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OTTAWA. Hon, Mr. Fisher Entertained by

St. John Man Complained to the Police that He Had Been Robbed, But Found His Money in His

Maritime Province Men.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17 .- Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, was entertained to luncheon today by a zimber of maritime province representatives, who are here on their way home from the fat cattle show at Guelph. They visited the experimental

farm along with the minister. The party included the following: Messrs. E. B. Elderkin and wife, R. Robertson and wife, Mr. Wyman, Mr. Corning, Yarmouth; Mr. Wood, Halifax; Mr. Archibald, Mr. Hill, Truro; G. Lawrence, Port Hastings; W. W. Black, Howard Black, Amherst; Hon. L. Farris, Queens Co.; H. Montgomery Campbell, Apohaqui; M. H. Parlee, Sussex; W. W. Hubbard, Sussex; Mr. Fawcett, Sackville; Mr. Dickson, Chatham; Mr. Pugsley, Amherst; F. Haszard of Charlottetown; C. Smallwood, Charlottetown; Mr. Edwards, Wiltshire, P. E. Island; Mr. Clark, Mr. Simpson, P. E. Island; J. F. Tilley, Woodstock; Harvey Mitchell, Sussex, and Hon. A. T. Dunn, St.

Dr. Borden left for Halifax today. Charles Keenan, who has been working for Mackenzie and Mann out west, arrived in the city yesterday on his way home to St. John, N. B. He fell in with a gang of young fellows on the flats, and at four o'clock in the afternoon complained to Detective Dicks that he had been robbed of \$200. He said that J. Pitt did the deed, and that he (Pitt) had passed the money over to another man. Pitt, accompanied Keenan to the police station and stoutly denied all knowledge of the affair. At his request, Keenan was searched by the detective, and on him was found \$190 in cash, a railway pass, and some loose change. Keenan seemed surprised to discover that he had not lost the money. He begged Pitt's pardon again and again for having cast suspision on him, and dropping on his knees, prayed for Detectice Dicks, who kept the money for Keenan until this morning, when he handed it over to him and the young man proceeded on his way east.

Hon. Mr. Davies said tonight that a royal commissioner would be appointed, as asked for by the Montreal board of trade, to enquire into and report upon the whole question of the navigation of the St. Lawrence from Mon treal to the sea. The commissioner

meeting of the council. were received by the militia department today. Col. Evans gives an in teresting account of the engagement Nov. 2nd, near Belfast, in which Lieut. Chalmers was killed, and Major Sanders wounded. He pays a high tri-

bute to the gallantry of Chalmers, who was an inspector of the Mounted Hurdman, reporting the doings of "D" battery, mentions four non-coms. the men, all from Ottawa, who were de raded and sentenced to 34

days' imprisonment, for breaking into and stealing military stores. A census is to be taken in April. Over 3,000 persons will be employed. 150 clerks will be required for two or three years to complete the returns.

GRAND MANAN.

Some Thirty Boats Destroyed by a Recent Storm.

GRAND MANAN, Dec. 12.-St. Paul's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St: Andrew held their annual meeting on the 11th inst. at St. Paul's church, Grand Harbor. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Director, P. P. Russell; vice-director, F. J. Martin; secretary-treasurer, Roy L. Carson. The chapter meets every alternate Tuesday at the church or rectory.

The heavy gale and sleet and snow storm of the 4th inst. did great dam-

age to boats and weirs about the island. At White Head and Cheney's

Passages fourteen good skiff boats and as many more small boats or tenders broke adrift and went to sea. Good line fishing is still reported about the island when fishermen can get bait. Some herrings are reported

P. P. Russell and Sylvester Watt have returned from their trip to Newfoundland. Capt. J. L. Guptill, fr., will locate a fishing station at Bay Verte in the spring. Roy Guptill of Castalia is already there, as well as Ed Cook and Lawton C. Guptill.

Fine sleighing and zero weather are now the order of the day. The Y. P. S. C. E. held a stocking party at Grand Harbor hall on the 8th

SOUTH AFRICA.

Boers Have Again Invaded Cape Colony Near Aliwalnorth.

Move Severe Fighting - Sir Alfred Milne Has Moved to Johannesburg on Account of Ill Health.

LONDON, Dec. 17.-The report of another severe battle, resulting in a British victory, is current here. According to the story the fighting began at daybreak today and lasted several hours. The Boers, who numbered from 1,500 to 2,000 men, were surrounded at the Orange river and totally defeated with very heavy losses in killed and wounded. A number of Boers were

MASERU, Dec. 17 .- It appears that Dewet's force was twice repulsed before it broke through the British lines in the neighborhood of Thaba N'chu. In the third attack Dewet led in person. With a few determined men he charged and broke the British lines, the rest of the commando following. He was forced, however, to leave in the hands of the British a fifteen pounder and fifteen wagons with ammunition and stores. Commandant Haasbroek with a commando and two guns, tried to get through Springkrantz Nek, but was driven back with a loss of 40 men. CAPE TOWN, Dec. 17 .- Seven hundred Boers have crossed from Orange River Colony into Cape Colony, near Aliwal North and have reached Kaap-

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Gen. Kitchener in a despatch received by the war office, confirms the Associated Press de spatch from Aliwal North, Cape Colony, of last night, announcing the capture by the Boers of a detachment of Brabant's Horse, Dec. 13, near Zastron Orange River Colony, and says 107 men were made prisoners on that oc-

The colonial office, in announcing that Sir Alfred Milner succeeds Lord be appointed at the next Roberts as administrator of the conquered territory in South Africa, says A batch of South African reports his taking up his residence at Johannesburg, on account of his health, must be regarded as a settlement of

the capital question. WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Dec 17.-Lord Kitchener has requested that the New Zealand contingent may remain in South Africa until the war is over, and the government of New Zealand has consected.

NEED OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 17.—The Atlanta Journal this afternoon published an interview with former President Cleveland, obtained by a staff correspondent at Princeton, N. J. Mr. Cleveland is quoted as follows:

"In my opinion the great read of the dome." "In my opinion the great need of the democratic party is a return to first principles.

disorganized, but it sadly needs rehabilitation on purely democratic lines.
"What is the matter with the party? It has, in my humble judgment, simply wandered off after strange gods. A large mass of democratic voters saw this before the dered off after strange gods. A large mass of democratic voters saw this before the last election. They remained quiet, but when the time came to vote they said: 'This is not democracy,' and refused to support it. 'As I see it, it is the duty of democrats everywhere to aid in the rehabilitation of the party. There are some signs of an insistence upon the necessity of a return to democratic doctrines in the South, but they are not so general as I would like to see."

"What of the future?" was asked.

"With a sincere return to its old-time doc-

"With a sincere return to its old-time doc-trines," Mr. Cleveland replied, "the old-time victories of the democratic party will cer-

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Conservative Members in This Province Objected to.

In Ontario and the Northwest.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 17-The time limit for filing election pro-tests expired at 4 o'clock this after noon. Petitions were filed against the bers, six liberals and four conserva-

York, Mr. Gibson; Sunbury and Queens, Mr. Wilmot; St. John, Hon. Mr. Biair and Mr. Tucker; Kings, Mr. Fowler; Westmorland, Mr. Emmerson; Albert, Dr. Lewis; Restigouche, Mr. Reid; Carleton, Mr. Hale; Charlotte Mr. Ganong
Messrs. Powell, Hazen and W.
Thorne filed the petitions on behalf if

the conservatives, and A. G. Blair, ir., for the liberals. It is freely stated that the two parties had agreed not to file petitions if Dr. McLeod would not press his in York. Heavy pressure was brought to bear upon Dr. Mc-Leod's committee, but they stood firm, and at just four o'clock the protest against Mr. Gibson went on file. Then the others followed suit.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 17 .- At 4 0'clock this afternoon, just as the time for filing election petitions was expiring, the tenth and last petition against the return of a condidate in this prov ince was filed. It was a petition against the return of Wm. Roche, the liberal member for Halifax county. An understanding had been arrived that if the conservatives asked for no recount in the case of Thomas E Kenny that there would be no election protest. The liberals, without notice and shortly before 4 o'clock, violated this agreement and petitioned against R. L. Borden of Halifax, the action taken by the conservatives was a reprisal. Five petitions are against liberals and five against conservatives, every conservative elected in the province being petitioned against.

The election petitions, by counties made by conservatives, are as follows Annapolis, against F. B. Wade; Hali fax, against William Roche; Rich mond, against Joseph Matheson; Shel burne, against Hon. W. S. Fielding Cumberland, against H. J. Logan.

The petitions made by liberals ar as follows: Lunenburg, against C. E Kaulbach; Halifax, against R. L. Borden; Pictou, against A. C. Bell and Sir C. H. Tupper; Colchester, against S.

against all five members Edward Island, Sir Louis David, D. A. McKinnon, James J. Hughes, A. A. Lefurgey and Edward Hackett. The petition against Mr. Davies charges bribery and corrupt practices on the part of himself and agents. The petition against Mr. McKinnon is filed at the instance of Alexander Martin. Martin claims the seat, or, in the alternative, that the return of McKinnon be declared void on account of illegal conduct and practices on the part of certain deputy returning officers. Complaint is also made against Judge MacDonald for counting and rejecting certain ballot papers. McKinnon is also charged with being guilty of corrupt practices, and his disqualification is asked for. The petitions against Hughes in Kings and Lefurgey and Hackett in East and West Prince contain the usual charges of corrupt practices.

TORONTO, Dec. 17 .- The election protests in Ontario only number nine. Five by liberals against conservatives, Birkett, Ottawa; McNeill, namely. Welling-Talton, North Pringle, Cornwall and Storand Thornton, West Dur-The foir conservative petiham. tions against liberals are: Ross, South Ontario; Belcourt, Ottawa; the claim of the West Durham seat for Thornton, and of Nipissing seat for Klock. It is the smallest number ever filed after an election. Both sides had others ready, but dropped them by

### MONTREAL.

C. P. R. Promotions-An Interesting Case -Appointed a Lieutenant.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.-E. Galibert of Montreal has been nominated to the grade of chevelier in the Legion of

Honor by the French government. The C. P. R. have arranged to make a complete record of its staff, giving

the official career of every man and woman employed by the system. Promotions will be made as far as possible from the staff and by merit. Mr. McNicoll also announces that evening classes in stenography and telegraphy will be established in Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Toronto, give the juniors an opportunity qualifying for promotion.

Rome having confirmed the decision of the Quebec religious authorities that the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Delpit was illegal on the grounds that both being Catholics, had no Whelpley's Long Reach right to be married by a Protestant minister. Despit is taking proceedings to have the docree given civil effect by the courts of this province. Mrs. Delpit declares that should the case go against her it will be carried as far as the privy council. She contends she is and was at the time of her marriage a Protestant. The church decided she was not. The couple have three child-

> Pte. Hay S. Mitchell, No. 3 company, Third Regiment Victoria Rifles, and a member of "E" company, first con-

Return of Six Liberal and Four Return of Six Liberal and Four

CHAOS ON THE 1. C. R.

Not Half Told.

The Sun has reported, without bias or exaggeration, the go-as-you-please way in which trains are being run on the Intercolonial railway, in the hope that the publicity thus given would have some effect in shaming the management of the road into paying more attention to the wants of the travelling public. So far the Sun's efforts have been without effect, but the hope remains that after all possible damage has been done to St. John's Christmas trade, the people between Sussex and this city will be given a time-table that will enable them to reach St. John and return home the same day withou spending several hours on the local station platform awaiting a train de-layed by inferior steaming coal or the traffic preference given to emergency freight trains.

I. C. R. INCAPACITY.

(Moncton Times.) Something like chaos appears to prevail on the people's railway at the present time. It is rarely that a passenger train is on time, and there is general complaint now that the elections are over and the minister has given orders to avoid all possible expense. Complaint on the part of the travelling public is general. The St. John Sun says the service to and from that city is wretched. The Globe mildly apologizes for the existing conditions, saying "there are many interests to serve," and that they always cannot be so served without a conflict of interests." Even the time-serving Chatham Advance is obliged to denounce the arrangement of trains between North Shore points. The difficulty at Trure over the water supply is an evidence of incapacity or worse, as shown by the fact that the mayor of the town has not received the courtesy of a reply to his offer to give the road temporary assistance pending a settlement of the question of relief from other sources. The truth is that Mr. Blair's political management of the railway is in constant conflict with what a local organ recently referred to as the practical management. The general manager apparently has less influence in its affairs than Geo. Croasdale or Alphonse LeBlanc. Frequently the first intimation that the heads of departments have of the intentions

of the minister comes from the newspapers or from some other political source. Business is good, but the road is running behind at the rate of over dled upon it to add to the difficulties of management when quieter times set in. There never was a time when the party heeler was so much in evidence in the management of the railway, and now that the necessity of pleasing everybody is not before the political management, the interests of the pub-

lie do not count for much. WORST RUN ROAD IN AMERICA.

(St. John Star.) "This story of I. C. R. and its slip shod management isn't half told," as serted a well-known north end merchant to the Star this morning. "I went to Norton on Saturday, and on looking up from my paper I found the train moving away from the station at my destination. Nobody had announced the place, in fact, I did not hear the stations called out at any point along the road. On my way back to the city a car employe wanted to stop me going through the Pullman car on my way to another part of the train, while I myself was travelling on a first-class ticket. "Without a doubt," concluded the citizen, who had now become quite wroth, "the I. C. R. is one of the worst run railroads of any pretentions on America, and I have travelled on nearly all of them and know what I'm talking about."

THE L. C. R. GRIEVANCE.

To the Editor of the Sun: Sir-The Globe of Friday last, speak ing of complaints of passengers on the I. C. R., says: "A fairly made representation will always have an in-

This is soothing, but not our experience. In the old country they air their grievances in "the Times"-here we inflict them on our "dailies," and take very little by our motion. An afternoon spent by a Globe re-

porter in the I. C. R. station from 12.30, when time table says C. P. R. will leave, will satisfy him that grievances are not imaginary. On its arrival, if he will go through the train and see the accommodation reserved for the St. John passengers and inhale the foul air of the ill ventilated cars, he will return to his office thankful that he has not to go in the train.

If the I. C. R. authorities would only exercise a small amount of common sense and take into consideration the fact that the time of the up country traveller is of more value to them than a paid official's, they would arrange so that trains would leave at the time named, and give the public a train not dependent on the condition of the road between St. John and Montreal.

What accommodation we will have during the Christmas holidays no one knows, but nobody along the line, unfortunately, cares. Yours truly,

PASSENGER

STEAMER ALPHA FOUNDERED.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 17 .- The steamer Alpha foundered on a reef on the east coast of Vancouver Island; and is a total wreck. The captain, three engineers, the managing owners, the purser and three seamen were

Call at Halifax.

Story of the Roads Shipshod Management Elder-Dempster Company do Not Favor Big Iron Ship Building Plant to be Lin the Landing of the Men. at

This Port.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—The balance of the first Canadian contingent returning with Colonel Otter will land at St John, N. B. A cablegram received by the militia department today from Lord Strathcona announced that the war office had succeeded in communi cating with the Lake Champlain in time to have her destination changed to St. John, instead of Halifax, the port for which she cleared from Liverpool. It is thought the amended orders were telegraphed to Moville.

ton received word officially today from Engineer Taylor of the dock yard that the first Canadian contingent, under Col. Otter, now on the way from Liverpool on the Lake Champlain, would disembark at St. John. The mayor sent word to that effect to Mayor Daniel. The steamer will call at Halifax, the pay officer will board her, and the men will be paid off on the way round to St. John. Nothing official will be done by the Halifax people. A cable was received from Colonel Otter, in reply to an invitation from Colonel White of the Royal Canadians declining an invitation to a banque here. Colonel Otter stated that he and his men were anxious to get home as quickly as possible.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17-The deputy minister of militia today received a telegram from the Elder-Dempster Co. of Montreal, pointing out the inadvisability of carrying Colonel Otter's men to St. John. 'The company states that the Lake Champlain would not arrive at Halifax until Saturday or Sunday, and that consequently she would not get to St. John until possibly Monday morning, thereby preventing most of the men from spending the Christmas holidays at home. The company also pointed out that there was no accommodation for the men at St. John.

Colonel Pinault, deputy minister militia, replied that the war office had given instructions for the men to be landed at St. John, and that there could be no change in this respect. Instructions have been given to Colonel Foster, quarter-master general, proceed to Halifax on Thursday, to meet the Lake Champlain. He will then pay off the Nova Scotians and Prince Edward Islanders, and will then a million dollars a year, which is the accompany Nev Brunswickers and amount of the capital expenditure, and western men to St. John, paying them CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 17.—Elec- amount of the capital expenditure, and western men to St. John, paying them their discharge off, and granting them their discharge

The delay in St. John will not be long, the men being detained only a sufficient length of time to enable them to partake of the civic hospital-

The Roslyn Castle, with artillery and mounted rifles, goes direct to Hali-

DO NOT APPROVE OF BEER.

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—At a meeting of the Canadiaa Temperance League today a strong resolution was passed condemnatory of the suggestion of Hon. A. G. Jones that a pint of beer be given each returning contingent on arrival in Halifax in place of lemonade. President Robertson said in view of the position of Lord Wolseley and Lord Roberts on this question, it was difficult to understand Mr. Jones' proposition. A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to Governor Jones and the minister of milit'a.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 16.-Governor Jones of Nova Scotia has not yet received the resolution of the Canadian Temperance League, which, according to a Toronto despatch, was ordered to be forwarded to him. It will not weigh very heavily with him when it does come, for the governor has detion. When the prohibition plebiscite vote was taken he declined to go into the secret compartment to mark his ballot, but openly stated that he was against prolibition and marked his ballot in view of all present in the booth. Yet he is a temperance man. At the meeting of citizens, presided over by Mayor Hamilton, to decide what should be done by Halifax for the returning soldiers Governor Jones' remark was as follows: "Let the men have a pint of beer." "It will do not be serviced by the Massachusetts Humane Society with the society's certificate for conspicuous bravery. First Officer Howlett and Seamen Thomas Hartley, Gus Anderson, A. Olsen, Walter Nilson and John Nilsen, were also remembered, the mate with a heavy silver medal and the sailors with \$5 each.

The presentation was made in recognition of the services of the men in saving the survivors of the crew of the schooner Myra B. Weaver in Vineyard Haven Serviced on Nov. 10. cided views on the temperance ques-

them no harm and may do them good." The plan of entestaining, in cluding the giving of the pint of bee-was seconded by Rev. Dr. Gordon professor in the Halifax Presbyterial College, and was unanimously adopt

#### MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.- The announcement made Saturdes of establishment of a \$5,000,000 place roll mill at Sydney, C. B., by the roll mill at Sydney, C. B., by the definition Iron and Steel Co., which is placed great interest in Montreat. With be increased by a statement of the man interested in the concern, the sidney interested in the concern, the sidney plant would be located at Halifax. Application for assistance will probably be made at the next session of the dominion parliament and Nova Scotia legislature.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' As defined in the following were elected with L Paston, president, over James Coll by 399 majority. J. S. N. Dougail, treasurer, R. Booth, jr., G. Tass, J., W. Ramsay, W. J. Egan, A. R. Colvin.

### IMITATES SHELDON.

Ur. Joseph Parker of London Issues sa Christian Newspaper-

LONDON, Dec. 17 .- The first issue of the London Sun under the editorship of Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, pastor of the city temple, appears this noon. The column where the betting is usually published contains, under the caption "Latest News," "The Wages of Sin is Death," and other well known texts, followed up by a vigorous protest against gambling. The article declares: "If a paper cannot live six days without pandering to the gambler, the drunkard and the sensualist, ici ii wliher zway." In another editorial Mr. Parker urges

the magistrates to "apply the cat and wipe out Hooliganism."

Otherwise the paper is much the same as usual, the advertising columns being filled with company prospectuses and the news columns announcing "Another ghastly east end tragedy."

#### OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.-W: H. Mayder of Berwick, and H. B. White of Waterville; N. S., are returning on the Lake Cham-

plain with Col. Otter's men. Hon. Geo, E. Foster left for England yesterday on private business. He sails on the Majestic from New York on Wednesday.

407 officers and men went with the first batt., C. M. R. Dragoons, and 320 with the second batt. 537 men went with the Artillery. Over 1,100 horses were taken, not one of which is being

His Excellency the Governor General today received the following cable dated Cape Town, Dec. 13, and signed by general of communication:

"Rossyln Castle left Cape Town on Dec. 13. Had on board for Halifax 3 officers and 213 men, Canadian Dragoons, 15 officers, 180 men Canadian Mounted Rifles, 5 officers, 10 men Canadian Artillery staff, 13 officers, 378 men Canadian Artillery, also Major Laurie, 4 men of Strathcona Horse, Major Osborne, medical staff corps, 7 nursing sisters and 9 men discharged in South Africa."

## MALAGA DISASTER.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The foundering of the Gneisenau created a most painful impression in Berlin, following the jubilant reception tendered the sailors and marines from China yesterday. The news spread rapidly through the city this morning. Great crowds thronged the admiralty building and the ministry of marine, inquiring as to the state of relatives. Many touching scenes were witnessed.

Emperor William has received a telegram of condolence from the Spanish Queen Research

gent.

MALAGA, Dec. 17.—Of the 314 survivors, 39 who were injured were transported to the local hospital. 125 skeltered in the barracks and 150 lodged in the town hall. The municipality is providing food for all.

Members of the German colony and many Spanish ladies have offered to nurse the injured. The flags over all the consulates are at

### FOR CONSPICOUS BRAVERY.

