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**IT GROWS SLOWLY.**  
(St. John Telegram.)  
Montreal will erect a monument to the Canadians who died in the service of the empire. It will cost \$100,000 and be placed in Dominion square. The monument fund grows very slowly in St. John.

**JAMES MITCHELL DEAD.**  
James Mitchell, of Newcastle, Northumberland Co., died today, aged 75 years. He was a brother of the late Hon. Peter Mitchell, and was born the year after the great Miramichi fire. Mr. Mitchell was formerly sheriff of Northumberland and one of the best known and most highly respected men on the North Shore. He also held some appointments under the federal government. His funeral will take place on Sunday, Premier Tweedie and, possibly, other North Shore members will go over from Fredericton tomorrow to attend the funeral.

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## WANT ADS.

In order to be of as much service as possible to the working people of St. John, the STAR will insert **FREE** all advertisements of **Situations Wanted**. For any other Want Ads. there will be a small charge.

**Read the Ads.**  
**in the Star.**

## LOCAL NEWS.

The steamer Prince Rupert made a special trip today.

Veal is coming into the country market now, and is selling at seven cents and thereabouts by the carcass.

A man named Smith, employed in the Cushing pulp mill, had his foot badly jammed in the machinery yesterday. Dr. Grey of Fairville rendered surgical aid.

The special evangelistic meetings in the Baptist church at Fairville are being attended by large numbers of people and are productive of the desired results.

At the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance Monday Rev. T. P. Fotheringham will read a paper, "Does the Evolution Theory Exclude the Idea of an Intelligent Creator?"

Adj. Byers, of the Salvation Army, St. John, has gone to Springfield and will take charge of the district, which includes Amherst, Springfield, Sackville, Truro, Pugwash and Parrsboro.

An alarm of fire was rung in from box 121 about three o'clock this afternoon in consequence of a slight blaze in the home of William Savage, on Bridge street, Indian town.

The Hampton Tailoring Co., of which Thos. Gilliland is president, is rumored about town today, has received an order from St. John for four hundred suits of clothes. One person, who claimed to speak with authority, said that the suits were for those four hundred Rotherham voters.

### TODAY'S FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. Joseph Clancy was held this afternoon from her late home on Carmarthen street to the cathedral, where Rev. Father Poirer conducted service over the remains. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery, relatives bearing the pall.

In the Methodist burying ground this afternoon the remains of the unfortunate young man, Solomon Reid of New Brunswick, who was killed at Sand Point, Wednesday, were laid at rest. The funeral took place from the home of Charles Perkins, uncle of the deceased, on Harris street. Rev. John Read officiated.

### CATTLE DRIVEN FROM JEMSEGG.

John Ferris, of the country market firm of Slocum & Ferris, accompanied by an Indian guide, arrived in town yesterday from back of Jemsegg with thirty-seven head of cattle. The animals were driven to the city, as was done in the olden times, and though some pretty rough weather deterred them at times, the trip from up river was made in about four days. The route taken was the main river, across the Bellisle, Kingston creek and the Kennebecasis. The animals were all in good condition, being well cared for, and driven very easily. Mr. Ferris and his guide had trained dogs with them.

### THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

At the close of the meeting of the Transvaal contingent fund committee this morning the members informally discussed the matter of the proposed soldiers' monument, for which contributions have up to the present been received by the Star and at the office of the mayor. The opinion was generally expressed that the fund for this purpose should be handled in a somewhat similar manner to that for the members of the contingent. A meeting of the contributors and those interested in the scheme may be held soon to devise ways and means of raising a sufficient amount to build a suitable monument for the soldiers.

### Y. M. C. A.

The Sunday afternoon service in the Y. M. C. A. will consist of an association rally led by Vice-President Cross. At last night's meeting of the committee in charge of these meetings the programme for the next two months was decided on. It was also planned to hold a three days' conference for association workers in this city some time in May. The services will be in charge of F. B. Smith of New York.

### PERSONAL.

A. C. Smith of West end is somewhat improved in health. Chas. Robinson and Harold Loggie of Chatham, N. B., registered at Windsor Hall, Fredericton, yesterday. Mrs. Morace King, St. John, is visiting Mrs. W. T. Whitehead, Fredericton. Miss Florence Mitchell and Miss Winifred Todd, of St. Stephen, are in the city at Mrs. Barker's, Brunswick street, Fredericton.

### TONIGHT.

Views of Manchester Ship Canal at Mechanics' Institute.  
Curling—Thistles and St. Andrews v. Truro.  
Valetine Stock Company at Opera House, in Merchant of Venice, 8 p. m.  
Entertainment in Congregational church, Union street.

## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

### THE CHRISTIAN GAMBLER.

To the Editor of the Star:  
Sir—Permit me, through the columns of your up-to-date and reliable paper to criticize one or two of the arrests in our city, recently made public.

A few weeks ago, through the energy and determination of Chief of Police Clark, some houses of ill repute in south end were wiped out of existence. The offenders were not dealt with very severely. A few weeks later the Chinamen, isolated from home friends, and having but one day in the week for past-time and sociability, were arrested for having a quiet game, implicating some but their own brotherhood. These men—unacquainted with British laws, and with not enough English at their command to defend themselves—would have been fined \$100, the full extent of the law had it not been for the reasonable pleading of Mr. Regan, and the just dealing of Judge Ritchie. Any right minded citizen will admit the wisdom in this procedure.

Mr. Editor, St. John, the city of churches, is reeking with petty vice. Many are the private clubs and dens of iniquity in our midst, which are fast demoralizing not only our young men, maidens and single, but our boys as well. Mothers and young wives are spending sleepless hours away into the morning awaiting the return of these club frequenters.

Is it not time that the detectives resort to the same strategy, vigilance and interest that they exercised to bring the Heathen Chinese to justice, bringing forward, and without any chance for escape, those who are willfully breaking the laws of their own land and dragging to destruction many with them of our young citizens. Then the detectives can see clearly what money exchanges hands, and for what purpose. It is very desirable that the policemen act promptly on the advice given them by Judge Ritchie, so that those representatives of Christian homes in our own community may have the same justice dealt them as the foreigners.

It does not already know where these dives are, perhaps stroll midway of Charlotte street or one or two parts of Brussels street, or going east along Union street might enlighten them a little bit as to some of them.

### NEW BRUNSWICK TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

The following additional subscriptions are acknowledged:

Vassie & Co., Ltd.	\$10
A. O. Skinner	10
O'Neill Bros.	10
F. A. Jones	10
W. M. Jarvis	10
W. J. H. King	10
E. A. Goodwin	10
J. F. Estabrooks & Son	5
J. P. Quinn	5
A. Gilmore	5
John Rubins	5
H. H. Holman & Co.	5
A. R. Campbell	5
Kane & McGrath	5
T. Collins & Co.	5
A. & J. Hay	5

**Have you subscribed a Quarter to the Star Monument Fund?**

### AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The St. John Agricultural society met yesterday afternoon in regular monthly session in the Sons of Temperance hall, Market building, with President J. H. Frink in the chair. Other members present were: J. M. Donovan, R. R. Patchell, St. J. Giddings, S. S. Hall, B. Creighton, Wm. Mulholland and J. F. Watson.

The delegates, Messrs. Watson, Donovan and Patchell, who attended the meeting of the Farmers' and Dairy-men's association at Fredericton, reported.

Mr. Patchell read a report dealing with pork raising, home breeding and poultry raising and fattening of the latter.

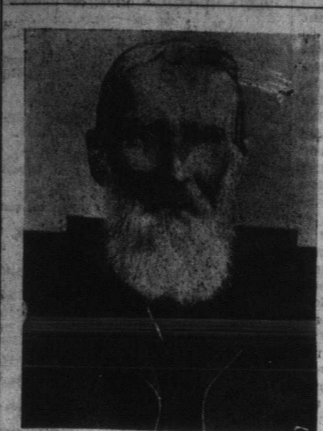
J. F. Watson addressed the meeting on the subject of sheep raising and poultry fattening; also on the subject of license stallions. He thought that the society should induce the government to license stallions and have them under the control of the government, and license none other than thoroughbreds.

J. M. Donovan spoke on the raising of dairy cattle and dwelt for some length on sheep raising and on the great loss sustained by farmers in St. John county who did not give more attention to this important branch of farming. Mr. Donovan believed in standing firm to the one breed of cattle.

## JAMES ROSS

Is to Receive the Long Delayed Chair Today.

Warden McGooldrick went to St. Martin today to present the long delayed chair, and was received by the municipal council to James Ross, the centenarian. The old gentleman heard, of course, that the chair was to come, and has been anxiously longing to receive it, and he died. If he lives till June next he will be 111 years old.



Mr. Ross was born on June 18th, 1790, at Port Maholmack, Farberach, Ross-shire, Scotland. He was in early life a blue-jacket, and was in the service at the time of the battle of Waterloo. When he first came to St. John and moved to Quaco he talked Gaelic chiefly, and has not forgotten it. Mr. Ross has never ridden in a railway train, or discovered that a pipe or a drop of whiskey would shorten life. He was able to mow some grass last summer, and talked of coming in to the exhibition in September. He had two sons, Jacob and John, at St. Martin, and one daughter, Mrs. W. H. Clark.

### McKEOWN'S RIGHT HAND MAN.

James Brennan, The Leading Liberal Talks on the Bill to Give a Vote to Everybody.

This morning a Star reporter interviewed James Brennan, the Union street boarding house proprietor and liberal whip, with reference to the petition he is circulating in support of the McKewon bill. The redoubtable ward worker said the petition had been put in his hands, and for the last few days he had been faithfully placing it under the noses of the general public, being successful in securing about fifty signatures, several of which were business firm names.

There were other petitions in north end and west end. The text of the petition prays that the clause in the Act uniting St. John and Portland, which deprives citizens of their votes in civic elections, when their taxes are not paid, be repealed.

In support of this Mr. Brennan, in his well known forcible manner offers arguments galore: "First," he says, "a day or so before election a constable grabs you for a year's taxes, when lots of rich men are years behind in paying up. If you can't pay you don't have a vote. What's the consequence? A lot of men get in the council and spend our taxes for monuments like the one over at Sand Point, and then they turn round and give them away to those upper Canadians."

Mr. Brennan is heart and soul in the free vote movement, and some say that he may be an aldermanic candidate himself if the Honorable Harry's little document gets through the legislature unscathed.

### CAME IN LIKE A LAMB.

Mary's little lamb in its most amiable moments could not have been gentler or more serene on its advent than was this first March of the twentieth century. The elements must have been off picnicking somewhere else. A top-sided moon shone down at the midnight hour, and though the air was sharp and searching, breezes were very few and far between. Toward morning the mercury grew to be quite a tall chap in the glass, and when the town awoke and stirred about the crispness of the atmosphere had seemingly taken wings. March's entry is this year in a striking contrast to that of twelve months ago. It was then one of the worst blizzards of a decade struck St. John, accompanied by the glorious news of Lady Smith's relief. The combined tornado typhoon and earthquake of enthusiasm and celebration that resulted, can better be remembered than described. Recalling it is sufficient. The city of loyalists never saw anything like it before, and something pretty glorious will have to happen before it will be duplicated. March, 1901, tripping across the threshold so demurely, warns us of its exit, which the old saying says will be like the lion.

### FUN IN THE CIVIL COURT.

Yesterday's civil court proceedings were robbed of their usual monotony by a case in which an aged and diminutive member of the corporation force of street workers appeared as the plaintiff. One of his tenants, who had recently moved, owed him about five dollars, and the debtor was being sued.

"I challenge the plaintiff, Your Honor," says the defendant, "I don't believe he knows the nature of an oath."

The magistrate asked the well-known landlord-street worker what his conception of an oath was. "An oath, yer honour, shure it is—I an' d—ation is an oath!"

## An Important Matter.

### "CLOTHING."

What is wanted are Clothes that are good quality, well made, correct style and not expensive.

Our Clothing meets this want. Our New Spring Goods are the Best, Smartest, and Latest Style; and the Tailoring is the highest character known to Ready-Made Clothing.

Our prices we will guarantee to be right; and before purchasing your Spring Suit, it will pay you to give us a call.

**HENDERSON, HUNT & McLAUGHLIN,**  
Successors to Fraser, Fraser & Co., 40 to 42 King St.  
(Opposite Royal Hotel) St. John, N. B.

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**PETTIJOHN FOOD,**  
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**ROLLED WHEAT.**  
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### CONTINGENT FUND.

The Statement of the Treasurer Submitted Today.

A meeting of the Transvaal Contingent fund committee was held this morning at the Mayor's office, to settle up matters in connection with the fund. There were present Mayor Daniel, H. D. McLeod, Col. Markham, Sen. J. V. Ellis, Col. Armstrong.

H. D. McLeod, treasurer, read the financial statements. The first was a statement in regard to the receipts, as follows:

To subscriptions from all sources:	\$17,457.10
Second contingent	8,796.04
By allowances paid up to date:	\$28,353.14
Reimbursement	\$15,765.90
Second contingent	774.00
Souvenirs, etc.	7,038.50
	\$33,897.54
By balance	\$24,411.39
Against this there are claims amounting to \$1,295.50.	
Statements showing the amount received from each county:	
Albert	\$312.23
Castleton	282.90
Charlotte	1,589.01
Gloucester	2.00
Kent	100.00
Kings	1,060.47
Madawaska	1,654.06
Northumberland	268.37
Restigouche	213.35
Saint John	9,948.95
Sunbury	147.90
Victoria	112.20
Westmorland	1,240.20
York	2,011.30
Grant Provincial Government	5,000.00
Grant City Council	2,000.00

Mr. McLeod also read applications from several men, natives of New Brunswick and serving in South Africa, but not with the New Brunswick quota. It was decided to obtain information from the different places in which these men enlisted, and as to the amount paid in these places to the men. A further meeting will then be called to consider the matter.

### COUNTY COURT.

At the County Court this morning the case of William Nairn, charged with stealing a gold watch from a man named O'Leary, last August, was taken up. Nairn was undefended. The case was finished shortly after eleven and the jury were out, but a short time before they brought in a verdict of guilty. H. A. McKewon for the crown.

Nairn also figured in the second case, that against Annie Sullivan and Maud Tucker for forging an order and receiving goods on it. They claim they were forced into it by Nairn. The case was going on this afternoon. H. A. McKewon for the crown.

### THE MOLASSES TRADE.

The Era of Mixed Goods—Unfair Tariff Arrangement.

The Star not long ago had an article on the subject of mixed molasses, which is very much to the fore at present. Not only is mixed molasses coming from the United States, but the actual work of mixing is done in Halifax, and it is said has been done to some extent in this city.

It looks as if the days of pure molasses were drawing to a close here, as they have already in the United States. If several kinds of molasses can be mixed and branded as a pure article and sold at a lower price than the genuine, the importers, of course, cannot do profitable business in the pure article. In the United States the whole trade appears practically to have surrendered to the mixers, and Canada seems to be moving in that direction. Whether that is desirable from the consumer's standpoint may, perhaps, be regarded as a debatable question; but there is no doubt of the effect of the introduction of mixed goods upon the trade in general.

Importers of pure goods cannot compete. In connection with the molasses trade the conditions as between the United States and Canada are inequitable. For example, the American duty on West India molasses is three cents per gallon, but the duty on Porto Rico molasses coming direct, is only fifteen per cent of three cents. This molasses can be sent into Canada paying a duty of only 1-3-4 cents per gallon; but if the Canadian trader wants to send some Porto Rico molasses into the United States he must pay the full three cents per gallon. The American can take packages of Porto Rico molasses, remove part of their contents, fill up with cheap New Orleans molasses, and send it into Canada as pure molasses, and get only 1-3-4 cents per gallon duty. The Rio into the United States must pay the full three cents. There should be a change, for example, China tea coming here by way of the United States, unless it is on through bill of lading, must pay a duty of 10 per cent. There should also be an arrangement in the interest of our own importers, by which Porto Rico molasses, which does not arrive here on through bill of lading should pay a stiff duty.

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