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LOCAL OPPOSITION CITY OF SAINT JOHN.

Ward Meetings for the coming election will be held Every Evening at 8 o'clock as follows: Kings, Queens, Duke and Sydney Wards at Foster's Corner.

LABOR TROUBLES. A Strike in Chicago—There Must be no Intimidation. CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has reached Chicago to adjust the labor strike that is now closing up the clothing industry of the city.

SUITS TO MEASURE \$12. This offer will not last much longer. You had better take advantage of it at once. Just think, 50 patterns of fine imported and domestic cloths to select from: \$12.00. PANTS to measure \$3.00.

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

The Silly Telegraph is Caught Lying Again.

Good News From Woodstock—The Wad That Came—A Battle Royal.

The Telegraph's account of the proceeding at York Theatre is a screaming burlesque. The Telegraph says the people at the York Theatre on Saturday were rowdies. Mr. Blair admits the defeat of the government. At the Sunbury nomination yesterday he conceded fifteen or sixteen seats to the opposition.

A LIE REPEATED.

W. F. Hatheway's pretensions of sympathy for the laboring man have been rather rudely dispelled by the publication of the fact that Mr. Hatheway is a member of the local flour trust, the object of which is to keep up the price of flour to the consumer.

MR. ROBERTSON'S SPEECH.

Geo. Robertson never appeared to us poor advantage before a St. John audience as he did on Saturday. Unfortunately he spoke when the audience was very small, having thinned out at supper time.

THE WAD.

The wad has arrived. It came last week, crisp and new, fresh from the hands of the engravers. It is being apportioned, and will be put in circulation by the government heeler next Saturday.

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THE PIOUS GLEANER.

To the Editor of the Star: Sir.—The Frederick Gleaner of Saturday in discussing the attitude of the St. John Globe, which it terms "a traitor in camp" has this double column editorial gem: "An honest opponent commands respect; we know where to find him and how to fight him. But for the hypocritical snake-in-the-grass, who, while professing friendship, is taking every opportunity to give a stab in the back, we can have nothing but contempt."

TRAFFIC IN GIRLS.

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IN NORTHUMBERLAND.

The only paper in Northumberland openly supporting Tweedie and his government is the Chatham Advance, the editor of which is a government official and does government printing at two prices besides. The other two Chatham papers, one conservative and one having liberal leanings, actively oppose Tweedie, while the Newcastle paper, which a few months ago made light of the opposition cause, is taking no part so far but gives unusual prominence to a report of the proceedings at the opposition convention.

IN CHARLOTTE.

The St. John Telegraph some time ago gave the names of the probable government candidates in Charlotte as follows: Hon. George P. Hill, James O'Brien, W. F. Todd, Wm. Russell of W. C. H. Grimmer. The first four were the old members. The Telegraph's forecast was slightly astray. Mr. Hill and Mr. Grimmer are on the opposition ticket. Mr. Todd is actively supporting the opposition ticket. We have not heard what part, if any, Messrs. O'Brien and Russell are taking but they are not government candidates and their names have not appeared in the press as government supporters. Charlotte is one of the counties that the government counted sure.—Moncton Times.

CAMPAIGN LYING.

This is how the government papers outside of St. John are trying to manufacture public opinion. The Sackville Tribune says: One of the most magnificent liberal meetings ever held in New Brunswick was held in St. John on Monday night. Hon. A. G. Blair was present and delivered a most admirable speech. Enthusiasm ran high and the result of the election in St. John city and county is a foregone conclusion. Speeches were also given by Messrs. McKeown and Robertson.

RECESSIONAL.

(After McCarthy-a long way.) George our great mayor, prone to boast, As builder of the wharf that fell, Whose never-ceasing voice hath cost Our city more than he will tell. Almighty voice! keep running yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget.

The cattle-guard he'll put aside, The dry dock's dry talk start again, For all this blabbing, blind by blind, Be mercy, and to them that end, Thy Ditch.

BISHOP CASEY SPEAKS.

His Lordship Bishop Casey at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception told his congregation in speaking of the coming election that as far as the political aspect of the matter was concerned he had nothing to tell them, but morally he had.

His lordship warned his hearers against receiving or disbursing monies at election times. He did not know whether bribery was resorted to or not, but from general inference, he supposed it was. If any money was received it would have to be devoted to charity, but his lordship did not want it for any of his charities. It was a wrong principle and should be suppressed. The right of voting as one pleased was impressed upon the people by his lordship, after which his remarks were brought to a close.

KING EDWARD.

Takes an Active Interest in the St. Louis Exposition.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—King Edward held the first levee of the season in the Throne room of Buckingham Palace at noon today. His majesty, who wore a military uniform, was attended by the Prince of Wales, most of the cabinet ministers and all the great officers of state. United States Ambassador Choate presented several Americans, among them being D. R. Francis, former-governor of Missouri, and President of the St. Louis exposition. Mr. Francis was much pleased by the king's cordiality. After the levee his majesty sent the cabinet ministers to the forenoon secretary expressed keen interest in the fair and promised it every possible support. Mr. Francis anticipates an early announcement of the appointment of a royal commission to arrange for Great Britain participating in the exposition.

MR. TARTÉ.

Comes Out Straight in La Patrie for Repeal of Preferential Clauses.

Mr. Tarté in La Patrie comes out flat-footedly in favor of the repeal of the preferential clauses of the existing tariff. He declares that neither the British manufacturers or bankers, or even Mr. Chamberlain, are satisfied with the tariff. He is of no practical benefit to them; and proclaims: "Our Canadian manufacturers are complaining bitterly of the competition to which they are subjected from these same English manufacturers who, as we are so light a spirit that the concessions which we have made are worthless to them. We believe that public opinion in Canada would welcome with satisfaction the repeal of the preferential clauses. England closes her doors to our goods, she declares it to be impossible for her to give a preference in her markets to our natural products. She says that that which we have freely given is of no value to her. The British authorities know from scientific sources that our cattle are not infected with contagious disease. Yet she maintains discrimination against them in spite of the protest of our government. In order to protect the British breeder, England has the right to protect her agriculture against us, against her colonies, but she has not the right to do so under cover of discriminatory attacks upon our industries."

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NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Trains are Snowbound and Traffic is Blocked.

Most Severe Storms and Frost Since the Railway Line Was Opened.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 23.—An authoritative despatch from St. John's, Nfld., says that the sensational reports regarding trains on the Newfoundland railway are absolutely untrue.

There is a snow blockade over a portion of the line between Millerton Junction and Kitt's Brook station, a distance of about 32 miles. At Kitt's Brook station there is a train containing 22 people for St. John's, and at Millerton Junction a train containing 28 people from St. John's. These trains are held at these stations while section men, with snow ploughs and necessary implements are clearing the portion of the track which is now snow-bound. The weather, both as regards frost and snow, has been the worst since the trains first ran. Both trains could have returned to the starting points, but as this would mean facilities busily engaged and as they were well provisioned and the passengers were perfectly satisfied and confident of being able to get to their respective destinations, the trains were kept in their present positions, convenient to travel. There are 62 miles of railway in Newfoundland, all of which is in daily operation with the exception of that portion above referred to. Both trains are provided with sleeping cars and are provisioned in the best style and in plenty. Reports that the people are starving and absolutely false in every particular. The line is open behind both places where the trains are standing, and the train at Millerton Junction is returning to Placentia to connect with the Bruce, and the passengers will be forwarded to North Sydney whilst the train which is at Kitt's Brook will be returned to Bay of Islands until such time as the portion of the road between Kitt's Brook and Millerton Junction is again in operation. The steamer Bruce, which was caught in the ice at Low Point, near Sydney harbor, got free on Saturday afternoon and arrived at Lunenburg. After coaling the steamer will leave Monday morning for Placentia, and take over the passengers and mails which are here for Canada and the United States.

NEW CANADIAN CRUISER.

Beautiful Vessel for Government Fishery Service—Fast Trip Across.

HALIFAX, Feb. 23.—Steamer Lady Laurier, the last addition to the Canadian government's fleet, arrived this afternoon from Glasgow, after a voyage of seven days. In command of Captain E. C. Johnson, Captain McElhinney, of Ottawa, nautical assessor, who has superintended the building of the steamer, and who came out with her, says that had the weather of the first four days continued the steamer would have crossed the ocean in eight days. More than half of the distance was covered in four days. The Pretorian, which left at the same time, is not yet reported. The Lady Laurier met floating ice on the banks west of the Virgin Rocks, and had to get out of her course fifteen miles to the south to get around it. Off the Cape Breton coast heavy ice again was met which made a detour necessary. Heavy head winds were experienced and the steamer is badly iced up. One day she had 40 tons of ice forward which was cut away. The Lady Laurier is a fine-looking craft of 1,000 tons, has a speed of 14 knots and has a cable grappling gear, sufficient for working in an ocean depth of 21-4 miles. Her interior fittings are in polished oak and plush. One of the cabins is marked "minister," being the accommodation reserved for the minister of marine.

THE C. P. R.

Has Bought Fourteen Beaver Line Steamers for About \$7,500,000.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The negotiations for the purchase by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of fourteen Beaver Line steamers from Elder-Dempster and company were satisfactorily concluded this morning. The price paid is not yet disclosed, but it is said to be about \$7,500,000. The deal is regarded as having an important bearing on the proposed Canadian fast mail services as it will probably eliminate the tender of Elder-Dempster & Co. therefor and leave the C. P. R. in a better position to secure the contract.

WIRELESS NEWSPAPERS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Cunard line steamer Etruria, arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown and reports having encountered very stormy weather throughout the passage. The Etruria is the first steamer on which a newspaper containing news received abroad by wireless telegraphy was published. On Feb. 7, while bound from New York for Liverpool with Marconi as one of the passengers, various news items, principally American news, were received from the Marconi station, located at Cookhaven where the vessel was twenty miles west of Fastnet. These were put in type and printed in a single column about three inches in length on paper of demy octavo size. Copies were distributed among the passengers. This first mid-ocean newspaper contains eleven items of news, in all one hundred and sixteen words.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived: S. S. Tritonia, 2,700 tons, from Glasgow. Sch. Fred H. Gibson, 418, Read, from Apalachicola. Sch. W. M. Jones, 264, McLean, from Boston. S. S. Conatwise, Sch. Harry Morris, 95, from Quebec, and cleared for same. Sailed: S. S. Kastalia, 1,302, W. S. S. Manchester, 1,000, from Manchester, N. B., via Halifax, and on to New York via Liverpool.

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Reduction Sale.

Camel Hair Tams, 69c. Former price \$1. All colors.

Men's Rough Finished Soft Hats, 75c. Former prices \$1.50 and 2.00

ANDERSON'S, 17 Charlotte Street.

FELT BOOTS AT COST.

Women's Felt Foxed Bals. Women's Felt Foxed Congress Boots. Women's Felt Foxed Button Boots.

We are selling the above winter boots at cost to clear.

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OPERA HOUSE

LAST EIGHT NIGHTS OF Bandmann Opera COMPANY.

Monday, 23rd Feb. THE CHARMING MUSICAL COMEDY, FLORODORA!

As played for over three years in the Lyric Theatre, London.

Tuesday, 24th Feb. WILSON BARETT'S MASTER-PIECE, THE SIGN OF THE CROSS!

First appearance of Mr. Maurice E. Bandmann in this city. Marcus Superbia (Perfect of Rome) Mr. Maurice E. Bandmann. Mercia (The Christian) Miss B. Forsythe.

Wed. 25th Feb. THE CHARMING COMIC OPERA, SAN TOY!

As played for three years at Daly's Theatre, London.

PRICES 75, 50 and 25 Cents. WILLIAM PETERS, -DEALER IN- LEATHER and HIDES, Shoemakers' Findings, Plastering Hair, Tanners' and Carriers' Tools Lamplack, etc. 268 Union Street

The different branches of the Salvation Army in the city will unite this evening in tendering a reception to a party of six cadets who are passing through the city on their way to Toronto, where they will enter the training school. The meeting will take place in the Charlotte street barracks and will be charge of Major Howells.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—While there was no official celebration today was generally observed as a holiday in greater New York, and there was a very gorgeous display of bunting in honor of the first president. The public schools, federal, state, county and city offices, exhibitions, banks, etc., were closed, and in the open town district little business was transacted. Most of the retail stores too were closed. The weather was bright, and in consequence there was an exodus of pleasure seekers to the country.