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THE RISE IN RENTS The increase in rents is the most talked of subject in the public mind in St. John at the present time, and the board of trade comes in for a great deal of unfair criticism in that connection. It must be clear, even to the man whose rent has been increased, that there would be no general increase if the landlords were not quite sure that there were enough people looking for houses to enable them to get the increased rate.

CANADA'S FIELD CROPS The Dominion of Canada last year had 332,449,000 acres of land under field crops, which yielded a harvest estimated to be worth \$311,951,000. Some of the figures are as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Crop and Value. Rows include Wheat, Oats, Barley, Flax, and other crops with their respective values.

Lighter vein useless to try. Needing some ribbon one day, while in a very small town, we went to the store there. "Ribbon?" questioned the storekeeper. "Well, we'll just mislead our stock of ribbons, but if you all come back later, I'll see if I can find them."

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BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABLES

FEBRUARY FIFTH Today marks the seventy-second birthday of the Hon. Charles Wilson, a leading member of the bar in Vancouver, and a man who took an active part in the political life of British Columbia a few years ago. He was born in London, England, in 1841, and came to the Pacific Coast in 1862. He was called to the bar in 1863 and became a barrister in 1873. He sat as a member of the legislature for Cariboo from 1882 to 1886 and for Vancouver from 1886 to 1906, during which time he acted as attorney-general for the province. In 1899 he was chosen to lead the conservative party, resigning soon after in favor of Sir Richard McBride.

His Honor Charles Oakes Zachewitz Ermatinger, judge of the County of Elgin since 1890, is sixty-two years old today. He is a native of St. Thomas, and a son of the late Edward Ermatinger, M. P., who wrote "The Life of Colonel Talbot." He became a barrister in 1873, and was created a K. C. in 1888. In 1893 he contested East Elgin successfully in the Conservative interest, and sat in the Ontario Legislature for four years. In 1897 he attempted to capture the same constituency for the House of Commons, but without success. In 1901 he acted as chairman for the joint committee for the Talbot Centenary.

M. S. McCarthy, the brilliant nephew of the Dalmen McCarthy, who is one of the leading lawyers in Calgary, claims this as his natal day, having been born in Glasgow on February 5, 1872. He is a graduate of Trinity University, and was called to the bar in 1898. Going west he soon made his personality felt in Calgary, being elected to parliament in 1904. He represented the city of Calgary as a Conservative member until 1911. Meanwhile he had been offered and declined the Conservative leadership in the province. He is now interested in athletics and was a member of the Canadian Olympic committee in 1908.

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THE LIQUOR SITUATION IN ST. STEPHEN UNDER NEW COUNCIL BOARD

The Council correspondent of the Bangor Commercial writes: Just about this time the wine merchants of St. Stephen are beginning to feel a trifle uneasy, for the new town council elected Wednesday, Jan. 29, will organize for business and just what the new governing body will do in the way of temperance legislation is uncertain.

ELY'S CREAM BALM OPENS CLOGGED NOSTRILS AND HEAD--CATARRH GOES

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Just Received 500 Gross Fancy Valentines, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 15c to 75c. Comic Valentines, 2 for 1c, 3, 5, 10c each. VALENTINE POST CARDS 1c ea. 75c and 85c per hundred. Wholesale and Retail

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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

A meeting of the executive of the Women's Foreign and Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church, yesterday afternoon, was held in the evening at a public meeting in the evening at a dinner given by Mrs. A. F. Thomson, wife of Governor Rogers of P. Island; Mrs. John H. Thomson, Mr. Crislishank and Mrs. Jamieson of St. John.

The matter of the strike on the B. & A. railroad in Maine now lies in 11 hands of the committee representing the Order of Railway Conductors and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. The railway company was notified this week that the vote for a strike amongst the conductors and trainmen was unanimous and that they would go out on Monday, if up to the present no move has been made. The company has refused to listen to requests for arbitration.

It is believed that George E. Balm will succeed the late Mr. Fisher as a director of customs in Woodstock. He has been chairman of the Liberal Conservator Association.

Fresh from the land of the heather, "The Little Minister" breathing forth the sweetness of his hand love, and telling an appealing story of tenderness and earnestness in three reels, at Gem day.

Only one pair in over 11,000 live to celebrate their diamond wedding.