PROVINCIAL NEWS

ANDOVER, N. B., Dec. 11.—Mrs. J Titus Carter has returned from her trip to Florida, where she spent several months with her sister, Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. Geo. T. Baird is home from St. John after an absence of a few weeks.

Dr. King, son of Senator King, of this province and M. P. P. of Vancouver, B. C., is the guest of Senator and Mrs. Baird.

Rev. Mr. McCaskill of Fort Kent, Me., was in the village last week and attended the Presbytery meetings at Kintore and Woodstock.

Miss Nellie Sadler is visiting at the home of Senator and Mrs. Baird.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold an Experience Social in Beveridge's Hall Christmas night, to raise funds for their new church, which is nearing completion.

Notice has been received of the death of Carleton Clark in the provincial hospital, St. John, where he had been sent for medical treatment. His remains are expected by train today. He has been for a number of years a resident of Andover. He leaves a wife and large family to mourn their loss.

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 11.—Work has been suspended on the Grindstone Island breakwater, which was begun some months ago, the cold and stormy weather rendering a continuing of operations impracticable.

Joseph Turner and his daughter, Miss Apphia Turner, who have been spending several weeks with relatives here, have returned to their home in Point de Bute.

Among the attractions for Christmas week will be a church wedding on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27th, when a well known young lady school teacher of this village, now teaching in the northern part of the province, will be united in marriage to a prominent contractor and builder of Campbellton. The ceremony is announced for 8.30 p. m. in the Baptist church.

No mails were received from outside yesterday.

The Salisbury and Harvey train left Albert at the usual time yesterday morning, but on account of ice on the rails, was unable to get to Salisbury until late at night, returning today.

Work at the new plaster quarry on the Stiles property here, which has been conducted for some weeks by the N. E. Adamant Co., closed down for the present this week. They got out about 500 tons.

James I. came to England in 1603, as a stranger who had never before been in the country, and whose claim to the sovereignty, as Queen Elizabeth's successor, was founded on his descent from Henry VII., first of the Tudor line—his mother, Mary Queen of Scots, having been Henry's great granddaughter. George I. came to England in 1714 as James I.'s great-grandson, and the successor, in accordance with the act of settlement of 1710, of Queen Anne, his kinswoman. He had previously visited this country in the reign of Charles II.—London 'Modern Soicety.'

CASTRO GIVES IN; WAR DANGER PAST

Franco-Venezuelan Trouble Is About Over.

South American President Has Withdrawn From His Objectionable Position—Amicable Settlement Probable

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A Caracas despatch to the Herald dated Thursday, says: "President Castro withdrew on Wednesday not only the objectionable phrase, but his counter protest, thus avoiding the necessity of answering the reply of France to the Venezuelan memorandum which would have made a settlement impossible. This act is a confirmation of the announcement of the policy of President Castro in the line of a resumption of universal friendship.

Trouble between President Castro and the French government arose indirectly out of the dispute with the French Cable Company. The company's concession was annulled by the Venezuelan courts, and a further suit was brought for alleged complicity in the Matos revolution. The company through its resident director, M. Brun, protested. He was expelled, and furthermore President Castro ordered the company's land lines closed. Then M. Taigny, French charge d' affaires, protested in terms derogatory of the Venezuelan courts. To this President Castro made a counter protest, and the minister of foreign affairs declared M. Taigny a persona non grata, refusing to hold further comunication with France through M. Taigny.

France considered this an attack on her foreign policy, sent warships to Martinique and prepared for a naval demonstration. The American minister tried to effect a compromise by proposing that both the protest of M. Talgny and the counter protest of President Castro be withdrawn, but his efforts were without avail, France refusing to recede from her position. Now President Castro takes a definite step to effect an amicable settlement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A Caracas despatch to the Tribune, dater Dec. 12, and delayed in transmission, says:

Clyde Ross, treasurer of the Asphalt Trust, who came here from Philadelphia with Captain Robert K. Wright, local manager of the New York & Bermudez Co., to effect a settlement with the Venezuelan government in the latter's suit against the company, sailed yesterday for New York on the Philadelphia without having accomplished his mission.

President Castro refused to interfere with the $11,000,000 damage suit now proceeding in the court against the company or with the decision in a previous action annulling its concession.

SNOW TOO DEEP FOR SURVEY

And Grand Trunk Pacific Suspends Work.

MONCTON, Dec. 16.—Murray Fleming, a former I. C. R. boy, one of the men discharged by Mr. Emerson for political reasons, passed through Moncton yesterday on his way to Sydney, where he is to superintend the installation of some machinery at the steel works. Mr. Fleming now holds a good position with the Parsons Manufacturing Company of New York, and is just from the State of Alabama, where he had been for the last nine months on the firm's business. Needless to say, he finds some change from the climate of the far south to that of Canada in December.

The Grand Trunk Pacific survey party under Engineer Weatherbee, which is at present near Grand Falls, will, it is understood, suspend operations in the course of a few days. The depth of snow is given as the reason, but it is more than likely that the suspension of operations is a part of the government policy to delay the survey as much as possible. The snow was deep last winter, but the surveys went on.

There is no clue yet to the party who stole the mail bag at Moncton station a few days ago, and apparently very little effort is being made in that direction.

Alexander Murray of the Oak Hall, St. John, is to succeed George B. Willett in the management of the Humphrey clothing store. Mr. Willett is to open an insurance and real estate office the first of the year.

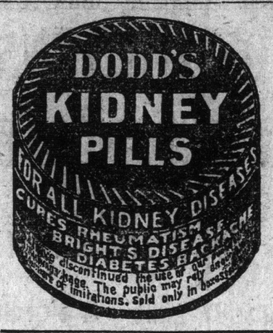
Surveyor General Sweeney returned yesterday from Chipman, where he was holding an investigation into charges against Labor Act Commissioner Fraser of Red Bank, who, it is alleged, made fraudulent returns, whereby grants were issued when the required work had not been done. No decision has yet been given in the case.

D. L. A. Scott, formerly of the Humphrey Clothing Co. in Moncton, and later with the same concern at Charlottetown, is now located in the west at Calgary, where he is carrying on a confectionery business.

"Why not?" queried the visitor, getting interested.

"Because," was the reply, "you can dribble very well, but you never pass."

The next time the bottle was taken out, the local man got a drop of it.



A STRANGE TRIAL IN LONDON COURTS

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The trial commenced at the Old Bailey today of Hugh Watt, the financier and former member of parliament, on the extraordinary charge of inciting hired agents to murder his divorced wife, Julia Watt. Sir Reginald Beechamp, whose divorced wife is now Lady Violet, wife of the defendant, counsel for the prosecution, made a long statement, going over the ground covered at the police court trial, and contending that Watt was of perfectly sound mind notwithstanding his strange conduct.

RICHIBUCTO.

RICHIBUCTO, Dec. 16.—The main channel closed up this week and the fishermen are getting their smelt nets and rigging out. Fish are scarce.

W. H. Hogan, accountant for R. O'Leary, who has been laid up at his home in St. John for several weeks, returned to town this week.

Mrs. J. T. Bourque is home from a visit to Bathurst.

The ladies of the Methodist church held a successful fancy sale and refreshment table in the Temperance hall last evening.

Joseph Marvin of St. John is in town.

The annual meeting of Wellington L. O. L., No. 51, was held in the Orange Hall, Kirkland, Carleton Co., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th. A large number of the members were present, and after general business was disposed of the chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Given, and the following officers were elected and duly installed in office for the ensuing year: Herbert Gidney, W. M.; J. Leslie Kennedy, D.M.; Thomas Graham, Chap.; John W. Nicholson, Sec.; David Gidney, Fin. Sec.; George D. Davis, Treas.; J. Fred Saunders, D. C.; Chas. Nicholson, Lec.; Geo. Crawford, Robert Greer, Thos. Given, David Dykeman, Hugh McCluskey, committee.

PREFERRED AN OLDER ONE.

"You wish to marry one of my daughters? The youngest will get £5,000, the second £10,000, and the eldest £15,000.

"You don't happen to have one still older?"

STRONG PLATFORM OF CONSERVATIVES

Would Take Vote on Prohibition Question.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 15.—The platform agreed upon by the liberal-conservative convention will be published tomorrow morning. It condemns the partisan administration of justice by the party now in power and pledges the conservative party to a different policy and the enactment of effective laws to safeguard the franchise and secure the independence of parliament.

The liberal-conservative policy on education, agriculture, railways and roads is set forth.

wasteful system of expenditure is con- In regard to roads, the present demned and a policy of building and maintaining the highways of the province is promised.

A prohibition plank is adopted as follows:

"We pledge ourselves, if returned to power, in one year thereafter, to cause a vote of the electors of the province to be taken upon the question of prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors within the province, and if a majority of the vote cast upon said question be in favor of prohibition we further pledge ourselves to enact a prohibitory law at the next session of the legislature after such vote is taken."

Planks are devoted to mining and the fisheries.

It is held that the mining laws should be reorganized and the clause is as follows:

"That, whereas miners by reason of the extra hazard of their occupation are unable to procure life insurance, except at a very high rate; and in view of the large sums contributed to the provincial revenue from royalties, we pledge ourselves to make provision for a system of life insurance for the benefit of the miners and their widows and orphans." The clause concludes with a resolution promising to safeguard miners and other workmen as to the payment of their wages.

Adequate support and assistance is guaranteed to the fishing interests of the province.

The platform concludes with a plank regarding crown lands and provincial audit.

Messrs. Butts of North Sydney, and Jamieson of Amherst, were active in the preparation of the clause regarding the coal miners.

SIR WILFRID ON THE STAND

Contradicts Statement of Senator Choquette

QUEBEC, Dec. 15.—The superior court room was packed to the doors today when the case of Parent v. Choquette was called. Only one witness was examined, but he was a very important one, and when Sir Wilfrid Laurier took the oath interesting evidence was looked forward to.

The case this morning was on a plea put in recently by Senator Choquette that a reconciliation had taken place between the parties, but this he failed to prove by Sir Wilfrid this morning.

Sir Wilfrid was examined by Senator Choquette and cross-examined by Taschereau. In answer to the defendant, Sir Wilfrid stated that during the last federal session Senator Choquette had informed him that Hon. S. N. Parent had taken action against him, and requested him, in the interest of the liberal party, to try and have the matter settled. He (Choquette) was willing to agree to any arrangement made by Sir Wilfrid.

The latter subsequently saw Parent, but he refused to come to terms with the senator, remarking at the time to Sir Wilfrid: "Either Choquette is right or wrong. If he is right, let him proceed, and if he is wrong, let him apologize. I don't want his money, but I insist on my reputation."

Sir Wilfrid saw Parent again in November last, but he still insisted upon an apology. In reply to Taschereau, Sir Wilfrid said he was not aware liberal members of this province were opposed to the nomination of Parent as chairman of the commission. He knew Senator Choquette was not enthusiastic about the appointment and the same could be said of one of the liberal members.

Asked if that member was not Talbot, Sir Wilfrid replied it was. Sir Wilfrid also swore that the appointment of Parent to the chairmanship of the trans-continental railway commission was not directly or indirectly conditional upon the withdrawal and settlement of the present case. This statement is a contradiction of Senator Choquette's affidavit already alluded to.

When Sir Wilfrid's evidence was concluded and the reading of a number of letters which had passed between witnesses and defendant, Senator Choquette filed a declaration withdrawing his plea of reconciliation.

The interval had been distinguished by a revolution, the execution of Charles I., the protectorate of Oliver Cromwell, the restoration of Charles II., and an unsuccessful rebellion in favor of James II.'s illegitimate son, the Duke of Monmouth. The two daughters of James II., Queens Mary II. and Anne, though of the Suart line, have always ben considered usurpers by true Jacobites.

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CHLOROFORM USED TO KILL MRS. NAFTIL.

ASHBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 14.—Physicians today found the chloroform was used to killed Mrs. Morris Naftil, the aged woman who was murdered and robbed yesterday afternoon in her apartments here. It was at first thought that she had been smothered to death by a heavy bed tick which was found over her face. Her husband and her four sons, who are making every effort to learn the identity of the murderers, announced today that $1,000 in cash was secured from Mrs. Nattil yesterday. Mr. Naftil said that his wife carried this amount in a chamois bag attached to her clothing and that this bag was found empty.

PASSENGER ARRESTED.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 14.—Alfonze Lissner, a passenger of the steamer Cedric, which arrived here today from New York, was arrested on a charge of absconding with $6,500 belonging to the paint firm of King & Landesmann of New York, of which he was manager. Lissner's wife, who did not accompany her husband ashore, proceeded on the Cedric to Liverpool in ignorance of his arrest. He had $6,093 on his person when arrested.

MORE CHARGES

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 14.—Responding to a summons from District Attorney John B. Morgan, Congressman William S. McNary called upon that officer this afternoon in relation to charges reflecting upon Mayor-elect John F. Fitzgerald, made by Mr. McNary at rallies previous to the city primaries. The congressman had reiterated his charges during the election canvass after having been urged to do so by a democrat who had allied himself with the movement to elect Frothingham.

THE MAJOR COLLAPSED.

A good story is told of a military candidate who was addressing a meeting of voters in a rural village. He was an avowed champion of flogging in the army and was considerably heckled on the subject.

Defending himself, the gallant major urged that there was no necessary disgrace in being flogged.

"Why," he exclaimed, "I was flogged myself once, and it was for telling the truth."

"And it cured 'ee, naw doubt," same the crushing rejoinder from a rustic auditor, to an accompaniment of shrieks of laughter.

"Don't you think, doctor, that you ought to bleed my husband?"

Doctor (absent-mindedly)—"No, madam, not until he gets well."

DR. MELVIN'S SIDE OF THE SMALLPOX STORY FROM QUEENS

He Had Nothing to Do With the Quarantine of Kennedy's House.

To the Editor of the Sun:

Sir—In your issue of Saturday, the 16th inst., W. G. Kennedy, in the course of a letter to your journal, states that his premises were quaranteed by my order, or, that he was so informed. Permit me, through you, to assure your correspondent that such is not the fact, as will appear from the following:

(1) That, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I never saw or heard of Mr. Kennedy until I read his name in the letter already adverted to.

(2) That I had, absolutely, no authority whatever to order any quarantine, or any other procedure connected with the epidemic in Queens county.

(3) That I was requested by the board of health to go to Queens county for a specific purpose, viz., to give an opinion relative to an epidemic disease present there, and my advice, if it were asked.

(4) That I went to said county, saw a number of cases, pronounced my opinion upon them (a written one), and upon them alone; presented it to the chairman of the board of health, Dr. Caswell; gave a little advice, when specially asked, and returned at the earliest possible moment.

Trusting that the foregoing will make my position clear, and thanking you for the opportunity of correcting this misapprehension, I am faithfully yours,

GEO. G. MELVIN.

169 Princess street, St. John, N. B., 16th, Dec., 1905.

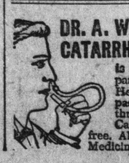
HE NEVER PASSED.

It was at the match between the New Zealanders and the Irish Team last Saturday that a visitor from across the Channel got into conversation with an Irishman. During the conversation, the visitor kept pulling a bottle of whiskey out of his pocket, and having a drink without asking his companion to have a drop.

At last the local man said, "Have you ever played football?"

"Oh, yes," replied the visitor, "and was up to international form."

"Oh, I don't believe that."



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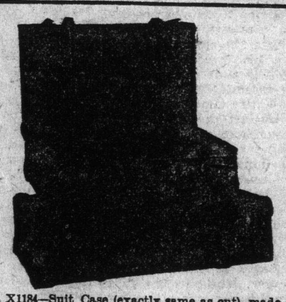

X1184—Suit Case (exactly same as cut), made from solid olive or brown grained cowhide leather, two polished brass locks, two pressed grain leather straps going all around, and held in place by riveted leather holders, full cloth lined, four inside straps.

Special Christmas price, size 22.... $6.29
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X1283—Suit Case, made from select Paris grain leather, olive, brown and russet, hand-sewed French edge, English round steel frame, solid brass lock and clasps, three hinges, easy leather handle, full leather lined, shirt pocket and dome fasteners.

Special Christmas price, size 22.... $6.79
" " " " 24.... 6.95
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An Extra Fine Suit Case

X1294—Extra Fine Suit Case, made from selected cowhide suit case leather, colors olive, brown and English russet, round English steel frame, closed-in French-stitched edges, stitched leather corners, full leather lined and shirt pocket, solid brass trimmings.

Special Christmas price, size 22.... $8.79
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X1295—Same Case, with two fine grain leather straps going around outside, extra $1.00.

Club Bags

X1573—Solid Fine Grain Leather Club Bags, with leather lining and brass trimmings, easy leather handle, pressed base, inside pocket, sizes 12, 14, 16 and 18 inch, in black, brown or olive colors.

Special Christmas price, size 12.... $2.69
" " " " 14.... 2.79
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" " " " 18.... 2.98

X1550—Ladies' Fine Paris cross grain leather Club Bags, leather lined, solid brass lock and clasps, easy leather handle, square end, leather covered frame, colors black, brown, and olive.

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X1538—Deep Club Bags, Victoria style, made from cowhide, with handsome walrus finish, brown, black, olive and russet, English steel frame, sewed, solid brass trimmings, leather lining and pockets.

Special Christmas price, size 16.... $6.69
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X1480. High-Grade Club Bags, brown, olive, black and russet, very strong, double handle, hand-sewed, leather covered, English steel frame, solid brass bolt, lock and roller hinges, made in smooth and boarded grain leather, full leather lined, with pockets, deep square end—

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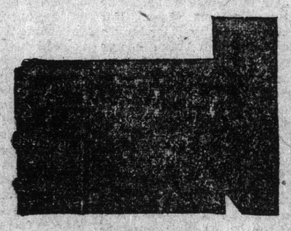
Extra Strong Trunk



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