

ST. JOHN STAR, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1905.

## Puzzled Over Future of British Government.

### Parliament Opens February 14th, and There is Great Activity in Political Circles.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The reopening of Parliament on February 14 has brought about great activity in the political parties, and there is considerable speculation concerning the possibilities of the coming session.

The government at present apparently has no intention of yielding the reins, but it is certain that it will have to meet reduced majorities, and forecasting the likelihood of critical divisions, government supporters are being impressed with the extreme importance of constant attendance on parliament.

A cabinet council sat today to prepare the King's opening speech. It is understood that the ministers have decided to avoid the thorny subject of redistribution of seats and to place the alien bill as the first business of the session, which is not likely to be remarkable from a legislative point of view, the minister's programme being confined to internal reforms, such as workmen's compensation and agricultural and educational matters.

It is rumored that the chancellor of the exchequer will have a surprise for the country in the shape of a balancing budget without a deficit, this being due to greatly improved trade and diminished national expenditures. The liberal leaders held a council of war today under the presidency of Earl Spencer, who seems to have been accepted as the leader of the party and the prospective premier in the next liberal cabinet. Earl Spencer afterwards issued a manifesto stating that the liberal programme which indicates a confirmed belief on the part of the liberal leaders that a general election is not distant. The manifesto is somewhat non-committal, probably owing to divergences of opinion within the ranks of the party. It says: "Liberals will always be ready at the proper moment to extend the application of the principle of self-government in the island whose sufferings from this government so often have been a danger to the state."

## HELD UP AT LONDONDERRY.

T. B. Bacon is Beginning to Think That He is a Jonah.

THOS. B. Bacon of Montreal was one of the passengers on board the I. C. R. express from Halifax which arrived in St. John yesterday afternoon, after having been stuck in a snow bank for thirty-six hours. Mr. Bacon told the Sun that he was lumbering peacefully in his berth when the train came to a standstill about a mile west of Londonderry. The snow was drifted so badly that the train was unable to proceed further, and for a day and a half they remained there. Mr. Bacon says that no great inconvenience was experienced by the passengers. There was a buffet attached to the dining car, and there were provisions enough in the larder to go around with the exception of bread, of which staple there was a very limited supply. It so happened that the bakers of Londonderry were almost out, two small loaves being all that could be procured in the hamlet. Two of the passengers on Wednesday afternoon went into the town to get some luxuries which were not to be had on board the train, and had great difficulty in locating the bakery. The train was stuck in the snow for twenty-four hours, and again at Wentworth for twenty hours. If there are any more storms this winter he says he feels sure he will be caught in a similar manner. Mr. Bacon is looking up his horoscope to see what calamity is yet in store for him.

## COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

TORONTO, Feb. 9.—Sarah Goodfellow, mother of Wallace Goodfellow, a young man who died recently of typhoid fever, and Elizabeth See, Isabelle M. Grant and W. A. Brunette, Christian Scientists, who were in attendance upon Goodfellow during his illness, were this morning committed for trial by Col. Denison on the charge of manslaughter.

## New Ferry Board Will Remodel East Side Building.

### Decide to Recommend That an Architect be Engaged at Once—Lower Floor of Building to be Altered.

The first move of the new ferry board is one which will find favor with all persons who have to use Carleton ferry. The board, which has previously been reported to have held its organization meeting on Wednesday afternoon and subsequently adjourned to have a look at the floats and buildings on this side of the harbor. These premises were carefully inspected and it did not take the board long to find out what they knew before, that the building is in a disgraceful condition. The only difference in circumstances was that on Wednesday being organized as a

ferry board, they felt that it was up to them to make a move. So they have held another little conference, brief but to the point, and decided that if improvements are to be made the east side ferry building must receive early attention. They will recommend to the council that an architect be engaged as soon as possible to prepare plans for the remodeling of the entire lower floor of the building. This being a matter which requires the expenditure of money, the board has no power to act, but must recommend all such matters to the council. The members think that this suggestion will be carried out without further delay.

## OTTAWA LETTER.

How the Government is  
Doing Things.

Laurier Admitted That Proposed Mint  
Would Be a Luxury—House

May Not Close Till May.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—On Monday in the house of commons, as in every other well regulated house, the better part of the day was spent in the discussion of the proposed mint. The house of commons, as in every other well regulated house, the better part of the day was spent in the discussion of the proposed mint. The house of commons, as in every other well regulated house, the better part of the day was spent in the discussion of the proposed mint.

## AN INTERESTING ADDRESS.

Senator Ellis Before the Natural  
History Society.

Senator Ellis read his annual address before the members of the Natural History Society last evening. After reviewing the condition of the society, its valuable museum, its library and its live courses of lectures, the president referred to the need of a building in which the treasures of its museum and library might be safely placed. The structure need not be an imposing one, if ten citizens would give \$1,000 each, the sum would go far to put up a modest brick structure suitable to the needs of the society. Next the lecturer referred to the place the Natural History Society occupies as an educational factor in our community. The various subjects of natural science, in which its members are interested are subjects which today should enter largely into the curriculum of our schools, instead of those subjects which were the staples of education many long years ago. The conditions of life have so changed that physical science should form the basis of our educational course rather than the study of the ancient languages or the dead issues of history.

Some varied forms of life in natural world were then touched upon and the lecturer gave an exceedingly comprehensive review of Haeckel's origin of nature, tracing the evolution of life from the simple to the complex, and the development of the human race. The lecturer, who was quite fully discussed by several members of the society, was an interesting presentation from a thoughtful and inquiring student who though busy in many affairs of life, still finds time and opportunity to seek to unravel some of the mysteries of science.

## TO ROW SULLIVAN.

TORONTO, Feb. 9.—Ed. Durnan of Toronto, offers to row Tom Sullivan, ex-champion oarsman of England, three miles with turn on Toronto Bay this afternoon, if he can raise a dollar a side and is prepared to put up two hundred and fifty dollars as bona fide. He will allow Sullivan two hundred and fifty dollars for expenses.

## GOVERNOR DEAD.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Special despatches from Warsaw published in the morning papers here, report the death of Governor General Tchernikoff of the province of Warsaw. He was wounded in the leg in a recent encounter between troops and strikers.

## BOUND FROM ST. JOHN.

Italian Bark Has Been Reported at  
Sea in Distress.

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Feb. 9.—The Italian bark San Giuseppe, Captain Cafiero, which left St. John, N. B., Dec. 4, for Bordeaux and Rochefort, has been reported at sea in distress. The vessel was spoken by the British steamer Brantingham, from Barry, which has arrived here. The San Giuseppe had jettisoned her deckload and her provisions had run short. She was furnished with supplies by the Brantingham and continued on her voyage.

## THREE LITTLE MAIDS.

Bandmann Company Greeted by Another Large Audience.

Three Little Maids was the Bandmann-Dallas Opera Co.'s offering at the Opera House last evening. As has been the case since this company opened their engagement, the house was well filled. Three Little Maids is a musical comedy that has had considerable popularity in London and New York, and the people who went to the show last evening anticipated a pleasant evening's entertainment were not disappointed. The music of this piece is catchy, and several good songs were introduced, some of which have been heard here before, and more that have not. Harry Cole, the leading comedian, was not much in evidence, however, to the great regret of the audience. Mr. Cole only sang two or three songs, but they were good ones. His punctuation piece brought down the house. Mr. Cole and the orchestra did not seem to work harmoniously together. In one of his songs he was obliged to wait for two or three minutes while the musicians hunted for themselves. Miss Coriass, who played the part of Ada, the leading female role, while not a Marie Cahill, gave the character a sprightly rendering, and sang some songs, which caught on. Perhaps the song in which she described the virtues and imperfections of the "humbugging men," although not by any means a new one, was received with the greatest favor by the audience.

Mr. Cotter, the Caddie, had a lot of work to do, and got his share of laughs. His song about the women found favor, particularly with the ladies up above. The rest of the players were suitably cast.

Tonight the successful and brilliant comic opera, Veronique will be staged. This piece has been the rage of London and Paris and was produced at the Apollo Theatre, London. It proved the idol of all music loving people and was pronounced by the critics as a gem of modern comic opera. The plot is laid in France and is of an exceedingly romantic nature and the costumes and effects are really very excellent. In this piece Mr. O'Connor, the baritone, will be seen in his element, as also will Miss Coriass. Mr. Cole and Mr. Cotter will have the comedy roles and a most excellent performance may be expected. The advance sale for this piece is very strong. A Country Girl will be given as a matinee performance on Saturday at 2.30 p. m. Prices of admission, 50 and 25 cents.

## HAMPTON LADY DEAD.

Mrs. Hicks Passed Away—Leaves Many Friends—A Serious Accident.

HAMPTON, N. B., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Eliza Hicks, passed away last night after two weeks' illness, aged seventy-nine years. On Friday, Jan. 27th, while engaged in household duties, Mrs. Hicks was stricken with paralysis, which affected the whole of her left side, although she did not appear to realize she had lost it. She gradually weakened, however, until she passed away. Mrs. Hicks was a member of a well known family. On her brother, John Hicks, late of the late Henry Hicks, passed away last night after two weeks' illness, aged seventy-nine years. On Friday, Jan. 27th, while engaged in household duties, Mrs. Hicks was stricken with paralysis, which affected the whole of her left side, although she did not appear to realize she had lost it. She gradually weakened, however, until she passed away.

Miss Annie Kutz of this city also made an affidavit today in which she states that after Mary Edwards' death she had been informed by (Miss Kutz) that her mother had struck her father on the head while he lay drunk, causing his death. That she (Mary) was present at the time that Geason was not there, and that her story in court about Geason was not true.

## THEY LOST EVERYTHING.

Former Sackville Man and His Wife  
Burned Out—Train Stalled.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Feb. 9.—J. Wesley Doull received a letter today from his son, Fred, of Stoughton, Assiniboia, stating that on the night of February 1st the King Edward hotel, at which he and Mrs. Doull, nee Bishop, of Dorchester, N. B., were boarding, was burned to the ground. The fifty guests at the hotel escaped in their night clothes, losing everything. The thermometer registered 40 degrees below zero, and many were badly frost bitten. Doull, who is of the firm of Dook & Bannery, saved the valuable books and papers belonging to the firm, but lost all personal effects, including money and wedding presents. The train that was stalled at Sackville today, lost everything. The thermometer registered 40 degrees below zero, and many were badly frost bitten. Doull, who is of the firm of Dook & Bannery, saved the valuable books and papers belonging to the firm, but lost all personal effects, including money and wedding presents. The train that was stalled at Sackville today, lost everything.

## SPEAKER SNOWED UP.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 9.—Owing to the fact that E. M. Farrell, M. P. P. for Queens, and the speaker designate of the house of assembly, is snowed up between Liverpool and St. Margaret's Bay, the lieutenant governor did not deliver his address at the opening of the legislature today, but will do so tomorrow. The business of the legislature may not be proceeded with until after the speaker has been delivered.

Stubb—Yes, my wife is like all other women; she can't take a joke. Penn—Well, how did she come to marry you?

## SHE CONFESSED.

Mrs. Edwards Made Sensational Statement.

Claims She Murdered Her Husband,  
and That Man Under Sentence  
of Death is Innocent.

READING, Pa., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Kate Edwards, who is under sentence to be hanged with Samuel Geason on Thursday next for the murder of her husband, made a statement to her counsel today, in which, it is said, she exonerated Geason from complicity in the murder. The statement will not be given to the public until it is presented to the board of pardons, but the inference is left that she has admitted that she alone committed the crime.

Mrs. Edwards and Geason, who is a colored man, were convicted of the murder of Edwards, and since the death sentence has been pronounced extraordinary efforts have been made to save them from the gallows. The board of pardons has heretofore refused to interfere and the state supreme court has affirmed the lower court's verdict.

Mrs. Edwards' confession, it is thought, will place her case in an entirely new aspect before the board of pardons. The board will meet at Harrisburg February 15, the day before the date fixed for the double execution. If the woman's statement is accepted by the board it may save the man's life. If the woman is spared it will therefore be entirely on sentimental grounds, as strong pressure is being brought before the board to not permit the woman to be hanged. In the trial Mrs. Edwards was presented to show that Edwards was a dissolute character; that he drank heavily and that he treated his wife in a brutal manner. It was shown that Edwards was killed while he lay drunk at his home.

It is expected that the execution will, at least, be postponed in view of the statement of Mrs. Edwards. It is said Mrs. Edwards' conscience has been troubling her since she has been receiving the spiritual ministrations of her former pastor, Rev. Stephen Schweitzer, and that today she could restrain herself no longer. That she has made a statement before, it is believed, due to the fact that she desired to clear her name. That she has made a statement before, it is believed, due to the fact that she desired to clear her name.

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## LATE SHIP NEWS.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 9.—Ard, str Ivernia, from Boston for Liverpool (and proceeded).  
BROW HEAD, Feb. 9, 1 p. m.—Passed, str Ivernia, from Boston for Queens-town and Liverpool.  
LIVERPOOL, Feb. 9.—Sld, str Dominion, for Halifax and St. John via Mobile.  
QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 9.—Ard, str Baltic, from New York for Liverpool (and proceeded).  
GIBRALTAR, Feb. 8.—Ard, str Keenigh Lulse, from New York for Naples and Genoa (and proceeded).  
GREENOCK, Feb. 9.—Ard, str Carthage, from Philadelphia via St. Johns, N.F.  
LIVERPOOL, Feb. 9.—Ard, str Sicilian, from St. John and Halifax.  
FASTNET, Feb. 9.—Str Ivernia, from Boston for Liverpool, reported by wireless telegraph 94 miles west at 1 p. m.

## Foreign Ports.

SCILLY, Feb. 9.—Ard, str Devons, from Portland for London.  
NEWPORT NEWS, Feb. 9.—Ard, str Benjamin F. Poole.  
BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Ard, str Saxonia, from Liverpool.  
Sld, str L. B. Halmblad, for Copenhagen.  
PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 9.—Ard, str Dalton, from Fowey, Eng.  
CHATHAM, Mass., Feb. 9.—Fresh southwest winds, with rain at sunset.  
FASSED south, str Mount Hope, for Cape Cod, anchored at the wharves.  
VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Feb. 9.—In port, bark Thomas A. Goddard, from Georgetown, S.C., for Boston; sch Inverness, from Port Reading for Boston; W. C. Carnegie and James B. Drake, from Newport News for Portland; Clavola, from Guttenberg for St. John; Reva, from Port Reading for St. John; L. Kiths, from Port Reading for Boothbay; Norman, from New York for Boston; L. M. Thurlow, and Pardon G. Thomson, from Port Reading for Provincetown; John J. Perry, from South Amboy for Rockland; Wm. H. Davenport, bound east; Avalon, from Philadelphia for Gloucester; Mary E. Moore, from Blue Hill for Philadelphia; Clifford I. White, from Calais for New York; Greta, from New London for St. John.

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Feb. 26, Lake Erie	St. John, N. B.	Mar. 11, Lake Ontario
Mar. 11, Lake Ontario	St. John, N. B.	Mar. 25, Lake Michigan
Mar. 25, Lake Michigan	St. John, N. B.	Apr. 8, Lake Huron
Apr. 8, Lake Huron	St. John, N. B.	Apr. 22, Lake Superior
Apr. 22, Lake Superior	St. John, N. B.	May 6, Lake Superior
May 6, Lake Superior	St. John, N. B.	May 20, Lake Superior
May 20, Lake Superior	St. John, N. B.	Jun. 3, Lake Superior
Jun. 3, Lake Superior	St. John, N. B.	Jun. 17, Lake Superior
Jun. 17, Lake Superior	St. John, N. B.	Jun. 31, Lake Superior

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P. A., St. John, N. B.

## AMUSEMENTS.

### OPERA HOUSE.

Monday, February 6  
FOR NINE NIGHTS AND SATURDAY MATINEE ONLY.

The Bandmann-Dallas Opera Co.  
Under the personal direction of MAURICE E. BANDMANN, will present the following latest London Successes for the first time in St. John.

Friday, Feb. 10th—"The rage of London and Paris, 'Veronique,' from the Apollo Theatre, London."  
Saturday, Feb. 11th—"The screaming Musical Comedy, 'The Earl and the Girl,' nightly crowding the Adelphi Theatre, London."  
Monday, Feb. 13th—"The latest vaudeville success, 'The Catch of the Season.'"  
Tuesday, Feb. 14th—Benefit of Mr. Harry Cole. The side-splitting London success, 'Sergeant Brum,' as now being played at the Prince of Wales Theatre, London.  
Wednesday, Feb. 15th—Farwell performance. The great Gaiety Burlesque, 'Faust Up-to-Date.'  
Prices of admission, 75 cts, 50 cts, and 25 cts.

## Queen's Rink.

## HOCKEY!

Friday Evng., Feb. 10th,

Neptunes vs. Mohawks.  
St. James vs. Y. M. C. A.  
Neptunes vs. Ramblers.

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