Letters to the Editor.

Editor Citizen:

Sir,—At the risk of many severe rebukes from the "Boosters" (whom I had thought were still-born) I want to make public my reason for opposing the building of a town hall at this time. The reason I have is that we cannot afford it. The good Book tells us that before building a tower the wise men should sit down and consider the cost.

If the proposed structure can be built for $35,000 and the money borrowed at 4½ per cent. at our usual loan period of thirty years, it means that at the end of that time the town will have paid for the building in cash the sum of seventy thousand dollars, and will have a building that cost to erect just thirty-five thousand dollars. Or in other words, to have the building the ratepayers would be taxed in the next thirty years seventy thousand dollars more tha nthey otherwise would.

Now, can we stand this?
What are our prospects?
How have we grown?

Let us look back fifty years, half a century, before most of us were born. On March 30, 1861, over fifty years ago, the following gentlemen comprised a Provincial Board of Census Commissioners:—A. G. Archibald, Jonathan McCully and Wm. Annand, and their report on Colchester County gives a population of 20,045.

Today we are credited with 23,069, and ten years ago 24,900, showing in 1901 a gain in forty years (1861-1901) of 4,855, and in 1911 a loss in ten years (1901-1911) of 1,241.

One dislikes to have to publish such distressing information but sensible men want the facts before they reach conclusions.

The town of Truro is dependent on the people of Colchester; much of our town's best business comes from outside the town and as the population decreases, necessarily must the business of our town fall away.

Further:—Were we not told two years ago by our present mayor, in the Academy Hall, that the assessment of our town was from ten to twenty per cent. too high?

Were not he and his council elected to reduce that assessment?

Have they done so?

Should not our mayor, to be consistent, advise that additional revenue from any source whatever, be used to lower the rate of taxation to $1.50 as it formerly was on a very low assessment, rather than urge the infliction of this additional burden on a people already suffering from taxation?

There are many other questions pertaining to this matter, such as the addition to our Academy building, so much needed, a pure water service, etc., but I can leave them until the public meeting and close this letter by asking one more question:

If it takes three tax collectors, in addition to the town clerk and his assistant, with our present burden, how many more will be required after an extra twenty-three hundred dollars a year has been added to pay for a new town hall?

THE GROUCH.

WEDDED IN THE FAR WEST.

DeLay-Barber.

A very interesting event took place in Medicine Hat on December 18th, when May Catherine, daughter of Mr. Thomas DeLay, Londonderry, N. S., was united in marriage to Mr. Joseph Bertram Barber, of Calgary, formerly of Dominion City, Manitoba.

The wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davies, the officiating clergyman being Rev. J. R. Morrow, of St. John's Presbyterian Church.

The bride, one of Colchester's fairest daughters, looked exceedingly pretty in a gown of Alice blue silk, carrying a handsome bouquet of white roses. She was attended by Miss Marion Davies, while the groom was ably supported by Mr. George DeLay, brother of the bride.

Some fifteen guests, friends of the bride and groom, were in attendance.

Immediately after the ceremony a very dainty lunch was served in the dining room, with pretty table decorations of carnations and sprays.

The party autoed to the C. P. R. station, where amidst showers of confetti and good wishes, the happy couple took their departure for Londonderry, N. S., to spend Christmas with the bride's father.

After spending a month's honeymoon through Nova Scotia, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Mr. and Mrs. Barber will return via Montreal and Toronto, to their cosy home which is just being completed in Calgary.

Although the wedding was a quiet one, the bride received may beautiful and valuable presents.

A NEW FEATURE.

A new feature has been added to the Short Course to be given at the Agricultural College from January 2nd to 12th next. It is the instruction to be given in the running of gasoline engines. The management have secured an expert to give the lectures and demonstrations along this line. The leading makers of gasoline engines in Canada as well as some parts of the United States, will have their engines on exhibition and, to show that they are making special preparations, we might state that one company is sending an expert all the way from Chicago to look after the interests of their engine during the period of the short course. Farmers in the vicinity of Truro, who are interested in the running of gasoline engines, will have a rare opportunity to take advantage of this special feature of the course and, should they wish to learn of the exact hours when this instruction will be given, should apply to Principal Cumming.

The Agricultural College management is pleased to see as many of the local farmers as possible take a day of the class work which is given during the short course and hope that a very considerable number will take advantage of the various demonstrations and derive all the benefit they can by attending the course.

MARRIED.

EMMETT-EDGETT—At the Jubilee House, Truro, Dec. 20th, by Rev. M. S. Richardson, Clarence Emmett, of Grand Lake, Halifax Co., to Blanche Edgett, of Amherst, N. S.

CROWE-NELSON—At North River on the 12th inst., by the Rev. H. K. McLean, Maynard Freeman Crowe, of Belmont, and Ida, daughter of Christie Nelson.

HAD CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH 14 GRAND-CHILDREN

One of our "old boys" received perhaps more than his usual hearty welcome at the hands of his brother Knights on Monday (Christmas) morning. The occasion was the usual service of Christmas day by the Knight Templars and when Sir Knight L. B. Archibald, who was officiating, announced that on that day Sir Knight Geo. McLeod would sit at the head of the table at his home with 14 grand-children, a generous and cordial round of applause greeted the announcement.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for Extension to Breakwater at Devil's Island, N. S.," will be received until 4.00 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 1912, for the construction of an extension to the breakwater at Devil's Island, Halifax County, N. S.

Plans, specifications and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this department and at the offices of H. A. Russell, Esq., District Engineer, Halifax, N. S., E. G. Millidge, Esq., District Engineer, Antigonish, N. S., and on application to the Postmaster at Devil's Island, N. S.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signature, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. (10 p.c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, December 15, 1911.

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Gleanings From Many Quarters Of The World

HAVE ADOPTED A PERFECT BABY.

Childless Couple Spent Thousands to Secure "the Right One."

BNTTE, Mont., Dec. 25.—E. Creighton Largey, one of Butte's millionaires, and his wife, formerly Miss Dody Hancock, an actress, well known in Chicago, have adopted a baby girl after a search for "the right one" which lasted several months. The search extended to San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Boston and half a dozen other cities, enlisted the services of a score of well known physicians of the country, and was made at an expense of thousands of dollars. They sought a little one physically perfect, who bore no hereditary taint, and who, aside from being an orphan, had no living relatives and who was penniless.

The baby was found in New York through the efforts of a physician of that city whose name the Largeys refuse to make public. The name of the child is also withheld, and the adoption proceedings were held behind closed doors in the District Court of Silver Bow County before Judge Michael Donlan.

Mr. Largey, who is one of the heirs of the Largey estate, was married to Miss Hancock four years ago. They are childless, and several months ago Mrs. Largey suggested that they adopt a child. Largey opposed the idea at first, but gave in to the pleadings of his wife. Then he held out for a boy.

Once again he gave in and consented to the adoption of a baby girl if the right one could be found. They began the search which ended successfully three months ago, but news of which has just been given out.

The boy's father was killed in a railway accident seven months before she was born, and her mother gave up her life to bring the little one in the world. She has no living blood relative and is today heiress to an estate valued at $1,000,000.

BUSINESS OF MARRYING.

Couple Swindled New York Ministers Through Bogus Cheques.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A man and a woman who have been married at least three times within the past three weeks have evolved a new method of obtaining money under false pretences, the police claim, and as a result, three clergymen or more have been swindled out of $10 each. The couple have represented to the clergymen that they wished to wed and have presented a marriage license. In each case the clergyman officiating was given a bogus cheque for $50 and gave the bridegroom $10 in change. The Rev. W. F. Kerney, of this city, is the last minister to notify the police that he was victimized.

GIRL BABIES TALLER NOW.

Boston Expert Says they Have More Vitality Than in Past.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Girl babies are being born taller, and with much more vitality than formerly, according to Miss Charlotte W. Dunn, assistant superintendent of a hospital here, which is patronized by the stork to the extent of 3,000 babies a year.

She declared that the boy babies continue on the average, both in weight and height.

UPHOLD THE CONDUCTOR.

Slapped the Face of Man Who Used Profane Language.

GALT, Ont., Dec. 25.—Magistrate Blake today ruled that a conductor on a G., P. and H. railway car was justified in slapping a passenger's face who used profane language, and although warned, persisted, and the conductor punched his face.

A DOG HERO.

Mascot Saved Three Lives From Fiery Furnace.

NEW YORK, December 25.—To the already long list of life saving heroes of the Fire Department another new name was added tonight. It was that of a dog—"Happy"—a Dalmatian which followed the apparatus to every fire.

Three firemen were saved from a burning furniture warehouse in Harlem tonight through the sagacity of "Happy," who climbed a ladder three stories to effect their rescue. The three firemen, one of them "Happy's" master, had been caught at the rear of the third floor in that dread of all firemen, the back-draught, and forced to flee. The smoke was so dense that they lost their way in their search for the window at which their ladder had been run up.

Standing near the hose cart "Happy" heard his master's cry for help, jumped for the ladder and began climbing it. Thousands of spectators watched the black and white spotted animal as he mounted rung after rung, and the firemen who had seen the dog start up the ladder and knew something must be wrong, began climbing after him. "Happy" reached the third floor window first, and poking his nose inside he began barking. The nearly suffocated firemen inside the building heard their company's pet and guided by the barks, made their way through the smoke to the window. "Happy's" master picked the dog up in his arms and tenderly carried him down to the street.

STORK BROUGHT TRIPLETS.

St. Jerome Woman Mother of Four Children in Ten Months.

MONTREAL, Dec. 25.—In the little village of St. Jerome, some miles out of Montreal, there is a mother of four, all born within ten months time. Adelard Allaire was the lucky father of a ten months' old child the day before yesterday, but now he is the father of four, his helpmeet having given birth to three more yesterday. All concerned are in perfect health. The baptism of the triplets occurred yesterday. Three sisters of Mrs. Allaire who are married to the three brothers of her husband, held the three children when they were baptized by Abbe Marsolais.

A DESTRUCTIVE MONSTER.

Krupps Evolve New Machinery for Warfare.

BERLIN, December 25.—Krupp is reported to be constructing a 38-centimeter gun which will be the biggest piece of artillery ever constructed. The length of the gun, it is said, will be twenty metres and the projectile it will carry will weigh 900 kilograms.

SURROUNDED BY CANNIBALS.

Thrilling Experience of Dr. and Mrs. Currie in Africa.—En Route to Toronto.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Stories of cannibalism in Africa were told by missionaries who arrived today on the Minnehaha.

The Rev. Dr. Currie and Mrs. Currie, of Toronto, who have been stationed in the Portuguese province of Angola, on the west coast of Africa, told of having been surrounded by man-eating natives.

"We were making a fourteen-month trip into the interior," Dr. Currie explained, "when on one occasion armed cannibals surrounded us and made preparations to serve us up for a Christmas dinner. It looked pretty serious for a time, but I called the chief over and finally talked him out of his intention of eating Mrs. Currie and myself.

"It ended up by the cannibals giving us a pig and a gourd of native beer."

On other occasions they were surrounded, but they still have the same arms and legs with which they started.

Dr. Currie has spent 25 years in Africa, and his wife has been with him there for 18 years. He said that the natives of Angola practice poligamy, but discard all their wives except one when they become Christians. He told of one chief who had twelve wives, and seemed to be glad to get rid of eleven of them.

CHILD SWALLOWED COIN.

Copper Successfully Removed from Brockville Tot.

BROCKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 25.—Three-year-old child of George Moore, of Prescott, swallowed a Canadian copper on Monday last. The lad was brought here today and under the X-ray the coin of the realm was located in the gullet, close to the stomach, and was successfully removed.

Coasting on a hill adjacent to the West End Creek, a lad named Parslow, was carried into the middle of the stream, which had been kept open by the swift current. A short distance away the creek was frozen across and Parslow was rescued as he was about to disappear under the ice.

TURKEYS WIL SOON BE IN THE DODO CLASS.

Statistics Show Big Falling Off in the United States.—Extinct in Ten Years.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Unless something is done to habilitate turkey growing, there will be no such things as Christmas or Thanksgiving turkey in the United States within the next ten years. The census bureau has issued a bulletin showing that in 1910 there were only 3,668,708 turkeys on farms in this country, while in 1900 there were 6,594,095. At this rate the turkey will be in the dodo class by 1920. There was also a reduction of about fifty per cent. in ducks during the ten years, and the number of geese dropped considerably. Chickens increased, however, the total for the country going from 233,366,021 in 1900 to 280,345,133 in 1910.

MAY HAVE REACHED THE SOUTH POLE.

Leader of British Antarctic Exploration Had Hopes of Doing So.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—It is recalled tonight that before he sailed Captain Robert F. Scott, leader of the British Antarctic expedition, expressed the hope that with good luck he would spend Christmas at the South Pole, and there is much speculation as to whether time will prove that he has done so. Lieutenant Sir E. H. Shackleton, the explorer, in discussing the matter today, said he thought it at least possible that Capt. Scott and Capt. Amunsen, the Norwegian explorer, had both arrived at the Pole, especially in view of the competition, but no news from these men is expected before March. It is remarked that the unprecedented number of five expeditions are on the way to the Antarctic.

A STARTLING WINDFALL.

Toronto Jewish Tailor Heir to $60,000,000.

TORONTO, December 25.—Struggling for an existence on a meagre salary in a little tailor shop in "The Ward," Harold Price Donn, a Toronto Hebrew, will soon come into a fortune of about $60,000,000. In Southern Russia is the parental estate of his grandfather, comprising about fifty-six square miles, including a portion of a town, and an extensive game preserve, of which Donn is the sole heir according to the will. In Wilna, Russia, a bitter legal fight has been proceeding since May 23 about the will, in which six lawyers and the American consul are taking a hand. Today Donn received a reassuring message from a representative to the effect that the estate will very shortly pass into his hands.

Donn is 24 years of age, and fairly well educated. He has worked in Toronto, New York city and Rochester.

AN ENVIABLE PRODIGY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Vinson Walsh McLean, the $100,000,000 baby, grandson of John R. McLean, and the late mining magnate, Thomas F. Walsh, and sole heir to their combined fortunes, to-night was host at his third Christmas celebration. Baby McLean's guests included the Czar of all the Russians in the person of Ambassador George Bakhmeteff, grand uncle by marriage to the host; Admiral George Dewey, another grand uncle; the Danish ambassador, Count Moltke, Senator Crane and some twenty-five juvenile millionaires-elect, who move in baby McLean's set.

The festivities included a Christmas tree, a dinner of apple sauce and lady fingers, and a special Christmas vaudeville performance.

KAISER HANDS OUT CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Walks in the Park Distributing Gold and Silver Coins.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The Kaiser began his Christmas celebrations in traditional fashion today by walking at midday in the park at Potsdam, in hunting costume, and distributing new gold and silver coins to the poor and exchanging greetings with the people. Later he attended the Christmas tree festivities at the Grenadier Guards barracks and made gifts to every officer and private, contributing towards these gifts his salary of 200 marks, which he draws as captain of a company.

The Kaiser in addressing the soldiers said he hoped that although stern duty kept them in the barracks they would feel at home there. In the afternoon the Kaiser presided over the giving out of gifts in the Imperial household and to the servants. The family's Christmas tree was brilliantly lit up by electricity in the evening in the shell room.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

THOUGHT HE SAW STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

But it Proved to be a Turkish Airship Scouting.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A despatch from Tripoli says the Turks have received a number of aeroplanes, and have been employing them for scouting purposes. On Friday night the Italian outposts noticed a vivid light in the skies. The men did not know about the Turkish aeroplanes, and a trooper who prides himself on his Biblical knowledge expressed the opinion that the light was the Star of Bethlehem, which had come as a prediction of Italian success. The officers were dubious about this, and finally discovered that it was a Turkish air machine, carrying a searchlight, which was scouring the oasis.

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19—Express	9.20
25—C. P. R.	9.45
13—Accommodation	16.30
33—Maritime Express	16.55
17—Express (local)	19.30
9—Express	22.45

From St. John and Montreal.

10—Express	6.35
16—Freight	10.50
34—Maritime Express	15.15
2—Express	16.20
26—C. P. R.	20.00

From East.

18—Express	9.05
56—Accommodation	16.30
20—Express	16.50

Departures for Halifax.

14—Local	6.00
10—St. John Express	6.55
18—Express	9.25
34—Maritime Express	15.30
20—Express	17.20
26—C. P. R.	20.15

For St. John and Montreal.

1—Express	9.25
25—C. P. R.	9.55
33—Maritime Express	17.10
15—Freight	18.05
9—St. John Express	22.55

For East.

55—Freight	5.00
19—Express	9.35
17—Express	20.30

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4—First Class	9.42 a.m
6—Second Class	11.59
2—First Class	7.42 p.m.

DEPARTURES FOR WEST.

1—First Class	6.50 a.m.
5—Second Class	12.45
3—First Class	3.20 p.m.

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12—Corner of Victoria and Willow Streets.
14—Corner King and Victoria Streets.
15—Electric Light Station, King St., inside main entrance door.
16—Pole, opposite M. Carey's, Inn Street.
17—Corner Dominion and Duke Streets.

WARD TWO.
21—North east corner Model School
22—Corner Muir and Pleasant Streets.
23—Pole, opposite Lawrence's Queen Street.
24—Post Office, elm tree, opposite east door.
25—Pole, Foundry Crossing, Young Street.
26—Corner Dominion and Arthur Street.
27—Pole, Pleasant Street, opposite Charles.

WARD THREE.
31—Corner Logan and Water St's
32—Royal bank Corner.
33—Lemont Hotel Corner.
34—Corner Walker and Queen Streets.
35—Rail House, opposite Summer's Mills.
36—Corner Lyman and Brunswick Streets.
37—Corner Prince and Wood Sts.
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