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WANTED—A house maid. Apply at the GENERAL PUBLIC HOSPITAL.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

ALL KINDS SEWING MACHINES REPAIRED.

Needles and parts for all makes at W. B. BELLIS, 23 Dock Street.

WANTED.

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WANTED—Ladies to know that Miss Duncan, 346 Waterloo street, is having a great sale of Cutting Hides, latest style. Call at 346 Waterloo street.

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MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY—Advanced on mortgages in large or small sums. Apply to Chas. Macdonald, barrister, Walker Buildings, Canterbury St.

On Freehold and Leasehold Property, repayable by monthly instalments or otherwise. Apply to CHAPMAN & TILLEY, Barristers, Palmer's Building, Princess street.

LOST.

LOST—Friday afternoon between Mount Pleasant and Douglas Avenue. Three Gold Hill and Rockland Road, a Lady's Black Handbag, containing a pair of new kid gloves and money. Finder will receive a favor and reward by leaving it at the Star Office, Canterbury street.

LOST—On Thursday, 24th inst., between four and five o'clock, a pair of gold rimmed spectacles. Finder will be rewarded by returning them to REV. DR. WILSON, Zion Church.

BRUSSELS STREET CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT.

The Junior Mission Band of Brussels street Baptist church gave an entertainment last evening, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the mission fund. The children had been trained by Miss Payson and Miss Stillwell, and a creditable concert was the result. The programme included: Recitations, Vera McKay, Mabel Morgan, Leta Dykeman, Berris Cameron, Howard Smith, Grace Campbell, Minnie Reid, Walter Belyea, Helen Gantner, P. Belyea and Mabel Smith; solos, Beryl Blanche, Mabel Currie, Ida McKay; duet, Eddie and Beryl Blanche; drills and exercises. Rev. Mr. Waring presided.

MARRIAGES.

SULLIVAN-GRAY—On Friday, 25th April, 1902, at St. Patrick's Presbytery, Quebec, by the Reverend J. Gunning, C. S. R., W. P. Cleaver Sullivan, son of the Hon. Chief Justice W. W. Sullivan, of Charlotte town, P. E. I., to Helen Lilian Frost, daughter of Lt. Col. F. Wood Gray of Quebec.

BOACH-STAILING—At Annapolis, April 30th by Rev. M. P. Freeman, assisted by Rev. Dr. Trotter, Rev. Howard H. Roach, of St. John, to Mrs. Susie Staling of Annapolis.

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THOSE INCREASED FACILITIES.

There should be at least one more steamship berth provided on the West Side before next winter's business begins. This could be done if the government would send the dredge Cape Breton back here, and if some agreement could be arrived at between the government, the C. P. R. and the city for the building of the wharf. If the dredging were done the cost of building a berth 500 feet long opposite the berth at present used by the Donaldson boats, would not be excessive. Such a berth would relieve the congestion, that will otherwise occur next winter just at it did during the season now closing. One berth would not fill all the requirements, but it would be of great benefit, and in the intervening year some definite arrangement might be made for further extensions. The city cannot afford not to have this work done. Hon. Mr. Tarte said in parliament on Monday night that St. John will undoubtedly be the future winter port of Canada. He said the country must not be afraid to spend money to develop its ports. Let St. John take Mr. Tarte at his word, show him again how urgent is the present need for at least one berth, and point out to him that it is time the city had something more than friendly assurances. If there is any confusion in the public mind on this question, let the city council and board of trade come together, with the representatives of the C. P. R. and thresh out the whole question. Then let the government be called upon by the unanimous voice of the people for whatever aid is decided to be necessary. What is to be done should be done quickly.

DO IT WITH A WILL.

It is very gratifying to know that an effort is to be made to have trees planted along the Marsh Road. A number of citizens are interesting themselves in the matter and desire the support of all. This avenue is one of the favorite drives in the vicinity of the city, and any attempt to make it more attractive should be hailed with pleasure. It is understood that desirable trees can be got, and all that is required to start a movement which will add greatly to the beauty of that thoroughfare is that a group of active citizens take it in hand, and that they receive the countenance and support of the people generally. There should be another association, in addition to the Horticultural Society, whose attention is necessarily largely confined to the park and gardens. Doubtless if enough enthusiasm can be aroused to ensure successful tree planting the results of that work would be so pleasing to the public that similar work would be done elsewhere, and matters of kindred interest in connection with beautifying the city and its surroundings receive the attention so much needed.

The Star hopes that a ready response will be given when the meeting is called to consider the question of planting trees along the Marsh Road.

A DIETETIC SUGGESTION.

Among the lessons which the reflective mind will draw from the strange career of Isaac G. Oulton will doubtless be one having to do with the question of diet. It cannot be said that the old man was particular to a fault on that score. He is said to have eaten all sorts of food, including some that was fished out of the dumping ground for rubbish. Some fruit found in his stomach is believed to have been a decayed article that had been thrown out. But he lived to the age of eighty-nine years, and the testimony of the doctor is that the various organs of his body were in a healthy state. That certainly cannot be said of very many younger persons, who are both nice and exacting in their choice of diet. Why should not "dumps for dyspeptics" be a development of the hygienic science of the new century?

The Horticultural Association offer a reward for the detection of the vandals who destroyed property in Rockwood Park. As the Star has already suggested, the city council should aid the association in having the park properly patrolled. It is useless for the association to spend time and money if their work is to be undone and frequenters of the park frightened by persons of bad character.

The school of domestic science, described in yesterday's Star, will prove very useful to a large number of young women, and will be a benefit to the community. The ladies who have inaugurated the movement are doing good work, that deserves hearty commendation and support.

George Robertson, M. P. F., will lay his dry dock proposition before the government at Ottawa today.

PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, April 29.—This afternoon Hon. Mr. Mulock introduced a bill for the settlement of railway labor disputes. This measure applies to all steam railways and electric roads, including the Intercolonial. The bill makes strikes and lock-outs illegal and punishable. The conciliation boards are provincial and dominion. The provincial boards deal with railways within one province, the dominion board with those contained in more than one province. The bill provides for seven provincial boards, each of three members. One member is to be chosen by railway companies, one by employees, and the third by the other two, or if they do not agree, by the governor in council. The dominion board will be composed of five members, two elected by the seven representatives of railway owners in the provincial boards, and the fifth by the other four or by the governor general in council. Each board is to have a permanent secretary. The measure provides the machinery for the election of the members of provincial boards. Railway owners in this province vote at Ottawa, each company having as many votes as the number of its employees. For the second class of arbitrators each employee has one vote. Elections are to be held every three years, that being the length of time which each member of the board may sit. Hon. Mr. Mulock explained that the bill would not be passed this year. He stated to make the country familiar with the provisions and to receive suggestions from all parties. Next year the measure would be introduced and pressed to a conclusion, with such amendments and alterations as may be found necessary.

On the second reading of Hon. Mr. Sifton's immigration bill, which undertakes to protect the dominion from the admission of diseased or undesirable immigrants, a general discussion of the immigration policy was introduced, continuing the greater part of the afternoon.

Mr. Oliver, liberal, of Alberta, strongly contended that not only physical but mental and educational tests should be imposed. He declared that the immigration policy of the government would be improved, for it could not possibly be worse than during the past year.

On the item for the purchase of rails, Hon. Mr. Blair explained that none had yet been made by Clergue, and those purchased last year were bought independent of him. It is expected that ten thousand tons will soon be got from Clergue. The price after that would be the same as quoted in England and the minister hoped to buy at \$23. Replying to Mr. Omer, Mr. Blair said that about 15,000 tons of rails were purchased last year from Campbell and from a Barrow concern in Britain at an average price of \$25.

Mr. Omer pointed out that Mr. Blair had saved \$105,000 by the failure of Clergue to deliver rails, since he was to pay Clergue \$32.60 per ton for this 15,000.

Mr. Blair said the government could not be blamed because the price fell after the purchase.

Mr. Omer said it was proved last session that when Mr. Blair contracted for rails at \$32.60 the current price in England was \$25.

Mr. McLean said the complaint with Clergue was a protectionist deal, made before the election and kept secret for months while the ministers stated that this sum more than represented the betterments by increased weight of rails. The remaining portion was merely replacing worn out plant and should be charged to maintenance. This charge should be made to make the financial statement represent the facts of the case.

Mr. Blair said the income of the government could not provide this money. He contended that it made no difference how the estimate was charged, and Hon. Mr. Fielding enlarged on the same argument.

Messrs. Omer and Barker agreed that the money must of course be voted in one form or another, but it should be so voted as to show the result of the operation, so that people would know what the deficit was. Money ought to be voted honestly for maintenance that was needed for maintenance, and to capital that which was required for original construction and betterments.

Mr. Barker's amendment was lost by a straight party vote, fifty-six to twenty-one.

Mr. Fowler asked whether it was the intention of the department to replace the engine house at Sussex destroyed by fire, and whether that important centre could not soon expect a new station house suitable to the importance of the place. Mr. Blair promised consideration.

April 30.—The I. C. R. capital expenditure vote was completed and the house adjourned at 1.10 this morning.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

KEOKUK, Ia., April 29.—The California Limited, on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fee road, eastbound, was derailed on a curve at Cana, a switch five miles west of Meadville, Mo., while going at tremendous speed. Five persons were killed and 23 injured.

Use Kure's Headache in ten minutes to cure KUMFORT Headache Powders.

BISHOP ATTACKS ROOSEVELT.

Calls the President "the Recreant Son of a Southern Woman," Says He is a Lightning-Change Artist and That His Fame Will Rest on Shooting Beasts.

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 27.—The Rt. Rev. Benjamin J. Kelley, Catholic bishop of Savannah, was the Decoration day orator for the Confederate veterans of Savannah this year. He spoke on Saturday night to the veterans and their friends at the Guards' Hall. His address was upon conventional lines until near the end when, after paying a tribute to the memory of Jefferson Davis, he said:

"It is true that the gentleman who now happens to sit in the presidential chair at Washington has written of President Davis:

"Before Jefferson Davis took his place among arch traitors, etc., it was not unnatural that to dishonesty he should add treachery to the public. The moral difference between Benedict Arnold, on the one hand, and Aaron Burr and Jefferson Davis on the other, is the difference between a politician who sells his vote for money and one who supports a bad measure to get a high political position."

"When Mr. Davis was living, and a prisoner, a fellow named Miles placed shackles on him in prison, though there was no necessity for it, and no one but a brute would have done it. But I have never heard that Miles, after Mr. Davis' death, brutally maltreated him, or even that he resented the treatment."

"The species of venomous malice was reserved for the recreant son of a Southern woman; the rough rider of Republican politics in the accident of 1902; the lightning change artist of the White House, who can hob-nob with the Kaiser's brother, and sit cheek by jowl with an Alabama negro; who can indulge in meaningless platitudes while south on the bravery and common heritage of Southern heroes and denounce them before the Grand Army as anarchists; who can profess a broad American spirit, which brands sectionalism as a crime, and laud the loyalty of our veterans of 1861-65, while the damning evidence of his own written word shows that he compared 'the noblest Roman of them all,' Jefferson Davis, to a Benedict Arnold."

"Jefferson Davis was a statesman, a soldier and a man of high character, a senator, a cabinet officer, a president, not put in office by a bullet, but by a ballot. Theodore Roosevelt's title to immortal fame will rest on shooting beasts and profiting by the murderous act of a reprobate who shot a man."

"The revolutionary, unconstitutional and the subversive tendencies of the abolition or Republican party are as evident today as they were forty years ago. Their envenomed and Peckhamian hypocrisy with regard to Cuba—which they intend to annex—is only surpassed by their atrocious treatment of the Philippines, on which they are forcing a system which the people do not desire."

"They have sought to degrade us by placing our former slaves on a political level with us, and fostering such on as federal office-holders. The present occupant of the chair of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Jackson, and Cleveland, is familiarly and properly known by the sobriquet, 'The Rough Rider,' he on claim to future fame, that he broke up the Republican party."

"But on the war and its issues we do not wish to be misunderstood. We have nothing to retract, nothing to apologize for. We are bearing our share of the burdens of our country (thunderous applause). We have not profited a day, much by the lessons taught us by the yearly increasing legions of patriots in blue, who thirty-seven years after the war yet manage to drag their weary bodies to the Pension office and draw \$140,000,000 from the treasury."

"Our ideas of patriotism do not seem to be of the same order. We have set apart a day to recall the memories of the past and drop a tear over the graves of our heroes. From our poverty we have raised modest shafts in village and city all over the South, which tell in language better than e'er fell from human lips how we treasure the memory and honor the brave deeds of our own."

BOARD OF WORKS.

Consider the Report of the Sub-Committee on Ferry Matters.

At the board of works meeting yesterday reference was made to Dr. Hetherington's accident. The director will make inquiries as to the condition of the trench on Douglas avenue. Ald. Christie and the director were appointed to consider Messrs. Flemings' petition for a retaining wall at old Dorchester street, and with Ald. Robinson to ascertain the needs of Celebration street.

The sub-committee on ferry matters submitted their report, which was considered and will be sent to the Council for adoption. Under its suggestions the captains will on appointment and for the first five years of service get \$50 a month, during the next five years \$55, and after that \$60. Mates on appointment get for five years \$40, and after that \$45 a month. Engineers on appointment and for five years \$65, and after that \$70. The present staff will be paid the \$70, except Mr. Lewis, who has yet to serve a few months before completing his five years. Firemen on appointment \$40, after five years \$45.

Machinist \$45 for five years, and after that \$50.

Gatemens \$36 a month. This not to interfere with the pay of the present men, who get \$38.50.

Deck hands \$36; on obtaining mate's certificate \$40.

Night watchman \$36, and \$38.50 if he has a mate's certificate.

Collectors \$42. They now get \$38.50. This scale is not to affect the pay of any of the present employees except Leander Estabrooks, one of the mates. He is to get \$40 a month till he completes his five years of service.

CHINESE FOR JOHANNESBURG MINES.

Two hundred Chinese brought by the steamer Empress of China are in the custody of the customs authorities at Vancouver, B. C. They will be shipped in bond to Johannesburg, where they are under contract to work five years in the mines.

Lace Curtains.

Nottingham Lace Curtains.

Many of the Nottingham Curtains this season are good imitations of the Swiss designs.

We are showing a wonderful line from the lowest price up to \$5.00 a pair.

Five Special Lines of Nottingham Lace Curtains at Special Prices:

No. 1.—Price	\$1.00 pair.
No. 2.—Price	\$1.25 pair.
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Frilled Curtains in Muslins, Bobbinet, etc. Very dainty and most desirable for bedrooms. Length, 3 yards. Prices \$1.75 to \$5.50 pair.

M. R. & A's Unrivalled \$10.00 Suits for Men.

Manchester Robertson & Allison

EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the directors of the Exhibition Association was held in their rooms in Magee building yesterday afternoon. The members present were: D. J. McLaughlin, president; W. W. Hubbard, secretary; S. S. Hall, Alderman Hillyard, R. B. Emerson, R. O'Brien, James McAvity, Alex. Macaulay, Lt. Col. Markham, C. A. Everett, Lt. Col. Campbell, H. Gallagher, Bert A. Lockhart, R. R. Patchell.

W. W. Hubbard was confirmed in his appointment as secretary-manager. A resolution of thanks to C. A. Everett for his arduous duties as secretary-manager for a number of years past was unanimously carried. Mr. Everett replied briefly, recounting the work of the association during his term of office, and gave suggestions as to what he thought might be done in some directions to make the exhibition this year a success.

The executive were authorized to have the prize list completed, approved by the government and printed. It was suggested that races be held at Moosepath in connection with the exhibition. It was also proposed to have a show of gentlemen's driving rigs, with prizes for the best four, taking in the whole outfit, horse, harness and carriage.—Adjournd.

CARPETS. CARPETS. CARPETS.

Will you let us dust or renovate your carpets this year. We will satisfy you. UNGAR LAUNDRY, DYING AND CARPET CLEANING WORK. Telephone 58.

DR. WEBB AND HIS FRIENDS.

At the railway committee meeting in Ottawa yesterday, Hon. Mr. Tarte and Hon. Mr. Blair opposed the bill of the St. Lawrence Bridge Company on the ground that the Dominion Securities Company, which is the real company seeking power to build the bridge, had issued a fraudulent prospectus and was unworthy of public confidence. The New York counsel for the company declared that the prospectus was not authorized by them, but it was shown that the circulars had been received by many firms in the ordinary way of business and had advanced the selling price of the company's stock. After considerable discussion the question went over till Thursday.

WANTED.—A case of Headache that KUMFORT Powders will not cure in ten to twenty minutes.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., April 29.—Assistant Justice Donald Morrison of the Colonial Supreme Court will resign his seat on the bench to re-enter politics. It is understood Mr. Morrison advocates the union of Newfoundland with Canada and that he will undertake to lead a party pledged to this idea.

This announcement is the most startling that has been made in colonial politics for many years past. Mr. Morrison is an influential chief and his present action forces the question of union into the very forefront of politics.

A GREAT CONCERT.

The Westminster Abbey choir sang again last evening to a crowded house at the York Theatre, and the music of their wonderfully trained voices thrilled and delighted the audience. There were frequent encores, and among the solo numbers were some old favorites. The concert work was a revelation of sustained harmony; while the utter absence of any reaching after theatrical effects added much to the pleasure of the hour.



Not New.

Don't think our Vapo-Cresolene is something new, for it isn't. For more than twenty years it has been extensively used for all forms of bronchial and throat trouble. Mrs. Ballington Booth said of it, years ago, that "No family where there are young children should be without Vapo-Cresolene." You breathe-in the vapor, it goes all through the bronchial tubes, soothing, healing, curing. It's pleasant, safe, economical.

Vapo-Cresolene is sold by druggists everywhere. The Vaporizer and Lamp, which should last a lifetime, and a bottle of Cresolene complete, \$1.50. Extra supplies of Cresolene 25 cents and 50 cents. Illustrated booklet containing physicians' testimonials upon request. Vapo-Cresolene Co., 310 Fulton St., New York, U.S.A.

HOW CECIL RHODES WENT TO ORIEL.

(London Daily Mail.) An Oxford correspondent gives in Mr. Rhodes's own words the story of how he became a commoner at Oriel. Mr. Rhodes related the incident in Oriel common-room on the occasion of his last visit to Oxford.

"The morning I arrived here first from South Africa I turned my steps not to Oriel but to University College. I had a letter of introduction to the master of the university. I was shown into his study, and he read my letter. Then he looked at me and said: 'Well, Mr. Rhodes, you have come a long way.'"

"Yes, sir," said I. "And you want to become a member of this university?"

"Well, sir, I shouldn't have come all the way from South Africa if I hadn't."

"The master's answer to that was: 'We are very particular about the men we take. We only take men who seem capable of getting honors in the schools.'"

"The upshot was that Rhodes was set down in a corner of the master's study and told to do a piece of Latin prose and an English essay, and then return in the afternoon for the verdict. He returned and the master informed him that his Latin prose was not up to the required standard.

To continue in Mr. Rhodes's own words:

"Well, sir, I said, 'your Latin prose would be shaky if you had spent the last few years as I have done.' The master continued: 'Your essay is not without merits. I regret we cannot take you ourselves, but I will give you an invitation to the Provost of Oriel.'"

"So I found myself out in the High Street. Suddenly I remembered the one Oxford name, Jewett."

"So I stopped a passerby and said: 'Who is this Jewett one hears of outside Oxford so much?'"

"Oh, you mean the Balliol man," said he. "Yes, that's the man." Well, he put me on the way to Balliol, and as I went along I looked up and saw 'Oriel lane.' And I said to myself, 'Now, which is it to be. I'll toss up.'"

"And toss up I did. A man who was watching me grumbled, but it came down for Oriel, and I turned down Oriel lane."

"When I got before the provost, he read my letter, then he said: 'Pit, twice, very contemptuously. So the master of University sends me his leaveings.' I broke out at this. 'I don't know anything about that,' I said."

"All I know is that I have come all this way to become a member of Oxford University. And in the first day I am told that my Latin prose is bad and that I am 'leavings.'"

"He looked at me hard for a few minutes; then he said more gently: 'Well, Mr. Rhodes, I think you will do. The master says that your English essay is not without points.' And that settled it."

THE EMPRESS OF GERMANY.

(Chicago Journal.)

In Germany everybody loves their empress with the same love that English people give to Queen Alexandra.

She is held up by every mother in the Fatherland to her children as an example of all that is good. She herself has taught her children to wait upon themselves and do useful things, and has endeavored to make their lives simple and unostentatious as far as her position will allow. In a quiet little house in the suburbs of Potsdam there lives a widow, Frau Frommel by name, whose husband was a pastor to the emperor's children. One afternoon quite recently a carriage drove up to her front door, and out of it stepped the empress, followed by three of her sons.

"We have come to take tea with you, Frau Frommel," said the empress