POOR DOCUMENT

MC 2034

THE ST. JOHN STAR is published by THE SUN PRINTING COMPANY, (Ltd.) at St. John, New Brunswick, every afternoon (except Sunday) at $3.00 a year.

TELEPHONES:-

BUSINESS OFFICE, 26.

EDITORIAL and NEWS DEPT., 1127.

ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., APRIL 18, 1908.

TELEPHONES.

Manitoba and Alberta have purchased from the Bell Telephone Company the systems now in operation in those provinces. Saskatchewan is negotiating and British Columbia is watching with interest this movement. The Telephone Age, in an article dealing with government ownership has the following:

"European countries which have adopted government ownership for telephone lines have as a rule met with surprisingly good results in the lowness of the rates charged and in the efficiency of the service rendered. But some of the advocates of government ownership, in their eagerness to make a good showing overshoot the mark by exaggerating the benefits which have accrued; and, though one sympathizes with their efforts to publish these benefits far and wide, it is easy to see that by claiming the impossible they sometimes do more harm than good to the cause.

"A toronto newspaper, for instance, speaking of the cheapness of telephones in Germany, where they are a State enterprise, says that in Berlin a residence phone costs $11 per year and business phones slightly higher, while the number of subscribers is over 200,000. It goes on to state that the government for many years, has enjoyed a net profit of $2,500,000.

"Now, the status of telephone service in Germany was gone into at some length by the Select Committee on Telephone Systems, which took evidence at Ottawa two or three years ago. In the report of that body statistics are given which show that on December 31st, 1904, that the number of telephones in the city of Berlin was 66,744, and it is scarcely conceivable that that number has increased to 200,000 in the intervening period. The same authority shows that the unlimited rate for service in that city is $42.84 per annum and the measured service charge $23.80 plus one cent per message. The report goes on to say:

"'We have no record of the expenditures for construction, maintenance and operation of the local systems . . . We have no approximate reliable figures available as to the means employed for the cost, operation and maintenance of the trunk lines. We can only state that since 1880 5 per cent. has been paid in the capital expended for the entire telephone system arrangements, the trunk lines, and the local systems, including the costs for maintenance of the lines and apparatus, for payment of employes, for buildings, lighting and heating arrangements' etc."

JAPAN AND CHINA.

Japan has come face to face with an entirely unexpected situation in her relations with China. The attitude of overbearing contempt which the Mikado's people have always displayed towards their big neighbor has been somewhat rudely disturbed, and the sleeping giant shows alarming evidences of life. Japan has very frequently during the past two or three years endeavored to pick a quarrel with China, in order that some excuse might be offered for the seizure of Manchuria. In different ways have Japanese statesmen managed to insult the peaceful Chinese in the hope of rousing the latter to warlike action. The most recent incident was in connection with the seizure by China of the steamer Tatsu Maru, flying the Japanese flag and carrying a cargo of arms and ammunition for Chinese revolutionists. If any European nation had made such a seizure the vessel would have been destroyed and Japan forced to apologize for fostering such a traffic. China, however, with a weak government, rather than accept war, paid for the cargo and abjectly saluted the Japanese flag. This display of fear on the part of the government has not found favor throughout the Empire, and has led directly to the greatest boycott in recent years. China is peculiarly organized for the successful conduct of such a movement. In anticipation of constitutional government, many self-government societies have been formed throughout the Empire under imperial direction. It is these societies which are now preaching the boycott, and they do so with more authority than if the movement were merely a loosely arranged agitation. Chinese merchants are aroused; they are displaying an unlooked-for patriotism, and are intensely earnest in their feelings against Japan. Thousands all through the Empire have already pledged themselves not to sell, hundreds of thousands of persons have promised not to buy, Japanese goods. The exclusion of certain of the leading lines of imports, notably coal, will lead to the systematic development of Chinese resources, to increased mineral production and to greater industrial progress. The boycott will also intensify and unify Chinese patriotism, which can only be done by a popular movement such as this.

Japan, if fair methods are adopted, will find herself absolutely powerless in fighting such a sentiment, but the Japanese are deep and subtil. Already their agents are going about among the Chinese attempting to lead some of the latter to violence in order that these outbreaks may be seized as excuses for action. This is one of the pitfalls which the Chinese leaders have to fear, but they have already displayed so much ability in managing the boycott that they will undoubtedly continue with success. The Tatsu Maru hold-up promises to be the dearest trick Japan has ever worked.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

MAKING ENEMIES.

When the Senator from Ohio nominated Mr. Cleveland for the presidency he closed his nomination speech with this declaration, "And we are proud of him for the enemies he has made." The words electrified the convention and did more, said his biographer, to put him in the White House than all the campaign speeches that were meda.

What a contrast to the disgraceful words, "He never made an enemy in his life," and men have said that who thought that they were paying the highest compliment to their friend and he has received it and flushed with pleasure at what he thought was the highest praise.

Imagine what kind of a man he must be, never to have made in this fighting world, an enemy, for he had never defended the weak nor opposed the strong."

Imagine a soldier coming home from the wars and boasting that he had never embarrassed or crippled the enemy. Imagine a man presenting himself at the Golden Gate, and asking St. Peter to let him in among the grand old fighters up there, on the plea that never down here had he made an enemy. and then imagine, if you can, the scorn of the fighting saint, as he would tell that apology of a man that he had come to the wrong gate, that Heaven was no place for cowards, that every saint who wore a crown had fought for it.

You cannot be a true friend without making enemies, for you fight your friend's enemies more strenuously than you do your own, and sometimes you estrange your friend by being true to him. You cannot correct his grammar or his mispronunciation of a word without running the risk of losing his friendship, if he is a weak man, and you surely lose it if you attempt to correct his morals.

You cannot be true to your country without making enemies. Fight against bribery and corruption and you will make every briber and corruptor your enemy. Fight against the saloon and you will make every saloon keeper your enemy. Fight against graft and you will make every grafter your enemy. Fight against gamblers, interfere with their gains. Fight against libertines try to rescue their victims from their unholy clutches and they will hate you and put you in prison and your feet in the stocks, in fact will use you just as their ancestors did Paul and Silas.

I don't want you to be quarrelsome and go down street with a chip on your shoulder and your coat tails dragging, inviting a fight, but if you have been wearing the shameful badge, "This is a man who never made an enemy," get rid of it by becoming a man and fighting against cruelty and injustice, though defended by the powerful, so that your friends may be able to say, "We are proud of him for the enemies he has made."

Thaddeus

Shoemaker's Poultry Book

AND ALMANAC FOR 1908.

There is nothing in the world like it. It contains 224 large pages, handsomely illustrated. A number of most beautiful Colored Plates of Fowls true to

life. It tells all about, all kinds of Thoroughbred Fowls, with life-like illustrations, and prices of same. It tells how to raise poultry successfully and how to treat all diseases common among them. It gives working plans and illustrations of convenient Poultry Houses. It tells all about

INCUBATORS AND BROODERS.

It gives full instructions for operating all kinds of incubators. This chapter is marvelously complete and worth dollars to anyone using an incubator. It gives descriptions and prices of incubators, Brooders and all kinds of Poultry Supplies. In fact, it is an encyclopedia of chickendom and will be mailed to anyone on receipt of only 15 cents. Your money returned if not pleased.

C. C. SHOEMAKER, FREEPORT, Ill. Box 1348.

GASOLINE LIGHTNING AND THE UNDERWRITERS

Upper Canadian Company's Official Complains of Unfair Treatment in New Brunswick

TORONTO, April 15th, 1908.

Editor Star:

Dear Sir,—A copy of your paper under date of April 11th has been handed me. I have ready the article by Mr. Hall of your city regarding his Western trip and was greatly interested in his figures and facts relative to gasoline lighting.

It is quite true that owing to the action of your local Fire Underwriters, gasoline as a means of lighting is practically unknown in the Province of New Brunswick. Various companies have tried to install systems for merchants in your province, but in every case have been forced to remove same owing to the attitude of the local board. Is it not peculiar that in every other province, gasoline lighting systems are permitted and are in general use? The same insurance companies do business in Nova Scotia as in New Brunswick but do not give the merchants of the latter province the same privileges that are enjoyed by merchants in other cities of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Clinch, the local secretary of the Fire Underwriters, has been approached several times with a view to permitting the use of gasoline lighting devices that have been approved by the National Board of Chicago and all other Canadian boards but without any apparent effect. The merchants of St. John must still pay toll to the gas and electric company, without having a chance to test the efficiency of gasoline as a means of illumination

In Halifax over fifty merchants are now operating their own gasoline lighting systems and saving hundreds of dollars each year. The same applies to Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver and thousands of smaller towns and cities throughout the Dominion.

Gasoline lighting systems have proven to be far superior to gas or electricity and are much safer than either of the latter methods. There are thousands of systems installed in Canada and not more than four fires have had their origin from this source. These four fires have been due to carelessness in the handling of gasoline and in no way connected with the system itself.

All we ask in your province is a fair trial and the consideration we are receiving at the hands of other fire underwriters in the various provinces. I might mention that each year the rules of the installation of gasoline lighting systems are becoming more and more just and we are now permitted to use six gallons, whereas three years ago the quantity of gasoline contained in the tanks was limited to one gallon of gasoline. The conclusion is therefore this: That the insurance companies realize that our method of illumination is quite safe and equal in every respect to gas or electricity.

The merchants of your province should see that they receive fair treatment at the hands of the local underwriters and be permitted to use whatever system of lighting they deem the best. With competition you will receive better service, more moderate charges and have your complaints promptly attended to. I think if the Board of Trade would pass a resolution condemning the attitude of the local underwriters and each individual merchant would make it a point to see his local agent results would follow. We are not asking much, merely a square deal for ourselves and the merchants of your province, who are not satisfied with their present lighting systems or the charges for same.

Yours truly,

H. W. KNIGHT,

Secy.-Treas. Pitner Lighting Co., Ltd.

EYESIGHT!

Sight is one of Nature's blessings. Take good care of your eyes. For eye-strain see D. BOYANER, 38 Dock street. The only optical store in St. John.

"Silver Plate that Wears"

The Newest Shapes

In spoons, forks, knives, etc., bearing the well-known mark

"1847 ROGERS BROS."

the standard of silver excellence for 60 years, should grace your table.

SOLD BY LEADING DEALERS

Coffee sets, trays, urns, etc., combining artistic charm with enduring service are made by

MERIDEN BRITA CO.

NEXT WEEK AT THE OPERA HOUSE

BILLY ALLEN AND THE DANCING DAMSELS.

Child Coughs

Pleasant to take, harmless and efficient in action, Brown's Bronchial Balsam is unsurpassed as a cough remedy for children. It can be given with perfect confidence that it will produce best results. It is as good for tiny tots as for "grown ups." Don't try others and experiment, but get

Brown's Bronchial Balsam

for all Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Bronchitis, etc.

Price, 25c.

Prepared and sold only by

E. CLINTON BROWN, DRUGGIST.

Two stores:—Corner Union and Waterloo streets, and South End Pharmacy, corner Queen and Carmarthen streets.

Dr. C. Sydney Emerson, DENTIST,

34 Wellington Row.

Office hours from 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. 'Phone 129.

RED ROSE MANITOBAN PATENT FLOUR

DEATHS.

CLARK—On 17th inst., Melvin, youngest son of E. Clay and Melvin Clark, of 13 Prince street, West End, aged five years and one month.
Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 p. m.

RUSSELL—In this city on the 18th inst., John Russell, in the 81st year of his age, leaving a widow and four children—two sons and two daughters—to mourn their loss
Boston papers please copy.
Funeral Monday, April 20th, from the residence of his sister-in-law, Miss Grace Murphy, 81 Main street. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

PURDY.—At St. John, April 17th, Mrs. Amelia, wife of Hon. D. J. Purdy.
Funeral from her late residence, 325 Main street, Sunday, the 19th inst. Services at 2.30 p. m.

NEILL.—In this city, on April 17th, Ellen, widow of Thomas Neill, aged 89 years, leaving three sons and three daughters to mourn.
Funeral service will be held at her son's residence, 270 Britain street, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Interment will be made at Springfield, Kings County, on Monday, April 20th.

CLARK.—Melvan Clark, aged 5 years, 1 month, youngest son of E. Clay and Evelyn Clark, 13 Prince street, West End.

Store open till 11.30 p. m. Saturday, April 18, 1908.

For Today's Buying.

Gentlemen will be interested in our:
PATENT COLT AND CALF BLUCHER BALS. ....$5.00.
PATENT COLT BLUCHER, SIRD AR LAST. ....$3.50.
PATENT COLT OXFORDS, DIFF ERENT SHAPES. ....$4.50.
TAN CALF BLUCHER BAL, ...$4.50.
TAN CALF BLUCHER OXFORD, ...$4.00.
Ladies agree that these are very ch oice:
THE PATENT SIDE LACED OXF ORD, ...$3.00.
THE TAN CALF OXFORDS, ...$2.75.
OUR BUTTON PATENT OXFORD, ...$2.75.
OUR EXTRA EASTER CUT OXF ORD, ...$2.00.

PERCY J. STEEL, FOOT FURNISHER, 519-521 Main St.

SUCCESSOR TO WM. YOUNG.

FERGUSON & PAGE.

Jewelry, Etc.

41 King St.

STILL IN BUSINESS.

We deliver dry, heavy Soft Wood and kindling, cut in stove lengths, at

$1.00 per Load

McNAMARA BROS., Chesley St. 'Phone 733.

The Boys and Girls MUST HAVE New Shoes FOR EASTER.

These will please them, and 20 other styles to select from.

REMEMBER

THE GREATEST VALUE FOR THE MONEY.

BOYS' BOX CALF, BLUCHERS, $2, 2.25, 2.50, 3.50.

BOYS' PATENT COLT, BLUCHERS $3.00

GIRLS' PATENT COLT, CLOTH TOP, BUTTON, sizes 11 to 2, $2.25

CHILDS' PATENT COLT, CLOTH TOP, BUTTON, ...$1.85

Open Every Evening

Francis & Vaughan

19 KING STREET.

EGGS

Received direct from the Henery

GUARANTEED STRICTLY FRESH

CLOVER FARM DAIRY

Cor. Queen & Carmarthen Sts.

Phone 1506

M. T. KANE, Dealer in Granite Monuments. Opposite Cedar Hill Cemetery, West St. John.

Telephone | House West 165-11. Works West 177-21.

LOOK FOR A VERY LARGE OUTPUT THIS YEAR

SEATTLE, Wn., April 18—According to special cable advices from Nome, Alaska, bankers and miners of Seward Peninsula expect to realize this year the largest spring production in the history of Alaska. It will probably reach $3,000,000. From all the camps reports have been received on unusually rich dumps piled up during the winter season. A new tin find, said to be of immense promise, is reported from Brooks Mountain.

MINERS AGREE TO THE OLD CONTRACT

DESMOINES, Ia., April 18. — The great conference of miners and operators of Iowa agreed yesterday on a wage scale which is a duplicate of the expired contract. The new agreement is to cover one year.

The only step remaining for a resumption of work is the ratification of the agreement by the miners. The mine owners have already ratified it. The mines of Iowa have been closed since April 1. There was an ample supply of coal.

Crowds at Opera House

The Myrkle-Harder Company gave two perofrmances before two large holiday audiences in the Opera House yesterday. In the afternoon The Queen of the Bowery, was presented and proved a most acceptable offering. The entertainment in the evening consisted of a melange of drama, comedy and music. Two farces, A Night in an Asylum, and The Telephone Girls, with Clare Evans in the leading role created roars of laughter. The specialities were particularly good. The Girl Patsy will fill the bill at today's matinee.

Miss A. E. Sherwood, who intended leaving here for New York next week to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Estella Sherwood, has received word that Mr. Bratt, to whom her sister was to have been married, was stricken with appendicitis on Tuesday at noon and now lies in a very critical condition at one of the hospitals in Baltimore, where, if his strength permits, he will undergo an operation this week. April 29th had been set for the wedding day, and all the arrangements made. This seems doubly sad, as it is the second time the marriage of this young couple has been delayed through the severe illness of Mr. Bratt.—Sussex Record.

'Phone 1802-11

TRY 'EM ON, We Have Lots More if These Don't Fit.

We would sell more $5.00 Shoes if we didn't have these for $4.00. Men come in with the intention of paying $5.00, see the $4.00 Soes, and it's all up with the $5.00

Sounds pretty rough on the $5.00 Shoes, but it isn't; works the same way there—the men who usually buy $6.00 Shoes get them here for $5.00. Unless all signs fail, we are going to do an immense shoe business this Spring. People get the best shoe satisfaction here and we get the business.

D. MONAHAN, - - - 32 Charlotte Street,

The Home of Good Shoes.

READY FOR EASTER

OUR NEW SPRING HATS

in up-to-date styles and the kind that fits perfectly Stiff and Soft in all the popular shades. They await your inspection.

LATEST NOVELTIES IN CHILDREN'S HEAD WEAR

THORNE BROS. J. L. Thorne Mgr. 93 King Street

Skinner's Carpet Warerooms,

SPRING 1908.

A MOST COMPLETE STOCK OF

Union, Wool, Tapestry, Velvet, Brussels, Wilton and Axminster Carpets and Carpet Squares,

IN NEW DESIGNS AND COLORS.

New designs in Oilcloths, Linoleums and Inlaids—all widths and prices.

Muslin, Lace, Irish Point, Swiss, and Marie Antoinette Curtains in the latest novelties.

Carpets can be selected, made up and stored until required.

A. O. SKINNER,

WE TRUST YOU

$1.00 a week pays the bill. Your business is private. Pay at the store. We send no collectors. Let us supply your clothing needs. Latest styles in Ladies' and Gentlemen's wearing apparel. Satisfaction assured or money back. Your credit is good at

J. CARTER'S, 48 Mill St.. 'Phone 1604

STRONG TO PAY AND FAIR TO SETTLE.

THE EQUITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

J. M. QUEEN, Manager for New Brunswick.

'PHONE MAIN 1540.

Canada Life Building, 60 Prince William St., St. John, N. B.

Free Moving and Installing.

Until after May First we will move and install all kinds of Gas Burners **FREE.** We repair all kinds of lights with best material.

St. John Auer Light Co.,

Tel. 873 - - 19 Market Square - - Opposite Thorne's.

But You Can't Get Ahead of EDDY'S FIBREWARE!

Even if you stand up for the old kind you must admit that

PAILS, TUBS, &c.,

made of Eddy's Fibreware are the strongest and most durable on the market.

Recommended by the best grocers. Used by the best people. **ASK FOR THEM!**

Word has been received here from Wakkerstroom, South Africa, to the effect that Albert Hammond, who is well known here, has been elected a member of the Municipal Council of that place. Mr. Hammond came from England and was adopted by Mr. M. W. and Mrs. Stockton, who almost regarded him as a son. He went to South Africa with the First Canadian Contingent, and after serving his country during the war returned to Sussex. He only remained here a few months and enlisted in the South African Mounted Constabularly. Receiving his discharge he commenced business as a butcher and since prospered. That he enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens is shown by his choice to so important an office. He was always regarded as a young man of splendid character and his frfends will learn with pleasure of his success. A group photograph of the council shows the membership is made up of bright business men. — Sussex Record.

A. E. HAMILTON,

Real Estate Contractor,

182-188 Brussels St

'Phone 1628.

The Sussex track looks like business these days. There are eight horses quartered in the stalls, Marguerite Chimes, by Chimes, a promising three year old, owned by Nat McNair, is the latest addition to the string. A number of other fast horses will be here before the dust blows and the stalls are being put in condition to accommodate them.—Sussex Record.

No Secrets

Ask your doctor if he approves of this prescription for thin blood, impure blood. Accept his answer without question.

Complete Formula, Ayer's Non-Alcoholic Sarsaparilla

Each Fluid Ounce Represents			
Sarsaparilla Root,	10 Grs.	Senna Leaves	3 Grs.
Yellow Dock Root,	8 Grs.	Black Cohosh Root	3 Grs.
Licorice Root	8 Grs.	Pokeroot	1 Gr.
Cinchona Red Bark,	6 Grs.	Iodid of Potassium	4 Grs.
Buckthorn Bark	4 Grs.	Glycerin, U. P.	31-2 Drams
Stillingia Root	4 Grs.	Flavoring: Oil Sassafras, Oil Wintergreen	
Burdock Root	3 Grs.	Water—Sufficient to make one fluid ounce.	

We have no secrets! We publish the formulas of all our medicines. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.