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everything. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18-Sen-tor Hansborough, of North Dakota, consulted the members of the Inter-state Commerce Commission in refer-ence to the coal famine. He declared the reluction resulting from the shortstate Commerce Commission in refer-ence to the coal famine. He declared the situation resulting from the short-age of coal in his state was most de-plorable, and that the public schools in some localities were closing on account of lack of fuel to keep the children warm. It is said that for a number of years past at this season, and earlier in the year, there have been complaints of lack of equipment to properly trans-port coal, but the situation in this re-spect was never so acute as now. The commission will begin investi-gating the situation next week at Min-neapolis and Chicago. - MANGUM, Okla, Dec. 18—A coal famine is now prevailing in this part of Oklahoma. There is no timber for fuel, and many farmers are burning fences and outbuildings. The weather is cold. Coal in transit is confiscated by the railroads, and apparently there is no relief in sight. Fifty farmers went to the Rock Island station today, and took charge of the only car of coal. Unless relief comes shortly, all public works will be closed and many families will suffer.

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THE HINDU AS A Department. **BAILROAD LABORER**

Gontractors Think Ne Will Turn Out Good Work on the Contract

System,

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—Piece work is to test the possibilities of the Hindu as a railroad laborer. About seventy-five of the race are now employed on that basis by Ironsides, Rannie & Campbell, contractors for the con-struction of the Great Northern cutoff between New Westminster and Blaine. By this contract system, the Hindus will have to work to make money, will have to work to make money, though with a fair amount of effort though with a fair amount of effort they can make a fair day's wage. We tried some of the Hindus some time ago on the construction of about two miles of railway between the Brunette and Fraser River mills," said Mr. D. K. Cam'bell, "but they only stayed long enough to draw down one pay. The work was in swampy ground, and there they did not show to advantage, because they were poorly clad, and in no condition to work in water over their boot-tops. When they ciad, and in no condition to work in water over their boot-tops. When they got paid they never came back. Had they taken some of their money and bought gum boots for themselves, they might have continued the work with-out discontinued. ut discomfort.

out discontort. "On the Great Northern cutoff, we are trying them on the contract sys-tem, and to make anything they will have to work. It is possible that when they become used to hard work in this country they may make good laborers. I find that many farmers are employ-ing them with good results."



OTTAWA, Ont.

Architectural Competition for Deptemental and Justice Buildings

temental and Justice Buildings COMPETITIVE drawings are invit-ed for Departmental and Justice Buildings to be erected for the Domin-ion Government at Ottawa, Ont. The author of the best design will be awarded a premium of \$8,000, the second best \$4,000, the third best \$2,000, and the fourth best \$1,000. Drawings will be received not later than April 15th, 1907, and are to be ad-dressed to the Secretary of the De-partment of Public Works, Ottawa. This competition is open to Canadian Architects who have been resident in Canada for one year or more. Conditions of competitive stating re-guirements of , buildings and maps showing site, etc., may be had on ap-plication to the undersigned. By order,

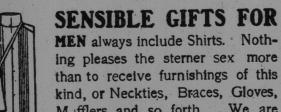
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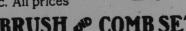
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It is not that the French people are developing antagonism to religion. The have acted accordingly. The Govern-that. France is becoming not irrelig-ious, but unreligious. The church's only hope in combatting this tendency to disintegration is to make its cause a debiting cause

The people clearly realize this and has acted accordingly. The Government, on the other hand, had no option but to meet the challenge with unyielding insistence that the law of the land must be obeyed. It is true that the law of 1881, requiring notification of all public meetings had not in contemplation religious services in its application. It is equally true that the Government would not dream of passing such a law as a new piece of legislation. It cannot, however, repeal it under the foreign threat which this week came from Rome. If it did, the Pope probabily would realize, and rightly, from his point of view, some new controversial

Germany is now the most taxridden of progressive nations, and the patience of the people is well nigh exhausted. PACE TOO RAPID. The Germans fully sympathize with the Kaiser's ambitions for national greatness, but they protest that his pace is so rapid it is exhausting the vitality of the Empire. They are shocked and appalled by the revela-tion of scandal and cruel atrocities in connection with colonial administra-tion and especially in South-West Africa. The military spirit has gone mad in certain directions and the Germans resent it, as the world at large resents the horrors of the Con-go. The average patriotic German argues: "If all my sacrifices for the greatness of the Fatherland bring dis-grace in the eyes of Christendom as England's religious controversy has now reached its most acute Parlia-mentary stage. There is small chance of the question coming immediately before the country, even if the dead-lock between the two houses on the education bill continues.

Vicar of Burtonwood Thinks Spiritual Aspects of the Day are Ignored.

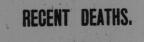
In all the Christmas and New Year's festivities there is nothing more im-portant and necessary than good clothes. Without good clothes we can-not enter heartily into the many merriments and social affairs that mark the season. Are you ready for the fun? If not we can make you ready.

would realize, and rightly, from his point of view, some new controversial issues. In other words, a long and bitter struggle between the Roman Catholic Church and the French Gov-ernment seems inevitable. It will be a bloodless war if the present directors of the French Re-public can make it so. They are non-haters of the papacy. They are honest Republicans who believe that there should be no connection between the

ts. S. B. and D. B., \$10 to \$25.



HALIFAX, Dec. 18 .- At the annual neeting of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission, held tonight, matters in connection with the recent Dominion exhibition held in this city,



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The death of John Wesley Turner, one of the most highly respected and prosperous persons of Westmorland county, occurred on Sunday morning at half-past four o'clock. The deceas-ed had been ill for about a month, but was only confined to the house for two weeks. Previous to this illness he had always enjoyed good health. Mr. Turner was a son of the late Bar-ker Turner. One brother, Botsford, of Port Elgin, and two sisters, Mrs. Wes-ley Wood and Mrs. Thomas Wood of Baie Verte, survive.

ley Wood and Mrs. Thomas Wood of Baie Verte, survive. The children are Morley of Baie Verte; William D., law student, of St. John, and Eliza and Eva, at home. The late Mr. Turner had a very large circle of friends, who will deeply re-gret to hear of his death. When quite young he joined the Baptist Church, and was a consistent member and generous supporter throughout his life. Mr. Turner was 75 years of age.

REV. WM. GRANT.

ST. PETERS, C. B., Dec. 18 .- Rev. william Grant, who for ten years min-istered to the Presbyterian congrega-tion at Grand River, died there at four istered to the Presbytenan congrega-tion at Grand River, died there at four o'clock this morning. He suffered for several months from a disorder of the stomach and for some days his death was not unexpected. Deceased was a native of Pictou county and was 70 years of age. He was exceedingly zealous and enthusiastic in the work of his ministry, and his death is deeply regretted, not only among his own people, but as well among all who were privileged to enjoy his acquaint-ance. He leaves a widow, who is a sister of Rev. Dr. Falconer, Pictou one son Melville, who was with him when he died, and one daughter, lately a student at Dalhousie and now studying in Boston. The funeral takes place at Grand River on Friday.

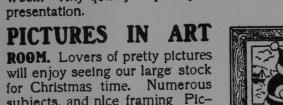
Advertising has come to be an abso-lute necessity in most walks of life.--Hance Bros. & Write, Philadelphia.

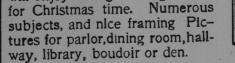


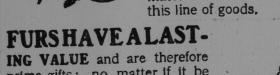
NOTICE TO MARINERS

The combined Gas and Whistling Buoy anchored off Old Proprietor Ledge, in the Bay of Fundy, is reported







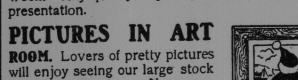


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circumstances. The Pope certainly has consulted the best interests of the church in forcing the struggle. The reason may be found for his action in the fact that for 15 years, during which the writer has been a close student of French public sentiment, a great and significant change has been the steady drifting away of the populace from re-ligious convictions. This, of course, has been most marked in the urban populations.

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CHANGE IN FRENCH PEOPLE.

It is impossible yet to forecast the result of the impending campaign. There will be much beating of drums and appeals for support of the Kaiser in creating a world empire, and it is not at all impossible that the Emperor will carry his point once more. This is certain, however: The im-perial programme will have to be moderated. The burden is greater than the people are willing to bear, and they will find means, one or another, to inchedite. lighten it. No outsider is called upon to express an opinion upon the merits of the French religious controversy. One may, perhaps, be permitted to say that, looking at the situation from alternate points of view, each side has made the best possible move under the present chrometer ness

should be no connection between the civil Government and any church. But bitterness probably will develop on both sides and the progress of the struggle will be the spectacle of most absorbing interest which the world will have to watch during the coming By ord adrift. It will be replaced in Evening Dress Suits, extra fine finish, \$25. FRED. GELINAS, At M.R.A.'s Limited position as soon as practicable. Secretary. Secretary. Department of Public Works, Ottawa, December 12, 1906. Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it with-out authority from this Department. F. J. HARDING, Agent, A. GILMOUR, - - 68 King St., F. J. HARDING, Agent, Dept. Marine & Fisheries, St. John, N.B. will have to watch during the coming Men's Clothing : Ready-to-Wear and to Order 18-12-2 vear. 7 4