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THE RECOGNITION OF CUBA.

The United States congressional committe on foreign relations recommends a new departure in international law. The adoption of the Cameron resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba would not be justified by any recent application of the law of nations At present the United States may afford to disregard the comities and understandings which nations observe toward each other, but sooner or later any country, however strong, must find it inconvenient to be rated as an outlaw among the powers. It is a general principle of international law that no state has a right to interfere with the domestic affairs of another. Cuba is a part of the territory of Spain. That portion of the Cuban people who are in revolt have not achieved the independence of the island. When a portion of a state rises in revolt and sets up a claim to independence the duty of other states is to refrain from interference and to be guided by the facts of the case, not by the relative merits of the combatants. The time for recognition comes when the revolutionists obtain actual possession of the country whose independence is claimed, and set up a government which is able to exercise all the powers of an administration. "The criterion suggested by practice and authority is whether the old government has ceased to contend in fact against the revolutionary state." It is not necessary that independence should be acknowledged by the old government. Other nations must judge for themselves whether the new government has so far overcome all resistance as to be in actual control.

The Cuban revolters do not hold the whole island. They have not even obtained possession of the capital. They do not control the seaports. They do not collect the taxes. It is not known that half the people of the colony are in sympathy with them. It is certain that there are great numbers of citizens of Cuba supporting the royalists. The revolutionists have no effective civil organization. Their control probably does not extend over one-third of the population.

The most obvious comparison to be made is with the revolting confederate states say in the second year of the civil war. These states claiming independence were practically unanimous. They were almost wholly in the possession and under the control of the revolutionists. They had a regularly organized government, with a president and a cabinet acting with the full consent of the governed. They There was not a city nor a state in the confederacy which had to be held by the revolutionists against the residents. The only opposition to the new nation was the force that was poured in from the north. The southern government floated bonds, issued national currency, levied taxes, kept up the post office system, the public works, the schools, and all the instituof a civilized and organized state. This went on for years, yet none of the other powers, not even those which sympathized with the confederacy, officially recognized the independence of the south. They waited, as international law required. for the south to beat off the enemy and to secure a status giving reason able assurance of permanency. United States government bitterly resented every suggestion of the recognition of the south. How much more might Spain resent the intervention of the United States in the present case?

#### HEADS NOT COMMISSIONS WANTED.

Captain Douglas's investigations into the partisanship of officials is said to have been discontinued. The inquiry was not likely to be fruitful of vacancies, and there is no profit in a barren investigation. Reports from Moncton indicate that even Commissioner Wilson as an inquirer is not satisfactory to the spoilsmen's committee. For the purpose of the officeseekers it is sufficient that somebody should have pronounced the man whose office is wanted a partisan. But there is no great reason for dissatisfaction with Mr. Wilson. He will do all that is required. The only difficulty in his case is that he would probably find substantial reasons for prolonging the job. Here is where the interests of the commissioner come into conflict with those of the local committee. The views of the latter seem to be expressed in the following from the stalwart Truro Guar-

Why does our government send out a man to hunt,
For official heads to cut off with a blow?
When before their very sight, there are
hundreds have a right
To be beheaded without having any show?
It surely is too bad, for such a blooming.

fad
Can only be regarded as a joke;
Why make the great mistake, making justice a mere fake
By sending this investigating bloke? It is probable that before the schools re-open after the Christmas holidays the St. John school board will have before it the report of the sub-committee which is engaged in reorganizing the educational system of this city. When the report is received the question will be taken up by the full board and decided. people of St. John, who pay the bills

and whose children are to benefit or uffer by the changes, will not be permitted to know anything about the matter until it is decided. Then it will be too late for them to say or do anything. Government of the people by the people is not a feature of the educational system.

Mr. Blair and Colonel Domville have been found and banquetted at Rossland. The minister of railways is reported to have spoken in glowing terms of the vast richness of Kootenay. He was much impressed with the urgent need of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. Mr. Pugsley, the eader of the independent party of St. John, had not reached Rossland at the time of the banquet, but was hurrying thither.

A VICTORY FOR MR. LAURIER.

Mr. Laurier and his colleagues have reason to congratulate themselves on the result of the Cornwall election. For the first time since 1874 a liberal has been elected in that constituency. It was claimed that this victory would have been obtained in June last but for the fact that the liberal vote was divided between the regular candidate of the party and the patron candidate, so that the late Dr. Bergin was elected by a minority of the votes. It is of course impossible to base comparisons on what would have been. nor can any one at this distance say how much of the liberal conservative success from 1878 to 1891 was due to the personality of Dr. Bergin, who is now no more. What we know is that whereas Dr. Bergin had a majority of 218 in 1891, of 181 in 1887 and of 58 in 1878, all straight party contests, a supporter of the present government is now returned by a majority probably twice as large as any the late member obtained in any of his contests. It should, however, be remarked that Cornwall has not always been a grit constituency. Though in 1872 Dr. Bergin was elected by acclamation he was beaten in the general election following the accession of the other party to power in 1873. In the winter of 1874 Dr. Bergin's liberal opponent was elected by a majority of 23, and afterwards when he had been unseated on petition his majority was increased to 40. In 1878, as shown above, Cornwall joined the procession and turned to Sir John A. Macdonald. It is in the procession now. On the government side the recent

campaign was waged almost entirely on the school question. The opposition speakers, especially Mr. Foster, challenged the government to deal with the tariff issue and the government record. The challenge was not accepted. The finance minister and the minister of trade and commerce, who are concerned with tariff matters, kept away from the place. Mr. Laurier in his two addresses discussed one subthough he said it is a dead issue. The premier appealed to the Roman Catholics and the French electors to support him, first, because he was one of themselves, and secondly, because he had secured for them their privileges in

Manitoba, which the late government had failed to do. The government has now a perfect right to claim that the school settlement has been approved by the electors of Cornwall and Stormont As the house of commons now exists Mr. Laurier's government has a majority larger by six than last session

Brandon and Saskatchewan elected Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Laurier at the general election. Both these gentlemen were returned for other constituencies also and the two western seats were unrepresented last session. But Brandon is now represented by Mr. Sifton and Saskatchewan will be represented by a ministerialist. Dr. Bergin is replaced by a supporter of Mr. Laurier, and the liberal conservative members of North Ontario and South Brant have been unseated. By-elections in the two Ontario constituencies and further election trials will, increase or reduce the majority before the house meets next spring.

The record and the undertakings of Mr. Laurier and his colleagues may be a source of trouble to them in the future. But apart from these matters the ministers may be congratulated on their position. They have come into office with the country in a healthy finalciol position. They find the volume of commerce as large as Canada has ever seen. They find the export trade large beyond precedent, especially in the products of the farm. The development of the dairy export trade has been well inaugurated. Trade with the Pacific has been established. The wheat market, long depressed. has at this opportune time been revived by the failure of the crop in the far east. The lumber trade is believed to be healthy. Freights have advanced to the great advantage of ship-owners. British Columbia is all alive with a boom in gold, and the great mineral wealth has recently come to light in Ontario. The election of a protectionist president and the defeat of the silver party in the United States have restored commercial confidence across the border. Everything indicates a period of renewed industrial activity on this continent, unless progress is checked by some unforeseen panic, or by adverse legis-

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lation. Mr. Laurier's government has sufficient majority in parliament. The electors appear to be willing to give it a fair trial. Even the cotton manufacturers of Cornwall are reported to have taken no energetic part in the by-election campaign. They are probably waiting to see whether the government will carry out the ruinous policy announced in the party platform, or will justify the pledges made in the manufacturing districts and continue protection to Canadian. industries. The by-elections so far held have been favorable to the ministry. In a word Mr. Laurier begins his career much as Mr. Mackenzie begun his career as premier in 1873. Whether he shall end it the same depends largely upon the work of the next parliamentary session.

A FISH STORY When you have met a few of the leading Miramichi sportsmen and fistened to their praise of the region as a game country, even if you are so skeptical as to discount everything fifty per cent., you must yet acknowledge that here is a country where the sportsman may come and find what he seeks, and enjoy at the same time the hospitality of a generous people. The following story, heard in a umber camp, may, however, be accepted for what it is worth. J. A. Rundle tells the story as it was told to him. When crews leave the lumber voods they sometimes build what they call a "bear house," and store in 'it stuff that will not be needed till the next winter. Once on returning to a 'bear house" during the summer 'it was discovered that a hole had been made in it and that the supply of nolasses was being reduced. A watch was set and a bear was seen to climb up and go in. He came out again on three legs, holding up the fourth, sil smeared with molasses. A great swarm of flies gathered about it. Bruin went on three legs to the river near by, and went out and squatted on a flat tone beside a pool. The daubed arm, with its circle of files, was stretched out. Presently a salmon jumped at the flies. As it did the bear swipe with his other paw and sent it fiving re, continuing the pastin till he had a full dinner. As a fish story this is entitled to high rank.

# THE LATE ANDREW KEE

The announcement in the Sun Saturday of the death of Andrew Kee, a former resident of this city at New Jerusalem, Queens county, was read with regret by many old friends and acquaintances who valued his friendship and esteemed his worth as a Born in this city fifty man. years ago, Mr. Kee spent the years of his manhood here, havin been bred by his father to the trade canriage builder), he followed during life, and was recognized as a capable mechanic and conscientious working n by all with whom he had business reations. Although modest and unassuming in his demeanor, Mr. Kee was a man of marked intelligence, with fixed and determined principles, and never swerved from what he deemed to be right, regardless of consequence His life, though uneventful was every respect honorable, and at its close fully illustrated that "an honest man is the noblest work of God."

# FATAL ACCIDENT.

Thos. McNamara, a carpenter, who was working on the building in course of erection by the Queen Bisouit Company at the corner of Clarence and St. David streets, fell from the top of the structure to the ground below Monafternoon and was instantly killed. McNamara was standing on the scaffolding in the building and it is not known just how he came to fall off. He fell thirty-five feet, alighting on his head. Blood poured from his ears and nose, and he was dead before a physician could be got. The amlance was sent for and Coroner Serryman, who was promptly at the me of the accident, agreed to the emoval of the body to the deceased's home on the Marsh road.

It is thought McNamara's neck was broken by the fall. The deceased, who was forty-four years of age, left a widow and four young children.

The cut of logs in the parish Simonds this winter will be greatly in axcess of that of any recent year, Robert Carson will get out a million for his mill at Garnett's Creek; the O'Neill firm, two million for their two mills, and J. & R. McLeod, a million for their mill at Black River; Rober More a million for his mill at Lock Lomond. A million more will be cut for the Ball's Lake mill, and others will handle smaller quantities. All of this lumber will come to St. John for shipment.

# HIS SNAKE STORIES.

(Chicago News.) "What is the complainant's reputation for truth and veracity?" asked the lawyer. "It's generally good, I think," answered the witness, "though in telling about the sizes of snakes he has killed he seems to be inclined to go almost any length."

AN ESCAPED MISSIONARY. "Aren't you late in getting home from inday school, Bobby?"
"Well, I guess! There was a man there in made an all-day speech and I thought would never get out."

# CITY NEWS.

The Chief Events of the Week in St John.

Together With Country Items from Correspondents and

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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS. News correspondence must be mailed in time to reach this office not later than Saturday afternoon to ensure insertion in THE WEEKLY SUN of the following week.

Madame Shanks, who was for sev eral years in the Convent of the Sacred Heart in this city, died in Montreal on

Mrs. Thomas Tyner of Little River died suddenly early Sunday morning of apoplexy. Deceased was sixty-two vears of age. The many friends of Dr. A. A. Stock-

ton will sympathize with him in the loss of his youngest son, R. Pickard, of diphtheratic croup. Frank Rice, son of Sheriff Rice of Madawaska, has been appointed sec-retary-treasurer of the county in the place of L. Theriault, deceased

Pilot Henry Spears has gone to Newport, R. I., to bring to this port the ship Treasurer, from Buenos Ayres, which put into Newport short of provisions.

The board of marine examiners on Friday granted masters' certificates for foreign trade to J. L. Smith of Barrington, N. S., and Harvey B Fitzgerald of Weymouth, N. S.

Hazen B. Brown, tailor, has assigned to Henry Gilbert, jr. His liabilities are about \$1,600 and his assets about \$2,300, largely book debts that he finds it impossible to collect.

The death occurred at Nauwigewauk on Saturday of Miss Elizabeth S. Porter, sister of W. Alex. Porter of this city. The funeral took place from her late residence Thursday afternoon.

The death occurred at Kingston Kings County, on Friday of Miss Caroline Foster, for several years matron of the Protestant Orphan asylum Miss Foster, who was sixty-nine years of age, resigned her position about

Taylor & Cunard, the well known Indiantown pork packers and sausage makers, have recently improved their premises. A large boiler and Leonard engine have been added and the conorders.

The great attraction at the country market Saturday afternoon and evening was the careass of a mose shot by John Maloney, an Indian, at Canaan the other day. It was shown in the stall of Thomas Dean. The animal weighed over 800 pounds.

McInness, the St. John man who has been running the dive on Water street under the name of the West End Restaurant, was closed up by the police Saturday night. Monday the parties owning the fixtures in store removed them.—Calais Times, Dec. 17.

The causes of death reported at the board of health office for the week ending Dec. 19th were: Pneumonia, 3; diphtheria, 2; heart disease, 2; diphtheritic croup, 2; measles, 1; phthisis pulmonalis, 1; accidentally killed, 1; rheumatic endocarditis, 1; abscess of larynx, 1; total 14.

J. G. Hamilton of St. Stephen, who assigned some months ago, was examined before Judge Forbes Thursday afternoon, at the instance of Messrs, Manchester, Robertson & Allison, as to the circumstances of his failure, his methods of doing business, etc. An equity suit may result.

Le Baron Coleman of St. John and R. L. Maltby of Newcastle were Douglastown, Miramichi, on Friday night to organize a court of the I. O. F. W. Emmerson visited the district below Loggieville on the south shore of the Miramichi last week also on Forestric business. very strong court has been organized at Chatham.

Capt. A. N. Smith salled from Halifax Saturday by Numinidian for Liverpool, He will take command of Wm. Thomson & Co.'s steamer the Mantinea at Newcastle and bring her here to load timber and deals for Liverpool at 22s. 6d. and 45s. respectively. Capt. Marsters leaves the Mantinea to after the new steamer being built for Messrs. Thomson & Co

A party of twenty-one Armenians arrived at Halifax by steamer Vancouver on Thursday. They are route to Toronto, where they are being sent by the Salvation Army. will reach here in a few days and or the evenings of the 28th and 29th insts. will attend meetings of sympathy to be held here and to be addressed by Commissioner Eva Booth and leading

The remains of the late Sister Mary Angela (formerly Miss McLeod of Fredericton) were laid at rest in the new Catholic cemetery Friday morning. Requiem mass was celebrated in the chapel of St. Vincent's convent by Rev. F. McMurray in the presen mourning Sisters of Charity and a few other friends of deceased, and the prayers for the dead were legited at the grave by Rev. T. Casey.

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The possibility of the Canada East-ern railway being taken over by the dominion government is a very live topic of discussion at Fredericton and on the Miramichi, While Campbellton wants a bridge to bring the Bay Chaleur line in there, the people on the Miramichi want to see the Canada Eastern taken over and run as another part of the I. C. R. system. They say it would be a great benefit to th north shore.

Another accident occured at Sand Point about three o'clock on Thursday morning. Frank Catherwood, a brakeman, was on top of a car which was being pushed around the corner warehouse where Ward was injured. Catherwood was literally blown off by the violence of the wind. He fell between 30 and 40 feet down through the trestle behind the Connolly wharf and two of his ribs were broken. He was taken to his home in Fairville

The mill of R. Moore, near Loch comond, has had a very successful eason of it. Mr. Moore has moved the machinery up the road and will out all winter, making an output for the year of about two million feet of lumber. He will have cut for him this winter something like a couple of million logs. Mr. Moore has the most complete outfit in that section of the province, and is in a position to do a very profitable business if the price of keeps up.

At the regular monthly meeting of Admiral Nelson Loyal Orange lodge, No. 124, held in Masonic hall, Sussex, on Friday, the 11th, the following officers were duly elected and installed office for the ensuing year: George Dryden, W. M.; Tho: S. Dryden, W. M.; Thomas Coggan, D. M.; Rev. H. W. Little, chap.; Wm. Leak, rec. sec.; Chas. R. Mitchell, fin. sec.; D., C. Gamblin, treas.; Jas. W. Foster, D. of C.; Seth Jones, lecturer; Shepd Dryden, John McKenzie, H: N. Arnold, W. J. McCann, S. Kil-

Geo. H. Winter, well known here brough his connection with the St. branch of the Bank of British North America, has been appointed accountant of the branch recently pened at Sandon, B. C. A letter received yesterday from Mr. Winter says Sandon, which contained only three log huts fifteen months ago, is now a prosperous settlement. There are within a few miles of the place forty silver mines, among them the cele brated Slocan Star, which is said to be the richest silver mine in the world.

Some weeks ago the steamer Tyrian sailed from Halifax for Havana with a cargo of potatoes. steamer became disabled and was condemned at Bermuda. The potatoes were put on board the Duart Castle and taken back to Halifax. Then the bark L. M. Smith was chartered to carry the spuds out to Havana. She took them on board and sailed for the Cuban capital, but she encountered bad weather and had to return to Halifax dismasted the other day. is a question if the shippers will make much out of this transaction.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eliza Hatfield took place at 2.30 Saturday afternoon from her late residence, 269 Germain street. The deceased, a very worthy and estimable lady, had reached the advanced age of 82 years. She was the widow of the late Daniel Hatfield, harbor master. Her daughters, Mrs. C. H. Clerke, St. Stepher and Mrs. Henry Melick of Boston, were with her during her illness. The services at the house and at the grave in the Rural cemetery were conducted by Rev. A. D. Dewdney, rector of St. James' church. There were no pallbearers.

Supreme Councillor Judge Wedderburn, accompanied by P. H. C. Ranger Coleman and P. S. W. Day, paid an official visit to Court Inglewood, I. O. F., located at Musquash, on Friday evening, Dec. 11th. A public meeting had been arranged by the court physician, Dr. Bedell, in Clinch's hall. The doctor presided and introduced the The judge delivered an eloquent and spirited address on the aims, objects and business of the I. O. F. Mr. Coleman made a brief speech, supplementing what the judge had said in reference to life insurance as conducted by this order.

At Norton Station, Kings Co., on Wednesday evening, 16th inst., Miss Nina McCready, youngest daughter of and silver, and have been developed the station agent and post master of to a limited extent. The third deal Apohaqui, was united in marriage to R. G. Innes, son of M. A. Innis of Comal and Camille, on a branch of Norton. Rev. D. Long officiated, the north fork of Lemon creek, five The presents were numerous and miles from Siocan City. All these costly, among them being a gold deals were closed up at New Denver, watch and chain from the bride's sister, Mrs. A. J. McLellan, and a check for \$50 from her brother-in-law, A. J. McLellan of Vancouver, B. C. After the ceremony, whoch took place at 7 ket slip, having about 15 tons of frozen p. m. at the residence of the bride's cod, haddock and pollock, and 140,000 father, about 50 guests were entertained at supper.

### VETERINARY

DEPARTMENT Conducted By J. W. Manchester. V. S., St. John, N. B.

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THE WEEKLY SUN takes pleasure in notifying its readers that it has perfected arrangements with J. W. Manchester, V. S., whereby all questions with respect to diseases of the lower animals will be answered by him, and treatment prescribed in those cases where it is asked for through the columns of THE SUN.

All enquiries must be addressed: VETERINARY DEPARTMENT, Weekly Sun, St. John, N. B.

W. H. M.-I have a horse four years old with sore eyes, that run water freely. Has been so for about three months, but otherwise is well and in good flesh and condition. What would you advise?

Ans.-Keep leather shields over the eyes to protect them from the light, and inject into the eyes twice daily a few drops of the following lotion: Zinc sulphate, 5 rains; opii tincture, one dram, water, two ounces; mix and apply as directed.

J. P. D.-I have a horse that chokes quite often when eating his grain. What shall I do for it? Please answer in the Sun and oblige.

Ans.—The only thing you can do is to arrange some way by which only a small amount of grain finds its way into the manger in a given time. There are a number of patent iron mangers for sale, some of which are very useful

Farmer-Your inquiry is so mixed up and indefinite that I cannot understand what you mean. Write again, be more careful and I will answer in next issue of the Sur

B. O. D.-Answer-As regards both your mare and pony your line of treatment apears to have been all right. Continue the Fowler' solution, ilso give two drams dally of potash lodide. With the mare it may be some chronic kidney trouble.

M. S.-Remove the extra claws from your dog with a pair of short shears or knife. The bleeding will not amount to anything and no treatment will be required. As to length of tail best suited to a spaniel, it is merely a matter of taste.

B. B.-We have no contagious pleuro-pneumonia in Canada, so you need not be alarmed about your stock being affected.

The Canadian Pacific railway ere equal to every emergency. The other day, through snow blockades in the untains and snow drifts on the plains, there was no chance for the Chinese mails to catch the English steamer, and delay over a certain date made a penalty of \$500 for each day of said delay. By running a special between Fort William and Montreal, at sixty miles per hour, it might be done, and as quick almost as the calculation was made a special was got ready and the flying trip started. The mails reached the steamer two hours ahead of time. The C. P. R. is a great road.

The residence of Rev. F. H. Pickles, St. John, west end, was the scene of a very interesting event on the afternoon of the 16th, the occasion being the marriage of James S. Mahood of Petersville, Queens Co., and Miss Ida M. Scott of the same place. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. F. H. Pickles. The bride was attired in a light brown travelling suit, and looked charming. She was unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Mahood left by the 4.40 express for Petersville, which is to be their future home. Their numerous friends join in wishing them long life, happy days, and many of them in their new home.

A. B. Mackenzie and Alexander Dick of Rossland, the latter a recnt arrival from Nova Scotia, have just completed several important deals in the Nelson and Slocan districts. The most important of these was the bonding of the famous Alpine group, consisting of the Swiss, Berne, Highland Chief and Kootenay Pass, for \$60,000. All these claims are situated at the head of Eight Mile creek, which runs into the west arm or outlet of Kootenay lake. They have also bonded for \$37,500 a three-quarter interest in the Ocean group, at the head of Lemon creek, running into Slocan lake. The claims in this group are the Arctic No. 2, Antarctic, Atlantic and Pacific. They carry both gold was the purchase outright of the

Two schooners have arrived in marfrozen herring. The weather is now favorable for the business.