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SUMMARY NEWS.

Dominion.

Full returns give Cameron, Liberal, 170 majority in West Huron.

The Joggins mines are closed, the men having declined to accept a cut in wages.

Judge Wells has ordered a recount in the recent Westmoreland Scott Act election.

The Black Knight delighted a large audience at the Institute Tuesday evening.

Wm. Higgins, aged 73, was found dead in the woods near Brookfield, N. S., Tuesday morning.

Isaiah McDougall, of Maitland, N. S., accidentally cut one of his feet in two while chopping a tree.

Another lot of the Search Light just open at Baptist Book Room, Halifax. Order now. 35 cents post paid.

Mrs. Joseph Fisher, a Halifax widow, aged 45, with three children, was found dead in her bed on Sunday morning.

Alonzo Cameron had his right thumb crushed Thursday while working at the schooner Prentice Boys, Indiantown.

Premier Greenway had a magnificent victory in Manitoba on Wednesday, his party capturing thirty-two seats, while the opposition had only eight. In the last House the Liberal strength was twenty-seven.

Robert Harrison, of Brantford, Ont., while taking down his gun from the wall, accidentally allowed the muzzle to point at his mother's head. The gun exploded, killing her. Harrison works with the Waterous Co.

A patent has been secured by Messrs. George Davis and F. H. C. Miles for an improvement in the process of manufacture of rubber soles. The improvement is a composition of rubber and powdered emery or pumice, which makes a sole more durable and less expensive than the ordinary rubber soles of boots, rubbers, etc.

Complete Manitoba returns show the return of 30 government supporters, 6 conservative and 4 independents. This gives the government Dauphin, where the election takes place next week, and the opposition La Verandrye, which will probably go conservative, thus completing the membership of 40. All the ministers were elected. Rogers, the opposition leader, was defeated; also Martin. Roblin will lead the opposition. The house meets on Jan 25.

Reports of severe destitution come from all parts of the Newfoundland coast. The St. Johns *Telegram* says a thousand families are starving in that city and urges that prompt measures be taken to save hundreds who are perishing. Three schooners were driven ashore at Trinity during a gale on Tuesday. They are a total loss. The Western shore frozen herring fishery is a total failure owing to the absence of cold weather. Only a few American vessels have been loaded.

Ottawa papers report the death of Chas. S. MacNutt, for many years assistant crown timber agent in that city. Mr. MacNutt was born at Princetown, P. E. I., in 1815, and in 1846, when extensively lumbering on the Restigouche river, was married to Emily Allison, daughter of Dr. Lindsay Simms, of the royal navy. Afterwards, for some years, he was manager for the lumber firm of Gilmour, Rankin & Co., Miramichi. Since 1858 he had been a resident of Ottawa.

A diver named Lynch, employed at the deep water terminus, Halifax, had a narrow escape from death the other day. He was diving in a considerable depth of water, when in some unaccountable way the air pipe became filled up, and would not work. Lynch knew there was something the matter and immediately gave the signal to bring him up. When brought to the surface, and the cap was removed, he was unconscious, but he revived shortly after getting the air. Dr. McKay was present at the time, and the diver came around all right with medical aid.

The quarrel between Hons. Sir. A. P. Caron and Dr. Montague seems to have been settled so far as those gentleman are concerned by the former accepting the assurances of the latter that he was not the author of certain anonymous letters received by the Premier, charging Sir. A. P. Caron with dishonest use of public funds. Mr. Clark Wallace, however, who had advised Sir. A. P. Caron as to the authorship of the letters, refuses to accept the assurances which have satisfied the latter and accordingly the quarrel continues with Messrs. Montague and Wallace as principals.

A public meeting of the St. John City Sunday school Association will be held in St. Andrew's church, Thursday evening, 23rd inst. All Sunday-school workers are considered members of the Association. The special business to be considered is "House to House Visitation." Ward Chairman have been appointed and supplies for the visitors arranged for. The Committee especially request that every clergyman and Superintendant in the city, and Ward chairmen, be present to receive an explanation of the work and to arrange for the appointment of the visitors.

United States

The Democratic national committee has selected July 7th as the date for the Presidential convention. Chicago was chosen as the place.

In the Senate, a resolution has been offered by Sewall, Republican for New Jersey, declaring the Monroe doctrine was never intended to be applied in the manner and for the purpose now proposed by the President of the United States, and that the President's action was premature "looking to the history of the controversy," and inopportune in view of the business and financial conditions of the country. The resolution was laid on the table temporarily.

The bill offered by Mr. Hale, of Maine, to facilitate the construction and maintenance of telegraph cables in the Pacific ocean for the use of the government in foreign intercourse, was laid before the Senate on Thursday, and Mr. Hale advocated it. It was referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

Thursday morning 380 men and 250 women employed in the Westinghouse Electric Co., East Pittsburg, Pa., were notified of a 25 per cent. reduction in their wages. At noon they decided the reduction was unjust, since for some time they have been able to make only half time, and they quit work in a body.

The directors of the American Humane Education Society at a meeting in Boston on Wednesday adopted resolutions suggesting to the President and Congress that Great Britain be requested to appoint a Venezuelan commission similar to the one appointed by Congress, and to appoint Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone as a member of such commission.

Frank H. Wiggin, of Boston, reports receipts so far of $30,720.50 for starving Armenians. This money has been promptly forwarded to Constantinople. The action of the Turkish government in refusing permission to the Red Cross Society to distribute relief will not relax the efforts of those engaged in the work of raising funds for the suffering Armenians.

The United States government commission appointed to consider and report upon the questions regarding the propositions for deep waterways from the great lakes to the Atlantic, worked busily Tuesday over various charts of the regions necessary to be traversed by the route suggested. The inference is that the United States commissioners will favor a route via New York and the Hudson river, while the Canadian members will favor the Quebec route.

Two counterfeiters have been captured by New York detectives. Among the prisoners is Nicolo Toranto, the alleged chief of the Mafia in the United States. When surprised all the men showed fight and drew revolvers, stilettos and razors upon the officers. At the headquarters of the gang were found a large number of counterfeit bills and correspondence with an agent of the gang in Baltimore and Philadelphia. One of the gang was also arrested in Steinway, L. I., and $30,000 in counterfeit money was found in his pockets.

British and Foreign.

The Royal Astronomical Society in London has awarded the gold medal of the society to Dr. Seth C. Chandler, of Boston.

The *Times* says it is authorized to deny the announcement recently made by several newspapers of Rome that the British government has agreed to cede Italy the town of Zeila on the Somali coast.

An English lady, Mrs. Plumtre, has just finished a dictionary for the blind at Braille. It has been a great undertaking, and has occupied her nearly two and a half years, working at it four, five, and often six hours a day.

The secretary of the Brazilian Legation in London states that the negotiations are proceeding with the Government at Rio Janeiro anent the Guiana boundary. There is no friction between Great Britain and Brazil on the subject, he says.

Political, military and financil circles in Madrid entertain, it is said, the gloomiest views regarding the situation in Cuba. The press continues to attack the operations now being carried on, and predicts a political crisis and resignation of the cabinet in a few days.

The British expedition sent against Ashantee has arrived within twelve miles of Coomassie, the Ashantee capital. King Prempeh has said he will not fight the British force, but will await the arrival of the expedition at Coomassie, when he will confer with the commander, Col. Sir Francis Scott.

At the conference of the International Arbitration League in London on Wednesday, a resolution was adopted advocating a pacific settlement of the difficulty between the United States and Great Britain over the Venezuelan question and the establishment of a permanent tribunal of arbitration between the two great English-speaking nations.

Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia and his wife, Princess Louise Sophie, of Schleswig Holstein, sister of the Empress of Germany, are about to start for Southern Europe, to be absent at least a year. The prince has resigned his command of the fourth brigade in the German army. His departure from Germany and resignation of his command are due to his quarrel with the Emperor.

The Foreign Minister of Sweden has sent a notice to Russia, Denmark, Great Britain and the United States with reference to the projected balloon voyage to the North Pole of Prof. S. A. Andree, asking the co-operation of the countries whose territories have coasts on the Polar Seas, and they have also asked these countries to distribute thousands of leaflets asking for information from any one who may chance to secure it if the time the balloon is seen and the direction of the wind at the time.

The experiment of heating a theatre by electricity was tried not long since at the London Vaudeville, and with complete success. Storage batteries were employed, connected with radiators formed of non-conducting materials, and hence becoming heated by the passage of a current, their temperature rising almost instantly to about 140 degrees Fahrenheit. By varying the currents, this could be increased or diminished at pleasure. The great advantage of the method—aside from the safety it insures from fire—is the uniformity with which the heat is distributed throughout the auditorium. The expense is less than 70 cents per hour.

At a meeting of the International Arbitration League in London on Tuesday a resolution was adopted declaring the dispute between the United States and Great Britain was a trumpet call to English speakers on both sides of the Atlantic summoning them to devise means to secure arbitration of future disputes and procure co-operation in promoting friendship and abating animosity. It was suggested to the government that the present was a fit occasion for effecting the resolution of the House of Commons in favor of arbitration. A committee was nominated consisting of the Bishop of Durhum, Canon Wilberforce, Cardinal Vaughan, Dean Farrar, Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, Lady Henry Somerset, Mr. Stead and others.

BIRTHS.

BEZANSON.—At South Ramdon, Jan. 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bezanson, a son.

MARRIAGES.

BAKER-PURDY.—At the Wallace Baptist church, Xmas day, by Pastor C. H. Haverstock, George H. Baker to Lena F. Purdy, all of Wallace, N. S.

CHASE-PATTON.—At the home of the bride's parents, Shinimicas, Dec. 24th, by Pastor C. H. Haverstock, Amos E. Chase, of Mount Pleasant, to Mary A., daughter of Deacon Patton.

HENDSBEE-EVANS.—At the Baptist parsonage, Pugwash, Dec. 26th, by Pastor C. H. Haverstock, Daniel Hendsbee to Ida Jane Evans. All of Port Howe, Cumberland, N. S.

HOLMES-STINSON.—At the Baptist parsonage, Jan. 9th, by Rev. C. W. Sables, Howard Holmes, of Sand Point, Shelburne Co., to Clara Stinson, of North East Harbor, Shelburne Co.

DEATHS.

MCASKILL.—At the Hospital Halifax, Mrs. Allen McAskill, of Lower Selma, Hants Co.

THORBOURN.—At East Jordan, Jan. 14, Mrs James Thorbourn, aged 70 years and 5 months.

SUTHERLAND.—At Westchester Lake Cumberland Co., Dec. 8, Agnes, wife of Lorenzo Sutherland and daughter of Abraham Rushton, aged 41 years.

SMITH.—At Chester, N. S., Aug. 11th, Lavannie Smith, wife of Cottnam Smith and daughter of William Webber, aged 30 years. Our sister was of a peculiarly lovable, mild disposition, and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn her early death.

MASON.—At Hillsdale, Hants Co., N. S., Jan. 2nd, Sister Elizabeth Mason departed to be with Christ, in her 80th year. Our sister was the second daughter of the late Thomas Knowles. She professed religion when 17 and throughout her life Christ was her sustaining power.

GULLINS.—At East Wallace, Jan. 12th, after eleven days of severe illness, Georgie Gullins, aged 11 years, adopted child of James and Lizzie Lantly. This bright and promising boy is much missed but his last words are comforting—"Good bye, I am going home to be with Jesus."

STARKEY.—At Johnston, Queens Co., N. B., on the 8th inst., LeBaron Starkey, youngest son of the late Dinguel Starkey, aged 36 years. He was a member of First Johnston Baptist church. He was held in high estimation by all who knew him, for his excellent moral and religious character.

LYONS.—At Lower Blomidon, N. S., Jan 4, after a short but painful illness, Guy A. Lyons, aged 65. A wide circle of friends, by whom our brother was greatly esteemed, a wife and five children mourn the loss of a kind husband, father and friend. His death was the death of a christian.

BENNETT.—At Pereaux, Aug. 19, sister Daniel Bennett, aged 89 years. She was the mother of ten children. She was a humble christian and walked with the Baptist church of Pereaux near forty years, hopeful and cheerful, she will long be remembered. Faithful unto death, we believe the crown of life is hers.

KENNEDY.—At Kingsford, P. E. I., Jan. 7th, of pneumonia, Annie, widow of the late John Kennedy, aged 61 years. The sorrowing relatives have the sympathy of all in their bereavement. Our sister will be sadly missed, not only by her family and the church of which she was a worthy member, but by the community in which she lived. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

PARISH. Samuel Parish came with his wife to spend Christmas with their stepson, Chipman Vaughan, Esq., of Grand Pre. There he received the call to the presence of the Lord, whom he had served some 56 years, aged 79 years. He was converted and baptized under the ministry of the late A. Stronach, pastor of the Billtown church. A few years ago he removed to Avonport and connected himself with the church in that place.

CLARK.—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Miles Christopher, in St. John, on the 13th inst., Mary Ann Clark, widow of the late W. H. Clark, of Cambridge, Queens Co., aged 64 years. She was a pious and beloved member of Second Cambridge Baptist church. She was one of the first who responded to the call of Miss Norris in 1870—one who never faltered in devotion to the missionary cause. A large congregation met at the Narrows, and with christain hope laid her body in the grave to await the coming of the Lord.

MURRANT.—At North Sydney, C. B., on Dec. 5th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Cann, Mrs. Mary Murrant, relict of the late Armstrong Murrant, of South Head, Port Morien. Our sister had been in feeble health for some time past, but in the Providence of God had been spared to see the three score years and ten. Over thirty years ago she professed faith in Christ and united with the Mira Bay Baptist church, and has since lived a faithful, consistent christian life. Three sons and four daughters mourn the loss of a loving mother. To the bereaved ones we tender our sympathy and pray that God may bless this affliction to their good. The funeral services were conducted at North Sydney, by Rev. D. G. McDonald, and at Port Morien by Pastor E. A. McPhee.

CRAWFORD.—At Hansford, Cum. Co., Jan. 3, Deacon John Crawford, in his 90th year. Our brother was one of the oldest members and the oldest deacon in the Wallace Baptist church. His life was one of deep piety and true godliness. It can be said of him, "He walked with God and is not for God took him."

FLEET.—At Bear River, the 24th ult., George Fleet, in the 29th year of his age. Naturally of weakly constitution our young brother fell a more easy victim to lung disease, and after some five months of conflict peacefully departed this life. In their sad bereavement, his widowed mother, together with his brothers and sisters, are commended to the grace of God.

MARTIN.—At her home, Belfast, P. E. I., Dec 17, after a wearying sickness of two years, borne in sweet resignation to the Divine will, Mrs. Martin, aged 73 years, relict of the late Ewen Martin. She was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Baptist church in Belfast in '69, though quiet and unassuming she was devoted to the cause she espoused. She leaves four sons and three daughters and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

STEVENS.—At his residence, Church street, Georgetown, British Guiana, Dec. 17, William Hamilton Stevens, photographer, second son of the late Jas. W. Stevens, Brookfield, Col. Co., N. S. Our brother professed faith in Christ and united with the Baptist church at Lower Stewiack early in life, and has since been a consistent christian and a firm temperance advocate. He had resided in Georgetown over twenty years. He leaves a widow and nine children and a large circle of friends and relatives in Nova Scotia.

BLEAKNEY.—At Halifax, N. S., Jan. 8, of cancer, Sarah, beloved wife of John Bleakney, in the 41st year of her age. For ten months our sister was confined to her bed. During the first few months her suffering was great, but towards the last the pain was not so severe. Through it all her faith in God was strong, and she delighted to talk of Jesus and His love. With patience she waited for the summons and when it came she trustingly clasped her Saviour's hand and passed over Jordon. The funeral service, conducted at the house by Pastor G. A. Lawson, and at the grave by Rev. Dyson Hague, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, was largely attended by the relatives and friends. Her husband and two young daughters have the sympathy and prayers of all in their sad bereavement.

DOCKENDORF.—Suddenly, at North River, P. E. I., on Tuesday, Dec. 31, Capt. James Dockendorf, in the 47th year of his age. The loss of our brother will be deeply felt in his home, where he has left a grief stricken widow and three little children, without the support and loving care of a kind and devoted father. The church in which he was always warmly interested feels deeply this dispensation of Divine Providence. Our brother was the mainstay of the choir, faithfully discharging his duties and singing from the fulness of his heart the songs or praises "unto Him who had redeemed him." A happy Christmas with every appearance of health and long life. Then just as the old year was going out his spirit departed to spend the first day of the new year in the realms of bliss. It was a calm, peaceful ending to a busy life. The entire community mourn the loss of a worthy citizen. We know and realize that "the Father doeth all things well." "We sorrow not as those without hope."

TUFTS.—On Jan. 4, of paralysis, Mrs. Gardner Tufts, aged 78 years, 5 months and 24 days. When she was about 18 years of age she was converted and shortly after that was baptized and joyfully received into the fellowship of the church. Our dear departed sister lived the life of a christian and died the death of a saint. Before she passed away she was exceedingly happy in the glorious prospect before her. She was the daughter of the late Alexander Wilson, the eldest of a family of ten children and the first to be called away. At the time of her death their united ages was 700 years, 11 months and 5 days. All live in Kings County, and all are members of Baptist churches. The deceased leaves a husband, 5 sons and 2 daughters to mourn the loss of a faithful, affectionate and devoted wife and loving mother. The funeral sermon was preached by Pastor T. J. Tingley. Rev. R. E. Gullison and Rev. Mr. Taylor (Methodist) assisted in the services. May the Lord graciously sustain the bereaved ones.

A Genuine Surprise.

There are surprise parties and parties surprised. In the first instance you try to be surprised and in the second you are truly surprised. The latter was the experience of the pastor of the 1st Margaret's Bay church last Monday evening, Jan. 6. The previous Saturday's mail brought a note ostensibly from one Peter Jackson, living in an outlying district, wishing to be married on Monday evening at the parsonage. No fault with that, and it was seemingly correct. Monday evening came, the parsonage was made warm within for the mercury was playing around zero without. Refreshments were prepared, for Peter and bride were to be made welcome and comfortable. Shortly after seven o'clock a rap was heard at the door. The pastor with his blandest smile went as he supposed to meet Peter, when in rushed a large representation of the members and friends of the 1st St. Margaret's Bay church and took possession. To say that we were sold only expresses it slightly. There was a general merry making for awhile. After ten Deacon Harvey Hubley claimed the attention of the pastor and his wife and read an excellent address filled with kind words to them, (of which they feel that they are not worthy), and in behalf of the company present and those absent, who were detained by the severe cold, presented them with a magnificent hanging lamp (The Parker Lamp). It was a surprise in the truest sense of the word. We desire to publicly thank the friends for their kindness. May the Lord bless them. MAYNARD W. BROWN.

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