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THE STAR, ST. JOHN N. B. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1907.

For Chopped Hands.
and all roughness of the skin,
ROYAL BALM has no
equal. Price 25c.
If you try this article and
are not satisfied we will
willingly refund the money.

S. McDIARMID,
47 King Street.

Our Annual Clearance Sale This Month.

A nice assortment of Suitings made
to order at \$15.00.
It will pay you to call and see them.

W. H. TURNER,
Custom Tailor, 440 Main Street.
Phone 550-31

SPECIAL Offer for JANUARY.

**10
LABELS OFF
BUTTER-NUT
BREAD**
will procure a
BALLOON
....AT....

Robinson's
173 Union St. or 423 Main St

**Buy Your Coal From The
GARSON COAL CO.**

Best quality, good weight, and satis-
factory delivery, lowest prices.
We have a five hundred ton schooner
on the way from the States, and guaran-
teed best quality Honey-brook Lehigh
American hard coal. "Phone 1603."

WOOD—When you are
thinking of
Wood—Hard, Soft or Kindling—
call up 463.

City Fuel Co.,
City Road.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.
TENDER FOR STATION.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the un-
derdesignated and marked on the outside
"Tender for Station at Sackville" will be
received up to and including MON-
DAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 1907, for the
construction of a station building at
Sackville, N. B.
Plans and specifications may be seen
at the Station Master's Office at Sack-
ville, N. B., and the Chief Engineer's
Office, Moncton, N. B., where forms of
tender may be obtained.
All the conditions of the specifica-
tion must be complied with.
D. FOTTINGER,
General Manager.
Railway Office,
Moncton, N. B.,
14th, January, 1907.

PERSONALS

Mrs. J. Fred Fraser of Halifax, who
has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Cor-
bin, in Moncton, arrived in the city
yesterday and will visit her brother,
A. W. Sully, 230 Duke Street.

G. Harold Brown has resigned the
position of organist and musical direc-
tor of St. Andrew's church of Scotland.
He has only occupied it for a few
months, coming here with an excellent
reputation as organist and choral con-
ductor from Moncton, N. B.—Montreal
Herald.

Word was received Saturday by the
local government from the senate of
the University of London, that Thom-
as W. Murphy, barrister, of this city,
was successful in winning the degree
of Bachelor of Law (LL. B.) at the
last law examination held by that in-
stitution.—Halifax Herald.

Dr. A. O. Earle, and W. Z. Earle,
left on Monday for Winnipeg to attend
the funeral of their uncle J. McGill
City.

R. L. McDonald and James L. Mc-
Donald, the well known railway con-
tractors of Pugwash, are at the Royal
George Mackay, who has been con-
fined to the house for some time was
out yesterday.

W. S. Fairweather and H. H. Dry-
den of Sussex were at the Dufferin
yesterday.

Mrs. Daniel McGowan, of Memram-
cook, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J.
J. Bradley, Paudet street.

L. F. McCausland, sec-treas. of the
Alliance Investment Co., Ltd., of Cal-
gary, Alta., is in the city.

GREAT CROWDS AT VIC.

The daring slide for life of Madame
Mazulla from the top of the
lively dome in Victoria Park increased
the attendance at the popular skating
resort very greatly last night. There
were fully 700 people in the building,
nearly all of whom skated and enjoy-
ed the band music, as well. Again to-
night.

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GERMANY'S HOPELESS EFFORT.

Following the somewhat unexpected
victory achieved by the German Im-
perialists over the Socialists in the re-
cent elections, which victory greatly
strengthened the Emperor in his policy
of naval expansion, comes the an-
nouncement that there will shortly be
in readiness five shipbuilding yards
capable of constructing battleships of
over eighteen thousand tons. Further
it is stated that ships will be built at
Kiel with a view to building war ves-
sels of twenty-five thousand tons, and
seven hundred and eighty feet in
length. Evidently Emperor William
intends running Germany into bank-
ruptcy. His one aim, and an idea in
which he is strongly supported by a
certain party, is to make Germany the
great naval power of the world. In
this effort the resources of the country
will be taxed to the utmost, and all to
no avail, for Germany can never dur-
ing the next century hope to equal
Britain.

It has been the aim of Great Britain
to be always provided with a navy
equal to those of any other two pow-
ers. Without very much advertising
the British yards have found time to
attend to home contracts and to turn
out many vessels for foreign countries.
Quietly the work has gone on, no spe-
cial effort being made to keep up with
the rest of the world, and today Brit-
ain finds herself possessed of the most
modern navy and one which is great-
er, not only than two, but than the
three next strongest in the world. The
combined fleets of Germany, France
and the United States are not equal to
that of Britain; the strenuous efforts
put forth during the past five or six
years by these countries have come to
naught, for since 1900 Great Britain
has completed half a dozen more first
class ships than these three powers
combined, and her yards have not
been kept particularly busy.

It would thus appear that with the
limited resources at his command, the
German Emperor is only knocking his
head against a stone wall when he
attempts to equal the greatest naval
force the world has ever seen.

MOVE, OR PAY RENT.

How many people in St. John have
this week received from landlords
notice that their rent will be increased
after the first of May? How many
have decided to remain in the houses
they now occupy, believing it to be
cheaper to pay the higher rent than to
move and run the risk of not finding
suitable homes? This house hunting
problem, and that of high rents, are
becoming very serious indeed. Property
owners declare that the prices they
now receive are not sufficient to allow
them any reasonable profit on their
investments; everything is so high
that the rentals are eaten up by taxes,
insurance and repairs. Tenants com-
plain that rents are fifty per cent.
higher than they were five years ago,
while wages have not advanced prop-
ortionately, and they find it extremely
difficult to meet the demands of the
landlords. At the bottom of the whole
thing is the fact that in St. John
houses are scarce. There has been
no building to speak of in recent years,
not enough to make up for the pre-
vious destruction by time or by other
causes, and with even a very gradual
increase in population the struggle for
accommodation becomes more marked.
This condition puts property owners in
what is to them an excellent position.
People must have houses, and such be-
ing the case must pay for them. Em-
ployers naturally do not look upon the
matter in the same light, and while
every necessity of life is rapidly in-
creasing, wages are advancing, but
slowly. Hence, in spite of the prevail-
ing good times, the problem of living
is becoming more and more acute.

CITY HALL.

St. John citizens need have but little
fear that a return to the ward system
will be forced upon them as a result of
the meeting held in city hall yesterday.
It is out of the question to suppose
that the legislature will, without some
expression of opinion on the part of
the electors, endorse a proposition
which goes before that body with no
other support than the assent of seven
aldermen, a number of whom scarcely
knew how they were voting. Imagine a
supporter of the bill standing up in
Frederick and reading among the
names of those who favored the change
that of Ald. Willet and along with it
"Ald. Willet and a per-
sonally he was opposed to the ward
system."

This is a fair instance of what often
happens at city hall.

The Star is not opposed to the change,
if it is desired, but this pa-
per does strongly object to any im-
portant step being taken without an
expression of opinion from the people.
It may be that a majority of the elec-
tors favor a return to the old plan,
but the only evidence offered in sup-
port of this are the contentions of sev-
eral aldermen whose statements if val-
ued by the same standard as other
declarations made by them, may be
looked upon as gas. Ald. Sprout sug-
gested a plebiscite. This notion was
ignored, but in view of the fact that at
a number of public meetings held in the
past the difference of opinion on the

proposed change was very strongly
marked, it would seem that his sug-
gestion might well be accepted.

The intense interest taken by the
aldermen in the handling of important
business is shown by the fact that not
a sufficient number to form a quorum
were present yesterday when the new
assessment bill came up for discussion.
An excuse was offered that some of the
aldermen did not know a meeting had
been called, yet it was announced in
the press, and no doubt the regular
notification was also given. However,
this had but little effect on the out-
come. The bill was approved, as it
should be, and will go to the legisla-
ture. It will no doubt arouse opposi-
tion from certain interests, indeed
there are influences now at work to
obstruct its passage, but it will be gen-
erally supported and should become
law.

Recent advances from the south are
to the effect that Hon. Charles Hyman
is gradually improving in health.

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

"The African woman is the African
man's greatest worldly asset,"—Mrs.
French Sheldon in "Womanhood."

Oh, pity the lot of the negro
Whom poverty marks for her own
He has nothing to wear
But his fuzzy black hair
And an enemy's fennel bone;
He cuts a deplorable figure
With his cruelly limited life,
For—what a confession!
His dearest possession
Is—can you believe it!—his wife.

He hasn't a penny to boast of,
He never has heard of a share,
His mind is a blank
If you mention the bank,
And he greets your remark with a
stare.
The asset that he thinks the most of
Is the asset that keeps him sup-
plied
With yams and bananas,
And rice and sultanas,
And manillas and mangoes—his bride.

For him no luxurious carriage
Is drawn by the brightest of bays;
He hasn't a stud
Of the bluest of blood
That the Newmarket stables can
raise;
No motor-car waits in his garage,
Prepared at a moment to start;
Such joys are denied him—
There's only beside him
The black little wife of his heart.

If such were the lot of the white
man—
If Fate in her wrath had decreed
That his bride was the best
Of the things he possessed
He were poverty-stricken indeed!
Sane all the great joys that delight
man,
With nothing on earth but a wife,
Sane all the resources
Of civilized man—what a life!
—Punch.

The Town Council in a small German
town had met to inspect a new site for
a cemetery. They assembled at a
chapel, and, as it was a warm day, one
of the members of the council suggested
they should leave their coats in the
building.
"Some one could stay behind to look
after them," suggested one of the coun-
cillors.
"There is no need of that," said an-
other. "If we are all going out to the
cemetery together what need is there
for one of us to stay behind and watch
our coats?"

A cookery teacher was giving a les-
son to a class of children and ques-
tioning them on the joints of mutton.
The neck, shoulder, leg and loin had
been mentioned.
"Now," said the teacher, "there is
another joint no one has mentioned.
Come, Mary, I know your father is a
groom; what does he often put on a
horse?"
"A shilling each way, m'iss," was the
unexpected answer.

In a little town in Scotland the
grave-digger had been induced to give
up his habit of hard drinking and sign
the pledge. At a public meeting he gave
his experience.
"I 'd better think to tell ye," he said,
"that for a whole month I 'avna'
touched a drop of anything, I saved
enough to buy me a brass oak coffin w'
brass handles and brass nails—and if
I'm a teetotaler for another month I
shall be wantin' it!"

Teacher—Johnnie, on which side is
your heart?
Johnnie—On the right side, teacher.
Teacher—No, Johnnie; it is on your
left side.
Johnnie—Yes, m'am; that's what I
said.
Teacher—What you said!
Johnnie—Yes, teacher; the left side is
the right side for the heart!

Notice of funeral hereafter.

DEATHS.

TAYLOR.—At St. John, January 30th,
Mary Kate Taylor, widow of the late
Charles Taylor, leaving three sons
and two daughters.

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