Liverpool, Jan 9, str Usher, Cann, ridence, RI (before reported sailed nchester 9th for Boston).
Barbados, Dec 30, schs Lillian Blau- dwin, for Pensacola; 31st, Excep- ter (from Rio Grande do Sul), for k; Lord of Avon, Trefry, for Jack- Jan 1, brig Dixon Rice, Brooks, for h, NS; sch James W, Murchison, ington, NC.
Bermuda, Jan 6, str Beta, Hopkins maica, etc), for Halifax; sch Hilda, ndos.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived.

N, Jan 12—Ard, str Virginian, from sch Ruth Robinson, Theall, from nboy.
St Croix, for Portland, Eastport hn.
AND, Me, Jan 12—Ard, strs Corean, gow; Louisburg, from Sydney, CB; rd I White, from Stonington for
AS, Me, Jan 12—Ard, schs Swan- m St John for Boston; Hattie C, rsboro for Portland; W B Hunt- do for do; St Anthony, from do and; Havola, from Shulee, NS, for ; C R Flint, from St John for do.
Mass, Jan 12—Ard, schs Charles y, from Wechawken; Nellie F Saw- Perth Amboy for Boston; E Wat- om New York for Calais.
ESTER, Mass, Jan 12—Ard, sch om Portland for Boston.
ORK, Jan 12—Ard, str Ivernia, erpool and Queenstown.
RD HAVEN, Jan 12—Ard, sch C from Perth Amboy for Boston.
ncola, Jan 11, str Manchester Cor- Heath, from Tampico; ship Kings aiter, from Rio Janeiro.
ma, Wash, Jan 11, bark Muskoka, from Seattle.
Orleans, La, Jan 11, str Manches- r, Goldsworthy, from Manchester.
delphia, Jan 11, str Bergenhuus, ey.
Jan 13—Ard, str Mystic, from CB.
Boston, for Yarmouth, NS.
EDFORD, Mass, Jan 13—Ard, schs udium, Peterson, from Perth Am- Stuart, from New York.
S, Mass, Jan 13—Ard, sch Han- ariton, from New York (to dis-
RT, Me, Jan 12—Ard, sch Corinto, sboro, NS.
ND, Me, Jan 13—Ard, str Aldany, ey, CB; sch Nellie F Sawyer, from
Reform, Spiers, for Buenos G Dun, for Red Beach and Balti-
Villa Y Hermano, for Porto
ne, Nov 25, brig Venturer, Hawes, York.
n, Jan 12, bark Hattie G Dixon, m Port Libert; schs R D Spear, from Elizabethport; Ruth Rob- from Perth Amboy.
Amboy, NJ, Jan 12, schs Three ce, from New York; Maud Snare, om do.
s Ayres, Jan 7, bark Stranger, om Bridgewater, NS (52 days
Jan 11, sch Charlevoix, Rowe, anh.
nville, Jan 12, sch Doris M Pick- from Cardenas.
k, Jan 12, sch Cheslie, Brown, delphia.
D, Me, Jan 14—Ard, str Manx- Bristol; sch Maud Malloch, from Boston.
remosa, for London.
Peter Jahsen, for Sydney, CB; n, for Buenos Ayres.
Me, Jan 14—Sld, schs Swan- St John, NB, for Boston; Hattie rsboro, NS, for Portland; W B m do for do; Havola, from Shu- New York; C R Flint, from St for do.
Jan 14—Ard, strs Georgian and rom Liverpool.
Dalhousie, for Rotterdam; Ces- Liverpool; Mystic, for Louisburg.
SLAND HARBOR, RI, Jan 14— , schs Domzella, from Liverpool, sey City; Marjorie J Sumner, oro, NB, for Chester, Pa.
Fraulein, from St John, NB, for
Jan 12—Ard, sch Helen B m Mobile.
oula, Miss, Jan 13, sch Helen E len, from Havana.
nce, Jan 10, str Micmac, Fraser, , CB.
ham, Jan 12, str Zanzibar, Rob- Mobile via Norfolk.
an, PR, Dec 21, brig Sceptre, Lunenburg, NS (and sailed Jan Island).
ork, Jan 13, sch Cartagena, Ca- Boca de Leon via Porto Belle.
Ayres, Dec 16, bark Westmore- from Portland.

Cleared.

phia, Jan 13, sch, Harry W shire, for Havana.
ork, Jan 13, sch Frank and Ira, St John.

Sailed.

au, NP, Jan 11, sch Evadne, Philadelphia for Tacoma.
Amboy, Jan 11, sch Ruth Rob- for Boston.
agoula, Miss, Jan 12, sch Siroc- na.
ndina, Fla, Jan 12, bark Bald- for Port Spain, Trinidad.
os Ayres, Dec 3, bark P roads for orders.
Island, Jan 12, sch H J Log- Bahia (anchored).
Island, Jan 13, schs H J Logan, Bahia; Stephen Bennett, Glass.
Francisco, Jan 12, ship Andre- for Port Townsend and Cape
coka, Fla, Jan 9, str Rosefield, Amsterdam.
os Ayres, Dec 8, bark St Peter, ew York.

MEMORANDA.

Bermuda, Jan 10, barktn Ethel on, awaiting orders.

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REPORTS.

an 14—The British schooner alled from St Johns, NF, Dec ma, arrived her on the 11th maged. She was compelled to ion of the cargo and part of cargo was damaged by sea

ER THAN DOUKHOBORS

L, Jan. 15.—Rev. Mr. to the London Times hat the movement to set- body of English people in ewan Valley is assuming portions. The first ship- March 21. The Colonial Church Society has pro- ident clergyman for the nd the Society for the of Christian Knowledge grant of books. It is ex- help to erect wooden ngs, and Rev. Mr. Lloyd money to help to erect school churches, which in the centre of the 600 reserved for settlement dian government.

OR BARK BURNED.

adeira, Jan. 15.—The British lok, Captain Brown, from zil, Dec. 21, for Liverpool, day. She reports that the ronica, Captain Shaw, was 20. Part of the Veronica's ard the Brunswick, the re- the boats and have not nce.
which hailed from Windsor, m Ship Island, Miss., Oct. deo. She registered 1,602 as built at Indiantown, N. owners were William Thom-

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FABULOUS GOLD.

Reported Tremendously Rich Strike in American Territory.

The Story Told in Dawson By a Japanese Arrival From Three Hundred Miles Up Tanana River.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 17.—A special to the Times from Dawson says:

"A tremendously rich strike, the magnitude of which has never been equalled since Bob Henderson told his wonderful story of the Klondike, has been made eighteen miles north of a point on Tanana river 300 miles from its source. The district is in American territory. Circle City has been depopulated and a wild stampede of prospectors from all the surrounding country is in progress.

"The holes that have proved the wealth of the country were sunk last winter, and the first man to reach Dawson from the new country is a Japanese named J. Wada.

"The gist of Wada's report is that the district resembles the Klondike in its physical formation, but has a heavier growth of timber. Gold in widely different kinds had been found in eight different creeks when Wada left for Dawson city on Dec. 22.

"The original strike was made on Pedro, a creek running parallel with Tanana, about 18 miles from the river. This creek is staked for miles.

"Pedro Creek, the discovery creek has not as yet equalled Gold Stream. Seven Cents is the richest found, but its wealth is better indicated in a statement that Costa brothers sunk seven holes to bed rock and found an even run of gold in every one with a pay streak over eight feet deep right through with a width of about 600 feet.

"Gold Stream is a big district, three claims (Alaska dimension) wide. It was not yet all staked out when Wada left. About one hundred men are working the ground.

"Jack Costa was offered $50,000 for his claim on Gold Stream and refused it."

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Of American Federation of Catholic Societies in Session.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 18.—The executive board of the American Federation of Catholic Societies has been in session here today.

The morning session was devoted to a general discussion of the work of the federation and in hearing reports.

Archbishop Katzer of Milwaukee and Elder of Cincinnati, Bishops Mesmer of Green Bay, O'Connor of Newark, Michaud of Burlington, Fink of Leavenworth, Brenk of Porto Rico, Verdagner of Texas, Hoban of Scranton, O'Connell of Portland, Keiley of Savannah, Gabriel of Ogdensburg, Glorieux of Boise City, Idaho, Horstman of Cleveland, and Maes of Covington were appointed a national advisory board.

Resolutions were adopted requesting all the Bishops to ask the Catholic societies in their respective dioceses to affiliate with the federation; appealing to Catholic societies to contribute to the support of Indian schools; urging all Catholic societies to celebrate the Papal silver jubilee, and on various other matters connected with the work of organization.

PROSPEROUS CANADA

MONTREAL, Jan. 18.—The Star's cable from London says: The Morning Post devotes three columns with a map of "Prosperous Canada," with especial reference to the new transcontinental railways. In an editorial the Post urges the importance of these lines in the general interests of the Empire, especially in view of the reduction in the cost of the transport of wheat to the seaboard, thus increasing England's assurance that Canada would be able to satisfy the entire British wheat needs. The Saturday Review, discussing the Grand Trunk's transcontinental project, assumes the line to be independent of government assistance either in land or subsidies. It says this is a striking evidence of Canada's industrial progress and the confidence shown by capitalists in the future of the country.

SEEN BY THE ALCIDES CREW.

An Island, Half Wet, Half Dry, and an Ocean Covered With Steam Jets.

The big London bark Alcides, which has arrived at New York from Hong Kong, enjoyed a phenomenal trip, according to her sailor apprentices.

"In a calm," said Apprentice Bleechmore, "the bark lay off a curious Dutch island called Boors. Although only forty miles wide, half of the island was wet and the other half dry. On one side it rained all day, while the sun shone on the other side. The island at the top has a spring that supplies thirteen rivers.

"While we were among the islands in the archipelago, after we had sailed through the Sumbowa passage, Mr. Fulton, the mate, in the second dog watch ran below to inform Captain Dart that the vessel was sailing through an ocean of steam instead of water.

"The whole surface of the sea was as if jets of steam were issuing from countless exhaust pipes. The captain ordered the lead hove, but at 100 fathoms could not touch bottom. He also ordered buckets of water drawn, but the temperature was normal.

"Capt. Dart said he had sailed the seas for 47 years, but had never seen the like of that. The watch below quit their work to stand on the rail and watch the phenomenon. We seemed to float on steam, and there were no signs of the water.

"On each side of the phenomenon at a distance of about 25 miles floated a big bank of dark cloud. With the bark making five knots the phenomenon continued nearly all that night and for two nights afterward.

"In latitude 12.12 north and longitude 42.19 west a skipjack almost as large as a bonita jumped aboard. He weighed four pounds, and as the Alcides was lightly loaded he had to jump 18 1-2 feet to get aboard us."

UNIQUE PLAN FOR A CHURCH.

Pittsburg Worshippers Propose to Erect a Skyscraper.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 16.—Rev. Edward Young, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, has left for New York to talk to capitalists concerning the proposition to erect a large office building on the site of the church, at 7th street and Pennsylvania avenue, a part of which is to be used for the church.

The congregation has grown so rapidly during the past five years that more room is needed, but it does not desire to leave the down town section.

The congregation is considering two other propositions. One is to start a large office building, a skyscraper, the rent, second and third floors of which could be used by the church and the remainder for offices, equipped with everything modern; the other is for a great department store, a part of this building to be used for the church.

The visit of Mr. Young to New York may settle the matter, as if he gets the proper encouragement, it is likely that the office building will be erected.

N. B. AND N. S. CAPITALISTS

The Waterloo (Quebec) Advertiser says: The other day C. Tarte, N. P. of Sutton, drew a deed conveying the Magdalen Islands from John Tristam Coffin to a syndicate of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia capitalists. The price paid was $70,000 for the islands and $32,000 for the mining rights. The Magdalen Islands were granted by the crown over a century ago to Admiral Coffin, who at his death tied them up to the third generation. Till the recent sale they had remained in the Coffin family.

Str. Pennsylvania, Capt. Spliedt, at New York Jan. 17 from Hamburg, etc, reports Jan. 15, lat. 41.42, lon. 64.34, fell in with steamer Siggen (Nor.), from Sydney, C. B., for New Haven, with loss of propeller, which had been drifting helplessly. Took crew off and conveyed them to New York.

Schr. Carrie Belle, before reported abandoned while on a voyage from St. John to New York, has drifted ashore northeast of Petite Passage. A number of people from Long Island and Digby Neck have left for there to try and save a portion of the deals. Tug Marina probably left Digby yesterday for the wreck.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

[To Correspondents—Write on one side of the paper only. Send your name, not necessarily for publication, with your communication. The Sun does not undertake to return rejected manuscripts. All unsigned communications are promptly consigned to the waste basket.]

SACKVILLE, N. B., Jan. 17, 1903.

To the Editor of the Sun:

Sir—My attention has been drawn to a paragraph in the St. John Sun of Jan. 6th, referring to a letter received by the Rev. J. deSoyres, purporting to come from the Dean of Westminster, in which the latter states that "the so-called Westminster Abbey Coronation Choir which has recently been giving concerts in Canada has no connection whatever with the choir of Westminster Abbey."

As this indirectly charges me with dishonesty in my use of the name Westminster Abbey, I shall be greatly obliged if you will allow me space in your columns for the following explanation, which I feel to be due to the public of St. John, who have in the past so cordially supported the series of concerts I have given there, another of which I am under contract to fulfil at Trinity church, in the form of a sacred recital, on 28th inst.

When I brought out my party last spring I selected the adult voices entirely from the Lay Vicars of Westminster Abbey, the building then being closed for the Coronation preparations. On our return visit in the autumn, these gentlemen being no longer available, I was able to get together what was in my opinion a better combination from the larger choir taking part in the Coronation service, including four past Lay Vicars, and this body has been advertised, as you will see from the enclosed circular, as "The Coronation Choir Glee and Concert Party, who took part in the Coronation of Their Majesties at Westminster Abbey on August 9th." In advertisements requiring abbreviation, it is not exceeding the limits of veracity, or propriety to refer to it as the "Westminster Abbey Coronation Choir Glee and Concert Party," the words Westminster Abbey qualifying the word Coronation.

As regards the boys, they also were selected from the Coronation Choir, and as constituted at present they are not members of the regular choir, but this claim has never been made by me, either publicly or privately.

You will notice in the circular a letter from the Abbey organist, Sir Frederick Bridge, which he wrote me shortly before we left London, and which is quite sufficient proof that he at least, as director and conductor of the entire musical arrangements for the Coronation, was satisfied as to my bona fides, in addition to which I have a photograph of the original tickets of admission issued to every member of my party. From the above, you and the public of New Brunswick generally, will be able to judge how far the Dean of Westminster is correct in saying my organization has no connection with the Abbey, and if a body so constituted, every member of which was specially retained by the Abbey authorities for the service of Aug. 9th, is not entitled to style itself as coming from Westminster Abbey, then I am afraid I must confess my ability to grasp a logical and obvious conclusion to be no greater than that of the rev. gentleman who is responsible for this correspondence.

I may add that the delay in writing this letter is due to the fact that my company has been for the past fortnight in Newfoundland, and it was only on my return to Nova Scotia that I was made aware of the trend of events.

Believe me to be, faithfully yours,

EDWARD BRANSCOMBE.

To the Editor of the Sun:

Sir—In the discussion respecting sending Goodspeed to the Reformatory, it is well, as it seems to me, to consider the question from the point of view of the boys in the Reformatory, and their friends.

The Reformatory was supposed to be established to prevent the herding of boys who had committed minor offences with hardened criminals.

Parents and friends are grieved when their boys are committed to the Reformatory, but they have hitherto had the consolation of knowing that they were in safe keeping and surrounded by improving conditions.

All this is now to be changed. There are at the present four boys in that institution who have never committed a crime nor been guilty of a criminal intent. In some cases their parents are among the most respectable of our citizens.

Are these boys to be forced into companionship with boys whose company they would shun if at liberty?

It appears to me an outrage upon the boys and an outrage upon their parents and friends.

As for the cheap talk about the inefficiency of the institution, made principally by those who have taken care to know nothing about it, I have nothing to say, except this: When the official report was made that nine boys had escaped during the year, it was only just to add that six had been recaptured.

Yours sincerely,

LEO. A. HOYT.

TAXING A COAL COMPANY.

HALIFAX, Jan. 19.—The Dominion Coal Co. is being compelled by the municipal council of Cape Breton Co. to pay $5,000 taxes, which the company claims they should never have been liable for. What makes the company liable is the insertion of one word in a printed statute. This word, the company claims, was a typographical error on the part of the King's printer, and was never intended by the legislature. The municipal council on the other hand asserts its readiness to accept the law as it appears and its pleasure in collecting the taxes.

GERMAN CRUISER

Repulsed in an Attack on a Venezuelan Fort.

An Associated Press Story That Lacks Confirmation—The Fight Lasted Only One Hour.

MARACAIBO, Venezuela, Jan. 18.—The German cruiser Panther shelled Fort San Carlos, at the entrance of Lake Maracaibo, yesterday afternoon for one hour. The fort returned the fire with four guns. The Panther withdrew in the direction of Curacoa.

Fort San Carlos is twenty-two miles from Maracaibo and commands the entrance to the lake, or inner bay.

The local correspondent of the Associated Press has received the following letter from Gen. Belle, the commander of the fort:

"Yesterday afternoon at half-past twelve Fort San Carlos was attacked and shelled, without any provocation on our part, without previous notification or the delivering of an ultimatum, by the German cruiser Panther, which tried to force the entrance. After a fight lasting an hour, during which the fort used only four guns, the Panther was obliged to abandon the fight and retreated in the direction of Curacoa. The fort has suffered no damage, and only three men were wounded."

OTTAWA.

Price of Coal Advanced By the Local Dealers.

Establishment of a School of Signalling—Important U. S. Customs Ruling — Result of Artillery Practice at St. John.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—The price of coal advanced 50 cents a ton in Ottawa today, making it $9. A New York firm quotes prices at $13.50 to the Ottawa dealers.

The Ottawa Electric Company has met the recent cut of the Consumers', and Ottawa householders rejoice.

Word was received in the city today of the death in South Africa of Trooper Coakley of the S. A. C. His mother and sisters reside here.

The Scottish curlers were beaten by the Ottawa club today by a score of 68 to 49, five rinks a side.

Mr. Belcourt, M. P., this morning married Miss Haycock, eldest daughter of R. H. Haycock of this city.

A militia order issued tonight contains the important announcement of the establishment of a school of signalling. The under-mentioned numbers of signallers are authorized for each unit of the several branches of the service, viz.:

Cavalry—One officer and two N. C. O. and men per squadron.

Artillery (field)—One officer and four N. C. officers or men per battery.

Artillery (garrison)—One officer and four N. C. officers or men per company.

Engineers—One officer and two N. C. officers or men per company.

Infantry—Two officers per regiment, and two N. C. officers or men per company.

Army Service Corps—One officer and two N. C. officers or men per company.

Army Medical Corps—One officer and two N. C. officers or men per company.

The above will be required to pass an examination annually at camps of a grade that will be promulgated.

Those officers, N. C. officers and men who pass the test will be granted certificates and a payment annually. In the case of an officer $5 each, and N. C. O. or man $3 each above allowances will not be paid to any officer, N. C. O. or man in excess of the number authorized in the above schedule.

Signalling instructions for the British army will be the text book. Information as to where instructions in signalling can be obtained will be furnished later in the militia orders.

The customs department has received an important ruling of the Washington authorities regarding tea shipments. The war tax of ten cents per lb. was dropped on January 1st, and at that time there were large quantities of tea in bonded warehouses, on some of which duty had been paid. The authorities rule that this duty cannot be refunded except upon exportation to a foreign country, when a drawback of 99 per cent. of duty already paid will be allowed. This means, therefore, that large quantities of tea will have to be shipped to Canada and re-exported to the United States in order to secure the drawback.

Militia orders give the result of service and competitive practice with light quick-firing guns at St. John last summer. The average with 6 for Hotchkiss of No. 1 Co., 3rd Regiment, is .006; No. 2 Co., .044; No. 3 Co., .043; No. 4 Co., 0. Average with 12 for No. 1 Co., .025; No. 2 Co., .032; No. 3 Co., .016; No. 4 Co., .037.

HAPPY DAYS.

Sing a song of happy days comin' up the slope,
All the country listenin' to the tinklin' bells of Hope;
Happy in the meadows and happy by the streams,
And happy in the daytime, and happy in your dreams!

Sing a song of happy days, climbin' up the hills,
Singin' in the breezes and ripplin' in the rills;
Happy on the housetops, and happy on the sod,
And the happy world a-rollin' to the happy gates of God!

—Frank L. Stanton.

St. John N. B, January 21st, 1903.

TAILORING SNAPS.

In order to further impress upon the public the style of garments, fine work, perfect fit and satisfaction given in our tailoring department, we will for the next 30 days make from a large range of imported and domestic cloths

Suits and Overcoats to Measure $12.00 | **Pants to Measure $3.00**

The orders must be left now so that we can make them up during the dull season, but delivery can be arranged to suit the customer, from one week after leaving measure to May 1st, next. Remember you can save from $8 to $12 by having your suit made here and now. Samples and measurement blanks sent by mail on application.

J. N. HARVEY, - Men's and Boys' Clothier, 199 Union Street, St. John, N. B.

COAL SITUATION.

While People Are Freezing, Commission Goes on Taking Evidence,

And Pres. Mitchell's Picture Is Hung on Wall of Hall Where United Mine Worker's Annual Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 19.—The United Mine Workers' 14th annual convention opened in Tomlinson hall today. President John Mitchell's picture appears prominently in the adornments of the hall.

When Mr. Mitchell arrived there were over 600 delegates in the hall. He received a great ovation. John L. Feltman, representing the Indianapolis labor union and organized labor of Indianapolis, delivered an address of welcome.

Mayor Bootwalter welcomed the visitors to the city. Mr. Mitchell responded. He will deliver his address on Thursday.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—The examination of Col. R. A. Phillips of Scranton, general superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western R. R. Co., took up the greater part of today's session of the coal strike commission. Supt. Phillips told of conditions in and about the collieries owned by the Lackawanna company. Like some of the other superintendents who have testified, he believed the men had a right to organize if they wanted to, but no person who is not employed by the company had a right to come in and tell the men or the company what they should do. Much of the witness's testimony was along the same line as that already given by other superintendents.

Col. Phillips was recalled to the witness stand at the afternoon session.

On cross-examination, Supt. Phillips repeated that a labor leader who is not employed by the company has no right to intervene between the company and its men. Lawyer Darrow, for the miners, said he disagreed with him.

Col. Phillips said there were more cases of insubordination among the men now than there were prior to the strike of 1900. The minimum wages of inside laborers who require no skill, he continued, is $1.77 a day, and $2.32 for outside laborers.

Col. Phillips in his examination testified that owing to the union restricting the number of cars a miner should load, the miners are earning no more money now than they did before they got the 10 per cent. increase two years ago. In this connection Mr. Darrow quoted from Mr. Truesdale's annual report for 1901, in which he said $1,412,000, or 39 per cent more was paid to the men in 1901 than in 1900. The miners' attorney asked how he reconciled his own testimony with the report of President Truesdale, and the witness replied that Mr. Truesdale's figures applied to all employes, while his testimony referred only to the contract miners.

Just as the witness was about to leave the stand, W. W. Ross of New York, of counsel for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Co., asked him if his testimony regarding the right of calling in an arbitrator was not only his personal view, and that if he were asked to give it officially he would have to first consult the president of the company. Mr. Phillips replied that the opinion he gave was a personal one and was not the official view of the company.

"Do you want to dissent from Mr. Phillips' view of the matter?" asked Chairman Gray.

"I do to a certain extent," was Mr. Ross' reply.

Chairman Gray appeared somewhat surprised at the answer, but said nothing.

Dr. J. M. Wainwright, of Scranton, a physician, testified that the occupation of mining, as far as health is concerned, compared favorably with any other occupation.

SUSSEX NEWS.

SUSSEX, Jan. 19.—The report of the Sussex correspondent to the Daily Telegraph on the 16th in reference to the assault of Constable H. L. Wanamaker of Apohaqui in Ged. Myers' house (the Royal Hotel) is not correct. Myers stripped off his coat and assaulted Wanamaker while the latter was in the discharge of his duty, serving a Scott act summons. The temperance people of this place met on Saturday evening and unanimously appointed a committee to employ the best counsel that can be got, pay all costs, and to defend the case to the end for Constable Wanamaker.

The old slaughter house of Fenwick's, now used by Geo. Berry, and stored with hay, straw and sleds, was burned on Sunday morning about six o'clock, the work of an incendiary.

D. F. Gosline of Boston is spending a few days at his old home in Sussex.

Rev. Mr. Nobles will hold special meetings in the evenings of this week in the F. C. Baptist church.

The body of Leonard Allison is on board the steamship Numidian, which is expected to arrive in St. John about the 27th. Notice of funeral will be given as soon as the body arrives.

Oscar White of St. John spent Sunday in Sussex, the guest of his brother, Hon. A. S. White.

The officers of the Royal Arch Chapter are: King, C. W. Stockton; scribe, Robt. Morrison; capt. of host, J. T. Kirk; R. A. captain, L. R. Murray; M. of 2 veil, H. P. Robinson; high priest, D. H. Fairweather; secretary, Murray Huestis; P. sojourner, Harvey Mitchell; M. of 3 veil, Richard Howes; M. of 1 veil, B. F. Tribe; treasurer, J. R. McLean; tyler, Thos. Coggan.

A convention in the interests of the opposition for Kings county to the local government is called for Wednesday, the 28th instant, at 1.30 p. m. at Hampton, to take into consideration the nomination of the opposition candidates at the coming election. All friends of the opposition in Kings county are requested to attend.

WOODSTOCK.

W. S. Belyea Re-elected Mayor—The New Board of Councillors.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Jan. 19.—The town elections took place today, and in spite of the severe weather there was a large vote. W. S. Belyea was re-elected for a third term by a majority of 132 over Robt. B. Jones, his nearest opponent. The vote stood: Belyea, 372; Jones, 194; J. A. Lindsay, 67.

The election for councillors resulted as follows: J. T. A. Dibblee, 430; A. E. Jones, 418; James McMackin, 334; H. E. Burtt, 374; J. T. Garden, 363; T. E. Sheasgreen, 356; T. E. Fisher, 338; Geo. E. Balmain, 336. The first six are the duly elected councillors for the ensuing year.

GREAT BRITAIN

Building Fewer Foreign Ships.

(London Engineering.)

A striking fact in connection with the year's shipbuilding, as reviewed by Engineering, is the diminution in tonnage built for foreign owners—for 1902 the proportion was 17.3 per cent. of the total, as compared with 20.8 per cent. in the preceding year, and 26 per cent. in 1900; while in 1896 it was as high as 30 per cent. Much of this decrease in foreign tonnage is owing to the fewer number of very large steamers included this year, several of which were constructed in recent years, notably for the German lines. Thus in 1897 and 1898 the proportion of Belfast tonnage for foreigners was 36 per cent., whereas for the year under review it is only 4 1-2 per cent. There is a considerable decrease in the amount of work done for foreign owners on the Northeast Coast ports, with the exception of the Tees and the Clyde, shares in the diminution of patronage from foreign countries. Quite a large number of steam and other fishing craft have been built on the East Coast of Scotland and England for the Continental countries, the trade in this type of vessel having very considerably extended beyond its original birthplace—Hull and Grimsby on the Humber. The colonies have taken more tonnage this year than in any preceding year—a fact which is most gratifying. Austria-Hungary, which tops the 1902 list of foreign clients in Engineering with 39,267 tons, has considerably lessened her proportion, but not quite to the extent as Germany, which, with 35,331 tons, has taken less than half the total of 1901 and little more than one-third that of 1900. At the same time German builders have been experiencing a diminution in trade corresponding to that in this country. Norway and Sweden have increased their total to 24,255; but even so, it comes only to about one-third the high water mark of 1898. Greece has taken an exceptionally large amount of tonnage—half from the Clyde and half from the Northeast Coast. Holland comes next, on the list with 19,742 tons, which, although considerably less than half the total of 1901, is fairly up to the average of preceding years. Russia has ordered 11,767 tons, which, although about one-third of the total of some previous years, exceeds the lower totals of one or two recent years. The French colonies have taken several ships, while one or two fishing craft have been sent to France. Spain shows a tendency to again build up her merchant fleet, and Italy, China, Japan and the United States are amongst the other clients recorded in Engineering.

KINGS COUNTY WEDDING.

A very pretty wedding took place at Butternut Ridge on Wednesday, 14th inst., at seven o'clock at the residence of Chas. G. Thorne, when his sister, Clara, was united in marriage to Harley Corey, of New Canaan. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. R. Corey, of Petitcodiac. About sixty guests were present. The presents were numerous.

ROBBERY AT BATHURST.

BATHURST, N. B., Jan. 19.—Fenwick Bros.' butcher shop on Main street was broken into on Thursday night and about sixty dollars' worth of property stolen. Most of the goods were recovered on Friday in an old wharf and under a boat bottom up in the vicinity. Fred Thibodeau, 19 years of age, has been arrested on suspicion.

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