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Cumulative preference shares in the British Colonies Transportation Company, Limited, are at present being offered on the market. This company was formed recently to acquire and operate a fleet of vessels on the Atlantic Ocean to trade between Canadian and American ports. The company has contracted for three new ships, two of which should be delivered in August, and the other in the following month. They are worth over \$450,000 and are built to Lloyd's highest classification, having a rating for 13 years. The British Colonies Transportation Company, whose head office is in St. John, has a capitalization of \$250,000, 8 per cent. cumulative preferred stock, and \$500,000 of common stock. The par value of the shares is \$100 each. The amounts being issued at present are \$250,000 and \$400,000, respectively.

OBITUARY

Special to The Standard

Reta Fay Hatfield

Hartland, July 7.—The death of Reta Fay Hatfield occurred on Sunday evening at the home of her uncle, Mr. H. Hatfield, after an illness of 18 months. Reta was fourteen years of age and an orphan having lived with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hatfield since the death of her parents several years ago. She was for a time a patient in the Jordan Sanatorium, Riverside, and every possible means was taken to allay the dread disease but about four months ago returned to her adopted home unimproved. She was bright and lovable, though quiet and reserved in disposition and bore her long illness with patience and good cheer. Her nearest surviving relatives are a little brother and sister, George and Dora of Simonds.

Thomas Anderson.

After a lingering illness the death of Thomas Anderson occurred on Saturday, July 6, at the age of 76 years, at his son's residence, 163 Water street, West St. John. He was highly esteemed by all in the community. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, and seven sons, James, of Lancaster Heights; Andrew of Saskatchewan; John, Avard, Wallace and Leonard, all of West St. John, and Thomas, an original member of the 26th Battalion, and now in England.

The funeral will be held this afternoon from his late residence, service at 2:30 o'clock.

John A. Mitchell.

Ridgfield, Conn., July 6.—John A. Mitchell, editor of Life, died at his summer home here, following a stroke of apoplexy suffered earlier in the day. He had been editor of the magazine for about thirty-six years. Before he took charge of the entire paper he was a celebrated cartoonist and illustrator. Mr. Mitchell was in his seventy-fourth year.

H. Percy Stevens

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Hartland, July 7.—A telegram to Fred H. Stevens announces the death of his brother H. Percy Stevens at Riverside, Calif. He had been ill for nearly two years of stomach trouble. He is survived by his wife, the daughter of the late C. A. Simonson who lived a number of years at Somerville and by four children. Besides his brother F. H. Stevens editor of the "Observer" he has also a sister in Hartland, Miss Marion Stevens. Mr. Stevens was born at Somerville where he lived until he became a man, when he spent most of his time in the States. He lived at Boston, Presque Isle and Houlton at different times going to California about nine years ago.

Robert LeB. Stevens.

The death took place on Saturday morning at his late residence, 148 Germain street, of Robert LeB. Stevens, after an illness of but three months' duration.

Deceased was in his 65th year, and leaves his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Duncan A. McLean, of Sydney, N. S., and two sons, John R., of Glace Bay,

MURDERED KIERSLEAD ATTEMPTS TO FORCE HIS WAY OUT OF JAIL

Queens County Man Digs Away Plaster and Laths on One Side of His Cell, But Encounters Sheet Iron and After Abandoning Work Craftily Covers Up Hole in Wall—Will Be Sentenced Soon.

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Gagetown, July 7.—It develops that Robert Kierslead, who was convicted of murdering his wife, Elsie, at their home last December, recently attempted to break out of the county jail here. The prisoner is a crafty man and apparently has been doing some hard thinking since his confinement. Kierslead tore a large hole in the plaster and laths on one side of the cell wall, but when he encountered sheet iron he was forced to abandon the attempt to dig his way of freedom. The sheet iron is between the cell wall and the brick wall. It was his intention to dig his way through the wall onto the roof of the county registry office, a one story building which adjoins his cell on the eastern corner of the second story of the jail.

Covered the Hole.

When Kierslead found he could not get through he covered the hole in the cell wall with an old pair of trousers so the jailer could not see it. It is thought he had been working at the wall several days, using some of the jail staffs as levers.

He was able to do considerable damage, also managed to plug his cell with old rags.

Kierslead is looked upon as a dangerous man and he looks it. He has a wild appearance but apparently is not insane. His cell looks out on the main street of Gagetown. He chewed tobacco almost constantly before his trial and begged it from passersby. He displayed his cell in the jail with tobacco juice. He has been allowed no tobacco since the day he was found guilty of the crime. He is growing a black beard and has long black hair. His looks are far from prepossessing.

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