### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The calm which always comes at this season is here at last and though Lent was gayer than usual this year, there is now a breathing space which all will enjoy. It is a trifle too early yet to talk about the summer gaieties, but already there are signs which seem to indicate that it will not be at all dull. There are several June weddings talked of, and naturally these will absorb a great deal of attention. Then as for amusements, there is golf which, like the poor, is always with us. Apropos of this, I listened to an American expert's of this, I listened to an American experts play that role—on the stage—as he did play that role—on the stage—as he did last season in "The Butterflys" every femihe said in substance: "Golf, to the unininine heart goes back to its old allegiance, tiated, looks like a harmless enough game; and "what an ideal lover he makes!" is a in fact a good many persons profess to have great contempt for it and call it lady who has a mania for keeping old have great contempt for it and call it mamby-pamby. But is some statistician should get to work and prepare a list of the casualties—and often serious ones—which result from the game in the course of a year, just as a wail against football goes up every season, I fancy the general public would be very much surprised. The cry of "fore" when the golfer drives a ball into space is too often unheeded, and when it strikes one of the other players, as often happens, the result is often very serious. I have known several instances where golf players have been struck on the head by flying balls and very grave injuries have resulted. Fractures of the skull are by no means uncommon. I have heard of several cases where temporary insanity has resulted, and others in which the affliction gives promise of becoming permanent. And yet a golf ball is apparently a very innocent little thing."

Still such an opinion and all the statis-

new spring gowns of which there were many stunning and modish ones seen. The rooms were tastefully arranged with cut flowers and plants and, with the hand-

some y gowned throng coming and going, the scene was particularly attractive.

The hostes looked exceedingly pretty and graceful in a blue silk, through which ran a tiny black stripe, with tucked white yoke outlined with fur. She was assisted by Mrs. Harry deforest, Mrs. Stephen deforest, Mrs. Horace King and Mrs. Charles Patterson. Miss McDonald, Miss McAvity, Miss Daisy Fairweather, Miss Fannie deforest and Miss Edith Skinner were the young ladies who

arranged with pink roses, carnations and smilax, and in every particular the tea was one of the prettiest of the season.

The tea and whist which followed were given by Miss Nelson, who leaves next week for her home in Boston. She was depictable governed in gream and yellow.

daintily gowned in cream and yellow. In-cluded among the invited guests were the

following:
Mrs. Smith. Miss Smith, Mrs. Troop, Miss Troop, Mrs. Tuck, Miss Tuck, Mrs. Morrison, Miss Morrison, Miss Gerow, Mrs. George McAvity, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. F. Merritt, Mrs. Blair, Misses Blair, Mrs. J. Clarke, Mrs. Morti-Misses Blair, Mrs. J. Clarke, Mrs. Mortimore, Mrs. Austin, Miss Austin, Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Mrs. Carvell, Mrs. McLellan, Miss Robertson, Mrs. F. E. Sayre, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Sharpe, Miss Sharpe, Miss Thorne, Mrs. George Cushing, Mrs. McNutt, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Vroom, Miss Vroom, Mrs. Cruikshank, Miss Cruikshank, Mrs. R. Cruikshank, Mrs. Binning, Mrs. Tillatson, Mrs. Binning, Mrs. Tillatson, Mrs. Parks. Miss Binning, Mrs. Tillotson, Mrs. Parks, Miss Parks, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Caritte, Miss Parks, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Caritte, Mrs. B. Cushing, Miss McAvity, Mrs. E. Flood, Mrs. T. Flood, Mrs. P. R. Inches, Miss Inches, Mrs. J. H. McAvity, Mrs. Holly, Mrs. McLaughlin, Misses McLaughlin, Mrs. G. H. Flood, Mrs. Flood, Mrs. H. H. McLean, Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. P. Sturdee, Mrs. Pudding. Hastings, Mrs. R. Sturdee, Mrs. Puddington, Mrs. Thomson, Miss Thomson, Mrs. C. H. Harrison, Miss Adams, Miss Scammell, Mrs. F. Rankine, Mrs. J. D. Spurr, Mrs. Ogilvie, Mrs. H. McDonald, Miss McDonald, Misses Seeley, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Barnhill, Mrs. F. White, Misses Markham, Mrs. H. Allen, Mrs. H. P. Timmerman Mrs. Dunlap, Mrs. Beer, Mrs. G. Ewing, Mrs. Trueman, Mrs. Alf Ellis, Mrs. T. Raymond, Mrs. F. A. Peters, Mrs. Horace King, Mrs. J. H. Harding, Mrs. Skinner, Miss Skinner, Miss Furlong, Miss Long-ley, Mrs. Sancton, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. R. K. Jones, Mrs. W. H. Merritt, Mrs. H. Rankine, Mrs. S. Girvan, Mrs. J. Magee, Mrs. J. F. Fraser, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. S T. Hall, Mrs. J. M. Magee, Mrs. W. W. White, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Purdy, Mrs. Mc Avity, Miss L. McAvity, Mrs. Simonds. Mis. W. O. Raymond, Mrs. King, Mis-M ss Sadlier, Mrs. P. Thomson, Mrs. O. Sharpe, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. F. Peters, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Magee, Mrs. F. A. Jones, Mrs. J. R. Thomson, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. J. F. Harding, Mrs. Ernest Fairweather, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Geo. ther, Mrs. de Soyres, Miss Carr, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Hamilton, Miss Harding. Miss Blizzard, Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Mrs. George Fleming, Miss Butcher, Mrs. George Robertson, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. W. Green, Mrs. McBride and Mrs. J. H. Harding.

In the evening a number of young peo-ple were invited for whist and a few hours were very delightfully spent. There were about ten tables and the pretty prizes gave an added interest in the games Among those present were Miss Fanny deForest, Mr. Gilbert, Miss Lou McMillan, Mr. S. McMillan, Miss Nan McDonald, Mr. C. McDonald, Miss Daisy Fairweather, Mr. Frank Fairweather, Miss Edith Skinner, Mr. Thomas, Miss J. Mc-Laughlin, Mr. Arthur Thorne, Miss Troop. Mr. Charlie Troop, Miss Nelson, Dr. G. A. B. Addy, Miss Mary Inches, Miss one, Miss Mattie McLaughlin, Mr. Heber Vroom, Mr. J. Tilton, Miss King, Mr. J. Harrison, Mr. Bert Harrison, Miss Winnie Hall, Mr. Wills, Miss deforest. Mr. Purdy, Miss Lou Parks, Mr. S. Jones.
Mrs Mello Vroom, Mr. Gill Keator, Miss
Bessie Seely, Mr. R. Thomson, Miss
Seely, Mr. Harding, Miss Lockhart, Miss
Bessie Sadlier, Miss Rebie McAvity and

A number of people are leaving town for a few weeks' rest and change, and among those who are now enjoying other scenes and recuperating for the summer are Mrs. J. Thomson, Miss Thomson and Miss Barnaby, who left the middle of the

Bright, handsome and debonair as ever,

has resulted, and others in which the affliction gives promise of becoming permanent. And yet a golf ball is apparently a very innocent little thing."

Still such an opinion and all the statistics one could produce are not likely to make the amusement less popular in St.

John.

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The most important event of the week in society was the reception given by Mrs. Clary deForest on Thursday afternoon at her home on Horsefield street. The afternoon was an ideal one and the ladies were out in large numbers, the majority airing new spring gowns of which there were no introduction. His artistic and finished work as leading man with Harkins two years ago is still remembered and spoken

ome'y gowned throng coming and going, able to induce some of the old time favor-

Figure 3. Stephen deforest, Mrs. Stephen deforest, Mrs. Stephen deforest, Mrs. Harry deforest, Mrs. Horace King and Mrs. Charles Patterson. Miss McDonald, Miss McAvity, Miss Daisy Fair weather, Miss Fannie deforest and Miss McMillan, Miss McAvity, Miss Daisy Fair weather, Miss Fannie deforest and Miss McMillan, Miss McM The Ghost of Wasted Hours;" she wore purple cloak and crystal beads fastened o her cheek by court plaster represented he tears she had shed. The three volume the tears she had shed. The three volume novel was represented by three young men in costumes exactly, alike, and with huge book covers thrown over their shoulders. "The Ghost of a Southern Duelist" was in eccentric costume and carried a brace of big pistols of ancient type. There are possibilities in this form of entertainment which anyone of an original turn of mind could make a great deal.

Though Lady Minto makes her home in Ottawa her movements must be of deep interest to all Canadians and it is pleasing to note that she was a promine pleasing to note that she was a prominent and much admired figure at a benefit consert given in New York last Thursday at the Metropolitan Opera House in aid of the hospital ship Maine. The Mail and Express in describing the elaborate affair ays: "The guest of honor appeared to be the Countess of Minto, wife of the Governor General of Canada, who came to New York York the consert and who has New York for the concert, and who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Bryce at their home in Washington Square. Lady Minto looked very elegant and handsome at the concert in her gown of rose pink brocade, with magnificent tiara and stomacher of diamonds. She occupied box 3 with Mrs. Drummond, Miss Cameron and Sir Roderick Cameron. During the evening "God Save the Queen" was sung in her honor and appeared to be almost as popular as "The Star Spangl-

There was rather an amusing incident at the Opera House last Saturday after-aoon when "Little Lord Fauntleroy" was the bill, and as it is always interesting to see diamond cut diamond those who sat near the principals in the affair enjoyed it reatly annoyed during the first act by the often in the columns of local society fournals attended the matinee, and were greatly annoyed during the first ait by the easeless chatter of a young lady and gentleman who sat directly behind them when the act was over the two aggrieved ones put their heads together and conocted a scheme of revenge. They reumed their tall, widespreading, much rimmed hats, which they had taken off, when the play began and as soon as the curtain went up on the second act they began to move their heads from began to move their heads from eft to right and right to left. The consequence was that the chatterers behind them, strive as they would, could not get a glimpse of the stage. They talked "at" the two ahead for a few moments but as hints were of no avail the lady behind leaned forward and touching one of the other ladies said:
"Pardon me, but would you and you riend mind removing your hats? We really can't see the stage, you know."
"Certainly;" was the polite reply. pardon me, would you and your friend mind not to talk. We really can't hear the actors, you know." Until the play ended the two behind were as silent as

Mr. Jack Warner returned this weel from New York and brings the encourage in mews that Miss Agnes Warner is on the high road to recovery from her recent severe attack of diphtheria. Miss Furlong is in Montreal having he eyes, which have of late been giving her serious trouble of late, treated by Dr. Buller. She expects to be absent about

Mr. A. O. Skinner, who has been con

about again.

Two Newfoundland sailors, George Ash and Matthew Wells were given in charge of Police Officers Capt. Jenkins and Sergt. Campbell last evening, by Capt. Nelson Kelson, of the schooner Sallie E. Ludlam, scenes and recuperating for the summer are Mrs. J. Thomson, Miss Thomson and Miss Barnaby, who left the middle of the week for a few weeks' stay at Clifton Springs. Mr. Thomson expects to join them next week.

Mrs. G. B. Gerard, who spent a few months with her father, Dr. Christie, of

### NERVE TONICS

## Some Gymnastics Recommended by a Local Physician.

"A good spring tonic?" queried one of St. John's best known medical practition-

we cannot put our highly strung systems created.

head motions. If you could run off to some lonely farmhouse during the whole of Lent and live properly the best results would follow. The foods for half invalids should resemble that for whole ones, nourishing, simple and appetizing, with a pre-ponderance of well flavored thick soups and fruit and dairy productions.

"As for exercise, these taken in a well

aired room will soothe the nervous and gently bring the blood to the starved cells, whose hunger has set their victim on edge. First take a standing position and go through all the ordinary arm and shoulder movements very slowly. Then raise the heels successively until you feel tired. Walking about the room on tiptoe strengthens the insteps and draws the surplus blcod away from the brain. Then ying down as slowly as possible.
"Next standing, raise the arms above the

head and lower them, counting 10 each time. Roll the head now from side to

than repay the time spent. Be your own trained nurse and high priced doctor and order yourself about just as they do if you want to get well and strong."

CAUTION-Beware of substitutes tor Pain-Killer. There is nothing "just as geed." Unequalled for cuts, sprains and bruises. Internally for all bowel disorders. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

### Stranger in Brookfield Struck by a Train-Two Horses Also Killed.

Halifax, March 29-(Special)-A man named McKay of Earltown, while driving a load of deals over the railway crossing at Brookfield this afternoon was struck norses instantly killed. He was a stranger in this place. The frightful accident occurred during a blinding snow squall. He is about 40 years old and is said to be married.

### A Special Despatch to the London Times Says a Naval Increase is Contemplated.

London, March 30.-The Russian government, according to a despatch to the Times from St. Petersburg, is considering

ent duke, Heinrich XXII., is almost deaf and unable to attend to the government of this miniature monarchy. His son, the 24th Heinrich, too, is suffering from an incurable disease. The duke has five other children, but they are all girls. It is his own wish that the duchy should become part of Prussia, though the legitimate heir to the throne would be his august highness, the 23rd Heinrich of the junior line of Reuss Greiz. The newspapers are having lots of fun at the expense of the Dukes of Reuss Greiz, who for hundreds of years have never been called by any other name than that of Heinrich.

and a source of houest profit, but pneumon is from a cough is neither pleasant nor pro itable, so insure with 25c. with a bottle of Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam. 25c. all

"Well, Miss Parthenia, how's your art club coming on?"
"O, fine; we've made enough money give a dance."—[Chicago Record.

THERE IS NO UNCERTAINTY about Pyny-Pectoral. It cures your cough quickly. All bronichal affections give way to it. 25c. of all druggists. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain

# Toronto, March 30-The council of the senate of the University of Toronto has accepted the offer of J. W. Flavelle, a

THE D. & L. EMULSION benefits

most of those having Lung troubles with tendency to hemorrhages. A few bottles taken regularly make a wonderful improve-ment. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co.

In Camden county, Georgia, a saw and grist mill gets its power from a water wheel operated by the flow from artesian wells.

Both Messrs. Rane and Accordin and Mr. Kane's young son also were in their store when the explosion occurred. They thought the building was collapsing. The plate glass front fell with a crash and wells.

# George F. Beverley's Establishment Burned and Blown Up CANADIAN CANALS A -- A Blaze Started in a Stack of Fireworks--Windows Shattered--Spectators Hurt.

covers and the only damage

George F. Beverley's hardware store in the Germain street end of the Market building, was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. Though the damage by fire was great, yet the blaze itself took second place to a terrific explosion of powder which Mr. Beverley had in stock. A big crowd of people were watching the flames which were accompanied by an incessant run of fire-cracker reports and shooting of sky rockets. The front of the store was a seething mass of flame when a roar was heard, the flames were hidden from view by an immense volume of smoke, the whole building shook and a crowd of people were of J. B. Goodhue of Rock Island, P. Q., manufacturers of Star brand of the store which were accompanied by an increasant run of fire-cracker reports and shooting of sky rockets. The front of the store was a seething mass of flame when a roar was heard, the flames were hidden from view by an immense volume of smoke, the whole building shook and a crowd of people, amid a crash of breaking glass, rush and the trees, but we are today suffering from a complex life full of details of which our ancestors knew nothing, and we connect put our highly at more functions. When the buildings snook and a crowd of people sentative of J. B. Goodhue of Rock Island, ple, amid a crash of breaking glass, rushed anyway they could for safety. Some were hurt, buildings in the vicinity were samples laid out on the tables, but the damaged, and a great scene of excitement Royal help rolled them up in the table

The fire broke out about 5 o'clock. Mr.
Beverley and a boy named Robert Ward, who works with him, and whose home is on Union street, were in the store. Mr.
Beverley lit a way taper to light the win.

W. A. Cunningham, traveller for Kerry, Waters, & Co., the Montreel drug house. Beverley lit a wax taper to light the win- Watson & Co., the Montreal drug house. dow gas. Some burning wax is thought to have dropped unnoticed from the taper during the operation, among a lot of fireworks which were displayed in the winter the explosion blew up the works which were displayed in the window. The little flame found quick work to do among this inflammable stock. Mr. Beverley saw in a moment no exertion of his could stop the blaze. He called to young Ward to get out and sound the fire alarm, but before the boy could do so there was an explosion and he went flying through the Market street window. The only injury he sustained was to his left far from the scene of its origin. It was noticed at the Dufferin hotel on Charlotte street and down King street as far as Messrs. T. McAvity & Sons. Under through the Market street window. The only injury he sustained was to his left hand which was cut quite badly. Dr. Walker dressed the injured member.

The Alarm Sounded.

Mr. Beverley got out of the store by the front down the control of blasting powder. There was, therefore,

Mr. Beverley got out of the store by the front door. Officer Sullivan had seen the smoke from Charlotte street and hurried down to make sure before calling out the down to make sure before calling out the brigade. He soon saw there was a serious blaze and hustled back to box 27, where Robert Jackson was standing ready to pull the hook. The alarm was given and the firemen got to the scene on the run. The fire had spread with wonderful rapidity. The plate glass front had fallen out and there was a wall of flame and nothing else to be seen when the fire and there is an insurance of \$14.323 on it.

as possible and saved some. Attention was given to keeping the swelling crowds back. Lines were run across Market, street, also across Germain street at either end of the Market building.

Some people had encroached on the forbidden space and were standing opposite the burning store. Some were on the sdewalk, others in the middle of the street. The firemen were still nearer the Beverley shop when a big explosion took place. It had been preceded by the smaller reports of crackers and rockets which beat a tattoo with the crackling of the woodwork, but when the powder went it was as a big cannon shot.

The Powder!

Imperial \$5,000.

The A. L. Goodwin stock is covered by some \$7,000 or \$8,000 insurance. If there is any damage, it is small, from smoke.

Messrs. Kane & McGarth had \$500 insurance in the Western. They had a stock of meats in and it may have been somewhat damaged by smoke. The plate glass fronts of the buildings on the opposite side of the street were insured. But there was some question among people gathered at the fire as to whether the breakage of these windows would be made good by the fire insurance companies or would it be a matter for plate glass companies. A prominent insurance man held a decided view that it would come in the fire risk. The building occupied by Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison is owned by the J. R. Ruel estate. It is insured for \$2,880 in the Guardian, and

all instinctively turned to run. The booming noise was followed by a great rush of smoke which enveloped the lower part of the building for a moment. Instantly there was a crash of glass in many directions of the surface over Beverly's store—the blaze revived in the distribution of the surface. there was a crash of glass in many directions. A shock was experienced for some distance. The Germain street people started to run down street. In the excitement they crushed together and it is strange that some were not seriously injured. One or two fell and were trampled on, but, fortunately, as far as could be learned to the strength of the upper portion. Some of the salvage corps men put it out. The dismantled windows of the various buildins were boarded up for the night. Mr. Beverly is of course, the heaviest loser. He said last night that the fire was a hard blow to him but he would begin at once preparative. ed on, but, fortunately, as far as could be learned, were not hurt.

# Cut By Glass.

The broken glass flying injured several severely cut people. Arthur H. Melick, of the Teleflying glass. graph business office, was struck on the head and sustained quite a cut. Dr. L. A.

at the time said that the shock was felt throughout the whole structure. Mr. G. J. Gurghargt, representative of Messrs. E. P. Dutton & Co., of New York, occupied a sample room just over Beverley's store. He was in the room at the time and says he experienced two shocks. The first was when he was at the front of the building and the second—the big one—as he was hurrying down the back stairs. This one shook a lot of plaster from the walls. Besides the Market building there were three others affected by the explosion which seems to have, after shaking up the building, exerted its great force in aln building, exerted its great force in amoust all directions. The rear of the building occupied by Scovil Bros. & Co.'s Oak Hall lost four large lights of glass. Below, two windows in T. J. Cronin's liquor store were blown in. Across the street is the J. J. Kaye estate building occupied above by the Royal hotel and with the jewelry store of W. T. McNelli, the wholesale erocery store of John M. Elmore and the hardware store of G. H. Burnett & Co., on the street. The plate glass fronts of each of these stores collapsed and damaged goods in the window to some little extent. In the Royal's part of the buildng some seven smaller panes of glass were Next above on Germain street is Messrs.

Manchester, Robertson & Allison's building It, too, has a plate glass front which, strange to say, was not damaged. Some smaller windows in the upper part of the building, however, were broken.

the stores on the street are occupied by G. F. Beverley, Kane & McGrath as cold storage; then comes the market entrance, then A. L. Goodwin's fruit store. Over these stores are sample rooms in connection with the Royal hotel and also one

facturers' agents. Both Messrs. Kane and McGrath and

r two offices of commission men, or manu-

The Georgian Bay canal resembles in some respects our own Baie Verte canal in that it shortens the distance between two points by several hundred miles. It is part of a route 350 miles shorter than the St. Lawrence route from the great lakes, but whether its other advantages

Even Conservatives Praise Mr. Blair. The attitude of Mr. Blair with respect to the question of canal transportation is one that has received high praise from many of the strongest Conservatives. It has been specially commended by the Toronto Telegram, a paper which has few words of praise for the government. Several of the Conservative members who have spoken on the question since Mr. Blair delivered his speech have highly commended it. It has been generally received as an eminently fair, judicious and statesmanlike deliverance. Certainly the people of St. John have every reason to regard it with favor for the success of the St. Lewrence canal system as a competitor St. Lawrence canal system as a competitor with New York means much to us. If the greater part of the western grain can be brought to Montreal there will always be

tions for re-opening business.

Mr. Bowyer Smith, who was standing directly opposite the burning building at the time of the big explosion, was quite severely cut about the face and legs by

Times from St. Petersburg, is considering a scheme for a large increase in the Russian navy.

THE EMPHATIC STATEMENT that The D. & L. Menthol Plaster is doing a great deal to alleviate neuralgia and sustained quite a cut. Dr. L. A mexhbor who lives on St. Patrick street and whose name was said to be McGourty, was struck in the eye by glass. He had a narrow escape. Dr. McAlpine who at tended him, said that had the glass struck in the cye. George Baker, a waiter in the Victoria hotel, was struck by flying glass and his arm was cut.

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the list of supplementary books submitted last night.

Trustee Keating wanted the true story of Modder River and Colenso told in histories of England if any histories were introduced. The district superintendents decided to eliminate English histories, and nothing but American history will be included in the supplementary reading.

sinful newspaper ranks, slightly disfigured but still in the ring.—[Denver Evening

# "Want of Watchfulness Makes a Thief."

Many cases of poor health come from want of watchfulness. But if you keep your blood pure no thief can steal your health. The one effective natural blood puri-

fier is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It never disappoints. impure Blood—"My wife suffered with pain and distress from an affection of the throat caused by impure blood. She was almost in despair when she turned to Hood's Sarsaparilla. Six bottles of this medicine completely cured her." John Weckmar, Galt, Ont.

Weckmar, Galt, Ont.

Scrofula — "Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured me of scrofula. I was weak and debilitated but it made me strong and well. After a severe cold had catarrhal fever. Again resorted to this medicine and it cured Again resorted to this medicine and it cured me." SABAH E. DEBOY, Annapolis, N. S.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Never Disappoints

# VERY VITAL SUBJECT.

Ottawa, March 29-The greater part of yesterday's sitting was taken up with the debate on the transportation question, a debate on the transportation question, a matter which is at present more interesting to the people of Canada than any other that can be named, because upon it rests to a large extent the future prosperity of the dominion. Canada is a great and growing country with almost illimitable possibilities in the future, but its prosperity would be only half secured if the prosperity would be the cast did not do the business of the people of the west, in other words, if the products of Canada speaking in St. John, "until every dollar's worth of the products of Canada goes through the ports of Canada." That was a noble saying and it expresses not only Sir Wilfrid's individual opinion but also Conpany they had lost money and in one inthe views of the government. It is a policy which has had the firm support of the minister of railways and the visible sign and token that this is so, is to be seen in the grain gleystor which towers over the grain gleystor which the government. It is a policy which has had the firm support of the minister of railways and the visible stance pointed out a loss of \$356.69.

Mr. A. E. Peters, president of the Record Foundry Company, at Moneton and the grain of the grain grain

# A Result of the Ladysmith Celebration.

Truro, March 29-(Special)-From the unsurpassed demonstration made, at such short notice, by Truro on the afternoon of the relief of Ladysmith, is likely to spring a corps of cavalry. A man on horse-back in Truro has heretofore been a rare sight, but on March 1, in less than two hours, a mounted brigade of 30 men was formed to take part in the procession, which paraded the streets for two hours. Since then the saddle has come into popularity and Col H. T. Laurance, of the 78th Battalion, and Capt. C. R. Coleman, have taken an interest in the formation of a mounted troop for drill. Last night a meeting was held and 25 names registered for membership. The necessary by-laws are in course of construction, and when in proper form for organization—likely about the end of April—it is estimated

and from behind the counter, who have hardly seen a horse since they left their homes on the farm, five or ten years ago, have become enthused and are joining the "Strathcona Riding Club," as the organi-

zation is likely to be styled.

Mr. C. L. Chisholm, of the New Glasgow Conservatory of Music, late head instructor in violin at Mount Allison Conservatory of Music, Sackville, has connect. ed himself with the Conservatory of Music in this town. He is taking particular charge of the violin department and is forming a large choral combination.

### A Patriotic Entertainment Where All Who Desired Could Not Participate.

Chatham, March 30—A patriotic en-tertainment was held in the Masonic hall on Thursday evening for the New Bruns-wick contingent fund. The decorators are to be congratulated on the artistic appearance of the hall, the result of a tasteful arrangement of guns and flags, flowers and pictures with the patriotic colors conspicuous. The musical and literary part of the entertainment was a treat. The horsess of 50 voices were grand and choruses of 50 voices were grand and the solos by Mrs. Harry Searle, Miss Susie Robinson and Mr. R. H. Anderson, de-lighted everybody. The tableaux Britannia lighted everybody. The tableaux Britannia and Three Britons were very picturesue and the songs "Tenting on the Old Camp Grounds," with tableau and "Soldiers of the Queen," with military drill were deservingly applauded. While "The Absent-Minded Beggar" was being sung the soldiers of the Queen passed the hat through the audience. The contributions were generous. The selections by the orchestra were excellent and the recitations by Dr. Baxter and Mr. Jordan were thoroughly enjoyed. The entertainment was a merited success. So many were unable to procure tickets last night it is to

DR. VON STAN'S PINEAPPLE TAB LETS—Cure Sour Stomach, Distress after Eating, Weight in the Stomach, Wind on the Stomach, Loss of Appetite, Dizziness. Nausea, Poor Blood, Catarrh of the Stom-ach, Sick Headache, and every other dis-order traceable to bad digestion. One tablet gives almost instant relief—they're nature's positive and delightful cure—60 tablets in a box for 35 cents.

Little That is New was Developed Yesterday--Mr. Peters Does Not Wish to Tell who the Record Foundry Stockholders Are.

Fredericton, March 30-The bridge investigation committee was called to order stated that the St. John Sun and the did not go to their markets across the sea through Canadian ports. "I will never be contented," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was only fair for him to refer to the lower speaking in St. John, "until every dollar's was only fair for him to refer to the losses

sign and token that this is so, is to be seen in the grain elevator which towers over the Intercolonial Railway station at St. John, and in the splendid deep water wharves which are now under construction near it.

One Route at a Time.

The other evening Mr. Blair explained at great length in the House of Commons the policy of the governemnt with respect to the question of transportation. There are no two parties with reference to the propriety of bringing as much trade as possible to Montreal, but there are two different ways of accomplishing this object which are under consideration. One of these is the utilization of the St. Lawrence route from the great lakes to the sea, the other is the construction of the Georgian Bay canal at a cost of \$30,000,000.

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Mr. Peters had arranged with Mr.

cus offer to Hon. Mr. Emmerson to do the work for this amount. He had floated the money for the bridges on drafts and notes which he got from Mr. Haines and had endorsed them over to the Record Foundry Company. They had delivered the bridges to him at five cents per pound for bat Moncton and he, after freighting

them to the site and erecting them, charged the government six and a half cents.

He had received from the government for these bridges \$36,219.55, and had paid the Record Foundry Company \$25,631.15 etc., was \$7,689.46. The remaining \$2,-898.54 was for taking down and removing old piers and superstructures and included the price of lumber.

The witness produced the ledger of the

Record Foundry Company, showing the account between him personally and the company. He said that the stock used by his firm in bridge construction came from the United States, St. John and Nova Scotia. The witness did not have papers showing the cost of labor in con-

nection with bridge erection.

He had negotiated with Mr. Haines for the purpose of securing the work for the Record Company. He had a written Record Company. He had a written statement from the manager of the Can-adian Bridge Company that the company had failed in business. The Record Foundry had acquired part of their plant including a twin boring machine. His firm had never tendered for bridge work outside the province. Mr. Haines had five shares of stock in the Record Foundry Company since 1894. He made the invest

Hazen regarding the stockholders of this company and said he had a list with him, but would rather not produce it. He was not urged by Mr. Hazen to produce it. Dr. Stockton further questioned the witness in regard to the weight of the Port Eigin and Petitcodiac bridges. He said the shop weight of a bridge usually came pretty close to the estimate made

witness stand and his examination was continued by Dr. Stockton. He stated he had not brought a list of the stockholders of the Record Foundry Company. Dr. Stockton asked that he send for it. Dr Pugsley thought it unfair to have the names of all the stockholders made public property. But, if certain ones were wanted they could be named. Mr. Peters said the stockbook was in the hands of Treasurer Atkinson and he thought the directors of the company would not con-sent to its being made public. In fact they had decided it could not become pub-

lic property.

A lengthy discussion between the counsel followed. Mr. Hazen stated he had received a letter from Mr. Johnson of the Dominion Bridge Company, which said Mr. Johnson would not return to give evidence.
Continuing, Dr. Stockton examined Mr.

Peters in connection, with the Grand Manan and Dingee bridges. The witness explained them.

bridge was also gone into. Mr. Peters said the chief business of the Record Foundry Company was stove making. He thought when bridges were being constructed ten to thirty-five men were usually employed on bridge work. For the years 1895-96, and 1897, not over half the time had been taken up with bridge work. were so taken up.

This concluded Dr. Stockton's examina-

tion and the witness was cross-examined by Dr. Pugsley. He said J. M. Ruddock and theRecord Foundry Company were the only two firms in the province doing here gave the history of the company and explained their standard of doing business. He said 10 per cent. of the whole volume of the company's business was on bridges. The standard, which he explained, governed all material manufac-tured and enabled the company to make Record Company were able to compete firms came down here and quoted prices down below the standard rates. The Record Company had started to

manufacture bridges at the solicitation o As important business in the legislature required the attention of the committee they did not reassemble until after 9 this evening, and as the committee decided nothing could be gained by holding an evening session, adjournment was made until 10 o'clock tomorrow.