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"A remarkable thing—and one which very few people know—is that the teeth of an Indian are much harder and in every way stronger than the average white man's teeth," remarked a downtown dentist, "and I had ample occasion one morning last week to test and almost destroy every instrument in my shop."

"A red man came in and wanted me to extract a tooth and fix his mouth up in general. So I proceeded to work and after a half hour of the hardest kind of work and breaking my strongest forceps I managed to pull the aching molar. Another thing I discovered that the Indian's vaunted stoicism to

pain is a myth. This fellow behaved worse than an infant of five years, and I was about to tell him to consult another dentist when he piteously begged me to complete the job as he had been refused by many dentists to do the work."

"Of course I finished the job, though before I got through I had turned the edges of 15 or 20 drills. I have often heard of the hardness of the Indian's tooth, but never before did I actually experience the ordeal, both for him and myself, of working upon them, and in the future I am of the opinion that I, too, will shirk the responsibility of working upon them with ordinary tools."—Washington Post.

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## This Special Suit Sale

Has been a great success. Hundreds have taken advantage of this chance to get a GENUINE SUIT BARGAIN. They are not mere Summer Suits, but Suits you can wear most any time of the year. See them.

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199 and 201 Union Street.

## CUP RACES IN TEN DAYS.

Challenging and Defending  
Yachts on Their Final Spins

Although the Shamrock Appears to be the Best Boat Yet Entered, the Reliance is Favorite

In less than two weeks from today there will assemble off Sandy Hook Lightship a record breaking fleet of pleasure vessels and excursion steamers to meet the Reliance and the Shamrock III, the yachts named to race for the America's cup. This fleet will have a multitude of guests, and among them will be some of the most distinguished of this country's citizens and many prominent foreigners.

To some the present international match is lacking the excitement of previous cup years. It may be that it is not so much talked about in public places as has been the case of many previous contests, but the interest throughout America is just as keen as ever, and around the racing days are awaited with much anxiety.

Within the next seven or eight days the final arrangements for the match will be made by the cup committee, N. Y. Y. C., and representatives of the Royal Ulster Y. C., the challenger club. Vice Commodore Sharrman Crawford, Hon. Secretary Hugh C. Kelly and H. M. McGilgowney, of the latter organization, are on board the steamer Cedric, which is expected in port today or tomorrow. Shortly after their arrival the minor matters always left for the last few days previous to the first race will be settled.

### LAST PRACTICE SPINS.

Meanwhile, the Reliance and the Shamrock III are being given their final tuning up spins, the former off Newport and the latter off Sandy Hook. The Reliance has earned the right to defend the cup, but August Belmont, in the most loyal manner possible, has placed the "Constitution" at the disposal of the Reliance people that she may be used as deemed best by them for the cup spins. The Reliance has earned the right to defend the cup, but August Belmont, in the most loyal manner possible, has placed the "Constitution" at the disposal of the Reliance people that she may be used as deemed best by them for the cup spins.

The Shamrock III, is watched over by a number of expert amateurs. The methods pursued by those in charge during her trials with the Shamrock I were long ago decided upon, and may prove to be beyond criticism when viewed from the standpoint of the challenging party. Should they turn out, however, to be a repetition of the reported policy adopted abroad when the Shamrock II was being tried with the other boat, the result of the approaching match is likely to be the same as that of two years ago.

When the Shamrock II beat the Shamrock I during her trials in home waters the interested parties were happy. When the old boat, however, did well and there was little choice between them at the finish of a bout, the interested parties did not overwhelm the Shamrock I's officers with congratulations. Some wideawake yachtsmen have wondered why the old boat has not received the same attention in American waters as has been given the challenger in the way of being kept smooth and in proper gear and improved canvas. Not being up to the mark in these particulars, as is shown by many, it is asked: "Have the comparisons indulged in between these boats been reliable or have they been misleading?"

### BETTING ON THE MATCH.

There have been many wagers laid on the match in this city in a quiet way. Friends of the Shamrock III, at first held out for odds of 3 to 1, and in some instances the more enthusiastic admirers of the defending yacht accommodated them. Such odds, however, should never have received recognition, as there are too many chances to be considered in yacht racing, but the amount bet at these figures was limited.

Recently the friends of the Reliance offered liberal amounts at 2 to 1 and 100 to 75, and considerable money has been placed at these odds, one member of the New York Yacht Club having already invested about \$15,000. Still, the Shamrock folks are cautious, and while holding off on the general result of the match, seem inclined to believe the challenger may win a race, and so to a limited extent are willing to wager 1 to 2 that such will be the case. These friends of the Shamrock III, may have more courage as the day of the first race draws nearer, and if so betting should be stimulated.

The regatta committee of the N. Y. Y. C. will soon issue the sailing directions for the match. This committee will use the ocean tug Navigator during the races, while the big tug Coastwise and John Scully will respectively be used as the guide boat and to place the marks.

The N. Y. Y. C. has chartered the steamer Monmouth for the use of its members and their guests during the races.

### MUST BE TRUE

"She isn't at all vain, although she has some cause to be."  
"Huh! Why do you say that?"  
"Because she told me so herself."  
Philadelphia Press.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast—Moderate to fresh westerly winds; fair and a little warmer. Sunday—South and southwesterly winds; fair.

### DEATHS.

BLANCHE—Edison C. Blanche, aged six years, youngest son of Thomas and Helen E. Blanche, No. 40 Wentworth street.  
Funeral on Monday next at Penobscia.

## SLAVERY FLOURISHED IN ST. JOHN.

## Transfers of Human Chattels are Recorded in the Land Registry Office.

Something About How the Difficult Work of Registration is Carried On, and a Brief History of the Registry Office.

The system of registering land transfers in vogue throughout the province of New Brunswick is controlled by an act of assembly, passed in the year 1894, an act known as "The Registry Act." Its primary object is to remove the opportunities for the perpetration of fraud in the transfer of land by ensuring the most open publicity—an object which previous acts only effected in part. It is an object to which the act affords every facility to transactions in real estate by simplifying the means of registration, in other words, the evidence of the transactions themselves.

The act makes provision in a general way, for a system of indexing to the records books, but does not specify any particular system. This is a matter left largely to the judgment of the registrars.

The difficulties to be encountered by registrars, especially in populous centers of large landed interests, can hardly be appreciated by the outside public. In St. John city and county, comprising the most valuable section of landed property in the province, the difficulties to be overcome have been of a pronounced kind. Here, more than in any other place land-ownership is ever changing, and titles are constantly being drawn out and involved, and as a result in many cases the chain of title is obscured and broken. It is here that an intelligent system of indexing is most in need.

The system of indexing at present in use in the St. John registry office is probably the most perfect that the circumstances will admit of. It combines brevity with certainty, rendering the task of the record-searcher a comparatively easy one.

The system was introduced and perfected by the present registrar, J. V. McLellan, and in its essential features possesses some very obvious advantages over the old system.

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Between the dates 1871 and 1887, over a century, the only means of reaching the great number of volumes containing thousands of recorded documents is through eight bulky indexes, which the uninitiated are a veritable Chinese puzzle. From 1887 to 1894, each lib has its own index and between these dates the burden of the record-searcher is thereby much lightened. But the indexes accumulated so rapidly that it was found necessary to consolidate them. From 1894 up to 1901, various improvements were made, all tending to the economy of space and the simplification of the hitherto complicated system.

The present system was introduced in 1901. It comprises two large stationary volumes, one for grantors and the other for grantees. The volumes are provided with detachable covers for the insertion of new leaves as necessity requires. Each volume gives the number of the conveyance, date of registration, number of libro, number of folio, description of documents, name of grantor and name of grantee. The object of the system is to save the grantor and grantee the trouble of having to go through a lot of pages.

The names of grantors and grantees are arranged alphabetically after the manner of a dictionary, with the names of the new indices are good for twenty years.

The new system has been a source of unbounded satisfaction to the host of record-searchers, who daily haunt the dingy walls of the Registry Office for the quest for clear titles, frequently for cloudy titles. No better commendation of the registrar's efforts could be wanted than the oaths with which the lawyers leave the new, clean cut volumes to delve into the old, dusty ones, as they frequently have to do. If their searchings take them back a number of years.

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## SIXTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Suspension Bridge Disaster Occurred August 8th, 1837.

Sixty-Six Years Ago Today the Scaffolding Fell and Several Lives Were Lost.

(From the St. John Observer, August 8th, 1837.)

It falls to our lot today to announce, though in a very brief manner (owing to the impossibility of procuring any accurate statement in time) one of the most dreadful calamities which has ever happened to this city or province, viz., the fall of the scaffolding and part of the bridge, erected between Portland and Carleton (which was supported by chains suspended between abutments) by which from six to eight of the workmen were killed, and several others severely or mortally wounded. The accident occurred a few minutes after 9 o'clock this morning, just as the men were about resuming their work after breakfast. We learn that from 20 to 25 men were on it when it began to give way, of whom about ten were able to make their escape before it fell. The accident, as we learn, was caused by the chains breaking, and thus precipitating with a tremendous crash, which was distinctly heard in the city, the whole mass of wood and iron, with the workmen, into the river, and in a few minutes the timbers composing it were by the strength of the tide (it being low water) swept into the harbor, an awful and truly melancholy spectacle, bestrewn with the mangled bodies of the dead and dying. We are informed that the scaffolding, after falling part of the way, brought up or held fast, as it were, for a minute or two. It first gave way on the Carleton side. We have not been able to learn the names of the unfortunate men who have thus been so suddenly snatched from time into eternity, but will give further particulars next week.

We sincerely sympathize with the bereaved families, also with the stockholders of the company, who have now in so awful a manner met with another loss and check in their truly laudable attempt to erect a bridge across the river.

The abutments, towers and truss work remain, but in a damaged state. P. S.—We have been favored with the following list of persons killed, wounded and missing, as far as ascertained at 2 o'clock. We think it will be found, however, that more were killed, or are since dead, than are stated, but the reports are so numerous and contradictory that it can hardly be expected that the exact number can yet be known:

George Buckley; James Buckley (son of the former); Michael Watts; — Lehay, dead. David Matman, dead. Henry Lord, Donald Robertson and John Farris, missing. Dennis Morrison, John Parks, Robert McIntyre, William McIntyre, badly wounded.

Several persons who fell with the scaffolding received no material injury.

### THE MERCENARY.

Go, marigold, poor flower that caught My lady's fancy for a day,  
And ask her if in vain I've sought To teach her love as she has taught  
A score of hearts to own her sway;  
Tell her the passion of my thought;  
Tell her that or her "Yes!" I pray;  
Oh, bring not back unwelcome "Nay!"  
Go, marigold.

### POLICE COURT.

There were three drunks up this morning. James Murphy was found lying drunk on Prince William street, Walter Downing on Sydney street, and Frank Brown on King street. All three were fined four dollars, or given ten days in jail. A man named Orland was sworn in as a constable, to take the place of Policeman Lobbs, who recently left the force.

## Reduction Sale.

To clear the balance of our stock of Men's Straw and Light Felt Hats, Children's Linen and Straw Hats, White and Colored Tams, &c., &c. the prices have been reduced to just one half.

## Anderson's,

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Come to 44 Germain St., or Call 'Phone 1074 FOR ANYTHING IN

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We will send you a 1,400 lb. load of Scotch Hard coal, as it comes, for \$3.85, or re-screened for \$4.35, and take your order for your supply a few days later, if you like the coal. Special discount on American Hard Coal.

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SEAMEN'S MISSION.  
The board of management and the ladies auxiliary are requested to meet in their parlors on Tuesday next at 8 p. m.



## CARPETS.

Carpets. Carpets.

BY AUCTION at my Sale Room on Saturday Morning, the 8th inst; at 10 o'clock:  
15 Carpets in Axminster, Brussels, Tapestry and Wool, for Room, Hall and Stairs; 10 Feather Pillows; 1 Sewing Machine; 1 Cabinet Organ; lot of Pictures; Crockeryware; Silver Plated Ware; Baby Carriage and other household effects.

**F. L. POTTS,**

Auctioneer.

## Dykeman's,

59 Charlotte St.

THE PEOPLES' STORE. A Timely Sale of Ladies' White Underskirts and White Cambric Nightdresses.



A large lot of fine Cambric Underskirts, with wide lawn dounce and insertion trimming, will be put on sale Monday morning at 75c. each. They are worth \$1.25; sizes 38 to 42.



NIGHT DRESSES at 90c. One hundred and twenty in the lot, made from fine English Cambric, and richly trimmed with embroidery, finely finished and properly shaped; regular value, \$1.50.



THE SHIRT WAIST SALE still continues with unabated interest; hundreds of nice White Lawn Waists on sale at half their usual price. See the display on second floor.

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