

Merchants' Week and Autumn Carnival to be Held Here.

Board of Trade Looking Up Attractions For First of October and Will Discuss the Matter Next Monday.

St. John is in all probability to have a merchants' week and autumn carnival, and the success of it will to a great measure depend upon the interest taken and assistance rendered by the citizens generally.

CANADIAN CRUISER TO ANSWER CHARGE FIRES ON TUG

But Latter Succeeded in Getting Away.

Was Fishing Near the Boundary Line in Lake Erie—No One Was Hurt by Shots.

ERIE, Pa., Sept. 14.—While fishing near the boundary line in Lake Erie this afternoon, the fish tug William J. McCarty, a small boat of 15 tons, was struck by shots from the Canadian cruiser Vigilant, which attempted to compel the tug to surrender.

TO ANSWER CHARGE OF MURDER.

Edward F. Cole Pledged "Not Guilty."

Took Proceedings Coolly and is Confident of Result—Day of Trial Not Yet Settled.

(Special to the Sun.) PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 14.—Edward F. Cole, of Hillsboro, N. B., was arraigned in the superior court this morning and pleaded "not guilty" to an indictment presented late yesterday afternoon.



JOHN F. STEEVES, The murdered man.

SUPPORT TO IRISH NATIONAL CAUSE

Pledged by United Irish League of America.

Wm. Redmond, the Irish M.P., Denounced Government Proposition to Reduce Irish Representation.

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—Wm. Redmond, Irish member of parliament, was the guest of honor at an outdoor celebration in the city of Boston, held all day at the Huntington avenue baseball grounds. The festivities were witnessed by over 5,000 people, and the proceeds will be made part of the \$50,000 pledged to the Irish cause by the league.

KILLED WIFE THEN SUICIDE.

Love of Stage Led to Murder and Suicide.

Wife's Infatuation for Theatrical Performers Caused Tragedy—How the Bodies Were Found.

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—His wife's fondness for the stage and stage people was the cause which led John E. H. Reeves to become first a drinking man, and finally the murderer of his wife and his own slayer, according to developments in the police investigation of the double tragedy on School street, Cambridgeport. Regardless of her husband's remonstrances, she persisted in seeking the company of actors and actresses.

ROBBED OF \$300.

Hard Luck of Wm. Kennedy of the Prince Rupert.

He Left His Savings Under His Bed and the Roll Was Stolen—No Clue to the Thief.

Wm. Kennedy, quartermaster on the steamer Prince Rupert, playing between this city and Digby, stands to lose \$300, the amount of two years' careful saving, unless the efforts of Detective Killen meet with success. Quartermaster Kennedy, while a quiet, steady man, is well liked by all his shipmates, and his loss has awakened much sympathy for him.

MAYOR COLLINS OF BOSTON DEAD.

End Game Suddenly at Hot Springs, Va.

Was Consul General at London Under Former President Grover Cleveland—City Shocked.

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—Up to a late hour tonight the arrangements for the funeral of Mayor Patrick A. Collins, who died suddenly at Hot Springs, Va., today, had not been completed. It is expected that the funeral will be held on Monday or Tuesday of next week at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, the largest Roman Catholic edifice in the city.

MORE PARTICULARS CONCERNING ARREST OF ELMER YOUNG.

Elmer E. Young, who came conspicuously before the public at the time the Hope Young child murder case was under investigation in June last, was arrested in this city yesterday afternoon on a bench warrant charging him with the larceny of \$45 from Mrs. Ellen W. Rogers of 38 Worcester street.

MR. FRASER SEEKS AID OF BOSTON POLICE

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 13.—H. C. Fraser of Amherst, N. S., called at the police headquarters today and asked the police to help him find his wife, Margaret N. Fraser, and his seven months old daughter.

UNCONSCIOUS FOR OVER TWO MONTHS.

Miss Ethel Gram Dies as Result of Kick from a Pony.

LENEX, Mass., Sept. 14.—Miss Ethel B. Gram, daughter of the late Henry B. Gram, a prominent New York lawyer, died just before midnight tonight at her mother's summer home, High-land, after lying for two months in an unconscious condition with a fractured skull received on July 15 last from a kick by a pony. The skull was crushed over the left ear, and although some of the most eminent physicians in the country attempted to relieve her, she never spoke after receiving the blow.

BROKER ARRESTED CHARGED WITH FORGERY

Harry Clifford Brown of Boston in Difficult Position—Was Society Man.

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—Harry Clifford Brown, a stock broker of this city, and a well known resident of Brookline, was arrested today by inspectors from the Boston Bureau of Criminal Investigation, on a charge of forgery. According to Chief Inspector Wm. Watts, numerous trust companies, other corporations and individuals claim to have lost \$75,000 through transactions with Brown.

AMHERST MAN SAYS WIFE WAS DESPONDENT.

Howard C. Fraser, agent for farmers' tools at the Amherst, N. S., is in Boston tonight for his wife, Margaret V., who disappeared from her home a week ago Saturday, and who, he said yesterday afternoon, he was greatly worried about her, as she had been despondent for some time before leaving home, owing to her worry about his business affairs, and that he didn't know where she might go.

CONDITION OF AFFAIRS AT SHANGHAI

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—The state department today received a communication from Consul General Rodgers at Shanghai, which sets forth the condition of affairs there commercially. One phase of the movement which is disturbing to all business minds, he says, is the effect it is likely to produce upon the finances of that great centre of commerce. There are at the present time in Shanghai warehouses approximately 150,000 bales of American piece goods, valued at nearly \$3,000,000. The question, therefore, of marketing this commodity and of collecting the money under the present conditions, and with Manchuria closed, he adds, presents a very serious condition, and is apt to cause great difficulty, not only to the Chinese merchants, but also to the importers.

CHARRED BODY FOUND NEAR BEDROOM DOOR.

TORONTO, Sept. 13.—Lying near the door of her bedroom, where she had been overtaken in her effort to escape, the charred body of Mrs. Beal, sixty-three years of age, was found early this morning after the alarm of fire had been given by Miss Taylor, the only other occupant of the house, at 48 Shannon street. The exact cause of the fire and the time it broke out are unknown. It is certain, however, that it originated from a lamp by which the aged lady was in the habit of reading her Bible each night. Miss Taylor had been awakened some time afterwards by the crackling of fire, but the other woman was dead.

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF FEVER DEATHS.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 14.—There was an increase in the number of new cases and of deaths of yellow fever today. There were really seven yellow fever deaths, but one of them does not appear on the record. It is the case of an Italian who, in the delirium of the fever, secured a revolver and blew out his brains. The situation at Tallulah is improving. Other country reports were: Patterson, 20 cases, two deaths; Kenner, eight cases, two deaths; St. Rose, two cases; Barataria, two cases; Clarke Cheniere, one death; Sary, two cases; Berwick, one death; Houma, two cases.

BEARS ARE NUMEROUS NEAR MONCTON.

MONCTON, N. B., Sept. 14.—The postponed Labor Day sports are to take place on the Athletic grounds Saturday afternoon and evening. Bears are reported more numerous than usual in this section of the country. No less than seven have been seen at different times in Cape Breton settlement, about nine miles from town. C. J. Osman, M. P. P., and Manager Sherwood of the Salisbury and Harvey Railway, were in town today, interviewing Hon. Mr. Emmerson, minister of railways.

ELITE ENAMELED WARE. SUPERIOR IN FINISH and QUALITY. MADE TO WEAR.

We have just received Preserving Kettles, Sauce Pans, Tea Pots, Coffee Pots, Rice Boilers, Etc. We are showing a large range of KITCHEN COOKING UTENSILS which it will pay anyone to inspect. W. H. THORNE & CO., Limited, Market Square, St. John, N. B.

BRITISH MEDALS ARE MISSING.

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—There is a mystery in the office of the British consul, in the shape of the disappearance of a gold watch and three silver medals, which were to be presented to Captain E. P. Doughty and three members of the crew of the fishing schooner Fish Hawk, who saved the crew of the Canadian schooner Swanilda, wrecked at sea Oct. 26, 1903. The gold watch and medals were authorized by the Canadian government in recognition of the conspicuous bravery of the daring fishermen, who rescued the Swanilda's crew during a gale of wind, in a dory. The express company that received them is at a loss to tell where they are, and the expectant recipients of the reward are wondering if they will ever get them. Capt. Doughty, who was in command of the Fish Hawk at the time of the rescue, returned yesterday from a fishing trip with the schooner Ida M. Silva. He went to the British consul's office, expecting to get his watch, but was disappointed.

BOTTLE DRIFTED ACROSS ATLANTIC.

Cottlemen Threw It Overboard Containing Letter to Montreal Star. (Special to the Sun.) MONTREAL, Sept. 14.—On March 1st, 1899, the Dominion Line steamship Labrador was wrecked on the coast of Scotland. The ship was a total loss. But all on board were saved. When the ship struck, Geo. B. Brandford, a cottleman, recorded the fact, placed it in a bottle and threw it overboard. The letter was addressed to the Montreal Star. It turned up today, the bottle having been picked up at New Harbor, Hermitage Bay, Newfoundland, on August 17, by Reid Durnford, a fisherman. In five years the bottle had drifted across the Atlantic, 1,600 miles between the two points.

HOUSE. 10.—The Rev. arrived at the N. E. Robinson is firm. A was sent Stuart of age of at- ladder be- at Alma Sept. 2nd, o'clock out- and in- ladder be- and placed ung man's at the ma- he was que- the question of disclaim- his object now in jail tried under has been of the past Sunday. King of the E. was de- at the Cape Crown, who returned visit at the C. D. Rob