

The Brownies' Century Run.

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The evening star scarce led her train
Of brilliant ovals over Africa's plain.
The Brownies had already done

A portion of their Century Run,
On wheels of every style and make
That could a heathen's fancy take.
But while thus spinning in delight

No common trouble hove in sight.
First yells that seemed their blood to freeze
Came startling from a clump of trees;

Then crawling for the Brownie folk
A pack of wild hyenas broke.
Ere this they oft had broken fast
On luckless mortals travelling past.

And seeing Brownies as they ran,
Mistook them for some caravan,
And bounded forth, believing they
Were now assured an easy prey.



They nothing knew of Brownie lore
Or mystic traits in those before.
And started on an enterprise
That warranted some exercise.

So scared were Brownies for a spell
A number from their saddles fell,
And brought about, in every case,
Delays that were much out of place.

The beasts, encouraged by the sign
Of panic all along the line,
Put forth the loudest outcry yet
And counted every table set.

No caravan for dars was seen
And every appetite was keen,
And, through the spur of pressing need,
They quite surpassed all former speed.

Ere there's no sharper spur than fear,
And Brownies strained the chattering gear
Of every safety oil and new



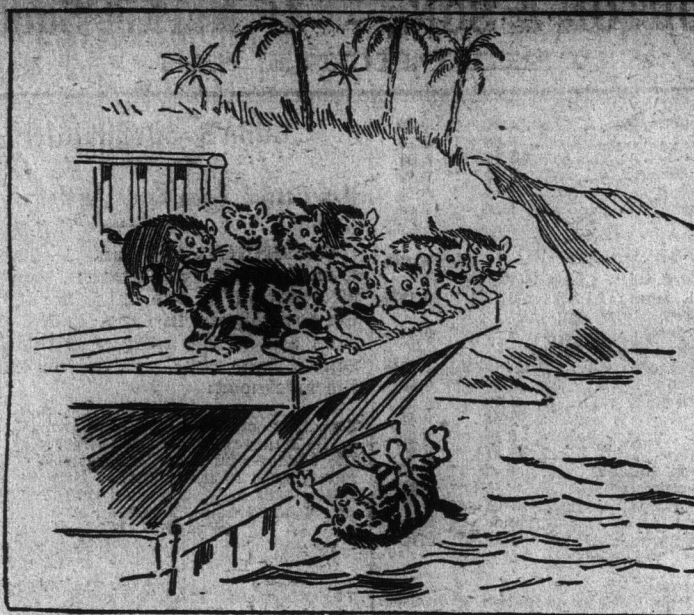
And tandem built for ten or two,
Before them lay long miles of track,
Behind them closed the starving pack.

Unfathomable, indeed, and rude,
They fought for place in angry mood,
And pitched a chorus in the rear.

That grated on a Brownie's ear,
Full well we know in every run,
There has to be some pumping down.

And sad and desperate was his case,
Who had to halt in such a race,
Half-shaky-headed to inspire

With scanty air, a flabby tire.
A bridge has been a famous theme,
Ere first it learned to span a stream.



And while combatting for the same
No few have won immortal fame.

Poor Tam O'Shanter knew the boon
Of life lay in the Brig o' Doon,
And on a bridge not far away,

The Brownies' hope now anchored lay,
To gain it at a high advance

Was now, indeed, their only chance.
The punctured tires confessed how
near

Were snapping teeth to Brownies dear,
As they all pealed o'er the draw
And in its rise their safety saw.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Wholesale Merchants Generally Report a Satisfactory Year's Business.

Maritime Boys' Y. M. C. A. Conference—A Large Falling Off in Halifax's Registered Tonnage.

HALIFAX, Dec. 30.—The wholesale merchants of this city, in groceries, dry goods and hardware, report a fairly satisfactory year's business. Hardware, particularly, has been good.

The number of failures in Nova Scotia this year has been about 112. Last year there were 166, and the year before 124. The liabilities last year were over \$1,000,000, and this year somewhat over \$700,000.

This year marks the greatest output of gold from our mines in the history of the province. The yield will be nearly 30,000 ounces, several thousands more than ever before. This represents a cash value of about \$900,000. Indications are that this production will be increased in the future.

The coal output has been large. The West Indies trade has yielded a fair return during the year, and the fishermen of Nova Scotia—while their catch has been rather small, and in the greater part of the province, so far as the shore fisheries were concerned, a failure—have realized good prices both for shore and bank fish. Stocks are light, and before new receipts arrive next year many merchants will be out. The Brazil market at present is good.

The apple growers of Nova Scotia

are realizing splendid prices and the crop was an average one in quantity.

The Maritime Boys' Y. M. C. A. conference, in session here today, elected as its president James Malcolm of St. John.

The total tonnage remaining on the register books of Halifax at the end of the year is 25,144. There were added during the year 335 tons, new vessels; transferred from other ports, 742 tons; struck off, 716 tons, and transferred to other ports, 245—a total loss of 1,067 tons.

Murray Melish, son of Roland Melish, manager of the British American Book and Trux Society, fell from a tree as he was climbing this afternoon and was severely injured. He is still unconscious.

WOLFVILLE, Dec. 28.—The packet vessel Greville, from St. John, is probably discharging her last cargo for the winter at the port of Wolfville. Capt. Baird, who resides here, has sailed for some years between St. John and Wolfville without accident.

Lewis Haley of St. Stephen spent Christmas at the home of his brother, Prof. Frank Haley of Acadia.

The friends of Miss Gilmore, director of piano at Acadia Seminary, are sorry to learn that in a despatch from her home in Nebraska she received the sad news of the sudden death of her mother from heart failure.

On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 28th, a quiet but interesting wedding took place at the Elms, the beautiful residence of the mother of the bride, Mrs. T. E. Sherwood, when Miss Mary Sherwood, one of Wolfville's most beautiful and popular society young ladies, daughter of the late T. E. Sherwood of New York, and granddaughter of the late Dwight DeWolfe, an old and wealthy resident of the town, was united in marriage by the Episcopal clergyman, Rev. K. C. Bird, to A. E. Sherwood, cousin of the bride, agent

of the French line of steamers, New York. The bride was dressed in a brown broadcloth, tailor-made travelling suit, with hat to match, and carried a bunch of white roses. She was attended by Miss Abbie Burgess, who carried a bunch of pink roses. The groom was attended by T. L. Harvey of Wolfville, brother-in-law of the bride, who was given away by her brother, Dwight J. Sherwood. The groom's present to the bride was an elegant revolver, fur-lined cloak, and to the bride's maid a handsome thing set with opals. After the luncheon was served, the party drove to Grand Pre, where Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood took the train for Halifax, en route for New York, where they will reside.

There were no guests outside the immediate family, but the bride was remembered by many costly gifts from her numerous friends.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

SUSSEX NEWS.

SUSSEX, N. B., Dec. 30.—St. John's church in Waterford was very largely attended at Christmas service and never was the church so beautifully decorated. The altar was most chastely adorned with cut flowers, and the rector preached a most appropriate sermon from St. Luke II. 10. The reverend gentleman also held services in the mission room at upper corner in the evening, at which the attendance was quite large and the music excellent.

The Baptist concert held in Oddfellows' hall last evening deserved a better attendance. The excellent programme was faithfully carried out.

The many friends of Mrs. T. W. Leonard (nee White), now on a visit with her husband to her parents on Church

avenue, were glad to have the pleasure of meeting her once more on the platform, where in times past she has often entertained them.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

To the Editor of the Sun:
Sir—The offices which it was said Mr. Blair would bestow on his few faithful followers in this county at the Christmas season have not materialized. What about the minister of railways' advisers, who have been chasing him from place to place, blowing of their influence and making his life a burthen? Has he at last discovered that they never cast a vote for him nor his party in their lives? Or has Mr. Tarte sounded a warning note in favor of the Acadian officials who were to be displaced? Where is the J. P. of Kent, who wrote the famous letter to Sir Henry Joly in eighteen hundred and ninety-six, attacking Acadian officials? Has his ink bottle dried up?
KENT LIBERAL.

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PRETORIA.

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Owing to the president's action, the celebration has been abandoned. There is no doubt that such an observance of Jameson day as had been planned would have led to serious riots.

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WORKS WELL.

Popular Vote Election System in St. John, N. B.

Ald. Macrae Discusses the Prospects of the Maritime City.

(Ottawa, Citizen.)

Alderman A. W. Macrae, one of the leading barometers of St. John, N. B., is a guest at the Russell house. Ald. Macrae has been in the St. John council for the past two years. In the course of a conversation with a Citizen reporter, Ald. Macrae remarked that, judging by the city newspapers, next Monday would be a pretty warm election day in Ottawa.

"Our elections come on in April or each year," he remarked. "The system in St. John is entirely different to that in Ottawa. The entire board of aldermen and mayor are elected by the popular vote of the whole city, and the council consists of an alderman for each ward, who must either live or do business in the ward which he represents, together with two aldermen at large and the mayor, all of whom are elected by the same voters. In Halifax each member of the board is elected for three years, a portion of the council retiring each year. It is claimed that this system has worked well. Civic business in St. John is managed by four boards—public works, safety, board of management and treasury board, composed of from five to nine members each. The work is carried on by the several boards, which report to the council at its regular meeting, and this body has the option of approving, rejecting or amending their reports and recommendations.

"All the late harbor improvements looking to the providing of trade facilities and the building up of the city, as a commercial and manufacturing centre, have been brought into effective operation since the abolition of the ward system, and the reduction of the council from 26 to 15 members. There is, however, much difference of opinion as to the advantages of the present system, with general acquiescence of the whole board. It is generally admitted that the council is alive to the necessity of the city making strenuous efforts to develop its trade. During the past few years we have expended nearly a million dollars to provide railway and wharf accommodation for the trade of Western Canada during the winter months. The C. F. R. are about completing their elevator, with a capacity of one million one hundred thousand bushels. The government has just awarded a contract for the creation of a five hundred thousand bushel elevator and wharf accommodation for at least two steamers of the largest size. Ex-Mayor Robertson is floating a company for the construction of a dry dock, for which the city council has agreed to give large exemptions and a suitable site. The city has agreed to give the surplus of water from the main they are now laying up to the extent of two million gallons a day to a pulp company composed of local and English capitalists, at a very low rate. Another pulp mill in the immediate vicinity of the city will be completed in a few months.

"The lumber business is improving in New Brunswick and there is every prospect that St. John will go ahead with rapid strides in the immediate future."

TORONTO.

To Reduce Membership of Presbyterian General Assembly.

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—Replies of presbyteries are being received at the church offices to the request sent out in July for an expression of opinion in regard to membership of the general assembly. The basis of membership is now one in four, and the proposal to increase it to one in eight meets with general acceptance. It is claimed that the present size of the assembly makes it a crowd instead of a court.

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—The General Trusts company and Trusts Corporation of Ontario have amalgamated under the name of the Toronto General Trusts Company.

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Every Horseman should try "Tuttle's Elixir."

Not simply guaranteed to cure in the advertisement, but backed up by a standing offer of \$100 reward for every failure. If it won't cure your horse of Colic, Cough, Galls, Contracted and Knotted Cords, Shoe Blisters when first started, and Calves of all kinds, you will receive the above reward. Used and endorsed by Adams Express Co. Sample free for three 2-cent stamps to pay postage.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., Oct. 28, 1897.
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Dear Sir—I have much pleasure in recommending your Horse Elixir to all interested in horses. I have used it for several years and have found it to be all it is represented. I have used it on my running horse and also on my brooding Stallion "Speedy" and with the desired effect. It is undoubtedly a first-class article.
I remain, yours respectfully,
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Prop. Hotel DuRoi.

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