitzbergen with not much to its credit in the way of actual discovery, but with plenty of stories to tell of desperate struggles and hairbreadth escapes from destruction. One man died of scurvy. The others, in attempting to explore the bays and inlets of the coast, had their boats crushed in the ice, and would probably have perished miserably had not some walrus-hunters appeared upon the scene and rescued them. Spitzbergen is scarcely half way from Norway to the Pole, and must be reckoned in fairly low latitudes compared with the height attained by Greely, Peary, Nansen and others. Yet the exploration of it is attended with no less danger than attempts upon the Pole itself.

Far more successful was the Conway expedition, which also made Spitzbergen the scene of its endeavors. Sir Martin Conway, naturally, after his famous scrambles on the Karakorum and Himalaya ranges, chose inland exploration and mountain climbing rather than voyaging along the coast. He made his way clear across Spitzbergen, from west to east, and back again. There was no such lofty climbing to do as in Asia. But there were some considerable hills, with precipitous walls of ice, the ascent of which was a most arduous task. There were also some enormous bogs and swamps, across which passage was both dangerous and difficult. All obstacles were overcome, however, and a more complete knowledge of the interior of Spitzbergen was gained than the world has ever had before. Sir Martin and his comrades are still pursuing their tasks in that inhospitable region, and will doubtless attain further results of scientific value.

Special attention has been attracted to the Jackson-Harmsworth expedition, through the fact of its having effected an accidental junction with Dr. Nansen and having brought him home to Europe. It has been busy in Franz Josef Land, and has made the first accurate maps of the western part of that territory. It has also discovered new islands of considerable magnitude, forming a part of the same group, and has secured some valuable collections of geological, botanical and mineralogical specimens. The work of all these explorers, and of other parties which we have not mentioned, and the systematic zeal with which they return to it year after year, proves that the passion for the Arctic research has not been abated, either by the awful tragedy of the Jannette, or by the preposterous fiasco of the Wellman excursion. Men will continue to count nothing done so long as anything remains undone. They will not cease from their heroic labors until the uttermost recesses of the mysterious North have yielded up their glacier guarded secrets.

MARRIAGES.

McLellan-Brown.—July 22, Edgar McLellan to Ellen A. Brown, of Brookville, Hants Co., N. S.

Miller-Harpell.—At the parsonage, Oxford, Aug. 12, by Elder P. D. Nowlan, Brassilla F. Miller, of Poplar Grove, Hants Co., to Dollie Harpell, of Wallace, Cumberland Co.

Fillmore-Kay.—At the Baptist church, Center Village, N. S., Aug. 19, by Rev. Q. N. Keith, Hiram C. Fillmore, of Midgic, to Nettie Kay, of Center Village, West. Co., N. S.

BIRTHS.

Seelye.—At DeWolfe, N. S., Aug. 5th, to the wife of F. S. Seelye, Ld., a daughter.

DEATHS.

Rudolph.—At Canso, N. S., Aug. 10th, Leota Adra, beloved child of James H. and Annie Rudolph, aged three years and two months.

Rushton.—At Oxford, August 10th, of fever, Florence, daughter of deacon Gideon Rushton, aged 21 years. Deceased was a member of the Oxford Baptist church.

Williams.—At Arlington, Annapolis Co., Aug. 7th, Mrs. Lacy Williams, aged 84 years. Our sister was an earnest christian woman. Her conversation and example was good. She leaves three generations of descendants to respect her memory.

Bray.—At Hopwell Cape, Aug. 5th, Hester, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bray, in the 14th year of her age. Much sympathy is felt for the sorrowing relations. May the great Comforter graciously reconcile their sorrowing hearts to the Divine will in love and sweet hope.

MacAlpine.—On Monday, 17th, at Lower Cambridge, Queens Co., N. B., Henry MacAlpine, aged 79 years. The funeral took place on Wednesday, 19th, and was largely attended. A suitable sermon was preached by Rev. C. W. Townsend, the Rev. Mr. Foster, (Free Baptist) took part in the service.

Hetherington.—At Northfield, Sunbury, Co., N. S., on the 16th inst., after a brief illness, borne with christian resignation, John Hetherington, aged 71 years. The departed was a worthy member of Second Chipman church. He leaves a sorrowing wife, three sons and three daughters to mourn his decease.

Bolivar.—At Riverside, New Germany, Lunenburg Co., Aug. 13, Emma, wife of Denne Bolivar, aged 24 years, leaving a husband, two children, a mother, one sister and four brothers. When quite young she made a profession of her faith in Christ and united with the New Germany Baptist church. Since then she proved her attachment to God's cause by a christian work. She was much beloved and esteemed in the community where she spent her life.

Wetmore.—At Springfield, Kings Co., Aug. 19., one of the oldest members of the First Springfield Baptist church, Bro. Thomas B. Wetmore, aged 78 years, was called from our ranks to his eternal reward. In 1842, on a profession of his faith, he was baptized into this body, in which fellowship he walked till death. Deceased leaves a widow, one son (he being our much esteemed brother) pastor J. D. Wetmore, and two daughers, besides many other relatives and friends.

Steeves.—At Elgin, N. B., Aug. 6th, Julia E. Steeves, aged 30 years, the wife of B. F. Steeves, M. D. She was the daughter of Judson Bishop, of Harvey, N. B. Our sister united in early years with the Harvey Baptist church, and ever manifested a beautiful christian spirit, engaging in various activities in church and Sunday school. She will be sadly missed in the community where she lately made her home, in the home of her parents, and by the bereaved companion. The christians hope alone can make a rift in the dark cloud.

Salsman.—On July 25th, Bro. Frederic Salsman, of Country Harbor, N. S., entered "the rest that remaineth for the people of God," at the age of 76 years. Although for some time he had shown indications of failing health yet he passed away more suddenly than was expected. Nine days before his death he was prostrated with paralysis and gradually grew weaker until he received the final summons to a higher service. Over forty-two years ago Bro. Salsman put his trust in Christ, when he united with the Isaac's Harbor Baptist church. He proved a true and devoted servant of the Master, his daily life exemplifying to an unusual degree the requirements of christian service, love for God and man. He leaves a widow, two daughters, six sons, and a large circle of friends to mourn his departure, but they "sorrow not as others which have no hope." They realised that for him to die was gain and are reconciled to the will of God.

Nicoll.—On Aug. 4th, at the home of her aunt, Laleah C., aged 18 years and ten months, eldest daughter of James E. Nicoll, went home. Our sister had been ailing for over a year from heart disease, but bore her illness patiently. She found Christ precious to her a few years ago, and was baptised into the Mira Bay Baptist church, by the late Rev. W. E. Wetmore. She lived a consistent life and died in full assurance of a blessed resurrection. In parting with her friends as the end came she earnestly exhorted her two oldest brothers to meet her in heaven, and gave to one of them her Bible which had been so precious to her. Her funeral took place on the 6th and was well attended, Sylvan Division Sons of Temperance, of which the deceased was a member, marching in uniform. The sorrowing family have the sympathy of the whole community in this their hour of grief.

Colpitts.—At Elgin, N. B., Robert Colpitts, aged 95 years. Our brother was one of the connecting links of the past, having been associated with Father Joseph Crandall, and being the last man whom he baptised. He united with the First Elgin church in 1851, but for several years he had been a servant of God, having established a family altar before he publicly professed his faith. In 1835 he married Mary, daughter of the late Leonard Beek. He made his home in the parish of Elgin, and was one of the first settlers. Fourteen children were born to them. Five only are living. A large company of grandchildren and great grandchildren are scattered through the land. The name will be known in the future in our ministry and various other important professions. Our brother was a remarkable man in regard to the activity he manifested in all the reforms of the day. He ever stood on the progressive side, in temperance reform, responsible government, free school, etc. At a ripe age he has departed, leaving a fragrant memory, a good strong christian life, a noble example of moral citizenship, and a loving tender fatherhood.

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