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### MRS. SARAH HOOPER

he death of Mrs. Sarah Hooper occur- at Sydney River Pumping Station, N. on January 19. She was the wife of phen Hooper, and was a sister of Mrs. n Burnside, of this city. Mrs. Hooper nged to St. John, but removed with husband to the sister province a few s ago.

## LATE SHIPPING

### PORT OF ST. JOHN

Arrived Today

Coastwise:—Schr Lethys, 20, Thompson, Beaver Harbor and cleared; Harry M. Lewis, 297, Dexter, Parrsboro and cleared; stmr Westport, 111, MacKinnon, Westport and cleared.

Cleared Today.

Schr W. E. & W. L. Tuck, 395, Haley, Chance Harbor.

Coastwise:—Stmr Connors Bros, 49, Warnock, Chance Harbor.

## CONDENSED DESPATCHES

Petersboro, Ont., Jan. 24—Bishop O'Connor died at St. Joseph's Hospital last evening. On August 2, 1911, the golden jubilee of His Lordship as a priest was celebrated.

Toronto, Jan. 24—Rev. Canon Alexander Williams, one of the oldest Anglican rectors in active work in Canada is dead.

Toronto, Jan. 24—Banking methods, the Canadian National Exhibition, the giving of bounties to industries and the practice of bestowing titles in Canada, all came in for criticism by the dominion grange yesterday. The Canadian National Exhibition was branded as a circus by the members.

Montreal, Jan. 24—The body of Mrs. G. H. Aubin was found in her bedroom with the gas jet turned on. Her husband battered in the door and found her.

Montreal, Jan. 24—That the famous picture, Mona Lisa, had never been stolen from the Louvre, Paris, but had been spoiled when attempts were made to clean it by the museum authorities and afterwards hidden was the contention of Wm. Brymner, president of the Royal Canadian Academy in a lecture here.

Christiana, Norway, Jan. 24—The Norwegian cabinet resigned today owing to its defeat at the general elections last October.

Lisbon, Portugal, Jan. 24—The minister of justice has prohibited circulation of the pontificial declaration in one of the clauses of the laws of the apostolic see. He says it attacks the law of separation of the church and state.

## COMMERCIAL

### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Quotations furnished by private wires of J. C. Mackintosh & Co., (members Montreal Stock Exchange), 88-90 Prince William street, St. John, N. B. (Chubb's Corner.)

Friday, Jan. 24, 1913.

| | Yesterday's Closing | Opening | Noon |
|---|---|---|---|
| Am. Copper x d. | 74⅛ | 71 | 71¾ |
| Am. Beet Sugar | 37¼ | 36 | 36½ |
| Am. Sm. & Ref | 72⅝ | 71¼ | 71⅝ |
| Am. Tele & Tele | 133⅝ | 133⅛ | 133⅛ |
| An. Cop. | 37⅞ | 37½ | 37⅝ |
| Atchison | 105 | 104⅝ | 104⅝ |
| Balt & Ohio x d | 106⅛ | 102½ | 102⅛ |
| C.P. R. | 245⅝ | 243 | 242½ |
| Ches & Ohio | 77⅝ | 77½ | 77½ |
| Chic & St. Paul | 112⅞ | 112⅝ | 112½ |
| Col. Fuel & Iron | 35 | 33⅝ | 33⅞ |
| Chino Copper | 43½ | 42⅝ | 42¼ |
| Del & Hud | | 166 | 166 |
| Erie | 31½ | 30⅝ | 31 |
| Gen Elec | 142⅝ | 141½ | 141½ |
| Gr Nor pfd | 128⅛ | 128 | 127⅝ |
| Ill. Central | 127 | 127¼ | 122½ |
| Int. Met | 17⅞ | 17⅝ | 17⅝ |
| Louis & Nashville | 138¼ | 137⅝ | 138¼ |
| Lehigh Valley | 161½ | 161½ | 160½ |
| Miss, Kan Texas | | 27 | 27 |
| Miss Pacific | 41⅝ | 41 | 41⅛ |
| N. Y. Central | 107⅝ | 107 | 106⅞ |
| N. Y., Ont & West | | 31½ | 31½ |
| Nor Pacific | 119⅛ | 118¼ | 118⅛ |
| Nor & West | 112 | 112 | 112 |
| Pennsylvania | 122⅛ | 121⅞ | 122⅛ |
| Reading | 164⅝ | 163⅝ | 164 |
| Rep Ir. & Steel | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| Rock Island | 22⅞ | 22⅝ | 22½ |
| So Pacific | 105⅝ | 105¼ | 105⅛ |
| "Soo" | | 138¼ | 138¼ |
| Sou. Rly | 27¼ | 27 | 27⅛ |
| Utah Copper | 55½ | 54⅝ | 54⅝ |
| Union Pacific | 159⅝ | 158½ | 158 |
| U S Rubber | 66¼ | 64½ | 65⅝ |
| U S Steel | 64 | 63 | 63⅛ |
| U S Steel pfd | 109¾ | 109⅝ | 109⅝ |
| Virginia Chem. | 38¼ | 37¼ | 37¾ |
| Western Union | 71½ | 72½ | 72½ |
| Westinghouse Elec. | | 74¼ | 74¼ |

Sales to 11 a. m. 117,600 shares.

New York Cotton Market.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jany | 12.45 | 12.32 | 12.30 |
| March | 12.07 | 11.90 | 12.12 |
| May | 11.90 | 11.77 | 11.96 |
| July | 11.78 | 11.65 | 11.84 |
| August | 11.68 | 11.65 | 11.65 |
| October | 11.23 | 11.15 | 11.24 |

Chicago Grain and Produce Market.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat— | | | |
| May | 92¼ | 92⅝ | 92½ |
| July | 89⅝ | 90¼ | 90⅛ |
| Sept | 88⅝ | 88⅝ | 88⅝ |
| Corn— | | | |
| May | 51⅞ | 51⅞ | 51⅝ |
| July | 52½ | 52⅝ | 52⅛ |
| Sept | 53⅝ | 53⅝ | 53¼ |
| Oats— | | | |
| May | 33⅝ | 33⅝ | 33⅝ |
| July | 33⅝ | 33⅞ | 33⅝ |
| Sept | 33½ | 33¾ | 33¾ |
| Pork— | | | |
| Jany | 18.52 | 18.62 | 18.62 |
| May | 18.55 | 18.82 | 18.82 |

Montreal Morning Transactions.

(J. M. Robinson & Sons, Private Wire Telegram)

| | Bid | Asked |
|---|---|---|
| Bell 'Phone | 153½ | 154 |
| Dom. Canners | 76¾ | 77 |
| C. P. R. | 242½ | 243¼ |
| Cement | 27¾ | 28 |
| Can Cottons | 34½ | 35 |
| Crown Reserve | 3.50 | 3.60 |
| Can Converters | 48 | 50 |
| Detroit United | 79¾ | 79¾ |
| Dom Park | 150 | |
| Dom Steel | 56½ | 57 |
| Laurentide | 232 | 232½ |
| Mackay | 83¼ | |
| Montreal Cotton | 59 | 62 |
| Ottawa Power | 189 | 190 |
| Ogilvies | 127½ | 128½ |
| Montreal Power | 237½ | 237¾ |
| Penman's | 57½ | 58 |
| Quebec Rails | 16½ | 18 |
| Rich & Ont | 118 | 118¼ |
| N. S. Steel | 84½ | 86 |
| Sher Wms. | 60 | 60 |
| Shawinigan | 146 | 146¼ |
| Spanish River | 69 | 69⅛ |
| Tuckett's | | 59 |
| Toronto Rails | 143 | |
| Twin City | 106¾ | 107 |
| Lake of the Woods | 143 | 145 |
| Cottons Ltd | 76¼ | 78 |
| Cement pfd | 92½ | 93 |
| Can Locomotive pfd | 92½ | 93 |
| Can Car pfd | 113 | |
| Dom Steel | | 103 |
| Illinois pfd | 90½ | 91 |
| Rubber pfd | 100 | |
| Penman's | 84 | 88 |

Wall Street Notes.

New York, Jan. 24—Americans in London weak 5-8 to 1 5-8 lower; consols 75, off 1-8. The revolution in Turkey is creating an unfavorable impression, political, complications are feared.

Paris is selling, markets, flat, C. P. R. was down 3 3-8 points.

Copper market abroad commenced to show improvement; domestic business quiet.

Inter-Met. increased wages ten per cent.

N. Y. Airbrake earning at rate of 15 per cent. now.

Traders continue bearish on the stock market.

Many people express an unwillingness to carry stocks pending the so-called Wilson reforms. Short interest was increased by yesterday's operations. If the market breaks as the London prices indicate, they will probably cover some and if the rails are sharply lower think they can be bought for turns.

Nor. Pac., Gt. Nor., Union Pacific and Atchison look the best on breaks.

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## PERSONALS

David B. Donald who has been ill for some time, expects to be at his office again tomorrow.

Dr. J. D. Maher came home from Halifax today.

Daniel Mullin, K.C., returned to the city on the Boston train today.

W. Burton Stewart of the Norton Griffiths Company Ltd., left last night for Montreal. Before leaving he said that there were no new developments in regard to the Courtenay Bay work.

Douglas McArthur and F. G. Macfarlane left last night for Estevan, (Sask), where they will locate.

Rev. E. J. Byrne, of Norton, accompanied by his mother and sister and his brother, James P. Byrne, and Mrs. Byrne, passed through the city last evening on his way to Havana. Father Byrne is making the southern trip for his health.

### TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

Abraham Knechtell, of Ottawa, inspector of forestry, arrived in the city at noon today, and is registered at the Royal. He will deliver an address this evening in Keith's assembly rooms on "Forest Scenes in Europe."

## BANK MANAGER GIVES EVIDENCE IN THE LAVINE CASE

### Tells of Drafts on St. John Firm and Statements by Lavine

Fredericton, Jan. 24—The preliminary examination of Louis Lavine, charged with obtaining $1,500 from the Bank of New Brunswick under false pretences, was commenced in the police court this morning. P. J. Hughes appeared for the prosecution, and P. A. Guthrie for the defence. W. S. Thomas, manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, told of discounting three drafts for $500 each for Lavine on December 21, 23 and 27. They were all drawn upon S. Arscott & Co., of St. John. Two of the drafts were endorsed by W. A. B. McLellan, but the third was discounted without an endorser.

Arscott & Co. had refused to pay the drafts, although Lavine had represented to the witness that they would do so. He quoted Lavine as saying that he had called the company up by telephone the night before he mad the first draft, and they assured him it would be all right. He had afterwards repeated this statement in the presence of Manager Binning, of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Constable John B. Hawthorn, former chief of police of this city, has accepted an appointment as police officer at McAdam. He will go on duty next month.

Parker Glasier, M. P. P., for Sunbury, celebrated his 64th birthday yesterday. In the evening with Mrs. Glasier he entertained a family birthday party at Lincoln. About thirty-five were present. Among the congratulatory telegrams was one from Hon. J. D. Hazen.

## TAFT HAS TRAVELED MORE THAN 100,000 MILES

### Journeyings Since He Became President Would Take Him 4½ Times Round World

Washington, Jan. 24—When President Taft stepped down from his private car on his recent return from New Haven, the total mileage of his travels in his four years in the White House reached 113,659—enough to take him 4 1-2 times around the world, or an average of about seventy-five miles for every day he has been president. The total is exclusive of the hundreds of miles the president has travelled by motor in every part of the country, his trips through cities and his tours about Washington and in the vicinity of Beverly.

Including the three short journeys to be taken before March 4, Mr. Taft will have travelled in his term about 125,000 miles, or five times the distance around the earth at the equator.

Mr. Taft has made about 25,000 miles of the total on his two "swings around the circle." He has visited every state in the union with the exception of Oklahoma and North Dakota, and has stood as near the four corners of the country as it is possible for a man to get.

Two trips to the Panama Canal Zone have swelled the president's mileage considerably, but it was on trips to New York, to Boston and to Beverly, and to Cincinnati that the miles that made the big total were rolled up at their fastest clip. Every winter Mr. Taft has made visit after visit to New York, and in summers, when Congress persisted in staying in session, he frequently commuted between Washington and Beverly like a Jerseyite who works in New York.

He has been on the road more than 200 days and nights.

His allowance of $2,000 a year for travelling expenses has been used each year.

## LOCAL NEWS

### DIED TODAY.

The death of Mrs. Nellie, wife of Captain Wm. A. Demmings, occurred this morning at her home 67 High street, after a short illness. She was 59 years of age, and a member of Portland Methodist church. Besides her husband she is survived by three sons—Armour, Maitland, and William, all of this city; and two daughters—Misses Ethel and Nellie, at home. The funeral will be conducted on Sunday with services at 2 o'clock.

### DEAD IN QUEENS COUNTY.

The death of Mrs. Ruth Ann Gibson Kirkpatrick took place at her home in Patterson Settlement, Queens county, on December 27. She was the widow of David Kirkpatrick, and was in her 91st year, being one of the oldest residents of that neighborhood. Two sons survive—George A., of West St. John, and Edward A., of Fairville. Mrs. J. A. Johnston, of Denver, Col., is a daughter, and Mrs. Wm. Kirkpatrick, of Gaspereaux Station, is a sister.

### THE LATE MRS. JENKINS.

The funeral of Mrs. Jenkins, mother of Deputy Chief of Police Jenkins was held at Cody's on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted in the Thornetown Baptist church, and at the request of Mrs. Jenkins, the services were conducted by her two sons, Rev. E. C., and Rev. W. H. Jenkins. The church was crowded with sorrowing friends. Rev. W. H. Jenkins opened the services and the funeral sermon which was most touching was conducted by his brother, Rev. E. C. Jenkins. The two sons also conducted the services at the grave.

### CLAN MACKENZIE

The officers of Clan Mackenzie, No. 96, Order of Scottish Clans, who were recently elected, were installed at the last meeting. They are:—Chief, E. B. MacDonald; tanist, Wm. Cameron; chaplain, J. L. Carmichael; recording secretary, George S. Shaw; financial secretary, Roy Cameron; treasurer, John White; physician, James Christie; senior henchman, S. R. Jack; junion henchman, F. Fowler; seneschal, J. E. Kenney; warden, D. J. Stratton; sentinel, H. L. McGowan; piper, H. S. Cruikshank, and standard bearer, Major J. T. McGowan.

### BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Ruth A. Pineo took place this morning at 11 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. A. Armstrong and Rev. J. A. MacKeigan and interment was in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. Isabell H. Lee took place this afternoon from her late home in Orange street. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. S. Porter and interment was in the Church of England cemetery.

The funeral of W. B. Daye took place this afternoon from his son's residence in Peters street. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. P. McKim and interment was in Fernhill.

## GREAT 16 INCH GUN FOR GERMAN NAVY

### A Secret, But Existence Seems Assured

### EVEN IT IS NOT LARGEST

### Fatherland Gives up Frugal Ways For Luxurious Living—There's Trouble Now Over the Tipping Habit in Berlin

(Times' Special Correspondence)

Berlin, Jan. 8—A good deal has been made in chauvinist circles about the report that a new gun is to be used by the German fleet, one that will easily eclipse those of all other nations. The gun is a 16-inch gun, with projectile weighing not far short of a ton. It is extremely improbable, however, that such a gun will be mounted on any German battleship for some time yet, although the existence of the weapon seems to be established, and particulars as to its construction are given in the latest German naval guide, the "Taschenbuch der Kriegsflotten" (1913).

The gun is indeed several sizes larger, to speak familiarly, than the most powerful type at present used in the German navy. Even the last of the German vessels to be launched, the 24,700-ton battleships Konig Albert and Prinzregent Luitpold, and the vessel of the same class, the Kaiserin (which has already been launched thirteen months, and is not yet in commission), are designed for nothing heavier than the standard 12-inch gun, while in contrast British Dreadnoughts launched two years ago or more have been designed to take the 13.5inch gun, and ships of this armament are already in commission.

The same authority promises still heavier guns for the British super-Dreadnoughts of the 27,500-ton class now under construction, and the later French battleships are designed to carry guns of the 13.5 calibre. On the other hand, with characteristic taciturnity, the German officials venture not a word as to the armament of the battleships of which the keels were the last to be laid. Not even their tonnage is given, but one may accept it as unlikely that the guns will be more than one stage heavier than the 12-inch gun, the heaviest yet in use.

The 16-inch gun that has caused some little pride to overflow is not as a matter of fact the heaviest gun that is made. The American Bethlehem Steel Company catalogue, an 18-inch gun. This giant has a projectile weighing nearly a ton, and at first sight would seem to be more formidable than any of its rivals. At second glance, however, the weight of the projectile is seen to be surpassed by a gun of lesser calibre, the Schneider-Creusot 40-centimetre gun, which is of slightly smaller bore than the Krupp and considerably smaller than the Bethlehem gun. The projectile of this gun weighs 990 kilograms, or practically one ton, as against 920 kilograms, of the Krupp, and 941 kilograms of the American. These guns as yet, however, do not enter into the material armament of any fleet, and the heaviest projectile fired by any gun on any ship in commission is the 567 kilogram projectile of the British 13.5 guns, while the weights of shell mentioned are not very much of an advance on the 870 kilogram projectile of the 15-inch guns that the four latest British battleships under construction are to carry.

As regards a point in the construction of the German Dreadnoughts of the Kaiser and Kaiserin class, the naval estimates for next year provide for about $50,000 more for each vessel than was spent on a year's construction of the ships of this type already in commission. The inference is that they are to be of slightly increased displacement, and that the 24,500 tons is to be 24,700 tons.

**From Frugality To Luxury**

It is significant in the rapid development of Germany from being one of the most frugal countries in Europe to being one of the most devoted to luxury that of the rare complaints made at this time of the year those that are most energetically put forward are against the dearness of caviar and the tyranny of the tip. Both seem to indicate rather indirectly, but no less plainly, that there is a superfluity of funds somewhere, but both are treated as matters of moment.

In the first place caviar has risen 25 per cent. in the course of the year, and has been given a further increased price during the last few weeks. This may not mean much to the ordinary American, for the foreign market for caviar is restricted. On the other hand Germany today has a bigger consumption of the article than any other country in Europe, even including Russia.

It is not that it is cheap, for it is anything but that, and may generally be reckoned as the dearest item on the menu, challenging Napoleon brandy and April strawberries in the matter of price. But it is to be met with everywhere where the occasion is to eat, and even in the beerhouses that serve a copious luncheon at any hour between one and five for the total sum of thirty-one cents, it is always on the menu (though not included in the thirty-two cents), standing in a corner, so many grams of such or such a brand of caviar, at so much—generally starting at about thirty-one cents, and ascending to seventy-five cents a portion.

In the hotel restaurants it is one of the peculiarities that one becomes the most quickly accustomed to on first visiting Germany. A huge block of clear ice is brought in, very often lighted by electricity from within, and on the top is a small box of caviar, out of which it is helped with all the respect and care that one might exact for the oldest of old wines. When it is added that in Berlin the shops selling caviar and caviar alone are as numerous and as handsomely equipped as those of, let us say, an Italian warehouseman, and that several of the largest and most prominent of the illuminated roof advertisements in central Berlin are devoted to its praise, it will be seen what an important role it plays in the economics of the German table, and how much irritation is caused by its enhanced price.

The reason is the increasing demand can be met this year only by a considerably diminished supply. The haul of the fishers on the Volga was very disappointing, and as a result the German agents, taking half the total supply, as usual, were quite unable even with an outlay of $2,500,000, to obtain their usual quantity.

The other question, concerning tips, concerns another class of people. On the one side the tippers are complaining that the tip—a rarity, or at least a modest affair until not many years ago—has now acquired a grasping tyranny that is not in the least satisfied at receiving the ten per cent. that has been customary for several years, but in some cases almost as much as exacts double that ratio. On the other, some of the men who receive the tips are complaining that their income from this source is now to be taxed, and that in consequence they must have larger tips.

The formation of a "school for taste" is now advertised in Berlin. It is to begin in a rather modest way by means of a series of lectures in the Hohenzollern Gewerbehaus, but its initiators have great ambitions, and hope to be able to promote a school somewhat on the lines of a musical academy that will establish the fineness of taste, not only of Berliners and their wives and daughters, but also of the very city itself.

The lectures are to be no minor matter, however, for they are each to last two hours, and the audience is expected to turn up at all the twelve. Particular attention to fashions, but the severer arts are to be treated, and the connection between the appreciation of the Parthenon friezes and that of paniers and the hobble-skirt are to be dealt with by specialists in the different arts.

## BOY BIRD LOVER'S DISCOVERY

(London Daily Mirror)

The pet theories of expert naturalists upset by an observant boy of twelve!

That is what Reggie Turner, of East Carleton, has done by his essay on the habits of snipe which obtained the highest marks in the competition organized by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and to which 804 essays were contributed.

As a case in point, Reggie writes that the young snipe remain in the nest and are fed by the mother for several days after leaving the egg.

On the other hand, some of the highest ornithological authorities say that the young snipe do not remain in the nest, but run about as soon as hatched.

Reggie is a quiet, rosy-cheeked boy, whose bright, observant eyes are his only medium for obtaining knowledge.

"I studied the snipe because I am very fond of birds and wanted to write a good essay," he told me. "I just wrote down what I saw—I have read very little about them."

Mrs. Turner said that her son had taken the greatest interest in birds all his life. "He knows something about every bird," she said. "He is always watching them and talking about them."

When the local examiner saw Reggie's paper he attached the following note to it:—

The boy has gone one better than most of us! I have today received a letter from a friend which shows that what the bay says about seeing the young in the nest upsets the statements of some of the first-rate authorities who say that young snipe run about as soon as they are hatched.

In his essay, which he wrote without help—his parents did not even know that he had entered the competition — Reggie writes:—

My bird is the common snipe. I've seen some snipes in our village in the winter time. . . . Sometimes if the winter is severe these poor birds die, as their long beaks are rather soft.

I'm very glad some of the snipes stay in England all the year round, because I like to watch them. . . .

On May 5 I saw another bird with mine. I watched to see what they were doing. I saw my bird and his mate hunting for a nice place to build a nest. They seemed to hunt for two or three days before they found a place . . . .

The female birl with sitting on the eggs for ten days, then I found the eggs crushed and the nest spoiled. It was a sad sight to see my poor birl fluttering around her broken nest. She would spread out her stubby tail and utter such a miserable cry.

"I've watched my bird walk," adds Reggie, "and it was very funny, ineed. . . . Now and then he looks as if he is going head over heels."

## FOR SAFETY AT SEA

New York, Jan. 24—A cable to the Tribune from London says:

Board of Trade regulations issued today to become operative on March 1, provide that British sea going ships shall carry lifeboats and life saving appliances for all on board. Steamships carrying passengers on short excursions between April 1 and October 31, during daylight and in fine weather, must be supplied with boats for 70 per cent of the total number of persons they are certified to carry. Passenger steamers on rivers, canals, estuaries or lakes, must have boats and life rafts, etc., sufficient for forty per cent of the number of passengers for which the ship is certified.

### DR. ADDY BETTER.

Dr. H. G. Addy, who has been seriously ill, is somewhat better today.

"SECRETS REVEALED"
How Neal Cures
DRINK HABIT
In Three Days

When it was first publicly announced three years ago that Doctor B. E. Neal had originated a treatment that removed the cause and overcome all the effects of excessive use of liquor in three days, physicians and laymen alike declared "It can't be done." In the face of opposition, skepticism and incredulity, the wonderful merits and remarkable results of the Neal treatment have been demonstrated in over 20,000 cases and proved in sixty splendid institutions established in principal cities in Canada and foreign countries.

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Those interested in receiving full information, call, write, wire or 'phone the NEAL INSTITUTE, 46 Crown Street, St. John, N. B. 'Phone Main 1685.

## SICK MEN WHO EAT GOLD

### Queer Uses of the Precious Metal In India

(Londonf Chronicle)

Few people realize the extent to which gold is hoarded in India, or the strange uses to which it is put. The annual bullion letter issued on Saturday by Messrs. Montagu & Co., gives interesting information on both points.

It is remarked that the bulk of hoarded wealth in India is buried, so that at the present time nearly all the gold dug from the earth in South Africa is by a fresh digging operation deposited again beneath the soil in South Asia. It seems practically assured that the total imports of gold to India during 1912 are not only a fresh record, but will attain a total less than £27,800,000 or 28 per cent. of the world's output.

The strange uses to which gold is put in India are referred to. Consumption of gold does not imply in England the actual swallowing of extremely thin gold leaves for medicinal purposes, but, it is pointed out, that it is so taken in parts of India. A frequent form of piety is to regild the domes of the religious buildings, and such operations can easily absorb £10,000 or more. Sovereigns with a shield on the obverse are in constant request, and an inquiry as to the ultimate use of certain shipments of some thousands of pounds, revealed the curious fact that a Rajah of rococo tastes had imported them to form a centre for each minute pane in the windows of his palace.

The letter also deals with the manner in which the government so carried out the large purchases of silver required for the Indian coinage as to utterly checkmate the speculators who had hoped for large profits through the establishment of a "corner" in the metal.

"No one," says the circular "had even a suspicion until months after the event that the Indian government had, with foresight, been securing gradually a stock of silver for the purpose of coinage. On the last occasion when silver coinage for India on a large scale became necessary, such a rise in price had been brought about that it was eminently desirable to maintain secrecy to the last moment, especially in view of the fact that a powerful group of speculators whose adroitness was a byword, had been on the pounce for years with appetite sharpened by long waiting.

"A comparison of the average price of 1907, the level to which the purchases of the India government drove the market—namely, 30 3-16d., with 28 1-4d., the average at which the whole of the first £5,000,000 was acquired by the India Council—indicates the handsome saving which the Indian government effected."

## RECENT DEATHS

John B. Moore, barber, of Moncton, died yesterday of heart trouble. He leaves his wife, one son and three daughters.

The death of Miss Winnifred Grace Currie occurred at the home of her mother in Fredericton yesterday. She was twenty-one years of age. Her mother and three sisters survive.

The death of David Oliver occurred at his home in Albert on last Wednesday. He was upwards of eighty years of age and is survived by one son, one brother and one sister. He was a prominent lumber merchant in Albert.

### ASSESSMENT MATTERS.

The city commissioners spent an hour this morning in conference with the recorder regarding the assessment bills which are to be sent to the legislature. One of the bills provides that all subsidary assessments, including those of the county, the board of school trustees, the public hospital, municipal home, shall be presented to the council before the end of the year. The other provides for some changes in the assessment on fire insurance companies.

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