# POOR DOCUMENT

## LC CAL AND PROVINCIAL.

One of the chief issues at the coming the will hold an inquest into civic contest in Charlottetown will probably be city ownership of electric lighter at Sand Point Thursday.

The entire plant of the Sussex Packing Company is now located in their new premises. They expect to be in full operation within a few days.

Isaac Baxter, formerly a policeman of St. John, but now a resident of Cranbrook (B. C.). had his forefinger taken off by a circular saw in the mill in which he was employed recently.

Isaac Moore, of Penniac, York county, had his jaw badly fractured on Sunday by the kick of a horse which he was cleaning. Though very seriously injured he will probably recover.

E. C. Jones, of the immigration staff, Winnipeg, is in the city, accompanied by his wife. They will sail for England on the S. S. Lake Champlain, where Mr. Jones will join the staff of W. T. R. Preston, chief of the immigration bureau.

The name of Rev. John E. Finen, D. D., of the Church of the Assumption, Tilton, N. H., has been advanced as a probable successor to the late Bishop Bradley. Rev. Mr. Finen is a native of St. Johnand a son of Mrs. Margaret Finen, Cha

The fifteen new lieutenants coming here for Salvation Army work will arrive here Friday from Toronto. Major Mrs. Movell will accompany them and they will be given a big reception in Charlotte street barracks Friday night. Major Howell will preside.

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At Chubh's corner Saturday, Auctioneer Gerow sold, ten, shares St. John Street Railway stock at 9 3-4 per cent premium. Auctioneer Potts advertised 6,000 shares of the Courtenay Bay circuit next June to take charge of the Carleton Methodist church.

The Halifax City Council recently voted to increase the salaries of quite a number of city officials. The mayor vetoed the measure on the ground that the city could not afford it, and the aldermen finally decided to endorse the veto. by a vote of cided to endorse the vote, by a vote of the port of St. John.—Fredericton Glean

this port by the winter port steamers, as filed at the customs house up to Friday, is \$4,556,433. To December 31 the value was \$4,500,455. To be the same time last year it was \$3,012,551, a gain of 904,725 in favor of the present season.

Mrs.Stanlake, of Summerside, attained her 100th year on New Year's Day, on which occasion the old lady held quite a reception. Friends from all parts gathered to see her and wish her a happy New Year. Mrs. Stanlake, notwithstanding her advanced age is quite bright, and although her hearing is not as good as formerly she converses very well.—Journal.

The following officers were installed at the regular meeting of Siloam Lodge, I. O. O. F., by D. D. G. M. C. J. Stamers: N. G., J. H. Murphy; V. G., George F. Bagnell; Rec. Sec., George B. Droke; Fin. Sec., H. E. Codner; W. A. R., A. F. Boyer; Con., D. C. Wetmore; R. S. N. G., F. A. Wright; L. S. M. G., Edward Lawson; R. S. V. G., T. B. Reynolds; L. S. V. G., E. C. Woods; R. S. S., A. G. Blakslee; L. S. S., C. J. Stamers; O. G. Blakslee; L. S. S., C. J. Stamers; O. G., E. J. Lyons; Chap, W. Frank Hathe-

Deputy District Master J. C. Stamers, assisted by other grand officers, installed the following officers of Golden Rule Lodge, I. O. O. F., Thursday evening: Wrn. McKee, N. G.; Walter Allingham, V. G.; Thomas H. Johnston, treasurer; John T. Brown, R. S.; J. H. Mosher, F. S.; George Pollock, W.; Wrn. J. Watson, C.; J. W. Long, R. S. N. G.; J. A. Fox, L. S. N. G.; James Stewart, R. S. V. G.; R. Stanley, L. S. V. G.; S. Purdy, R. S. S.; J. W. Carter, L. S. S.; H. McLeod, I. G.; J. McG. Campbell, O. G.; I. M. Beatteay, chaplain.

### Steamer Notes

The C. P. R. steamer Lake Champlain, Capt. Stewart, sailed at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon for Liverpool with a full general cargo, and 325 head of cattle. Her passenger list shows fourteen saloon, forty second cabin and 100 steerage.

The C. P. R. steamer Mount Temple, for London and Antwerp, with a full general cargo, 455 cattle and 528 sheep, sailed Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock

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Manchester line steamer Manchester Trader arrived at Halifax Friday morning. She left Manchester on Dec. 24, and had a very rough trip, with head winds, high seas and heavy squalls. After discharging a small cargo she proceeded to St. John. After discharging at St. John she will go to Philadelphia to take in 1,800 steel billets. Then she will return to St. John to

load general cargo and cattle. It is ex

Negotiations between the railway management and I. C. R. and P. E. I. railroad delegates were ended in Moncton on Friday. The committee report the result of the negotiations as satisfactory. Foremen in the yards where greater responsibility exists, as Moncton, St. John, Truro and Halifax, will get \$2.25 per day and trackmen \$1.50. In eleven other yards the rates are \$2 for foremen and \$1.40 for the men and in all other cases the foremen will receive \$1.85 and the men \$1.40. In the rules, etc., several concessions have been obtained and the new schedule will go into effect from November 1st last.—Transcript.

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he will hold an inquest into the death of Capt. Avert Hall killed on board a steam-

Attention is directed to an advertisement in want-column for a woman to help with housework in a small family in this call for 90,000 bushels.

During last week twelve marriages and eighteen births were recorded here.

Saturday, David Fisher, an employe of Fleming's foundry had his left hand caught in the machinery and four fingers

A shed has just been completed on Vic-toria square, Indiantown, and beneath its shelter the G. P.'s will break stones. The shed is about 30x12, one side is open to the fair world, and this is mid winter.

L. C. Daigle left Moncton Friday night for Montreal, to begin a series of farmers' institute meetings throughout the prov-ince of Quebec. Mr. Daigle will address about forty meetings, and will be away four weeks.—Transcript. Ten deaths last week were reported at the board of health office as follows: Con

vulsions, 2; consumption, pneumonia, men ingitis, heart disease, spinal diesase, cere bral hemorrhage, tubercular meningitis congenion of lungs, one each.

tion to see the condition of that port for themselves, for there are some ports in Canada, where they would be likely to hear prejudiced statements in regard to

Announcement was made last week of the engagement of Miss Louise Murchic, daughter of W. A. Murchie, of Calais, and Frank Lane, formerly of Boston, now residing in Bangor. Both young people are well known on the border, and stand high in the estimation of all their acquaintances. Mr. Lane has won's very enviable

The assessors for Glace Bay have completed their work of assessing the property and taking a census of the fown The valuation of property is placed at \$1,675,000, an increase over 1903 of \$297,745, and \$515,020 over the year 1902. The population is 10,276, an increase over the dominion census figures of 3,331.

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In the Canadian Magazine for January are published pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kierstead, of Collina (N. B.), and note made of their having celebrated on Oct 27, the seventy-second anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Kierstead is ninety four years old, and Mrs. Kierstead is ninety.

Mrs.Stanlake, of Summerside, attained her north year on New Year's Day, on which cathered to cathered to cathered to cathered to death. Brother officers here have deep sympathy for the adjutant and his wife in their great trial.

Messrs. Hoegg, of Fredericton, who were in Sussex some weeks ago looking over the chances for a canning factory, have decided to locate there. One of the mem-bers of the firm will be in Sussex some time in the near future for the purpose of interviewing the farmers and making definite arrangements for locating there. With this new industry added to the butter factory and pork packing houses the farmers of Sussex should have little difficulty in disposing of the products of their farms.—Fredericton Gleaner.

Portland Press: The steamer Hilda fin-ished discharging at the pocket of the Maine Central and sailed Thursday forenoon for Parreboro. The cargo of over 1,400 tons of coal was discharged in less

pected she will sail from St. John for Manchester on the 21st.

# MOLASSES WAR BREAKS OUT AGAIN.

and Ten Cents Friday.

NEW CROP ARRIVES.

The Fight Between a Local Firm and a Foreign Corporation-The Value of Old Stocks Reduced by \$30,000 to \$35,000 -There Are Large Stocks Here, and in Halifax and Newfoundland.

The war has developed into a fight be ween a local firm of wholesale importers a foreign corporation, which it is claimed, is seeking to control the molasses

the foreign company, by bidding up the price in the organizing markets, on the islands, got control of the bulk of the molasses coming this way. The local firm, believing that the price was being forced higher than believing that the price was being forced that consumers were being compelled to of the foreign concern to corner the mar-ket. However, they browsed around and

their competitors, who foreign company. And they bided their time. They prophesied that at the end of the season it would be shown that the trade had been paying too much money to this foreign corporation.

Now they have got all the molasses they want, and choice new crop at that, while this market and Halifax and Newfound-

land ports are still heavily stocked with last year's melasses, that was forced to a high price and held there by the foreign company. The local firm bought the new molasses at a rate low enough to enable them to cut prices, and they have done it, with a declared determination not to allow

market if they can help it.

It is the biggest sensation in the molasses trade here for years, and consumers will, of course, profit by the result. But the competing company are not likely to be in as cheerful a mood. The stock 3,000 puncheons. The stocks in Halifax on Dec. 31, in bonded warehouses, not includ-Dec. 31, in bonded warehouses, not including local stocks, was 6,422 puncheons, 822 tierces and 1,044 barrels, compared with only 2,927 puncheons, 245 tierces and 727 barrels a year ago. And owing to limited bonded warehouse capacity, it is understood there is some held ex-warehouse. A recent effort to sell in Newfoundland found that market also heavily stocked. Nor is there any demand from the west. This is the condition of affairs with regard to old molasses, and the new crop is al

ready on the market.

The stocks on hand would doubtless have The stocks on hand would doubtless have been smaller had not the high price curtailed consumption.

With regard to this year's crop of molasses, the indications point to a larger one than last year. A recent PortorRice circular, while not referring specially to molasses, has this to say of the sugar crop:

"The yield of sugar crop promises to be much larger than that of last year. The whole output will be from 120,000 to 125,000 tons of sugar as against 95,000 in 1902-

000 tons of sugar as against 95,000 in 1902 Da Costa & Co.'s Barbados circular of

Dec. 19 says that the crop on that island will "under any circumstances be a larger one than last season's."

It is estimated that the cut in prices will reduce the value of the old molasses held in the lower provinces from \$30,000 to \$35,

In the Courts.

Equity Court.

There was a special sitting of the equity court Friday at which argument on the demurrer in the case of Turner vs. Tur-ner was heard. This suit is brought by two heirs of the late Hiram Turner against the administrators, the widow and son, it is contended by the defendants that the probate court of Westmorland has exclusive jurisdiction both as to real and ersonal property, and that letters of adthem by the said court.

The plaintiffs, on the other hand, main tain that the jurisdiction of the probate court is not conclusive as to anything ex-

cept personal property. Judgement was reserved. M. G. Teed appeared for the plaintiffs, and Daniel Jordan, K. C., for the defendants.

A Suggestion. To the Editor of The Telegraph:--

Sir,-Having read in this morning's Tele graph the account of the heroic rescue of the crew of the schooner Ayr, on such a Cape Cod, by Captain Hodgdon and two of his crew, I wish to ask: Is it well to allow such humane, Christian and brotherly acts to pass without some expression of gratitude to Captain Hodgdon and his two

As the schooner Ayr belongs to St. John do the captain and his crew, such noble acts are worthy of some recognition.

HUMANITY.

St. John, Jan. 8, 1904. HUMANITY. druggists re W. E. Grov

### DRUGGISTS WANT INQUEST INTO DEATH AT HOSPITAL LARGER DISCOUNTS.

Coroner to Inquire Into

Case of John G. Tobin.

ALLEGATIONS MADE.

Friends Say, Among Other Things,

That Patient Wanted Clergyman,

But He Wasn't Sent For--Super-

On instructions given by Attorney Gen-

maph reporter was told to Dr. Lunnay

ise to everybody and there were no oughts of it, three or four minutes be-

the end came. In view of an inqu

be held, Dr. Lunnay had no more to be bedd, Dr. Lunnay had no more to beyond this statement of fact. The ung man died while his mother was o

TWO HIGHWAYMEN

Tried to Rob Michael Donovan of

Michael Donovan, who is proprietor of a butcher shop in west end, and another in Fairville, was badly cut on the head

the reservoir when the two men came after him. One passed him and the other struck

which felled him. He was dazed

ray to the hospital.

Most Unexpectedly.

The Wholesale Price Cut Five St. John Wholesale Houses Attorney General Instructs Join in General Action.

RELATIONS ARE STRAINED

Difficulty is Between Wholesalers and Makers of Proprietary Medicines - Proprietary Medicine Firms Threaten to Establish Jobbing Departments - Canadian Drug Co. Interviewed.

tacies, a genueman prominently interested in the drug business said to a Star reporter today:

"The wholesale druggists have not as yet officially intimated that they will throw out proprietary articles that yield them a less profit than is involved un a rade discount of fifteen and five per cent from the retail list price, there are many important articles in the medicine line sold to the jobber upon a basis of ten per cent differential.

"The Wholesale Druggist Association is composed of all the wholesale drug firms of the dominion with the exception of Brown & Webb, of Halifex, and Leeming, Miles & Co., of this city.

"One of the manufacturers of proprietary medicines holds the view, that the action of the Wholesale Druggists' Association in intimating, as they have done, that they will not handle certain articles of their manufacture, constitutes an offence under the law; and I am in a position, the state, that this matter is under consideration by a prominent legal firm."

Several meetings of the Wholesale Drug Association have taken place at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto next Wednesday.

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The Proprietary Association are said in the wholesale trade should that combination finally determine to inaugurate a fight that will block the ordinary channels now employed in the discriber will be discussed. It will then rest with the individual proprietors to decide upon their, course with the wholesale trade should that combination finally determine to inaugurate a fight that will block the ordinary channels now employed in the discribers.

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medicines.

In the Proprietary Association there are
113 members, while there are in Canada
twenty-five wholesale drug firms. St. John Wholesalers Act.

St. John Wholesalers Act.

On interviewing the Canadian Drug Company yesterday, they said that they have been notified by the Canadian Wholesale Druggists' Association to discontinue the sale of all of Messrs. N. C. Polson & Co.'s goods on and after January 6. This order they have complied with and intend turning down all orders for goods manufactured by this firm with the exception of Putnam's Corn Extractor, on which the manufacturers allow the wholesale druggists what they consider a fair working profit.

The Canadian Drug Company considers that the action of the Canadian Wholesale Druggists' Association in the matter; is correct, and meets with the approval of all the members. It is understood that the other two wholesale drug houses here have taken the same stand in the matter, as they are members of the wholesale association. ted the attention of Harvey Brown and Mr. Tilton, and they assisted the injured man into Mr. Tilton's house, where Dr. Wheeler attended to the injured head, it

## MASONIC INSTALLATION AT WOODSTOCK, N. B.

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 8—The officers of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, F. & A. M., were installed into office on Thursday evening, Jan. 7th, by E. L. Hagerman, P. D. D. G. M., as follows:
John McKenzie, W. M. Rev. G. D. Ireland, S. W. George W. Gibson, J. W. Rev. G. A. Ross, Chaplain.
Williamson Fisher, Treasurer.
Donald Munro, Secretary.
D. Wood Kyle, S. D.
Dr. G. B. Manzer, J. D.
E. W. Mair, S. S. E. W. Mair, S. S. J. F. Tilley, J. S. Dr. W. N. Hand, D. of C. Dr. M. G. McLean, I. G.

Weddings.

Burns-Downing. On Thursday at the church of St. Joh

Baptist the wedding took place of Miss Agnes Bridget Burns, third daughter of Martin Burns, of Duke street, and Michael Martin Burns, of Duke street, and Michael Hazen Downing. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. F. Chapman. The bride looked charming in white with a black picture hat and was accompanied by her sister. Miss Josephine Burns, as bridesmaid. The groom was supported by Andrew Duffy. Among the presents which were numerous and handsome was a ring set with pearls, the groom's present to set with pearls, the groom's the bride, and the bridesman set with pearls, the groom's present to the bride, and the bridesmand was also the recipient of a ring set, ith opals as a memento from the groom of the

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## Ice-bound Winter Ports

for, but when she arrived it was to make that her son was dead and in the first of the request of triends that an inquest be held, and as they feel that the one was such as to call for investigation, Attorney General Pugsley has ordered the inquest Coroner Berryman has selected the following jury: B. R. Macaulay, W. G. Scovil, J. E. Secord, A. R. Campbell, LeB. Wilson, R. C. Clarke, David Westson papers. A week ago last Saturday, for instance, twelve coal barges came to anchor off shore at East Boston. These vessels only take provisions enough with them for

> for supplies.
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> On-the coast of Maine, every port from Eastport to Portland has been ice-bound, and shipping practically at a stand-still. Even in Portland there has been much trouble on account of the ice.
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> In St. John harbor there has not been

by highwaymen Friday evening. He states that he was walking in the road on his way to Carleton, and was passed by two men, one of whom spoke to him. He had gone only a short distance and was near enough ice to make a raft for a sea-gull, and vessels come and go as usual. If they want to be frozen in they must go farther Our friends of the transportation commission have come at an opportune time to set at rest any lingering doubts that may have existed with regard to the effect of winter weather on the shipping business of this port. As for our friends to the south, when they sigh for a sight of open water, they have only to travel overland to the nearest railway and come through to St. John. They may leave their skates at home. The skating down here is done on rinks, made for the purpose. The harbor is entirely devoted to trade and navigation, twelve months in the year. head, which relied him. He was dazed for a few moments, but grappled with his assailants, and called loudly for help. The two men then ran away. His cries attrac-

Wheeler attended to the injured nead, it being necessary to put in a number of stitches to close the wound.

Mr. Donovan, in describing the men, says that one was large and stout and wore a reefer and cap, while the offman was younger and slight. Mr. Don while the other Mrs. Ferguson—"George, what particular failing of yours did the preacher touch on in dis sermon this morning?". Mr Ferguson—"What do you ask me that question for?" Mrs. Ferguson—"Benguse you have been as cross a bear ever slace you came home from charter." van had about \$60 in his pocket and thinks the men are not strangers and were after The matter has been reported to the

Chase-Mullaly.

At the M. E. parsonage, Hasbrou Heights (N. J.), Wednesday evening, Dec 30, 1903, by the Rev. Alfred Evans, Arthur L. Chase, of Railway (N. J.), was married to Grace M. Mullaly, daughter of the lat-Arthur Mullaly, of North End. The par sonage was prettily decorated for the oc-casion. Many beautiful presents were re-ceived from relatives and friends. Mr.

Railway (N. J.)

Barnum-Collings. Marysville, Jan. 7—At the First Baptist church in Lowell on Jan. 6, Miss Maud Collings, daughter of Mrs. James Collings, of Marysville, was led to the altar by Ernest J. Barnum, formerly of Adam (Mass.), but now of Lowell. After a short bridal trip, the happy couple will be at home to friends at 78 Bridge street, Lowell (Mass.)

Davison-McGorman.

The marriage was solemnized at the Russ Hotel, Summerside, on Jan. 5th, of Rev. Roland Davison, of Tyne Valley, to Miss M. McGorman, of Albert county (N. B.) Rev. Dr. Smith was the officiating clergyman. Mr. and Mrs. Davison left by the noon train for their home at Tyne Valley. I'vne Valley.

P. F. Island News.

The annual statement of the Merchants Rank of P. E. Island is most favorable he profits showing an increase over las year. After paying two semi-annual dividends of 4 per cent each the rest account was increased by over \$60,000 and now stands at \$266,000.

Thursday's Charlottetown Guardian ays: "Yesterday was a warm day for the he number being mulcted in \$100 fine and another in \$200, the latter for a second offence. Costs of court and the re money if it fails to oure. taining fees for three lawyers are to be touch is on each box. 350 paid as well as fines."

Body of Halifax Locomotive Fireman. Who Lost Life Saturday, Taken

yard engine at Brownville Junction on the C. P. R., was killed early Saturday mornage and unmarried. The body was for-

expected that the usual supply would be sent out. But there was so much ice between them and the shore that no small craft could get through it. From Saturday until last Thursday the seventy-fivemen on these vessels waited in vain, and for the last forty-eight hours they were on half rations or less. Then they hoisted signals of distress. Three tugboats forced a way out to them, and on learning of their starving condition, steamed back to town for supplies.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

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Samples of Black Dress Siks, at 96c, \$1.00, 1.10, 1.16 to \$2.00 per yard.

Black Silks for Waists, 450, 6c. to Colored Taffeta Silks, 75c. an 900 per yard; and Fancy Waisting Silks, 40c. to 100 per yard.

Having made special purchases for Christmas Trade, and giving this notice in good season, any who propose making gifts of Black Silk Dress Pattern; Black or Fance Silk for Waists, etc., can, by return of mail after receipt on their request, have our samples. We only ask that they be put in comparison with any house in Canada.

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worth and value. Please mention The Telegraph when you write.