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THE SCOTT ACT IN PORTLAND.
A correspondent of the Toronto Empire has been doing St. John. His meanderings were under the direction of Alderman Kelly, chairman of the Public Safety Department.

FROM A ROYAL JOURNAL.
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THE HOUSES OF THIS COUNTRY AND THE UNITED STATES, celebrated the first day of the year 5650 on Thursday last. The day is called in the Bible the "Day of Reckoning," and the command is given to Moses to "speak into the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, shall ye have a Sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation."

Tammany influence is still strong in the New York courts. Sheriff Black, his son and three other staunch Tammanyites were indicted a week ago for perjury in the Black divorce suit, but none of them have as yet been arrested.

New York Episcopals have had a lively time also—singing the Book of Common Prayer. When the debate had lasted several hours and numerous requests had been presented and withdrawn this one was adopted.

Resolved, As the sense of this convention, that it is highly desirable that the agitation of the Church by proposed changes in its services be brought as speedily as possible to an end, and for this purpose no proposal should be considered in the General Convention, for any change in the standard edition of the Book of Common Prayer, beyond those which have already been constitutionally adopted, except so much of Schedule B as is not agreed to by the action of one of the oldest houses in the General Convention of 1888, and such matters in section C as are referred to the Committee of Fifteen.

HERE AS THERE.
A variety of interesting items from a variety of sources. Mr. Paddy Ryan, the willow wreath champion, has been soundly thrashed in a non-Parliamentary manner, when he had insulted, Men of his kind are not much to be feared.

At a Virginia church meeting last night a young woman took the floor, flourished a man and called upon the devil to stand up and try conclusions there and then. The devil did not accept the challenge.

With the famous dressmaker, said of Mrs. Williams Helms, "She was a delight to dress an account of her splendid indifference for me. I will always remember her as the American woman who demanded a high-necked dress."

Mr. Eli Giddens affects the Chinese in all household matters but cooking. Her rooms are full of screens, rugs, carpets, draperies, porcelain and other articles of the East, and she is no longer possible to keep up the decoration as to the prospects or to attract visitors to the Canadian hereafter will go to Dakota, and thousands who have settled there will remain to own Northwest.

While Mr. Blair is looking about him for measures of reform he should not fail to note the extravagant cost of the public printing, especially the work done by Mr. George F. Fenety. The office of Queen's Printer should be abolished and the government printing put up to public competition and given to the lowest bidder who proved his ability to do the work in a satisfactory manner.

The Queen's Printer last year drew from the Government \$6,927 for printing the journals, the Auditor General's report, the laws and sundry other printing, and for furnishing 1,773 magistrates with the Royal Gazette at a dollar a year each. The Queen's Printer takes the entire profits of the Royal Gazette and they are very considerable. It is not too much to say that the office of Queen's Printer is worth at least \$120,000 a year, or five times as much as the most important departmental office in the Province. There is no reason whatever why this should be so. The monopoly which the Queen's Printer has enables him to force upon the government which any first class printer would be ashamed to issue from his office. The type in the Queen's Printer's office is old and his presses are old, and the work is inferior. We are convinced that if the government would abolish the office of Queen's Printer and put their own printer to public tender, they could save at least \$7,000 a year and have better work done than it is at present.

As an informal tax given last week the party of ladies discussed a very common subject—dress—and of course considerable was said. One visitor told of a comfortable costume which she knew was worn by a lady in Chicago, who was an expert stenographer and whose business took her out of doors a great deal. It consisted of a full suit of black light, divided skirt and a dress, the latter not touching the ground by three inches. In this costume she is perfectly free, looks the same as any ordinary well-dressed woman and is not conspicuous in any sense of the word. The chief comfort to be taken with this style is the fact that the woman is perfectly free. She does not fear a rainy day or a muddy street, her dress keeps her all at the feet and she does not appear in the attitude of the woman who holds her dress up in one hand, her umbrella and packages in the other, and then puts a disheveled skirt after all.

A curious story of the accidental recovery of \$20,000 in new gold sovereigns comes from Melbourne. Several months ago this treasure was stolen from the royal mail steamer Heria as she was lying at the wharf at Melbourne. The treasure was being transferred from the Sydney mint to Melbourne banks, and fell all in new sovereigns. On Aug. 21 two boys saw a mouse dart under the railway at Melbourne. One took a stick and while digging for the animal unearthed several sovereigns. Secretly the two boys removed 300 sovereigns and took them home. The parents reported the discovery, and the police on the following day found 1,000 sovereigns in a bag in the plain. Each bag had been opened, a few sovereigns extracted, then tied again, evidently by a sailor, and planted. The boys had the words, "Royal Mint, Sydney," which identified the treasure. There was no clue to the thief, when accident has thus cleared out of his plunder.

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Had been Scolded.
Miss Hunter—Oh, we had such a distinguished visitor at our home last night, Mr. Leary. It was Captain Fortinbras, and he has been scolded.

A Family Trait.
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