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DEPARTURES.	Local Time.
Trains leave on I. C. R. St. J. N. S.	7.30 a. m.
" " " " " " " "	12.30 p. m.
" " " " " " " "	5.30 p. m.
Trains leave on C. P. R. Atlantic	7.00 a. m.
" " " " " " " "	12.30 p. m.
" " " " " " " "	5.30 p. m.
Trains leave on Shore Line at St. John	7.30 a. m.
St. John, West.	8.00 a. m.
St. John, East.	8.30 a. m.
Monday, Wednesday and Saturday	8.00 a. m.
Steamer of Dominion Atlantic by Monday, Wednesday and Saturday	7.30 a. m.
Monday for Grand Manan every Wednesday	7.00 a. m.
ARRIVALS.	Local Time.
Trains arrive on I. C. R. St. J. N. S.	1.30 p. m.
" " " " " " " "	7.30 p. m.
Trains arrive on C. P. R. Atlantic	1.30 p. m.
" " " " " " " "	7.30 p. m.
Trains arrive on Shore Line at St. John	1.30 p. m.
" " " " " " " "	7.30 p. m.

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**ST. JOHN STAR.**

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**OUR PULSE IS NORMAL.**

The Star learns, on the authority of a gentleman connected with another city paper, who is enlightening his friends on the subject, that this ambitious young journal has but a few months to live. This intelligence comes to us with a severe shock, and will no doubt cause our numerous friends a measure of regret. It is of course kind of a neighbor to break the news, and the Star certainly ought to be thankful to receive timely warning of its approaching dissolution. But, somehow, life is so sweet and the prospect so satisfactory that the Star is unable to resign itself to that contemplative mood which such a warning might be expected to suggest. There is, in fact, a disposition to jeer a little at the prophet of evil, and to remind him and others that while a wish may be father to a thought, it is not always a safe course to assume that events will transpire along the line of the wishes of those who neglect their own affairs to indulge in prophecy concerning the affairs of others. At all events, if the Star is to have a short life, it is bound to be a merry one. A critical examination of the pulse of the Star's circulation and increasing popularity indicates that it will survive long enough, let us say, to witness at least eight or ten more editorial changes in the office of the esteemed Telegraph.

**THE CIVIC ELECTIONS.**

Mayor Daniel is to be congratulated on receiving a second term in office without opposition. When he was a member of the board of aldermen a few years ago, he gave time and attention to the able performance of civic duties; and during his term as mayor he has found his former experience of great value in dealing with the numerous questions that have arisen for consideration at the council board. Mayor Daniel is an excellent presiding officer, and he and the aldermen get along very comfortably together, in the exercise of mutual respect and good will. There was a general feeling that he should be given a second term without opposition, and that feeling has prevailed. Mr. Sears, who was talked of as a candidate, has courteously and heartily assented to the view of the majority, and declined to enter upon what might seem to be a personal contest.

It appears, however, that the expense of an election must be incurred. Whether the personnel of the council will be altered as a result of the nomination of the two citizens who oppose former members, remains to be seen; but even if both won there would not be such an infusion of new blood as would effect any material change. No new civic policy has been set forth, and the campaign will not be at all exciting.

Out in the parishes in the county context, so many men have got themselves nominated that one is led to wonder if any escaped. If each man votes for himself there is likely to be a deadlock. Fortunately we are peaceable folk, and there is not much danger of a riot even if a deadlock should occur.

**KRUGER QUOTE MORE.**

The Paris Matin quotes an interesting observation by Oom Paul Kruger. It is as follows: "I thank God that He has beset Great Britain with troubles in the far east—troubles that will yet force her to release her South African prey. Great Britain's sin, the atrocity with which she has waged war on defenceless women and children of the veldt, will be her ruin; we have the witness of the Book for it."

Mr. Kruger has a long list of grievances against the British, and an equally long list of praises for his own. According to the Paris Matin he says the British are liars, are brutal, and are like savages. They have outraged liberty, they have burned and pillaged, and, in fact, have violated all laws of war between civilized nations. In direct contrast Oom Paul makes the Boers stand forth as exponents of truth, as lovers of peace, self-sacrificing, and lovers of independence. "If the English were not blind, if they considered their own interests well," concludes Mr. Kruger, "they would recognize the independence we demand, because in the hope of safeguarding it we shall be ready to make many concessions and sacrifices, and, moreover, it would assure peace in South Africa."

These remarks of the ex-president, coming as they do from a safe distance, must be a great comfort and help to his people in South Africa. Something more potent than the tongue might justly be expected by the Boers from one who was so long their leader and advisor, but who seems now to have deserted them in their dark hour.

St. John will have no exhibition this year. The shareholders in passing the resolution which is quoted in today's

Star, took the only course that was open to them in view of the action of the provincial government. That government has been able to spend large sums in other directions, and increase the salaries of some of its members, but has not been able to grant a sufficient sum to enable the St. John association to continue its series of exhibitions. Had the whole of the benefit derived from its exhibitions been received by the city, there might be good ground for the action of the government, but inasmuch as the province at large has received much more in prizes from year to year than the provincial government has granted, there is in the government's action a suggestion of sectional legislation.

In consequence of a number of business failures in Vancouver, owing largely to the credit system, the grocers of that city have prepared a list of seven hundred and forty-two names of people to whom no credit will be given. This means that about one-tenth of the heads of families in Vancouver must pay cash or get no goods. Each grocery store has been furnished with a copy of the list, which is kept privately by the manager and preserved from public gaze. The list is said to contain the names of many prominent society people.

**MONUMENT FUND.**

A special account, called the Star Monument Fund, has been opened in the Savings Bank department of the Bank of Montreal, where all sums received are at once deposited.

Names	Amount
G. L. Warwick	5
J. H. Pritchard	2
W. T. Dean	2
J. S. Addy	2
A. McCaffrey	1
W. W. Fairall	1
J. D. Carmichael	1
W. J. Ross	1
J. H. Davidson	1
P. Masters	1
J. E. Lamoreaux	1
W. H. McInyre	1
J. E. Shannon, Jr.	1
W. J. Ross	1
W. R. Cartile	1
F. H. Watson	1
J. McDermott	1
J. Walsh	1
R. Walsh	1
C. Colley	1
M. W. Boyd	1
J. Shannon, sr.	1
Previously acknowledged	59
	1815

**PACIFIC CABLE.**

The All-British Line is to be laid and working by December, 1902.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 8.—The R. M. S. Mifvera sailed for Australia yesterday. Amongst her passengers was W. R. Peake, of the firm of Clark, Torrey & Taylor, the firm responsible for the selection of the route and laying places of the Pacific cable. Interviewed by your correspondent, Mr. Peake stated that he had selected the landing place for the cable on the west coast of Vancouver Island, and was now on route for Brisbane, Queensland, to select a landing place there, afterwards proceeding to Sydney, N. S. W., to join the steamship Britannia, which had been sent out to aid him in selecting suitable landing places, and in the survey of the route from Queensland to New Zealand, to a point about 70 miles north of Fanning Island, the remainder of the route to Vancouver having already been surveyed by H. M. survey ship Esmeralda. The manufacture of the cable will be commenced next month. The first expedition in connection with the laying of it is expected to leave the Thames in January, 1902. This will carry out the laying of sections from Queensland to Norfolk Island, to New Zealand, and Norfolk Island to Fiji Islands. The second expedition will leave about August 1902, and will lay cable from Vancouver to Fanning Island and Fiji. This long length of cable, 6834.5 nautical miles, will be transported and lashed by one ship, which is now being specially built for the purpose. The contractors undertake that the whole of the cable shall be laid and working by December, 1902.

**SUDDEN DEATH.**

The sudden death occurred on Sunday evening of Miss Mary White, for over forty years a faithful employe of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum. Sunday afternoon she was in the best of health and was calling on some friends in the vicinity. She was driven back to the asylum and left the carriage only a few yards from the door, and during her passage to the building was seized with heart failure. Her body was found outside the door a short time after. The remains were forwarded to Fredericton, her former home, for interment.

**Saves Others.**  
When one of the children has diphtheria, scarlet fever, or measles, why not keep the others from having it? You can do so with our Vapo-Cresoline. Put some Cresoline in the vaporizer, light the lamp beneath, and have them breathe in the vapor. This vapor destroys all the germs of disease. The contagion can't spread—you save others. It is the only known specific for whooping-cough. Ask your doctor about Vapo-Cresoline.

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**PARLIAMENT.**

OTTAWA, April 8.—The house resumed business today after recess and James Halliday, member elect for North Bruce, was introduced amid loud opposition applause. Mr. Borden, Halifax, asked Premier Laurier to bring down papers in connection with the Mackenzie-Mann claim, information in house early in March. Hon. Mr. Fisher's fruit bill was referred back to a committee of the whole, and a proposal was made to extend its scope so as to regulate the packing of all fruits instead of only apples and pears, as at first suggested. This resulted in considerable opposition, as the term fruit was indefinite and that the operation of the law would be rendered difficult, and a section was inserted which provides that the term fruit shall not apply to wild fruits. The bill passed its second reading. Hon. Mr. Fisher refused to strike out the clause which provides that the public works bill should be of the penalty in cases where fines are imposed. The third reading will take place tomorrow.

The supplementary estimates for the year 1900-1901, for \$3,779,716. This includes \$73,316 for railways and canals, of which amount \$43,400 is for the Intercolonial. The maritime provinces items are increased accommodation for Sydney, \$57,000. The public works bill provides for a bonded warehouse at Chatham, and in the rivers and harbors the following grants are asked: St. John harbor, Negro Point breakwater, \$3,000; St. John harbor, repairs to protection works at base Fort Dufferin, \$5,000; Tyne-mouth Creek beach protection, \$4,200.

The house went into supply to consider the estimates for railways and canals. The first item taken up was a vote of half a million for steel rails. In answer to Mr. Haggart, Hon. Mr. Blair explained that last year 1,500 tons had been purchased from the Canadian and Illinois companies at \$32.50 per ton. This year it was proposed to take 25,000 tons of rails from the Sault Ste. Marie company at \$32.50 in order to encourage the new industry. Mr. Clergue promises to deliver 50 rails per day from the first of August. The railway department proposed to lay 25,000 tons new 80 pound rails per year, and by so doing hope to have the road completely renewed in six or seven years.

Mr. Barker claimed that Mr. Blair should charge to maintenance account the amount of cost of replacing the rails equal to the cost of the rails replaced. Only such portions of the Cape Breton road, in order to do so he had to borrow money on capital account. He contended that if he did not do this he would be forced to indirectly charge the amount to the country. It was only a difference of bookkeeping. The item was allowed to stand for further consideration.

Mr. Blair stated that by the end of the fiscal year he would have from \$5 to 10 large new 22 ton locomotives ready for service. The sum of \$25,000 was voted for construction and improvement of warehouses at Stellarton, Sydney, Campbellton, etc.

When the vote of \$100,000 for railway extension at Sydney came up, Mr. Blair explained that \$50,000 would be for additional accommodation in the new engine house, while the balance would be for sidings, etc. Mr. Borden, Halifax, asked if the train service would be arranged so as to satisfy both Sydney and North Sydney. Mr. Blair promised to make satisfactory arrangements.

After dinner the estimates for the administration of the justice were taken up. Mr. Fitzpatrick gave it as his opinion that the salaries of judges should be increased throughout Canada.—Consideration.

The estimates of the interior department followed.

**CANADA'S RAILWAYS.**

The New York world says, editorially: "One singular-general at Montreal has just made a report on Canadian railroads which contributes interestingly to the stock of popular information. Of the 17,457 miles of railroad now in operation in the dominion, the territory of the Dominion all but 68 miles have been built since 1850. Even as late as 1860, after the Grand Trunk was built, the total mileage was but 2965 miles. Within forty years, therefore, Canada, whose total population is only 5,500,000, has constructed 15,000 miles of new railroads.

"Proportionately to population Canada has more miles of railroad and a larger investment of capital in railroads than any other country in the world. If the United States had 25,000 miles of railroad it would have the equivalent of Canada's 17,457 miles relatively to its population, which is about fifteen times as large. But the total railroad mileage of the Union is 137,781 miles. With only 4000 miles less than the United Kingdom and two-thirds of the total mileage of the colossal Russian Empire, including Finland, and more than half as much as the combined mileage of all the countries included in the German Empire, Canada would almost seem to have overdone her railroad construction.

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**MARINE MATTERS.**

Sch. Avalon has completed her repairs and will load lumber for Fall River. Str. Domingo de Larde, 2,651 tons register, has been fixed to load hay here for South Africa. Str. Manchester City, which was expected to leave Halifax yesterday, is still there awaiting some pulp, which will be taken in before she comes to St. John.

**BIG HOTEL FOR TORONTO.**

TORONTO, April 8.—Contracts were signed today for the construction of a big palace hotel in this city. The contract is for eight hundred thousand dollars. The site on King street east cost nearly two hundred thousand. This will be the demolition of the old buildings which make the lot cost upwards of a million. The work will include the completion and the new hotel will be the finest in Canada.

**"GAT" HOWARD'S DEATH.**

OTTAWA, April 8.—A letter received today by Colonel Sheppard states that Major "Gat" Howard met his death by being ambushed when riding in advance of his corps. He was robbed and then shot in cold blood along with his orderly.

**MEETING OF ANGLICAN BISHOPS.**

MONTREAL, April 8.—There will be a meeting of Anglican bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Canada on Monday next in connection with the session of the board of foreign and domestic missions of the Church of England in Canada. Probably a new Metropolitan will be elected to succeed Archbishop Lewis.

**BOER AGENTS BUSY.**

Trying to Stop the Shipment of Mules From New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 7.—Gen. Sam Pearson and the other Boer agents, who lately brought suit in the United States circuit court to prevent the shipment of mules from this city to the British army in South Africa yesterday amended their petition so as to include a number of other defendants in the injunction. The suit first introduced was against the Anglo-Australian to prevent her loading with mules. They ask that the Monterey, which has just arrived, be similarly enjoined. The new defendants named in the supplemental bill are Capt. Marshall of the British army, temporarily living in New Orleans; the Anglo-American Steamship company, represented by the Wardens of New Orleans; William J. Hanon and Joseph J. Beranger of New Orleans, and H. Perry, captain of the steamer Monterey.

The Boer agents here take no stock in the story that the British war office has decided to close up its New Orleans agency. Mr. Van Ness said: "That story, I am thinking, is similar to many others started in England or in South Africa. My view of the matter is that the mules and horses will be shipped to South Africa from New Orleans as long as the shippers or ship-owners are not molested by the United States government or by the courts."

"Not at all," he replied, "fresh mules and horses are required in South Africa so long as the British have their forces there. These animals will be transported as long as the war continues, unless the law steps in and puts a stop to the practice. There is scarcely an animal that was shipped to the Transvaal a year ago that is alive to-day. They all die off fast. The climate and the lack of food are against them. Whenever a march is made five miles from the base of supplies, the horses used on that march are all doomed. Very few of them live any great period on oats alone and that is all these animals get when they are taken away from the base of supplies. In order, therefore, to keep the British soldiers supplied with mounts it is absolutely necessary to transport the animals by thousands every month. If this fresh supply ceases there will be a change noted in the condition of affairs in South Africa."

The Boer suit came up in the United States circuit court yesterday and was continued, counsel for the British government asking for more time, because of the supplemental bills filed. The case was fixed for next Tuesday.

**A MEAN JOB.**

(Chicago Times-Herald.) "Do you ever feel," she asked the great novelist, "as if you had run out of ideas—as if you were all pumped dry?"

"Oh, yes," he wearily replied, "I feel that way right now."

**THEIR PAILING.**

(Tribune.) Customer—Walter, it is nearly half an hour since I ordered that turtle soup.

Walter—Sorry, sir; but you know how slow turtles are, sir.

**CLARIBLY DEFINED.**

(Harper's Bazar.) Little Elmer (who has an inquiring mind)—Papa, what is conscience?

Prof. Broadhead—Conscience, my son, is the name usually given to the fear we feel that other people will find us out.

**JUST A DIFFERENCE.**

Mr. Bickboy—My husband's so lazy that if I want for use I don't believe he would even get up to get it.

**FREDERICTON.**

FREDERICTON, April 9.—The Gibson branch train from Woodstock to Fredericton is off the track five miles this side of Newburg Junction. There are no particulars as yet.

Three election petition cases were heard here this afternoon. In the Kings and Charlotte counties cases Mr. Earle, K. C., and Mr. Blair made application before Judge Landry to fix an early date for the trial of the petitions. Mr. Currie, K. C., on behalf of Mr. Powell, respondent in Kings, and Mr. Powell, K. C., on behalf of Mr. Gahong, respondent in Charlotte, read affidavits from the respondents that parliament will likely sit until the middle of June, and that their presence at the trial of the cases was necessary in the interest of themselves and their constituencies. His honor accordingly fixed the 9th of July for the trial in Kings and the 23rd for the trial in Charlotte.

Messrs. Earle, K. C., and Blair made application before Judge Hamington to set a time for the hearing of preliminary objections in the Carleton county election petition. Mr. Currie, K. C., appeared on behalf of Mr. Hale, respondent, and the argument was finished at the adjournment, and will be continued in the morning.

Argument in an important equity suit was heard this afternoon before Judge Barker. The case is important from the fact that it is the first of the kind under the assignments and preferences act passed by the New Brunswick legislature in 1895, and the judgment will establish a precedent. The case is the Amherst Boot & Shoe Co. on behalf of themselves and all other creditors of Urban Babiniau, a trader of Point Louis, Kent county, v. Urban Babiniau and Joseph Sheyn of Quebec. Evidence was taken at St. John on March 19, and the case assigned to Fredericton for argument. L. A. Currie, K. C., for plaintiffs, and J. D. Phinney, K. C., and Allen, K. C., for defendants. A bill was filed to set aside the confession of judgment and assignment by Babiniau to Sheyn to secure Sheyn's claim of \$5,000, on the ground that under the assignments and preferences act of 1895 it was an undue preference given to Sheyn, Babiniau being at the time he gave the confession of judgment in insolvent circumstances, and the preference given to Sheyn took more than all of his property, leaving nothing to the other creditors. A suit to impeach the transaction was begun within sixty days of Babiniau's assignment, and it was claimed that under the act cited preference was given to Sheyn to prevent other creditors from receiving anything from the assets of Babiniau. Judgment reserved.

**RUSSIAN FLEET RETURNED.**

PARIS, April 9.—The unexpected return of the Russian squadron dwarfed the importance of all other events in the programme at Nice today. The news is on the lips of everyone in Paris, and the joy is expressed by both the public and the press. The intensity of this gratification shows that great numbers of Frenchmen had treated with skepticism the reports of the capture of the squadron, and were transformed into expressions of exultant gladness. Inquiry in official quarters regarding the explanation of the return of the Russian squadron and the information that the squadron left Toulon for the reason assigned, and the cable to the Associated Press, namely, that it was never intended the whole Russian squadron should remain during the Franco-Italian festivities, as the presence of a third party might tend to check the expansion of feeling, but the Russian government had anticipated such an unfavorable effect as was created by the withdrawal or such comment as appeared in a section of the foreign press and in the nationalist organs in France. These comments, misrepresenting the incident as indicating coolness between France and Russia, said a high official, great impression upon the Russian government and resulted in a decision to recall the squadron to Nice in order to belie the false rumors.

**FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT.**

BERLIN, April 9.—At the reception today of the British special mission to announce the death of Queen Victoria and the accession of King Edward, Emperor William wore a British admiral's uniform, with the Order of the Garter. After the formal ceremonies were over his majesty conversed freely with each member of the mission and introduced them to the empress. The members of the mission are the emperor's guests here.

The ceremony of conducting the mission to the palace was impressive. "I feel that that way right now."

**THE FRESHET IN MAINE.**

PORTLAND, Me., April 9.—From present indications the danger threatened by the spring freshet, which has caused no little anxiety for the past two days, has passed. The water in the Androscoggin is generally reported as having ceased to rise, though in a few instances a slight rise is still perceptible.

ELLSWORTH, Me., April 9.—Union river continues to rise. The building formerly occupied as a rail mill, underpinning and threatened to come down against the Main street bridge, and was burned today by order of the city government.