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News Summary.

There are several cases of small-pox at Waterville, Me.

Lord Hallam Tennyson, son of the late Lord Alfred Tennyson, has been appointed governor of South Australia.

A water tank of 50,000 gallons capacity on the I. C. R. at Canaan station was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday.

A jury at Montreal has awarded John Cassidy \$3,590 damages. He was run down by a patrol wagon and seriously injured about a year ago.

Munsey's, McClure's Cosmopolitan, Century, and all other leading magazines for Feb., may be secured of T. H. Hall, cor. Germain and King Sts., St. John.

George Hague, who has managed the affairs of the Merchants' Bank, Montreal, for twenty-two years, has handed over his duties to the joint manager, Mr. Fyshe.

It is reported that the Belgin post at Rejaf has been captured by the Dervishes. Rejaf is situated on the Nile. It was attacked by the Dervishes in force in June last, but they were repulsed by the garrison.

The United States government has formally apologized for the action of one of its customs officers at Detroit for forcibly deporting a Canadian named Meagher from Essex county to Michigan last September.

The river and harbor bill, carrying slightly more than \$30,000,000, passed the U. S. House of Representatives on Thursday, by a vote of 160 to 7. This is the largest majority any river and harbor bill ever obtained in the House.

The International Navigation Company, controlled by the American Line, has placed orders with the Clyde Bank Ship-building Co., of Glasgow, for two steamers of 10,000 tons burden each. It is stated that the Clyde firm underbid American builders.

The remains of Miss Cox, who was shot at Dover, N. H., by Mrs. Lizzie Provenchia, were embalmed on Thursday, placed in a white satin lined casket and forwarded to Calais, Me. On being arraigned in the police court on the charge of murder, Mrs. Provenchia pleaded not guilty.

Madame Rene Gange, aged 102, for many years a resident of the Presbytery of the Sacred Heart, Montreal, is dead. She was the mother of thirteen children, five of whom are still living. The deceased had seventy-five grandchildren, thirty-eight of whom are living. She saw five generations in her house.

The financial statement and estimates for the coming year were laid before the Quebec Legislature Thursday. The total receipts last year were \$4,236,015, and the expenditure \$4,449,045, a deficit of \$213,030. The estimated revenue this coming year is \$4,204,899, and the estimated expenditure \$4,624,568. The net debt of the province is \$25,830,523.

The unanimous agreement finally reached by the Australian colonial premiers regarding certain unsettled questions connected with the Australian federation bill, seems to insure the success of the federation project. The federal capital will be federal territory, the existing capital being excluded. It will be established in New South Wales. The parliament is to consist of a senate and a house of representatives.

The elections for the Provincial Legislature of New Brunswick are to take place on the 18th inst. The Government is appealing to the country on its record and its claims to be entrusted with the future management of public affairs. The Government maintains its coalition principles though vigorous efforts have been made by both Liberals and Conservatives to bring local parties into line with those of the Dominion.

On some new railroad work in Germany it has come to light that a considerable number of the hands had been educated in the universities. There were so many of them in one gang that it went under the name of "the philosophers shift." In another gang not far from these a Protestant clergyman who visited the men in their barracks found two fellow-clergymen among them; and a Catholic priest found a workman who had studied theology with him.

The Nova Scotia Legislature met on Thursday last. The Governor's speech made reference to the general prosperity of the Province, and the development of Coal and Gold Mining. There was also reference to the claims of the Province against the Dominion, the decision of the Privy Council as to the control of in-shore fisheries by the Province, the improvements of Common roads and the progress made on the Halifax-Yarmouth Shore line and the Midland railway. Several bills are promised.

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