SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

March 6—Str St John City, 1,412, Paterson, from London via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co, general cargo.

Coastwise—Schs Silver Wave, 99, McLean; Rex, 57, Stevens; James Barber, Ellis, and Abana, 97, Black, from Quaco; Helen M, 62, Morris, from Advocate Harbor; Wood Bros, 63, Golding, and Nellie E Gray, 62, Smith, from Quaco; E Mayfield, 74, Merriam, from Parrsboro; I str Westport, 46, Powell, from Westport, both cld to return.

March 7—Str Numidian, 3,107, Main, from Liverpool via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co, general.

Str Indrani, 2,339, Gillies, from Glasgow, Schofield and Co, gen cargo.

Coastwise—Schs Lennie and Edna, 30, Stuart, from Beaver Harbor; str Flushing, with barge No 1, from Parrsboro.

March 9—Str Tunisian, 6,802, Vipond, from Liverpool via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co, pass and gen cargo.

Coastwise—Schs Reta and Rhoda, 11, Leighton, from Grand Harbor; Augusta Evelyn, 30, Scovil, from North Head; Susie N, 38, Merriam, from Windsor; Harry Morris, 95, McLean, from Quaco; Effort, 63, Milner, from Annapolis.

Cleared.

March 6—Sch Annie Bliss, Day, for Vineyard Haven f o.

Coastwise—Schs Thelma, Apt, for Annapolis; Essie C, Tufts, for Alma; Nellie E Gray, Smith, for Quaco; barge No 3, McNamara, for Parrsboro.

March 7—Coastwise—Schs Helen M, Morris, for Advocate Harbor; Lennie and Edna, Stuart, for Beaver Harbor; Bonnie Doon, Hayes, for Parrsboro; barge No 1, Nickerson, for do; sch Wood Bros, Golding, for Quaco.

March 9—Str Numidian, Main, for Liverpool via Halifax.

Coastwise—Schs James Barbour, Ells, for Quaco; Harry Morris, McLean, for do; Lost Heir, McGuire, for fishing.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

Arrived.

HALIFAX, March 4—Ard, strs Oruro, from St John; Micmac, from Portland, Me.

Sld, strs Tritonia, for Glasgow via Liverpool; St John City, Paterson, for St John; Halifax, Pye, for Boston; Newfoundland, Farquhar, for sealing; Harlaw, Scott, for do.

HALIFAX, NS, March 5—Cld, str Minia (Cable), for sea; sch Tyree, for Rio Janeiro.

Sld, str Pro Patria, Henri, for St Pierre, Miq.

HALIFAX, NS, March 6—Ard, str Lady Laurier, from Sable Island; sch Elector, Morrisseer, from Gloucester via Pubnico for Banks; put in for bait, and cld.

Sld, str Numidian, Main, for St John.

Cld, sch Wanola, for Ingram River, to load for Bridgeport, Conn.

HALIFAX, NS, March 6—Ard, strs Canada, from Boston, and sld for Queenstown and Liverpool; Manchester Commerce, from Manchester for St John.

At Quaco, March 7, schs Rex, Sweet, from St John; Jas Barber, Ellis, from do; Silver Wave, McLean, from do; Abana, Black, from do.

Cleared.

At Quaco, March 7, schs Rex, Sweet, for St John Jas Barber, Ells, for do; Nellie E Gray, Smith, for do; Earnest Fisher, Gough, for do; Abana, Black, for do; Silver Wave, McLean, for do.

BRITISH PORTS.

Arrived.

At Hong Kong, March 6, ship Howard D Troop, Corning, from New York.

PORT ADELAIDE, March 3—Ard, str Sellasia, Purdy, from Fremantle.

GLASGOW, March 5—Sld, str Siberian, for Halifax.

QUEENSTOWN, March 5, 1 p m—Sld, str Germanic, from Liverpool for New York.

BLYTH, March 5—Sld, str Lycia, for St John, NB.

LIVERPOOL, March 5—Sld, strs Irishman, for Portland; Parisian, for Halifax and St John.

KATHLIN ISLAND, March 5—Passed, str Carthaginian, from New York for Glasgow.

BROW HEAD, March 5—Passed, str Noordland, from Philadelphia for Liverpool.

INISTRAHULL, March 5—Passed, str Orcadian, from Boston for Glasgow.

QUEENSTOWN, March 5—Ard, str Cedric, from New York for Liverpool (and proceed).

MOVILLE, March 5—Ard, str Corinthian, from St John, NB, and Halifax for Liverpool.

KINSALE, March 5—Passed, strs Lake Simcoe, from Liverpool for St John, NB; Manchester City, from St John, NB, for Manchester.

DUBLIN, March 5—Ard, str Dunmore Head, from St John, NB.

BROW HEAD, March 5—Passed, str Damara, from Halifax and St Johns, NF, for Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, March 6—Ard, str Manchester City, from St John, NB, for Manchester.

MOVILLE, March 6—Sld, str Parisian (from Liverpool), for Halifax and St John, NB.

HONG KONG, March 6—Ard, ship Howard D Troop, Corning, from New York.

LIVERPOOL, March 6—Sld, str Georgic, for New York.

LONDON, March 6—Ard, str Evangeline, from St John and Halifax.

ST JOHNS, NF, March 6—Ard, str Ulunda, from Liverpool for Halifax.

LONDON, March 6—Sld, str Dominion, for Louisburg, CB, and Boston.

At Leith, March 6, str Pharsalia, Foote, from St John.

At Melbourne, March 5, str Sellasia, Purdy, from New York via ports.

Sailed.

From Deal, March 4, ship J D Everett, Crossley, from London for New York.

From Bermuda, March 7, str Trinidad, Fraser, for New York.

From East London, Jan 14, bark Grenada, Gardner, for St Thomas.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived.

At New York, March 4, sch Annie M Allen, Reicker, from Providence.

At Huelva, March 5, str Kentigern, Parker, from Lisbon.

At Para, March 2, bark Egeria, Langlier, from Rosario.

At Havana, Feb 24, barks Persia, Gogswell, from Hantsport; Glenafton, Snow, from Mobile; 26th, sch Strathcona, Gould, from Mobile.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, March 4—Sld, bark Albatross (from Perth Amboy), for Halifax; schs Winnie Lawry, from New London for St John, NB; Phoenix, from New York for Parrsboro, NS.

CITY ISLAND, March 4—Bound south, schs Vida M McKeown, from Fortune Bay, NF; Helen G King, from Calais, Me, via Fall River; Nettie Eaton, from Calais, Me, via Stonington, Conn.

BOSTON, March 4—Ard, strs Louisburg, CB; Terje Viken, from do.

Sld, str Tiola, for Sydney, CB; schs Abbie and Eva Hooper, for St John, NB; Roanoke, for Mahone Bay; Lunenburg and Stetson's Cove, NS; Republic, for St Andrews, NB, via Portland; Romeo, for St John, NB.

CALAIS, Me, March 4—Ard, sch G M Porter, from Salem.

PORTLAND, Me, March 4—Ard, strs Sardinian, from Glasgow; A R Thorp, from Sydney, CB; Troild, from Lunenburg, CB; sch Abbie Keast, from St John for Vineyard Haven.

LISBON, March 4—Sld, str Kentigern, Parker, for Huelva.

ST KITTS, March 3—Sld, str Dahome, for Bermuda.

GULF PORT, March 3—Ard, sch Helen E Kenney, Miller, from Havana.

FALL RIVER, Mass, March 5—Sld, sch Ayr, for New York.

BOSTON, March 5—Ard, strs Philadelphia, from Liverpool; Halifax, from Halifax, NS; Boston, from Yarmouth, NS; ship Treasurer, from Turks Island.

Sld, str Canada, for Liverpool via Halifax and Queenstown.

NEW HAVEN, Conn, March 5—Ard, str Coban, from Sydney, CB.

EASTPORT, Me, March 5—Sld, sch Senator Saulsbury, for Gloucester.

MACHIAS, Me, March 5—Ard, sch Keewaydin, from Parrsboro, NS, for Kittery.

CITY ISLAND, March 5—Bound south, schs Ida M Barton, from St John, NB; Martha A Bradley, from Grand Manan, NB; R D Spear, from St John, NB, for Philadelphia; Ayr, from St John via Providence.

BOSTON, March 5—Ard, strs Inchmarle, from Shields; Saxonia, from Liverpool via Queenstown; Anglian, from London; Universe, from Louisburg, CB; St Croix, from St John, NB, via Eastport and Portland; sch Ann Louisa Lockwood.

Sld, strs Boston, for Yarmouth, NS; Terje Viken, for Louisburg, CB.

NEW YORK, March 5—Ard, sch Wm Marshall, from Perth Amboy for Lynn.

Sld, bark Antigua, from Perth Amboy for Halifax.

SALEM, Mass, March 6—Ard, schs Rebecca W Huddell, from Perth Amboy for St John, NB; Republic, from Boston for do.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass, March 6—Sld, sch C H Flint, for St John, NB.

VINEYARD HAVEN, March 6—Ard, sch Greta, from Bermuda for St John.

HUELVA, March 5—Ard, str Kentigern, Parker, from Lisbon.

At New York, March 5, bark Reynard, Berteaux, from Montevideo; schs Marthа A Bradley, Cook, from Grand Manan; Ida M Barton, from Boston for St John; Ayr, Sabean, from St John; J L Nelson, Smith, from Boston; Hope Haynes, Dickson, from Providence; R D Spear, Dickson, from St John; At Laguayra, March 4, sch Elma, Henebery, from South Amboy.

At Bahia Blanca, Feb 27, bark Enterprise, Bradley, from Portland, Me.

At Buenos Ayres, Jan 19, ship Harvest Queen, Forsyth, from Ship Island.

At Mobile, Ala, March 5, sch Margaret May Riley, Berry, from Sagua.

At New Haven, Conn, March 5, sch Sallie E Ludlam, Peterson, from Warren, RI.

At Bridgeport, Conn, March 6, sch Tay, from St John, NB.

At Stanley, Fl, Jan 24, schs Edward Ray, Roberts, from Halifax; 25th, Ola M Balcom, from do; Beatrice L Corkum, Balcom, from do, all sealing.

At Boston, March 6, sch Ann Louise Lockwood, Barton, from New York.

At Gulfport, Miss, Feb 16, sch Prosperare, Somerville, from Port Spain (to load and return).

At Rio Janeiro, Jan 26, bark Mary Classen, Lloyd, from Gaspe; brig Marconi, Hatt, from do; 28th, schs J Percy Bertram, Kehoe, from Paspebiac; 30th, C E Spooner, Williams, from Santos.

Cleared.

At New York, March 4, barks Ensenada, Morris, for Buenos Ayres via Boston; Osberga, McKenzie, for Boston; sch Freddie A Higgins, Ingalls, for St Andrews.

At Jacksonville, Fla, March 4, sch Marjorie J Sumner, Read, for St John, NB.

At Buenos Ayres, Jan 19, bark Saranac, Porter, for Boston (before reported for New York).

At New York, March 6, bark Golden Rod, Bride, for Bahia; schs Gypsum Queen, Carmichael, for South Amboy; 7th, Ayr, Sabean, for St John; Alexandra, Blenn, for Yarmouth.

At Boston, March 7, sch Pardon G Thompson, Brown, for St John.

At Norfolk, March 7, sch M D S, Sanford, for St Johns, Nfld.

At Philadelphia, March 7, ship Andora, Morgan, for Baltimore.

Sailed.

From Singapore, Feb 27, bark Strathern, Fleming, for Boston.

From City Island, March 5, barks Ensenada, Morris, from New York for Buenos Ayres via Boston; Osberga, McKenzie, from New York for Boston (both barks anchored 3 miles east of Execution Light); sch Freddie A Higgins, Ingalls, from New York for St Andrews, NB.

From Rio Janeiro, Jan 31, barks Abeona, Mattson, for Santa Cruz and New York; Annie Smith, Smith, for Barbados.

From Caleta Buena, March 4, bark Engelhorn, Lovitt, for Philadelphia.

From City Island, March 6, schs Sebago, Cochran, for Portland; Annie M Allen, for Boston.

From Buenos Ayres, Jan 28, bark Conductor, Lombard, for Rosario.

From Rosario, Jan 27, bark Trinidad, Card, for Santos.

MEMORANDA.

Passed Sydney Light, March 5, Alderney, Gjertsen, from Portland for Sydney; Bergenhus, Svendsen, from Sydney for Portland.

Passed Sydney Light, March 7, strs Yedia, Shallis, from Boston for Halifax; Aldriney, Gjertsen, from Sydney for Halifax; Newfoundland, Farquhar, from Halifax via Hastings, bound north.

In port at Buenos Ayres, Jan 23, ships R Morrow, Douglass, from Portland; Kate F Troop, Brown, for Colastine, to load for New York; Stranger, McKay, for Rosario, to load wool for Boston; Nora Wiggins, McKinnon, for Boston, with wool; sch Moama, Calhoun, from Weymouth, arrived 16th.

Passed Sydney Light, March 9, strs Montauk, Cole, from Portland for Sydney; Sif, Hermansen, from St John for Sydney.

In port at Barbados, Feb 20, bark Mary A Troop, Walley, for Turks Island, to load for Hampton Roads.

In port at Montevideo, Dec 12, bark Andorinha, Nicholas, for Newcastle, NSW, and San Francisco.

REPORTS.

BOSTON, March 5—The str Penobscot, which went ashore near Bucksport, Me, and was floated last Saturday, arrived here in tow today and was hauled out on the marine railway for repairs. She will probably be laid off for a month.

LONDON, March 5.—Over 2,000 emigrants left Liverpool today for Canada. The emigration season is considered to have opened and this month's bookings by all the Canadian steamship lines are the largest for forty years.

ROCKLAND, Me, March 6—The British barkentine Cuba, from Parrsboro, NS, Feb 12, with 560 tons of soft coal for Bath, was aground just inside Marshall Point at Fort Clyde today, but at high tide was taken off by the revenue cutter Woodbury and proceeded uninjured to Bath. The Cuba dropped anchor in Clyde harbor during the night, and this forenoon as sail was hoisted to proceed a sudden squall took the barkentine a quarter of a mile and cast her on shore. The Burnt Island life saving crew stood by, but their services were not required.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

BOSTON, Mass, March 4—Notice is given by the Lighthouse Board that a gas buoy, painted black and showing a fixed white light during periods of 3 seconds, separated by eclipses of 5 seconds, has been established, in 28 feet of water, alongside the wreck of fishing sch Chas W Parker, sunk in Boston harbor, on the following approximate bearings (magnetic): Spectacle Island rear range light, SE, southerly; Long Island Head lighthouse, ESE, easterly; Deer Island lighthouse, E¾S.

NEW YORK, March 5—The inspector of the Third Lighthouse district gives notice that on March 4, 1903, the following changes in the position of anchorage buoys, New York harbor, were made to conform with circular amending revised rules and regulations relating to the anchorage of vessels, issued by the treasury department:

Demarcation buoy (south), marking the northern boundary of (southern part) western anchorage, upper bay, New York, position changed and placed in 71 feet mean low water on the following approximate magnetic bearings: Battery flagstaff, E¾N; Governor's Island post light, SE¼E; Statue of Liberty, SW by W9-16W.

Demarcation buoy (north), marking the southern boundary of (northern part) western anchorage, upper bay, New York, position changed and placed in 71 feet mean low water on the following approximate magnetic bearings: Battery flagstaff, E¾N; Governor's Island post light, SE¼E; Statue of Liberty, W¾S.

PORTLAND, Me, March 6—Red and black horizontally striped buoy is reported adrift from Moulton's Ledge, near Frenchman's Bay, and will be replaced as soon as practicable.

POPE'S HEALTH.

Reports That His Holiness Was Seriously Ill Are Unfounded

ROME, March 7.—All reports of the Pope's ill health are unfounded. His holiness is an old man, but he is the strongest old man in all Europe. He has taken his full part in all the receptions of foreign representatives for the past week.

MARRIAGES.

BROWN-THORNE—At Petitcodiac, March 4, by Rev. Abram Perry, Talmage Brown, of Corn Hill, to Ethel Thorne, daughter of Isaac Thorne, of Manhurst, Kings Co.

DEATHS.

BAXTER—At Yarmouth, N. S., March 7, John K. Baxter, aged 27, of St. John, N. B., son of the late George Baxter, leaving a wife, mother and two brothers to mourn their loss.

GIGGEY—In Roxbury, Mass., on Thursday, March 5th, Mrs. Jane Giggey, widow of Henry Giggey of North End, in the 74th year of her age.

HOLTS—At his residence, 39 Kennedy street, March 6th, Martin Holts, aged 81 years.

MORRISON—March 9th, at 127 Duke street, St. John, Margaret M. Morrison, widow of the late George Morrison, and daughter of the late Jabez M. Hopley of the post office department.

NESBITT—At 28 Castle street, Catherine, widow of the late Andrew Nesbitt, aged 88 years, leaving one daughter.

OBORNE—At 95 Coburg street, St. John, N. B., March 9th, Ruth Milecent, aged 9, eldest daughter James and Alice Oborne.

POWER—On Saturday, March 7, after a brief illness, Mrs. Elizabeth Power, aged 84 years, leaving two sons and other relatives to mourn their loss.

REYNOLDS—At Amherst, March 6th, Mrs. Jane Reynolds, aged 86 years.

RUPERT—At Central Norton, Kings Co., March 4th, after a lingering illness, John M. Rupert, aged 52 years, leaving a wife and two children to mourn their sad loss.

VASEY—In this city, on Thursday, March 5th, after an illness of six days with pneumonia, Mary E., aged 55 years, wife of George A. Vasey. Her end was peace.

TAIT—In this city, on March 8th, Sarah May, daughter of William J. and Margaret R. Tait, aged 17 years. Asleep in Jesus.

PERRY'S CONFESSION.

Negro Lad's Ante-Mortem Statement Throws Partial Light

On the Murders of Nova Scotia Nurses in the Somerville Hospital Grounds —"I Love Jesus", Said the Dying Boy

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 9.—Geo. L. O. Perry, the negro lad who was indicted for the murders of Miss Agnes McPhee of Somerville and Miss Clara Morton of Waverly, made a confession when he realized that he could not live and now that he is dead, Sheriff Fairbairn has made public what he said. On Feb. 26 the sheriff says he asked the prisoner:

"George Perry, did you hit those girls, Misses McPhee and Morton?"

"Yes, sir, I did," was the reply from the lad.

"Did Mason have anything to do with it?"

A negative shake of the head was the answer, and Perry beginning to weep pitifully, said: "Do not ask me any more questions."

At this time Perry had just passed through a run of typhoid fever and was terribly weak. He seemed to have an idea he would not live. The sheriff says in detail:

"On Feb. 26 word was brought to me in the office that Perry wanted to see me. I went immediately to the hospital. He said he wished that I would give his attendants orders to stay inside of his cell during the night. I told him that there was no need of that, because one of them was just outside his cell door on the corridor all the time. I told him that if anyone were to stay in the cell he could not sleep and sleep was what he needed more than anything.

"I don't want to sleep. I want somebody with me; I'm going to die," Perry added. "I said: 'I hope not. What makes you think so?'

"He began to cry and said that he knew that he was going to die. He said that it was somebody's will that he should die.

"He then said: 'Can't you help me? You are the only friend I have left.'

"I said: 'That isn't so. You haven't forgotten your mother, have you, George?'

"'No,' he said, 'and I love Jesus. He has forgiven me and He has got it all down up there.'

"I then said: 'George, if you are going to die you had better tell the truth and not die with somebody else blamed for anything that you have done.'

"He lay still for some moments and then said: 'I am only a poor nigger, and like all niggers I must do the best that I can.'

"I then said: 'Did you do what they said you did and what they have sent you here for?'

"He nodded his head in the affirmative.

"'George, did you hit those girls, Misses Agnes McPhee and Clara Morton?

"The boy began to cry and said: 'Oh, don't ask me.'

"I said: 'George, if you did, you can tell me and if you live I never shall mention it; but if you die it ought to be known. Did you do it?'

"'Yes, sir, I did.'

"'Did Mason have anything to do with it?'

"He shook his head in the negative and said: 'Don't ask me any more questions.'

"After a few minutes I promised to see him again in the morning and left the cell. Since that time in all my talks with him he said nothing about the case.

"On that particular day the boy was very sick and felt that he was surely going to die. On no other day during his illness did he feel in this mood."

The above statement was read by Sheriff Fairbairn to District Attorney Sanderson and his assistant, Hugh Bancroft. They both agreed that it should be published for the good of all concerned.

(Boston Globe, 9th.)

BELIEVES HIM INNOCENT.

Rev. Simon P. W. Drew Has Perry's Statement, Which He Says Makes Everything Clear.

"George was not afraid to die," said Rev. Simon P. W. Drew, Perry's spiritual adviser, last evening. "The last time I saw him on Feb. 14 he told me that he was prepared for death.

"He was converted, and he told me that when the time came he was willing to go. The last thing he said to me was: 'If I die I shall go to heaven.' He wanted me to sing the hymn, Over the River.

"I have talked a good deal about the case with George, but during the last few visits I made to him we talked only of religion. We did not discuss the case with him after he was taken sick.

"I know that he was innocent, that he was only implicated in the murders because he sold the watches. They were given to him and he took them innocently.

"I know he was innocent because he wrote a very frank and honest statement during one of the early visits I made to him at the East Cambridge jail. He wrote the story of his connection with the case. He told how he met the man, who he was and how he happened to give him the watches. I am satisfied that what he said was true, and I believe he had known the man for years.

"I shall not make that statement public for a week at least. I do not believe it would be proper to have it published until after the poor boy is buried."

"Was this statement made after you converted him?"

"No. He was under conversion at the time, but he had not been converted. Several times after he wrote it out we talked it over and he repeated what he had written."

"Did this statement differ materially from that he gave to Mr. Birtwell and Mr. Lawrence?"

"I don't know anything about what he said to them. I should not place much confidence in any statement he made to them. He was a mere boy, not a man. They took him away from his home that night, under the promise that they would assist him to employment and took him to a hotel, where they asked him a lot of questions.

"The poor boy was tired out, he slept part of the time, as he had been up all the night before to some social affair. He was in no condition to make any statement. You take a child into a room and question him and he will say anything to get out."

"Did he ever change his statement after you converted him?"

"No. But we talked mostly about religion and the passages from the Scripture after his conversion. I saw him twice after he was taken sick. I received a note from the deputy sheriff saying Perry wished to see me, and I called on him Feb. 3. He was then dying I believed. I did not think then he would recover.

"I could not talk to him much, as his hearing was defective. I next saw him Feb. 14. He was said to be improving, but I saw very little change.

"No, George did not kill the two women. He was not shrewd or clever enough to have killed anybody without some one seeing him. He was always honest about the part he had in it, selling the watches. He told them right off about the watches, and even when Nemser did not remember him he pointed out Nemser as the man who bought them.

"Then he gave up the chain as soon as he had a chance. He sent them to the young girl who had it.

"There are a good many things about the case that makes me think George's story is true. The car conductor Brown, and the Metropolitan park superintendent at Waverley have not been spoken of since George's arrest. They have dropped out of the case entirely. Nemser changed his story, too, didn't he?"

"Nemser could not identify George at first, but he did afterward."

"Did Perry in the statement he gave to you tell a circumstantial story about his acquaintance with the man from whom he says he received the watches which might be corroborated by an investigation?"

"Yes. He mentioned incidents which could be looked up. I don't want to discuss that statement until I can give it just as he wrote it. But it tells just how he happened to be implicated in the case. It is so complete that there can be no doubt that he knew this man.

"It is too bad the poor boy died before he could be vindicated, but as his spiritual adviser I feel gratified that he was fully prepared for death."

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MONTREAL TRAGEDY!

One Killed and Seventy Others Injured, Many Fatally.

MONTREAL, March 8.—Fire last night burned the Richelieu and Ontario Co.'s magnificent new steamer Montreal to the water's edge. An immense crowd gathered, and several hundred, in order to secure a point of vantage, climbed up on the partially dismantled shed of the Allan line. The structure collapsed under the weight, killing one man and injuring about seventy-five people, of whom it is expected four or five will die. Fully thirty suffered fractured limbs.

The Montreal was built last summer in Toronto and brought down here in the fall to receive interior fittings. She was the largest and finest steamer in Canada's inland waters, and one of the finest on the lake waters of the continent. A large force of men were engaged on the boat and worked as usual on Saturday. The fire broke out shortly after eight o'clock on the main deck in the big dining saloon, where a large Quebec heater had been placed. How it started is not known. It was quite a distance to the nearest alarm box, and by the time the brigade reached the spot the fire had secured great headway, fresh paint and varnish giving it every opportunity to spread quickly.

There was further delay in getting water on. That that meant that the upper works were doomed was speedily apparent. The hope remained of saving the steel hull and costly engines from serious damage, and in this the brigade is reported to have been quite successful, as they were submerged.

Enormous crowds were attracted by the reflection, which was visible all over the city.

Alongside the steamer was the partially dismantled shed of the Allan line. The sides and roof had been removed, but the beams and rafters furnished an entertaining spot to witness the fire. Several hundred people, in spite of the efforts of the police, clambered up, every minute adding to their number. The danger was apparent to all save those taking chances. Finally the weight told on the structure, and with a gentle crash a portion of it gave way, dragging a considerable section down with it, as well as the occupants. There was a laugh from the crowd, which died away, to be followed by shrieks from the injured. Willing hands quickly set to work removing the heavy timbers, while ambulance calls were sent to all the city hospitals. It was fully an hour and a half before all the injured were picked up and sent away. Then it was found that fully seventy people had been injured, some very seriously. Giollu, an Italian, died an hour after reaching the General Hospital, and there are four others for whose recovery the physicians hold out little hope.

THE LIST OF INJURED.

One dead and fully seventy injured, of whom three or four will probably die, is the result of the collapse of the Allan line shed, during the burning of the Richelieu and Ontario line steamer Montreal, last evening. The dead man is N. Gioulli, an Italian laborer, who died an hour after admission into the general hospital, with a fractured skull.

There are 26 cases in Notre Dame hospital, 24 in the general, six in the Royal Victoria, and one in the Western hospital. Many others went to their homes in cabs.

The following were seriously injured:

Emile Sauve, spine fractured and dislocated, leg and foot fractured; will die.

Leo St. Germain, fracture and dislocation of spine, arm fractured; will die.

James M. Waugh, fractured femur.

John O'Sullivan, spine injured, also internally; serious.

James Wray, leg fractured, back injured; serious.

Colin Campbell, internal injuries.

Frank Dufresne, crushed thorax.

Edmund Delfosse, fractured skull.

Russell Brown, concussion of brain.

W. Flannigan, fractured lag, internal injuries.

A large number of the other cases are fractured limbs.

The Montreal, when burned, was still in possession of the Bertram Shipbuilding Co. of Toronto, her builders. They had received $325,000 from the Richelieu Company on the contract price, the latter holding £87,000 insurance as security. This, it is said, covers the loss, excepting that caused by the loss of the steamer's services during the present season.

The St. John branch of the Union Bank of Halifax will open for business on or about March 16th, at 156 Prince William street.

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EXODUS STILL EXISTS.

(Moncton Times.)

Though the conservative press in opposition is not following the bad example of the liberals in magnifying the movement of population from Canada to the United States, it is quite evident that it has not been stopped, though the west may be gaining what the east is losing. An Ottawa correspondent of the Times says: Less than a year ago Sir Richard Cartwright, in cold blood, declared that the Canadian exodus to the United States had ceased. In his report of trade and commerce for 1902, he furnishes the best evidence obtainable in confutation of such claims. The plain facts are supplied in the records of our exports of "settlers' effects" since the liberal party came to power. From 1898 the value of such shipments to the United States has almost doubled. The year 1902 compared with 1901 shows an increase of over 32 per cent., proving beyond question, that the number of Canadians emigrating to American territory is multiplying at a heretofore unheard of rate. The drain on Canada's population through this channel, since 1898, can be estimated from the following statistics of settlers' effects exported to the United States, as taken from page 236 of Sir Richard's report for 1902:

	Value.
1898	$ 886,622
1899	963,625
1900	1,669,122
1901	1,133,707
1902	1,502,265

The average Canadian will lose some of his enthusiasm arising out of our immigration returns after carefully weighing Sir Richard's emigration figures. Balancing up the account the net result is much against us. One good Canadian lost to the United States cannot be replaced by a dozen of Clifford's Sifton's semi-civilized foreigners.

MACEDONIA.

The Revolutionists Have 60,000 Armed Men at Hand.

LONDON, March 8—A despatch published in the Daily News from its special correspondent, says the Macedonian leaders are inclined to give the Austro-Russian reforms a trial if they are honestly and promptly put into operation, but he considers it doubtful if the leaders can prevent a revolutionary outbreak. The correspondent estimates that the Macedonians have 60,000 armed men at their call.

SOFIA, March 9.—Major General Paprikoff has sent in his resignation as minister of war because his colleagues reject his demand for a credit of $1,600,000 for the purchase of war materials. Unless Prince Ferdinand accepts his resignation the whole cabinet will resign.

A U. S. engineer will try to ascertain what obstruction the steamer Catalone struck off Boston. About a year ago another steamer struck the same place, but no obstruction could be found by the engineer. It is thought some sunken wreckage was there which was since carried out by the tide.