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M e present time has not been deter- d. The assassin and Soininen's son both wounded in a revolver duel fol- g the killing. The motive of the apparently was purely political, the official being a prominent member of overnment party.

e murderer appeared at the procura- residence at 11 o'clock today and in a card bearing in French the name exander Gadd, who is in the Russian e. The young man, who was smartly ed in an officers uniform, was ptly admitted to the officials's pri- study and on his entrance fired four from a revolver, one of the bullets ing the breast of the procurator, expired almost immediately.

16 year old son, hearing the shots, d in from an adjoining room and three or four shots at his father's in whose right leg was broken be- the knee by a bullet. He was also ly wounded in the shoulder and in a of the left hand. The assassin fired ne bullet remaining in his revolver ininen's son, wounding him slightly e calf of his right leg. He then en- red to escape, but fell unconscious to loor in the ante-room, where he was l.

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e assassin was removed to the surgical tal. He lies guarded by police, an- ng no questions, and evidently uncon- s. The man's recovery however, is ght to be certain. Up to the present uthorities have been unable to iden- him. He is of dark complexion and rently between 25 and 30 years of age. ininen was born in 1858 and practiced he Finnish bar.

was highly esteemed, and had held ous government appointments includ- that of provincial judge. He was ap- ted procurator of the senate in 1901, in the same year was made procura- general of the Duchy of Finland. inen was regraded as a wise and pa- tic official. It is understood that it was is initiative that the Finns exiled by

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL VICTIM OF ASSASSIN

Procurator-General of Finland Shot Dead in His Residence

Stranger in Officer's Uniform Gained Access by Forged Card, and Fired Four Bullets---Young Son of Murdered Man Wounds the Slayer, and He is Arrested--- St. Petersburg Much Excited Over the Tragedy.

ingfors, Finland, Feb. 6—Soisalon n, procurator general of Finland, efore he was ennobled was known name of Johnsson, was assassinated y a young man, whose identity up

Governor General Bobrikoff were allowed to return to Finland.

St. Petersburg Alarmed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 7—1.50 a. m.—The news of the assassination of Soisalon Soininen, procurator general of Finland, though occurring before noon on Monday, was not generally known in St. Petersburg last night, but may be expected to produce an immense sensation when it becomes public, as it will be regarded as the precursor of an era of terrorism for which the events of January in St. Petersburg and throughout Russia gave the signal.

Until the identity of the assassin is known, it will be impossible to establish with perfect positiveness the motive of the attack, but the present circumstances in Finland render it almost that crime is of a purely political character, and of the same nature as the assassination of Count Bobrikoff, the governor-general of Finland, in June of last year.

The Russification of Finland has been meeting with great opposition and creating much bitterness, especially since the formation of the party of active resistance, which was recruited from the bolder spirits of the original party of passive resistance, and to which the perpetrator of this latest crime probably belongs.

At the conference of revolutionary parties of Russia, comprising representatives of the Finnish active resistance party, the Polish National League, the Russian emancipationists and other revolutionary organizations in Berlin last November, a programme for general concerted action was drawn up and the assassin of Soininen undoubtedly was in touch with the dissatisfied element throughout Russia.

As a matter of fact, never before in the history of the empire have events of an anti-governemntal nature been in closer connection, as has been shown by the universal spread of the strike movement; and the assassin of Soininen, though principally inspired by the grievances of the Finnish nationalists, undoubtedly was also spurred on by the use of troops against the strikers in St. Petersburg and elsewhere.

Little is known regarding the murdered official; but as procurator general he was the advisor of the Finnish senate, which incurred the enmity of the anti-Russian parties on account of its alleged subserviency to the process of Russification and Soininen undoubtedly was selected as the representative and responsible victim.

RUSSIA WANTS TO END THE WAR?

Rumors That Grand Ducal Party Is Anxious to Bring It About

HELD UP TELEGRAPH

Siberian Line Seized by Government All Day Monday, the First Time Since War in Far East--Weather Still Prevents Serious Fighting At the Front.

ndon, Feb. 7—Considerable speculation s been caused here by the fact that the ssian government on Monday assumed atrol of the Siberian telegraph lines om 8 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It is said to be the first occasion on which telegraph communication has thus been stopped since the war began. Various possible causes are discussed, such as the extension of the strike movement to the Siberian railway and important correspondence with General Kouropatkin.

Little attention is paid here to rumors of peace mediation, but the Chronicle's St. Petersburg correspondent sends the statement which, however, is not confirmed in other despatches, that the recent conferences of the grand ducal party to consider the far eastern prospects arrived at an agreement as to the desirability of ending the war, and that the rumor of General Kuropatkin's resignation was started to facilitate negotiations for peace.

Russia to Send More Warships to Far East.

St. Petersburg, Feb 6—The dock yard authorities at Cronstadt are completing the preparations for active service of the battleship Alexander II., the cruisers Pamyat Azova, and Admiral Kornoff, and the gunboat Grozkastchy, which with the new battleship Slav, will form the second division of the third Russian Pacific squadron. These reinforcements are expected to sail at the end of May.

The admiralty confirms the Associated Press' statement that the first division of this squadron will leave Libau in the middle of February, but it is pointed out that Admiral Rojestvensky will be unable to await its arrival because he will have to cross the Indian ocean before the monsoon season, which begins in March and renders navigation impossible for torpedo boats, small cruisers and coast defense vessels. Admiral Rojestvensky will probably proceed to the far east at the end of February after the arrival of Rear-Admiral Botrovsky's division.

Marking Time at the Front.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 6—Military operations in Manchuria continue at a standstill. No importance is attached by the war office to the Japanese movements on the Russian centre and left, which are regarded as merely demonstrative.

General Heisman, a war critic, expresses the opinion that the Russians are not likely to surrender the positions captured north of Sandepas and that a series of encounters there will probably continue until the weather is favorable for a general advance.

Mutiny Not So Bad.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 6—The report published in a London newspaper and circulated in the United States, of a mutiny of 6,000 reservists at Peterhof, who are said to be under arrest in their barracks, is grossly exaggerated. There has been some dissatisfaction, but no case of open mutiny.

Senator Clark's Daughter Weds Again.

New York, Feb. 6—Mrs. Mary Clark-Culver, daughter of Senator Clark, of Montana, was married here today to Charles Potter Kling.

The marriage took place at the residence of Senator Clark, in this city. Mr. Kling is an attorney, and a resident of New York city.

Heavy Storm at Halifax.

Halifax, Feb. 6—(Special)—A heavy southeast snow storm set in here about 6 o'clock tonight, and the prospects are will continue all night.

CUSHING APPEAL CASE STILL ON

H. A. Powell Argued All Day Monday and Didn't Finish

U. N. B. STUDENT DEAD

Miss Irvin, of St. Stephen, Passed Away Yesterday—No Opposition to Hon. Mr. Jones in Carleton Co.—University Conversazione Postponed.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 6—(Special)—Argument in the Cushing appeal case is still going on before the supreme court. H. A. Powell's argument occupied all day today and it is hardly likely that he will finish before noon tomorrow. Attorney-General Pugsley probably will open for the defendant.

Three inches of snow fell here this evening.

M. G. Teed, the well known barrister, is quite ill at his room at the Barker House, from an attack of kidney trouble.

Miss Harriet Louisa Irvin, fourth year student in arts at the university, died at Victoria Hospital this morning from exophthalmic goitre after an illness of ten days. She was a daughter of Edward Irvin, of St. Stephen, and twenty-three years old. She was a bright and promising student, and her death is greatly deplored by undergraduates and faculty.

The body was taken to St. Stephen by the evening train for interment. The students and faculty of the university assembled at the hospital in a body and followed the hearse to the railway station.

On account of the death of Miss Irvin the conversazione at the U. N. B. has been postponed until March 1.

The residence of Benjamin Appleby at Millville, was destroyed by fire Monday night last, with all its contents. Several members of the family had a narrow escape.

Sydney Stevens, who has been missing since Monday last, has turned up at McAdam. His brother received a telegram from him asking to have his money and clothes sent on.

Charles E. Lord died at Fredericton Junction yesterday from typhoid fever. He was forty-nine years old, and is survived by a widow and two children.

It is announced today that there will not be any meeting of the government this week in this city, and that means that the board of education meeting will also be called off. It is said that the government will not come together until a few days before the house opens on March 9.

A prominent man in Conservative circles in Carleton county states that Mr. Jones will be returned in the by-election by acclamation. He claimed that influential Conservatives in Carleton are adverse to opposing Mr. Jones.

NEW EVIDENCE AGAINST TUCKER

Attorney General Parker Has Information That May Be of Utmost Importance in Supporting Contention of the Man's Guilt.

Boston, Feb. 6—It is generally believed that the officers for the commonwealth have new evidence in their possession that will be used against Charles L. Tucker if he secures a new trial. It has been intimated that the new evidence is in effect that Tucker was seen to come out of the Page house on the day of the murder. When the attorney-general was asked if such is the fact, he said:—

"I cannot discuss that with you. If I should answer your question, it would lead to others, which might mystify matters and which would be to no purpose. I can only say that I have learned certain things since the verdict which may be of the utmost importance in supporting our contention that Tucker was guilty.

"Of course, you understand that the new evidence has no bearing whatever on the question of a new trial. We have nothing to do with that. I am still of the opinion that the verdict will stand, and that there are no grounds whatever for the granting of a rehearing in the case. What new information has come to us since the trial is being thoroughly looked into, and, of course, it cannot be said yet how much value it might have as bearing on the case."

SYDNEY COMPANIES TO ECONOMIZE

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 6—(Special)—The Dominion Iron & Steel Company are making arrangements for practically the entire reconstruction of their electrical and mechanical engineering department. The improvement to be effected will tend to increase the output very materially, and at less cost than heretofore.

The Dominion Coal Company are reducing the pay of coal trimmers at Louisburg from eleven cents a ton to ten cents. The reduction is creating much dissatisfaction among the men. It is stated that there will be a general reduction, before the season opens, on all classes of labor not governed by the terms of the three years' contract.

GOTHAM SOCIETY HAD A SPASM

Rumor of Prince of Wales' Visit With Squadron Set Them Delirious

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

New York, Feb. 6—For the second time this winter the hearts of New York's social set went aflutter this evening on the strength of an announcement of world-wide interest, only to drop back to the fitful irregularity incident to a diligent pursuit of the season's gayeties.

This was neither more nor less than the repetition on the part of a morning newspaper in a column long article, of the contemplated departure from Britain's shores of a crack squadron in command of no less a personage than H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, on a tour of the world, with, of course, New York as the principal port of call.

The personnel of the squadron of cruisers (there were to be five headed by the Blake as flagship) as well as the biographies of the staff officers with a list of their ancestors even unto the third and fourth generations were given in fullest detail. Prince Louis of Battenburg was mentioned as likely to be next in command under Prince George.

A cable from London received late this afternoon was responsible for the resumption of more or less normal cardiac action on the part of those who have already had or desire to have ocular proof of the existence of princes in real life.

The cable follows:—

"No British cruiser squadron is leaving England at the end of February on a cruise around the world under the command of the Prince of Wales. The admiralty official who gave this denial of the story published in New York added that no preparations were making at present for any cruise by the Prince of Wales. As King Edward expects to go to the Mediterranean early in March and possibly extend his trip to Egypt, it is not at all likely that the Prince of Wales will undertake a long journey at the same time.

"The second cruiser squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Prince Louis of Battenburg, will be inspected by the king off Portsmouth at the end of the month, with the object of showing the British flag in distant waters. The squadron will visit American ports among others."

Schurman on the Bible.

More than a little speculative comment was heard here today concerning the announced views of Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell University, and formerly of Dalhousie, in Halifax, in regard to his interpretation of the Bible as a guide for the physical welfare. His estimate of the Bible as a physical and historical prompter he has hitherto kept pretty much to himself. His conclusions are neither dogmatic nor orthodox and a consideration of them shows that in accordance with the plump and plain directness that probably characterized his forbears, he is glad to herald his views which place him among the ranks of advanced scientists in this particular.

Dr. Schurman made known his views in the university chapel at Ithaca yesterday to some 1,200 undergraduates. He was speaking on The Christianity of Today. He said in part: "An educated man who would today quote the Bible as an authority on any physical subject would be an object of ridicule in the eyes of all educated hearers. Our Bible is but the mould of 2,000 years ago into which was poured the fundamental principles of religion. Its facts are not history, as they have been considered for the past nineteen centuries. Indeed, there is no history in the Bible, because the Hebrews never wrote history. There may be material for history, but no history itself."

Continuing, President Schurman said that the Christ of the twentieth century must be admitted to be different from the Ghrist of the preceding nineteen centuries.

"The Bible," he said, "can no longer be considered a text book for science. It seems strange to us that men should ever have considered it as such.

"We are recoiling from the dogmatism of the nineteenth and preceding centuries. But the teachings of Christ in whatever form they may be moulded, are fundamental and I believe that no age, since Christ's own, needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ so much as our own. And no places in our present world need these teachings so much as our seats of education, where materialism has seized hold of students, and makes them doubt the whole principles of religion, in doubting the facts which they find set down in the Bible."

Explaining the miracles which the Bible attributes to Jesus Christ, President Schurman said:

"We have today our Christian Science and our faith cure by means of which we see one man exerting great powers over both the minds and bodies of others. Who can say what great influence Jesus Christ might not have had in conformity with the laws of nature over the minds and bodies of men?"

Big Money in Flats.

In Harlem, Yorkville and the Bronx builders are turning these flats out by the score, and selling them to investors from the plans before the completion of the excavations. The buyers give back second mortgages to the builders, and get fifteen per cent. on their equities over and above all charges and expenses. They are gradually paying off these second mortgages out of their rents. As for the tenants, why the houses fill at once, from the basement to the roof. There seems to be no limit to the people willing to climb the sixth story, and the apartments bring almost double what could be got for similar accommodations a few years ago.

PARENT'S EVIL DAY POSTPONED

Gov. Jette Extends Time for Opening of Quebec House to Help Him

TO REPLACE DESERTERS

Meeting of Premier's Followers to Be Held to Name Men to Succeed Three Cabinet Ministers Who Resigned—Belief That He Will Give Up Politics in Short Time.

Quebec, Feb. 6—(Special)—Lieut. Gov. Sir Louis Jette has granted the request made by the cabinet on Saturday for permission to postpone the opening of the legislature called for the 9th instant, until March, in order to afford the premier time to reconstruct his cabinet and replace three ministers who resigned.

Friends of Hon. Mr. Turgeon state that among the reasons why the lieutenant governor granted Premier Parent's request for postponement was on account of his physical condition.

In respect to the reconstruction of his cabinet the premier said today that he had called a meeting of the government in caucus for Wednesday when he would give them all a voice in the matter of choosing the three new ministers to replace Hon. Messrs. Gouin, Turgeon and Weir and also nominate the candidate for the speakership.

Hon. Mr. Parent's friends say that the lieutenant governor's decision is a victory for the premier over his political opponents, but the impression prevails that Mr. Parent's term of office will not be long, that he will of his own accord retire from active politics in the course of a few months. His health demands such a course, but he will not be forced out if he can help it.

ST. JOHN VESSELS DRIVEN ASHORE AT VINEYARD HAVEN

Schooners Avalon and Clifford T. White Hard and Fast—Ice Blocks About All New England Ports.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Feb. 6—The schooners and barges which have been anchored in the outer harbor in the midst of the heavy drift ice for the past week had a hard battle today, when the heavy cakes of ice were set adrift from the eastern shore of the harbor by the southeasterly storm and pressed down against them. Eight barges belonging to the tow of tugs Nottingham, Scranton and Plymouth, dragged their anchors, but the tugs broke up the ice into smaller cakes and relieved the strain on the anchor chains.

The schooners Avalon, Philadelphia for Gloucester, with a cargo of coal, and schooners Clifford I. White, Calais for New York, with a cargo of lumber, were not so fortunate and were driven toward West Chop. The Avalon was cast ashore just a short distance westward of West Chop lighthouse, and the White followed her a few minutes later. Both vessels were hard and fast ashore tonight, but will probably not be seriously damaged.

The wind changed to westerly tonight and somewhat relieved the situation.

Had the ice started out from the inner harbor where a large portion of the fleet of schooners were anchored, all the craft without doubt would have been stranded along the west shore of the harbor.

All Smaller Ports Sealed.

Boston, Feb. 6—Nearly all of the smaller ports on the New England coast between Passamaquoddy and Narragansett Bays were tonight closed tightly with ice, while the larger harbors, including Boston, Portsmouth (N. H.), Portland (Me.), and Providence (R. I.), were filled with huge floating cakes that impeded and endangered navigation.

The southeast storm and rising temperature that prevailed during the day, caused a temporary lifting of the ice embargo at many of the closed ports, but tonight the wind changed to the northwest, a cold wave was approaching, and it was expected that tomorrow would bring about conditions even worse than those that have existed for the past three days.

Big Boston Concern Has Employe Arrested.

Boston, Feb. 6—Dennis H. Carroll, thirty-one years old, was arrested tonight, charged with the embezzlement of $4,610 from the firm of Jordan, Marsh & Co., of whom he had been a trusted employe for several years. Carroll worked in the bookkeeping department of the store, and his alleged peculations extended over a period of three months. The police are working on the theory that Carroll had a confederate, whom they are endeavoring to identify.

Three Nominations in Wright.

Ottawa, Feb. 6—(Special)—There were three nominations in Wright county today. They are E. B. Devlin, government candidate; J. M. McDougall, Conservative, and Louis Cousineau, a Conservative, who says that he is now a Liberal.

NO NOTION NOW OF BUYING SHORE LINE

Minister of Railway's Reply to Member for Charlotte

Money Voted to Build Canadian Mint--Laurier Tells of Coins It Will Turn Out--Auditor General Has Withdrawn His Resignation--Many Queries Answered--News of Parliament.

Ottawa, Feb. 6—(Special)—There were a batch of petitions read in the house today asking for such legislation as will ensure to the municipalities control of their streets as far as the stringing of wires and erection of telegraph poles are concerned.

Two bills were introduced by the minister of marine and fisheries. One was to amend the act regarding the Quebec harbor commissioners so that Quebec pilots could take charge of steamers at Father Point instead of at a point further up the river. This would save steamers stopping twice.

The other bill was to amend the seaman's act so as to make it easier to obtain sailors in Victoria and Vancouver without going to Seattle for them.

Answering Mr. Sloan, the minister of marine and fisheries said that the control of Hecate Straits on the Pacific coast was a subject of diplomatic correspondence.

The minister of justice in reply to Mr. Ames, said that an amendment was suggested to the criminal code last year dealing with persistent wife beaters. If the amendment was presented again when the criminal code was up he would take it into consideration.

In reply to Mr. Monk, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the cost of Immigration Officer Preston's office last year was $31,000.

In reply to Mr. Ames, the minister of marine and fisheries said that there was no necessity of reinstating Capt. Louis St. Louis, because he was illegally deprived of it by the wreck commissioner at the Canada-Cape Breton court inquiry.

Answering Mr. Lennox, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that no definite steps had been taken to retain the services of Auditor-General McDougalll for the country. Mr. McDougall was in the same position as he was when he was first appointed. He had withdrawn his resignation. Nothing would be done in respect to the audit office and the treasury board until the return of Mr. Fielding.

The minister of marine in reply to Mr. Martin, said that no subsidy was at present paid by the government to any line of steamers between any port in P. E. Island and the West Indies.

In answer to Mr. Lefurgy, Mr. Emmerson said that no survey had been made for the proposed branch line of railway from some point on the main line of the P. E. Island railway to a point on the coast near West Cape. The surveyors were otherwise engaged.

Census Work Completed.

Mr. Fisher, in reply to Mr. Taylor, said that the census work was completed. The cost was $1,192,396. There were six hands engaged on tabular statements taken from the census.

Replying to Mr. Martin, Mr. Emmerson said that the total expense of the survey of the Stanley Bridge branch line railway, P. E. Island, was $844. There were two claims for damages—John Mayne for $20 and Austin J. McNeil for $120. No bills were paid and he was not aware of any which the government intended to pay.

In answer to Mr. Lefurgy, the minister of marine and fisheries said that no action had been taken by the government looking to immigration of fishermen from Ireland and Scotland to P. E. Island to prosecute cod fisheries off Cascumpec. The minister had the matter under consideration but had not yet succeeded in devising a practical scheme to encourage long line fishermen to emigrate.

Won't Buy Shore Line Yet.

In reply to Mr. Ganong, Mr. Emmerson said that petitions had been received asking the government to acquire the New Brunswick Southern railway and make it part of the government system. There was no present intention to acquire the railway. Petitions were received from many people in Charlotte county asking the government to acquire the road.

Replying to Mr. Ganong, Mr. Prefontaine said that no licenses to can lobsters were issued in 1904 in district No. 1, New Brunswick. For 1905 there were nine. They were J. Ingersoll, J. W. Wooster, E. A. Holmes, Connors Bros., Burnham and Morrell, Frank MacDonald, P. P. Russell, L. C. Guptill and D. S. Gaskill. Those who got licenses are J. Ingersoll, E. A. Holmes, Connors Bros. and Burnham and Morrell.

Mr. Prefontaine said that the legal limit of lobsters in the waters of the Bay of Fundy between Lepreaux and United States boundary was nine inches, and in 1904 10½ inches. The change was made Oct. 14, 1904, on the recommendation of the minister.

Ralph Smith's union label bill was read a second time and also Sinclair's act respecting the safety of ships.

Several motions for papers were passed, after which the house went into supply on public works estimates.

On the item of $45,000 for the archives building, Mr. Hyman, the acting minister of public works, said it would cost about $85,000.

$200,000 to Build a Mint.

On the vote of $200,000 for the royal mint, Mr. Hyman said it would cost about $375,000. Of this amount $25,000 would be paid for the site.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained that the annual output of gold was $20,000,000, practically all of which went to the United States. It would be a good thing to coin Canadian gold and silver money. Canadian gold would be taken everywhere, while our bank bills would not. It would be a branch of the royal mint, and could produce Canadian coins and British sovereigns.

In reply to a question, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the Canadian mint would not make sovereigns. When Mr. Fielding is in the house he will make a full statement respecting the mint.

The house adjourned at 6 p. m.

LUMBERMEN TO ASK DUTY ON LUMBER

British Columbia and Ontario Men to Wait on Government Today—Borden in His Seat Today.

Ottawa, Feb. 6—(Special)—The homestead entries for January last were 1,414 as against 1,245 for January last year, an increase of 169.

A large number of Ontario lumbermen are here tonight to join the British Columbia delegation that waits on the government tomorrow to ask for $2 a thousand duty on rough lumber.

The return of Mr. Borden for Carleton was read by the speaker in the house today. He takes his seat tomorrow.

HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH N. B. SCHOLARSHIP

Sackville, N. B., Feb. 6—(Special)—A despatch from New Haven in today's papers to the effect that Dr. Geo. R. Parkin would visit Mt. Allison to adjust a matter in connection with the selection of this year's Rhodes scholar for New Brunswick, is in error.

Dr. Allison, president of the university, says that while Dr. Parkin is expected in Sackville before long, his visit has nothing whatever to do with this year's New Brunswick scholar, but has to do with the Bermuda scholarship.

SAY HAY-BOND TREATY IS DOOMED

U. S. Senate Strikes Out Clause Admitting Salt Fish Free, and Newfoundlanders Won't Stand for It.

Washington, Feb. 6—Notwithstanding the action of the senate committee on foreign relations last week in taking up from its calendar and amending the pending reciprocity teraty between the United States and Newfoundland, the administration has no expectation that the treaty will be consummated.

It is said that the senate committee amendments are doomed in advance to rejection by the Newfoundlanders. The original treaty provided for the admission free of duty into the United States of salt fish from Newfoundland; the committee struck this out and allowed only fresh fish to enter duty free.

Newfoundland Said to Be Satisfied.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 6—General satisfaction is expressed here over the passage of the ratification by the United State Senate of the Bond-Hay treaty. It is understood that the senate amendments are acceptable to the colonial ministry. They include free entry of fresh fish, lumber and wood pulp to the American markets and a similar concession for American lumber, wood pulp, rubber boots and shoes and farming implements entering Newfoundland.