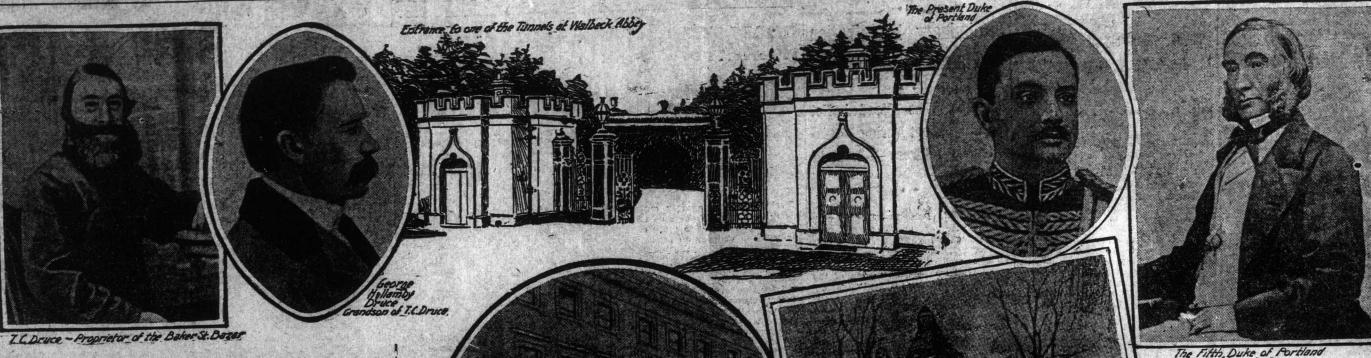
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FAMOUS DRUCE CLAIM LONDON'S LEADING TOPIC

Preliminary to Suit for Title and Estates of Duke of Portland it Excites Widespread and Absorbing Interest

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The famous Druce | HERBERT DRUCE (the defendant), case continues to be the leading topic in London, and day after day the police court at Marylebone is crowded by an aristocratic audience that listens in-tently and wonderingly to the extraordinary evidence presented the magis-

The dramatis personae in the latest phase of the claim to the title and estates of the present Duke of Portland

SAYS ENEMIES ARE

his nephew, who said he saw him in GEORGE HOLLAMBY DRUCE, plain

tiff, who is proceeding against his un-cle, the last-named, for perjury, inasmuch as he avers Thomas Charles Druce did not die till 1879; that the funeral was a mock one, and that the deceased was in reality the fifth Duke of Portland.

ROBERT CALDWELL, a native of County Monaghan, Ireland, who emi-



PRINCIPALS AND SCENES IN FAMOUS DRUCE CASE

states that it was he himself put the case were first published in 1898. The

claimant was then Mrs. Anna Druce. For several years Mrs. Druce, who be-FACTS IN THE CASE.

lieved herself to be the widow of the eldest legitimate son of Thomas Charles Druce of the Baker Street Bazaar,

Censistory Court to grant her an order region of Oxford street, Portland place, to open the grave of her husband's Cavendish square, Wimpole street, is variously estimated at from £120, father in Highgate Cemetery. In this grave, she alleged, was not buried the body of Thomas Druce, but a quantity of lead. Druce, she said, was really the fifth duke of Portland, who did not die until 1879. Unfortunately for Mrs. Druce, the facts as to the death of Thomas Druce were sworn to by doctors and a housekeeper, and the courts

considerably greater than that of the Harley street, Wigmore street, and other thoroughfares. When it came into possession of the Dowager Lady de Walden it is recorded that it furnished her with the splendid income of £180,000 a year. It is impossible to say constitution when it yields today but its necessary when it yields today but its necessary and furnished. exactly what it yields today, but its pictures, statuary, tapestry and furnivalue has risen considerably since that ture which alone are worth a fortune. time, and it is probable that the estimates, which place the annual rental ures may be gathered from the fact
at between £250,000 and £300,000, are that a single table there is said to be
This property alone is worth an al-fairly correct. If we take £300,000 a worth £15,000.

year as the total rental, this capitalized would mean an immense fortune THE PORTLAND ESTATES. At present the plaintiff is not mak-

ing a direct claim upon the estate of the Duke of Portland. But if he should succeed in establishing his right to the De Walden property, he confidently expects that he will obtain that of the duke. This would mean the transference of such estates as go with value so far as size and dignity go. The Portland estates cover an erea

A BLACKMAILING CASE AT HAMPTON

Arrested

HAMPTON, Kings Co., Dec. 10.-John W. Roberts, who was convicted before Magistrate Jas. W. Smith on Nov. 15th of destroying property in the store of the G. & G. Flewwelling Manufacturing Co., at the Village, and fined \$20, with value of goods destroyed, and costs of the suit, or forty-five days jail, is again in trouble, having been arrested today by Constable Campbell of Sussex on a warrant issued by Police Magistrate Hornbrook, charged with sending threatening letters and demanding

blackmail from parties at the Village and Station, to save them from his laying an information against them for violations of the Scott Act. Roberts paid his fine, etc., for his November offense, and apparently sought by this means to recoup himself. However, matters did not turn out satisfactorily, and so information was laid against the alleged offenders, two of whom are hotel men and one a druggist, and Scott Act Inspector Cusick came here esterday and served them with sumnonses to appear before the Sussex poice magistrate tomorrow (Wednesday) norning. Then followed the informaion against him for sending threatenng letters and attempting to obtain hush money, which resulted in his ar-

st and removal to Sussex this after-The preliminary examination will probably result in his being brought back to jail this evening, and his absence as a star witness at the Scott

Act trials tomorrow. The Hampton Consolidated School will close on Friday, 14th, for the Christmas and New Year holidays. On Thursday evening the pupils will give a concert in the exhibition hall of the school, to assist in raising a fund for the purchase of the piano now in use

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 11.-Rev. H D. Worden, pastor of the Baptist church, who has been in Boston for the past two months, during which time he un-derwent an operation for appendicitis, occupied his pulpit Sunday for the first time since his return, preaching a helpmul sermon from the words, To be carnally minded is death, etc. The discourse, which was brief on account the reverend gentleman's state of health, was addressed to the church, whose greatest hindrance, the speaker sidered, was the carnal mind. Mr. Worden also took occasion to express his gratitude to friends for their pray-

during his illness. New Frunswick, Riverside, gives that village one of the handsomest banking offices to be found in any part of the province. The front, which is ornaumns and capitals supporting a heavy sanded to represent stone, giving a very fine effect. The lettering also adds greatly to the appearance, being of gilt and in relief, the work being particuments are in keeping with the hand-some exterior, being up-to-date in every way. The manager, Mr. Harper, very popular with the patrons of the bank, being courteous and efficient,

L. E. Bishop of Cape Station, has gone Workmen from the establishment of Jordan Steeves & Son of Hillsbord have been engaged during the past week in putting in an up-to-date bath residence of Capt. Thos. ar improvements made at an early

KINGS COUNTY PROBATE COURT

HAMPTON, Kings Co., Dec. 11 .- II the Kings County Probate Court toda the application of Dennis Purtle, execu

of the estate of the late Micha

nts was adjourned until Decemb

Purtle of/Sussex, lumberman, decease

or permission to pass his guardiansh

estate of the late Justus S. Wetmo

of Kingston, deceased, on petition

Mrs. Frances S. Flewwelling, daught

of the Rev. David I. Wetmore, son

ecutors to pass their final accounts an

W. Allen, K. C., for G. Hudson Fley

welling, one of the surviving executor the other being John M. Taylor, wi

was not represented. After proof

petitioner had no locus standi in the court, as her father had assigned a

his interest in his father's estate Manchester, Robertson and Allison, a

it had later come into his (Mr. Allen'

possession. There had been three a countings, the last being in the yea 1893, in which it was shown that ov

a thousand dollars was due the ecutors, and a final decree was issu

authorizing them to continue the trust until that debt was paid.

these grounds he moved that the

tition be dismissed. His honor over ruled the objection and Mrs. Fleww

ling was sworn. The petition had forth that the executors had receive

previously passed were produced out in evidence, together with the

the inventory and the decree of

nesday, Dec. 18th, instead of on Chr mas Day, and there will be no sit until Wednesday, Jan. 8th, 1908.

ne five thousand dollars which th had not accounted for. The account

lication, Mr. Allen objected that t

distribute the estate. C. N. Skinner, appeared for the petitioner and

18th. White and King, proctors.

bank has materially increased.
Miss Eliza Bishop, daughter of Capt.

Chairman of Quebec Bridge Commission Returns from

MONTREAL, Dec. 9-Henry Holgate,

Mr. Holgate said today that this end-It is believed that close on to a hun- ed the investigation, and that they had dred of the dead will have beeen re- now started on the work of making up covered by daylight temorrow. The the report to the Canadian government. fire which caused a suspension of This will occupy some time, but the

ST. JOHN TIED UP BY WATER FAMINE

lisher, which obtained a vote in 'the everywhere was at a standstill. state election greater than that recorded by the Democratic party. Mr.Couled by the Democratic party, was secretary of thurst, until recently, was secretary of the Democratic state committee and the Salvage Corps, who were on duty lay to the winter port steamers. has been popular among the younger for the occasion. For a part of the lement of his old party. Another ele-evening the streets were in darkness, ing the morning to Carleton and got ment which contributes to the doubtful due to the closing of the electric light supplies of water, which was distributwhere, witnesses testified, irregulari-

Postmaster Hibbard and Mr. Coulnightly and have been almost as active

says he will win, but does not estimate

endorse any one of the three candidates. Hibbard and Coulthurst both claim the votes of this element. The indications point to a close elec-

Coulthurst to Police Commissioner
O'Meara and to the election commissioners, in which he says: "I have received various warnings that systematic efforts will be made to steal the election to morrow. Among other things a seeing the water supply and a few far-sighted householders, an

for me in the counting."

for Chateauguay took place today. snow. of the convention, though his opponine would only be of an hour's duration to the public.

The efforts to get sufficient water for

ents refused to accept him.

tigation station as a result of the scarcity of ed to householders, in this way relievission of affairs at City Hall, water. The street cars also stopped at ing the strain to some extent. The two o'clock and were stalled along the splendid artesian well on the premises ents and streets in every direction. Although of Jones' brewery also was made to in the granting of contracts have pre-vailed, although there was no evidence will be this evening at the earliest be-

facturing concerns ran to waste.

On Saturday Engineer Hunter united the high and low services, thus bringthurst have addressed the voters ing all the water to the city from Lake Latimer, which takes the Loch Lomond supply of water. Previously, No. main (the low service pipe) was also

> services and the greatly increased reservices and the greatly increased instantaneous. The merchants who handle oil, lamps and candles could to about two dozen men from the sal-handle oil, lamps and candles could take the break in No. 3 have made a fortune by planning a corpressure was most serious.

here from New York.

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Dogue, 408 Main street; Clarence White, can escape. It is probable that this morning there will be water on the low-lead of the South warf, and a steady stream of people hung about it all day filling their palls.

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early hour people could be seen in row and another near the Marsh bridge. Green, Robert Maxwell, J L Finley, pitchers and other receptacles looking of renough to get breakfast with. On most picturesque, At the hydrant on George Farren, L B Lordley, Harry Er-

Most of the mercantile establish- street cars. These cars throughout the Honore Mercier are candidates. All ments commenced on time yesterday ments commenced on time yesterday morning, thinking that the water famure Liberals, Mercier being the choice morning, thinking that the water famure duty all night. Chief Ciark himself are Liberals, Mercier being the convention though his copper.

This city yesterday experienced the greatest water famine in its history as a result of breaks in rapid succession on No. 2 and No. 3 mains, the big 24 took the same precautions during the of citizens there is intense interest in the outcome of tomorrow's voting for mayor of Boston. The situation is one of the most peculiar that has arisen in municipal politics here for many years and never was the result more in doubt.

This city yesterday experienced the greatest water famine in its history as a result of breaks in rapid succession on No. 2 and No. 3 mains, the big 24-took the same precautions during the day and last night many citizens had at the meeting of the Board of Trade, the Board of Trad his willingness to co-operate with En-

The city sent its watering carts dur-

Following along the suggestion made take necessary steps to bring case of fire in the sheds. water into the city for the use of The I. C. R. depot was reflecting on Mayor John F. Fitzgerald fore normal conditions are restored. | and the pump was kept continually The breaks occurred at a point where the pipes run side by side and this city grocery dealers employed their deshould have, if possible, electric light turned on. In the elevator is a resercomplicated the repair work. The coun- livery wagons in supplying their cus- illumination. tomers with water from this well. Chief Kerr was authorized to engage on hand was utilized in lighting the

at a late hour tonight by speeches and torchlight parades. Mayor Fitzgerald claims he will win by 10,000 plurality over Postmaster George A. Hillians On Adelaide street in the morning a line of teams, two blocks long, loaded The street department was authorized and nearby wells. The harbor front.

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well near Murray and Gregory's mill. | make all necessary expenditures to fa-The demand for buckets during the cilitate the completion of the repairs. Hibbard predicts his election by 3 main, which supplies the high levels from 15,000 to 20,000 votes. Coulthurst was alone getting the direct service and purpose greatered, while barrels in the demand for buckets during the cilitate the completion of the repairs.

The demand for buckets during the day was unprecedented, while barrels was alone getting the direct service and purpose greatered with the cilitate the completion of the repairs. was alone getting the direct service and puncheons were snatched up with Chief Clark inserted advertisements in from Loch Lomond. On Saturday No. 2 and puncheons were snatted up with the evening papers asking for special a rapidity that smacked of greediness. the evening papers asking for special When the rumor got around the city policemen and he received more than connected with Loch Lomond's sup- that the city was to be without gas and sufficient applicants. Twenty-five men ply, and the result of the union of the electric light at night the result was were placed on special duty, in addition

main was due to the bursting of a joint and when the water was turned of these supplies which they had on of from this main the city became de-The Common Council will be Democratic, and the chances favor the election of seven Democratic aldermen and
six Republicans. It is expected that tion of seven Democratic addermen and six Republicans. It is expected that the city will declare in favor of licensing the sale of liquor by the usual large majority. The polls will open at laid in 1857, and according to Engineer of slores, however, lit up their present the city will declare in favor of licensing the sale of liquor by the usual large majority. The polls will open at six a. m. and close at four p. m.

A development in the campaign was a letter sent late today by Candidate a letter sent late today by Candidate blown out of it and the piece being blown out of it and the piece being blown out of it and the premises which were so illuminated as the piece being blown out of it and the premises which were so illuminated to pushess. A large minute of stores, however, lit up their premises by larnes and street; Samuel Norris, 101 in No. 2 was repaired and the water Simond street; Fred Masher, 31 Crown turned on. A supply has been reaching street; Michael Crisby, 65 Brittain the city continually since, although it street; John Ovendale, Rupert Hotel; will be many hours before the mains

of one of the candidates other than myself, and to mutilate ballots voted on
for me in the counting."

These included the majority of the hose carts were the two hydrants, one the following members of the salup yesterday to find no awoke
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of the only sources of supply beyond the street.

The following members of the salup yesterday to find no awoke
up yester on walking with pails, These are on the very lowest levels. William Donohue, G H Tapley, Wil-THREE LIBERALS IN FIELD

Three Liberals IN FIELD

In one of the very lowest levels the water lastbegin and other receptances and other receptances. At the hydrant on the very lowest levels the water lastof win, C P Howard, E McCollough, E C Brown, William Crookshank, Stephen portion of St. John went yesterday with men, women and childwin, C P Howard, E McCollough, E C Brown, William Crookshank, Stephen portion of St. John went yesterday with men, women and childwin, C P Howard, E McCollough, E C Brown, William Crookshank, Stephen portion of St. John went yesterday with men, women and childwin, C P Howard, E McCollough, E C Brown, William Croo

the street plant was most successful, as about eight o'clock sufficient power was obtained to light streets and private residences. The Opera House was able to have lights for their concert,

At the meeting of the special committee a number of resolutions were passed. Chief Clark and Chief Kerr were present at the meeting, as well as President McRobbie and W. E. Foster, to voice the opinions of the Board of Trade. A number of resolutions were passed.

but was last night running on two thousand an hour. A part of this cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set after at sea last Saturday, about 180 miles south of Cape Hatteras, N. C. Her crew of ten men was taken off by the Neptune pumped the water from the Neptune pumped the company's hose on its way to New York with a sailed December 2 to New York, with a cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the first through the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the first through the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the first through the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the first through the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the first through the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set the cargo of railroad ties, was the harbor through the company's hose on its way to New York from Charles-

into their building. The water brought by Ald. Vanwart, chairman of the safety board, during the morning, Chief slovens to the electric light plant. No The I. C. R. depot was lit by their

The Ludlow was busy during the

night. The first supply was obtained inhabitants of Douglas avenue obtained a very limited supply from a land sewerage board, was authorized to Mayor Sears issued a proclamation

during the day yesterday that all liquor dealers should close their bars at eight o'clock until the breaks in the Water main were repaired. This request was generally complied with. The soda fountains, however, did a rushing trade. Mineral waters, cider, and light drinks everywhere found a ready market. Milk dealers and dairynen, as well as grocers handling milk, did a brisk business.

During the afternoon both Ald. Frink and Engineer Murdoch visited the scene of the breaks. Engineer Hunter has been on the spot most of the time since the break. About twenty men were engaged, which is about as many as could

Shortly before ten o'clock the break in No. 2 was repaired and the water turned on A work to be a second to the se turned on. A supply has been reaching will again be filled. An army of employes are about the city arranging the fixtures so that the air in the mains

Quick ease for the worst cough—quick relief to the heaviest cold—and SAFE

QUICKLY!

dition, After Setting Fire

The uncertainty is partly due to the presence in the field as candidate for mayor of John A. Coulthurst, of the Independence League, the organization promoted by Wm. R. Hearst, the publisher which obtained a vote in the street cars were and the ringing in of the fire bells improvements the improvements that the mass of the street cars were but was last, night running on two stalled in the streets. Mills, factories, promoted by Wm. R. Hearst, the publisher which obtained a vote in the street all way were various. The masted schooner Thomas A. Ward, of masted schooner Thomas A. Ward, of masted schooner Thomas A. Ward, of the street railway were various. The methods used to supply water to the improvements the improvements the improvements that the masted schooner Thomas A. Ward, of water, by the company is about four thousand gallons an hour but was last, night running on two stalled in the streets. Mills, factories, promoted by Wm. R. Hearst, the publisher which obtained a vote in the street all way were various. The masted schooner Thomas A. Ward, of the improvements the improvements the improvements the masted schooner Thomas A. Ward, of the street railway were various. The masted schooner Thomas A. Ward, of the improvements the improveme NEW YORK, Dec. 9 .- The four-

> Last Saturday at 4 o'clock in the af Clark was authorized to engage fifty extra men to act as special policemen.
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> Ald. Baxter was given authority to slovens to the electric light plant. No attempt, however, was made to take the cars to the sheds, it being felt that steaming up the coast, a large volume Ald. Baxter was given authority to they were better scattered about in of smoke was sighted six miles ahead. Captain Parker ordered more steam and in half an hour he brought the the street railway, so that the city own plant before the lights were ship to a stop near the fire. It was Is the favorite. There are more "Favorfound to be the schooner Thomas A. voir of 30,000 gallons, and all the steam Ward. A boat was lowered and sent alongside, but no signs of the crew bined. Patent foot and could be seen. It was found that the lever drive. Made in 8 alongside, but no signs of the crew vessel was water-logged and that all sizes to churn from 1/2 to night hauling water to the city from her after part was burned to the Carleton. The Sun got the necessary water's edge. Her mizzen and spanker if your dealer does not water's edge. Her mizzen and spanker masts were gone, but her fore and mainsails and one jib were set. Two hours after the El Rio left the burning vessel the Morgan line steamer Proteus, from New Orleans, came alongside the burning ship. As

darkness had fallen her identity was not learned by the Proteus' officers until they reached port here today. The agents in this city of the Thos. A. Ward, today learned that Captain Curtis and his crew are safe aboard their way to New York in that vesse of 739 tons net; 179 feet in length and 37 feet in breadth. She was built at Camden, N. J., in 1891, and was owned by Benjamin Lyon of Manasquam, I

HAVE BEEN RECOVERED

two wrecked mines at Monongah. as due preçaution for the rescuers fore in any way. would permit.

rescue work yesterday and early today commissioners are hopeful that they in mine number eight, was extinguish- can have it ready, at least when the ed, it is stated, at noon today. Scenes of sadness occurred through days. the day during the burials of the dead. The company issued a statement today that later developments led the officials to believe there were only 260 Rignature Chart Ilutching of Chart Ilutching

Improved Roller Gear "Puritan

Reacting Washing Machine This special feature alone, makes the "Puritan" the easi-

"Favorite" Churn

DAVID MAXWELL & SONS St. Mary's, Ont.

READY AFTER HOLIDAYS

New York

the chairman of the Quebec Bridge with Mr. Cooper in connection with the MONONGAH, W. Va., Dec. 9.-When inquiry. Mr. Cooper enlarged on the Murray street; Henry Brynton, 24 water will again reach the higher levtwo wrecked mines at Monongah.

Rescue work, although slow, was processed of a technical nature. But this gressing as smoothly and as rapidly did not change the evidence given be-

house meets after the Christmas hou-