

BOSTON LETTER.

Cotton Trade With China
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The Entire Maine Coast From Portland
to Eastport Is Ice-bound.

Bits of News—The Wood and Fish
Markets—New Hampshire Is
Having Its Usual Banking
Troubles.

(From our own correspondent.)

BOSTON, Feb. 11.—The war in the East has about killed the cotton trade with China and Japan, and the New England mills are restricting their output in the export department. Regarding the war itself, the United States appears to be almost wholly in favor of Japan, though in past years more or less sympathy was supposed to have existed between the United States and Russia. There is no doubt now that the latter country has few friends in this hemisphere. Undoubtedly the sentiment of Anglo-Saxons, whether in the British empire or in the United States, will be identical as to the present situation in the East.

New Hampshire is having more banking troubles, due to mismanagement and misuse of funds. Within three weeks two banks have been closed and the president of another indicted for alleged misapplication of funds. Since 1883, 46 banks in New Hampshire have been closed, about one-half of them due to mismanagement of the part of the officials. The embarrassment of the Nashua Trust Co. the other day makes the total number of banks in New Hampshire that have failed through mismanagement of the part of the officials, about 47. In Dover, a smaller city, two banks failed through embezzlement on the part of cashiers, while the cashier of the Dover bank is in prison for embezzlement. In Woburn, the last bank in town closed yesterday, bringing the total of suspended institutions in that small town to four. Five banks in Manchester failed several years ago. At some points New Hampshire people now cross the Massachusetts line to deposit funds.

The death is announced at Worcester of Edgar Whidden, formerly United States consul at St. Stephen. Death was caused by pneumonia. Mr. Whidden was born in 1835 at St. George, N. B. He lived on the St. Croix many years and was appointed consul at St. Stephen by President Arthur. Seven years ago he removed to Worcester to live with his son, Edgar. Four children survive. The burial is at Calais this week.

H. Clarence Durkee, a former officer in the Massachusetts volunteer militia, who died here Sunday, was a native of Yarmouth. He was a son of Pearl Durkee, Jr., of that place.

Among other deaths of former provincials were the following: In Dorchester, Feb. 6, Hugh C. Parlee, aged 68 years, formerly of St. John; in Melrose, Feb. 10, Percy D. Allen, son of Walter H. Allen, aged 15 years, formerly of St. John; in Chelsea, Feb. 11, Colin McNeven, aged 32 years, native of New Brunswick; in Dorchester, Feb. 8, Mrs. Ellen Mackie, (nee Lewis), widow of Andrew Mackie, formerly of Halifax; in this city, Feb. 8, Charles B. S. Kennedy, aged 37, formerly of Cape Breton; in Cambridge, Feb. 8, Mrs. Margaret Lavigne (nee Avery), wife of Albert Lavigne, aged 31 years, native of Nova Scotia; in this city, Feb. 10, George H. Cook, aged 46 years, native of Nova Scotia.

The body of Charles Hudson, steward of the scho. Augustine Hunt, wrecked off Long Island, N. Y., has been forwarded to Greenville Ferry, N. S. Apple shipments from Boston and other Atlantic ports to Europe this season amount to about 3,000,000 barrels, a record mark. Last season the total to date was 2,014,688 barrels, while two years ago the total shipment was only 674,990 at a corresponding date. Last week Portland shipped 32,629 barrels, Boston 15,390, New York, 22,038, and St. John and Halifax together, 10,000. The Suffolk Co. superior court here Wallace Willoughby George has entered a petition for a divorce from his wife, formerly Jane Tucker Hatfield, now residing at Arcadia, Yarmouth, N. S. The Georges were married at that place Jan. 27, 1897.

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Miss Alice Bailey, of Atlanta, Ga., escaped the surgeon's knife, by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I wish to express my gratitude for the restored health and happiness Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has brought into my life. I had suffered for three years with terrible pains at the time of menstruation, and did not know what the trouble was until the doctor pronounced it inflammation of the ovaries, and proposed an operation. I felt so weak and sick that I felt sure that I could not survive the ordeal, and so I told him that I would not undergo it. The following week I read of the Vegetable Compound in the paper of your company, and so I decided to try it. Great was my joy to find that I actually improved in taking two bottles, so I kept taking it for ten weeks, and at the end of that time I was cured. I had gained eighteen pounds and was in excellent health, and am now."

"You surely deserve great success, and you have my very best wishes."—Miss ALICE BAILEY, 50 North Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga.—\$5000 for original of above letter proving genuine cure in proof.

All sick women would be wise if they would take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and be well.

ally all the lobster smacks and coasters are tied up and a similar condition has not been known for at least 30 years. Reports are coming in of vessels in need of assistance. The smack Eva L. Martin with 4,000 live lobsters for Portland, is frozen in at Carver's Harbor and the steam lobster smack Robert and Edwin, also for Portland with lobsters, is at Prospect Harbor. A British schooner was caught in the ice in Boothby Harbor yesterday.

Rev. Frederick Lent, instructor in the Biblical literature at Yale University, has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church, New Haven. Rev. Mr. Lent, like many more Baptist ministers in New England, is a Nova Scotian.

Frank D. Dickinson of Woodstock, N. B., a Tufts College student, has been selected as a pitcher on the college baseball nine.

Reports from the leading northern lumber firms reflect a condition of dullness in the lumber trade. The weather for a week or more has not been favorable to the revival of demand. Zero weather is not conducive to outdoor construction, and that depends on the consumption of the common building woods. Indications, however, point to a good lumber business later. Boston quotations follow: Spruce lumber—Rail shipments—10 and 12-inch dimensions, \$21; 8-inch and under dimensions, \$19; 10 and 12-inch random lengths, \$20; 10 and 12-inch, 2x4, 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, and up, \$20.50; 2x4, 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, and up, \$17 to \$17.50; all other random lengths, 8 inches and under, \$18.50; merchantable boards, 6-inch and up, \$17; matched boards, \$18.50 to \$19; bundled furring, random lengths, p. 1, \$17; Shingles—Oak, \$4 to \$5; do, clear, \$2.50; do, 2nd, \$2.25 to \$2.35; clear white, \$2.10 to \$2.20; do, No. 1, 1.55; Laths, spruce—11-2 in., \$2.20 to 3.25; 1-5 in., 3.40; Clapboards—Spruce, 4 feet, ex., \$4 to \$5; do, clear, \$4 to \$5; do, 2nd, clear, \$4 to \$5; pine extras, \$5 to \$6; clear, \$5 to \$5.50; 2nd clear, \$4.50 to \$5. About 300 barrels of salt mackerel have arrived from the provinces during the past ten days. Prices are steady and unchanged with N. S. large fishers asking \$15.50 for large No. 3; \$17 to 18 for early caught 2s; \$19.50 to 22 for shore No. 1, and 20 to 22 for Prince Edward Island lobsters. Codfish are firm and in good demand. Commission houses quote large shore and Georges at \$7 to 7.50; medium, \$6 to 6.50; large dry, \$5.50 to 6.75; medium, \$4 to 6.25. Pickled herrings are steady and unchanged with N. S. large split quoted at \$6 to 6.25, and medium at \$4.75 to 5. Lobsters are scarce and higher. Live lobsters are worth 20 and boiled 25 cents.

COUNTY COURT CHAMBER. Judge Forbes gave judgment Friday in the case of Vaughan v. Stone action, in which case James H. Hopper was on review from the parish court of St. Martins. The case, it will be recalled, raised an important question in practice, namely, whether the service of a summons by a parish constable upon a defendant resident in the city would make such a defendant amenable to the jurisdiction of the parish court.

The ground raised on review was that the parish court had no jurisdiction, the defendant residing and the cause of action arising in the city of St. John, and that the city court would, therefore, have exclusive jurisdiction. Judge Forbes upheld this ground, thus practically limiting the jurisdiction of parish courts in the county, and in this regard he ordered a non-suit for the defendant.

His honor, however, gave judgment for the plaintiff for services performed by him.

GOOD BUSINESS DONE. P. G. Giffins, general manager of the D. A. R. with headquarters at Kentville, N. S., is in the city. Yesterday he was busy renewing old acquaintances and forming new ones. Mr. Giffins reports business on his railway this season as rushing. About 6,000 barrels of apples from the Annapolis valley will be the shipment from Kentville today.

The D. A. R. has no cause for complaint. Mr. Giffins returns to Kentville today.

DUNSMUIR'S MILLIONS
HOTLY CONTESTED.

Viewed from a business standpoint, Edna Wallace Hopper's unsuccessful suit against James Dunsmuir, formerly premier of British Columbia, and one of the richest men on the Pacific coast, has not been altogether a failure. "The true fact the millions for which the actress struggled have eluded her eager grasp, and that she is ordered to pay a large share of the costs in a suit which has been remarkably expensive, but there are compensations. The free advertising which she has received, and the sympathy which has been expressed for her in some quarters are worth it all. In the theatrical profession sympathy and publicity are just as much an asset as money, and with little trouble they can be turned into ready money.

SEEMED NEAR TO SUCCESS. At present, the likelihood of the plaintiff accepting congratulations with composure is slight. Only a few weeks ago it appeared that her chances of spending some of the Dunsmuir millions were very bright. So rosy did her prospects appear that the mother of the man whose estate was in dispute joined Mrs. Hopper as a plaintiff. Had there not appeared to be grave danger of the actress winning her point, this unexpected move would never have been made. Mrs. Dunsmuir's step was obviously made in the interests of the defence, and she expected to win, and she was set out, but to their mother both owed their fortunes. She could have disinterested either of them, and this action, in the past, had a vital effect on the lives of some of the chief actors in the play which has just come to an end.

DUNSMUIR'S COAL MINES. The prologue of this "strange, eventful history" opens with the death of Robert Dunsmuir, some fifteen years ago. Dunsmuir had made a large fortune by developing the coal mines at Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. The coal deposits were not only of great extent, but unusually good as well. So superior was the Vancouver article, that it was able to compete with the coal of the West. It was owned by the coal magnate, and by him bequeathed to his widow.

THE BUXOM WIDOW APPEARS. Mrs. Dunsmuir decided to put James, the elder son, in charge of the actual mining work, and all the business which arose on Vancouver Island while Alexander, the younger, went to San Francisco to see to the distribution of the coal. Thither Alexander repaired and threw himself into the work with enthusiasm. He was a man of sound judgment, intelligent and enterprising. There was, however, another streak in him which attracted attention when he and Mrs. Dunsmuir, a widow with one daughter, Edna, began housekeeping together. In spite of the fact that he was a widower, he dared not get married, because Mrs. Dunsmuir would surely out Alexander off with a dollar. Then Mrs. Dunsmuir sold her interest in the Dunsmuir business to James and Alexander. In a day or two appeared the announcement of Mrs. Wallace's marriage to Alexander Dunsmuir. Less than two months later, on January 12, 1888, Alexander Dunsmuir died in New York. Six months afterwards the widow followed him to the grave.

LEFT FORTUNE TO HIS BROTHER. Shortly before this second event, Alexander Dunsmuir's will had been made public. Executed on the very day of his marriage, it left all his property to his brother James. The heir's position was strengthened by a declaration signed by Mrs. Dunsmuir, in which she assigned on behalf of her heirs or assigns, all title to her husband's property in consideration of an annuity of \$25,000, which James was to pay her. These facts coming to the attention of the court, it was ordered that Alexander should be allowed to sue to have his property set aside, and her mother's deed declared invalid. Her contention was that her stipend or salary was not to be considered as a gift, but as a loan, and that she was to have it back when he made the will, he having been on the verge of delirium tremens at the time, and quite incapable of sane action. As for the money, she claimed that it was to be repaid to her, and she had no intention of giving it to him. Hopper declared that undue influence had been brought to bear upon her by James Dunsmuir's lawyers, and that this document was therefore null and void.

DEEDS VERSUS OPINIONS. At the trial, which has just been decided against her by Mr. Justice Drake of Victoria, the former wife of the famous De Wolf Hopper lent all her energies to prove that Alexander Dunsmuir was a habitual drunkard. Many witnesses, including an expert or two, were called to establish this claim. Scores of instances of Dunsmuir's drunkenness were presented. He saw snakes. He feared some one was trying to poison him. Such an able and comprehensive criminal lawyer as he that De Wolf Hopper shrank from him and turned pale when invited by his stepfather-in-law to "say what he was." In view of these facts, the court found that Alexander Dunsmuir was a habitual drunkard, and that his will was therefore null and void.

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SOUTHAMPTON, N. S.

SOUTHAMPTON, Feb. 11.—The Methodist Missionary Society at their meeting yesterday decided to send a box of warm clothing to some of the poor of Newfoundland.

Reuben Rector White, at work in the woods with his son, received a bad wash in the knee from the axe glancing in the latter's hand, and Dr. Cameron was summoned to dress the wound.

The Danish Concert Co., a troupe of three, who performed here several evenings, awarded little Jessie Canning, Canning's baby, a nice set of dishes, she having been the winner in the voting contest.

Frequent snowfalls have made working in the woods very difficult and have been a setback that will affect the output unfavorably. Still there is a large amount of timber of different kinds being put up. Two small strikes in different parts of the county have thinned out the respective crews somewhat. Albert Pugsley is putting in a crew of men again on his property where he lumbered the past two seasons.

The death of Amos Atkinson of Macdonald was heard here with regret. Mr. Atkinson lived here several years and his wife and his brother Edwin joined the Valley Woolen Mills, and all the village were greatly attached to the kindhearted, who was a very amiable Christian life was greatly valued.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Schurman spent several days here and in Westport, returning to Springfield on Tuesday.

DEATH IN MONCTON. Released from 20 Years' Suffering—Man Has Sight of One Eye Burned Out.

MONCTON, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Edward McCarthy died at her home here this morning, aged 73 years. The deceased had been a helpless invalid from paralysis for thirty years and the final stroke carried her off this morning. She was a wife and mother of four children, a husband, two sons and four daughters. The deceased was a native of Ireland and had been a resident of Moncton for many years. She was a member of the Catholic Church and was a very pious and devoted woman.

There have been no trains over the Big and Harlowe roads, but the tracks are now about clear of snow and Manager Archibald hopes to have a regular service in the future. The Crescent defeated the Bankers at hockey last night by a score of five to nothing.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

ERASTUS WIMAN DEAD. Erastus Wiman died on Tuesday night in a little cottage in Staten Island, where he removed with his wife after his fortune was swept away. Death was due to paralysis. A widow and four children survive.

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The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the shareholders and policyholders of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company was held in the Company's offices, Toronto, on Thursday, February 4th, at 2.30 p.m. The report submitted was eminently satisfactory to all interested.

A detailed report of the proceedings will be mailed to all policyholders, but we believe that the average busy reader will get a clearer conception of the progress the Company is making by having, as it were, a bird's-eye view of its affairs.

Below will be found the figures pertaining to the main features of the business for 1902 and 1903 and the increases; also a comparative statement of the Company's growth since its organization.

The growth made in 1903 is well shown by the following table:—

	1902.	1903.	Increase.
Net Premium Income	\$ 1,054,815.72	\$ 1,219,435.91	\$ 164,620.19
Interest, Rents, etc.	186,074.11	215,852.67	29,778.56
Total Cash Income	1,240,889.83	1,435,288.58	194,398.75
Payments to Policyholders	316,556.63	366,533.04	49,976.41
Policy Reserves	3,753,892.00	4,461,800.00	707,908.00
Total Assets	4,406,329.19	5,136,685.52	730,356.33
Applications for New Insurance	6,542,336.00	7,764,542.00	1,222,206.00
New Policies Issued	6,082,336.00	7,294,050.00	1,211,714.00
Insurance in Force	30,152,883.00	34,392,303.00	4,239,420.00

The Manufacturers Life began business in 1887, and the following figures for four year periods taken from its returns to the Dominion Government will illustrate its remarkable growth and steady progress:—

Year.	Income From Interest, Rents, etc.	Net Premium Income.	Total Premium and Interest Income.	Assets.	New Policies Issued.	Assurance in Force December 31st.
1887	\$ 778	\$ 27,184	\$ 27,962	\$ 165,732	\$2,564,500	\$2,342,000
1891	13,236	184,106	197,342	431,610	2,111,100	7,413,761
1895	39,245	324,440	363,684	1,012,559	3,017,760	10,615,021
1899	72,018	510,560	582,578	1,809,505	3,579,109	14,398,236
1903	215,852	1,219,435	1,435,288	5,136,685	7,294,050	34,392,303

OF INTEREST TO TOTAL ABSTAINERS.

The death ratio in the Manufacturers Life has always been favorable in both sections, but exceedingly so in the Abstainers Section. The past year shows a continuance of this favorable experience. The death losses in the General Section were 75.7% of the expectancy, and in the Abstainers' Section only 41.3% of the expectancy. The saving this year from low mortality in this section is therefore 58.7% as against a saving of 24.3% in the General Section, which means much larger dividends for Abstainers. Correspondence is invited.

G. W. ROSS, President.

J. F. JUNKIN, Managing Director.

DEAF AND DUMB.

A Mix-up in the St. John Institution.

Both Sides of the Story.

Dr. A. A. Stockton has been retained by Jas. A. Weaver, principal of the deaf and dumb institution at Lancaster, Mass., to see to it that the institution is properly managed. The institution is a large one, and the principal is a very capable man. The institution is a very successful one, and the principal is a very capable man.

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NEW BRUNSWICK AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 2, 1904.

To the Bible Loving People of New Brunswick:

The centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be observed throughout the world on the sixth and seventh days of March next; the sixth as Bible Sunday, when religious services will be observed in all the Protestant churches in this province, and Monday, the seventh, by public meetings and such services as the auxiliaries in localities may arrange for.

It has been agreed by the friends of the Bible in New Brunswick that we should aid in the grand work of the British and Foreign Bible Society by contributing at least one thousand copies to "The Centenary Fund of 200,000 guineas which it is proposed to raise to enable the parent society to increase more effectively its great missionary and Christianizing work throughout the world; and to this end the executive committee with the consent and approval of all the Protestant churches in the province agree to make an effort to raise this sum (\$5,000) by a grand collection to be taken up in all our churches on Sabbath, the sixth of March. They have prepared a catalogue to be placed in the hands of the worshippers in these churches which are now being forwarded to the ministers and pastors of these churches that all may have an opportunity to assist in this great work.

The committee appeal to our wealthy citizens and brethren to liberally aid the committee in this great work. God has made us the stewards of the good things of this life. He has placed at your disposal His gold and His silver, and we earnestly trust that out of this abundance you will return to Him his share of the blessings with which He has crowned you. "The silver and the gold are mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills are mine." Be faithful to this great trust.

To our merchants, farmers and mechanics, to whom He has given great prosperity during the past years, we invite you to come to the help of this noble society to continue the great work of Christianizing and civilizing the world. Over (1,000,000,000) one thousand million of our fellow mortals are still in ignorance of God's love in Jesus Christ. "We employ you by your gifts willingly laid on His altar to come to the 'help of the Lord against the mighty'."

And you who have not been blessed so largely with this world's goods we appeal, as you have found this Precious Book "a light to your feet and a lamp to your path," a comfort to you in the hour of your sorrow and trouble we ask your aid in sending this light and comfort "to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death."

Let all aid. To the clergymen of the various denominations we appeal by timely notices and earnest appeals to their people to join with our brethren throughout the world in commemorating one of the great events in the history of Christianity, the organization of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the disseminator of light and life throughout the world.

By order of the New Brunswick Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER, Pres., J. G. FORBES, Sec., JOSHUA CLAWSON, Treas., THOS. M. McKEIVIE, Travelling Agent.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LADIES' STRINGERS—Fountain and Bulb, "Marv's Whirling" Show, The "Ladies' Perfect," and other Rubber Goods. Send for Price List to the LADIES' SPECIALTY CO., 21 Westwood Street, St. John, N. B.

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SCHOOL TAXES. The Sun Printing Company will mail to Secretaries, SCHOOL TAX BLANKS, for Forty Cents a hundred forms. SUN PRINTING CO., St. John, N. B.

KNOW WHAT HE WANTED. (Kansas City Star.) "John," said a Fredonia girl of her steady, "why doesn't the papal throne pass from generation to generation as other thrones do?" "Papies are always old bachelors," he replied. "John," she asked a moment later, "have you any desire to