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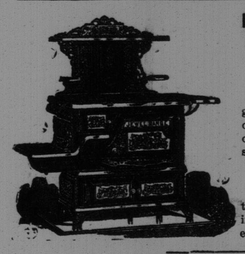

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OPEN LETTER

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It stands to reason and good common sense that the extraordinary growth of our business in one short 12 months must be due to the fact that we are giving much better value to our customers than others in the same line of trade. Last year we labored under many disadvantages, viz: not knowing the exact wants of the people, buying the larger part of our stock from jobbers, and not being acquainted with the people. This year we have bought direct from the manufacturers a very large stock of Boots, Shoes, Cloths and Clothing, suitable to the wants of the community. And the numerous patrons who have bought from us since we first made our bow in this city and who are still with us and express themselves in unmistakable language as to the good quality of the goods and the treatment at our hands. We regret the want of space to give a descriptive advertisement of our goods in stock, but come and see the best stock in town.

Men's Very Dark Tweed Pants, strong and as pretty as a bank book, only $1.25;
Men's Black Worsted Pants, with just enough cotton in them to add to their strength, only $1.85;
Men's All Wool Dark Striped Tweed Pants, strong and neat, only $2.00;
Men's P E Island tailor made half wool Tweed Pants, strong as iron, only $1.80;
Men's P E Island tailor made Tweed Pants, the best value on earth, only $2.75;
P E Island Tweed Suits, made to measure, by a scientific cutter, $11.00, $12.00 and $14.00;
Women's Am. Kid Button and Lace Boots, extra value, $1.25, $1.45, $1.55, up;
Women's Dongola Kid Button and Lace Boots, in New York styles, $1.50, $1.75, 1.85 up;
Women's French Kid, in machine and hand sewed, $2.25, $2.35, $3.25 and $4.00, good value;
Women's Cow Kid, Union Kid and Pebbled Calf, 95c., $1.10, $1.25 up, extraordinary value;
Misses Spring Heel and Common Sense, $1.10, $1.25, $1.35, up;
Children's Spring Heel, Common Sense, &c., &c., unprecedented value;
Men's Working Bal.'s with very heavy tap soles $1.25, $1.40 and $1.75;
Men's Dress Bal's and Congress in Calf, Dongola and Cordovan; $1.55 to $4.00;
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To make room for a large stock of clothing now on the way here, I have reduced all children's suits in stock regardless of cost. For instance, Children's Suits at the following prices: $1.00, $1.50 $2.00, $2.50 and $3.00.

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FIRST EDITION.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

DR. PUGSLEY SILENCES THE CRITICS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The Baird Returns—The Policy of the Administration Discussed and Fully Vindicated.

Mr. Wilson made his motion, seconded by Mr. McKeown, for a committee to whom shall be referred the bill establishing liens on logs and lumber. Carried. The speaker appointed as such committee Messrs. Wilson, Phinney, Murray, Shaw and Atkinson.

Mr. Alward made his motion, seconded by Dr. Atkinson, in re expenses of the lunatic asylum commission.

Mr. Alward said the expenses of the commissioners the year before last were $456; last year the expenses were $840. The difference was very great and there should be some explanation regarding it.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell said the information would be furnished.

Mr. Alward withdrew his motion regarding the alleged destruction of $3,563 worth of law stamps by moisture in the vault, in view of the provincial secretary's statement yesterday.

Dr. Atkinson made his motion, seconded by Dr. Lewis, for a statement showing the amount due to any bank or banks, etc.

Hon. Mr. Blair said the information would be furnished so far as possible. To furnish all the information asked by the resolution would mean the making of a completer transcript of the book in the provincial secretary's office, and this the government could not engage to do. The resolution was lost, the vote being:—

Yeas. Hanington, Stockton, Melanson, Turner, Atkinson, Lewis, Porter, Smith, McKeown, Shaw, Perley—12.

Nays. Blair, Mitchell, Ryan, Pugsley, Tweedie, Poirier, Colter, Russell Harrison, Taylor, Palmer, Hibbard, Hetherington, Wilson, Robinson, Ketchum, Douglas, Labillois, McQueen, O'Brien, Burchill—21.

IN SUPPLY.

On the motion that the house go into committee to further consider supply, Mr. Alward said he desired to make a few observations. The provincial secretary was to be congratulated upon having made such a compartively good case yesterday out of such a bad one. The province, he regretted to say, had reached a serious crisis, in its history. The debt is rapidly growing. The burdens of the different departments are increasing and unless a halt were called we would soon be face to face with direct taxation. In 1881 the present attorney general, then in opposition, made his memorable speech and promulgated his famous platform. He did not then wish to be considered an alarmist, but he (Blair) then felt it necessary to put up the signals of alarm. The province at that time, according to the now leader of the government, was face to face with bankruptcy or direct taxation. What was the condition of affairs that so alarmed the attorney general in 1881? In that year the debt of the province was $1,000,000 and there was a deficit of $43,000! There is an admitted deficit of upwards of $42,000, and the over expenditure by the board of works as well as the other sums already stated make up the $87,000.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—Should not the money due us by the Maritime Bank be deducted from the $42,000?

Mr. Alward continued, claiming that the records showed that the travelling expenses of all the members had increased during the past few years. Mr. Blair, in his speech of 1881, had favored a reduction of the executive. Then, according to him, a government having eight members, had a preponderance of influence in the house.

Hon. Mr. Blair—There are only six members of the government in this house.

Mr. Alward—Yes, and two upstairs. He knew that the government would claim that the public debt had increased in carrying out the obligations of the old government. It was true that the interest account had increased from $60,000 to $103,000. This government, however, had resources that the old government had not.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said he would have thought that before adopting the role of alarmist Mr. Alward would have sought to be accurate as to his facts. He had not done so, however, although it was generally admitted that an hon. member should be very careful in making criticisms regarding the financial conditions of the province. The hon. member started out with the statement that there was an admitted deficit in the current revenue last year of $42,587; in other words, that the province had expended that amount more than it had received. What was the fact in reference to that matter? If the hon. member wanted to be fair he would have deducted from that amount the $34,243 due the province by the Maritime Bank. When the privy council decides the case against the liquidators of that bank the latter sum would be again an asset of the province. It had been placed on the dbeit side of the accounts for the present because it was not available just now. Surely the government is not to blame for the failure of the Maritime Bank. Deducting the $34,253 due the province on that account, the deficit in current revenue last year would not be found under any circumstances to be much more than $8,000. To be strictly correct the amount of the deficit was $8,343. Of that sum $2,000 was on account of the special grant to the St. John exhibition, for which no provision had been made in the estimates. That would reduce the apparent deficit to $6,343, and $4,000 of that amount went into the sinking fund, that reduced the deficit to little more than $2,000, and if hon. members would look at page 7 of the auditor general's report they would see carried forward to the debit side as a balance from the year before, the sum of $2,688, thus it would be seen that instead of a deficit in current revenue there was as a matter of fact a small surplus.

Mr. Stockton—Why do you not make out your accounts that way?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—Our accounts are correctly made out, and will prove what I say if fairly examined by hon. members wanting to get a correct idea of the finances. It was unfair for an honorable member like Mr. Alward, who aspires to be a statesman, to pick out an item here and there in the public accounts and twist them to suit his own purposes. The over expenditure in the board of works could not be charged to current account. It was properly chargeable to capital account. A portion of the amount was laid out on account of the departmental buildings. A considerable sum was on account of iron bridges which are permanent works. The old government issued debentures for the building of bridges. Part of the overexpenditure in the public works department was paid out on account of the asylum annex. The hon. member had referred to the increase in the public debt; he had not told how the debt had increased. As a matter of fact the debt had increased to a very considerable extent because of the carrying out of the obligations of the old government. There was a great deal of difference in the financial condition of the province now and the time that the present leader of the government made the speech to which the member from St. John referred. In 1881, when the present attorney general called attention to the financial condition of the province, there was a floating debt of $321,374.

Mr. Hanington—That's not so.

Mr. Stockton—This building was erected out of that.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—In 1880 the old government borrowed money on debentures on which they paid interest of 6 per cent. This government has so managed the affairs of the province that four per cent. bonds are selling to day at par.

Mr. Turner—What has the government to do with that?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—A government's

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FIRST EDITION.

HE RAPPED AND WAS SHOT

HERBERT CROSS OF PENACOOK MAKES AN UNLUCKY CALL.

Mrs. Woolridge's Husband Was Not at Home When She Heard a Noise at Her Door so She Blazed Away at the Man Outside—Cross Not Expected to Recover—Mrs. Woodridge's Story.

PENACOOK, N. H., March 18.—Herbert Cross, a teamster, who lives here with his wife and two children, is lying in his home with a bullet wound over his heart that will probably cause his death.

He went out last night to buy a bale of hay, and started home at 10.30. Charles Woolridge, who is employed about the stable where Cross sought the hay, helped him put it in his wagon. As Cross was driving out of the yard Woolridge called after him saying something about the weight of the bale. Not nnderstanding what Woolridge said and thinking that Woolridge would be found at his house, farther down the road, Cross went directly thither and rapped upon the door; but got no reply. He rapped a second time, when immediately there came the report of a gun from a window at his left, and he staggered back, shot in the left side. No one appeared, and he heard no sounds from inside the house.

Expecting to die every minute, he hurried to his horse and drove home. Cross stated that he had never been to the house before, nor had he had any trouble with either Mr. or Mrs. Woolridge.

A Herald reporter who called at the house to-day found standing in the doorway a woman, apparently about 20 years old, holding by the hand a little child of not more than 2 or 3 years. She was chatting laughingly with some female neighbors. Her identity was not suspected until she interrupted a reply the officer was about to make to a question as to whether any arrests had been made, with an exclamation of: "Arrests? No. How can they arrest me when I did it in self-defence?"

"Are you the woman who did the shooting?" was asked.

"Yes, I fired through that window," said she, pointing to a hole in the pane.

"I plugged a man there last night and I will plug the next one that comes to the door making trouble in the night."

The woman was shabbily dressed, and not of uncomely face. She is a French-Canadian.

She went on to give her story of the affair, which was, in short, that for several weeks she had been troubled by men coming to the door at a late hour, making a disturbance and using insulting language. Her husband who stops nights at the stable where he works, had loaded the rifle recently and told her if any man came to the door and tried to get in to shoot him. Last night she said she was sleeping when there came a rap. After a second rap, to which she made no response, she arose and pulled aside the curtain, and seeing a man standing by the door, went and got the gun. After a third rap she went to the windows and fired.

She reloaded the gun and returned to bed, but, not being able to sleep, got up and went to find her husband at the stable. To him she told the story of the shooting. She did not know that her shot had taken effect till she heard the story about Cross this morning.

She admitted that Cross had never been to the house before, and that he made no more demonstration beyond rapping.

Cross suffers intense pain, and it is not at all probable that he can recover.

Mrs. Woolridge was arrested late this afternoon and brought to this city, and her husband was discharged from arrest.

Mrs. Woolridge has borne an unsavory reputation in Penacook, and, according to the statement of a citizen of that place, has, on one or two occasions, left her husband to go away with other men. Woolridge's character has also been somewhat below par, and he was intensely jealous of his wife.

Mrs. Woolridge is but 17 years old.

THE LATE ANDRE CUSHING.

Arrangements for the Funeral—More Resolutions of Regret and Condolence.

The funeral of the late Andre Cushing will take place to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock. The funeral will be attended by the Oddfellows, the Good Templars and the Sons of Temperance. Golden Rule lodge of Carleton and Canton La Tour will proceed to the late residence of the deceased at Lancaster Heights. They will take charge of the remains and accompany the funeral over to the Oddfellows' Hall on Union street, where the other lodges of Oddfellows, and temperance bodies, together with all citizens who wish to do so, may join the procession. The remains will be interred in the rural cemetery, the funeral coming from Lancaster Heights by way of Douglas avenue.

Canton La Tour will leave Domville Building at 2 o'clock sharp to proceed to the residence.

The members of the Granite Rock division, S. of T., are summoned to meet at their hall Carleton, tomorrow, at 1;30 p. m., to attend the funeral of the late Andre Cushing. Mr. Cushing was associated with the division since 1853, and was a representative to the Grand divison for thirty-six years. Members of Grand divison will wear the regalia of the order.

At a meeting of No Surrender lodge, I. O. G. T., last evening, W L. Waring offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, that this lodge has heard with deep regret of the death of Brother Andre Cushing; that Brother Cushing was one of the most respected and useful members of this lodge and of our order, always taking an active part in the cause of temperance; alway kind and corteous in his relations to its members This lodge therefore desires to place on record in respect for his memory its appreciation of his many good qualities and the severe loss it has sustained by his removal from it:

And further resolved, in the opinion of this lodge that the entire community has reason to mourn over the loss of a good citizen;

And further resolved, that this lodge tender to his family its heartfelt sympathy and condolence in their affliction.

The resolutions were seconded by Dr. Caldwell and were carried unanimously. It was decided to send a copy to Mr. Cushing's family.

SCIENCE states that there is no such a thing in the world as a purely black cat, if any person will call at S. Whitebone's 45 Charlotte street they will see this statement confuted. Also Flor de Perfecto's Cigars Havana filled, forty five cents per ten in a bunch.

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All Wool French Serge 18c, former price 28c.

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Men's Regatta and White Shirts, Braces, Collars, Ties and Under Clothing.

Ladies and Misses Corsets, all sizes.

JUST ARRIVED.—1 Case Ladies and Gents Umbrellas, oxidized handles, very stylish.

J. W. MONTGOMERY,

No. 9 King Street.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

Having to remove my stock on the first of May to No. 40 King street, 6 doors above my present stand, I will have a lot of lines in Women's Misses and Children's but. and lace Boots I will sell at cost.

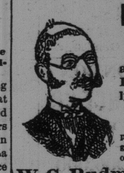
Also, any one in want of Coarse Leg Boots will do well to give me a call as I have a large stock on hand which I will sell at cost, rather than have the trouble to move them to my new store.

No. 32 KING STREET.

W. H. COCHRAN.

P. S.—Fishermen in want of Hip Rubber Boots for weir fishing will do well to see my stock before buying elsewhere.

W. H. COCHRAN.



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A. CHIPMAN SMITH & CO.,

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P. S.—The greatest assortment of Canned Goods in the city. Celebrat packers. FRESH STOCK.

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STOVES, STOVES,

Cooking and Heating Stoves of every description at

Greatly Reduced Rates during the next 30 days.

N. B.—My assortment of Mantels, Grates, Tiles, etc., is now complete. Compare prices before placing your order.

C. T. BURNS,

94 Germain St., (Masonic Building).

SECOND EDITION.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

THE CROWN'S TREATY-AUTHORITY REVIVED BY LORD KNUTSFORD'S BILL.

Some of its Provisions—Comments of Some of the London Press—The News Considers the Bill an Open Confession of Failure in Newfoundland.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

LONDON, Mar. 20.—Lord Knutsford,s bill revives the crown's authority to instruct naval officers to enforce the treaties of Utrecht, Versailles and Paris, securing fishing rights to France. A clause provides that if the colonial legislature supplies the necessary powers to secure the performance of the treaties upon an international arrangement before the bill is passed, the bill will be suspended.

The Daily News thinks this is an extraordinay proposal which may bring a hornet's rest around the government's ears. It is anxious not to embarass the government in a delicate and difficult question, but it feels bound to remark that the bill is an open confession of failure in Newfoundland.

The Standard says: "Were the position created by the Baird judgment tolerated our treaties would be waste paper and either our men of war would be piratical junks or the enterprising people of Newfoundland would be left to try conclusions with the French marines. We trust the report that the government did not inform the colony that such a bill was contemplated is incorrect and that the colonists will behave sensibly in the matter.

So they believe they can fight France single-handed?"

The Post says:—Lord Knutsford's bill is the logical result of the state of the law revealed by the judgment in the Baird-Walker case. Lord Knutsford has shown all possible consideration for the independence of Newfoundland, and she has only to cooporate with the Empire in enforcing treaty rights and duties to secure a suspension of the act. Only the consummate tact of the French and English commanders averted war. It is time the people at Newfoundland listened to friendly warnings.

Among the Shipping.

IN DISTRESS.—Schooner Otto from Halifax, N. S. for Victoria, B. C., put into Montevidio, Feb. 16 in distress.

GROUNDED.—Brig. E. H. Williams, Dodge, from Philadelphia, has grounded abreast of Diana Key, Cardenas. She has begun lightering, and will be assisted off undamaged.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.—Brig. Electric Light, from Natal via Bermuda for Halifax, which returned to Bermuda 10th in distress, was leaking badly at sea in her topsides. A survey has been held, which ordered topsides and deck to be calked. Her hull below water is perfectly tight. Cargo slightly damaged.

THE AFRICA.—A Saigon despatch of 17th inst says barque Buchanan from New York, before reported in collision with steamer Caledonian, is lying at anchor off the Cape with her cutwater and headgear carried away and loss of jibboom. She will be surveyed.

Schooner Kezia, from Baracoa for New York arrived at New Bedford Mass. yesterday. Captain McDonald reports while anchored at Tarpaulin Cove Monday night was run into by schr. William F. Collins, Hyannis for Philadelphia, in ballast. The Collins was coming to anchor when the tide set her down across the bow of the Kezia carrying away the Kezia's bowshot, jibbom and headgear. She will repair at New Bedford.

FINISHED DISCHARGING.—Schooner St. John finished discharging her cargo of sugar at the new pier this morning. The sugar has all been shipped over the I. C. R. to Moncton.

Freight Cars Damaged.

The special freight in charge of Conductor R. Burgess, which left Fairville about 8 o'clock last evening, went off the track in a rock cut about one mile and a half east of Grand Bay. The train consisted of six cars loaded with sugar for Montreal, six flats for Nerepis and six box cars light.

The accident is due, it is supposed, to a draw-bar pulling out, jil-poking the train. The most of the cars piled up on the side of the road, while several rolled down into a field. Two gangs of wreckers were soon at the scene, one from Fairville, and the other from McAdam.

Fortunately, no one had been hurt, and the men with their gear were thus enabled to go at once to work to clear away the debris. This proved a tedious job and it was not until eight o'clock this morning that the track was cleared.

The night train for Boston did not leave the St. John depot, while the C. P. R., which arrived on time from Halifax, was held over all night, passengers by her leaving by the Flying Yankee, this morning. It was 10,30 a. m. before any incoming trains arrived at St. John over the C. P. R.

The damage to the cars is very considerable; the six box cars being almost demolished; the sugar cars and the flats are also badly damaged. Only two of the sugar cars left the track, and one of these was got back again, and sent into Fairville. The sugar in the other had to be transferred before that car could be removed.

ST. JAMES CHURCH.—The organ recital in St. James church tonight, by Mr. Morley, is expected to be a pronounced success. Mr. Morley's ability is unquestioned and the fact that Mrs Perley and the Philharmonic Orchestra participate gives additional interest to the occasion. The church will be crowded.

London Stock Markets.

LONDON, 12.30 p m.

Consols 96 11 16 for money; 96 13-16 for acct.

United State Fours	
Do. do Fours and a half	
N Y, Penn and O firsts	
Atlantic and Great Western firsts	
Do. do do seconds	
Canada Pacific	78¼
Erie	18¼
do. Seconds	
Illinois Central	42
Mexican ordinary	65¾
St Paul Common	
New York Central	
Pennsylvania	
Reading	15
Mexican Central new 6's	74¾
Spanish Fours	
Bar Silver	

Money 2 per cent.

Liverpool Cotton Markets.

LIVERPOOL, p. m.—Cotton. Am mid 4 53-64, also 4 54-64 sales 7300 bales Amn. Futures closed quiet but steady.

The Weather.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Forecast; Increasing cloudiness and rains. Warmer. Easterly gales.

THIRD EDITION.

THE ELECTORAL ACT.

A PETITION BY CARDINAL TASCHEREAU AND HIS CLERGY FOR ITS AMENDMENT.

Its Prayer is to Prevent Gratuitous Distribution of Liquors to Electors—Died This Morning—William Coutts Insane—Contested Elections.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.

QUEBEC, March 20.—A petition has been signed by Cardinal Taschereau and the clergy of this diocese and addressed to the Governor General, the Senate and House of Commons, praying that the electoral act be amended so as to imprison without option of fine any person distributing liquor gratuitously to electors between nomination and polling days.

Died this morning.

MONTREAL, Mar. 20.—John M. Young, one of the most prominent merchants of this city, died this morning.

William Coutts Insane.

GUELPH, March 20.—William Coutts has been found not guilty of the murder of his child on ground of insanity. The little one's body was found in the cistern after Coutts had explained the child was absent on a visit.

Contested Elections.

QUEBEC, March 2.—Actions are about to be entered to annul the elections in Quebec county and Centre Chicoutimi, Charlevoix, Montmorency and several other counties. In Chicoutimi Mercier's disqualification will be asked for on the ground that before the election he telegraphed to Beemer to stop work on the Lake St. John railway and had publicly announced that the works would be stopped if Sir Adolphe Caron was elected but if Savard was elected they would be carried on.

LOCAL MATTERS.

For additional Local News see Last P'age.

PT. LEPREAUX, Mar. 20. 3 p. m.—Wind southeast, strong, clear. Therm 28. One three-masted, two other schrs. passed outward.

BOARD OF TRADE.—There will be a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade to-morrow at 3 p. m.

SPRINGHILL RELIEF.—The list will be left open a few days longer so that money from concerts and benefits may be deposited with and acknowledged by the treasurer.

THE FUNERAL of the late Mr. S. H. Brown, which took place this afternoon was very largely attended. The establishment of Messrs. Macaulay Bros. was closed to-day out of respect for the memory of the decessed gentleman.

NEXT THURSDAY.—The concert to be given in the Institute on the 26th inst. promises to be all that its promoters desire. The talent engaged comprises Mrs. Harrison, soprano; Miss M. Brauer, pianiste; Herr Ernest Doering, violinist; and Herr Klingenfeld, violincellist.

FELL OVER.—Schooner Lizzie Duvey fell over on Wilson & McLaughlan's blocks, Carleton, yesterday. She was but very little damaged.

The cargo of sugar in the barq't. Minnie G. Elkin is being rapidly taken out at Sand Point, Carleton. Wednesday eight carloads were discharged, and yesterday six were put out.

BACKED OVER THE WHARF.—About eleven thirty o'clock this morning, a mare with sled attached, owned by Mr. William Campbell, of Carleton, backed over the wharf at Clarke's electric light works, Carleton. The mare was considerably injured, and as she is in foal, Mr. Campbell will probably suffer quite a loss. After nearly two hours work the animal and sled were got from the slip on to the wharf.

Died on the Street.

Robert Stewart, blockmaker, dropped dead at about half-past eleven o'clock this morning just in front of the shipping office door at the eastern end of the Custom House. He was picked up and taken into the shipping office by some men who had been standing at the lower corner of the Custom House, and who had seen him reel and fall to the sidewalk. One sigh was the only sound that passed his lips after he fell. It was first thought that he had only taken a fit, and restoratives were applied, but it was soon apparent that he had breathed his last. Coroner Berryman was notified and the body was removed to the home of the deceased at 192 Brittain street. Mr. Stewart worked with Messrs Laskey & Son, block-makers, Water street. He left the work shop during the forenoon, complaining of feeling unwell and stopped at a drug store on Prince William street, where he secured some medicine for the la grippe. After returning to the workshop he started for home, and was met by death on the way. Deceased was about 65 or 70 years of age. He leaves a wife and family.

An Explanation.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE.

Sir—The question having been raised as to the ruling of the President of the Board of Trade, at the meeting held yesterday, in reference to the point "that two distinct propositions were contained in the amendment offered by Mr. Spurr," it is necessary for me to explain, that such a question was not submitted to him.

I was instructed to make a note of the objections as they were made and to submit them to the president in writing. This I did and now regret to find that by some means this question was omitted.

I can only explain this by the fact that in the constant cross-questioning that was going on I did not understand the point raised.

Yours respectively

IRA CORNWALL.

Secretary, Board of Trade.

St. John, March, 20.

FREDERICTON ITEMS.

Called Within the Bar—The Bank of Nova Scotia vs McKenzie—Train Late.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.

FREDERICTON, Mar. 20.—On the opening of the Supreme court this afternoon Mr. Daniel Jordan presented his commission as a Q. C. and was called within the bar.

The Chief Justice handed in the decree in the case of the Bank of Nova Scotia vs McKenzie, the judgment in which had previously been announced. The court then adjourned sine die.

This morning's train from St. John did not arrive until 2.30 this afternoon two hours and a half behind time. The delay was caused by the accident last night near Sutton's crossing.

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