impossible confederation would have been without the I. C. R. Indeed, it is to-day the main link between old Can-

to-day the main link between old Can-ada and the Maritime Provinces. The C. P. R. gets into St. John, N. B., and has limited running rights over the Intercolonial from St. John to Hall-fax, but, for all intents and purposes, the I. C. R. is at once the trunk line and the local carrier for New Bruns-wick and Nova Scotia.

and that political pressure from both

narties has been in part responsible, but it is amusing to see how The Montreal Gazette (Con.), the apostle of

private ownership, commences to "hedge" now that there is a possibility of the I. C. R. passing into the hands

of a private monopoly. Commenting upon the dictum of The St. John Sun the the people of the Maritime Provinces want the road to be taken over

by some corporation. The Gazette says

They must be prepared to accept rates based upon a commercial return for the services performed. They must expect a train service based on the requirements of the traffic. They cannot expect that the railway will be a haven of refuse.

railway will be a haven of refuge for men who have failed in every

other occupation. And they must

not expect to be able to run to Ot-

tawa with a howl every time the management does something that

does not appeal to them as being just what they would prefer seeing

done. Neither must they expect results to follow in the twinkling of an eye. The Canadian Pacific worked for years over the west before it got the ball started rolling. If they will accept all this, cheerfully and patiently, the chances are that in the course of time they will find more than an ample reward.

In short, the two objections to the C. R. are (1) low rates, and (2) ex-

cessive cost of operation. The first a matter of policy; the second is a ma

ter of detail which should be corrected by getting the management out of politics.

We cannot believe that the Laurier

received from the government by per

forming the services stipulated. The C. P. R. has received from Canada in land and money gifts so enormous, that, by comparison, the \$80,000,000 in-

vested in the I. C. R. is a bagatelle.

over 2000 garments. 1 Some prices are as low as \$8 and \$10.

President Newman Retires. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—William H

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A KRIS KRINGLE EXPERIMENT. The Ohio State Journal, which, by the way, has been distinguished for its good work in establishing the two cent fare and for exposing and punishing civic graft at Columbus, had a unique corps of "newsboys" last Sunday. Some forty prominent business men ing full and authentic commercial. sold The Journal upon the street and statistical, astronomical, departmental, turned over to Christmas charity the ecclesiastical, educational, financial and result of their sales, aggregating some \$2000. They had all of them, as boys, at one time or another, sold papers, and recalled their early struggles with commendable pride. It was a fine ex-hibition of personal service, and one no doubt inspiring to the boys of to- lightenment in men, affairs and events. day, who are struggling to make a

One might be astonished to find so many financial successes among the ex-newsboys; but, no less astounding, is the political success, which, in Canada at least, attends the journalist. To say nothing of Messrs. Oliver, Graham, Fielding and Templeman in the Dominion cabinet, many practical newspaper men occupy the highest positions in public life, including the next speaker and the present clerk of the house. As to public men who proclaim themselves "ex-journalists," the claim themselves "ex-journalists," the lin the good work in which they are occupied. The editress, Miss Armstrong, is a writer whose short stories Wilfrid Laurier to Mackenzie King.

Wilfrid Laurier to Mackenzle King. and poems are gaining an ever increasmight volunteer, as reporters, to get out a Christmas edition. It is to be hoped that it would prove more vivaclous than the copy they turn into

The city editor could make up his book without difficulty if he had the "St. Charles" to prepare a special X mas dinner which will be served from J. R. Stratton might be assigned to report a speech by R. R. Gamey, M.L. George Graham could appropriately

A. George Graham could appropriately from 8 a.m. to midnight. A. George Graham could appropriately cover "rails." Sir Wilfrid Laurier could -be assigned to "churches and schools." Mackenzie King would be down for "halls and labor." True Duncan Ross and Alex. Johnstone are no longer available, but plenty remain to equip a brilliant staff.

MUSKOKA FREE HOSPITAL. Christmas time has long been associated with the joy of living. It is hallowed best when its observance most closely approaches the infinite dove and pity that gave the greatest of gifts to mankind. It is the bestowal of that supreme offering that makes Christmas Day memorable and its remembrance should stimulate a love and charity that overflows merely personal limitations. It is right and wholesome that relatives, friends, dependents and the poor at the gate should receive tokens of affection and sympathy and have the atmosphere of the time surrounding them and cheering them. But giving should not be bounded by personal knowledge when there are public institutions, dependent on freewill contributions, engaged in the necessary and noble work of alleviating to say, stirring up petty suits and criminal actions. In the time of George IV., this was considered a very serious offence, and was punishable with

Among such institutions none is more transportation to a penal settlement deserving than the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives, whose directors have been making an urgent apMackenzie. "A man couldn't very well
beal for a generous Christmas contribe transported nowadays because there would be no place particularly to send him where the sending would constibution from the Canadian public. Much has been said and written of recent years concerning the ravages of the white plague, which for generations has been the dread and scourge of

C.P.R. tourist cars provide an economical and yet thoroughly comfortable means of transportation between Toronto and Western Canada. The cars are roomy assy riding well lighted.

retain it in that category. Curable con

A favor will be conferred on the management if subscribers who receive papers by carrier or thru the mail will report any irregularity or delay in sceelpt of their copy.

The burden of the directors is a heavy

sional man for his convenience and en-

"CHEERFUL NEWS."

There are thru various reasons a

5.30 to 8 p.m. Francis Grattan has pre-

SAILORS CLIMBED CLIFFS.

Sixty-Five of Crew of Steamer Irads Save Themselves Six Drown.

CROOKHAVEN, Ireland, Dec. 22.-

The 5000 ton British steamer Irada, Capt. Roberts, from Galveston, Dec. 5

for Liverpool, is a total wreck on the southwest point of Mizen Head, Capt

Roberts, a stewardess, and four men were drowned. The remainder of the

crew, sixty-five men, saved themselves

The steamer was driven ashore by heavy weather during a dense fog. She was loaded with cotton and the

bales of her cargo are now being wash-

FRED ARMSTRONG PRESIDENT.

Fred Armstrong was elected presi-

dent of the fourth ward Conservative Association in Broadway Hall on Mon-

The Crime of Barrotry.

That Editor Goodfellow of Midland

Free Press committed barrotry, was the argument yesterday of J. B. Mac-

kenzie in arguing against being made

"I don't know whether that law is still in force or not," admitted Mr.

are roomy, easy riding, well lighted and well ventilated; berths are furn-ished with fine bedding, changed daily by a smart and attentive porter. Rates

by a smart and attentive porter. Rates are exceedingly moderate—\$4 to Winnipeg, \$6 to Calgary and only \$8.50 to Vancouver, this charge covering a berth that will easily accommodate two adults if necessary. Tourist cars leave Toronto every night at 10.15 for Winnipeg and Vancouver. The popularity of this service makes it advisable to reserve berths well in advance, application being made to the nearest Canadian Pacific ticket agent.

Estates of the Dead.

Professor John Bradford Cherriman f the University of Toronto, who died

London on June 10, left an estate \$40,701.50 in Canada, and in Eng-nd \$8872.58. Of this, \$486.66 is left

to Mary Frazer Cleghorn of Toronto, a niece, and \$486.66 to Herbert Cherri-

man Jarvis of Toronto, a godson. The remainder goes to the widow, Mrs.

Abraham R. Bain, university pro-

fessor, left an estate of \$7539,89, of which \$1200 is invested in island No.

506 in the Go-Home Bay district of Muskoka. The estate will be divided

between the widow, Mrs. M. D. Bain and a daughter, Ethel Bain.

For Cobourg's Mayoralty.
COBOURG, Dec. 22.—Harry Field is
candidate for the mayoralty of Cocourg for 1909. Mr. Field has served

ed upon the beach.

for seven years.

tute a punishment."

by climbing the face of the cliffs

THE CHRISTMAS ECHO. cerns are not more intere

son to expect industrial expan

We are not apt to think of the Canafriends to welcome them at the festive obtained over the I.C.R. The Montrea Herald fairly bursts into song, so de-lighted is it to think that Mackenzie & Mann may come to the rescue: "There is a third transcontinental

system," The Herald says, "already at the doors of Quebec, already bridging the space between Lake Superior and the prairies, already covering the prairies to Edmonton and beyond, and heading for Peace River and the Pacific. From Quebec to Moncton the Intercolonial would fit onto the Mackenzie-Mann system, or the Canadian Northern, so perfectly that the prospect of such a fusion cannot be ex-cluded from the reckoning. It is easy to foresee a situation in which the Canadian Pacific from St. John and the G. T. P. and Canadian Northern from Moncton would be allowed the joint use of the St. John, Moncton, Halifax line under the operating direction of a joint manager, or a commission named by the government.".

Commenting upon this, The St. John Telegraph (Lib.) says that "much wa-ter will run under the bridge before any of these plans are carried out, if, as seems to be the case, they involve the disappearance of the government road, as such, by removing it—and its rates—from popular control." Still it must be admitted that The Telegraph is in a wobbly condition; it discusses the matter purely from a St. John, N.

B., standpoint. To quote:

"We need a line down the St.

John Valley. To hand the Intercolonial over to the Canadian Northern will not promote the valley line, and it might impose higher rates upon maritime province shippers. The Intercolonial might remain a public property and carry the Canadian Northern's freight from Quebec to St. John if a binding and profitable arrangement could be made. Of necessity the views of the maritime provinces must have weight at Ottawa when the future of the I.C.R. is under discussion. We pay our share of the cost of the canals and of the other government works thruout the Dominion."

now a great railway system, with lines | ceed him.

The Toronto World northern climates. Long believed to be incurable, modern science refuses to MORE ABOUT THE I. C. R.

retain it in chact category. Curable consumption is, under proper conditions, that cannot be found in the ordenary home and must therefore be provided by the erection and maintenance of suitable buildings and skilled medical and nursing attendance. These the Muskoka institution supplies in a way that has evoked warm acknowledgement and gratitude.

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Maine makes in the map of Canada.

lish from The Montreal Herald an article advocating the doing away with the Intercolonial Railway. Without committing ourselves to approval of The Herald's article we may be permitted to say that the question raised is one that well deserves the attention of the mari-

"From a Nova Scotia point of view there appears to us much to be gained by having the great railway corporations interested in this province. One cannot contemplate what the Grand Trunk Railway, the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the Canadian Northern Railway have done for other portions of Canada without experiencing Canada without experiencing a feeling of regret that these con-

"With all the rights and privileges now enjoyed by the people of Nova Scotia secured to them, as they surely would be, there is every reaand progress would result from the leasing of the Intercolonial Rail-way to one or all-preferably the latter-of the railway companies."

dian Northern as a factor in the mari-time provinces. They have some lines in Cape Breton and along the southern and western coast of Nova Scotia that might be connected up with their lines at Quebec if running rights were

government is so obtuse politically as to alienate the I. C. R. out and out. But they may be tempted to deliver it up to slow torture and a lingering death, by permitting the C. P. R. and G. T. R. to acquire running rights over it improvidently. These running rights, as Mr. Emmerson pointed out, if granted at all, should be limited to thru traffic. Unfortunately, the I. C. R. is not a thru line. It should extend Toronto and to the great lakes. Meanwhile, there is too much of a disposition to cavil at the cost of the road. Few railways on this continer hav paid anything back to the original stockholders. No railway in Canada has ever returned a dollar of subside

The Intercolonial, as first projected, was to extend from Truro, N. S., to Riviere du Loup, about 500 miles. It is now a great railway system, with lines could him.

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GRUEL SONG ABOUT CANADA. Music Hall Audiences Are Advised to Keep Away.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—(C.A.P.)—A song entitled "Canada," sung in music halls by Harriet Vernon, asks:

"Why' send your sons to Can-ada, tell me, John Bull? Where hunger stares them in the face." couple of dozen Canadians, an-

noved at the anti-emigration sentiment of the song, visited the Ipswich Hipor the song, visited the ipswich App-podrome, with the object of singing "The Maple Leaf," but were denied entrance. The Canadian party was led by N. B. Colcock, an Ontario Government agent.

The following penalties and reliefs ere dealt out in police count yester-

were dealt out in police court yesterday morning;
Charles Bullock, theft, remanded;
Thomas E. Longhurst, theft of watch, remanded to be sentenced; William Lamb, theft of copper, remanded;
Frank Hall, false pretenses, remanded until Tuesday; Effic Long (or Fotheringham), formerly of Sarnia, theft from houses where engaged as servant, six months in Mercer; Chas. Godfrey, for throwing a brick thru a window, got 18 months in the Central, after having just served six months for a similar offence.

BROCKVILLE, Dec. 22.—Patrick grady was discharged in the county court here at noon on a charge of having committed perjury at the Dominion elections. Every Box of

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TOO POOR TO FIGHT CASE.

No better example of the necessity or 'law reform' which will give the poor man some chance of justice in the ourts can be afforded than came to

light vesterday. Last spring an assize court jury awarded Thomas McKeown \$300 damages against the Street Railway for the death of his four-year-old son. The company's appeal to the divisional court was thrown out, but an announcement of appeal to a higher court is fellowed by Mr. McKeown's giving up the fight. He gives his reasons thusly:

"I am in poor circumstagees, and am utterly unable to defend this ac-"The amount awarded by the jury at the suggestion of Sir Glenholm Falconbridge, the trial judge, is very small, namely, \$300, and my solicitor informs me that after the solicitor and clients are paid the sum will be concitents are paid the sum will be considerably reduced, and if any further appeal is taken to the court of appeal, I will be conpelled to raise further moneys to pay for counsel arguing the appeal case, which I am utterly unable to do as I have already borrowed a considerable sum of money to enable me to retain the verdict thus far."

B. C. Apples Are Good.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—J. S. Larke, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Sydney. Australia, comments favorably upon the timely shipments of British Columbia, applies to the comments of British Columbia, applies bia apples, which have just reached the Australian market, being a trifle larger than the fruiters are accustomed to handle. The apples are being retailed for three pence apiece, and are bringing splendid prices.

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