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Permission to begin suit against John A. McCall, president, and George W. Perkins, vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company, for the restitution of \$150,000, contributed to republican campaign funds, was asked of Attorney General Mayer on Tuesday by William Hepburn Russell, acting as attorney for several policy holders. Under the law the sanction of the attorney general is required in order to bring a suit of this character.

The visit of the Irish Guards Band to St. John on Monday next promises to be the principal musical event of the season. This band, which is on a two months' visit to Canada by express permission of King Edward, played at the Toronto exhibition, and has since been on a tour of the West. It has been enthusiastically received everywhere and the music rendered is described as the best ever heard in Canada. The band consists of forty-one pieces under Bandmaster Haskell, the most highly paid conductor in the British army, and is in command of Viscount de Visci. The concerts in St. John will be under the patronage of his worship Mayor White, Lt. Col. G. Rolt White, D. O. C., and officers of the militia. Special rates on the different railways will be granted to parties of ten or over. At the matinee on Monday school children will be admitted for ten cents. Only two concerts will be given on Monday, 16th inst., afternoon and evening, in the Victoria Rink.

NEWS SUMMARY.

Five thousand yards American waists—read Messrs F. W. Daniel and Company's announcement on page 13.

Frederick W. Freeze has been appointed sheriff of Kings county. Mr. Freeze, who succeeds the late Sheriff Hatfield, has been deputy for many years.

Dr. Marcus Fitzherbert Wheatland, a colored physician of Newport, R. I., is recognized as New England's leading specialist in electro-therapeutics and the X-ray. In early life he was a shoe-maker.

Sir Wm. Murdoch has determined to open places in city post offices to deaf and dumb persons. Six mutes are to be appointed to serve in city post offices throughout Canada. They will have to have sufficient education to sort ordinary mail matter and be under thirty years of age.

The Pall Mall Gazette comments on the facts that in a six column statement of the finances, recently issued by the Independent Order of Foresters, no balance sheet is submitted. The salary of its leader, Oronhyateka, adds the Pall Mall Gazette, is omitted, along with a whole mass of other financial information that would be valuable as well as interesting.

The provincial government on Wednesday considered the proposed agreement with the New Brunswick Railway Company for the sale to the province of 50,000 acres of land in Victoria County for settlement. It was decided to send a competent surveyor and land examiner to inspect the proposed tract with a view to its suitability for agricultural purposes.

George J. Milton, manager of the Five Fingers Coal Company, Whitehorse, Yukon, is prospecting for further deposits of coal, besides those already discovered and which are claimed to be of excellent quality. Mr. Milton expects in time to be taking out several tons of coal daily, making it profitable to operate smelters on the great copper properties that exists in the territory.


Australia is not taking any tariff making suggestions from Canada. The last Australian tariff adds inland freight to value of goods for duty valuation. Canada suggested this should be remitted in the case of goods from the country, as it would injure the business of the steamship line, which Australia and Canada subsidized. A reply has been received from Australia stating there will be no change in the tariff arrangements.

Mr. Robin, premier of Manitoba, is much interested in the experiment to produce binder twine from Manitoba flax and has arranged to have two tons of straw packed at Gretna, Man., and shipped to Toronto research laboratories, where it is to be put through a process to convert it into fibre for twine manufacture. If the experiment proves successful it will be a great event for Manitoba farmers, as furnishing a market for straw which is now waste material and also reducing the price of twine in the province.

Boston police believe they have learned the name of the man who bought the two dress suits cases (which figure in the Winthrop mystery.) The police have also secured a photograph of the man in question, and it is possible that an arrest will be made to-day.



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