

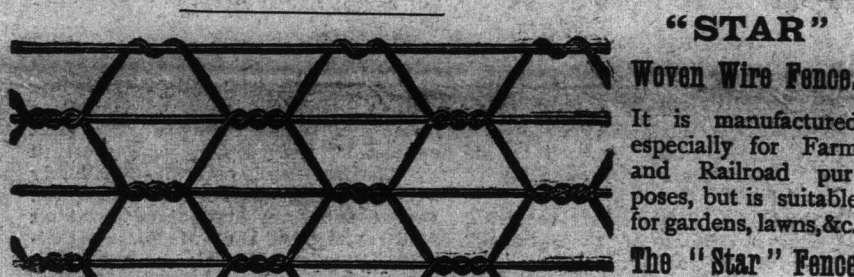
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ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Hon. Mr. Sifton's Excursion to
Washington Explained.

Petersen, Tate & Co. Make Another
Deposit in Fast Line Project.

Trade and Navigation Returns for the Year
—Penitentiary Prisoners in Revolt.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—It is not likely until parliament meets will the true importance of the communications which have taken place between the government and the opposition. The government's position is not as strong as it was a few days ago. The opposition is not as weak as it was a few days ago. The government's position is not as strong as it was a few days ago. The opposition is not as weak as it was a few days ago.

A proclamation was issued this afternoon calling parliament for the day of December 29. Col. White, late deputy postmaster general, was presented with a magnificent gold watch and other articles of value by the inside and outside branches of the postmaster.

The regulations of August 24th, 1897, governing the payment of fishing bounties are cancelled and the Canada Gazette tomorrow will contain the new regulations just adopted. To entitle a man to bounty he must be engaged in a deep sea fishing for at least three months and catch not less than 2,500 pounds of sea fish, but no bounty will be paid to men fishing in boats measuring less than 13 feet keel. Registered Canadian vessels of ten tons and upwards are entitled to bounty calculated in registered tonnage; this bounty to go to owners. The owners or intending to fish and claim bounty must first procure a license from the nearest collector of customs or fishery officer, such license to be attached to the claim and same where the fish taken must be kept. The ages of fishermen must be given. A statement of bounty to fishermen and owners to be by governor in council. The vessels fishing under bounty license is to carry a distinguishing flag.

D. E. MacTavish, city auditor, has been appointed senior judge of Carleton county.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Judging from the opposition which Ontario members of the cabinet are offering to Mr. Blair's proposal to acquire the Canada Eastern railway, there is small prospect of the arrangement going through. Mr. Blair brought the proposal before his colleagues last week and the report has it that he struggled hard to secure the endorsement of the cabinet, but signally failed. The Ontario ministers do not see that the country is going to get the full value for \$1,000,000, which is said, Mr. Blair was willing to pay for the road. The wardens of all dominion penitentiaries have been ordered to report here about the 7th prox. in order to discuss the best methods for handling convicts and prison management generally, with a view to securing uniformity.

Hon. Chilton Sifton, minister of the

interior, and J. A. McKenna of the interior department, left today for Washington. Mr. Sifton goes on the invitation of Hon. R. A. Alger, secretary of war, to discuss the best means of sending relief to the miners in the Yukon district. Mr. Sifton expects to be in Washington about a week.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—A deputaion waited on Postmaster General Mulock today and asked that the old drop letter rate in cities of one cent be restored. Mr. Mulock in reply said Canada had been invited to take part in an imperial conference looking to the lowering of the rates of postage between the colonies. The government was also considering the advisability of establishing a two-cent rate throughout Canada. As to the request of the deputaion there was a possibility that the government would grant it as soon as the financial position warranted it. He expected to see an end of deficits in the post office in the near future.

Petersen, Tate & Co., contractors for the proposed fast Atlantic service, have deposited another \$50,000 with the government, making \$100,000 in all, as an evidence of their bona fide.

Major Bingham was re-elected for the second term by acclamation today.

The trade and navigation returns will shortly be published by the customs department. They will show that on the whole the fiscal year of 1896-7 was one of activity in Canadian trade. Our imports remained about stationary and the revenue was slightly less than the previous year. There was a satisfactory expansion of exports. The total imports entered for consumption were \$11,294,021, as against \$10,887,480 the preceding year. The duty collected amounted to \$19,891,977, as against \$20,219,097, a decrease of \$327,040. The exports amounted to \$12,359,838, an increase of \$17,581,086. The average rate of duty was 17.8 per cent on the total imports and 20.4 per cent on the exports.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The Bulletin de la Chambre de Commerce Française de Montreal, announced that French capitalists of good standing and connected with the 'Compagnie des Batiments a Vapeur du Nord, de Dunkirk, which runs regular lines from that place to Montreal, has put in a tender with the dominion government for \$50,000 subsidy for a Franco-Canadian steamship line.

The Montreal office of J. E. Ward & Co., New York, commission merchants, closed today on account of the failure of the New York house. The firm did

quite a large business in Montreal, but there are no heavy individual losses. The Temple Electric Company has sold out for \$150,000 to the Standard Light and Power Co., distributing agents of the Lachine Rapids Power Co.

BRACEBRIDGE, Ont., Dec. 27.—While a boy named Frankum, about fifteen years of age, was driving a team on Tuesday, Dec. 21st, to Stilled, Ont., he met his uncle, James Rankin, on the road also driving. A quarrel ensued and the boy shot Rankin in the leg. Rankin was taken to his house where he died yesterday. Young Frankum has been arrested.

QUEBEC, Dec. 27.—The Liberals tonight gave a ball in honor of Premier Marchand's thirtieth anniversary of his entry into provincial politics. It is said Sir Adolphe Chapleau is packing up his effects prior to quitting Spencerwood, the residence of the lieutenant governor. The name of his successor is not yet announced.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—The Evening Telegram's special cable from London says: In an editorial today dealing with the pope's encyclical on the Manchu schools, the Times says that if the Canadian hierarchy, clergy and laity can be induced to adopt the papal decision in the spirit in which it was given, they will certainly be taking the best course to promote the real interests of the church.

MONTEAL, Dec. 27.—Because they were refused their Christmas decorations, the convicts at St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary for the past two nights have kept up an incessant howl. There were no religious services yesterday and no work was done today. Warden Foster has threatened to use the lash if quiet is not kept tonight.

SHOOT THE BANDITTI
An Interesting Letter from Governor Chapleau to Tart.

The Lieutenant Governor of Quebec Tells of the Part He Played.

To Suppress Ambitious Nova Scotia—The Hour is at Hand at Quebec.

MONTEAL, Dec. 27.—"Shoot the banditti; they deserve nothing else." The above command will be handed down to posterity as one of the most forcible expressions of the Chapleau-Tarte letter, which, little by little, piece by piece, is becoming public property. The letter was written in the month of April, 1897, and dated "St. John's, New Brunswick."

which drops from Sir Adolphe's facile pen that the hour of writing was past midnight. "You do well," says the lieutenant governor to the minister of public works, "to advocate the conservative idea in the cabinet in order to temper the gnat atmosphere which surrounds you." "I wish," continues Sir Adolphe, "that the radical element is causing you all sorts of difficulties. Shoot the banditti, they deserve nothing else, also being on a ticket of leave. I have also had a little dog, but I was able to get rid of them. These dogs were casters' bills are the bane of all parties."

Sir Adolphe also alludes to the federal elections of June, 1896, and this seems to be one of the grave features of the letter for he refers to "The role which I played to prevent ambitious Nova Scotia from ruling the country with a party founded forty years ago, and in which the bad elements predominated the good." The local elections were coming on when the letter was written, and Sir Adolphe uses the biblical expression: "The hour is at hand at Quebec," he says, "when we are to put our project into execution."

FIFTY THOUSAND BODIES.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The work of burying the fifty thousand bodies buried in Union cemetery to Cedar Grove cemetery, both in Brooklyn, is being pushed rapidly. One hundred Italians are excavating and putting the remains into cedar boxes. Numbers of corpses have been found in the graves. The estimated number of bodies removed each day is about 1,200, and over \$900 have been taken so far.

SUGAR GOES UP.
HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 27.—The Acadia sugar refinery today advanced prices 1-2 cent per pound, making a total advance during the past three weeks of 1-2 cent on granulated and 3-4 on yellow.

DR. WOOD'S
Norway Pine Syrup.
Rich in the healing virtues of the Pine combined with the soothing and expectorant properties of the "Natural Honey" and Berberine.
CURE FOR
COUGHS AND COLDS
Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Cures the whooping cough and all other ailments of the throat and chest.
PRICE 25 CENTS PER BOTTLE.
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Men's Ulsters.

Heavy Frieze, well lined,
Deep Storm Collars,
\$5.00, - \$6.00, - \$8.00.
Extra Qualities \$10.00, \$12.00.

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Grey Frieze, Deep Storm
Collars \$5.00.
Extra Quality Blue Beaver
\$7.50, \$10.75.

Men's Overcoats.

Blue Beaver \$8.25, \$10.00.
Black Beaver \$6.75, \$12.00.
Black Melton \$10.00, \$13.90.
Blue Melton \$13.90,
Dark Grey Cheviot \$15.00.

The best overcoats that can be produced
for the price.

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MONCTON.

The New Business Management of
Away Traffic.

St. Paul's R. E. Church Had a Narrow Escape—Tramp Found in a Dying Condition.

MONCTON, Dec. 27.—The new business management of the Intercolonial railway is being developed by degrees. A Moncton industry, the steam boiler mill, is feeling the effects. This mill was established about fifteen years ago, and at that time was the largest and best equipped of its class in the maritime provinces. Founded by Frank Jones, it was run for two or three years with poor success. Then J. R. Foster took hold of it, but failed to make it pay. The property finally passed into the hands of Chas. Fawcett, of Sackville, who by careful management, has made it a success. Mr. Fawcett intended to double the capacity at an early date, but if the new policy of the I. C. R. is persisted in, he is not likely to do anything in that direction. Previous to 1893 the mill had a rebate of three cents per 100 lbs. on all through shipments of corn from the west, but this was withdrawn on the ground that such rebates could not be carried at a loss. Such arguments were brought to bear on the traffic department of the I. C. R., however, that instead of the rebate on through freight a rebate of five per cent was allowed on local rates upon products of all com that had come through over the I. C. R. from Chaudiere or Levis. This arrangement continued until a few days ago, when Mr. Fawcett's manager received notice that the rebate had been withdrawn. The result is that the mill has given an order for five cars to come over the C. P. R., and during the season of navigation, if the business is continued, arrangements will be made to bring all freights by water and ship the products as much as possible in the same way. A single mill has been operated in connection with the flour mill. This latter department has been run absolutely without profit, except such as might come from the waste water for furnace purposes. That the I. C. R. must depend for its profits on local freights is very evident, as a little enquiry will show. For instance, the through rate from Chicago to Moncton, 1,600 miles, is 25 cents per 100 lbs. or at the rate of a little more than 1-2 cents per 100 lbs. for 100 miles. The local rate from Moncton to Newcastle, 77 miles, is 10 cents per 100 lbs., or within a small fraction of 13 cents per 100 lbs. for 100 miles. The local rate is therefore more than eight times as much per mile as the through rate, and though the cost of the long haul may be proportionately less than that of the short haul, it is very evident that if through business can be done without loss, there must be a considerable profit on local business at existing rates. It will therefore be suicidal from every point of view to discontinue local freights for the sake of doing through business of the I. C. R.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Shanghai it is reported that from reliable sources that a British force landed at Chienmu on Saturday and caused the re-shipment of the railway. The same dispatch refers to a native rumor that the Union Jack has been hoisted on an island in the mouth of the river Yang Tze Kiang.

GREAT BRITAIN PROTESTS

Against the Russian Minister Taking Possession of Corea.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A special despatch from Shanghai says: "It is reported that seventeen British warships are off Chemulpo, Corea, southeast of Seoul, supporting the British consul's protest against the Russian ultimatum against the king, practically yielding the government of Corea into the hands of the Russian minister."

The protest is specially directed against the demand of McIlvay Brown, British advisor to the Korean customs, in favor of the Russian nominee.

The news has produced consternation at Seoul, which is heightened by the knowledge that Japan has a fleet of thirty warships awaiting the result of the British representation that Japan fully supports. Japan is reported to have offered to assist the Chinese at Peking in drilling the Chinese army and to consent to a postponement of the payment of the war indemnity. Many of the viceroys and Peking officials favor the proposal.

FREDERICTON.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Their Marriage—Engagement Announced.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage this evening by a happy gathering of their friends at their residence, Charlotte street. The number and elegance of the gifts were a true indication of the esteem which the host and hostess occupy. Often's orchestra furnished music.

The engagement is announced of the good looking traveller of a leading city wholesale house with a popular young lady of Woodstock.

Shakespeare's memorial at Stratford-on-Avon has of late been enriched by a gift in the form of a portrait of Miss Ellen Terry. Another smaller picture of her, in her youth, hangs on the walls of the picture gallery there.

Next to our grape wine, it is believed that Japanese sake, or rice wine, is the oldest alcoholic beverage known to man, its use in Japan dating back over 2,000 years.—New York Post.

ACROSS THE BAY.

Call Over an Embankment—New York City.

DANIEL, N. B., Dec. 27.—What might have proved a fatal accident occurred on Christmas eve. About half-past ten, as two young men were going along Water street, they heard groans as if from some one in great distress, and on making search found the body of a man on the shore, where he had fallen from the embankment some eight feet above. The tide being low at the time, he lay on the rocks. He was carried into the "New Drug Store," where it was found to be Charles Louis of Lunenburg, who has been fishing out of this port in the schooner Ann Eliza. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. were quickly on hand, and by the aid of a first aid kit, they were able to give every attention, and it is reported that the man was still alive. After dressing the wounds he was removed to the Belmont house, where he is receiving every attention, and is reported to be better this morning.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Case Against the Directors of the Union Bank Withdrawn.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 27.—When the case against the directors of the defunct Union Bank of Newfoundland, charged with conspiring to defraud, was called today before Justice Sir David Chalmers, former chief justice of British Guiana, the crown prosecutor withdrew the indictment, because the jury had already acquitted the directors of the Commercial Bank, who were arraigned on the same charge.

The oldest sailing craft in the world is the so called Gokstad ship, a Viking vessel, which was discovered in a sepulchral mound on the shores of Christiania, Nw. It is 1,000 years old.

A discovery of wide tokens of rich alluvial land has been made in Gippsland, Australia, at the head of the Snowy river.

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