SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

March 14—Str Dunmore, 2383, Rennie, from New York, J H Scammel and Co, bal.

Sch Jennie C, 97, Barton, from Perth Amboy, A W Adams, coal.

Sch Harry W Lewis, 297, Bishop, from Fernandina, A W Adams, pitch pine.

Coastwise—Schs Harry M Morris, 98, McLean, from Quaco, and cld again.

March 15—Str Ocamo, 1172, Fraser, from West Indies via Halifax, Schofield and Co, general.

Sch Victor, 109, Walsh, from New York, to Lantalum, coal.

Coastwise—Str Westport, 48, Powell, from Westport; schs R P S, 74, Hatfield, from Port Greville; Susan N, 38, Merriam, from do; tug Springhill, 95, Cook, with barge No 3, from Parrsboro.

March 16—Str Cumberland, 876, Allan, W G Lee, mdse and passengers.

Coastwise—Schs Ernest Fisher, 30, Gough, from Quaco; Temperance Bell, 76, Tufts, from do; Evelyn, 67, Tufts, from do; Agnes May, 91, Kerrigan, from do; M J Soley, 99, Wasson, from Parrsboro.

March 16—Str Mantinea, 1,737, Kehoe, from Norfolk, Wm Thomson and Co, coal.

Sch Ada G Shortland, 136, McIntyre, from Eastport, R C Elkin, bal.

March 18—Str Teeling Head, 1082, Orr, from Belfast via Ardrossan, Wm Thomson and Co, general.

Sch Mystery, 162, Richards, from Halifax, L G Crosby, bal.

Coastwise—Schs Rex, 57, Sweet, from Quaco; Wanita, 42, Apt, from Annapolis; Susan and Annie, 79, Marriam, from Parrsboro; Yarmouth Packet, 76, Shaw, from Yarmouth; Eliza Bell, 30, Wadlin, from Beaver Harbor; Clarissa, 36, Sullivan, from Meteghan; Gazelle, 47, Morris, from Advocate Harbor; L M Ellis, 34, Lent, from Westport; Bay Queen, 31, Barry, from Beaver Harbor; tug Springhill, 95, Cook, with barge No 2 in tow; sch Eilhu Burritt, 47, Spicer, from Advocate.

Cleared.

March 14—Str St Croix, Pike, for Boston.

Sch Nimrod, Haley, for New York.

March 15—Str Concordia, Webb, for Glasgow.

Str Tanagra, Marsters, for Cape Town.

Str Dunmore Head, Burns, for Belfast.

Sch Stephen Bennett, Glass, for City Island, f o.

Sch Georgia E, Barton, for New Bedford.

Sch Lizzie D Small, Riecker, for Vineyard Haven f o.

March 16—Str Ocamo, Fraser, for West Indies via Halifax.

Sch St Anthony, 99, Dexter, for Quincy.

Coastwise—Schs Sam Slick, Ogilvie, for Windsor; Evelyn, Tufts, for Quaco; Ernest Fisher, Gough, for do; Agnes May, Kerrigan, for do; M J Soley, Wasson, for Parrsboro; Abana, Golding, for Quaco; Roy G, Wagstaff, for Parrsboro; barktn Frederica, Churchill, for Annapolis.

March 16—Sld, str Concordia, for Glasgow; 17th, str Ocamo, for Halifax and the West Indies.

March 18—Str Dunmore Head, Burns, for Belfast.

Str Cumberland, Allan, for Boston.

Sch Ina, Hanselpacker, for City Island f o.

Sch Ruth Robinson, Theall, for City Island f o.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

Arrived.

At Yarmouth, March 8, sch Clifton, Willett, from Louisburg.

HALIFAX, NS, March 13—Sld, strs A R Thorp, for Queenstown; Ocamo, for St John; Silvia, for St Johns, NF; sch Kipling, for Brazil.

LOUISBURG, C. B., March 15.—Ard, strs Smyra, from Boston; Alf, from Portland; A R Thorp, from Halifax for Queenstown.

HALIFAX, March 15—Sld, str Beta, for Bermuda, Turks Island and Jamaica.

HALIFAX, March 14—Ard, str Evangeline, from St John.

Sailed.

HALIFAX, NS, March 13—Cld str Pallki (from Mortreal) for Cardiff, having repaired.

LOUISBURG, C. B., March 15—Sld Louisburg for Portland, Me; Eva, for Boston; sch J H Nickerson, for Boothbay, Me.

EASTPORT, Me., March 14—Sld Ada G Shortland, for St John.

BRITISH PORTS.

Arrived.

LIVERPOOL, March 8—Ard, str Damara, from Halifax via St Johns, NF.

GLASGOW, March 8—Ard, str Orcadian, from Portland via Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, March 10—Ard, strs Etruria and Georgic, from New York.

QUEENSTOWN, March 11—Ard, str Lake Ontario, from St John and Halifax.

TRALEE, March 11.—Ard, str Truma, from St John and Halifax.

LIVERPOOL, March 11—Ard, str Lake Ontario, from St John and Halifax.

At Turks Island, Feb 26, brig Dixon Rice, Duffy, from St Thomas—and sailed 27th for Weymouth, NS; sch G S Troop, Pentz, from Antigua—and sailed 28th for Lunenburg, NS; March 2, sch Iona, Creaser, from Porto Rico, to sail about 4th for Lunenburg.

At Berry, March 15, str Leuctra, from Dunkirk for St John—bunkers.

GLASGOW, March 12—Ard, str Salacia, from St John.

At Turks Island, March 5, sch Roma, Himmelman, from Porto Rico (and sailed 7th for Lunenburg).

Off Queenstown, March 17, ship Marathon, Pearce, from Portland, O, and ordered to Antwerp.

QUEENSTOWN, March 15—Ard, str Lucania, from New York for Liverpool (and proceeded).

CAPE TOWN, March 14—Ard, str Micmac, from St John via St Vincent, CV, (and proceeded to East London).

MANCHESTER, March 13—Ard, str Manchester City, from St John and Halifax.

Sailed.

From Coal Port, March 14, str Bengore Head, for St John.

QUEENSTOWN, March 13—Sld, str Lake Megantic, from Liverpool for St John.

From Turks Island, March 4, sch Iona, Corkum, for Lunenburg, NS.

LIVERPOOL, March 14—Sld, bark Royal, for Sheet Harbor.

SWANSEA, March 14—Sld, str Bengore Head, for St John.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, March 13—Sld, str Plates, for Huelva and Sydney, CB.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived.

At New York, March 12, brigs Venturer, Fernandes, from Rio Grande do Sul; Venturer, Foote, from San Andreas and Bermuda.

At Mobile, March 12, bark Stranger, Wilson, from Cape Town via Barbados; sch Josephine Ellicot, Raye, from Louisburg.

NEW YORK, March 12—Ard, str Astoria, from Glasgow and Moville.

NEW YORK, March 12—Ard, schs Anna Louisa Lockwood, from Perth Amboy for Portland; Seth M Todd, from South Amboy for Calais.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va, March 12—Ard, str Aladdin, from St John.

MOBILE, Ala, March 12—Ard, sch Josephine Ellicott, from Louisburg, CB.

BOOTHBAY, Me, March 12—Ard, schs Ellen M Mitchell, from Jonesport; Bonnie Doone, from St John.

PORTLAND, Me, March 12—Ard, str Britannic, from Louisburg, CB; sch Avis, from St John for Boston.

At Hamburg, March 15, str Cheronea, Hansen, from Savannah via Bremen.

At Pensacola, March 14, ship Creedmoor, Kennedy, from Queensbury.

At Rosario, Feb 8, bark Argentine, McQuarrie, from Buenos Ayres.

At Acapulco, March 12, bark Mary A Troop, Walley, from Newcastle, NSW.

At Apalachicola, March 13, sch B B Woodside, McLean, from Mobile.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Ard, strs Nomadic and Majestic, from Liverpool.

PHILADELPHIA, March 12—Ard, sch Maud Palmer, from Halifax, NS.

ROSARIO, Feb 11—Ard, barks Normandy, from Boston via Buenos Ayres; 13th, Stadacona, from Boston via Buenos Ayres.

NEW YORK, March 13—Ard, brig G B Lockhart, from Curacao; sch Cavalier, from St Marc.

BOSTON, March 13—Ard, schs Silver Wave, Harvard H Hayes, from Quaco, NB; E Mayfield, from St Andrews, NB; Lena Maud and F and E Givan, from St John; Ulrica R Smith, from Portland.

VINEYARD HAVEN, March 13—Ard, schs Manuel R Cuza, from South Amboy for Machiasport; Griqualand, from Port Liberty for St John; Ayr, from New York for do.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, March 14—Ard and sld, schs Onward, from St John for Fall River; Carrie Easler, from Liverpool for New Haven.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, March 14—Ard schs Walter Miller, J B Vandusen, Beaver, Rebecca W Huddell and Romeo, from St John, N B for New York; Mary E Pike from Eastport for do; Otis Miller and Avis, from St John for Bridgeport; Abbie Ingalls, from Rockland for Providence; Minquass, from Calais for Atlantic City; Seth M Todd, and Julia and Martha, from South Amboy for Calais.

PORTLAND, Me, March 13—Cld, str Numidian, for Liverpool.

At Pascagoula, Miss, March 14, sch Vera B Roberts, Roberts, from Vera Cruz.

At New York, March 14, sch Moama, Calhoun, from Natal.

At Pascagoula, Fla, March 14, ship Creedmoor, Kennedy, from London; bark Northern Empire, Ellis, from Birkenhead and Holyhead.

NEW YORK, March 15—Ard, str Leopold II, from London via Halifax; sch Freddie Eaton, from South Amboy for Calais.

TRAPANI, March 12—Sld, sch Amodoe, for Halifax; March 15, str Aguilac, for Halifax.

DUTCH ISLAND HARBOR, RI, March 15—Ard, sch Pardon G Thomson, from Providence for St John.

MARSEILLES, March 14—Ard, bark St Marthe, from St John.

NEW YORK, March 14—Ard, ships Chas S Whitney, from Fleetwood; Vincent, from Dunkirk.

BOSTON, March 14—Ard, strs Pro Patria, from St Pierre, Miq, via Halifax; Halifax, from Halifax; Prince George and Boston, from Yarmouth, NS.

At Mobile, March 11, barks Austria, Beveridge, from Hamburg; Birnam Wood, Morris, from West Hartlepool.

At Rio Janeiro, Feb 3, bark Conductor, Lombard, from Brunswick.

At Rio Grande do Sul, Feb 9, brig L G Crosby, Perry, from New York.

Cleared.

At New York, March 12, sch Clayola, Miller, for St John.

At Boston, March 13, bark Strathisla, Urquhart, for New York.

At New York, March 13, sch J R Dawson, Hill, for Lunenburg.

At Apalachicola, Fla, March 14, sch Charles L Jeffreys, Theall, for Pawtucket.

At Pensacola, March 14, brig Alice Bradshaw, Beattie, for Havana.

NEW YORK, March 15—Cld str Hein, for Halifax; ship Norwood, for Freemantle; brk St Paul, for Axim via Boston; schs Goldseeker, for Waymouth, N S; Anie E Larder, for Bugoe, NF, via Halifax.

At Philadelphia, March 16, sch Arona, McBride, for Barbados.

At New York, March 16, bark Antilla, Read, for Port Reading, NJ; sch Viola, Ward, for Yarmouth, NS.

Sailed.

From Darien, Ga, March 12, bark Valona, Thomassen, for Liverpool.

From Ponce, PR, March 4, brig Clio, for Arecibo.

From City Island, March 12, sch Ann Louisa Lockwood, for Portland.

CALAIS, Me, March 12—Sld, schs Orozimbo, for Fall River; Maggie Todd, for New York; Mildred A Pope, for Atlantic City.

BOSTON, March 12—Sld, strs Alf, for Louisburg; Prince George, for Yarmouth; Boston, for do.

SALEM, Mass, March 12—Sld, schs Harry W Lewis, for St John; Rewa, for New York; Oriole, for Norwich.

BOOTHBAY, Me., March 12.—Sld, schs Sarah Eaton, for Calais, Me; Jennie C, for St John.

From Portland, Me, 12th inst sailed nearly all the windbound fleet of vessels now in port and about one sail.

From Azua, about March 5, sch Laconia, Vence, for New York.

From St Domingo City, March 7, sch Foster Rice, Roop, for New York.

From City Island, March 13, sch Marion, for Wolfville; Clayola, for St John; Blanche Morgan, Wasson, for Bridgeport.

BOOTHBAY, March 12—Sld, schs Ellen M Mitchell, for New York; Bonnie Doon, for do.

From Vineyard Haven, 13th inst, schs Ann Louise Lockwood, from Perth Amboy for Lockwood; Abner Taylor, from South Amboy for Calais; Fraulein, from New York for St John.

From Boston, 13th inst, str Commonwealth for Liverpool via Queenstown; sch Sarah C Smith, for New York.

PORTLAND, Me, March 13—Sld str Symra for Louisburg, C B.

From New York, March 14, sch J R Dawson, for Lunenburg.

PORTLAND, March 15—Sld, str Britannic, for Louisburg.

BOSTON, March 15—Sld, strs Cumberland, for Portland, Eastport and St John; Boston and Prince George, for Yarmouth, NS; schs Electa A Eaton, for Grand Banks, NF.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, March 15—Sld, schs Abbie Ingalls, Walter Miller, Beaver, Otis Miller, J B Vandusen, Romeo, Rebecca W Huddell, Mary F Pike, Avis.

Sch Abbie Ingalls, from St John for Providence, before reported with loss of jibboom and headgear by being run into by barge Alice, made temporary repairs today and sailed for destination.

BREMEN, March 14—Sld, str Cheronea, for Hamburg.

BUCKSPORT, Me, March 14—Sld, sch Mary E, for Quaco, NB.

From New York, March 16, ship Norwood, for Freemantle; bark St Paul, Strum, for Axim via Boston, in tow of tug Mercury; sch Annie B Larder, Smith, for Burgeo, NF, via Halifax.

From Brunswick, Ga, March 16, sch W R Huntley, Howard, for Barbados for orders.

From Macoris, Feb 27, sch Ida M Shafner, Mailman, for New York.

From Rio Janerio, Feb 1, bark Levuka, Harris, for Barbados.

From Santiago, March 5, sch Sirocco, Holden, for Mobile.

From Pensacola, March 15, ship Honolulu, Hayes, for Rio Janerio.

From Panama, Feb 23, ship E J Spicer, Cochran, from Newcastle, NSW, for Punta Arenas.

MEMORANDA.

In port at Bermuda, March 9, bark Sayre, Cogswell, from Port Spain for New York (ready for sea).

In port at Turks Island, March 8, schs Gypsum Queen, McKenzie, for New York about 13th; Sarah C Ropes, Elliott, for Philadelphia, 9th.

CITY ISLAND, March 15—Bound south, schs Wendall Burpee, from St John; Alaska, from do.

Passed out at Cape Henry, March 16, sch Earl of Aberdeen, from Bahia for New York.

SPOKEN.

Sch Mercedes, from Barbados for Yarmouth, March 10, lat 38.10 N, lon 70.30 W.

REPORTS.

NEW YORK, March 11—The twelve sailors of the British tramp ship Camperdown, who mutinied when she stuck over two days on the Cape Lookout Shoals, NC, on March 4, because they said she was unseaworthy, were arrigned before U S Commissioner Shields today, and were held for examination on March 14.

LONDON, March 11—The British str Strathneyis, Captain Smith, from Portland, Me, has been docked at Cardiff. Her docks and other parts of the vessel are damaged.

ST JOHNS, NF, March 11—The Furness-Allan liner Ulunda, Captain Chambers, from Liverpool Feb 23 for St Johns, has not yet arrived, and it is feared that some accident has befallen her.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, March 14—Passed Rewat Sand Rosa Mueller form St John for New York; Stella Maud, form do for Bridgeport.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, March 14—While tug Dudley Pray was entering the harbor at 3 o'clock this morning, towing barges Drake, Albany and Alice from Boston for New York, the Albany towled schr Abbie Ingalls, from St John for Providence, at anchor, carrying away the schooner's jibboom and headgear, tearing outer jib and springing foretopmast. The Albany had her pilot house badly damaged and sustained considerable damage to rails. The Ingalls will probably tow to destination.

Sch Harry F Pike, from Eastport for New York, broke port anchor at Boothbay but procured another here today.

PORTLAND, Me, March 14—Ard, schs John M Plummer, Ingalls, from Portsmouth; Viola, Beardsley, from St John for New York; Bonnie Doon, Chapman, from do for do; Ellen M Mitchell, from Jonesport for do; Walter M Young, from Eastport for Boston.

Cld, str Britannic, Neilson, for Louisburg, CB.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

NEW YORK, March 11—The inspector of the Third Lighthouse district gives notice that the electric buoys in Gedney Channel, New York lower bay, are extinguished. They will be relighted as soon as practicable, of which due notice will be given.

Notice is also given that the Southwest Spit nun buoy, No 12, with perch and bell, taken up for the winter, was replaced on March 9, 1901.

NEW YORK, March 12—The inspector of the Third Lighthouse district gives notice that the red and black horizontally striped spar buoy, established Feb 6 last, in 39 feet at mean low water, to mark the wreck of a barge sunk in the East River, New York, has been discontinued, the wreck having been removed. The bearings of the buoy were: Man o' War Rock, N½E; end of Green street pier, S by E½E; SW end of 28th street pier, W½N W½W.

NEW YORK, March 13—The Inspector of the Third Lighthouse district gives notice that the electric buoys in Gedney Channel, New York lower bay, extinguished on the 11th inst, have been relighted.

BOSTON, March 13—Captain Baker, of steamer H M Whitney, which arrived this afternoon from New York, reports the cagework on gas buoy in Pollock Rip Slue knocked off, evidently by some passing vessel. The lantern appeared to be all right, but he was unable to say whether it was lighted at night.

Commander Patch, in charge of the First Lighthouse district, gives notice that Bantam Ledge buoy, a red and black horizontally striped spar, and Foster's Ledges buoy, a red and black horizontally striped spar, reported adrift Feb 25, have been replaced in position in West Penobscot Bay.

BOSTON, March 14—The light at Brown's Head Light Station, Me, which was extinguished Feb 6 on account of ice, was relighted March 9.

PORTLAND, March 15—Southwest Harbor, Mount Desert Island, from the eastward: Notice is hereby given that Gilley Ledge buoy, No 1, a black spar, was reported adrift March 12. It will be replaced as soon as practicable.

BIRTHS.

ARMSTRONG—At St. John, N. B., on Friday, March 15th, the wife of T. E. G. Armstrong of a daughter.

BOYD—In this city, March 18th, to the wife of Burpee Boyd, a son.

CREED—In this city, on March 18th, to the wife of H. D. Creed, a son.

MARRIAGES.

HASTINGS-CLARK.—On the 14th instant, by the Rev. George Steel, at the residence of David Guilfoil, 721 Main street, William Charles Hastings to Charlotte Clark, both of this city.

DEATHS.

BLACKADAR—At 60 North street, Halifax, N. S., on March 14th, William H., son of Charles H. Blackadar, in the 33rd year of his age.

CONNICK—At St. Stephen, N. B., March 5th, Thomas E. Connick, aged 65 years.

CHASE—At Yarmouth, N. S., March 13th, Fannie Tooker, wife of William A. Chase, secretary-treasurer Yarmouth Steamship Co., aged 51 years, leaving a husband, a son and three daughters.

CHITTICK—In this city, March 13th, at her residence, 81 Sheriff street, Julia Harrison, wife of William Chittick and daughter of the late Edward and Martha Thompson, formerly of Musquash, leaving a husband, one son and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

MacDONNELL—At Pugwash, March 15th, Kate L., widow of Angus MacDonnell, Pugwash, in her 74th year.

PARKER—On Campobello Island, Feb. 20th, Malachi Parker, aged 74 years, 12 days.

PARKER—At Westfield, K. C., on March 17, Frederick F. A. Parker, aged four years and ten months, only son of J. and Maggie Parker. Asleep in Jesus.

PETERS—In this city, at his late residence, on March 16th, Harry D. Peters, aged 42 years, second son of the late Harry Peters, M. D., of Gagetown, N. B.

SCOTT—At Queenstown, Queens county, on March 15th, of pneumonia, Robert Scott, formerly of this city, leaving a widow, two sons and a daughter.

WETMORE—At Blackville, N. B., on March 14th, James Wetmore, in the 62nd year of his age.

WALKER—At Milltown, N. B., March 4th, Julia A., wife of James Walker, aged 54 years.

MONTREAL ELEVATORS.

MONTREAL, March 18.—A syndicate headed by Capt. Walvin of Duluth, today made an offer to the harbor commissioners to build grain elevators in Montreal harbor, replacing the Conners syndicate, whose efforts have apparently come to naught. The idea is to bring grain in the largest lake capacity boats to the port of Colborne, thence transhipping to steamers of full capacity of the St. Lawrence canals. The harbor board is asked to guarantee the bonds on the cost of the elevators in Montreal, taking the buildings as security. An answer is to be given Saturday and will probably be favorable.

NEW STEEL CORPORATION.

NEW YORK, March 18.—It was reported in Wall street today that the capital stock of the new United States steel corporation will probably be increased by $100,000,000 and that this increase was made necessary by reason of the acquisition of the Rockefeller iron mines and properties in the Lake Superior district.

It was also reported that part of the increased capital of the U. S. steel corporation would be used to take over the property of the American Bridge Co. This is one of the corporations financed by J. P. Morgan & Co. The Bridge company has $61,000,000 of stock outstanding.

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LADIES IN MEXICO.

Undone By Coffee Poisoning.

Down in the City of Mexico, in the country that raises its own coffee, they have plenty of stomach trouble and nervous headaches brought on by coffee drinking.

A lady writing from there says, "I have used coffee for a long time and was inordinately fond of it. At any time I would cheerfully have given up all the balance of my meal if necessary in order that I might have the coffee, but I acquired a wretched, muddy, blotchy complexion, had prolonged attacks of excruciating nervous headaches, was troubled with insomnia, and finally complete nervous prostration, that horror of horrors.

I was compelled to give up coffee for it was the poison that worked my undoing, then I concluded to take on Postum Food Coffee. I did not believe in it and knew I would not like it, for I could not bear to think of anything that was to take the place of my beloved coffee.

I was driven to despair by illness and willing to try most anything to obtain relief. Imagine my surprise when I made Postum Cereal Coffee according to directions and liked it as well as any coffee I ever drank.

So the problem was solved. I began to improve in health, could sleep well nights, my headaches disappeared, and I kept gaining in flesh, until I went from 118 pounds to 150, and I am now perfectly well and feel so. I have been able to do an enormous amount of extra work that would have been absolutely impossible under the old conditions.

Please do not use my name in public." Name can be given by Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

BOSTON LETTER.

Some Industries, Especially Cotton Manufacturing, in Bad Shape.

Still Harping About the Old Royal Arms Now in Trinity Church, St. John.

Deaths of Former Provincialists—Spruce Lumber Situation Still Continues Very Firm—Fish Market Strong and Trade Brisk—Trial of Best of Sackville. Charged With Murder.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

BOSTON, March 16.—Although Mr. McKinley has fairly entered upon his second term, it cannot be said that the industrial situation in the New England states is particularly promising at the present time. In fact, some industries are in bad shape, especially that of cotton manufacturing. It is expected that in Fall River next week about sixty mills, operated by twenty corporations, with 1,500,000 spindles, and employing 20,000 hands, will shut down for four weeks. Cotton mills in other centres which likewise are experiencing "hard sleddin" on account of a stagnant market, will probably follow suit. A few of the smaller mills have reduced wages, but there will be no general cut-down just now. If the curtailment of production does not suffice and the outlook does not improve, then a general reduction of ten per cent may be ordered. As the cotton mills of New England employ about 175,000 persons, they cut considerable of a figure in business. St. John business men will probably understand from this winter's experience there.

The Grand Trunk railroad is having a run of hard luck this winter on its Atlantic division. The road has only a single track across New Hampshire and Maine, and has been crowding down freight to Portland at a tremendous rate. Some of it, however, failed to reach Portland because of the remarkable persistency of cars and locomotives drawing freight trains in taking to ditches and attempting to pass each other on the same iron. This season a dozen engines have been demolished, as many lives lost and dozens of cars smashed, entailing losses aggregating well on towards $200,000.

Montague Chamberlain, recorder of the Lawrence scientific school at Harvard University, and a native of St. John, has made arrangements to have an Indian girl of the Penobscot tribe educated at Radcliffe college (the girl's branch of Harvard). Mr. Chamberlain has long been interested in the Indian tribes of Maine and New Brunswick, and is an authority on many matters pertaining to the race.

The Dominion Iron and Steel Co. of Cape Breton is offering on the Boston market 30,000 shares of 7 per cent preferred stock, par value $100, at $85 a share. The company announces that this year it expects to obtain a bounty from the Canadian government of $870,000; $2,075,000 in 1902; $1,350,000 in 1903, and so on.

The officers of the Dominion Coal Co. here announce that the output at the Cape Breton mines for this month will reach 150,000 tons, as compared with 85,000 tons in March, 1900. This increase is due to the demands from the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. The New England Gas and Coke Co. at Everett is still using Nova Scotia coal extensively. The steel, coal and coke concerns are all controlled by Henry M. Whitney and his fellow capitalists.

The trial of John C. Best for the alleged murder of George E. Bailey at Breakheart Hill Farm, North Saugus, a town eight miles from Boston, in October, 1900, which is to commence in the Essex county superior court at Salem next Monday, is of unusual interest in view of the atrocious nature of the crime. Best, who came to this state several years ago from Sackville, where his folks still reside, has been in the Salem jail ever since his arrest nearly six months ago. He is in good health, and appears to think he will be acquitted. The state has appointed two Lynn lawyers to defend him. A special venire for 100 jurymen has been issued, and the authorities are ready to proceed. The trial will probably last one week. The evidence against Best is wholly circumstantial, but the district attorney thinks he has a strong case and will convict him. Best and Bailey were employed by a land owner to take care of a farm and dairy. They lived in the same house at North Saugus, and employed a housekeeper. One day last October Bailey disappeared, and nearly one week later his dismembered body was found in Floating Bridge pond, some distance from the farm. Bailey had evidently been shot and cut up with an axe. Suspicion fell on Best, as it was known the two were not good friends. Best was a drinking man, and had plenty of funds after Bailey's disappearance, whereas the latter's money was missing, and Best was not known to have possessed any large amount before. The burning of certain articles by Best and other suspicious incidents strengthened the case against him.

The state department at Washington has been informed by Consul General Turner at Ottawa that Boston, Portland and New York may lose part of shipping trade to St. John, Halifax and Montreal. He sees danger in the fact that a member of the Canadian parliament has decided to move not to allow the preferential tariff of 33 1-3 per cent. on English goods unless they come into Canada by Canadian ports. Another move which is worrying the American is the plan to have the Allan line carry the mails to and from Canadian ports. This contract, however, could affect only Portland, and may really result in no loss in the freight business there.

The newspapers here have been discussing the authenticity of the lion and unicorn on the walls of Trinity church, St. John. Although Dr. Greene of the Massachusetts Historical society does not admit that it came from the old state house here, there is no weighty reason to doubt its genuineness.

The Boston Evening Record last night said: "What they have in Trinity Episcopal church at St. John, N. B., is really a carving in wood, properly painted and gilded, of the entire coat of arms of the royal house of Hanover, including the lion and unicorn, incidentally, as supporters of the shield. It was originally carved at the expense of the colony of Massachusetts, and so the only title of the present possessors is derived from theft. The records show that the arms were painted and gilded just two years before the outbreak of the revolution. Just how the old state house arms reached the maritime provinces may never be known, but the man who gave them to Trinity church, Edward Winslow, was a Mayflower descendant, and when the British army evacuated Boston, March 17, 1776, he is said to have accompanied it to New York. Later he removed to Halifax, N. S., and it was in 1785 that he sent the arms to another former Boston tory, then an officer of the crown in St. John, N. B., Ward Chipman."

The fourteenth annual reunion of the Maritime Provinces Association of Worcester was held there Tuesday evening. George W. Carr was elected president, James I. Elliott, vice-president, and James B. Coulson, secretary.

James Duchesny, a deaf and dumb man, who came here a few days ago from Nova Scotia, signalized his visit by breaking into and robbing the Italian church in North Square. He was surprised to find that the judge before whom he was arraigned could understand the sign language, and in explanation of the theft Duchesny said he was forced to steal from the church through hunger. The case has not been finally disposed of.

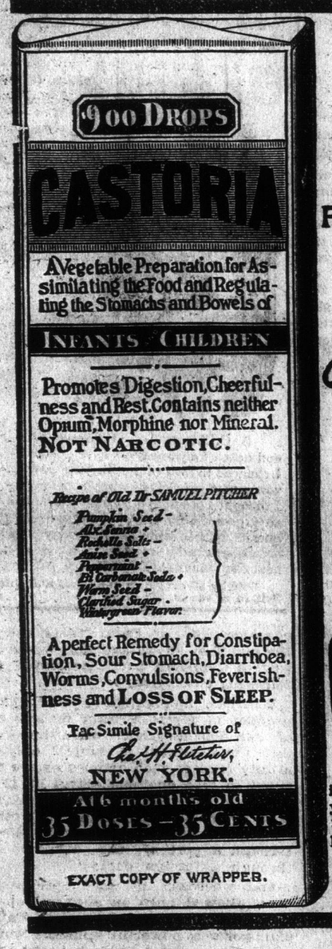
David A. Ross of Cumberland Co., N. S., and Miss Tena B. Fraser of New Glasgow were united in marriage here March 12 by Rev. A. K. Maclennan, also formerly of Nova Scotia.

The following deaths among provincialists are announced: In Somerville, Mar. 6, Mrs. Margaret A. Potter, widow of the late Charles E. Potter, aged 62 years, formerly of St. John; in Chelsea, March 9, Mary Bishop, aged 39 years, formerly of St. John; in Penacook, N. H., Rev. Dennis Francis Hurley, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Penacook (Roman Catholic), brother of James Hurley of St. John; in this city, March 8, James B. Hutchinson, aged 70 years, a native of New Brunswick.

The following provincialists were in the city recently: F. Brock, N. H. Murchie, J. A. Moran and Mrs. Moran, J. H. Diffley, J. E. Morse, St. John; J. W. Wall, Edmundston; Mrs. E. Hutchinson, Chatham; C. J. Osman, M. P. P., Hillsboro; Dr. R. W. Schurman, Truro; G. W. Johnson, C. S. Robbins, Yarmouth; D. G. Geldert, Windsor, N. S.; A. H. Shatford, W. A. Black, Halifax.

The spruce lumber situation here continues very firm, with a good deal of business in sight in the way of big contracts for frames. Frames for immediate delivery are worth much more than the quoted price. Many of the mills are reported to be short of logs, and not in a position to fill orders. Quotations are firm at $18 to 19 for 10 and 12 in. dimensions; $16.50 to 17 for 9 in. and under; $17.50 to 18 for 10 and 12 in. random lengths, 10 feet and up. Merchantable boards are held at $15 to 15.50 for 5 in. and up and out boards at $12.50. Hemlock is in short supply and very firm at $14.50 to 15 for eastern boards. Laths are selling well and are firm at $2.85 to 2.95 for 1 5-8 in., and $2.45 to 2.70 for 1 1-2 in. Cedar shingles are also in short supply and are firmer. Extra cedar have sold at $2.85 to 3, and even $3.10 for fancy lots; clear, $2.55 to 2.65, and second clear $2.10 to 2.20.

The position of the fish market is still strong, and trade is brisk. Barrel herring are scarce and in fair demand at $6.50 to 7 for N. S. large split and $5.50 to 6 for medium. Codfish are firm and also in small supply. Large dry bank are worth $5.50 to 5.75; medium, $4.75 to 5.25; large pickled bank, $4.50 to 4.75; large shore and Georges, $5.50 to 6.50. The sardine combine at Eastport has raised 1-4 oils $1.50 per case, bringing the price to $5.50. Live lobsters are firm at 18c. and boiled at 20c.



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BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Government Will Ask for Nine Million Pounds for Naval Construction.

LONDON, March 18.—Replying to Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett, conservative, in the house of commons, today, Mr. Balfour, the government leader, said the government did not possess any information indicating any decline in British influence in the Yang Tse provinces. As to the Russian claim for the waters of Blonde and Elliott Islands, the British government had certainly not accepted the claim. The government had received no communication on the subject from Russia. The Russian government had remonstrated against the presence in the waters of Elliott Island of H. M. S. Plover, which was engaged in pursuing pirates, but British ships had a perfect right, under the treaty of Tien Tsin, to go there.

Wm. Redmond raised nationalist cheers by asking why Great Britain had hoisted the white flag and backed down (at Tien Tsin) after threatening to use force of arms.

Hugh Oakeley Arnold-Forster, parliamentary secretary to the admiralty, explained the naval proposals of the government. Their object, he said, was to maintain the navy in a condition to carry on a successful war should occasion arise. It was proposed to have 154,575 men available to man the fleet, of whom 118,625 should be on the active list, 28,650 on the Royal Naval Reserve list, and 7,300 on the Royal Fleet Reserve list.

The government, he went on to explain, would ask for £9,000,000 for construction, the largest sum ever appropriated, out of which thirty-three new vessels were to be started.

LONDON, March 18.—In the house of lords, today, the premier, Lord Salisbury, replying to inquiries on the subject of an investigation into the conduct of the war in South Africa, said the government had not made any promise to institute an investigation. He feared that a full, just and equitable inquiry would lead to a renewal of the same species of regrettable discussion as occurred during the exchange of speeches between Lord Wolseley and Lord Lansdowne. Still if the government was urged to make an inquiry it could not refuse without casting suspicions upon the army.

Lord Rosebery wished to know, when the government had washed its hands of the inquiry, who had promised it?

Lord Salisbury suggested the appointment of a preliminary commission to inquire into the promise, whereupon the subject was dropped.

JOHN C. BEST'S TRIAL.

SALEM, Mass., March 18.—Twelve "good men and true," citizens of Essex county, were selected in the superior court today to sit in judgment on John C. Best, charged with the murder of his fellow workman, George E. Bailey, at the Breakheart Hill farm in Saugus, not many miles from this city, on Oct. 8 last. The selection of the jury and the reading of the indictment occupied the morning session of this, the first day of the trial, while the balance of the day was consumed in a long opening argument by District Attorney Peters, covering the government's theory of the murder, and the testimony late this afternoon of four witnesses, relating principally to the finding of Bailey's dismembered body in Floating Bridge pond.

It is expected that the trial will consume a week or more, as a large number of witnesses have been called. As outlined by District Attorney Peters, the government bases its case on the theory that Best killed Bailey with a shot from a Winchester rifle, and after cutting up the body placed different parts of the body in grain bags and sunk them in the pond.

FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 18.—Alex. Blank, a well known citizen of St. Marys, passed away last evening after several days' illness with grippe, at the age of 74 years. He leaves a bereaved widow and one son, Thomas Blank.

The death occurred at Penniac this morning of Benj. K. Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Wade, at the age of 29 years. He leaves sorrowing parents, one sister and six brothers.

The three years old son of Fred Hatheway of Springhill, who recently removed from Granville, N. S., had his left leg fractured between the ankle and knee, while tobogganing near his home on Friday.

Arthur R. Slipp, the popular and rising young barrister, has accepted the nomination as alderman for Kings ward to the seat vacated by the neglect of alderman elect McKendrick to take the oath of office.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.