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Portland.'

Druce

of them, peculiar.

he Druce claim to the estates and time ago an account of the whole af-of the Duke of Portland, one of most extraordinary mysteries of to her personal knowledge, the fifth prn times, is now rapidly nearing Duke of Portland and Thomas Charles the most extraordinary mysteries of its last stage, when the public hearing mant's case will come Delore of the clai al:-

Within the next few weeks an appli-

tant evidence on commission, and the other preliminary stages will follow in regular succession, and then it is an-identity ticipated that this extraordinary case father, mock be be settled definitely and once for

In itself the story is so strange that the weird imaginings of the sensation-al novelist pale into utter insignifi-cance beside it, while the issues at are tremendous, involving, as stake possession not only of the dukedom, but also of the great Welbeck estates and many others that figure on the Portland rent roll and of the London properties which are ad-ministered by the Portland trustees and held by Lord Howard de Walden, these latter including Cavendish square, Portland place, Harley street (the home of fashionable physicians), Welbeck street, Weymouth street, Benting, street Bentinck street, Great Portland street, Holles street and many other well known thoroughfares.

Rough estimates of the value of the properties claimed compute the sum at little short of £100,000,000 (\$500,000,-

The present claimant is Mr. George Hollamby Druce, and his claim is itself in the family of the claimant, based on the contention that the fifth his father having suffered from it, as Duke of Portland, and Thomas also his children, though he has been Charles Druce, proprietor of the Baker free from it, though this may be ac-street bazaar, were one and the same counted for by the fact that hereditary

He is the grandson and oldest legal escendant of Thomas Charles Druce descendant of Thomas Charles Land and therefore, if his contention as to the duality of personality be proved, aality of personality be plo-randson and oldest lineal desc randson and oldest lineal desc while the present holder of the title Baker street bazaar. while the present holder of the title is a cousin of the fifth Duke, whom he

Some years ago Mrs. Anna Maria made a similar claim on behalf son, who lived in Australia, and er story was full of the most nlications and romantic innts, though the present claimant Charles Druce's family, as his grandmother was Thomas Charles Druce's first wife, while Mrs. Anna Druce's claim is based on kinship through a nd wife.

The story of the fifth Duke of Port-land's family, as interpreted by Mr. George Hollamby Druce, the present claimant, is as follows:-The fifth Duke of Portland, when quite a young man, began to lead a double life for reasons of his own. At one time he was the Marquis of Titchfield, his proper title, and at others he assumed the name of Druce for his own nurnoses title, and at others he assumed the name of Druce for his own purposes. Under the name of Druce he went to live at Bury St. Edmunds, where he started a draper's business. While there he contracted a marriage with Miss Elizabeth Crickmer, then a pupil in a girls' school in the town. Several children were born of this union, the eldest of whom was Mr. George Druce, father of the present claimant, and to whom he left \$5,000 in his will. According to the story of the present claimant, he forsook his wife after a few years and left Bury St. Edmunds, and in 1854 he succeeded to the Duke-dom of Portland, though still keeping up the dual entity and posing also as Druce, and, according to Mr. Druce, on the death of his wife, in 1851, he married again, his second wife being An-nie May Berkeley, a member of the Berkeley family, near neighbors and intimate friends of the Portland fam-Curiously enough, the Duke of Port-and, when Marquis of Titchfield, had ent quarrel with his brother, tinck, over this same George Bentinck, over Berkeley, the two bro 80 as between, the both being in love th her, and, what is more extraor-mary still, Thomas Charles Druce is equently known to have married ding to Mrs. Anna Druce's ry, which was told some time ago, en she made a claim to the title i estates on behalf of her son, the when she made a claim to the title and estates on behalf of her son, the quartel between the two brothers was a very bitter one, and the suit of the younger. Lord George Bentinck, re-ceived the full approbation of their father, the latter not only discourag-ing the desire of the elder son but also insulting him in every way. She stated that the climax to the quarrel between the two brothers was reached in 1848, when Lord George was found dead near Welbeck Abbey, it was stated, from a spasm of the heart, but, she adds, whether this was the true cause of his death will never be known. According to the present claimant's story, the fifth Duke of Portland, in 1864, decided to put an end to his al-leged dual existence and to live only in his ducal state, and so he resolved that Druce should die, and be buried, which he accordingly was, in a vault in Highgate Cemetery. "And it is around this coffin and its

in 1855 at Campbell's Creek, near Castle-maine, in the State of Victoria, Australia, his earlier years being spent on a farm amid primitive surroundings. His Druce were one and the same person. farm amid primitive surroundings. His trade is that of a carpenter and joiner, She also gave an account of the buriwhich he followed for many years in Melbourne. He is, besides, a skilled MOCK BURIAL

Before December, 1864, "Druce" be-came filled with a desire to sink his identity as "Druce," and said to his father, "I must die," and suggested a mock burial for himself. My father be-sought him not to adopt such a course, but manufilted with a desire to sink his identity as "Druce," and suggested a mock burial for himself. My father be-sought him not to adopt such a course, but manufilted with a desire to sink his is a widower and has a family of six children, three girls and three boys. He is described as being quiet and unobstrusive, though impressing per-sons who meet him as being forceful it unavailingly. When the sham sons who n urial took place my father was pres-

ent. On his return my father said to me, "It's gone off better than I ex-pected, though I don't know how they liability company, \$55,000 having been subscribed. Mr. Druce holding the took the coffin without any certificate. I tried to prevent Portland, but he would do it. There will be a terrible been subscribed to by the public. exposure some day, and if ever they get In the event of Mr. Druce, the claimthe coffin up they will, of course, be ant, being successful in his action the floored; but, anyhow, I prevented him shareholders will receive one hundred

in or anything rather than the corpse given they will lose their money. of another person," I replied, "Oh, how could you do such a thing?" My father answered, "I'd do anything for

There are many extraordinary col lences in the lives of the fifth Duke of Portland and Thomas Charles Druce,

and one is the fact that the fifth duke was known to have suffered from a Lamb, per lb

Mutton, per lb... .. .. Veal, per 1b ..... Pork diseases frequently skip a generation. Another coincidence is that the fifth Duke of Portland had a marked aver-sion to meeting strangers, in fact he Bggs, case, per doz ... 0 22 Turkey ner lb.... 0 20 would never see any one, not even his lawyers, and Druce would not see any Turkey, per lb .. ... 0 18

Potatoes, per bbl Baker street bazaar. Hides, per lb. .. .... 0 09% ' Again, while the list of coincidences Calf hides, per 1b..... 0 00 do not prove anything, they are, to Lambskins, each..... 1 20 say the least of it, extraordinary, as, Cabbage, per doz. ..... 0 40 for instance, the fifth Duke had a, pe-culfarity of tying his trousers below Medium ..... 4 85 the knee with string, as the railway Cod, small ...... navvies do in England, and this was Finnan haddies...

also a peculiarity of Thomas Charles Gd. Man. herring, hf. b. 2 35 Bay herring, hf. bbls... 2 25 Cod, fresh.. .. .. .... 0 0214 Again, the duke had a craze for tunnelling operations, as Welbeck Abbey abundantly testifies, and this same craze was possessed by Thomas Charles Druce. These peculiarities might be continued indefinitely, but, after all they move provide the same for all the same for the sam

after all, they prove nothing, though taken in conjunction with the alleged marvellous resemblance of the two personalities they are, to say the least of them, peculiar Moose, per hind

The case itself has certainly brought son, per carcass into prominence the eccentric life and Wild ducks, per pr.... habits of the fifth Duke of Portland, Chickens, per pr. ... and he will always be remembered as Turkeys, per lb..... 0 16 an example of the eccentricities of Partridges....... 0 40 which human nature is capable, while Welbeck Abbey, one of the finest of Retail

the stately homes of England, will for- Beef, corned, per 1b .. 0 09 " 0 10 ever stand as a monument to the suri-ous character and mysterious life of its Pork, salt, per 15 .... 0 10 " 0 14 noble architect. Ham, per lb ..... 0 18 DUKE'S ECCENTRICITIES. 1b ... ... 0 16 Tripe, per lb . For eighteen years he converted Wel-Butter, dairy, rolls ... 0 25 beck into a huge workshop, and during Butter, tubs.. .. .. 0 21 the whole of that time he employed Lard, per lb. .. .... 012 teen or eighteen hundred men in Eggs, per doz ..... 0 25 the construction of the famous stables Onions, per 1b. ..... 0 05 tan gallop, riding school, underground Beets, per peck ...... 0 30 picture gallery and apartments, besides Carrots, per peck .. .. 0 30 the celebrated subterranean kennels which honeycomb Welbeek like a rab-bit warren. The bill of costs exceeded \$5,000 a day, and from the beginning to he end he spent about \$35,000,000 on Fowl, per pair .. .. 0 85 " 1 the improvements. Turkey, per lb .. ... 0.20 Wonderful as is Welbeck, however, its Chickens ...... 0 75 owner and architect was even more ex-Ducks ...... 1 25 Smelt, per pound., ... 0 10 " 0 00 traordinary, for though he transformed Geese . the abbey into a veritable fairly palace he kept no company, but lived alone in two or three plainly furnished rooms. Halibut .. .. .. 0 15 Fresh cod and haddock, per lb ..... 0 05 " 0 00 Finnan haddies .... 0 07 " 0 00 Sm'k'd bloaters, per doz 0 24 " 0 00 He used to wander about the demesne dresed in an old overcoat muffled up about the neck, a tall hat and half hidden beneath a huge umbrella, and so much did-he shun mankind that any Boneless cod, per 10 ... 0 13 " 0 00 Sm'k'd herring, per bx. 0 15 " 0 00 GROCERIES. servant or workman in his employ who spoke to or saluted him was instantly Cheese, per lb .. .. 0 131/2 " 0 14 dismissed, his instructions being that if Rice, per 1b .... 0 03% " 0 03% he were met he was to be ignored and Cream of tartar, pure passed as if he were a tree. He was bxs ... ... ..... 0 21 " 0 28 on the aproach of strangers he immedi-Sal soda, per 1b .... .. 0 00% " 0 01% ately made off, so that he was rarely Molasses-Although he avoided people, he has on occasions, however, been known to start a conversation, and the story is told that he one one day saw from the Standard granulated, yellow bright, vellow, equalized rates windows of Welbeck a poacher "tick-ling trout" in the lake before the house. yellow, equalized rates. Barbados, per 1b ..... 0 03% " 0 04% Paris lumps, per box ... 0 00 " 0 00 ling trout" in the lake before the house. Waylaying him, the duke asked what he had in his basket. "Only water-cress, your grace," he replied. "Let me look at it," said the duke, Java, per lb, green ... 0 24 " 0 26 Pulverized sugar .. .. 0 07 " 0 07%

## SEMI-WEEKLY SUN. ST. JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 3 1906.

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Invisible Prince." His carriage, which was fitted with every possible conveni-ence, was driven with closed windows to Workshop Station, and there the carriage with the duke in it was placed on a truck and conveyed to London, and on arriving there he was driven to his town house, which he entered with-out draying heem seen by a single new. out having been seen by a single per-son; and it has even been stated that Jamaica oranges, pr bbl 5 50 carriage had an occupant or not. So much for the personality of the fifth Duke of Portland. And now for the Raisins, Sultana, new .. 0 00 --- --- --- --coanuts to the title and the huge es-Apricots, evaporated .... 0 14 Apples, evaporated .... 0 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> " 0 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Peaches, evap'd new .. 0 12 " 0 13 George Hollamby Druce was born

Apples, per bbl.. ..... 2 00 . ... ... ..... 2 00 PROVISIONS.

American clear pork ... 18 50 " 20 50 American mess pork . 20 50 "21 00 \*\* 14 25 Lard, pure .. .. .. 0 11% " 0 12

## FLOUR. ETC.

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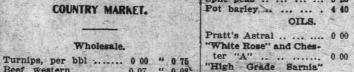
GRAIN ETC.

OILS.

and "Archlight" .. .. 0 00

unobstrusive, though impressing per-sons who meet him as being forceful Cornmeal Canadian high grade ... 4 85 Middlings, small lots jority of the shares, but the rest have Bran, small lots, bag'd. 21 00 " 22 00

Hay, pressed, car lots. 10 00 " 10 50 putting the corpse of another person times the amount they have subscrib-in the coffin. It is better to put lead ed, but should an adverse verdict be Oats (Ontario), car lots 0 44 Beans (Canadias h.p.). 1 85 Beans, prime .. .. .... 1 75 Beans, yellow eye ... .. Split peas .....



'Silver Star" .. .. .. 0 00 Linseed oil, raw ..... 0 00 " 0 48 Linseed oil, boiled .... 0 00 " 0 51 .. .. .... 0 0 Turpentine ... ... 0 00 " 1 05 Seal oil (steam refined) 0 00 " 0 52 Olive oil (steam refined) 0 00 " 0 95 Castor oil (com'l, per lb) 0.00 " 0.09 Extra lard oil ..... 0.78 " 0.09 " 0 24 Extra lard oil .. .. .. 0 00 Extra No. 1 ..... 0 00 Electric Light (150 water Fowl. per pair .. .. 0 75 white) .. .. 1 25 Canadian .. ... ... 0 16% " 0 0 0 14 NEW YORKERS MADE THE USUAL RACKET New Year Received With Much Noise

> and Many Celebrations. 0 15 NEW YORK, Jan. 1.-The advent of the new year was the occasion tonight of the usual noisy demonstrations day did not dampen the enthusiasm of the tens of thousands of people who paraded the streets blowing great tin horns, ringing bells of all descriptions

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Shot and Killed His Fatherin-Law

DR. SIMPSON HELD

**ON MURDER CHARGE** 

NORTHPORT, R. L. Dec. 29 .- At the railway during 1905. No pass inquest held here today over the body was killed in a train accident, and the of Bartley T. Horner, who was shot and killed by his son-in-law, J. W. Simpson, a New York dentist, Dr. pson was held on a charge of murder by Coroner William D. Gibson, and taken at once to the prison at River Head, there to await the action of the grand jury. Mr. Horner was for years the southern representative of the Lorillard tobacco firms, and was worth about \$100,000. At the inquest Mrs. Horner, the widow, was the most important "Dr. Simpson." she declared. "said in my hearing at the supper table Wednesday evening, the night of the February 4.-John Nealy, an ex-sold-shooting, that he wished the 'old man,' ier, killed on the track near Londonmeaning my husband, was dead. "He said this after the subject of my husband's will had been broached "A few months ago my husband made up his mind to have his will changed. He was worth about \$100,000 I should say. "He visited a lawyer and arranged his body. Left a wife and three small 1 90 " 2 00 5 25 " 5 25 to have his will changed. He said at children the time that he wanted it fixed so Februa that the fortune would not be squandered by Dr. Simpson after his death. "My husband had frequently gotten him out of financial straits and he was 0 19%

afraid that after he died he would use of Harcout, N. B., killed while shuntup all the family fortune. The lawyer ing cars at Chatham Junction. His leg rranged to come to our house yester- was crushed and he died of the shock. day. On Wednesday my son-in-law ar-rived from New York and at the sup-per table declared that the will could while attempting to board a locomotive not be changed; that such a thing was in the yard at Richmond, Halifax. not possible. Then he made the re-mark that he wished Mr. Horner was dead." March 19-Brakeman Sydney Mc-Eachern, killed in the Richmond gard; thrown under a car by a sudden jolt

**NEW YORK CURLERS** EAGER FOR GOOD ICE. They are Planning to Invade Canada and

Have a Fine Programme at Home But Weather Interferes,

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 .- The Times to day says: Several hundred curlers in and around New York have been anxiously awaiting a radical fall in ten perature so as to make sufficient ice for the enjoyment of the grand old Scotch sport known familiarly as the "Roarin' Game." The curiers at Tux-edo have had a few days fun shooting throughout the city of New York. The the big stones over the ice, but even fact that New Year's eve fell on Sun- amid the fastness of the Ramapo hills ice has been scarce, and many prospect ive matches have had to be postpone indefinitely. The local organization is, ringing bells of all descriptions that are members of the Grand Na finally, with the coming of mid- tional Curling Club have been unabl

night, resorting to all sorts of methods to do any practice, but it is hoped that Garleton County Election for the production of noise. the ice in the Hoboken rink may be The chimes of old Trinity brought to thick enough for practice game early lower Broadway and Wall street the in the year. The skating lake at Van greatest throngs of New Year's merry-makers. For years the bells of this curling tournaments in the vicinity of Trial Did Not Cost Much

ON THE I. C. R. THIS YEAR At least thirty persons, lost their while attempting to get on a moving lives by accident on the Intercolonial freight car which was being shunted in Moncton yard, slipped and fell unright shoulder and der the wheels: thigh crushed and internal injuries, majority of those losing their lives from effects of which he died. were neither passengers nor train-men. The record is as follows: May 31-Edward Cavey, a colored man, found lying alongside the track near Halifax. Skull fractured and neck January 5-William Hackey, section-man of Bathurst, N. B., struck by loated; probably struck by a passcomotive in Newcastle yard; sku crushed. Widow and five children. January 16-Amos Lirette, laborer 1 skull ing train.

June 14-Middle aged man named James Smith, killed while attempting shops at Moncton; run down and kill-ed by shunting engine while walking on the track to his work. to drive across the track in front of approaching locomotive at Hopewell, January 25-Deaf mail carrier, name

July 28-Daniel Cameron, yard masnot given; run down on track at Dalter, killed while shunting cars at Point Tupper

Aug. 6-Man named Austin, about 10 er, run down by train and fatalyears of age, found dead on track at Haddow, Quebec; body badly mangled; supposed to have been struck by pass ing train derry, N. S. He was engaged peddling

Aug. 7-Leo Harriman, I. C. R. fire through the country and is supposed an on working train, struck by mari to have been walking on the track time express while lying alongside track at Gloucester Junction. Had February 11-James Black, instantly fallen asleep, it is supposed, while wait-ing on siding for express to pass; was killed by falling off a snow train at Campbellton. Three cars passed over 24 years of age, and unmarried.

Aug. 22-Joseph St. Amour, a laborer, elonging to Montreal, fell off the February 21-Gordon Somers, a fire front end of a baggage car while stealman, killed at Tracadie, N. S., by a ing a ride; fatally injured. He had snow plow and locomotive going off een working on the railway at Shelburne, N. S., but was dissatisfied with his job and was beating his way back March 12-Brakeman Percy Ferguson

Sept. 30-Corey and Stanley Floyd, brothers, aged 20 and 17, killed by being struck by express train while

crossing the track in a farm wagon at Bloomfield station. Corey was killed instantly; his brother lived for a few hours. Oct. 22 .- Martin Foley, policeman of while shunting. April 4-Phileas Belliveau, a work-

nousie and fatally injured. January 29-Edward McLangon,

ly injured.

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the track.

THIRTY PEOPLE WERE KILLED

Chatham, N. B., while riding on trolley struck by maritime express near Barman in the Rhodes, Curry factory, jammed to death while attempting to naby River and literally cut in pieces. Oct. 26-Walter Sharpe, employed on working train near Halifax, slipped pass between cars that were being and fell under car when leaving for shunted in Amherst yard. his home at Millvlew, and instantly

April 12-Chester Boomer, caught be-tween cars while shunting at Hilden, killed N. S.; badly crushed in back and died within a few hours. Nov. 7-Patrick Houlihan, trackman struck by train on the Windsor branch

April 23-John Pyne, a satlor, found dead on the track near Dorchester. He had been drinking and it is supposed fell asleep on the track and was run danger signal was not up and a shur over.

April 29-Two-year-old child of ter struck the car, starting it su April 29-Two-year-old child of ter struck the car, starting it sudden-Emile Roy, while lying on the track ly, catching Taylor under the wheels, at Hadlow, Quebec, run over by a shunting engine and crushed to death. widow and six children. May 26-Fred Blanchet, a mendi-cant, 80 years of age, and deaf, run spector, run over by locomotive in over and killed by a train at St. Louise, Cuebec

ig fatally. Aged May 31-Fred Hicks, brakeman, 29, leaving widow and five childr





Throws Gold V be **E** 

That the development of at the reversing falls is no or even practical proposi opinion of an engineer eng Sun to make a report on t When the question becam some few months ago, corr was opened up between th an engineer in Upper Can pert, and one who has had o experience in this class of has visited the falls, has the necessary measuremen plans prepared, and while which he has sent down d closely into details, it is a

means encouraging. He says: "I have looked whole question very care have spent a lot of thought as yet I have not been ab out a feasible scheme for the power at the falls. Th is an odd one, and similar c know have never been met "There is no doubt that be developed, but it will co deal of money to do this, when it is done it seems to m whole thing will be rather

"If it were possible to dam river, from the upper islan Cushing sulphite mill, leavin

**DOCUMENTS** FOUND

How a Combine Was Run-

and Quantity Discounts-

The investigation into the

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tion. Samuel J. Frame, cle employ of Jenkins & Hardy

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(Toronto Globe.)

**RELATING TO TH** 

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And it is around this coffin and its and it is around this certin and its intents that the real mystery of the se centres, for if it contained the tual body of Thomas Charles Druce, en, of course, Druce and the fifth like of Portland could not be one and is same person, for the duke did not a until 1879 e until 1879.

Mrs. Anna Druce applied for permis-sion to open this vault when she took action on behalf of her son before the present claimant had come forward, but this proceeding was successfully opposed in every instance, and the present claimant would also be glad to have the contents of the coffin disclos-ed and its mystery solved.

What does the coffin contain? Clearhere can be no stronger proof inst the validity of his claim, in the face of all the evidence adduced, than to find in that vault a coffin, and that coffin a body corresponding to at of Thomas Charles Druce, so clear-

and in spite of his protests he had to open his basket, disclosing a number Salt-"Come along with me," said the duke, Liverpeol, per sack, ex Liverpool, ex vessel .... 0 58 " 0 59 and the poacher in fear and trembling followed him to his study. Sitting down at his desk the duke wrote a per bag, factory filled. 0 \$5 " 1 00

check for £1,000 (\$5,000).

check for £1,000 (\$5,000). "You're a clever man," he said. "I could not catch fish like that." Spices-Nutmegs, per lb ...... 0 40 " 0 50 Cassia, per lb, ground, 0 18 " 0 20 Cassia, per lb, ground, 0 18 " 0 20

time built a gateway which when com- Congou, per lb, finest .. 0 22 " 0 24 pleted became abhorrent to the duke, yet so considerate was he that he would not remonstrate with him. He took Congou, per lb,common 0 15 " 0 00 Oelong, per lb .... 0 29 " 0 40 Tobaccoanother course. One evening after the architect had driven off he set all his Black chewing .. .... 0 45 " 0 66

Pright, chewing .... 0 47 " 0 68 Smoking ..... 0 39 " 0 80 own men at work at double the ordin ary rate of pay, and by sunrise not a vestige of the hated edifice remained. FRUITS, ETC.

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historic church have been rung as the N. Y. are held, has not yet had ice thick signal of a New Year's birthday, and enough to ensure ordinary skating, and tradition attaches an unusual interest there is considerable doubt as to wheto the privilege of being within hear- ther the opening match of the Grand ing of their melodious tones when the National curling season can be played last minutes of the old year have slip- there on Saturday, January 6. ped away. Great cheers greeted the The curling committee of the Grand ringing of the chimes tonight, and National Curling Club has just com later when the strains of an old-fash-pleted the selection of dates for some ioned hymn were heard many of those of the important matches of the year in the crowded streets of the neighbor-The annual match for the medal be hood uncovered their heads and joined tween the North and South Scotch in singing the familiar words. curlers will be the first big event of In the theatre and restaurant dis- the year, and this has been trict of upper Broadway the crowds on for Panuary 6 at Van Cortlandt Park. the streets, at Sunday night concerts The annual competition between the and in the cafes were the largest in Scots and other nationalities will be years. Tables had been reserved in the played at Van Cortlandt Park on Jan-more fashionable restaurants for uary 27, and February 12 the Scotch months ahead, and tonight not a vac- and American surfers will meet in their ant place was to be had at any price, annual contest for the John Patterson medal. This also will be held at Van Cortlandt. On the uptown streets many merrymakers in carnival spirit indulged in Cortlandt. confetti battles: Small feather dusters arowing interest that has been

were jabbed good-naturedly into the faces of passers by. Everywhere there manifested in curling within the past two or three years has led to a desire was a spirit of revelry and the New on the part of the leading New York elcome was as noisy as New clubs to send a strong delegation of Yorkers knew how to make it. players to the big matches that will be

DECEMBER WEDDINGS

presence of a number of the immedi-

going away suit of gray cloth, with

D. Stewart played the wedding march.

sion Circle, of which she was a faith-

ful and efficient member, presented her with a sterling silver berry spoon, ac-companied with a flattering address.

The groom's present was a handsome

fur stole. Mr. and Mrs. Bulmer will

hat to match, and carried a ho

held at Albany, Utica and Canada. A number of curlers have already promised to make this trip. The New York curlers will leave this city, toward the end of January and go either to Utica, or Albany, At SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 29.- The Utica the Champion club match for the Mitchell medal will be held while

marriage of Nathan H. Bulmer and at Albany the Sir Thomas Dewar cup Miss Rose Bryant, was solemnized at will be played for. The dates for these the residence of Rev. Dr. Stewart, two important games are not yet fixed. York street, last evening. The cere-mony was performed by Rev. Dr.Stew-The Dewar cup is now held by the Van Cortlandt club.

presence of a number of the immedi-ate friends of the contracting parties. The bride was given in marriage by the Gordon international medal will be next in order. This will be held in Mrs. Stewart. She wore a becoming Montreal The Montreal curlers won the trophy last year at Utica and it hat to match, and carried a bounder of variegated carnations. Chas, Mosher Stewart acted as page, and Mrs. Chas. D Stewart played the weddling to bring the medal back to the ville. The engine, plow and all the

Rev. Dr. Stewart's nousehold the past twelve years. Many beautiful pre-sents testified to the esteem in which the bride is held. Ready Helpers' Mis-the bride is held. Ready Helpers' Mis-

TEMPORARY LOAN NOTES.

The home of Silas Allen, Cape Spear, was the scene of an interesting event on Wednesday evening, when his daughter, Cora, was united in mar-rises to Ernest Ward of Upper Cape

ceived by different officials in the city last evening from John Bain, secretary to the tariff com-mission, contained information that sessions would be held by the commission as follows: Particulars of the Accident on the

Newcastle, Wednesday, Jan. 3rd. Fredericton, Thursday, Jan. 4th. St. Stephen, Friday, Jan. 5th. St. John, Monday, Jan. 8th. Moncton, date not settled, but pro-bably Tuesday, Jan. 9th. The meetings in St. John will be held in the Board of Trade rooms. As yet the programme for the meet-ings here is very indefinite. A stand-ing committee of the Board of Trade on tariff matters has been called toge-

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 30 .-At the close of the regular choir prac-tice last evening, W. A. McKee, the popular and efficient organist of the Baptist church, was presented by the choir with a gold pin set with pearls.

as a whole. It is not probable that the session will be an eventful one. Spurden, in a happy speech. Mr. Mc-Kee was naturally surprised, but soon recovered his equilibrium and made a dry goods men held a meeting in Noneat reply thanking the choir for the vember and decided that they wanted a change in the tariff on certain lines of German goods and English cloths gift and for their good work in the year that has past. Messrs. A. B. Connell, K. C., and F. which do not in any way compete with

Canadian manufactures. The hardware importers' association met yesterday and discussed questions B. Carvell, M. P., were here Saturday in connection with business at the of-fice of the clerk of the pleas in taxing of interest. No changes in the tariff will be asked for, but the association will have something to say on the working of the dumping clause and other points. The report to be present-ed is now being prepared. the costs in the recent Carleton Co. election petition case. It is said that the total costs will not amount to more

than between \$200 and \$300. An open switch caused a rather ser-ious accident on the Canada Eastern branch of the I. C. R. on Thursday at

PLEAS FOR PENSIONS. A snow plow special left Gibson at U. S. pension clerks frequently find that applicants for pensions have queer 7.30 a. m. for Loggieville in charge of that ap ideas of the duty of the government towards the individual. Conductor Long. The train was made

up of a locomotive, in charge of Engineer John Cameron, snow plow, Here is a letter from a woman who describes her husband's condition with an exactness which makes the epistle two flat cars and a van. Everything went along all right until they ran into an open switch at Penniac, about five miles above Marysworthy a paragraph in a medical journal:

L. C. R. at Pernniac-Boy Hurt

While Coasting.

"My husband was terribly bloated in United States. Albany and Utica will enter their the rails. Luckily noboly was hurt his stomach. It didn't look like him-D. Stewart played the wedging march, Mrs. Bulmer is a native of Bristol, Albany and Utica will enter their the rails. Luckily nobody was hurt England, but has been a member of best curiers for the trophy and the and the damage to the rolling stock strongest delegation of American curself. He couldn't stoop over and straighten up without helping himself.

To nam, beans, pork, masned potatoes, eggs, veal, cabbage, his stomach was repulsive. His rheumatism was kind called lumbago-at furst. His rheumatism was the press came along at about 12.30 o'clock. dropsy was terribel. When he died his legs burst from pressure. He was Yesterday afternoon Superintendent Evan Price came here from Campswelled us as big as a barrel all over. I ask that he be taken up and reopenbellton and last evening an investigation into the above accident was con "P. S .- When my husband came back

ducted. The result of the investiga-tion could not be learned today, but it

daughter, Cora, was united in mar-riage to Ernest Ward of Upper Cape. Rev. Wm. Lawson performed the cere-mony in the presence of a number of guests. The bride was handsomely gowned in white slik grenadine, over white taffeta, and wore a bridal veil and orange blossoms. After the cere-rony and congratulations, a banquet was served. The bride received many useful and valuable presents. Mr. and Mrs. Ward will reside at Upper

and was questioned by Mr. ( interpretaition of the tries. The witness could not in the way of explanation be was recorded by the resolutio N. Tilley, who appeared fo fense, once or twice object witness being questioned in entries made when Mr. F merely an office boy. Fur Tilley objected to the Bol Association, the Screw Assoc kindred organizations being into the case,

"They are all run upon principle," the crowd attorn

ed. "No," interposed Mr. Fra. "Well, they were all run or general lines, though they of detail," suggested Mr. Curr Mr. Curry took the withe through the various resolut ing with the regulation of those dealing with persons not conformed to the rules of ciation

One resolution was to the a letter be written to J. R. Son, informing them they \$100 as deposit and strictly prices or a meeting of the would be called to make the rovinces on open market. Frame could not say

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One of these Boards wi Board, for 50 Games, \$2. 100

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