St. John and Japan.

Wonderful Plans Unfolded by Caleb W. Wetmore Which Should Make Dr. Pugsley Sit Up and Take Notice.

To the Editor of the Sun:

Sir—We cannot but think that the Japanese government, when their war shall have ended, will readily accept of the proposed donation to them through us of two billion tons of clay iron stone, together with a large body of superior iron ore to mix therewith, as is done in England and Scotland. In the meantime will take it for granted that this will be done, and that they and our proposed dry dock, iron smelting and iron shipbuilding syndicate will get into working order as soon as the war terminates, the field of operations to commence in our winter ports of St. John and Halifax and terminate in our dominion great gulf system and Mackenzie valley in our extreme north and west. The better to be followed and understood we will commence in the east and work west. Believing the time would come when the old Shubenacadie and Dartmouth and Halifax canal would become a necessity, we, say twenty years ago, tramped through from the junction of the two main branches of the Bay of Fundy, along the Shubenacadie River to Dartmouth, along this canal, and noted that apparently the aim of the owners of this waterway was to secure a title to the route and then later to put it into perfect working shape. We also noted the readiness with which the red clay banks of the canal floated down in places and obstructed the canal, and since then we have advised a way whereby this evil as we think can be overcome at not too great cost. We were at that date given an option on this canal which we have ever since held, and now if feasible we propose to reopen this canal in connection with our proposed docks in this city, and will expect the dominion government to furnish an ice breaker to keep this canal open, as also the St. John River to Fredericton, and Grand Lake to its head, to bring coal and ore to population, as is the correct method.

The substituting of 80 miles of Bay of Fundy—ever open—and of 54 miles by the reopening of the Shubenacadie canal, will be a substitution of only 144 miles of water carriage between St. John and Halifax as against 277 miles by I. C. R., and, as estimated by Sir W. VanHorne for the St. John bridge, a total of 477 of rail. This saving of rail carriage westward will greatly lessen the cost of coal to Ontario and Quebec and to railways of the west and greatly increasing the supply of westward rail freights and thereby practically lessening the cost of rail freights eastward.

New Brunswick is enormously rich in peat, some of it seven yards deep and constantly growing, and a half a score of other substances suitable for manufacturing fuel. To bring these materials together and then distribute the manufactured article, and at the same time bring farm produce to market at much less than it now costs, our proposed syndicate wants a road car somewhat like what they have in England, i. e., an ordinary car of two stories. Something of this kind, a car of two stories, the lower flat for freight (in bags for the most part) and two cars to go together might answer our purpose. We want mainly first to gather the raw material and then to distribute the manufactured article. Under this plan farmers with reasonable storage might have a large portion of their crop come to the city and then follow and dispose of it. To provide ample storage, at a good revenue, the city might gradually create storage room beneath the market, beginning, for advantageous draining, at the lower end.

The proposed roadway might commence at the pulp mill, the dock syndicate, catering to the tourist and citizen outing disposition to such an extent that the city might take this feature of the arrangement into consideration to such an extent as will incline them to name a figure for this property that our syndicate will not consider risky.

Starting at the mill we would propose to follow the shore, where we are told a level road can be got, three and a half miles westward to the inner Mispec Point, say seven miles out from Marsh bridge. The point mentioned we propose shall be the outermost of this the first section of our new docks. This point in clear weather can be seen to advantage from the east end of Orange street.

This point is nearly flat and a mile and a half square and is covered with a heavy growth of evergreens and broken stone and rotten rock suitable for a breakwater out westerly from the outermost of two low lying points which put out westerly from the said Inner Mispec Point. We propose that the city by prison and reformatory labor carry this breakwater out from time to time as far as may be thought desirable.

Thirty years continuous study has satisfied us that the enormous resources of the Mackenzie valley and what we call the great Gulf region of the dominion, which lay side by side, and must average more than 2,000 miles square, and are packed with mineral and material resources of known great value, must be brought to the winter ports of the dominion via the proposed Baie Verte canal here to be put into the best shape for and then reshipped mainly to British ports.

We propose the construction of a massive granite wall to start from the southwesterly angle of the I. C. R. wharf and run to a point a little east of the island, then to turn easterly and run east to the lower side of Red Head. This wall to be of the height of our highest tides, and always to maintain the water within them at that point.

The little ice that will make inside of this wall can be broken up by a small tug, as in the case of Philadelphia and other ports of that vicinity. In our case the broken ice can be crowded out of a top gate in the wall.

At the bend of the wall a double iron gateway is to be provided to admit and let vessels out of the proposed wet basin.

We propose to utilize the foothill of Red Head by raising it say three feet above highest tides, and cover it with railway tracks and warehouses.

This sand pier may be extended seaward more than a mile in the near future, as circumstances may determine as best. The vessels that must come and go via the Baie Verte canal, we suppose, must be confined to a depth of 20 feet, and of them we take it there must be very many, and to make the most of time, they should be steamers; and their great number would require that in the near future we should have two or three dry docks for our own accommodation.

As to the Courtenay Bay section, we propose the straightening and to some extent deepening the creek and bridging, say on the line of the extension of Mecklenburg street. The proposed bridge thought of is like that so common on the streets of Chicago, that when required for use are lowered and raised in a few seconds.

For many years the Messrs. Lee assured us that if the city provided a bridge for this creek, the parish of Simonds will consent to unite with the city. We count upon the bay being filled in above the bridge and that the northeasterly head of the bay will be reserved for railways, and that in connection with the easterly ends of Union street and the three streets will connect with two commodious granite walled slips.

To assist in the filling in work of the improvements we expect the city to permit the syndicate to use any surplus water it may have, for using in that work.

Following our proposed harbor improvements and tramway north and west of Courtenay Bay, we propose a tramway route from Inner Mispec Point along the highway to and across the proposed bridge, to and along Mecklenburg street and north of Queen square, and along Germain street to the U. S. A. steamboat wharf; then back to and along Germain street, the street south of the market, then east to and over Sydney and Waterloo streets to the second cross street north of the Shaw bakery; thence westerly over Charles street to some existing track to the southerly terminus of the Straight Shore road; then over said road to the iron works, where our syndicate may unite in providing a proposed siding, when the syndicate may tunnel under Douglas avenue, and in a circular way, to obtain easy grades, run easterly, northerly, westerly and southerly, bridging, as proposed, at Mecklenburg street, and also wharfing the mouth of Marble Cove, then again bridging westerly to a point between the pulp and saw mills, then following down the west bank of the river, beneath the two existing bridges, and tunneling the easterly narrow point of the asylum lot, and with say a sixty feet wide street for rail and highway travel to existing streets in Carleton.

East of this proposed road, it is believed, much of the river can be utilized for shipping, by triple piling or by part piling and part wharfing, to counteract the rapid current there. Later, a second street, on the level, looking for greatly increased traffic, in the not distant future, a second street, on a level with the Suspension bridge, may be opened far enough west of the first proposed street to give room for a two story fireproof range of warehouses between the two streets.

As the land, west of Fairville station, is much lower than is the railway station alluded to, a highway and one or more railway tracks may be provided for to cross at Marble Cove, or to follow down the shore to Carleton docks, railways, etc.

North of Marble Cove, in various ways the combined street and wharves may be widened and otherwise improved, and the proposed railway may, along the shore and creek and in other ways, be brought into contact with the quarries, fuel and kilns, to lessen the cost of fuel and lime, etc. As we have elsewhere said, our thirty years' study of the enormous resources of our dominion, Mackenzie Valley, and our great Gulf section, comprising say more than two-thirds of the area of our dominion, must be brought to our winter ports of St. John and Halifax via the long ago promised Baie Verte canal, to be put into shape here, then to be re-shipped to all British and other ports. The task would be hopeless but for the fact that Japan, than whom there are none more expert, ingenious and enterprising, now show a disposition to leave their own land, very long inhabited, and so far have given our Northwest the preference as a new home.

The Fairville station stands considerably higher than is the railway track three-fourths or a mile above. Therefore the railway track above the station can be tunnelled under, to give a track to the river between the saw and pulp mills, and a swinging bridge possibly can be devised to answer all purposes there.

And branch roads can be brought in from above Fairville station to connect with the two proposed streets below the highway bridge.

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Yours, etc.,

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MAJOR ARNOLD'S FUNERAL

Took Place at Sussex on Monday—A Fine House.

SUSSEX, N. B., Jan. 2.—The funeral of the late Major T. E. Arnold took place from his residence on Monday afternoon at 2.30, the ceremony being conducted by Rev. Scovil Neales, rector of Trinity.

The remains were taken to the church, where the usual burial service was read, thence to the Upper Corner cemetery, followed by a length cortege.

Among the visitors from a distance were: P. W. Frank, E. Philips and Geo. F. Calkin of St. John, and Kilgour Shives of Campbellton.

The floral tributes were very handsome.

The new butter and cheese factory which it is proposed to establish under the auspices of the Maritime Dairy Co., it is stated, will be in operation in about two weeks. The old Howes foundry buildings will be utilized as headquarters of the new concern.

Geo. W. Fowler, M. P., has recently purchased at Woodstock, N.B., "Baron Duncan," a four-year-old stallion by "Baron Wilkes," who promises to be very speedy, for which a good round sum was paid, and purposes having him handled the coming season in charge of Fred Gillis.

Miss M. E. Spear, who has been in F. W. Wallace's office for the past two years, leaves in about two weeks to accept a good position in St. John. Miss Bessie Folkins has taken her place and will do public typewriting. This office has been a great convenience to those wishing this kind of work done, and many will be glad to know it is to be continued.

FOR THE NEW YEAR.

If you have any task to do
Let me whisper, friend, to you,
Do it.

If you've anything to say,
True and needed, yea or nay,
Say it.

If you've anything to love
As a blessing from above,
Love it.

If you've anything to give,
That another's joy may live,
Give it.

If some hollow creed you doubt,
Though the whole world cry and shout,
Doubt it.

If you know what torch to light,
Guiding others through the night,
Light it.

If you've any debt to pay,
Rest you neither night or day,
Pay it.

If you've any joy to hold,
Next your heart lest it get cold,
Hold it.

If you've any grief to meet,
At the loving Father's feet,
Meet it.

If you've given light to see
What a child of God should see,
See it.

Whether life be right or drear,
There's a message sweet and clear,
Whispered down to every ear,
Hear it.

OSCAR WRIGHT'S TRIAL.

The case of Oscar Wright, charged with the murder of William C. McKnight of Havelock, will be tried in the Kings county court at Hampton on Tuesday, Jan. 10th. The preliminary examination, it will be remembered, was held in October at Sussex, after which Wright was committed to jail at Hampton, where he has remained since awaiting his trial. The case will be tried before Judge McLeod, with Dr. Pugsley as prosecuting attorney and Messrs. Currie and Fowler for the defence.

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CAMMACK BROKE DOWN

When Told That the Law Must Take its Course.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Jan. 3.—It was not much of a surprise here when it was learned that the authorities had decided that the law must take its course in the case of Thomas Cammack, to be executed here a week from Thursday. Rev. Father McMurray broke the sad news to the unfortunate man, who had somewhat buoyed himself up with the hope that his sentence would be commuted. He about collapsed when he was told, and sobbed and moaned pitifully. Since then he has somewhat regained his composure.

AT SACKVILLE.

Edward W. Ogden, a Well Known Citizen, Dead.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Jan. 3.—Edward W. Ogden, who has been critically ill, died at 8 o'clock this morning. Deceased was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Goodwin, and his second wife, who survives him, being Miss Lottie Silliker of Baie Verte. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Alice Smith, wife of Rev. James Smith of Qu'Appelle, N. W. T., and Miss Lizzie, at home. Alfred Ogden of Bedeque, N. S., is the only surviving brother. Deceased was for the most part of his life engaged in shipbuilding, and at one time owned several large vessels. In later years, however, he retired from active business life, and gave himself up to the cultivation of small fruits, in which pursuit he has been very successful. He was much respected and the news of his demise will be heard with genuine regret. He was 74 years old.

VETERAN POLITICAN

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—Charles Thibault, of Waterloo, Que., well known as a politician twenty years ago from one end of Canada to the other, was killed last night while crossing the tracks of the Canadian Pacific railway at Sutton, Que.

A. L. SLIPP DEAD.

He was One of the Best Known Horsemen in Eastern Canada.

A large number of people will hear with regret of the death of Albert L. Slipp, familiarly known as "Al," which took place Tuesday morning, at half-past five. Mr. Slipp had been in poor health for almost a year, and last July came to Hampton, where he was cared for at the home of Mrs. C. W. Cowan, a relative, but he grew worse, until the end came. The deceased was born in Queens county, but the greater part of his life was spent in Halifax. He was one of the most skilful race-horse drivers in Canada, and as a horseman, was very widely known. For the past few years he has been proprietor of the Hotel Albert, at North Sydney, and which has been conducted since his illness by Mrs. Slipp. Mr. Slipp was fifty-two years of age, and leaves a widow and one son. Mrs. Slipp is the daughter of Moses Cowan of Cedar street, in the north end. The funeral will be held from the residence of his father-in-law on Thursday afternoon.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

BATHURST, N. B., Dec. 30.—The following officers were installed on St. John's night in Lodge St. John, No. 2, F. & A. M., here: A. G. Bishop, W. M.; Reginald Boss, S. W.; George Winslow, J. W.; Wm. F. Pepper, Treas.; A. J. H. Stewart, Sec.; Otto B. Moore, S. D.; Fred G. Robertson, J. D. Henry Scott, 2Chap.; Simon Holdengracher, S. S.; Samuel Gammon, J. S.; Peter I. Frost, I.G.; Percy Wilbur, D. of C.; Hiram, C. Carter, Tyler. The W. M. was installed by 1st P. M. Stewart, and then the newly installed master installed the other officers, after which the lodge was called to refreshments, served in the lodge room by John Martig in his usual good style. After justice was done the good things the following toasts were proposed and replied to: 1st, The King, replied to by singing the National Anthem; 2nd, The Grand Lodge, replied to by R. W. Past District Deputy Stewart; 3rd, Lodge St. John, N. 27, by Worshipful Master; 4th, Sister Lodges, by R. D. Southerwood; 5th, Our Elder Brethren, by Bros. Southwood, Carter, Pepper, Wilbur and Stewart; 6th, Our Younger Brethren, by Bros. Scott, Moore, Robertson and Goodwin; 7th, Visiting Brethren, by Bro. Southwood; 8th, The W. Master, by A. G. Bishop; 9th, First P. Master, by M. Stewart; 10th, Our Next Merry Meeting, by Bros. Pepper, Scott, Wilbur and Carter; 11th, The Ladies, by Bro. Reg. Boss.

After one of the most pleasant evenings in the history of Lodge St. John, the lodge being closed, the brethren dispersed, fully determined to repeat at an early date.

VICTIM OF LOCKJAW.

Medical Skill Unavailing in Case of Michael Smith, Injured by Splinter.

WARE, Jan. 2.—Michael Smith, aged 28, died this afternoon at 3.30 from lockjaw, with which he was stricken on Christmas Day.

His was a peculiar case and has attracted much attention. Two days before Christmas he was injured while unloading barrels from a skid. The barrels rolled over him and a splinter penetrated his forehead.

He was formerly a clerk in the West Brookfield Hotel in West Brookfield and had many friends. He leaves a father and mother and one sister. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning at 9 from All Saints' church.

RESIDENCE BURNED.

ST. MARTINS, Jan. 3.—Monday evening, Jan. 2, the residence owned and occupied by Samuel Vaughan, situate on the railroad line in what is familiarly known as "the swamp," was burned down. Fire broke out about 9 p. m., and the brilliance of the glow lighted up the whole village. No insurance. The cause of the fire unknown.

THIEVES AT MONCTON.

Whole Stock of Turkeys Stolen—Mrs. Tiffin Gone to California.

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 4.—Mrs. E. Tiffin, wife of the general traffic manager of the I. C. R., left yesterday for California for the benefit of her health.

Clyde Johnstone of Winnipeg, is in town on an interesting mission. He is to be married to Miss Mabel, eldest daughter of one of Moncton's leading citizens, W. O. Swartz.

C. F. Burns, formerly travelling auditor of the I. C. R., has entered again his new duties as chief clerk in the treasurer's office.

Poultry thieves are abroad. A few days ago a resident of Botsford street had occasion to inspect his stock of turkeys which were kept in a locked box in the rear of his premises, when he found that not a solitary bird remained. He had six of them, and at 20 cents a pound figures his loss at about $10. Another resident had his poultry hanging up in an outbuilding and one night all were stolen. Evidently there are some people in town who think they cannot afford to buy these luxuries at the prevailing prices.

A tea distributing fakir has been doing the town of late. He left pound packages at the houses of different citizens with the request that they try a sample. When the agent called again those who broke the packages were met with a demand that they pay for them, which they did in most cases rather than have trouble, whether the tea was satisfactory or not.

A DECISION DEMANDED.

What is the best way, Mr. Retailer, in which you can persuade the buying public into coming to your store for the many good things you have provided for the holiday trade? You've got to decide, you know. They're going somewhere for such things. How are you going to induce them to come to you?

The other fellow is after them—sure. What means does he employ? Can you improve on his methods? One of his weapons is newspaper space, and you cannot afford to discard that. It should be your aim, however, to make better use of it than he does. It may be likened to a firearm. One man takes the space—the raw material—and evolves a popgun, the report of which sounds loudly in his own ear because he is so close to it. Another takes a similar material and produces a modern quick-firing gun that brings down the game in vast numbers at every discharge. Is yours a pop-gun or a Maxim?

SHOT HERSELF.

Woman Thought Detectives Were Shadowing Her.

BRADFORD, Pa., Jan. 4.—Mrs. J. C. Dennison of Smithport comitted suicide today by shooting herself through the head with a 32 calibre revolver. Last September the husband of the dead woman died under circumstances indicating that he had been poisoned, and suspicion was directed toward the wife as being responsible for his death. The county authorities have been investigating the case, and yesterday the woman received information by letter that detectives were shadowing her. Believing that she would soon have to answer before a jury on a murder charge, Mrs. Dennison killed herself. She left several notes, one of which practically admitted her guilt. She was also suspected of poisoning her father some years ago. The woman was 52 years of age and leaves several children.

MARK TWAIN'S TRIBUTE.

Harper's Weekly for December 31 publishes some touching lines—the little verse which Mark Twain has had cut in the modest block of marble which marks the resting place of his wife in the cemetery at Elmira, New York:

"Warm summer sun,
Shine kindly here.
Warm southern wind,
Blow softly here.
Green sod above,
Lie light, lie light,
Good night, dear heart,
Good night, good night."

The stock of W. L. Bradshaw, harness maker, of Main street, which was damaged by fire early on Tuesday morning, was insured in the Queen. The claim has been settled for $260.

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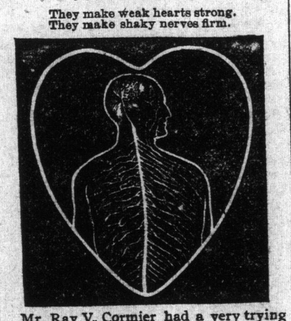
Mr. Ray V. Cormier had a very trying experience while at College; but, thanks to Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, he has been restored to health. He tells his experience in the following letter to us:—
"Wellington Station, P.E.I., Dec. 3rd, 1903.
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"Gentlemen,—Having been cured of a very troublesome disease, I find it my duty to write you a few lines. I was troubled with a very great palpitation of the heart and nervous prostration. I was attacked with it at College, and could not follow up the games of the University without being overcome with fatigue. I could not descend the stairs without resting half-way. I have left College, and am working in a general store, where I found your famous pills. I used three boxes, and am now completely cured; I cannot thank you enough. You may use this letter for the purpose of benefiting anyone who is suffering as I did. My home is in Sackville, N.B., but at present I am on Prince Edward Island.
"I remain, dear sirs, RAY V. CORMIER."
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SAME AS KIMBERLEY

Blue Clay District Discovered in North Borneo.

Prospector Had Kept Silence for Sixteen Years But at Last Gave Up His Secret.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The history of the discovery of what will probably be known in future as the Diamond Valley of Borneo reads like a page from Treasure Island. "All that has been found at present," said Sir Charles Jessel, the chairman of the British North Borneo Co., to a press representative yesterday, "is an extensive outcrop of blue clay. It may, of course, portend nothing, but it is the same blue clay that was looked upon with indifference by the settlers in South Africa and afterwards proved to be the superficial evidence of the great Kimberley diamond mines. I must admit that when the letter from the man who discovered the outcrop was first shown me I was inclined to laugh, and to put down its author as a dreamer of dreams. A second perusal however, showed that he was an educated man, and consequently instructions were given to our representatives in Borneo to make an investigation. All the man's statements turned out to be perfectly true, and samples of the blue ground are now in the hands of one of the best diamond mining experts in the country. Diamonds have been discovered before in Borneo — one famous one, I believe; and there is every indication that another Kimberley may result from the letter sent to us."

The discoverer of the supposed diamond area is a well known man in Derby; a civil engineer with expert knowledge of mining and prospecting. Near the beginning of a wandering life, full of adventure, he worked for a considerable time in the mines at Kimberley as mining engineer to J. Wernher, now head of the firm of Wernher, Beit & Co. While there he often discussed with a French engineer the possibilities of diamonds being found in certain latitudes in Borneo. Many years followed of vague globe trotting, and the diligent prospecting for gold and diamonds in all parts of the world. Eventually the turn of the wheel brought the younger engineer to Borneo, where he assisted Mr. Van der Hoven in surveying his tobacco estate. He had not forgotten his old talks with the French engineer, and accordingly devoted much of his time in prospecting for diamonds.

One day he took a light canoe and paddled for many hours up the Labuk river, through forests of dense tropical vegetation. Coming to a tiny native village, he left his canoe and pushed inland towards some hills. It was here in a valley between the hills, and on the slopes of the hills themselves, that he came upon the famous blue ground, a sight almost maddening to the trained prospector. "It was the real diamond-bearing ground," he said afterwards. "It is identical with the Kimberley blue clay, with all the pieces of carbon and burnt garnets in it. It stuck out of the mighty boulders as if heaved up by an earthquake."

Hugging his secret, he went away. A word, he knew, would bring a rush of thousands of surface diggers, as it did in the early days of Kimberley. Circumstances arose that forced him to leave Borneo, and he found it impossible to return. For sixteen years he nursed his secret. His thoughts were always colored by that lonely journey to the hills, the discovery he had made there, and the secret which he alone in the world possessed. When he slept he dreamed of the silent, boulder-strewn valley and the outcrops of the blue ground that is the joy of the prospector's heart. But circumstances ruled that he should not return, and after sixteen years of silence he gave his secret to the British North Borneo Chartered Co. His letter was accompanied by a rough sketch that strangely suggested Stevenson's boyish maps of Treasure Island.

He made no terms or condition with the company, but a press representative was given to understand that, in the event of the discovery proving valuable, he will be duly recompensed. All mineral rights on the island belong to the company, who have already extensive workings of iron ore, manganese and coal.

FACTORY ACT COMMISSION.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 2. — The Factory Act Commission took evidence here yesterday respecting the Hartt Boot and Shoe Co., The J. C. Risteen Co., the Fredericton Steam Laundry, The Thompson & Thompson Co., the John Palmer Co., the Cooper Carriage Co., the Scott Lumbering Co., and a few other minor places. Today the commission is hearing evidence at Marysville.

RUSSIAN ARMY.

Wonderful Story of Its Corruption.

A Railway That Was Never Built—Stores Burned to Hide Traces Of Theft and Guilt.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—An Italian correspondent, who was lately with the Russian headquarters in Manchuria, furnishes, in an article in the Times, some intersting illustrations of Russian methods.

It seems that the branch railroad from Mukden to the coal mines at Fushun, about which so much has been heard recently, only existed on paper. The authorities at St. Petersburg supposed long ago that the line was completed. The correspondent says:

"I was the most astonished man on earth when an officer, whom I met at the railway station at Mukden, announced that he was going by train to Fushun. 'But, my dear sir,' I said, 'there is no railway line from here to Fushun.'

"'Yes, there is,' he answered, 'my written instructions' (and he showed them to me) 'say positively that I must take my men by train from Mukden to the coal mines in Fushun, and besides I have inquired from the station master, and he has assured me that the train leaves tomorrow morning at 6.30.'

"'Well,' I said, 'this is the most extraordinary news. I was there a few days ago and could not see the sign of a railway, and, excepting that it may have grown up by enchantment, I can't believe there is a line.'

"At this the man grew uneasy and anxious, and then we went together to the station master and inquired of him. At first the answer was that already given to the officer, but on further investigation it appeared that the line ran only ten miles out of Mukden, while Fushun is thirty miles away."

The correspondent makes the charge that Russian stores have frequently been burned to hide thefts by the Russian commissariat officers: He says:

"Almost never has a retreat been effected without the destruction of part or the whole of the stock, beginning at Feng-wang-Cheng and ending with Liao-Yang. At the former town, at Lan-shan-Kwan, where 10,000 poods were burned, at Ta-shi-Chao, at Hai-Cheng, where a very well known general, like a new Nero, reveled in the burning town—at all these places the fire did its terrible work, which presence of mind, honesty, and a spirit of sacrifice ought to have prevented.

"That there was no need to have recourse to this wholesale destruction is demonstrated by the case which occurred after the battle of Yang-tse-Ling. Although the enemy were not more than a mile distant, and although scarcely any troops were there, Gen. Danilloff voluntarily offered to remain at Holungo and personally superintend the evacuation of the stores, not leaving the place before everything had been sent away. He thus saved more than 500 sacks of flour and oats which had already been devoted to destruction by the staff of the eastern army.

"It appears to me, as far as my knowledge goes, that not in one single case during the present war was the burning of provisions justifiable, and I can assign no reason for it excepting what was rumored throughout the army—namely, that the Russian commissariat officers, not being able to give proper accounts of the management of these stores, had deliberately found an occasion for destroying them."

NEW HOTEL OPENED.

NEWCASTLE, Jan. 2.—Very auspicious circumstances marked the opening of Newcastle's new hostelry, the Hotel Miramichi, here this afternoon. At two o'clock the doors were thrown open to the public, and all afternoon a steady stream of visitors flowed into the building. The hotel was inspected throughout, and surprise and praise were expressed by all. The general verdict was that the new hotel is a credit to northern New Brunswick. Perhaps the most elaborate dinner ever served on the North Shore was partaken of by nearly two hundred in the large dining rom. A music room opens into the dining room, and here an orchestra played throughout the afternoon and evening.

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