(Irene A. Safford, in Victoria Colonist).

It is a cold day for the world when doctors and temperance societies have to take charge of love and kisses to keep degenerate man and microbes from thriving on them. Dr. Anna Hatfield's resounding cry for the about the control of the mischief working kiss is a terrible arraignment of the twentisth century Cupid, and forms a chilly outlook for any reckless Lotharlo who proposed to train in his company. However, there is no denying that the world has cause against him, and that, throughout all the centuries, this roav god of love has done much damage with his kissea. It was a kiss, some sacred legends tell us, that put us out of Eden, a kiss that betrayed the Lord, a kiss that slew Mark Antony, rained Troy, gave Samson to the Philistines, and, indeed, as the list is endless, lurks in about every calamity and ruin that the years roll up. Sorrow, treachery, defeat, battered honor, ambition and opportunity have long been held a part of these poor morfal kisses, and now, if they are to be mixed up with atrong drink and bacilli, there is no question that these good temperance women have a lively war on their hands. The main question, however, is how to prosecute. Prohibition does not seem to be the thing to reach the evil. In fact, it has rather, thriven on this throughout all its history. It is even said that those grim Puritan fathers never thought of kissing their wives. Sunday or any other day, till that famous blue law was enacted against it, and then they grew as amorous as any young benedicts in the pursuit of the wicked indulgence. It is not to be supposed, of course, that the matronly advocates of the new movement have any hidden motives in this direction in the restrictions they are imposing, but they will certainly be taking great risks if they go too far with them. The surest cure that the world has ever found for the vill they deprecate is a marriage license, and this ought to give the wise and discerning some clew to the best way to reach it. At any fate, it in (Irene A. Safford, in Victoria Co love on earth is that lovers have been so clow to recognize this. But that, of course, is because they have seldom or never reached that higher plane of love, where poets like the Brownings could instruct them.

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with the breadth of heaven between his two.

It is not love, breathes the soul note of Elizabeth Barrett in those Portuguese sonnets to her poet-love, and the most fervid lover in all the world's history was the poet Dante, who saw Beatrice about twice or thrice in a lifetime and never touched her lips, though the profane ones tell us he always "longed to." Now, therefore, if the reformers of the day want to rid us of the plebeian kiss, let them help hymanity up to those heights and the thing is done.

On the contrary, however, it looks as though they had gone down into the alums to study it, and their lucubrations could have little bearing upon the decent walks of life, anywhere; or, if they can, then there are so many worse things back of it that need reforming that they would better turn their attention to them, and put them in shape, after which the kiss could probably take care of itself. Certainly, if nature and education and the finer instincts of humanity everywhere cannot save and refine it, then there is little hope that the sledge hammer attacks of the temperance societies can. Anyway, while there is so much bitterness, hatred, malie and all unpharitableness still rampant in this poor work to ours, anything which preserves the sign or semblance of gentheses and affection would not seem the first bring to attack. It may be that childhood will be more fortined in antitury strongholds by teaching habs lips to turn away from the profered kies or greating, but, after all, there is comething sweet and tender that goes out forever with such a trainfre, and the evil its that any crooked or injudicious "grown ups" should ever make it necessary. There is nothing so rednes and beautifies a home and household as the unrestrained and glad expression of every lovshould ever make it necessary. There is nothing is or refined and beautifies a home and household as the unrestrained and glad expression of every loving thought and impulse, and if reformers brould make successful war upon all the frowns, sneers, or bitter tempers that enter homes or communities they could afford to let kisses alone. In fact, there's more poison, and Prof. Gates will tell you so, in one swift flash of anger than in all the kisses fove ever captured. Even in the situation Army know how to turn the redeeming power of a mother's kiss, a wife's, sister's, or even sweetheart's clinging embraces to heavenly purpose in their work, and if they can bring a recreasant son, husband, or lover back to some faithful heart that awaits limi, they have no fear of any poison in the line that seal the rescue.

The fact is that in these days of cold science and "ethenic emotion" of Christian wars and hatchet crusades the reformers are too apt to forget that the greatest thing is love," and that even its poor earth sizes or symbols may have a measure of value to the human, race. If there is evil as well as good in them, why not get rid of the evil and preserve the good. Microbes may be better to fight than those, and always, in some of ten thousand reformers, the humany heart of humanity will be crying out with Wordsworth for the

but there can be no possible question as to the foundation principle which the theorem is to be no possible question as to the foundation principle which them there. If love cannot save an uplift humanity nothing else can, and the farther any worker for redemption of manking sets away from the tender, human side of life, the faintegrows his chance of achieving any good. And this is the point, of course, which the rather stony tighteousness of some latter-day reformers is emphasizing in more than one direction, quite independent of any windmill attack upon the unlucky kiss. As to that last, science may perhaps take fin hand and reform or kill it as it deems best, but temperance women who attempt to wrestle with it are more liable to find the best of that subjects still echoing Ben Johnson's plaint.

"Leave but a kiss within the cup And I'll not look for wine."

LAKE OF OIL TO BE SET ON FIRE AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 28.—J. M. Guffey and J. H. Galey, the owners of the Great Lucas oil gusher, near Beaumont, have decided that the 300,000 barrels of oil which now fill an earth's reservoir covering about 75 acres are of such little commercial value owing to their being mixed with surface dirt and trash, they shall be destroyed by burning. This oil represented a value of thousands of dollars. It will be diverted into small ditches and set on fire one day next week.

be diverted into small ditches and set on fire one day next week. It will be one of the biggest fires ever witnessed in the country, and every precaution is to be taken to prevent it doing damage to property in that section. It is expected that the oil will burn several days before it is completely destroyed, as the ground is thoroughly saturated with it. The statement was also made by a practical oil man who is in a position to speak authoritatively on the subject, that the actual flow of the Lucas well at the time the controlling valve we placed on it, was more than 50,000 reis of oil a day of 24 hours, been heretofore estimated the flow was 20,000 to 30,000 barrel.

I. C. R. CHANGES TO BE MADE.

(Montreal Gazette, Wednesday.) (Montreal Gazette, Wednesday.)
D. Pottinger, general manager of the government tines, and E. G. Russell, manager of the Intercolonial railread, passed through the city last evening on their way from Moncton, N. B., to Ottawa, where, it is understood, important conferences will be held today and tomorrow with Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways, regarding a number of changes to be made in the freight and passenger train service during the next two of three months. Mr. H. A. Price, assistant general passenger agent, will go to Ottawa this afternoon to attend the meeting.

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Manager Russell has just completed a tour over the Intercolonial, and it is likely that some alterations will be suggested. General Traffic Manager Tiffin favors the establishment of fast freight trains between Montreal and Hallfax on a schedule similar to passenger service.

Are you using Red Rose tea? It is the best value.

MAY BE SENAT BURRILL. MONTREAL, Feb. 27.-A private de montheral, Feb. 21.—A private despatch was received yesterday from Ottawa intimating that Charles Burrill, of Weymouth, N. S., would be called to the Canadian Senate in the place of Hon. Dr. Almon, who died the other day in Halifax. It is stated that the party in Nova Scotla was divided on this appointment, but that the influence of the leading business men nuence of the leading business men prevailed. Mr. Burrill is well and favorably known in Montreal, in connection with the pulp industry, being managing director of the Sissiboo Paper and Pulp Company, and is also one of the active promoters of the proposed iron ship building project at Halifax.

MT. PLEASANT. Mich., Feb. 28.— The devotional exercises of a large number of the residents of this town were conducted over telephones. Sunday.

The appearance of several cases of smallpox made necessary the abandonment of the usual meetings at church.

The central exchange made up a cir-cuit at the usual church hour, reach-ing as many of the church worship-pers as possible. Over this wire sing-ing, reading, and 15-minute sermons were sent.

DOMINION LEATHER CO.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 28.—A bill to incorporate the Dominion Leather Co. was introduced in the legislature today. The principal incorporator is W. D. Beardmore of Toronto, With him are associated his brother, and also Hector McInnes of this city. The company propose erecting tanneries at Ingram's River, in this country, on the lumber property recently purchased from the Youngs. The capital is \$300,000.

JUDGMENT AGAINST MR. TEMPLE.

MONTREAL, Feb. 28.—Judgment was reidered this morning ordering that the household effects of Thomas A. Temple be handed over to the curator of his estate. The defence was that the goods belonged to Mrs. Temple.

SHIPPING NEWS

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Str Lake Ontario, 2,741, Carey, for Liver-Coastwise—Schs Harry Morris, McLean, to Quaco: Caroline, Stuart, for St Andrews. FOREIGN PORTS.

At New York, March 1, stre Boyle, fr Liverpool; Rotterdam, from Rotterdam.

SPORTING NEWS.

ALBANY, March 1.—In the suadow of the State Capitol building last night occurred a direct violation of the Horton law, preventing prize fights. Charles Hitte of Albany and Eddie Cain of Brooklyn fought ten reunds to a finish, Hitte being the victor. Over a hundred sports from this vicinity attended.

COMMERCIAL.

Ex sch St Anthony, 181 tons coal, fron New York, Paterson, Downing and Co. Ex bkt Frederica, from Savannah, 346,65 t pitch pine, F E Sayre. EXPORTS.

Cushing and Co.

STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, March I.—Sugar and St Paul
were active and showed wide changes, but
otherwise the market was quiet all the opening. Sugar was lifted an extreme 13, and
St Paul fell a point. Fractional declines
predominated in the list. National Tupe was predominated in the list. National Tupe was up a point.

The stock market opened irregular: Ann S and W, 18%: Amal Copper, 14%; Atchison, 5: Amn Tin Plate, 61%: B and Q, 143%; B and Q, 1

1524; Sugar, 1492; to 141; Southern ptd. 754; South Pacific, 45%; Tenn C and 1, 51; Tobacco, 149; S. F. 85%.

COTTON.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Cotton futures opened steady; March, 8.85; April, 8.85; May. 8.83; June, 8.81; June, 8.81; July, 8.93; Aug. 8.89; May. 8.81; June, 8.81; July, 8.93; Aug. 8.89; May. 8.81; June, 8.81; June, 8.81; July, 8.93; Aug. 8.89; May. 8.11; Oct, 7.96; Nov, 7.87; Dec, 7.34 bid.

LONDON, March 1.—Consols for money of 1-16. Interest do for three for the account 37.7; Atch. 56%; G. P. R. 92½; St. Paul 155%; N. Y. C. 146½; Erie 38½; Penna, 78; Reading 15½; Erie, first, ptd 65½; Nor Pac. ptd 89½; G. P. R. 7; Anaconda 9½; Rand Mines 22%; Bar silver quiet 28.3-16d per ounce. Money 4 0-5 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 37-8 per cent, do three months 2%; G. 7-8 per cent. MONEY AND EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 1.—Noon—Money on call nominel at 2 per cent prime mercantile paper, 3%; G 4% per cent. Sterling exchange easier at 487%; G ½, for demand, and at 481; G ½ for demand, and at 481; G 4874; G 4874; G 500 covernment bonds firmed.

LONGEST-LIVED PERFORMERS Burnt-Cork Artists Find Humor Very Invigorating.

(Philadelphia Record.)

"Of all classes of performers," said an old show man, "the professional strong man drops out of sight quick-set. Strong men are as short-lived as is their popularity. New ones are continually springing up, and the old favorites are soon forgotten. Ill-health is largely responsible for this. Five years is about the average term of usefulness in the life of a strong man Most of them die of consumption bestore they are forty.

"On the other hand, ventriloquists are abnormally long-lived, and even their vocal cords never seem to break down under the strain to which they are subjected. Minstrels never seem to die. The burnt-cork artist may loss his vogue, and eventually find his only engagements in the dime museums, but you can't kill him off. I could name several still in the business who are over seventy years old, but, of course, you wouldn't know it when they are blacked up, unless you should recognize the vintage of their jokes."

her seat, it was "alne men's morris."
Where are the games of yester year?
Do people play for and geese and nine
men's morris now?
In many a village barroom and grocery store, in many a village parior tonight, the checker board will be
brought out, and there will be an hour
or two of puckered brows and concentracted thought. Shall I make this
move or that? In the hands of men
move or that? In the hands of men
entirely great, as much time can be
spent at a checker game without doing anything as at any other game in
the world. We regret to say that
many checker players chew tobacco.
They find the practice conductive to
long thought.

The masters of the lordiler chess
look down upon checkers, but it has

they find the practice conducive to the thought.

The masters of the fordiler chess ook down upon checkers, but it has een developed into a game of extractionary skill. It was popular in former's Troy if the old romances tell ruth, and it is popular in many better places now. For the lazy it is such easier than cards, a great recommendation.

"But it's mine o'clock. Time to go to ed. Good night. The best you all to o pieces, comerow."

A BELT OF WAMPUM.

(Chatham World.)

It has become an article of faith in St. John, based on failures, that, a small one-cent paper couldn't live there, but the Star, under the indefatigable editorship of Mr. Belding, has exploded the venerable dogma. It is now, apparently, firmly established on a self-supporting basis, and is liberally patronized by advertisers of both political parties. It in no sense of the word plays second fiddle to the Sun, but runs on its own pneumatic tires. We congratulate the Sagamore on a success due to his editorial industry, ability and moderation.

NOT ONTO HIS CURVES. (Philadelphia Press.)

Farmer Rich—I see our boy Joe is ittin' to be quite a speaker, but, 'gosh, I think they'd orter to give in somethin' beater'n a bay to excel

Mrs. Rich—Somethin' in the paper about him, is there?
Farmer Rich—Yaas. It sez: "Joe Rich has developed a splendid delivery, and it is understood that he will occupy the box for Yarvard this year." WEATHER BULLETIN.

R P. Stupart, Director of Meteorological Service.

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St. John Observatory, March 1, 1991.

Sa. m. Weather Reports.

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St. John Observatory.

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WEIGHT OF DEATHS. OF THE STATE OF

HARG.—In this city, at 103 Acadia street, a February 28th, Robert McHarg, Sr.,

END—At his residence, Prince street, St. John West, on Peb. 57th, A. W. Reed of his Money Order Branch of the Post Office Department of St. John, N. B., aged 46 reass. By sequest, no flowers, and the street of the post of

The St. Andrews Beacon says that Charles McLean, of St. Stephen, was left \$100,000 by his father, who recent-ly died at Nome, Alaska.

Commencing Monday, March 4th, the Prince Rupert will leave St. John every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 a. m., grandard. Returning same days.

Str. Oruro left Halifax at 2.30 o'cleck yesterday afterhoon for this port. Plot John Trainby is en board. It is expected the will sail Monday for the West Indies via Halifax.

Barkentine Frederica, Capt. Church-ill, arrived yesterday from Savannan with a cargo of bitch pine for her owner, F. E. Sayre. She came up in 12 days.

A Constantinople despatch says that 59,000 Turkish troops are being con-centrated on the Buigarian frontier because of the revolutionary asitation in Macedonia.

The St. Stephen's church auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society will meet in the ladies' room this evening at \$ o'clock. Topic, "God's Promises."

A special meeting of York L. O. L., No. 3, will be held in the Orange Hall, German street, this evening, to ar-range for the funeral of their late brother, Robert McHarg, sr.

Policeman Crawford reports having found a small sum of money on Waterloo street which can be had by the owner on proving property at the contral police station.

H. M. Whitney writes that there have not been any negotiations between the Morgan syndicate and the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. He says he sees no reason why the latter company should sell out.

The Petroleum Oil Co., Limited, of London, has absorbed the three com-panies operating in Gaspe, and will prosecute work extensively. The new company claims that there is plenty of oil in Gaspe if they can strike the right vein.

The death occurred last evening at Salem. Mass. of Miss Sarah G. Colwell. of Fredericton. She leaves a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn her loss, among whom are her three sisters of Fredericton. Misses Misses Sofina and Jennie Colwell and Mrs. F. J. Todd.

Next Monday the Oratorio Society will commence practising Mendels-sonn's Elijah with a view to its production next May. The society hope to secure that old St. John favorite, Tom Daniel, to sing the title role; and also to arrange for the Boston sextette to play the accompaniments.

Miss Nannary read her lecture, A Trip Across the Rockles, before the members and their friends of the Ladies' Branch of the Natural History Society on Thursday afternoon. The lecture is especially interesting and entertaining, and was listened to with much delight by the large audience present.

present.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotla Steel Co. was held in New Glassow on Wednesday. The profits last year were \$703,156.24, of which only \$47.883.38 was placed to the credit of profit and loss. Four per cent was paid on preferred stock and 10 per cent on ordinary. The assets of the company exceed \$5.000,000.

The Donaldson liner, Salacia, Capt. Mirchell, sailed last evening for Glassow. She took away the largest general cargo ever sent from this port to Glasgow. Thomas, \$8. Nairn, the superintendent in Canada of the Donaldson people, was a passenger by the ship. A number of friends went over to Sand Point to wish him a safe passage.

Sch. Hunter, Capt. Kelson, arrived.

Sch. Hunter, Capt. Kelson, arrived yesterday afternoon from New York with coal under deck and some wire on deck. The vessel sprung a leak near the mouth of the bay Wednesday and a lot of wire was thrown overboard. The vessel was beached near Bass Harbor and patched up so that she was able to continue her voyage here. The wire was for the Gordon nail works at Carleton.

MORNING'S NEWS.

The local bank clearings for the week ending yesterday were \$511,308, as compared with \$527,448 last year.

Hon. A. G. Blair informed a commit-tee yesterday that hereafter he will agree to treat with the committee in all matters of dispute arising between the I. C. R. workmen and the man-agement.

Two successful entertainments took place in Carleton last evening, viz., a bean supper in the Sunday school room of the Presbyterian church, and a concert by the scholars of the Baptist church Sunday school.

The Norwegian steamer Truma, Capt Christiansea, from this port for Trajec, which, put into Halifax some time since for repairs, having been ashore, procedeed on her voyage, Tuesday.

Capt, Ellingson, coast guardsman, has confessed that he heard the signals of distress from the ill-fated steamship Rio de Jansiro off the Goldon Gate, but did not argues the life-swing station. It is claimed that had he done so many lives might have been sayed.

Mrs. F. J. Todo.

The remains of Miss Christian
Porter, who died in Maplewood, Mass. reached the city yesterday by train en route to Chipmah, where interment will take place. Deceased was a daughter of the late H. Porter, of Chipman. One of her sisters is Mrs. H. P. Sandall, of St. John.

L. John, West. teamer of the I. S. S. Co. leave every Thursday at teamer of Dominion Atlantic B Monday, Wednesday and Sat arrive on I. C. R. af

Mewspaper ADVERTISING

Pertaining to legitimate business is ALWAYS SUGGESSFUL.

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Confirmation of the death of Major Howard has been received at Ottawa. He was killed in action with French's Scouts.

A meeting of the S. S. Kentigern Company was held resterday afternoon at Rothesay. The following directors were elected: H. D. Troop, president; John E. Isvine, secretary-treasurer; John Russell, ir., and Chaeles McL. Troop. The Rentigern is being built by McMillan, Dumbarton, Scotland, and is 1,590 tons registered. The new steamer is chartered to carry hay and supplies from St. John to Cape Town, and is expected in port about the 20th of March.

THE TELEGRAPH'S NEW EDITOR.

H. F. Gadsby, editor of the Telegraph, arrived yesterday and is registered at the Royal. He was at work with his coat off has night, but expects to return to Ottawa next week to remain at the capital until the end of the session. Mr. Gadsby will continue to represent the Toronto Star, while looking after the interests of the Telegraph. At the close of the session, which he does not expect to continue longer than the first of May, he will take up his residence here.

BOYS' MISSION CONCERT. A large sudience attended the pleasing entertainment siven in Carpenter's Hall last evening by the boys of the Mission. The programme consisted of songs by Eddie Ramsay, John O'Brien and Geo. Oram, a duet by Messrs. Ramsay and Lytton; violin solo, Mr. Law; harmonica selections, Messrs. Dixon and Tuttle; recitations, Maude Friars and little Daisy Oram, and an instrumental trio by Messrs. Collins, Mavatty and Daley. At the Collins, McAvity and Daley, close an appreciative addre-given by Alec. Gunn.

SOLDIERS' PAY DEFERRED. A Sun reporter asked Capt. Fred Jones resterday atternoon for information concerning that portion of the imperial pay due to the men of the R. C. R. for service in South Africa which has not yet been received by them.

Capt. Jones said that, acting upon instructions, he had held back two pounds from each man's indemnity when he distributed their pay, owing to an army regulation which requires this action in case of some charge turning up against any of the men. The regulation demands that after the pay sheet, has been signed it must be returned to the quartes-master general for endorsement, and that the balance of each man's pay cannot be dispensed until the endorsed sheet has been returned to the paymaster. In this case the pay sheets were returned to South Africa from St. Vincent when the men were on their way home and Capt. Jones received a letter from Cot. Otter recently, informing him that they may be expected here in a few days.

A BIG BUSINESS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rhodes, Curry & Co., Limited, was held Wednesday afternoon in Farish' House hall, President N., Curry presiding. There were present from outside: Hon. Senator Wood of Sackville, N. B.; J. C. Robertson, consulting director, of St. John, Andernan John McGoldrick of St. John, and Hon. T. R. Black, M. P. P., from Halifax.

J. M. Curry, secretary treasurer, presented his annual report, showing one of the most prosperous years in the history of the business.

The volume of business done during the past year was about one and a quarter million dollars, or about half a million more that the previous year. A dividend of seven per cent. was declared.

The old board of directors were reappointed, and at a subsequent meeting of the directors, the old officers were all re-appointed.

The present year promises to be an exceptionally good one, large orders having been booked in advance.

The car works are working constantly night and day, six box cars per day being the output, and within the next two weeks it is expected that eight ears per day will be turned out. A BIG BUSINESS.