SERMON.

Old-Fashioned Honesty;

By The Rev. F. F. Shannon.

Frederick F. Shannon, pastor of Grace tell it not to shine, as to put a billion M. E. Church, preached on "Old Fash-dollar bribe over the eye of honesty ioned Honesty.' Jeremiah xvi.: 11: "As the partridge that gathereth young which she hath in New York to-day. Somewhere amid not brought forth, so is he that get this wilderness of skyscrapers, they teth riches, and not by right; in the boldly plotted to do honesty to death. midst of his days they shall leave him, But about the time they got the corpse and at his end he shall be a fool."

us to read again an ancient treatise school the prophet asks us to attend There is not a professor in it. Mistress Partridge is the sole proprietor, endowment fund is the cunning of the owner, and the curriculum is made up of cleverness and sharp practice. Comparatively speaking, the other birds follow a tame, hum-drum sort of life They know nothing of buying when the market is low, and selling when it is high. But Mistress Partridge is a veritable Wall Streeter. She knows the bulls and bears to a finish-yea, and al lthe calves and cubs thereof. In short, she is an advocate of race suicide, like certain women's clubs which ought to be clubbed out of existence. For while the other birds believe in naking a home and rearing a family, Mistress Partridge is so fashionable lady that she will have none of it. She has her own Fifth avenue in the mea-dow. And while she will tolerate little partridges in her brownstone front she does not believe in their entering through the regular channels. Therefore, with great cunning and artifice she scurries about and "gathereth young which she hath not brought forth." With much spludge and splut-ter she walks down the avenue, wearing a gown direct from the Paris of bird fashion, a hat done in all the colors of the rainbow, and shoes with heels to rival the height of the pillar of Simeon Stylites. As she passes along, the other birds-poor, old fashioned creatures!—scamper out of sight.
Look now at the other side of the Mistress Partridge steals a covey of birds and takes them home. She tries to convince herself that they pelong to her. In their name she endows a college, a hospital, a library, a church for other little partridges. their name she does mighty works, and her pastor preaches a sermon on "What hath Ged Wrought?" Meantime, the birdlings are growing, and a feeling of dissatisfaction steals over them. Then the bogus mother, having endeavored to make herself believe that she is their rightful owner, tries also to convince them that they belong to her. But she knows her argument does not home. Even while she talks, the shrewd birds begin to futter about. tum with an editor who preaches a doc-Mistress Partridge feels that her smuggled fledgellings are up to something—

sither planning a strike among the footmen or fomenting mutiny among the cooks. For ill-gotten things are al
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a man went to President Roosevelt and told him that a letter of his had been not force her against her will. handy. So when the old lady goes driving in the park next morning, plainly she is uncomfortable and greatly perplexed. She feels that she may come back and find her brownstone empty. Nor is she mistaken. Why, she had hardly got straightened up avenue before one little partridge said. Say, brothers and sisters, this old thing is not our mother. She puts on style and cuts a lot of fancy didos, but she is not what a mother ought to be. ething tells me that we don't belong to her.' And all the rest of the vey shout, "Hear! Hear!" "I know we have fine suroundings," the speaker centinues, "but somehow we don't feel at home here. I know we have a true owner and real mother somewhere, we all," comes a chorus of voices. And es-especially stolen riches-

"As the millionaire that gathereth gold which he hath not earned, he that getteth riches, and not by right. In the midst of is days they shall leave him, and at his end he shall be a fool!" While we are passing through this revival of old fashioned honesty—and while, also, it is passing through us, which is the important ng-it is a good time for us to pause and ask ourselves some questions. If we answer honestly and without requesting the assistance of the district attorney, I am sure the exercise will be piously beneficial to all of us, and, perhaps, to those of our fellow citizens who are now down at the mourner's ench, saying nothing of the great oud of witnesses who have already been there, or who are being invited

and she shall be a fool!

The first question is: Are there not some things upon which no improveruch a question might be considered stark impertinence. Some men imagine equal to putting out an improved edition of the Almighty. England is said to have had a man by the name of Lord who, in order to distinguish between his own lordliness and the Ruler of the Universe, pinched himself every time his name was pronounced. It is probable that some of Lord's descendants are now living in America. Nevertheless, the fact remains that the fires of righteousness, onesty, integrity, never go out. They they are little better than a painted fire. Like the monkey in the picture, men will even sit before a painted fire double force upon the head of the man for a time, but they won't shiver on forever. They wake up to the fact, as we are doing to-day, that the golden fire of old-fashioned honesty, kindled in the human breast by the breath of God, cannot be improved upon. In the twentieth centruy the man who sows wild oats may reap them with a "patent binder," but he will reap them-be sure of that! You might as well put a

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 17.-Rev. | one cent stamp over the June sun and The text was from and tell it not to look. If you don't be lieve it, ask anyone of a score of men laid out, and in the hands of themse While learning some striking lessons on new fashioned dishonesty, it is well discovered they had the livest corpse ves the undertakers, they suddenly New York has seen for many a day. on old fashioned honesty. It is an odd Bluntly speaking, honesty woke up and kicked them out of the top story. At first they may have been as optias the man who fell out of the eighteenth story of a building. As he darted by each window on his way down he called out, "All right so far!" I havethought it a pity that someone did not have the forethought to ask him, "But what about the sidewalk?" Mr. Maybell's cartoon on "The Pied Piper of Life Insurance," based upon Browning's "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," answers the question. In the distance is a group of well known buildings. The piper is on the highway to oblivion, followed by a gang of "rats," bearing a familiar label of "grafter."

> words: To blow the pipe his lips he wrinkled, And green and bille his sharp eyes

> Under the cartoon are Browning's

twinkled. And ere three notes his pipe had ut-

Out of the houses rats came tumb Great rats, small rats, lean rats,

brawny rats, Brown rats, black rats, grey rats, tawny rats, And step by step they followed him

Till they came to the river Weser, The "pied piper" happens to be Mr.

old-fashioned honesty has not yet had ioned seed, which always yields a mag-The second question is: What has again that gold without men is lustrebrought the value of old-fashioned honesty to the front during the past are valueless. Nothing makes trade so month? Someone suggests that the good as men who bear the trade-mark sends an interview with the Marquis editors, through strong and pointed edi- of God. When Hannibal surrounded Ito, who said it was his sincere desire torials, have done it. I am the last Rome with is army, naturally the Roman to depreciate the value of sound mans were despondent. But when news household of Korea and to promete editorial doctrine, of which, I am went forth that the ground upon which the happiness of the Kerean people. happy to know, there is abundance. In- he was camping had been sold in the deed, as we read their philippies on dis- Forum that morning for a good price, task of seeing that the provisions of henesty, one is tempted to ask, "Are the Carthaginians were terror-stricken, the editors also among the prophets?" while the citizens of the Eternal City out," said the Marquis. "We cannot One of our greatest editors, Dr. St. were greatly encouraged. The secret suddenly institute great reforms and Clair McKelway, said to the students of the transaction lay in the fact that must wait for national progress and of Yale some time ago, "In the final some public-spirited citizen believed development. Centuries of neglect assize all that we will hold in our dead in the ultimate triumph of Rome. And have rendered the education of the right hand will be that which we shall there are many public-spirited citizens, people very imperfect and difficult of have given away for the betterment of man in both worlds!" Surely a sanc- umph of New York. But they are would only increase Korean misunder. trine like that, and expounds the docbought nor intimidated.

lity. Still I do not helieve that the editors have brought the value of henesty to the front. Another suggests that our great President has done it. When he lets the "big stick" of his moral manhood fall upon the head of a scoundrel, after the culprit is thorugh seeing stars, he may read these words, "Ne crime calls for sterner reprobation than that of the corruptionist in public life. Freedom is not a gift that will tarry long in the hands of the dishenest, or of those so foolish as to tolerate dishonesty in their public servants." Another says that our educators have done it. Let that! President Butler, of Columbia Univeristy, speak for these gentlemen: "Just now the American people are receiving some plainful lessons in practical

tinction between character and reputation. Of late we have been watching they take unto themselves wings and reputations melt away like snow before fly away! In the midst of her days the sun." Yet I do not believe that the sun." Yet I do not believe that the educators are responsible for our they leave the false owner, and at her revival of civic righteousness. An-Say what we will, there is a striking other suggests that a thoroughly awakened pulpit has done it. One of our nce between the tricks of a foolish partridge and the tricks of a foremost weeklies contains a stirring foolish man. For could there be a more appropriate rendering of the text than It is indeed a sorry plight when a pul-It is indeed a sorry plight when a pul-

ethics. They are having brought home

to them, with severe emphasis, the dis-

pit, though its occupant, holds up the advertisement: "Wanted: A Brainy men and brawny morals make the pulpit a live institution; but brainless men and backboneless morals

make it a disgrace.

Notwithstanding the fact that the pulpit has come to itself, rejoicing in the reverberation of a moral earthquake, I do not believe that the pulpit has done it. I believe that the personal, living, reigning, eternal God has done it. I believe that the value of oldfashioned honesty has not been recently brought to the front. Honesty has been at the front for sixty centuries, when its message came from the flaming pulpit of Sinai, "Thou shalt not steal." The editors, the statesmen, the educators, the pulpit, are getting to the front because they are catching up with the principals of honesty! If we

had forgotten that the fires of Sinai are still hot, we are simply remembering anew that they burn on forever and ever. We are still camping before the mount. Some felks in the camp may be trembling more than others. If so, it is because they imagined they were toying with artificial fire when they were drinking flames. God may come in a thick cloud, that the people may hear Him when He speaks, He comes! God still has His third day when He comes down among the people, who get busy washing their gar-

ments! America is simply enjoying an old-fashioned wash day! The third question is: What is it that cannot be hidden, but reacts with who attempts to hide it? Now, this is spid had been heisted nearly to the top neither a conundrum nor a riddle, of the derrick when the new hoisting though the form of the question may gear parted and the heavy spud plung suggest both. In fact, the answer may el into the water between the dredge sound a little archaic to some, but at and the scow breaking ropes and chains the same time it is vibrant with the and sunk, head on, deep in the muddy voice of God, and should be written tottom. Luckly the workmen managed with a pen of iron, and with the point to get clear of the flying timber and from Bangor hotels, and before the of a diamond, in letters of living flame the accident will only incur a little upon the tablets of the soul! Young longer delay.

men, sin cannot be hidden! "Be sure your sin will find you out," it will find you in, it will find you up, and it will find you down! O Achan, the earth is not deep enough to hide your wedge of gold, nor the heavens broad enough to conceal your stolen silver! You saw them, you coveted them, you took them, you hid them. O Twentieth Century Achan, but in the valley of Achor, in the City of New York, they still burn

you with fire!

Before sin finds a man out, he may have brazen boldness, but disclosure makes him a craven coward. The editor is right: "What a pitiable picture these great financial giants make under investigation in courts of inquiry, squirming, ducking, dodging and reto all sorts of ingenuity to avoid telling the exact truth-to keep from uncovering their tracks or exposing their methods!" It recalls an ex- and Hartford railway, came together periment keepers tried on wild animals in the winter quarters of a circus. A killed, was begun today by the New number of live mice were turned loose York state railroad commissi in the cages. When Mehammed, a

dreaded and feroclous beasts in the train, who, it is claimed, ran his train menagerie, saw a mouse in his cage he meek little mouse approached him, he leaped from one end of the cage to the other. Finally the cage to the manslaughter. other. Finally, the keepers, fearing that he would kill himself, removed among the two score persons injured he mouse. A similar experiment was in the wreck, but two of the passentried on the lions, and with the same gers remain in hospitals in a serious results. No one can explain why a condition. These are Rev. Daniel in their iron cages. But to these creatures in their golden cages, confronted not by a wee mouse, but by the inflexible giants of Justice, there is a ready explanation. Here it is, given in three lessons from the words of an old Book: First, "Rob not the poor, beause he is poor, neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: for the Lord will plead their cause, and despoil of life those that despoil them." Second, "He that covereth his transgressions shall not prosper; but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall obtain mercy." forsaketh them shall obtain mercy." says, Engineer Horn drove the train Third, "Better is little with the fear of ahead at a rapid rate. the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith." And these same lessons will be read a thousand generations hence, when 3 Bread and 26

Broadway have become streets in the Atlantic Ocean! The fourth question is: What is it that cannot be taken away, and, therefore, will not leave man a fool at the end of his days? It is pure, unadulterated, Christian manhood. ourse we have been told this a the d times.

but in the light of recent investigations Hughes, who seems to think that the of our hearts will receive this old-fashioned seed, which always yields a mag-nificent crop of men. We are learning GENERAL

> made public they would be exceedingalso suggested that the damaging part of the letter could be suppressed through using a little diplomacy. The President calmly listened to the man, and then replied: "I have never written a letter which I am afraid to have published. Let them print the letter, the whole of it. I have nothing to conceal. I am not afraid to face anything I have ever done," How many men there are in this city to-day who would give their millions to be able to say

> O, men, we want the riches which thieves cannot steal; the riches which may be gotten by eternal right; the riches which will not leave us in the midst of our days; the riches which, at our end, will not prove us fools, but wise unto eternal life, remembering that "the survivor" will not be houses,

nor gold, nor fame, but-When the last lip is palsied, And the last prayer is said, Love shall reign immortal While the worlds lie dead!

HER CHRISTMAS PRAYER. Mary, Mother, be good to him; Be kind to him that day-Twill be the only Christmas time That he has been away!

If he would only stay—
Sure, heaven's full of little boys That sing and laugh and play. But you would know the smile of his Among a thousand more;

His smile will make all else seem dim When you call him "Asthore." Sure, you will know him by his eyes, That are so sweet and blue, And deep and clear and very wis They read the heart of you. His hair is golden as the sun, His curls they are so quaint,

An angel or a saint. I promised him a splendid tree, With candles all aglow. O, Mary Mother, you can see 'Twas me that loved him so. And surely, surely, you will see My boy, so sweet and slim-His eyes are hungering for me As my eyes are for him.

They mind you of the halo on

Mary Mother, be good to him; Be kind to him that day. 'Twill be the only Christmas time That he has been away. -W. D. Neshit

ACCIDENT TO THE DREDGE. Contractor G. S. Mayes has been delayed in the dredging operations for the past few days while large, new and heavy spuds were being placed in position. A number of the crew on the dredge narrowly escaped injury this morning, about eight o'clock. A large

RAILROAD COMMISSION **BEGINS INQUIRY**

Into Wreck on Elevated Structure of New York Central and Hudson River Railway.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 .- An enquiry to the wreck on the elevated structure of the New York Central and Hudson River Railway in Harlem last night when a Poughkeepsie train on the New York Central and a Stamford train on the New York, New Haven at a switch-over and one man was

royal Bengal tiger, one of the most Horn, engineer of the Poughkeepsie Previous to this enquiry John D. past danger signals, was held for the

brings terror to these animals Bella, of Port Chester, N. Y., and Edward Kleist, of New Rochelle, N. Y. The state railroad commission examined most of the train crews and in addition called the signal and tower men of the New York Central who were on duty when the collision occur-red. Wm. H. Kirk, fireman of the Poughkeepsie train, declared that the signals on the track were set green, meaning caution, but that this color changed to white as the engine was

passing. Thinking he had a clear way, he

Towerman W. H. Dwyer said he had switched the Stamford train from one track to another on his own responsibilitiy. He said the signals were set against the Poughkeepsie train. The ngineer of the Stamford train said that in appreaching the scene of the wreck he had noticed the signals set red, but they suddenly changed white, and he went ahead. Then the ollision occurred.

The enquiry will be resumed tomor

LONDON, Dec. 21 .- The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Tokio "I am going to personally face the stout-hearted souls who can neither be standing of Japanese motives. It

"Henceforth I will be an adviser to

sist her.

LONDON, Dec. 20 .- There still persists the report that if the Prince and that one way of calling attention to the The dearest gift from God's hand after their Indian tour they will go to to go to the saloens and urge through the U. S. Naturally, Lady Curzon is particularly anxious that they should of this dreadful traffic. Mrs. Thompvisit America, and there is a feeling son went to the Presbyterian Church among American society people generally that nothing would go further to ed by the people for considering this help the cordial feeling between the matter, and was at once made presi-Lady Curzon and the Princess of

Wales are, as all the world knows, on the most intimate terms, while Lord ral on "Crusade Days" in a volume Curzon and the Prince are the closest relief "Rillshards Crusade Statches" Curzon and the Prince are the closest of friends. When Lady Curzon was ill Walmer Castle, the Princess of Wales was all the time in direct telephonic communication with her nurses, and every change in the patient's condition was immediately sent to her. King Edward is to resume his offi-

next year, and should it be productive. of as much good politically as was the fested a willingness if ways and means monarch's last European tour, London society will not complain so much of his majesty's absence. Having already brought about a rapprochement between the British and French peoples, King Edward is to turn his attention to fresh fields and pastures now. Next spring, on the occasion of the Kaiser's silver wedding, his majesty is to pay a visit to Berlin, and the presence of the kingly peacemaker, it is number, after a prayer meeting, went anticipated will do much toward bringing about a better understanding be-

tween the two countries. Afterward King Edward will go to see King Alfenso in Madrid, and although not definitely settled, his majesty may make a stay in some other of the European capitals.

AMKERST PROGRESSING

An article in the Amherst Daily News points out that the Maritime Coal Co., of which David Mitchell is the manager, has had under consideration for some months the construc-tion of an electric power plant at the mouth of their mine to supply the industries of Amherst with motive power to operate their plants.

The establishment of such a central station is full of possibilities to the town and premises to work a complete revolution in the industrial life of Amherst.

An electrical engineer has been engaged to make a report on the matter and submit it to the board of trade. The advantages of such a proceeding will, it is claimed, be great.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.-Leroy B. Fletcher was arrested here today on a charge of being a fugitive from justice Banger, Maine. Fletcher was recently in court on a charge of stealing left that city.

THIS DEPARTMENT IS CON-DUCTED BY THE W. C. T. U. S

And a beautiful incense rolled

From every silken fold.

Down on the hearts of the people,

King Christmas had come to the city The gracious king of the year,

In the plentiful grace of kingship,

And as he rolled through the city,

Drawn by his horses white, And followed by willing servants,

He said, "'Tis a goodly sight,

"This brave and fair young city, We give it our kingly cheers,

Built up by earnest workers, In less than a hundred years.

'Now what can I do for the city.

Filled up with women and men, And the tender faces of children?

'I will gladden the homes of its people

For the hearts of men and women,

Then he said to his waiting servants,

"Hang up the wreaths of green

And touch the hearts of its people.

With love, and peace, and truth;
Far better those gifts to the people,

Than gold or perpetual youth:

For the one woman, his wife,

Whatever the storms of life.

The jewels of truth and love

Tho' India's wealth be there;

hand.

My best will I give to them.

For home is the dearest place,

Over the broad earth's face."

n every home of the city,

Let my cheery sign be seen,

Bidding the world good cheer.

The following came too late for the And clear on those beautiful banners Written with diamond pen, The Juvenile L. T. L. held an "at Was the diamond lettered inscription On earth "Good will toward men." home" Dec. 5th, in Union Hall, which was well attended.

Mrs. Worden, Mrs. Eagles, Mrs. From spire and column they floated. Parks and Mrs. Reicker assisted the young people. A programme was carried out as follows: Singing by the Misses Flossie Robertsen and Nellie Burns; reading, Ruth Phipps; recita-tion, Laura Myles; reading, Master G. Ferrie; recitation, Mable Scott. Instrumental music and an exhibition of the different parts of work which the members of society are at present at work, demonstrated by nine little boys, closed the entertainment, which was both pleasing and instructive. Refreshments were then served and the meeting adjourned after singing God

Save the King.

On Dec. 9, 1905, the L. T. L. of north end held a musicale and literary entertainment at the Seamen's Missi large number of seamen were present, who thoroughly enjoyed the entertain ment provided for them. A piano duet was given by the Misses Myles and Gray; reading, Miss Ruth Phipps; song, Master Beaman; recftation, Master Gordon Ferris; plano duet, Misses Myles and Lea; reading, Mable Scott; selection by Master Bond on the bones; recitation by Miss Nellie McFarbin. Little Miss Hazel Gray gave, by request, a very pleasing reading.

"MOTHER" THAMPSON PASSES

freshments were then served.

HILLSBORO, O., Nov. 3.-Mrs. Eliza Jane Trimble Thompson, much better known as "Mother" Thompson, Mother of the Crusaders," died at her ome in this city today.

For many years she has been in feeble health under the weight of her eighty-nine years, but her mental faculties held good to the last.

Two daughters, Mrs. Marie Rives and Mrs. Mary McArthur Tuttle survive her. Mrs. Thompson was the author of many "Hillsboro Crusade Sketches," and various articles for the newspapers and magazines. Her latest literary work was a series of sketches" prepared for the New Voice

a couple of years ago. The fellowing abstract of Mrs. "Mother" Thompson's career is taken from manuscripts of the ferthceming "Standard Encyclopaedia of the Alco hol Problem":

"Mother" Thompson, leader of 1873 crusade, author of "Crusade Sketches orn at Hillsboro, Highland county bought nor intimidated. would be easy to subdue and awe the Before the last presidential election, Koreans, but if we desire to promote cothe and Cincinnati. At the age of And the glory of the home hearth bet-Ohio, August 24, 1816; died at the same unearthed, and if the contents were made public they would be exceedingtucky, a young talented lawyer. Mrs. ly injurious to his canvass. The man for volutary compliance with our de of the Methedist Episcopal Church. In 1873 Dr. Dio Lewis of Boston gave a lecture in Hillsboro, after which Korea, and will do my utmost to as- talked of the intemperance of the town, by which much of its talents were being destroyed, and he suggested evil would be for the Christian women prayer and song a complete surrender

> dent of this praying band. In 1893 Mrs. Thompson collected her serial contributions to the Union Sigentitled "Hillsboro's Crusade Sketche and Family Records." Of late years she has written very little, occasional articles for the New Voice, appearing in 1903. December 27, 1873, is recorded on the minutes of "The Woman's Temperance League" the first desire Man's Body Found on Beach, But Autopsy cial visits to the capitals of Europe of Hillsboro "to quit the business." A few days afterward two others mani

the next morning at the hour appoint-

could be made for them. On January 3, the physicians of Highland county signed an approved physician's pledge to the number of seventeen, but the druggists'pledge of Mr. Dunn was not agreed to-the appeal of the citizens and Mr. Dunn's reply forced the subject into the court. "When the day arrived for the hearing of the case," the lady defendants, one hundred in to the court house, where they received courteously and the extraordinary proceedings began. Both parties were disappointed in the decis "The temporary injunction was dissolved, but only on a technicality, and not on the merits of the case." February 7, the day appointed for a mass meeting of citizens, a heavy snow fell and the delegation from New Vienna came in huge sleds-meet of them Quakers. Soon after this the liquor owned by a saleon was bought and buried. A cognac bottle then obtained by Mrs. Thompson was given in later years to Lady Somerset, and is now in Eastnor Castle. The tenth anniversary of the Crusade, Frances E. Willard, national president of the society, came to Hillsbore by invitation. Murphy came, and others came, who continued to read the Crusade Psalm and sing the Crusade hymn. The golden wedding of Judge and Mrs. Thompson was celebrated. Crusade lunches were given. Camp fires were held in

KING CHRISTMAS. Irene Elder Morton.

It was night over St. John city, The city that stood so fair, With its spires and domes in the moon-

Piercing the frosty air.

It was Christmas Eve in the city; It was Christmas Eve in the world; case was disposed of it is alleged he And the banners of love and kindness Seemed everywhere unfurled.

GANADIAN NEWS

Disastrous Fire at Rosthern, B. C.

Rich Find of Gold in Ontario-Rifle Practice in Public Schools—Co-

· Operative Company Fails.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20-The death ook place today of Henry Cleghorn, aged 75 after a month's illness. He was a native of Scotland and was well known as a geologist. He served in the Crimean and Chinese campaigns with the British army and received the Canton medal. He has resided here since 1859. He leaves a widow, daugn-

TORONTO, Dec. 19-A mining prospector has shown the director of the Ontario bureau of mines extraordinarily rich samples of gold from the Rainy River district, running fifty thousand to three hundred thousand dollars to a ton. The director of mines says the samples are the richest he ever saw. TORONTO, Dec. 19-The emergency ommittee of the Presbyterian General Assembly continues the apointment of the son of the late Rev. Dr. Warden as general agent. The same advisory

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—The Montreal Reform Club tendered a banquet to Sir Fred Borden, minister of militia, last night, and the function was a brilliant success, a large number of prominent

Sir Frederick Borden, in reply to a ing announcement that he was trying practice in the public schools, and hoped to be successful. A measure with

For truth and love from the husband Shall bind them in peace together, Se give to the men and the women As a gift passed down through a king's

From the hands of the King above, For a home without those jewels Is empty and cold and bare, As the desolate heart of Autumn, And give unto men true manhood.

And unto women true grace, So that God's true light of honor May glow in the human face. Show them the simple beauty Of living for what is best,

As the good old knights of Arthur Lived and were purely blest. "To honor the true in the human

ter

And for the little children Who gladden the homes of earth, Our hearts go forth in lov On this, the night of the birth-

"Of the Holy Babe of Bethlehem, The Star of Earth and Heaven, Of the many that hath been given.

"Each mother, who sits by a cradle, Will think of the Holy Child, Who gladdened the home of Mary, Who looked on his mother and smiled."

STILL UNSOLVED.

Shows He Was Not Drowned-No Marks of Violence.

DIGBY, N. S., Dec. 20.-The body of Freeman Weir of Victoria Beach, was found early this morning south of the landward end of Turnbull wharf, opposite the post office. The only trace of marks on the body was near the throat and might have been caused by clothing after he fell in the water. An lungs, indicating that death was not extending beneath the skin, while the up and discussed at some length. heart was normal and he was unable movements were traced by different to leek for his dory mate, Benjamin Weir, his uncle, who had come ashore from the sch. Emerald with him early in the evening. It was about this time that Benjamin Weir, not being his vessel without him.

1889, and there was a case made for while the man's hat was found on the A puszling circumstance is that government pier, his body was discovered on the shore about eight o'clock this morning, a third of a mile distant, and was still warm. The inful in the race. quest was adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock. It is possible an analysis of the contents of his stomach will be ordered. Weir was not a quarrelsome man and had no enemies.

he had not been drowned.

ter and three sons.

mittee has been appointed.

citizens being present.

toast to his health, made the interestto arrange for the introduction of rifle this object in view would, he said, be introduced in parliament soon. ROSTHERN, Saskatchewan, Dec. 29.

Fire broke out in Loewen & Rempel's store early yesterday morning, spread. ing north along Front street and destroying the Klondyke Hotel and B. Wright's jewelry store. It also spread west and burned Franz Loewen's residence, and the office owned by A. D. McIntyre and occupied by the International Harvester Co.'s collector. The fire was stopped by tearing down R. Wright's jewelry store and thus forming a gap. Losses:—A. D. McIntyre, \$5,000; Loewen, Klondyke Hotel, \$4,000; Mrs. Webe, restaurant and bowling alley, \$5,000; B. W. Wright's jewelry building, and loss on stock by remove ing, \$1,500; Franz Loewen's dwelling,

TORONTO, Dec. 20 .- With an information before them containing names of one hundred and fifty-six defendants, charged with conspiracy in connection with a plumbers' combine, Col. Denison, Crown Attorney Curry and court officials yesterday had a busy time in the police court. W. H. Meredith, secretary of the Master Plumbers' and Steamthe time, being examined to prove each of the numerous defendants a full mem ber of the association. Meredith's examination was not concluded, and is being continued today.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20 .- Major Moodie of the Northwest Mounted Police, declares the proposed Hudson Bay Rails way and ocean route would save two thousand miles of rail and provide a shorter water route from the northwest to England.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20. - Announce nent is made that the Canadian Cooperative Investment Company assigned in trust on Dec. 12 to the Northern Trusts Co. The company's liabilities are estimated to be about \$160,000, and the assets are \$200,000. The cause of assignment was that contract holders took advantage of withdrawal claims, and the moneys received were not equal to the amount necessary to meet withdrawals. Money was borrowed from the Bank of Hamilton to the extent of \$24,000 on mortgage securities, with the expectation of being able to pay it back gradually from money received from contract holders. Several new companies entered the field in the meantime and made it difficult to get new business.

NEW CHEMICAL FACTORY MAY LOCATE HERE.

As announced in a despatch from Montreal, published in yesterday mornthe deceased in trying to remove his ing's Sun, the new Canadian Drug Association has decided to erect at some inquest was called by Coroner Daley. point in Canada a modern factory for Harry L. Dennison appeared for the the manufacture of certain chemicals, crown. Dr. Morse performed an au- It is estimated that the cost of the topsy, which revealed no water in the plant will be from \$200,000 to \$250,000. Last evening the new industries by drowning. The marks on the throat committee of the board of trade held he found to be only superficial and not a meeting. This matter was brought

to assign a cause of death. The man's will today wait on Harry W. Barker, The result was that the committee who is a director of the drug associawitnesses up to about eleven o'clock tion, on his return from Montreal. last night, and showed that he had They will point to him the advantages been drinking during the evening offered by St. John and will ask him When last seen he said he was going to use his influence to have the new factory located here.

This proposed plant would come under the class mentioned in recent resolutions of the board of trade and able to find his nephew, had left for pete in any way with industries now existing here.

J. A. Likely when seen by the Sun last evening declined to discuss the inducements which would be offered the drug men, but felt that there was some hope of St. John being success-

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 20. -His mysterious death recalls that of Joseph Bruno, C. R. Gow, George M. Augustus Wilhelm, a Finn, who was Bryne and F. W. Storey, representing supposed to have failen from the gov- Beston construction concerns, arrived ment pier about two years ago, al- on the noon train today and are at though the condition of his lungs when the Queen. They are all after the bedy was recovered, indicated that sewerage contract, and went over the had not been drowned.

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