his morning when William J. Burgess

xpress clerk, went over again the de-

tails of his story of the alleged hold up of the express office in Truro last May, whilst his brother sar charged

slightest degree giving a fragment of new information to the eager prosecu-

tion shows that there is work yet to

do to destroy his oft asserted state-ment of absolute innocence. He went

Mr. Mellish without a flurry, and so far as his story goes it is a good one

On the other hand there is the evi-

dence given by W. L. Rutledge, of

Gerry, Indiana, who is accused in the signed confession of Wimburn Laurie

Surgess, of having performed the hold

up, who declared dramatically this

afternoon that the crime was con-

cocted by himself and the two Burgess

boys last year whilst in the city of

Seattle, and that on the 29th day of

Rutledge swore that William Bur-

gess agreed last fall to come to Truro

for the purpose of making the robbery

Laurie Burgess to Chicago in March

again returned to the States he met

him in Gerry, whence Laurie had come

Rutledge's statement is a direct con-

Chicago at the last mentioned time

coaxed him not to try it on. In op-

left him in Chicago and had the iden-

tical purpose in view, and wasn't sur-prised when he heard of the occur-

rence and afterwards got a share of

the money. Laurie declares that Rut-

ledge met him in Chicago after the

shocked to find had on them the marks

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aurie says he came to Truro in

March as stated, that he helped out on

the farm at South Maitland, that he

was in Truro the night before the rob

S. D. M'Lellan, for the defence, in

cheques in the States; each declares

charges some unknown persons with having robbed him of the property.

To-morrow another brother Burgess, will be put on the stand, and will tell

WITH CASES OF FRUIT

possible, and that he accompan

with the crime, and without in

PARLIAMENT PASSES BRANCH LINE BILL Exampled at Length by Mr But Dr.

Government is Empowered to Take Preliminary Steps

Company Would Have Absorbed Branches Long Ago

Each Lease Must be Submitted to Parliament for Ratification

Minister Wouldn't Answer Queries re **Future Policy**

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.-In the Commons today a further step was taken to-wards improving the efficiency of the Intercolonial Railway. Hon Mr. Graham's bill to enable the government to enter into negotiations, on recommendation of the board of management, for leasing the branch lines. was given all but the final stages through the house.

Similar progress was made with Mr. Graham's bill extending benefits of provident fund to about 100 employes of the road whose services were dispensed with during the reorganization of last summer and who had not served quite long enough to qualify for the fund under the provision requiring fifteen years' service.

In reply to Mr. Borden, a.r Wilfrid Laurier announced that the Naval Bill would be taken up as soon as the Budget debate was disposed of. Mr. Fielding will deliver the Budget speech on Tuesday next. It is probable that there will be no discussion on the Naval question until after the Christmas re-

In moving the second reading of his bill to authorise the Government to acquire by lease the branch lines of Government lines on the recommendation of the Board of Management and on approval of Parliament, Mr. Graham stated the bill provided that no lin should be leased unless it was in good good shape.

"It's purely fiction all we hear, then about the Government contemplating leasing the Intercolonial to a private company?" queried Mr. W. F. Mac-Hon. Mr. Graham merely smiled in

Hon. John Haggart thought that I would be quite proper for the Government to make a lease without having to first submit to the delay of consult-Mr. Graham said that no particular

branch line or lines were now in view as being likely to be leased. The bill was simply designed to give power to the Government to carry out, whenever deemed desirable, recommendations of Commission appointed a year ago to consider the whole question of lessing the branch lines. No lease would be men on the road who had been dropcompleted and operative until Parliament had formally ratified the agreement. The bill simply sought the approval of the House of the general principle of leasing branch lines which would help out the Intercolonial.

operation of the Intercolonial.

ing out of such a new policy. If a private company owned road he was confident that the branch lines would have been acquired long before this. The bill simply gave the government a general authority to negotiate. Mr. Crockett thought that the bill

gave no new authority to the government that they did not already possess. It was but a meaningless sop to ex minister of railways. Mr. Borden wanted further details of

the policy the government intended to pursue with respect to leasing branch lines. He thought the general principle of the bill was all right, but the house needed more light. Dr. Black (Hants) also appealed for

more details. Was it the object to lease some of the branch lines which were not now paying dividends? He noted that the commission had not reported at all on the Dominion Atlantic railway which ran through the best part of Nova Scotia. Did the government intend to lease this road? Mr. Talbot (Bellechasse) put himself on record as being opposed to any fur-

ther extension of the government sys tem of railways either by way of lease Mr. Henderson (Halton) smelled rat. He thought the bill might lead to graft in manner in which leases were

SEES NOTHING SUSPICIOUS. Hon. Mr. Fielding saw nothing sus-picious in the bill. It simply sought the endorsation of the house to a general principle thus authorizing government to go ahead with negotiations for leasing branch lines whenever deemed desirable. No specific lines were now in view. Inasmuch as government must come back to parliament for final ratification there was every safeguard provided against any unwise bargain.

Mr. Foster thought the explanation of the bill probably lay in the fact the ex-minister of railways had pestered the government to do something towards leasing the branch lines. The first sop to this harassing gentlemen had been the appointment of a commission of inquiry. Now came another step of mollification.

E. M. MacDonald noted that parliament had as yet never endrosed the general principle of leasing branch lines and before the government embarked on any new policy of adding to the operation of government lines it was but natural to consult the opinion of the house. He urged that the acquisition of branch lines was necessary to enable the Intercolonial to reach the ocean at more points and to

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The ambition of the Maritime Pro- Deputy Sheriff Winter Proves vinces was to grow apace with the rest of Canada and to be the avenue for both the exporting and the im-porting trade of the country. In conection with the bill he thought the minister might well consider the question of building a short line from

develop both export and import busi-

New Glasgow into Guysboro County This would give shippers an alternative route to the coast a hun miles further east than Halifax.

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Graham said there was nothing in the bill to prevent the Canada Atlantic be-W. F. MacLean, as a protagonist public ownership, supported the bill as being a step in the direction of the extension of Government railways. The bill should end all talk of the Intercolonial being acquired by the Canadian Pacific, the Canadian

Northern, or any other line. He advo-cated the extension of Intercolonial to Niagara, to Windsor, and thence west to the prairies. It could be profitably operated, and would serve as a chec upon the Corporation railways. Dr. Daniel believed that the policy of absorbing the branch lines which had been followed with profit by other railroads should be followed on the Government road. Perhaps Intercolonial would be better run by a private company, but it was a pledge of confederation, and people were de-termined to have it continued under

Government ownership without further discussion. In Com-mittee stage Mr. Graham accepted an amendment by Mr. Barker making it clear that in determining the value of working order, with road-bed, etc., in of Management shall be informed of the terms upon which it can be taken

Mr.Crockett suggested enlarging the authority granted to the minister by the bill so as to provide that a branch line could be purchased outright. Dr. Pugsley and the Minister o Railways urged that there was already a good deal of criticism of the capital expenditure on the Intercolon ial. Any further capital expenditure would undoubtedly arouse greate

The bill was put through committee and stands for a third reading. In moving the second reading of a bill to amend the act respecting government railroads provident fund, Mr. Graham explained that the bill would obviate a hardship which had been imposed on some hundred of the older ped by the management on the ground that their services were no longer necessary. They were within a short time of qualifying for the benefits of the provident fund, which required would help out the Intercolonial.

ASKS FOR STATEMENT.

Dr. Sproule asked for a statement from the minister as to whether or not government intended to adhere to the policy of government ownership and operation of the Intercolonial.

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> management and employees adjusted were no unity it would be impossible rest. In substance that is the story of Sir Wilfrid Laurier thought that if the Lemieux Act applied to other railroads it was only reasonable that the government should make use of it in he case of its own railroads. The bill was passed through the

ommittee stage, and now stands for its third reading. The House then went into supply on the public works estimates.

CURED OF CONSTIPATOR Mr. Andrewe praises Dr.

Moree's Indian Root Pills. Mr. George Andrews of Halifax, N.S.

"For many years I have been troubled with chronic Constipation. This all-ment never comes single-handed, and I have been a victim to the many illnesses that constipation brings in its train.

Medicine after medicine I have taken in
order to find relief, but one and all left
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order to find relief, but one and all left me in the same hopeless condition. It seemed that nothing would expel from me the one aliment that caused so much trouble, yet at last I read about these Indian Root Pills.

That was indeed a lucky day for me, for I was so impressed with the statements made that I determined to give them a fair trial.

They have regulated my stomach and bewels. I am cured of constipation, and I claim they have no equal as a medicine."

For over half a century Dr. Morse's For over half a century Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills have been curing constipation and clogged, inactive kidneys, with all the ailments which result from them. They cleanse the whole system and purify the blood. Sold everywhere at 25c. a box.

GRAND FALLS, Dec. 7-The case against William Ayoub, the Assyrian charged with defrauding his creditors, opened here today before Police Magistrate Kelly. H. H. Pickett, of St. John, and H. H. Gallagher, of Grand Falls, appeared for the prosecution, and Thane M. Jones for the defense. Three witnesses were examined. Two completed their evidence, the other will share of the booty and in company.

were creditors of M. J. Ayoub, He also identified goods that were produced in court as those sold by Kaplan, Shane and Co. to Ayoub.

Benjamin Fine, of Perth, was another witness. He told of Max Rose, a Jewish peddler, finding goods near Canterbury, which he thought were part of those obtained by the Ayoubs. Rose had confided his suspicions to Fine who went to Canterbury and investigated. He found Wm. Ayoub near the place, having in his posses-sion the goods in question. James Nelson, traveller for J. and N. Murphy, of Halifax, had identified the goods as those belonging to his firm.

Deputy Sheriff George Winter, and Fredericton, told of selzing the goods in question in and about Canterbury, finding them scattered among the various houses. Deputy Sheriff Winter

Universal Personality"

"AN INFINITE ENERGY"

Talks to Cooper Union Audience of His Changed Views

NEW. YORK, Dec. 7.-Dr. Lyman Abbott spoke to an audience of many had occurred until the next night, that different religions and social beliefs at he came to Truro a day or two after Cooper Union last night, choosing as wards, where a man he didn't know his topic "How I Think of God." At handed him a letter written in disthe outset of his address he said that guised form telling him to look under he would deal with his ideas of God as a stone in a grove on his father's farm

he found them in his own life.

"I used to think of God as a great king," said Dr. Abbott, "and my idea, of prayer was that it resembled a sort of wireless telegraphy sent off somewhere eventually to connect with God, where eventually to connect with God, but now my ideas have changed. I remr. Graham said the present policy of the government was to retain the ownership of the road. In any event if it should be considered wise at a later date to lease the road to a private company the leasing of branch vate company the leasing of branch ines would not interfere with carry—

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We are not a in man. The whole dectrine of evelution illustrates that unity. If there Scotia until brought there under arfor us to study history or ethical laws. both men. there are laws in science. I believe that God is a unifying power in huthat God is a unifying power in hu-man nature as He is in physical na-candid admission that he alone forged

ture. It is the cheques cashed on the trip south and west, and don't know whether ent names by which men designate Laurie cashed any cheques whatever. God. "Call it what you will," he said, He thereby admits his responsibility "there is a spirit that unites men. to the laws of the United States. There would be no humanity were this Laurie Burgess admits forging and not so, no brotherhood. Cashing cheques in Capada, and that he saw Rutledge forge and cash "There are some things," he con-

tinued, "that we must take for granted, and all scientists assume that there is an intellectual order. So I assume that there is a moral order. But what there is a moral order. But what there is a moral order. But what william Burgess admits nothing, but that there is a moral order. But what is the moral meaning of this life? To-ward what we are aiming? Certainly not happiness. All the way from the cradle to the grave man goes with more or less heartache. He that came the cradle to the grave man goes with more or less heartache. He that came into this life with a cry goes out with a groan. No, the moral meaning of life is not happiness, it is character. That is the meaning of our schools and our democracy, which tend toward the our democracy, which tend toward the development of character and man-

"I do not believe in abolishing football, because you cannot have courage unless you have the possibility of danger. So one cannot have virtue unless one has the power to ain. If you cannot choose between right and wrong you are not virtuous. Temptations and hardships should be welcomed, for they develop character."

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LONDON, Eng. Dec. 7.—His Majesty German women.

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BURGESS TELLS A REO SIGNAL

Committed in the Dredging

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. II-On the esti-mates for harbors and rivers in Nova Scotla, Hon. Mr. Pussley announced in the House to-day that the total expenditure on the work for closing the northern entrance to Port Hood harbor would be \$122,000. Mr. Jamieson complained that men desiring to secure jobs on Government works had to first promise to vote

Hon. Mr. Fielding admitted that it was wrong that when applied for work through the ordeal of examination by he had asked anything about politics. However, he saw no objection to preference being given to a political friend, always with the condition that he was a good and capable man. Whenever the party system existed preference was given to political friends. The Conservatives adopted that policy when they were in power, and the Liberals did not squeal. Mr. Crosby (Halifax) appealed for a little fair play on the part of the Government in employing workmen.

God knows," he said, "you are spend May last in Gerry he was given a lng enough to give them all a chance! Mr. Crocket charged that in New Brunswick contracts for Governmen dredging frauds were committed, and nspectors were in league with con-Hon. Mr. Pugsley declared such a

charge was absolutely without founda-tion in fact. He advised Mr. Crocket to be sure of his information before making such a charge.

Mr. Crocket—It has been proved that there has been frauds at Dalhousie, last when the latter was on his way to perform the job. When Laurie and it is well known that close friends of the Ministers of Public Works, like Messrs. A. and R. Loggie, M'Avity, and J. E. Moore, have secured contracts looking for him, that he received a letter asking for an appointment, and that Laurie handed him money and cheques telling him to put them in his pocket and say nothing. at Diaquapet Lake, Gaspereau River, Mr. Crocket added that he intended no reflection upon the contractors.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley-The hon. gentleman had alleged that there has been fraudulent dealings in connection with dredging contracts, but he has stated tradiction of the confession by Laurie Burgess in only two particulars, that of who performed the trick, and who were in it at the time of their departure from Seattle last March. Both admit being in Seattle and coming to that he made no reflections upon the contractors. How can he reconcile these statements? There could be nothing fraudulent unless the contractors were implicated. If he had information of that kind he would be negligent in his duty as a public man if he failed to give information in his possession to department of public works or to officers of department of Both admit meeting again in the States after the roddery had taken place. Laurie states that on the way justice of province, so that they might take necessary proceedings. Dr. Pugsley reminded Mr. Crocket that

supported accusations, and they had met a sorry fate at the hands of no intimate friends of his. They seldom took an active interest in politics, and he had never heard until to-night any insinuation thrown at their integ-rity. They had never secured a conrobbery, gave him money and travel- he had yet to learn that it was any tract except as lowest tenderers, and lers' cheques which he says he was crime for a man to tender for a public Minister to award a contract to lowest good figure." tenderer who happened to belong to

work, or that it was a crime of the Truro express office and had brother William had been robbed of. same political party as Minister. Only after persuasion and threats by He invited the fullest investigation of these transactions in Public Ac-Rutledge did he consent to accept a share, and then they both went off and visited the places where the cheques were cashed,

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION IN WINN PEG NEXT JULY

Committee to Make Freliminary Arrangements in January, Provincial Leaders to be Consulted.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—At a meeting of the Conservative caucus this morning the report of the special committee appointed to consider the arrangemen for the coming Conservative convention was presented and unanimously adopt ed. The recommendations of the com mittee were, in brief, as follows:-That committee of fifty, of whom not more than twenty shall be members of Pariliament, be named by Mr. Borden to make preliminary arrangements for the convention. That this committee meet in Ottawa next month to arrange for-the selection of delegates to the convention; that the convention should be held at the city of Winnipes two or three days previous to the annual exthe days previous to the annual ex-hibition there early in July, but that the final decision as to the place and time of convention should be left to the general committee on preliminary arrangements; and that meanwhile Mr. Borden should communicate with the Conservative provincial leaders and he provincial executives for a statement of their views in this connection, and that each member of Parliament and defeated Conservative candidate be requested to consult his local asso helr views in the respect to the con

ACTRESS' LOVE TALK TO KAISER RAISES ROW. BERLIN, Dec. 6-The more German

women think about what Jeanne Granier, a French actress, said to the Kaiser, the madder they get. In a little lecture recently delivered before the Kaiser at Prince Donners-marck's hunting lodge, at Neudeck, the actress discussed "Love." Singe the text of the lecture has leaked out

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TUESDAY, 14th DECEMBER IN CARLETON CURLING RINK, WEST ST. JOHN.

The lot includes 64 Mares, just landed from Scotland; two imported Stallions and a Canadian bred Stallion. All three sure foal getters. They may be inspected at the Stables of A. C. Smith & Co., West St. John. On all animals bought to remain in New Brunswick, THE DEPART-MENT OF AGRICULTURE will pay the freight from St John to the pur-

Terms of Sale, Cash, or notes acceptable at St. John's Banks.

No restrictions as to residence of purchaser or resale of animals, except that purchasers asking the Department to pay freight will undertake to retain the animal in question for preeding purposes within the Province Return trip to sale FOR SINGLE FARE upon the Standard Certifica

plan. Good going on the 11th and 13th December returning on the 14th, 5th and 18th December ever intercolonial and Canadian Pacific Railways, (tone way first class ticket for St. John and secure Standard Certificat from the Ticket Agent. Have certificate filled in at the sale and signed in present it to Ticket Agent at St. John Station and it will be exchanged for a ticket to original starting point, free.) Certificates will not be accepted for passage on trains.

The sale will be held under cover and seating accommodation giving unobstructed view of sales ring provided. Settlement must be made before

W. W. HUBBARD, for Dept. of Agriculture

Wm. MEHAREY, Importer. F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

DR. BRYCE EXPECTS LARGE NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS

Medical Officer of Immigration Department in City—100,000 Settlers Landed at Quebec During Year.

Dr. P. W. Bryce of Ottawa, one of the medical officers of the Immigra- in the United States to divert the side erday on his annual inspection of immigration hospitals, and other buildings. He left for Ottawa last evening having completed his tour of inspec-tion in the Maritime Provinces. His our included Sydney, Halifax and St. ohn. On Tuesday, at the request of rincipal MacKay of the Nova Scotia Normal School, Dr. Bryce stopped at The American influx, it is thought, will continue." cressed the students on the subject of Sanitation.

Speaking to a reporter of the Sun found everything in a satisfactory of immigration was setting strong toondition and that no changes were expected to be made in St. John. On larly mentioned the Tobique Valley as his inspection here Dr. Bryce was ac- a suitable locality in which new setcompanied by James V. Lantalum, lo-

call immigration agent. to Chicago from Seattle Rutledge said twould be easy to held up will Burgess at the Truro office, but that he "A very good immigration season New Brunswick but is Bryce, when asked concerning the out- the region were making a mislook for the immigration season, "and take in devoting so much attention to Everything points to a large influx of their American neighbors in Northern migrants. Our season at Quebec was not quite as good as that of 1907. which was a banner year. However, through that port. But then there has seen a heavy immigration from the British Columbia, Dr. Bryce said that United States which will bring the total influx of settlers, up to a very past two years and the problem was

of American immigration from the Canadian Northwest to the southwest ern States have much effect?" Dr Bryce was asked. "It is not expected that it will." he replied. "The Americans are doing

but a farm that must be irrigated in not much of an attraction compared with our free farms in the Northwest Speaking of the efforts of the eas ern provinces to attract settlers. Dr Bryce said that they had abundance of

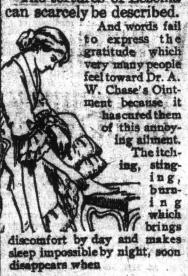
good land to offer, but the great tide tlers might be placed. Dr. Bryce is well acquainted with that portion of sesson is starting well, the raising of potatoes in imitation of Maine. He was surprised when informed that this province was making an effort to secure part of the Cuban Speaking of Hindu immigration into

Expo. Association Executive in Session in

Hope of Securing Manager.

A special meeting of the executive mittee of the Exhibition Association was held yesterday afternoon in the association's rooms in King Street, the president, A. O. Skinner, presiding.
The meeting was called for the purpose of arranging for a manager, but a definite decirion on the matter could not be arrived at.

A proposition has been made to W. M. Tomlineon, of Sherbrooke (Que.), who so successfully managed the Do-minion Fair held there a few years The tortures of Eczema can scarcely be described.



Dr.A.W.Ghase's Ointment

WEAK MAN RECEIPT FREE

there had been practically none for the

Any man who suffers with nervous debility weak back, failing memory or deficient man hood, brought on by excesses or dissipation may cure himself at home with a simple per scription that I will gladly send free, in a plain send of the control of sealed envelope, to any man who will write for it. Dr. A. E. Robinson, 3922 Luck Building Detroit, Michigan.

ago, but he has not yet accepted it. The executive consider Mr. Tomlinson a good man, and they are anxious to obtain him as a manager. Mr. Tomlinson, on the other hand, is trying hard to arrange matters so as he will be able to come to St. John and accept the position, but this he may find impossible. At yesterday's meeting it was decided to wait for a reply from Mr. Tomlinson until Friday, and if no word is received by that time, the executive will likely consider the proposition with Mr. Tomlinson off, and seek a manager elsewhere. On Friday afternoon a meeting of the executive will be held to further discuss the subject of procuring a manager, and the matter may then be definitely settled. At yesterday's meeting it was also deided to call for applications for the position, and by Friday some applicants may be on hand. As yet there are no applications other than the proposal to Mr. Tomlinson.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA ALL SUPPORT NAVAL PLANS.

Liberal Caucus is Most Harmonious-Government's Policy Without Liberal Opponents.

OTTA.WA. Dec. 7.-Liberal members of parliament in caucus today discussed the naval policy of the government at some length. 'The proceedings were harmonious throughout and the general opinion was expressed that the government in adopting the moderate programme of construction at the first meeting had wisely avoided the two extremes of rushing into too large an expenditure when the needs of the country for development of transport-ation, etc., are so great and of doing too little to meet public sentiment in favor of shouldering some of the burden of imperial defense. Party unan-imity on the question was in marked contrast to wide differences of opinion expressed in opposition caucus on the question of party polly on naval

When the bill is brought down inthe Commons, which may not be until after Christmas recess, there will ernment side of the house.

WHYCONSIST YANKEE AME

Roman Candidates That Pope Postpo of Conflict Betwe -Selection Mad Hestitates to Act

Victims of Delay

ROME, Dec. 5.-Another year is. ishing and the new year begins wi out the much talked of consistory the creation of new cardinals ha taken place. As everyone rememb the last consistory in which Pius added new members to the Sacred C that over two years have passed wi out the Pope having taken furth ate of the church, which have so ra ly augmented of late.

ago the pontiff said in the next cre tion at least another American of dinal would be included, but unfor nately this intention of the holy fath leaked out, and, as is always the case the personal friends of the differen American prelates who might be rais to the purple were so eager in setting forth the merits of their favorites th it became almost impossible to mal

Besides, Archbishop Ireland came t Rome carrying with him all the pres-tige and influence arising from his po sition with the powers that be in Am erica. Then Archbishop Farley ar rived, presenting the Holy See with the largest offering of Peter's pend ever contributed by a single diocese indeed surpassing what all the dioces if Italy put together gave in a year O'Connell was in Rome, pleasing a with his eloquence and renewin those acquaintances which make him a favorite at the Vatican; while Arch bishpp Ryan, having in his favor the strongest force of the Irish-America Catholics, made his seniority in the hierarchy of the United States weigh

For a moment the idea arose of go ing altogether outside of the "far orites," and three names were mentioned; that of the Most Reverend James Edward Quigley, Archbishop Chicago, with the view of pleasing the section of Catholics especially support ing Archbishops Ryan and Farley, th of St. Louis who would have repre sented in the Sacred College an ele-ment something like Archbishop William O'Connnell, and that of the Most Reverend Patrick W. Riordan, Archbishop of San Francisco, who would have been the exponent of the Ireland faction. However, this scheme was for various reasons, discarded. In the case of Archbishop Riordan, the whole story of his interference with a view to the selection of Dr. E. J. Hanna as his own coadjutor, was revived, and therefore the spectre of "Modernism appeared on the horizon, taking the place of the ancient bugbear, "Americanism." The result of all this has been that the Pope, who has a simple mind and a straight conscience, has constantly decided to postpone the consistory, so that prelates here, who, on account of their position, are entitled to enter the Sacred College, complain that they suffer delays in receiving the honor solely through the fault

of America. Another victim of this situation Monsignor Falconio, apostolic delegate to Washington, who has now been nearly nine years there and is therefore more than entitled to his reward considering that six years is generally the fixed period, after which the red hat is given to the papal representa tive in America.

The Pope takes a great interest in the approaching visit of Colonel Roosevelt to Rome, and the audience he will grant him. He some time age ordered a collection to be made of all the articles concerning the ex-presid

Christmas Trees for —Theora Carter

of Goo

BOSTON, Dec. 7 .- Theora Carter president of the newly formed organiization known as the Society of Good Cheer, reached Boston today from New York. She has come here to form a Boston branch, and this afternoon she met a group of women at Huntington Chambers to perfect plans. After s visit to relatives in St. John, Miss Carter will go West to organize branches

of the society.

In the last two years there has been quite a change in the Christmas tree industry, especially by the steamship lines between Boston and Yarmouth Formerly one steamer of this line time a ship load, containing fifteer hundred to eighten hundred trees. They