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AFTER ALBERT COUNTY LIBERAL OFFICE HOLDER

Strong Effort to Oust Alex. Rogers, Registrar of Deeds

POLITICS ONLY CAUSE

Prescott and Dickson Want It, Government Formally Recommend It to Lieut.-Governor, But Blow Has Not Fallen—Have Successor Picked

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 17.—The axe has been raised on high for some days to strike off the political head of Alex. Rogers, ex-M. P., and present registrar of deeds for Albert county, but the blow has not fallen, and Mr. Rogers continues to carry on the duties of his position in the local government service.

In line with action taken by Conservatives elsewhere in the province relative to Liberal office holders, it is understood that Messrs. Prescott and Dickson, the M. P. P.'s for Albert county, have recommended the dismissal of Mr. Rogers on the ground of partizanship, and that Mr. Hazen and his government have agreed and made the formal recommendation to the lieutenant-governor.

This was some days ago but, as stated, Mr. Rogers is still carrying on the work of his position. His offence, in the eyes of Mr. Hazen and his followers, is that he is a Liberal and therefore, though Mr. Hazen has to thank many Liberals for his position as premier, he has no right to continue in office. Again, somebody else wants Mr. Rogers' place and it is said that a son of C. A. Peck of Albert county might slip into it if Mr. Rogers were dismissed.

The matter has, so it was said today, aroused a good deal of feeling where it has become known as nothing has been brought against Mr. Rogers to warrant the action taken by the Albert members and the government, his dismissal being asked for purely for partizan reasons.

STEAMER STANLEY ON SUMMERSIDE-TORMENTINE ROUTE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 16—After considerable agitation among the shippers of Summerside with Hon. Joseph Read in the lead, supported by J. W. Richards, M. P., and Premier Haszard, the department of marine ordered the steamer Stanley to run between Summerside and Tormentine to relieve the congestion of freight developed at the former place on the withdrawal of the Empress to Charlottetown.

She will carry freight and passengers until ordered back to Charlottetown to run in conjunction with the Minto on the Pictou route when the Steam Navigation Company's boats now running will give up the service.

Shephard and MacDonald, the two jail breakers, were tried at the magistrate's court today and sent up to the Supreme Court.

SAYS SEAGRAM IS TO GET HIS HORSES IN

A Toronto despatch states that Joseph Seagram, of Waterloo, the horseman who had a number of his string in Kentucky and was prevented from bringing them into Canada owing to the embargo, has found a way out of the difficulty. It is asserted that arrangements have been made for the animals to be examined in Kentucky as to their freedom from disease and then placed in sealed cars, which will not be opened till the Canadian border has been passed. The authorities at Ottawa are said to have agreed to the proposal.

Peter Clinch, who acted as agent for the New Brunswick government in purchasing horses in Kentucky for breeding purposes, was asked about this. He replied that if Mr. Seagram could get his animals through there should be no objection to allowing the local government's horses in also. No definite arrangement, however, had been made with the federal government up to the present.

HON. SYDNEY FISHER'S ETIQUETTE IS ALL RIGHT

Montreal, Dec. 15—Some days ago a Canadian Associated Press despatch from London, gave currency to a rumor from Rome that Hon. Sydney Fisher, Canadian minister of agriculture, had committed a breach of international etiquette by officially calling upon the pope before waiting upon the king. How the report gained circulation is not known, for it was entirely erroneous.

Private letters received in the city state that Mr. Fisher, as first vice-president of the International Agricultural Congress, waited on the king at the head of a deputation from the congress, on Nov. 27, and on the 28th, the next day, paid an official visit to the pope.

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SEEKING DOCTOR FOR WIFE WHEN HE WENT THROUGH ICE TO DEATH

Sad Fate of Hiram E. Lasquie of Holderville—Was Crossing River.

Bedford, Holdersville, Dec. 11—While crossing the St. John river at this place Hiram E. Lasquie met with a very sad and tragic death by drowning. He was going for the doctor for his wife, who has been very ill, and had almost reached the opposite shore just above Pitt's wharf when, without a moment's warning, he was plunged into the icy water. He cried for help but in vain.

A few hours later his body was recovered by a grappling party composed of Amos B. Day, Roy M. Kirk, Elmer Donville and Herbert Middleton. Coroner J. B. Gilchrist gave permission for the body to be removed to his home.

Mr. Lasquie was a highly respected resident and farmer of Holderville. He was born there in 1854 and made that place his home. Those who survive him are his wife, who was Jannie Whelpley, daughter of the late Daniel Whelpley, of Long Reach; seven daughters and one son, namely—Mrs. Edward Williams, 387 Haymarket Square; Mrs. Stanley Belbin, 5 Harris street, St. John; Misses Pearl, Myrtle, Wessella, Blanche, Evelyn and Harold at home; also five grandchildren and four brothers—Charles R., of Yarmouth (N.S.); George W., of Fort Montgomery (N. Y.); David, of Easton (Me.), and Melbourne J. (carpenter), St. John. Four nephews and five nieces also survive beside a large circle of sorrowing friends and relatives. The funeral will take place on Monday, the 14th inst., interment in the family burying ground.

THIEVES CUT HOLE THROUGH SIDE OF SUMMER CAMP

Place at Loch Lomond Entered, and Contents Stolen; Took Even the Stove.

Another story of destruction and robbery at a summer camp has just been reported. A camp at Loch Lomond used by a number of city residents was entered recently and looted.

Sometime before, though the doors and windows were all securely barred, the place was broken into, and in a new way. The thieves climbed to the roof, knocked over the chimney and made entry. To prevent a repetition, a grating was put on but this did not bar the thieves for on the second visit they deliberately broke thir way through the side of the building. They stole all they could get, even the stove.

BLIZZARD RAGING IN NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 16.—The worst blizzard experienced in Newfoundland for many years has been raging for forty-eight hours and heavy damage has been done to fishing vessels, a number of which have been blown ashore at various points.

No loss of life has yet been reported but it is feared that several schooners have been blown to sea or sunk. Traffic on land is at a standstill.

OBITUARY

John Howard.

John Howard, of the North End, died on Monday afternoon after a lingering illness, aged fifty years. Mr. Howard was formerly employed as traveler with Waterbury & Rising, and latterly with a shoe firm in Nova Scotia. In his younger days he was a sprinter of more than local repute. He was a son of the late David and Anne Howard. He is survived by two brothers, David and William, both of this city.

Miss Blanche Durant.

Hampton Village, Dec. 15.—Miss Blanche Durant, of this village, who has been quite ill for a couple of years, passed peacefully away on Friday, aged twenty-seven years. Besides a widowed mother, she leaves three brothers and five sisters. The sisters and one brother are in the States, one brother is at home here and one resides in Amherst. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. E. J. Grant, assisted by Rev. Geo. Howard. The service was at the house and the burial took place at the Norton Baptist burial ground. Her mother, Mrs. A. Durant, wishes to thank the many kind friends and neighbors who were so attentive through her daughter's illness and since her sad bereavement. Much sympathy is extended to the sorrowing family.

Thomas Ross.

Thomas Ross, for many years an employe of the Portland Rolling Mills, died on Tuesday after a lengthy illness. He was aged fifty-four years. He lived at 94 Sheriff street. Mr. Ross is survived by his wife, two sons, three daughters, two brothers and one sister.

Mrs. David Coleman of Norton.

Mrs. Mary A. Coleman, widow of David Coleman, of Norton, died Wednesday at her residence in that place, aged forty-nine years. Mrs. Coleman, who was well known and highly respected, had been in poor health for about three weeks. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Bridget Carroll, of Norton, and one brother, Thomas McGloan, of Indiantown.

Charles R. Read.

Charles Raymond Reed died Wednesday in the Home for Incurables, aged 74 years. He was a son of the late Capt. Thomas Reed, formerly harbor master here and a brother of the late Thomas Reed at one time mayor of the city and later county treasurer. The deceased was for a long time in the drug business with his brother but after the fire of 1877 he went to New York and later established himself in business in Brooklyn, where he married. His wife died several years ago and three or four years ago Mr. Reed came to St. John and last summer entered the Home of Incurables. When a resident of this city he was a prominent member of No. 5 volunteer fire company and of the Peters Battery of Artillery, and a leading citizen of a generation now rapidly passing away. Old friends will entertain pleasant recollections of him and will regret to learn of his death.

WEDDINGS

Wilson-Armstrong.

A very pretty wedding took place at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at 59 Mecklenburg street, when Miss Nellie Armstrong, o'clock this afternoon at 59 Mecklenburg street, when Miss Nellie Armstrong, daughter of Mrs. Minnie Armstrong, and the late Andrew Armstrong, was united in marriage to Dr. J. C. Wilson, of Hartford (Conn.)

The bride, who was gowned in white silk, with veil, was attended by Miss Sybil Mahoney as bridesmaid, and Frank Wilson, brother of the groom, was best man.

After a dainty luncheon the newly married couple left on the Montreal train for a trip through upper Canadian and United States cities before taking up their residence in Hartford.

Many very handsome gifts in china, cut-glass, silverware, and furniture, etc., attest to the popularity of the young couple.

Hilson-McCracken.

Wednesday at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McCracken, 171 Chesley street, their daughter, Margaret Catherine, was united in marriage to Samuel R. Hilson, of Saskatchewan. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. J. J. McCaskill of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, Douglas Avenue. A. Victor Lee presided at the organ.

Thorne-McDonah.

Miss Essie Pearl McDonah was married Wednesday morning at the residence of her parents to Talmage A. Thorne, of Bellenden (N. B.) The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. Howard. Miss Ethel McDonah, sister of the bride, played the wedding march. A wedding breakfast was served. The happy couple left on the I. C. R. for a tour through the maritime provinces.

Sime-Stewart.

Miss Minnie E. Stewart was married to Robert S. Sime Wednesday morning by Rev. A. B. Cohoe at the home of the bride's parents, 86 Wall street. The bride was given away by her father, Charles W. Stewart. She was unattended. The wedding was witnessed by intimate friends of the couple. After a breakfast at the bride's home, Mr. and Mrs. Sime left for Boston and New York. The bride wore a navy blue traveling suit with hat to match. The groom is well known in the maritime provinces. He is a representative of the Guelph Carpet Mills. After their wedding trip the happy couple will reside at 160 Norfolk street, Guelph (Ont.)

Armstrong-Bishop.

Annapolis, N. S., Dec. 16—(Special)—The Baptist church here was today the scene of a very interesting event, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Lulu Clarke Bishop to Bayard Marshall Armstrong, the popular representative of T. H. Estabrooks, of St. John. The bride was very prettily attired in a brown costume with hat to match, and looked charming. They were unattended.

The church was very prettily decorated for the occasion by friends of the bride, among which she is very popular, and presented a very nice appearance. The couple stood under a bell during the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. D. L. Smithson, the pastor, in the presence of a large number of spectators. After the ceremony the happy couple were driven to the station where they boarded the east bound express on a wedding tour which will include Halifax, St. John and other cities.

The presents were numerous and costly and were not only from friends here but also from St. John, California and other places and included a music cabinet from the Baptist congregation, of which she was for a long period organist; a silver set from the firm of T. H. Estabrooks; silverware, glassware and many useful presents, showing the esteem in which she is held by all. The wedded couple, after a stay in St. John, will return here where they will reside.

Inch-Gilbert.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 17—(Special)—Leonard Inch, a well known hockey player of Marysville, was married at his home last evening to Miss Lena Gilbert. Rev. J. C. Berrie performed the ceremony in the presence of forty invited guests.

Marshall-Dunlop.

Capt. W. R. Marshall, who spent some time in this city as deputy staff adjutant of District No. 8 but has since retired from the service, was married on December 5 in Hamilton (Ont.) to Miss Elizabeth McCallum Dunlop, of that city. Captain and Mrs. Marshall will make their home in Hamilton.

McDougall-Lawson.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17—(Special)—Lawrence Gordon McDougall and Miss May Lawson were the principals in a pretty wedding which took place at the Park street church last evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Murdock Mackinnon. The bride, who was unattended, was gowned in a navy blue travelling suit, her hat in keeping with the costume. She carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses, hyacinths and maidenhair fern. The parents of the groom, who had come from Truro for the occasion, were present, together with a few intimate friends. Mr. McDougall is a traveller for the firm of A. & W. Mackinlay, of this city, and the bride is one of St. John's fair daughters. The newly married couple left on the 8.50 train for their wedding trip and on their return will take rooms at the Carleton House for the winter.

(Halifax Herald.)

L. G. McDougall, one of A. and W. Mackinley's travellers, was the object of a pleasing presentation at the Carleton House last night, the occasion being his marriage, which is to take place this evening, the bride being Miss M. M. Lawson, of St. John. An informal gathering was convened in the parlor and a short address of hearty good wishes tendered to Mr. McDougall on behalf of the management and guests of the house. The presentation was made by John W. Regan, and Mr. McDougall briefly responded, thanking his friends for their surprise party. A number of songs followed, winding up with "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," "Auld Lang Syne," and three cheers and a tiger. Among those who sang were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cleveland, William Prior and Bert Lewis, and George Donaldson, of Boston, and Joseph Kilcoyne, of Springfield, Mass. The affair ended with a serenade.

The people like "Salada" not alone for its superior flavor and drawing qualities, but because they know it to be absolutely clean and healthy, prepared and put up by machinery without the contamination of human handling.

A shipment of 680 head of cattle was placed on the Kastalia Monday for Glasgow. Secretary Wetmore of the S. P. C. A., was especially pleased at the manner in which the work was done.

The sleepy little old municipality of Alderburg not only enjoys the distinction of being the first town in England to elect a woman mayor, but during the past few days it has contained the first woman elected and, as her guest, the first woman nominated mayor.

LOCAL NEWS

Sussex residents are complaining of the continual tardiness of the Sussex train to and from St. John.

Dealers in horses at Summerside have had a profitable year and some animals are still being shipped.

H. N. Stevens has severed his connection with Douglas & Co., of Amherst and left for the west on Monday.

Rev. S. W. Cummings will preach his farewell sermon on Dec. 27 and will leave the same week for Lowell, Mass.

Indications are for a good winter's work at the Springhill Mines. Large shipments are made daily and the collieries are working full time.

The tug Helena of the Public Works Department arrived in Sydney on Monday She will tow the dredges and barges along the coast.

Mayor Mills of Sussex will not seek re-election at the civic contests on June 5th but practically all of the old aldermen are in the field again.

False alarms of fire are becoming numerous in Sussex and if the miscreant is apprehended the maximum penalty will probably be imposed.

Saturday night's storm did much damage at North Sydney. Early in the evening the electric lighting failed, and the town was in darkness.

William McKenzie a pattern maker in the Amherst Foundry Co. had one hand jammed into a planer Saturday and the ends of four fingers cut off.

An infant daughter of Oscar Roach of Sussex swallowed some water in which a strychnine pill had been left, last week and was taken ill. The little one is now recovering.

The inquest into the death of George Turnbull, whose body was found on the I. C. R. track near Salt Springs, last Friday, was resumed at Oxford on Monday, and adjourned until Saturday.

The Turret Bell is now in 7 1-2 feet of water at low tide. Owing to the lateness of the season the steamer will remain in her position until spring when she will be removed. One man will live aboard all winter.

Gloucester Mass. dealers are of the opinion that the price of lobsters will decrease with the arrival of the lobsters from the lower provinces. The season for importation of lobsters from these provinces began yesterday.

A. T. McCarthy, superintendent of the Cape Breton Electric Company, has severed his connection with the road and will assume the position of general manager of the Levis County Electric Railway, 12 miles of electric line.

Nine Amherst physicians have removed the Cumberland company's telephones from their offices. In a statement to the press of the town they claim they have no grievance against the company, and assign no reason for their act.

The schooner Clifford May, with coal, lost her rail, boats and davets and drifted up the harbor, and the schooner Laura B. went ashore near midnight on a beach. She was laden with coal and oats from Glace Bay for Bras d'Or Lake ports.

At a meeting of the citizens of Summerside on Saturday night a wire was sent to the marine department strongly urging the detailing of the S. S. Stanley to Summerside to transfer 72 cars of perishible freight now in the open at the wharves to the mainland.

The schooner Happy-Go-Lucky is in bad luck. She was bound up Montague River with a load of coal, got caught by the ice moving down and was driven ashore on the north side of the river. She is not in a dangerous position and, it is thought, can easily be floated. The schooner is owned by Capt. Allan, of Montague.

The ladies committee of the Protestant Orphan Asylum will be grateful for any donations for the Christmas trees which are an annual event looked forward to with much interest by those in the institution who are now forty in number—fifteen girls and twenty-five boys. Contributions may be sent to any member of the committee or to the institution in Britain street.

The steamer Minto left Charlottetown Monday at eleven o'clock for Pictou with the mails and passengers, but after going a short distance outside the harbor was obliged to return on account of the snowstorm. Off Governor's Island she sighted the schooner Jessen jammed in the ice and took her in tow, reaching port about one o'clock. The schooner was bound to Charlottetown from Sydney with a cargo of coal.

On appeal the previous judgment for the defendant company in the case of Patrick vs. Empire Mining Co., of Maccan, has been upheld by the full court at Halifax. The suit arose over land in dispute purchased by the plaintiff when he was manager of the mine. The company was willing to pay for the land but declined to recompense the ex-manager for development operations as the firm was hostile to the purchase originally.

The will of the late George B. Burland, of Charlottetown, president of the British American Bank Note Co., has been probated in Toronto. The Ontario estate consists of $478,772.15, of which $13,900 is in the Albion Hotel at Ottawa, and $401,324 invested in stocks. The residue, $397,772.15, goes to Lt. Col. Jeffrey Hale Burland, son, Montreal; Henrietta Rae Burland, widow of George C. Stephens, London; and Clarissa Jane Burland, daughter, wife of Henry M. Ami, Ottawa, in equal shares. In addition, these latter three receive in equal share the whole of the Quebec part of the estate, which is estimated at several millions. Dr. John A. McPhail, of Montreal, his son-in-law, gets $50,000.

At Charlottetown on Friday the Anti-Tuberculosis Society was re-organized. Judge Fitzgerald was elected honorary president. He favored the beginning of a dispensary and this was looked upon favorably. One hundred dollars was donated for the purpose by Judge Fitzgerald. Jas. Paton and W. F. Tidmarsh newly elected vice-presidents and Dr. S. R. Jenkins a director, in twenty-five dollar subscriptions. The provincial government has offered to grant $300 toward the society to aid in financing its projects. Dr. Johnson wanted all meats and vegetables offered for sale to be inspected, also the medical inspection of schools and instructing the children in hygiene and a dispensary. A motion was passed favoring the medical inspector of schools and children. Dr. McRae of McGill may address a public meeting in Charlottetown in the near future and bring with him his tubercular exhibit. Another meeting of the society was held on Saturday night.

The Indians at Lennox Island lost many smelt nets in the recent gales.

The fish hatchery at Georgetown is almost completed. Its dimentions are 70x30.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Leonard Smith, of Sussex, was registred at the Victoria Thursday.

Mrs. West, of Sydney, who was convicted of a liquor violation, will serve thirty days in jail.

The schooner M. Finlayson, wrecked on Cow Bay beach, near Halifax, has broken up in the recent gales.

The R. T. Holman Co., Ltd., at Summerside enjoy the reputation of having the biggest store on the island.

A building on Main street, Louisburg, was gutted by fire on Sunday night. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

The general store of Young & Neville, at Bridgeport, was burglarized last week, the thieves securing much booty.

Miss Amy Palmer, who resides in Middle Sackville, celebrated her 94th birthday on Dec. 5.

Cumberland county lumbermen are meeting with wild cats in the pursuance of their labors in the woods.

Joseph Weir, aged 80, was found dead last week on the beach at Smith's Cove from heart disease.

The Halifax public gardens have been closed after an excellent season, and one in which many improvements have been made.

The Elder-Dempster liner Sokoto, due at Halifax on Friday., from Progresso, Spain, has a cargo of 2,000 boxes of fruit, 4,2000 bales of sisal and other articles.

The lightship Anticosti, is on the marine railway at Halifax for repairs to her hull. The odd craft is a sight for the curious.

Rev. R. A. Armstrong, rector of Trinity church, is expected to arrive home with his bride on Saturday. He will preach in Trinity on Sunday next.

Rev. C. F. Rideout, of Wolfvme (N. S.), is registered at the Clifton en route to his home in Carleton county for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Nettie Ross, formerly of Charlottetown, will be married to a resident of the Hawaii Islands in Boston in the near future.

The wrecked schooner Della F. Tarr, which ran ashore on Meagher's beach, has been towed to Dartmouth and will be put in good condition again.

On Monday a drunken man entered the Vendome Hotel at North Sydney and after locking himself in one of the rooms broke everything in sight.

The schooner Robin Hood commanded by Captain Stillman Malone of Yarmouth and owned in Eastport is ashore at Birchy Cove, Nfld.

A consignment of goldfish and canaries for the Halifax Seed Co., is detained on the border in compliance with embargo regulations. Evidently the embargo is far-reaching.

Two Centreville young men drove to Hartland a few nights ago and on the journey the horse ran away and demolished the sleigh, throwing both occupants out.

The laying of water pipes for the new water system at New Aberdeen, C. B. has begun and if the material arrives this week the work will be completed very soon.

In the recent storms the railway bridge at Mira Gut, C. B., owned by the Sydney & Louisburg Railroad was partially washed away. Temporary repairs have been made.

The Port Elgin stores and other public places are being lighted with acetylene and an agitation is on foot to have the town lighted by acetylene or electric light.

Capt. Milne of the Curlew has seen what is believed to be part of a sunken iron vessel close to the Keat shoal between Three Islands, Grand Manan and Gannet Rock, in 12 fathoms of water.

A meeting of the South African veterans in connection with the land grants has been called for Jan. 5. It is asked that all attend this meeting as an effort will be made to have matters relative to the land grants disposed of then.

The Boston train Thursday brought a large number of Normal School students returning for the Christmas holidays. The station was a lively place on the arrival of the train, there being many friends and relatives present to meet the students.

Liquor Inspector Forbes, of North Sydney, who was dismissed by the town council for preferring information for violations against Mayor Kelly, who was subsequently acquitted, has refused to resign. At a recent meeting the council approved the court's decision in finding the mayor guiltless.

After battling desperately with the elements, the schooner Nereid, capt. Patten, with a cargo of herring from Grand Banks Nfld. to Halifax, succeeded in putting into Lousburg harbor on Monday for refuge. In the storm her foresail was torn to atoms, her jolly boat smashed and other mishaps inflicted.

Robt. L. Morrison died Thursday evening at his home, 13 Orange street, after five weeks' illness. Mr. Morrison was forty-one years of age, a member of the Carpenters' Union. He is survived by his wife, three sisters and one brother, James. He was the youngest son of the late James and Jane Morrison.

It is expected that the tug Alert which arrived in Summerside last Wednesday with a cargo of coal has been the last craft to enter that port for the year. She was outside the port for eight hours owing to the ice, but followed in the wake of the steamer Empress through the broken path when the steamer arrived on her regular trip.

J. E. Porter's general store at Andover, which was destroyed by fire last Tuesday, is insured for $2,500, but the stock is only partially insured, therefore a heavy loss is the result. E. Sloat, whose pool room was gutted in an adjacent building, had $500 insurance. A defective flue caused the fire.

It is considered that the Summerside town council made a grevious mistake last week in selling the town team of horses, as the truckman who was engaged to haul the hose cart to fires did not hear the fire bell and failed therefore to respond leaving the town without adequate protection from a conflagration. It is likely that another team will be purchased.

The price of smelts along the North Shore is two cents per pound and the catches are reported heavy. A. & R. Loggie and Richard O'Leary are the only firms buying.

George H. Rennie, who was born in Douglastown is visiting his uncles in Truro. Rennie was a member of the famous Canadian lacrosse team which toured the old country last fall. He is on the New Westminister aggregation.

The storm of Saturday and Sunday raged particularly at Guysboro. A yacht owned by Allister Fraser, son of Governor Fraser, which was moored in the harbor, was driven ashore on a beach, where she lies badly damaged.

The Amherst horsemen are awaiting eagerly the beginning of ice racing. Joe Patchen, Jr., and Guy Nova are now owned in the town and other fast ones are being negotiated for the free-for-all classes. New Year's Day will start the winter meets.

The Lynch Brothers, Dolan Co. Limited have acquired the baking business of the Sydney Baking Co., at Sydney for in the neighborhood of $30,000. The new owners have branches in almost every town in Cape Breton.

The adjourned case of Seymour vs Gregory for personation came up at the Charlottetown police court Thursday morning. Mr. McLean, counsel for the prisoner, asked for an adjournment for one week to enable him to procure a material witness who is at present on his way from the United States. Request granted and prisoner remanded for one week.

Roy F. Newell, who, it is alleged, on Tuesday secured the pay of two Springhill men employed by the Cumberland Railway & Coal Company, through forged orders, and who later was captured at Vanceboro, was brought here Thursday on the Boston train in charge of a Springhill police officer. Newell's wife was with him. They went out to Springhill on the late train.

Court La Tour, I. O. F., has elected the following officers: J. A. Stephenson, C. R.; M. E. Grass, P. C. R.; F. Arnold, V. C. R.; E. J. Todd, R. S.; F. T. Murphy, F. S.; Dr. J. Manning, treasurer; C. W. Greenslade, orator; H. P. Welsford, S. W.; O. G. McQuaid, J. W.; W. E. Mills, S. B.; H. F. Tennant, J. B.; J. M. Scovil, C. D. H C. R.; Dr. L. A. McAlpine, physician; M. E. Grass, A. A. Wilson, finance committee; Geo. Bates, L. S. Peters, trustees.

Speaking about the report that he was about to be called to a church in Yarmouth, Rev. David Hutchinson said Thursday that as far as he knew there was no foundation for it. He said that Rev. Mr. Rose, pastor of the Baptist church in Yarmouth, had been called to the pulpit in Brantford church which he (Rev. Mr. Hutchinson) had occupied for fifteen years. Rev. Mr. Hutchinson was in Yarmouth on Sunday last lecturing to the Y. M. C. A.

The Charlottetown firemen subdued a bad blaze on Friday evening in Cameron's hardware store. A clerk went down cellar and dropped a lighted match on the sawdust, which was saturated with various oils. Immediately the place was aflame and the firemen had a difficult time to extinguish the fire among the barrels and kegs of petroleum, turpentine, sperm oil, paint oil and machine oil. The fumes were suffocating, but in an hour the fire was extinguished. The loss is partially insured.

The Cobler-Sexton Mining Co., at a recent meeting at Woodstock, made arrangements to dispose of sufficient stock to brokers to enable the shaft to be extended to the cross-cut, now only ten feet away. If it is a fact, as stated by experts, that the iron deposits on the North Shore, are the largest in bulk yet found in Canada, then there is no reason why the Colber-Sexton situated in a mountain of mineralized ore may not prove to be the best paying copper mine in Canada.

The interior of Hickman's Hall at Dorchester, used for moving picture shows, ignited mysteriously recently, but when the janitor arrived on the scene the blaze had been subdued by some unknown party and nothing but smoke remained. The power was not on at the time of the fire, which absolves the wires from being a probable cause. The canvas and part of the stage was burned and despite enquiries, no new developments have occurred which would indicate the origin of the extinguishing of the fire.

The big oil tank steamer Luxe, which put into Halifax on Monday, en route from Dunkirk to Philadelphia resumed her voyage on Tuesday. The Luxe is a sister steamship of the tank steamer Oriflamme, which was towed, disabled, into Halifax last week. The Standard Oil Company's tug Richmond, now in Halifax, will tow the Oriflamme to Newport News. The oil could not be transferred from the Oriflamme to the Luxe, as the former carries refined oil and the Luxe crude oil, therefore the propellor and tail shaft could not be fitted on the Oriflamme.

Arthur Flynn an officer on the U. S. transport Kilpatrick who wedded Miss McNeil, a nurse, who saved his life, and whose marriage occurred on Sept. 1 and was divulged only last week, is a son of Marshal Flynn of Charlottetown. Miss MacNeil belongs to Brooklyn. She kept her husband waiting seven years before she would give him a definite answer to his proposal. In 1898 the bride nursed him back to health while he was ill on the hospital ship Relief then lying at a Brooklyn wharf.

Miss Jane McIlwraith, of Salibury, is said to have had a wonderful dream, shortly after her brother died at Englehart, near Cobalt, in Northern Ontario, where he had been working in the silver mines for two years. In her dream she saw her brother's apparition and he spoke to her, informing her of his death. As the family lived in an isolated district it was several days before they communicated with persons in Englehart by wire. In due time a telegram arrived stating that Joseph McIlwrith had succumbed to pnemonia the day the sister had the dream and had left $1,500. The date of his death was Nov. 24, and the body was buried in Englehart. Last week a brother, Robert, went to the mining region, and after disinterment the body was conveyed to Salisbury, where it arrived on Saturday, and on Monday the funeral was held.

While residents of St. John are paying stiff prices for foodstuffs the Prince Edward Island prices are in a direct contrast. Butter is selling on the island at 22 to 30 cents; eggs 22 to 30 cents per dozen; ducks and turkeys, 10 cents per pound; pork 7 cents per pound; potatoes, 18 cents per bushel; chickens, 9 and 10 cents per pound; fowl, 6 cents per pound; beef by the quarter, 3 1-2 cents per pound, and turnips, 13 cents per bushel. Hay is worth $8.70 to $9 per ton, black oats 41 cents per bushel and white oats one cent less.

Ice is forming rapidly in Northumberland Strait. The captain of the steamer Empress reports large quantities between Point du Chene and Cape Egmont. Ice has been handicapping the steamer in entering Summerside harbor and also Point du Chene harbor. Summer navigation is almost at an end. Last season the Empress came to Charlottetown on New Year's Day on her final trip. The average closing of navigation since 1881 has been December 15. If Cape Tormentine had adequate facilities the steamers could dock there for some time. There are 30 cases of freight at Summerside awaiting transportation and it is possible that the S. S. Stanley will be placed on the Tormentine route for a few trips.

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WANT TO INCREASE EXPORTS OF CANADA

Here's the Circular Which Ottawa Department is Sending to Boards of Trade.

The Telegraph on Wednesday published a despatch from Ottawa to the effect that circulars were being issued from the department of trade and commerce to manufacturers and boards of trade throughout Canada, asking for suggestions as to increasing the exports of the dominion.

The circular reads as follows:

"I have the honor to inform you that with a view to the further extension of Canadian trade abroad, the department of trade and commerce desires to seek the co-operation and assistance of Canadian exporters and manufacturers. The undersigned, therefore, invites those interested to give the department the benefit of their views, with the hope that suggestions may be offered which will not only add to the usefulness of the department, but will tend to promote Canadian trade.

"The department therefore request that suggestions may be received to the following questions, after having been given due consideration:

"(a) What would you advise should be done to increase the export trade of Canada?

"(b) What improvement or change do you think desirable in the compilation of the trade statistics published by this department?

"(c) Can you suggest any improvement in the collection and publication of commercial information received from the trade commissioners?

"As far as possible the suggestion should be accompanied by statements showing the reasons therefor. Should there be any general information which it may be thought desirable to communicate to the department and which is not covered by the above questions, the information will be welcome."

The circulars bear the signature of F. C. T. O'Hara, deputy minister.

ESCAPED P. E. ISLAND HORSE THIEVES CAUGHT

Charlottetown, P. E. I. Dec. 15—(Special)—Clad in summer clothes without gloves or overcoat Joseph Shepherd and Charles Macdonald have been recaptured at Lot Forty, twenty six miles from the Queens county jail, where they escaped on Sunday night. Shepherd was caught just after entering a barn for the night and Macdonald after leaving another barn this morning. They were found in the locality where they committed the crimes of horse stealing and burglary which led to their imprisonment about three months ago.

Macdonald says that on Sunday at noon he was let out of his cell by the jailer to get a bucket of water. While he was away Shepherd slipped out in his sock feet got up stairs, secured the key of the cell, hid himself in the biscuit room till the coast was clear, then released Macdonald, leaving a ladder from the tool house in the yard they scaled the fence and made for the country, sleeping in barns and dining at farm houses. They had with them a big, old-fashioned muzzle loading horse pistol taken from the court room of the jail, and although it was empty they succeeded with it in frightening off some boys who had first discovered them in a barn at Lot Forty, they made no resistance when taken by the police officers sent out from Charlottetown.

Washington Policeman Suicides.

Washington, Dec .17.—Edward Hunt, a patrolman on the local force, committed suicide tonight by shooting himself. His only known relative is a brother, Patrick Hunt, of Portland (Me.) He was thirty-five years of age.

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