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Empire. We may be absolutely certain that the protection will be afforded, and that Canada will get the benefit of it, and that this protection will be adequate so long as the British Islands can raise another man, obtain another shilling or build another ship. If we do not wish to help we do not have to do it.

But again we ask, is that an assurance to make us comfortable, easy, and satisfied?

MR. HOLT AGAIN.

Mr. Holt's second letter, like his first, gives no good argument against the decision of the Board of Trade, that no decisive action should be taken in the matter of the harbor bridge without better and fuller informa-tion. He may clear his mind at once of the idea that The Standard objects to his discussing any aspect of the bridge question. But this journal distinguishes between those matters which Mr. Holt discusses with professional athority, and the questions of policy on which he probably not so good authority as many members of the Board of Trade. He may know better than the rest of us how long, and wide, and heavy the bridge should be, but others who are not engineers know as well as he whether men, women and children would prefer to walk over the bridge or ride in the boat; whe ther they prefer to wait for a boat or for a streetcar; whether they like better to pay one cent or four for the passage; whether the citizens as a whole desire to be passage; whether the citizens as a whole desire to be taxed the amount that is now collected for bridge tolls. Mr. Holt has had two chances to present his case, and if he has convinced the readers of The Standard, he is to be congratulated, for his cause will thus have gained a decided advantage among the most intelligent and influential people of this town.

### A UNIVERSITY DAY.

There are naturally many conjectures over the successorship to Mr. Butler, retiring Deputy Minister of Railways. Among the names mentioned is that of Mr. Pottinger, former manager of the Intercolonial, now a member of the Board of Management. So far as the direction of the Government railway is concerned. Mr. Pottinger is probably the most capable man in sight, but the position of Deputy Minister involves the oversight of canals and other public business which he might not care to undertake. It has doubtless been discovered by this time that the scheme of management by a board under political authority is a waste of money and men. So far as the trailway has been separated from politics it has gained, but this separation could abave taken place under one manager, as well as under four. There can be very little doubt that Mr. Pottinger with the staff he had before the last change rould administer the Intercolonial better than he and his three colleagues are doing it as a board. The existing waste of the country of the world and the problem of the country of the country of the world and the problem of the staff he had before the last change rould administer the Intercolonial better than he and his three colleagues are doing it as a board. The existing was a constant of the problem of the country of the form political interesting which the relation of the provincial university; as public institution in a sense that other specially of the histing of the country which the relative of this evidence in this city yeaterday. A meeting of the abunders to concent, and the staff undered to do the ancel which the relative of the sum the reliation of the provincial university is a public institution of higher that the provincial university is a public institution in a sense that other provincial university. The Chancellor of the provincial university is a public institution in a sense that other provincial university is a public institution in a sense that other prov

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t who will take a convent course in the city.

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Mrs. Jas. D. Weldon entertained the Bridge Club on Thursday afternoon last. Mrs. Edwin Freeze is its hostess this week.

Mrs. W. H. Murray leaves town today for St. John and thence to Boston. Mrs. Murray has not been well for some time and her large circle of friends hope she may return much improved in health.

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Mechanics' Lien Case.

Argument in the mechanics' lien case of Hamilton vs. Seymour (owner) and Whiteneck (contractor) was concluded yesterday morning in the county court chambers. Judge Forbes presided. Judgment was reserved. Mr. A. A. Wilson, K. C., and Mr. S. B. Bustin appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. G. H. V. Belyea for the defendant Seymour. Estate of Jas. P. Costigan.

In the probate court yesterday in the matter of the estate of James P. Costigan, proprietor of boarding house the last will was property to his two sisters, Annie and Kathleen, subject to the payment of deceased's debts. He nominates William F. Higgins, tallor, executor, who was sworn in as such. No realty. Personal estate \$100. Mr. John A. Barry, proctor.

N. B. Southern Railway RINGS

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Ion of the machine for the purpose, and the hand was caught by a cogwheel and drawn in and mangled. Yesterday the petitioner gave evidence, and the matter was adjourned until Wednesday next at 11 a. m. Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., appeared for Mr. Amos and Mr. F. R. Taylor for the defendants. COAL JAMES S. McGIVERN,

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Frederiction, Jan. 14.—This morning a conference was held between W. W. Hubbard, Secretary for Agriculture and C. H. Giles, William McKay and Fred P. Robinson, who form a committee appointed by agricultural society No. 34 to take up the question of an importation of some kind of stock by the society this year, when the society will not hold an exhibition. Parties will meet again later on before anything is definitely decided upon is the importation of a Guernsey bull. It is also likely that an importation of turkeys will be made. It is well known that there has been a scarcity of turkeys in this section this season and with good birds bringing from 25 to 28

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