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Duncan Campbell Ross, M.P., for West Middlesex, is forty-two years of age today. He is a son of Sir George W. Ross and is a lawyer by profession, practicing in Strathroy.

KEEP TO THE TRUTH

It is much to be regretted that any Halifax newspaper or any citizen of Halifax should indulge in falsehoods in usking a comparison of the relative verits of Halifax Chronicle, let us hope through ignorance, makes incorrect statements regarding the effect of the tides at St. John upon the steamship business at this port. The Chronicle and Echo also make certain comparisons between the sailing of business at this port. The Chronicle and Echo also make certain comparisons between the sailing of the Royal George to St. John and a Royal Liner to Halifax and jump to the conclusion that St. John is entirely out of the reckoning in comparison with Halifax as a mail port. As a matter of fact there has not yet been an opportunity to make a fair test of the two ports. The Halifax Echo makes one statement which is perfectly just and to which the citizens of St. John heartly assent. It is as follows:—

A correspondent in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is provided in Houlton writes the Bangor Commercial that practically it is prov

assent. It is as follows:—

"The expeditious transportation of the mails between Europe and Canada across like North-Atlantic is a matter in which like whole of Canada is vitally interested. The question as to whether the best and quickest service can be obtained via Halifax or St. John is not a question to be settled in the interests of Halifax or St. John, but one that must be settled in the general interests of Canada."

This is exactly what St. John contends; and in the general interests of the mems of the experience of the Empress steamships at Halifax in handling their cargo at that port was brought to St. John, it was suggested to the Times that this paper should publish the facts; but this journal felt that no good purpose would be served by seeming to attempt to make capital out of the troubles caused by lack of facilities at another port. Evidently, however, if Halifax had such an opportunity with reference to St. John, the world would hear about it.

Patient—"I went to see the chemist in our village."

Dentist—"And what idiotic advice did the give you?"

Patient—"He told me to come and see you, sir!"—Pearson's Weekly.

GUNDRY'S

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY

A BIG DIAMOND or

Canada it has been demanding a fair Canada it has been demanding a fair test of St. John as a mail port. The contention of St. John is that mails from the mother country brought direct by way of St. John and sent at once by special train over the Canadian Pacific Railway can be landed in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver in less time than if those mails came to Halifax and went over the Intercolonial to Montreal or over the Intercolonial to Montreal or over the Intercolonial to Montreal or over the I. C. R. to St. John and thence by C. P. R. to Montreal and the west.

montreal or over the L. C. R. to St. John and thence by C. P. R. to Montreal and the west.

No fair test has yet been made, and no Halifax newspaper has a right to attempt comparisons until a fair comparison may be made. Moreover, statements which are false and which can so easily be proved to be false concerning the tides and St. John harbor and its facilities generally must weaken rather than strengthen the case of Halifax.

Captain Thompson of the steamship Royal George, in some remarks made yesterday, showed very clearly that he had been given an utterly false impression with regard to the port of St. John. He said that when he was told that his vessel would come to St. John this winter he had some misgivings, for he had been told of 45 foot tides at St. John. When he came here, however, he found the harbor acommodation excellent, and the tidal difficulties less than he had experienced in English ports, while he was able to coal his vessel more quickly than it could be done in Halifax, Quebec or Montreal.

The older citizens of St. John remembres and large families who have learned in the school of hard experience that the cost of the very necessities of life has in the last few years gone up 30, 40, 50 per cent, or even higher."

The Times yesterday announced the death of Mr. James E. White. Mr. Howe was much the younger man, and yet he had attained the age of 74 years, and could look back upon a life of useful citizenship. He was one of the founders of the New Brunswick Historical Society, and did much to keep alive the interest in the early history of the city and province. Mr. White, who had attained the great age of 91 years, was in his prime of life connected with important business enterprises in the city and province, and in his later life he also contributed, in the history of the White family, something of permanent value to the historical records of New Brunswick. Death has been busy among well-known citizens during the last two weeks. Besides Mr. Howe and Mr.

Montreal.

The older citizens of St. John remember how hard the board of trade of thirty or more years ago had to fight to break down prejudices against this port, which were entirely due to misrepresentations by those who were interested in the development of other ports. It is a remarkable fact, after all that has a remarkable fact, after all that has been published and sent broadcast by the board of trade during all these years and in spite of the fact that the winter port business has been successfully car-ried on here for so many years, that at-

Mr. Winston Churchill is to spend his and song. Christmas vacation in Germany, making a call of two or three days in Paris en route. The Christmas season should be a favorable one for a further discussion of the question of the holiday in naval armament. If Mr. Churchill can make some headway with his recent propos

armament. If Mr. Churchill can make some headway with his recent proposals, he will present the world with a most substantial and heart-warming Christmas gift.

The Times prints today the Montreal Telegraph's report of the speech delivered by Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the Fielding banquet in Montreal. It will be of great interest to all readers, and especially to those who are giving serious thought to the conditions which exist as a result of the rapidly increasing cost of living and the larger percentage of unemployment, and therefore a lower aggregate wage-roll than formerly. Sir Wilfrid rightly says that this is the great problem of Canada today, and that it is the duty of the government to contribute to its solution. That there is something the government can do hemakes perfectly clear, and he pledges

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
Hon. P. T. McGrath, well known as a contributor to magazines on subjects dealing with Newfoundland, celebrates his forty-fifth birthday today. He is editor of the St. John's Evening Harald. He was recently a member of the legislalative council.

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