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SAINT JOHN, THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 13, 1909.

DR. JAMES HANNAY.

Signer to a review of Dr. Hannay's History of New Brunswick. Today it is the painful duty of The Standard to record the death of the author. Conscious of failing health, and to the possibility of sudden termination of life at any moment, Dr. Hannay was altered taking up other historical work, in addition to the investigations for the archives department on which he was regularly engaged. While Dr. Hannay's first historical work is in many respects the best of his writings, it remains true that at no time in his life has he accomplished more of permanent value than in the deade since he gave up journalism as a profession. Had he been spared another ten years to complete the researches and the publications which he had in mind this period would doubtless have been no less productive. Each year added to his acquaintance with early records and other sources of history, and while he may have given less attention to literary form in later years, he became more anxious to record the facts and to make permanent use of the mass of historical material which came under his trained observation. As yet there is no public record of the work that he has done in the last few years, seeking out original records in all parts of the country, collecting all that could be obtained, and making notes or copies of others for the national archives. It will doubtless be found that has in this way given much assistance to future students, discovering for them material which they have laid out.

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Dr. Hannay was a historian by choice and aptitude, and through the greater part of his life a journalist because a man in this country cannot live by writing books of instruction. Yet he took kindly and easily to newspaper work. He was a vigorous and racy writer, and well informed upon all public questions. Though caring little for party politics, he was an effective political writer, and could conduct a campaign paper in the most approved fashion. But he was personally more interested in the constitutional controversies of the early part of the last century than with current political issues. Though he was a barrister, Dr. Hannay gave little more attention to law after his admission than was necessary for his duties as court reporter. political issues. Though he was a barrister, Dr. Hannay gave little more attention to law after his admission than was necessary for his duties as court reporter. He was a newspaper writer before he was a lawyer, and from the age of thirty to sixty that was his occupation. Associated with Dr. Elder during the greater part of the time that distinguished journalist was editor of the Telegraph, Dr. Hannay was about the time of Dr. Elder's death persuaded by Mr. Livingston, another great editor, to go with him to Montreal. Five years later, after having worked with the Montreal Herald and Brooklyn Eagle, he was back in St. John again, first as editorial writer for the Gazette, and then as editor of the Telegraph. About 1900 Dr. Hannay removed to Fredericton. He was an editorial contributor to the press afterward, and for some years the official reporter. press afterward, and for some years the official reporter of the legislature, but in his last published work he speaks of his retirement from the position of editor as the date of his release from journalism and his return to historical work.

British government already seeks colonial advice on such grave questions.

Mr. Monk's recent address in Montreal makes his declaration of yesterday no surprise. The dying gladiator peroration assumes that Canadians are in some way return to historical work. return to historical work.

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The work of a newspaper writer is at best ephemeral, most of it forgotten the day after it appears. Every one of his thirty years in journalism, Dr. Hannay wrote much more copy than is contained in all his historical books. But his fame will rest on the books. Dr. Hannay's Acadia is a classic. It remains good history in spite of additional research and discovery since the book appeared. It is singularly good reading, better in fact than the later books, for the reason mentioned, that in later life the historian prevailed over the man of letters. The biographical works are regarded as equal to any in the Makers Of Canada series. The War of 1812, is a polemic. There is no question of its substantial accuracy, but the spirit is rather that of a campaign writer than of the calm historian. This book

BOSTON NOT NEEDED. paign writer than of the calm historian. This book bears trace of the fact that it was prepared as a course of lectures. It is moreover a spirited and striking record of heroic achievement by those who defended the soil of Canada from invasion, and it is not sur-

that it should have been named in the addresses gen out to the electors when parliament proregued. For a month the contest has raged and this unemployment programme is officially announced on the very eve of voting. Whether the scheme is an afterthought, and is now due to a growing doubt of government success at the poils, or whether it has been withheld to make a spectacular closing appeal, is not clear. We have a minister in Canada who would delight in preparing such announcement for use at the last moment. The method has not always been successful in this country. How it may strike the British artisan will be discovered on Saturday.

As the day of decision approaches there is greater caution in election predictions. Liberals have reached the conclusion that they will do well if they get a clear majority over all possible opposition and independent combinations. Conservatives count their expected gains and try to make themselves certain that they will elect half the members of the next House. Both parties realize that no government can stand long which can be dismissed by the Home Rulers. The Conservatives would probably decline to take office unless they had a clear majority or the prospect of a dissolution on an adverse. najority or the prospect of a dissolution on an advers rote. The Liberals have been allied with the nationality and until something occurs to strain the relations, they can rely on the support of the Irish members on all con estions until the time comes for the fultroversial questions until the time fillment of the Home Rule promise.

THE CANADIAN NAVAL BILL.

The Canadian navy bill provides for a naval board, a naval college, an expenditure of eleven millions, an of the Empire. The proportion of defence to that of Nine days ago the editorial space of this journal was
given to a review of Dr. Hannay's History of New
Brunswick. Today it is the painful duty of The Stanbill of fare. The Admiralty, over which Mr. Broden

of the Canadian Minister of Agriculture and from other as our course that the book is history tinged with emotion Dr. Hannay's latest work has been fully discussed in these columns. Regret for the death of the author will be mitigated by satisfaction that he was spared to complete a task on which, as he says, he set his heart thirty years ago, but never until lately found time to finish. Besides these bound volumes, Dr. Hannay contributed many papers to magazines, and to the publications of the Historical Societies. He was one of the early workers in the New Brunswick Society, and served as its president. In his later years he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a well-carned national recognition.

Personally Dr. Hannay was a genial companion and a good friend. He was a good talker and an easy and graceful lecturer. Few men in Canada had a larger circle of acquaintances, and few New Brunswickers could look back on familiar association with so many men of light and leading.

A SPECTACULAR CLOSE.

With polling two clear days away, two members of the Asquith ministry announce a measure of unemployment insurance, with government assistance, involving a contribution of \$15,000,000. It might have been expected that some mention of this design should have been made when the budget was introduced, or at least

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FORECLOSURE SUIT IS FORERUNNER TO BIG DEAL

American Capitalists Said To Be Negotiating for Alex Gibson Railway and Manufacturing Company.

Fredericton, Jan. 12.-The case that

property.

This is the last jury case. There are two non jury cases to be tried.

PROBATE COURT.

Estate Of Mary McCarthy.

CHARGE INTERCOLONIAI WITH DISCRIMINATION

Transportation Bureau of Montreal Board of Trade Protest That Port Is Being Unduly Discriminated Against.

Fredericton, Jan. 12.—The case that has been instituted in the supreme court of equity by the Royal Trust Company for the foreclosure of a mortgage of \$440,000 and interest for the past ten years against the Alexender Gibson Railway and Manufacturing Company is really one of the perliminary steps towards a transfer of the company's property and business.

The case is brought for the purpose of placing the present owners of the Gibson business in a position to more readily be given a good title to the immense business and extensive lumber property when the times arrives in the near future.

That a transfer of the property will take place when this case in the equity court is completed is another statement which was made officially this morning. But until the case is disposed of there cannot be any transfer made. When the transfer of the property takes place the new owners will in all likelihood be American capitalists, possibly representing one of the large pulp and paper interests of the United States and a change of ownership of the business will mean a great boom for the town of Marysville and elsewhere affected. They will pay something like \$2.000,000 or more and will secure one of the most valuable lumber properties in eastern Canada. A number Montreal, Jan. 12.-The annual re-

of Marysville and elsewhere affected. They will pay something like \$2.000,000 or more and will secure one of the most valuable lumber properties in eastern Canada. A number of American lawyers and others have been here of late in connection with Gibson Company's business and these include Mr. R. W. Shea, a Boston lawyer and Mr. W. H. Meharry, another resident of Boston, who were here this week and left only last evening for Montreal, it is said.

THE COURTS

CIRCUIT COURT.

Ross vs. Connecticut Fire Ins. Co.
The circuit court will resume on Friday afternoon at half past two, when the case of James Ross, farmer of St. Stephen vs. the Connecticut Fire Insurance Co. will be tried before Mr. Justice Barry and a jury. Hon, W. C. Hazen Grimmer, K. C., and Dr. L. A Currey, K. C., will appear for the plaintiff and Messrs. Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford for the defendant company.
The plaintiff is suing for \$1,600 on a policy of insurance issued by the defendant, for the loss of his house, barn and contents. The fire occurred on June 25th, 1907.
The defence is three-fold. First, that the property.
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liton vs. Seymour (owner) and Whitenect (contractor) was resumed in the County Court chambers yesterday morning before Judge Forbes. At 12.30 the case was adjourned until this morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. A. A. Wilson, K. C., and Mr. S. B. Bustin appear for the plaintiff and Mr. G. H. V. Belyea for the defendant Seymour.

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M. J. BUTLER SUCCEEDS TO IMPORTANT POST

Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals Appointed Gen eral Manager of Dominion Steel and Coal Companies.

Montreal, Jan. 12 .- M. J. Butler, C. M. G., Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals and chairman of the board of management of the Canadian Government railway system, is the new manager of the Dominion Iron and manager of the Dominion Iron and Steel and Dominion Coal Companies. Mr. Butler was appointed today, when concurrent action was taken by the board of both companies in making the choice. Mr. Butler will also be second vice-president of both companies. The appointment is a very popular one in financial circles in Montreal. Mr. Butler being regarded as an able business man as well as an excellent engineer. His work in connection with the Intercolonial Railway management is well known. His removal from the Government service to the new position will be a distinct loss to the civil service.

MRS. LLYOD GEORGE IS AN EFFECTIVE SPEAKER

London, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Lloyd George, who is now on a tour through the North Wales constituencies ad dressing meetings, of her fellow-countrywomen in support of her husband? budget, speaks Welsh and English, lik the chancellor himself, with almos equal facility. She has only lately taken to platform work, but is alread, a self-posessed and quietly effective speaker, taking her audience at once into her confidence and taking to then in a homely, unpretentious way a

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