

The St. John Standard

Published by The Standard Limited, 82 Prince William Street, St. John, N. B., Canada.

H. V. MACKINNON, Manager.
R. E. WALKER, Editor.
 Yearly Subscriptions: \$5.00
 By Carrier \$5.00
 By Mail 3.00
 Semi-Weekly by Mail 1.00
 Invariably in Advance.
 "Phone Main 1510.
 Intercommunicating System Connecting All Departments.

ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1913.

THE ANTARCTIC TRAGEDY.

The tragic news of the untimely fate of Captain Scott and his companions tells of courage and devotion to self-imposed duty which will make their names immortal. It is the most appalling polar disaster since the fatal outcome of the Franklin expedition to the Arctic more than sixty years ago.

The simple narrative of courage, endurance and sacrifice in Captain Scott's farewell message brings forcibly to mind his words when organizing the expedition in London. He said: "My supporters or the country at large need never fear that the dignity of the country will suffer from anything which may be done by our expedition. We may fail, but they shall have no reason for doubting the story which we tell."

Captain Scott and his companions in the southern party failed in that they lost their lives, but their heroism will be held in lasting remembrance. The records of the expedition have been preserved and it is satisfactory to learn that all the surviving members are in excellent health. A prompt and fitting response to Captain Scott's pathetic appeal that the families of those lost should be cared for has been given by the British Government.

The London papers publish tributes from the European sovereigns and explorers and scientists of all nationalities to the heroic devotion of the explorers, and expressing sympathy for their families. It is noteworthy that the general feeling expressed is that no honor is too great to be rendered to the dead heroes, and that whatever is done by the Government should not interfere with the spontaneous generosity of the public in behalf of the wives and families of those who sacrificed themselves in the nation's honor and service.

A melancholy interest attaches to the statement in the Montreal Gazette that the only full and authentic report of Captain Scott's last stand against cold and hunger was given to the news centres of the world from Montreal, where it was received at 6 o'clock on Monday evening.

The news of the disaster crossed the Pacific on the cable from Christchurch, New Zealand, to Banfield, the Pacific cable station. From there it came overland to Montreal, and from that distributing point was despatched to Canada, the Atlantic cable depot, whence it was flashed across to England.

The sad, though heroic, record of human endurance also reached the United States press by way of Montreal, and finally from the same centre it was supplied to the morning papers of the Canadian Press, including The Standard. The rights were purchased by the Canadian Press from the Central News, Limited, of London, which had the world rights from Captain Scott.

THE UNIONIST POLICY.

It is evident from British journals to hand that Mr. Bonar Law's Edinburgh speech cleared the air. His candid account of the incidents of the disagreement disposed once for all of many misunderstandings, and showed that he acted throughout from the highest motives and with sincerity of purpose.

Mr. Law acknowledged regretfully that the programme laid down by himself and Lord Lansdowne, was not accepted by the majority of the Unionist Party in Parliament. He and his colleagues had proposed to ask the country at the next election, for power, among other things, to impose a duty on foreign foodstuffs if proved to be necessary to an effective scheme of Imperial Preference. But the majority of the party were reluctant to have what are called "food duties" made an issue on that occasion. They considered that it would be better tactics to postpone that question for further reference to the people.

Under such circumstances, the first and natural impulse of Mr. Bonar Law and Lord Lansdowne was to resign. But the memorial addressed to Mr. Law, signed by almost every member of the party in the House of Commons, showed that all sections were prepared to work loyally together under his leadership in order to carry out the objects at which they all aimed. Disunion amongst Unionists at such a critical time in public affairs would probably have wrecked the party. The memorial made it possible for the two leaders to remain at their posts and continue to guide the fortunes of the party without sacrifice of principle or laying themselves open to charges of inconsistency.

While agreeing, in deference to the wishes of the majority of his party in Parliament, to postpone one item of the Tariff Reform programme, it is important to note that neither Mr. Bonar Law nor the party of Tariff Reform have abandoned any part of their

policy. The change is one of procedure only, not of principle. Not only did Mr. Bonar Law make this clear, but he pledged his party to a definite line of action, paving the way to the adoption of the full policy on their accession to office.

He said: "When we are returned to power we intend to do three things. We shall impose a tariff, a moderate tariff, lower than exists now in any industrial country in the world, on foreign manufactured goods. We shall also give to the Dominions of the Crown, in our market, a preference, and the largest preference which is possible without the imposition of new duties on food." And thirdly: "We shall try to do what Mr. Borden, in a great speech in the Parliament at Ottawa, said ought to be done, we shall try to establish co-operation throughout the Empire in trade as well as defence. We shall put ourselves into communication with the Dominions; we shall work out with them the best scheme for securing that object, and when it is worked out we shall present it to our countrymen and try to get their assent to carry it through." In these words the Unionist programme as regards Tariff Reform is explained.

Mr. Bonar Law took another important step when he made an authoritative statement of Unionist policy with regard to British agriculture. Agriculture is the lifeblood of the Unionist Party, are clearly entitled to participate in at least the same extent as manufacturers in the benefits of Tariff Reform, but their full enjoyment of these benefits must be delayed until the whole policy is in operation. There are other ways, however, besides duties on foreign agricultural produce, in which farmers will benefit.

"If," said Mr. Bonar Law, "the result of a tariff is, as we believe it will be, to improve employment, to tend to raise the level of wages, then, by increasing the buying power of the people, the one market open to the farmer will be increased and made infinitely more valuable than it is at present." There are more direct ways also, in which agriculture will benefit from the Unionist policy. Mr. Bonar Law said: "We mean to diminish, to relieve, the rates which are now falling with such oppressive weight upon the whole industry of agriculture throughout the United Kingdom."

He promised also, on behalf of his party, to help agriculture by fostering the beet sugar industry, by improving housing in rural districts, and by "at-tempting earnestly, but not rashly, to do that which would be the greatest of all possible blessings to this country—to establish small owners throughout the land."

DEEDS, NOT WORDS.

The Times has thought it necessary to remove The Standard for remaining "entirely silent upon the statements made by leading German statesmen to the effect that there is no emergency." If the Times were at all familiar with Germany's policy it would know that these professions of peaceful intent are periodical. But Germany goes on building battleships just the same.

The Standard was "entirely silent" awaiting more reliable information which is now to hand. A special despatch to the New York Herald from Paris gives the purport of an official statement in the Cologne Gazette, which makes it clear that Admiral von Tirpitz was speaking merely in a Pickwickian sense, and that there is no prospect of a naval agreement between England and Germany. All the Paris journals have, therefore, come to the justifiable conclusion that "Admiral von Tirpitz's speech was one merely for the gallery and that there is no likelihood of an agreement."

From the British standpoint a statement by Mr. Winston Churchill called to the Montreal Star is worth noting: "Mr. Winston Churchill holds that it is not for any foreign nation to set the pace for the British Empire. The peoples of the Empire must, and will, decide for themselves what is necessary for their security." "Many believe," adds the Star's cable, "that the real purpose of Admiral Tirpitz's vague statement was to distract Canadian opinion on the question of the support of the Imperial fleet." As to the correctness of that conclusion there may be reasonable doubt. Opposition organs, such as the Times, are clearly doing their best to justify it.

The London Standard effectively disposes of this argument with the comment: "It would be unnecessary to say that as British Government could acquiesce in any suggestion which precludes contributions of the Colonies to the Imperial fleet, were it not that in some quarters it is thought that Admiral Tirpitz's

section has probably been designed to discourage the patriotic action of the Dominions."

German statesmen may make peaceful "statements," but the Navy Law of 1912, whose provisions Mr. Churchill has described as "extremely formidable," is still on the statute books. Under this law nearly four-fifths of the German navy is maintained in full permanent commission and instantly ready for war. Actions speak louder than words.

CURRENT COMMENT

A Foolish Campaign.

(Montreal Gazette.)
 The London Daily Telegraph declares that certain Liberals in Great Britain are working in co-operation with Hon. W. S. Fielding to discredit the Canadian Government's naval positions. The thing may be true. There are foolish as well as wise members of the British Liberal party. They would be very foolish ones, however, who would venture to go against the declarations of the Government of Great Britain for the purpose of hurting the Government of Canada and helping its opponents in this country. The beginning of any sort of business would make of co-operation to advance common interests by the United Kingdom and the Colonies, and every public man in Great Britain big enough to be a minister should see that this would be so and discourage the blunderers.

Principle Before Party.

(Ottawa Journal.)
 A man standing well in the councils of his party, Col. McLean is a Canadian who keeps in close touch with matters in the Old Country. He is no back-bencher in parliament, but rather one of those members whose rising invariably precedes a contribution of value to the debate. The moral effect of the disagreement with his party's policy of such a man must be considerable. * * * Col. McLean must be accredited with placing principle above party, and he will no doubt find his best reward in the knowledge that his action has been productive of results beyond the reach of the hide-bound party followers.

A Cold Touch.

(Vancouver News-Advertiser.)
 It is quite reassuring to those who fear that woman suffrage would make for effeminate politics to find Miss Wylie describing the Premier of the Empire as "a poor old fossil," who is "stepped to the top of his head in Parliamentary trickery;" to learn from her that "the House of Commons has lost all decency, self-respect and patriotism;" and that Chancellor Lloyd George is "a poor old cheat." If Miss Wylie were more numerous we could be satisfied that the enfranchisement of women would not mitigate political servility until it became too feeble to serve its purpose.

Let Laurierism Finish its Work.

(Toronto Telegram, Ind.)
 An attempted party division on the question of naval aid to the Old Land will injure the Liberal would-be dividers of the Canadian people more than it will prejudice the fortunes of the Borden Government or weaken the defences of the British Empire. Let Laurierism finish its work of making a party and a racial question out of the navy issue. The British Empire and the Borden Government will survive and Laurierism is already so distinctly deceased as to be beyond the possibility of survival.

A Mission That Failed.

(Hamilton Herald.)
 Canadian women, in the West as well as in the East, have been unmoved by recent appeals from one of the British suffragette leaders who attempted to reconcile them to the methods of militant suffragism and to stir them up to imitate those methods. The failure of Miss Wylie's mission speaks volumes for the self-respect, the prudence and the saving common sense of Canadian women.

Pet Animals Under a Cloud.

(Springfield Union.)
 It is not only true, as the New York World says, that "an irreverent age is losing faith in the groundhog," but the elephant and the bull moose were somewhat discredited in the last campaign, and while the donkey appears to have rehabilitated himself at least temporarily, he is still on probation and under strong suspicion.

Municipal Enterprise.

(Toronto Globe.)
 The City of Portland, Maine, has decided by a majority of over three to one, to establish municipal fuel yards. Portland would have been in Canada had it not been for boundary blunders, but that would not necessarily have prevented such municipal enterprise.

More Vindication.

(Vancouver News-Advertiser.)
 The Washington Bureau puts the value of United States wheat exports for 1912 at \$59,000,000 as against \$25,000,000 in 1911. This illustrates the condition of the large and glorious market in the United States for Canadian wheat.

Most Unwomanly.

(Ottawa Free Press.)
 Of all the unwomanly things the militant suffragettes have so far done the destruction of rare and beautiful flowers seems the most unwomanly.

THE POET'S CORNER

THE BIRTHDAY.

Sweetheart, where all the dancing joys compete
 Take now your choice; the world is at your feet,
 All turned into a gay and shining plesance,
 And your face has smiles to greet your presence,
 Treading on air,
 Yourself you look more fair;
 And the dear Birthday-eve's unseen conspire
 To flush your cheeks and set your eyes on fire.

Mayhap they whisper what a birthday means
 That sets you spinning through your pretty teens.
 A slim-grown shape adorned with golden shimmers
 Of tossing hair, that streams and waves and glimmers,
 Lo, how you run
 In mere excess of fun,
 Or charge to silence as you stand and hear
 Some kind old tale that moves you to a tear.

And, since this is your own bright day, my dear,
 Of all the days that gem the sparkling year,
 See, we have picked as well as we were able
 And set your gifts upon your own small table.
 A knife from John
 Who straightaway thereupon,
 Lest you should cut your friendship for the boy,
 Receives a halfpenny and departs with joy.

The burnished inkstand was your mother's choice;
 For six new handkerchiefs I gave my voice,
 Having seen your tender little nose's
 Soft comfort; and the aloe pen is Rose's;
 The torch is Peter's
 Guide for your errand legs
 When ways are dark, and, last, behold with these
 A pencil from your faithful Pekinese!

And now the mysteries are all revealed
 That were so long, so ardently concealed—
 All save the cake which still is in the making,
 Not yet smooth-iced and unprepared for taking.
 The thirteen flames
 That start the noisy games

Of tea-time, when my happy little maid
 Throned as it triumphant, teened and unafraid.

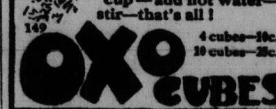
So through the changing years may all delight
 Live in your face and make your being bright.
 May the good sprites and busy fays
 Befriend you,
 And cheerful thoughts and innocent defend you;
 And, far away
 From this most joyous day,
 When in the chambers of your mind you see
 Those who have loved you, then remember me.
 —Punch.

TO MY WIFE.

We'll sit side by side in life's gloaming,
 As the shadows grow dim and long.
 The dead fires of memory kindling
 Of the days that have long since gone.
 Like autumn, the leaves we are turning,
 Of life's book as we saunter along.
 The story may soon have an ending,
 After autumn the winter comes on.
 We have climbed the mountain together,
 And have crossed the great divide.
 Our path leads on to the river,
 May we cross it side by side.
 London, Ont.
 —J. W. McC.

Allan Liner Had Rough Trip.
 After the stormiest voyage of her career the S. S. Corsican arrived in port yesterday morning, 935 passengers made the trip out, the majority landing at Halifax. On the voyage a romance was enacted, a young man and woman meeting for the first time on board being married at Halifax.

Br-r-r
 A hot cup of OXO will warm you through and drive away the shivers.
 One OXO Cube to a cup—add hot water—stir—that's all!



The Best Quality at a Reasonable Price

Perfect Adjustment

The perfect adjustment of your glasses represents a percentage of their efficiency. You may not be aware of any loss of vision, but glasses sometimes get out of adjustment. This is particularly true of the glasses in which the quality of the materials used has been skimmed; where something said to be "just as good" has been substituted. In the glasses you get from us only materials of the best quality are used. There is no skimping of quality in the material; or of skill in the examination; or of exactness in the fitting. The result is a pair of glasses that not only fit when you get them, but that stay fitted. Come in and investigate.

L. L. Sharpe & Son,
 JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS,
 21 King Street, St. John, N. B.

45 YEARS OLD AND THE LAST YEAR THE BEST OF THE 45.

The same enterprise, earnestness, ability and devotion to students' interests which have given this college its present standing, will be continued, and every effort made to be worthy of the generous patronage enjoyed. Next term will begin Thursday, January 2nd. Send for catalogue.

S. KERR,
 Principal

A POSITION GUARANTEED

To every student who enters for a course in Shorthand or Book-keeping.

GUARANTEE BACKED UP.
 We do not require a cent of the tuition fee until our Employment Bureau has placed the student.

THE J. R. CURRIE COMMERCIAL INSTITUTE,
 85 Union Street. Phone: Office 989; Res. 2235.

SPRING CATALOGUES

Our Engravings on Wood make the clearest and most satisfactory illustrations.
 Let Us Show You.
 Circulars and Booklets Carefully Printed.

C. H. FLEWELLING,
 851-2 Prince Wm., St. John, St. John

Catarrh Brands You

An "Undesirable" Will Associate With a Catarrhal Victim.

Is Your Trouble Catarrh?



Poor remedies have given Catarrh the reputation of being incurable. But it is curable, easily and quickly, if the right method is employed. Snuffing a powder or ointment up the nose won't cure Catarrh, neither will tablets, douching, or stomach medicines. These treatments fail because they only affect local conditions, they do not remove the cause which is germ life established in the lungs, bronchial tubes, and nasal passages. Ordinary remedies do not reach these remote parts, but Catarrhoxone does, for it is breathed through the inhaler into every air cell in the lungs, into every air passage in the head and throat. No matter where the Catarrh is Catarrhoxone will reach it. It kills the germs, heals sore spots, clears the nose and throat, and restores the system to its normal state. Pleasant and clean; guaranteed to cure or money refunded. Don't be an object of aversion to everyone you meet—get Catarrhoxone today and use it regularly; it will cure your Catarrh, Bronchitis, Throat Trouble, spitting and gagging. Large size 50c. All dealers or the Catarrhoxone Co., Buffalo, N. Y., and Kingston, Canada.

SHOW CASES

The Krissy Silent Salesman—the Cases of Quality Counter Show Cases Wall Cases Umbrella Cases Confectionery Cases

The Christie Wood-Working Co., Ltd.
 TWO FACTORIES,
 245 1-2 City Road, 66 to 68 Erin St.

There is Just One Butternut Bread

Do You Eat It?
 The Master Baker's Best Breads



NEEDN'T take flour
 for "better or worse."

If Regal doesn't yield—the utmost bread per barrel, light, white loaves, fine flaky pastry.

Your dealer gives back your money.

REGAL FLOUR

HEADQUARTERS FOR
 Watches, Clocks,
 Diamonds, Jewelry,
 Cut Glass, Silverware, etc.
 Our Depleted Stocks Are Being Rapidly Replenished
FERGUSON & PAGE,
 Diamond Importers and Jewelers. King Street

Thermometers
 Glass Window Thermometers
 75c \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.30
 Regular Outside Thermometers
 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 60c, \$1.00, \$1.50.
 Inside Thermometers
 40c, 50c and 75c.

T. McAVITY & SONS, Ltd., 13 KING STREET

LOOSE LEAF SUPPLIES, LEDGERS AND SHEETS
 All Sizes and Patterns at

BARNES & CO., LTD.
 84 Prince William Street

D. K. McLAREN, LIMITED
 —MANUFACTURERS OF—

Genuine English Oak Tanned Leather Belting

BALATA BELTING
 Lace Leather and Belt Fasteners of Every Description
 COMPLETE STOCK AT

64 Prince William St., Phone Main 1121, St. John, N. B.

38th Annual Farmers' and Dairymen's Ass'n CONVENTION
 February 17th to 21st

FIRST ANNUAL WOMEN'S INSTITUTES CONVENTION
 FEBRUARY 18th and 19th.

FARMERS & DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION SESSIONS at City Council Chamber, City Hall, Judging of Stock and Provincial Seed Fair at Exhibition Building.

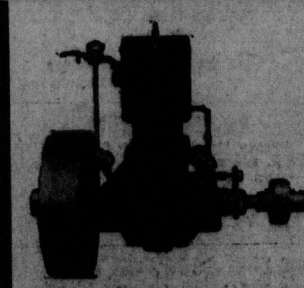
WOMEN'S INSTITUTES CONVENTION SESSIONS at Y. M. C. A. Building, York Street.

For programme, prize lists and other information, address

The Secretary for Agriculture, Fredericton, N. B.

Return fares on railways for delegates on standard certificate plan.

FRASER
 Marine Engines
 1913 MODELS
 FITTED WITH THE
 New KEROSENE
 Attachment
 Will Save You Money
 STOCK BY
THE A. R. WILLIAMS' Machinery Co., of St. John N. B., Ltd.
 13-15 DOCK STREET



APPOINTMENT LOCAL

Carleton County.
 —Robert W.
 is Made Regi-
 bates and Cl-

Fredericton, Feb.
 Gazette today con-
 tains the announce-
 ment of the removal
 of James Fries as re-
 gistrar of probate,
 and also of Mon-
 Westmorland coun-
 ties, thus creat-
 son, K. C. of Mon-
 registrar of probate
 peace, and Arthur
 clerk of the Circuit
 son was president
 New Brunswick B.

The Gazette also
 contains the re-
 B. Atherton as chair-
 of School Trustees
 the appointment of
 to the position.

Q. Edwin Faren-
 Queensbury, York
 appointed coroner.
 Rev. Frederick
 has been authorize
 riage.

Thomas L. Bro-
 Parsons, doing busi-
 Parsons, millmen
 ton county, have n-
 to Sheriff Tompkins
 The Peas Lunk-
 ton, with head off
 has assigned to
 East Florenceville,
 son, carpenter, C-
 Simmonds, has as-
 Tompkins.

George D. Chris-
 and Joseph L. Tw-
 abeth Christie, of
 Thompson Taylor,
 pling for incorpor-
 D. Christie Coun-
 carry on the busi-
 general manager,
 Christie at Chatham
 capital stock of the
 \$8,000.

The New Brun-
 swick Society, their
 evening failed to
 a large number of
 the often discuss-
 placing of other
 same basis with
 School and allow
 to be admitted a
 standing the soci-
 tions. The matter
 considerable leu-
 night by the meet-
 sion who gather
 the suggestion be-
 vates of Dalhousie
 Law Schools, be-
 standing with the
 lege. Finally, the
 a committee coun-
 trar, Dr. T. C. A-
 K. C. and H. B. A-
 take up the ques-
 standing general
 law with the so-

Henry D. Lor-
 died in the Gen-
 Tuesday night at
 ach trouble. He
 about a week a-
 was expected.
 forty-three years
 played with G. F.
 the last eighteen
 clerk. He was
 George's church,
 ber of the Fore-
 of the late John
 had resided in
 life. He is sur-
 merly Miss Gra-
 four sons—Ernest
 and Frank—and
 and Sophie. The
 on Friday after-
 from his late re-
 street, W. E.

Mrs. John
 The death of
 pher of Carleton
 day morning at
 New Brunswick,
 reached the adv-
 three years, is
 band. The funeral
 be announced in

Henry
 Many people
 hear of the death
 who died on Jan-
 Square, London,
 been seriously il-
 having had a be-
 or January. He
 Harry Mainwaring
 in 1869 Miss El-
 youngest daughter
 of the late John
 try Mainwaring.
 There are two
 one Thomas C.
 Rifle Brigade, and
 Angela Paget, da-
 Paet, while the
 died a daughter
 R. A. of Helston
 is well known
 through her in-
 and her effort
 wigwag a fa-
 children, her dis-
 up in a Cana-
 to make good

Mrs.
 Newcastle,
 Copp died on
 her sixtieth year
 poor health, and
 and bedfast for
 great sufferer,
 great relief. I
 diet and with
 cemetery Thu-
 Dr. Wm. Har-
 late Mrs. Copp
 Brook, in this
 and was Miss
 leaves her husb-
 of McKeenrichie
 Newcastle, and
 and sisters: Ho-
 Wisconsin; Mr.
 ver, Cal.; Mrs.
 gales, Cal.; Mr.
 Curran, N. B.
 McKenzie, New

The steam-
 away \$187,665
 the Cobalt.
 tutes a record