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A PUBLIC INQUIRY NEEDED

A public inquiry by the aldermen regarding the Ludlow accident, and regarding efficiency and discipline generally in the ferry service, is now clearly in order.

The Ludlow mess comes at the end of a series of incidents indicating that some of the men who are charged with the duty of giving the citizens a decent ferry service are insouciant where not incompetent, and that the ferry committee has been too long satisfied to give Supt. Glasgow orders which he has not carried out or powers which experience led the aldermen to believe he would not use.

A confidential aldermanic inquiry, of the sort we had when the fire department was under inspection, will not serve, and should not be permitted. The time has come when the taxpayers should have the facts which could be brought out by the public examination of ferry employees from the superintendent down.

There are, however, other matters which this case naturally suggests, and which may or may not be the subject of further inquiry by the law officers of the crown, and further consideration by the aldermen and others interested in the moral health of the community.

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party. With Mr. Chamberlain Lord Cecil dealt quite vigorously, holding him up as the wrecker of the Unionist party, a man whose doctrines must now be resisted by all who believe in free imports.

He saw in Mr. Chamberlain's conduct a reminder of the famous coalman, who, berated by his employer after five collisions and a final upset, explained it all by the remark: "Your see, sir, I have such a nerve."

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WHAT NEXT?

A verdict, which appears to have been received with complacency if not with satisfaction by the general public, closes the Preston case and retires a most unpleasant feature of the daily news. The verdict is not a matter for discussion, though the manner in which the public seems to view it might well be made the subject of serious consideration.

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LIBERALS AND NATIONALISTS: What is Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's pledge to the Irish Nationalists? There would seem to be increasing evidence that his working alliance with them may not be so short-lived as many of his opponents have been freely predicting.

they would have nothing to gain by opposition. If the life of the government should depend upon their votes, would they demand terms which no government could afford to concede?

It is of peculiar significance that T. P. O'Connor, who is the direct spokesman of the Irish voters resident in Great Britain, and in the fullest confidence of the Irish party, denounces as contemptible and dishonest the assertion of the Unionists that free trade is not the most vital issue of the general election.

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HECKLING THE PRIME MINISTER

At the conclusion of the recent meeting at Dunfermline Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman described it as the most enthusiastic, the most crowded and the most harmonious he had ever seen in that place.

The Premier, of course, knows well enough that the abolition of the bonding privilege would be a boon to the British south as well as north. To use that weapon would be to injure the United States to a great deal more than Canada.

And, speaking of conciliation and reciprocity, what does the Maine journal think of the efforts now being made by Maine politicians for the repeal of the Pike law, by which American lumber manufactured here is admitted duty free to the United States?

Paris, Jan. 11.—The French bankers today definitely decided to make a short term advance of \$30,000,000 to Russia at 5 1/2 per cent interest, plus 2 per cent commission, the loan to be guaranteed by the Russian state railways and to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the proposed sale of the latter by the latter within a year.

THREE TRYING TIMES IN A WOMAN'S LIFE

There are three periods of a woman's life when she is in need of the heart-strengthening, nerve-toning, blood-enriching action of MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS.

The first of these is when the young girl is entering the portals of womanhood. At this time she is very often pale, weak and nervous, and unless her health is built up and her system strengthened she may fall a prey to consumption or other weak womanly ailments.

ST. JOHN MARKETS

The wholesale markets have been very quiet during the past week. There have been only a few unimportant changes in the grocery and none to speak of in any other line.

Beef, western... 0.07 to 0.08; Beef, country... 0.04 to 0.06; Mutton, per lb... 0.05 to 0.06; Lamb, per lb... 0.07 to 0.08; Pork, per lb... 0.08 to 0.09.

New walnuts... 0.11 to 0.12; Greenish walnuts... 0.12 to 0.13; Almonds... 0.12 to 0.13; Filberts... 0.11 to 0.12; Pecans... 0.11 to 0.12.

Curranis, per lb... 0.07 to 0.08; Curranis, cleaned, bulk... 0.07 to 0.08; Evap. apples, per lb... 0.11 to 0.12; Cheese, per lb... 0.12 to 0.13.

Standard granulated... 4.40 to 4.50; Austrian granulated... 4.30 to 4.40; Bright yellow... 4.20 to 4.30; No. 1 yellow... 4.10 to 4.20.

Large, dry cod... 5.00 to 5.10; Small, cod... 4.80 to 4.90; Finnan haddies... 3.50 to 3.60; Canso herring... 3.00 to 3.10.

Pratt's Astral... 0.00 to 0.15; White Rose and Oiler... 0.00 to 0.15; High grade Sarina... 0.00 to 0.15.

RABBIT PIE CHEAP

"Bunny" in the Market in Great Numbers. A well-made rabbit pie is a very toothsome dish. This is the opinion of a great many people who are prepared to back it up by the best of evidence at any time.

Leinster Street Baptist Church. At the annual business meeting of Leinster street Baptist church, the report submitted by the treasurer showed receipts of \$4,204.41, and expenses \$4,212.73, leaving a balance of \$87.68.

Miss Margaret E. Perkins, eldest daughter of George Perkins, of Hampton Station, died in the General Public Hospital here Tuesday, aged seventeen years and six months.

OVERCOATS

Our Overcoat Sale has attracted a large number of buyers. Many who have given up the idea of buying this year when they saw the price of an overcoat at a glance it would pay them to buy now.

Men's Overcoats, Formerly \$5 to \$15 Now \$3.95, 5.40, 7.50 and 11.75

J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothing, 199 and 207 Union Street



The Universal Cake Baker. At this season should be very popular in every house. Think of the labor and time it will save during this month.

Raisin Seeders. The Enterprise, price \$1.00 The X Ray, price 70c.

W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. Market Square, St. John, N. B.

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OBITUARY

Patrick McCloskey. Patrick McCloskey, one of the oldest residents of the North End, died Tuesday at his residence, 183 Bridge Street, aged 82 years.

Mrs. Catherine Malone. Mrs. Catherine Malone died on Sunday at the home of her son-in-law, James Macaulay, Mrs. Malone was well advanced in years.

Frank McNulty. Frank McNulty, a son of Miles McNulty, of North End, died Wednesday as the result of injuries he sustained in a fall.

David Hemphill. Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 10.—(Special)—The death of a prominent farmer of Debec took place last evening in the person of David Hemphill, in the sixty-second year of his age.

Miss Margaret E. Perkins. Miss Margaret Elizabeth Perkins, eldest daughter of George Perkins, of Hampton Station, died in the General Public Hospital here Tuesday, aged seventeen years and six months.

Mrs. Helen H. Flett, widow of William Flett, of Nelson (N. B.), who had been patient of the infirmary at Vassar College, died suddenly last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Divine. Mrs. Mary Divine died at her home at Dipper Harbor on Thursday evening.

WILLIAM CUNARD

New York, Jan. 11.—News was received in this city today of the death in London today of William Cunard, son of Samuel Cunard, one of the founders of the Cunard line.

KINGS COURT

By unanimous request of the bar of Kings court, Judge Woodbury has consented to adjourn pro forma the January term from the 13th to the 20th inst., in order to meet for the despatch of business.

VETERINARY EXPERIENCE

Infallible guide to horse health. TULLY'S BLOOD PURIFIER. TULLY'S BLOOD PURIFIER. TULLY'S BLOOD PURIFIER.

BOILS ALL OVER HIS FACE AND NECK

BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS FOR HIM. WHAT FOUR DOCTORS FAILED TO DO.

KEEWATIN, Ont., July 25, 1896. MESSRS. THE T. MILBURN CO., LTD., TORONTO, Ont.

DEAR SIR:—I am writing to you to know what Burdock Blood Bitters has done for me. I am a young man, twenty years old, and a year ago I had a bad case of boils on my face and neck, mostly on the left side.

I had four bottles, trying to cure me but they did not do any good. They would stop for a few days, but then they would come back again.

Yours truly, GENEVA A. SMITH