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BARKER—At the family residence, Nansimo, on the 20th inst. Bertha, beloved wife of Judge Barker, after a short illness.

LOST—From Cowichan Bay, row bost painted white outside, slate in. with painted white outside, slate in. with Reward. Communicate: Brownjohn, Cowichan Bay.

folk.

1893. Battle Harbor Hospital was presented by friends in St. Johns, Newfoundland, and opened during the summer by a qualified nurse and doctor. The launch "Princess May," was added to enable the ship to do more work.

1894. Indian Harbor Hospital was opened for the summer, and for the first time Battle Harbor Hospital was kept open in winter. Friends in Canada began to help the mission.

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1895, the sailing hospital was replaced by the steamer "Sir Donald," the gift of Sir Donald A. Smith, who has lived many years in Labrador. 1,900 sick folk received treatment. Dr. Roddick, of Montreal, presented the sailing boat "Urelia McKinnon" to the mission.

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1896, a small co-operative store was started at Red Bay, in the Straits of Belle Isle, to help the settlers to escape the "truck" system. This has spread to a series of five. The "Sir Donald" was carried out from her harbor by winter

sold.

1897. the steam launch, "Julian Sheridan," given by a Toronto lady, replaced the "Sir Donald." A large mission hall was attached to Indian Harbour Hospital for the use of the lishermen. 2,000 patients were treated.

1899, largely through the munificence of the High Commissioner, the steam hospital ship, "Stratheona," with built at Dartmouth, England, and fitted with every available appliance. A

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AMERICAN CONGRESS (By Frederic J. Haskin.)

Friday, November 26,

after day the two houses met and fourned. Letters were sent out ploring the indifferent members congress to hasten to New York, newspapers confidently predicted the government devised by the stitution could not be operated stitution could not be ope-cause it would be impossible sufficient number of men to Congress. After fair weeks waiting the necessary thirty tained and the House of Re tained and the House of Reput tives, on April I, organized by el Prederick Augustus Muhlenberg Speaker. Five days later S Richard Henry Lee, of Virgini-rived, the Senate then had its

gress was organized. The two Houses met together an anvassed the vote of the electors at eclared George Washington Presider and John Adams Vice-President, and John Adams Vice-President, of the United States of America. Middams was sworn in at once, and be gan to preside over the Senate. Messengers were dispatched to Virginit to Inform General Washington and request his attendance at New York. I was a six day's journey from Manhat tan to Mt. Vernon then—it is six hours now. General Washington has ened to New York, and on April 3 was inangurated President and this overnment was formally organized. But Congress had not waited for President or an "annual message." I had already begun to legislate for th infant government. On April 8, the day after the electoral vote was can vassed, the House took up legislative work. The very first movement to ward law making in the America Congress was the introduction, tweeks before George Washington became president, of a tariff bill. It was presented in the form of a resolution by James Madison, a representative from Virginia, the "Father of the Constitution," and afterward twice President of the United States. This tariff bill was short, only sixty-six word. United States of

being required to state its proposals place a specific duty on liquors, sugarties, coffee and cocoa, and an ad valoem duty on all other articles. The amounts were left blank, and the bwas referred to a committee. This tariff law, the outgrowth of the compound on July 4, 1789. was referred to a committee. The first tariff law, the outgrowth of the bill, was approved on July 4, 1789. Leve have the tariff with us alway!

The debate on that first tariff measure is quite as interesting today as was then. Mr. Madison, of Virginione of the fathers of the Democrat party, made the first tariff speech. It declared, in substance, that all tax ation was burdensome and onerou that all trade ought to be as free a possible, and that the only reason justification for import duties was the necessity of raising revenue for the federal government, direct taxationing emphasized his advocacy of tariff for revenue only, he admited the was not unmindful of the fact the even a revenue tariff would affor inder certain conditions, incident interesting to certain industries. The democratic party has been accused trimming and twisting and turnity with relation to the tariff question, bat careful study of Mr. Madison's fit

with relation to the tariff question, of a careful study of Mr. Madison's fincharge. That pronouncement prolained the doctrines advocated speech will acquit the party of the Jefferson, Calhoun, Pierce, Morriss Mills, Cleveland and Bryan, as well justifying the exceptional stands the type of the property of the company of the property of the propert Mr. Madison and his Virginia Mr. Madison and his virgina itions met with instant opposition. I Elias Boudinot of New Jersey object to the imposition of a tax on rum, claring that the people of north New Jersey consumed great quantit of imported spirits, and that if proposed tax, of ten cents a gallon, vievied, it would compel the Jersey pole to purchase the raw native spir from the Pennsylvania stills. Whereupon arose sundry represen

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Whereupon arose sundry representives of the State of Pennsylvania, manding that the tariff on spirits placed at fifteen cents a gallon, or high as can be collected," for the ptection of Quaker stills. They submited protectionist arguments and subtraction from the Philadelphia parting petition from the Philadelphia parting petition from the Philadelphia parting for a high tariff on patto protect the American-made prodifform the pauper labor and the mabundant rags of Europe.

Mr. Madison rushed into the brewith a compromise measure, suppoing that a compromise measure, suppoing that a compromise measure, suppoing that a paper so dule. Such was the gist of the fay's debate in the annals of the Aerican congress. It appears that lawmakers have not developed groriginality in argument since time, although notions of size have panded in the ratio of the growth the country. When the first congress was quarreling over a tariff of ten fifteen cents a gallon on rum, would have happened if some seer appeared to predict the rates of present day, when spirits are subjet to a tariff duty of \$2.25 a gallon in dition to an internal revenue tax \$1.19? Can one imagine the constitution.

nation?

The first congress had no polit party divisions. The question whether or not the constitution she ratified had divided the people Federalists and anti-Federalists. Federalists were victorious, and not members of that faction were to congress, the opposition being posed to having a congress at all. posed to having a congress at all. by the time the second congress elected there was a division, the pole naturally separating into two stons, one led and inspired by Tho Jefferson and his doctrines, the oinspired and led by Alexander Hatton and his deeds. The Jefferso party took the name of Anti-Fede ists, although it was not the promerly known by that title. Even the second second in the second s