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W. H. THORNE & CO. Ltd., Market Sq., St. John, N. B. HOME FOR INCURABLES GETS \$1,000. The St. John Globe last evening said: "The Home for Incurables is today richer by \$1,000 than it was on Tuesday."

Mr. Seaman, New Editor of Punch, Liked by Britons. Associations which have long made the humor and light verse, like Sir Francis Baring, a position of prestige and importance attached to the selection of Owen Seaman as the editor of Punch.

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