IDLE JAIL BIRDS.

Commodore Stewart Commends Police Magistrate Ritchie,

And Philosophises on the Absurdity of Pinehbeck Philanthropists.

Commenting on the Star's report of a recent declaration by the police mag astrate that prisoners in the jail should be set at work, the Chatham World

Magistrate Ritchie is right, and we

see set at work, the Chatham World says:—
Magistrate Ritchie is right, and we hope he will succeed in getting the city to carry out his suggestions. Modern civilisation preaches industry, and sends offenders to jail to practice ideness. The so-called problem of life, without work, can be readily solved by anyone who shooses to scanfice liberty. All one has to do is to commit some minor offence and get sent to jail for a term, and then, after enjoying a day or two of freedom, commit another offence and secure another term of free board and lodging.

It is a mixture of maudin sentiment and lasiness that permits this demoralising state of things to exist. There is a maudin sentiment in favor of coddling criminals of all kinds, and an unwillingness to grapple manfully with the problem of providing them with work. It is easier to feed them, and let them smoke and play forty-fives, than to provide them with work and see that they attend to it, and the powers that be are always prone to move in the lines of least resistance.

The problem of providing profitable work for prisoners is a hard one to solve, but no honest attempt has yet been made in this country to solve it. There are the pinchbeck philanthropists who are ready to weep and wall and howl at the sight of perspiration on the face of a criminal, and the labor union idiots who cry out against the products of prison labor being placed on the market and thresten politicians with defeat if they don't stop it. These unreasoning beings virtually put themselves on record in support of the doctrine that it is better for them to be taxed to support prisoners than to allow prisoners to support themselves. It would be just as sensible in them to support a large percentage of their organizations in ideness, so as to keep up wages by decreasing the number of workers.

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to support a large percentage of their organisations in idleness, so as to keep up wages by decreasing the number of workers.

But all the people are not of either of these classes. Common sense is the governing principle of the majority, and all any reformer needs to do is to ignore the shouters and go ahead. The idea that work is imposed as a punishment should be got rid of at once. Work is the law of our being, the medicine that keeps the body and mind in a healthy state. It is a necessity. There can be no reform, and reform is the one thing to be desired in criminals, without steady employment. The idea that labor is a punishment—that it is a ourse imposed on man for his sina—has been inculcated as part of human thought, an important portion of one's heritage of absurdity. Let us get rid of this first, and then we are rid of the pinchbeck philanthropists. Make the prisoners work, rot prib because they should earn their own keeping, but because it is best for their care it of the pinchbeck philanthropists. Make the prisoners work, being where they can't steal, if they would eat. Require prisoners to work ten hours a day, give them three square meals of good food their labor. Then they may sociate to their credit the surplus products of their regaining their freedom. All forminals may be made useful, and some will be reformed, by such treatment. Only harm is done by the methods now employed in pur prisons.

We hope that Judge Bittchle may succeed, and that the good example set by \$t. John will be followed elsewhere, so that in time the Northumberland county fail will root be a loading place for lazy and dishonest persons.

MACKENZIE AND MANN

MACKENZIE AND MANN Get \$327,000 as a Result of the Govern-ment's Folly.

(Ottawa Journal.)
Contractors Mackenzie and Mannhave got an award in the exchequer court of \$237,475 against the dominion government on account of alleged expense and toss owing to their preparations to build the Stickine-Teslin rail.

This is because the dominion cabinet, without authority from parliament, atold Mackensis and Mann to go shead. Then parliament, alies the senate, refused to authorise the work, thank goodness. If the work had gone in the dominion would have been bied for in-

getused to authorise the work, thank goodness. If the work had gone on the dominion would have been bled fer infinite militons.

Novertheless to the unconstitutional course of the cabinet in giving a contract unauthorized by parliament to Mackessie and Mann the country owes the waste of even 327,000.

That the cabinet ministers should be personally responsible there is no miral doubt, nor that they would be faind so at law if there were any means of testing the matter. But so long as they are in power, a legal test would be usedess even if possible; the mily result would be that the ministers would bring in a bill to indemnify themselves and a subservient prilament would pass it, now that the political complexion of the senate too is red.

FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE.

Revival of Rumor That the C. P. May Take Hold of the Project.

(Montreal Witness.)
The fact that the note of warning has already been sounded in regard to the possible action of the shipping combine, looking to the cripping of the Canadian immigration business, has drawn attention to the fast Atlastic service project, and there is a rumor which points emphatically to the C. P. R. taking action in the premises at no distant date. It is well known that Sir William Van Horne had this idea in his mind before he gave up the presidency of the company. Indeed, he fully described the details of the project, as he had mapped it out in his mind, to a Witness representative shortly before he retired to build railways in Cuba, which is a sort of relaxation for the erstwhile hardworked president, Sir William was then full of the project, and hinted, not remotely, that the C. P. R. would be repared to take hold of it, if the government did the "handsome thing." Eince then, Lord Strathcona has, in season and out of season, preached a fast Atlantic service crusade, both in this country and in England, and although his lordship said that he would not, at his time of life, undertake the project himself, or even the leading direction of it, he was fully persuaded in his mind that there would be no difficulty in finding the necessary capital, when once the federal government had appreciated the necessity of a fast line between this country and England. Such appreciation may be forthcoming at the present juncture, when a huge combine threatens our immigration business, especially interested in the filling up of our northwest, and is at the present moment carrying on a wonderful crusade, both in the United States and England, with the object in view of obtaining population. Both the company and the government, therefore, have every interest in retorting upon the scheme which is intended to injure us, by taking such steps as would sive to the dominion that which Lord Strathcona says would be the best advertisement which the country ever received. Sir Thomas Shaughment of the undertake the other officials had no special knowledge on the subject, but Sir Thomas himself has more than once given it as his opinion that a fast

Coughs, colds, noarseness, and other three silments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cress ene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists OTTAWA NEWS.

OTTAWA, May 8.—This day was ob served as a holiday and parliamen

An interesting game of cricket was played between the politicians and de partmental officers of Quebec and Ontarlo on one side and the rest of the world on the other. The world was beaten by 102 to 78. Speaker Power,

R. L. Borden, Copp, Gourlay, M. Maynard, grandson of Senator Dickey, Clare Burns and Chas. Ross were on the side of the rest of the world.

A census bulletin issued and called Number 8, deals with immigration and birthplaces. It shows that there were last year 203,803 persons of English birth in Canada, against 219,838 in 1891 and 169,504 in 1881, showing that in the last decade the immigration from England does not make good the death and exodus of English-born Canadians. The Irish-born population shows a greater reduction. It fell off from 185,825 in 1881 to 149,184 in 1891, and 101,828 in 1901. The Scots in Canada numbered 116,002 in 1881, 107,584 in 1891 and only 83,821 in 1909.

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CHAPMAN FESTIVAL CHORUS.

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The rehearsal of the festival chorus at the York Theatre last night was a good all round practice. From this time onward strict rules as to attendance at rehearsals will prevail, and to qualify for appearance at the festival itself each member must have a record of 70 per cent, attendance. The reflicall will be a regular feature from this time onward. Word was received last night that Mr. Chapman will be present next Wednesday evening, to personally see how the work is progressing.

Reports from other places are to the effect that the attendance at practices are good and it is desired that members of the St. John chorus should be more regular. Last night out of one hundred and fifty enrolled members, not more than eighty were present and this is not satisfactory. The male members are the principal offenders but an improvement can also be made by the ladies.

Cornege,
John March, of Hampton is the guest of
his son, Dr. March, on Partridge Island,
A despetch from Chathan yesterday said
Bishop Rogers was very much better,

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

SHIPPING NEWS

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

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SPORTING NEWS.

The St. John Season Will Open on Saturday.
The members of the St. John C. and A. A. C. will meet this afternoon at the Athletic grounds, Marsh bridge, for practice preparatory to the cricket match at Rothessy or Saturday.

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GOOD WORDS FROM HALIFAX. That City Urged to Support St. John's Dry

From what we can learn the citizens of St. John have displayed a very generous interest in the prospects that Italitas has for the establishment of a steel displaying index ry. Indeed, it may happen that as moreover its in a constraint of the constrain mould have a dry dock. Nothing in write hips, and the property of the property get americance to un Canada in the future. Perhaps before ride are read the government may have most some action and it may be lifes may not have to render any lifes not not have to render any less in the matter, but is any case has been loyed to Hallian to her I

TOO YOUNG TO WED

Tony Marobita, aged 21, occupation carefully oiled and curled-madly in pretty stylishly dressed-discovered in the hall of No. 231 Bowery, New York, lying in wait for Josephine, armed with a big revolver—determined to end his life—arrested, arrainged before Magis-trate Brann; girl brought in as wit-

mess.

The Magistrate—Only 16. If you are married at 16 you will have nothing to do but nurse bables, and your life will be a drudgery. Twenty-five is a seasonable age for marriage. At 30 a woman is not so particular who she marries, and at 45 she will marry any one.

Tony-If she does not marry me

will kill myself.

The Magistrate—That will solve the problem, but you won't do it. You fellows who say you will kill yourself are only braggarts.

Tony—She says she will die with me. Josephine—I say nothing of the sort. The Magistrate—How much money have you?

have you?

Tony—None.

The Magistrate—What do you expect to get married on, then—your shape?
Why, it would take you two years to earn enough money to buy this girl a hat like the one she wears. She doesn't want to marry a banker.

Tony—I don't want to get married for

Tony—i don't want to get married for two years? The Magistrate—Two years? The girl will change her mind several times in that period. I'll send you to Bellevue to have your sanity inquired into, and if they say you are all right I'll send you to the island.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Warm and not hot water should be used for washing out glass and a soft joth used for drying. Bottles and leganters may be cleaned inside with mans or shot with bits of paper and

Those who are fond of old fashioned odors will enjoy a scent bag filled with the following mixture: A hair pound of dried lavender, an ounce each of dried thyme and mint, two teaspoonfuls of ground cloves and caraways and an ounce of well dried salt. Put into little silk bags and slip under the pillow or in a drawer of clothing.

A good tooth powder which likewise has the advartage of economy is made by taking seven parts of prepared chaik to one part of ground Castle soap. A little wintergreen or peppermint may be added for flavoring. A mixture of powdered orris root and prepared chaik is also a good dentifice.

A convenience for the toilet table is a "Boston pin cushion." It is a four inch cube of white satin, stiff only on the bottom. The five sides are filled each with pins of some particular color put in in star or diamond shape. At shades of blue are represented in the heads of pins in one side, red in another, green a third and mauve and yellow in others.

TALMAGE CHANGED HIS TEXT.

"Dr. Taimage during his visit to England in 1879," says The London Chronicle, "had been engaged to preach in a church in one of the large towns of England. On arriving at the building he found it besieged by a throng of from 15,000 to 20,000 people. Naturally, he expected the place would be crowded inside; instead of this he was surprised to find it only moderately full. Why, he demanded of the pastor, 'don't you let this crowd of people come in?' Oh,' said he, 'each person inside has paid four shillings to get in.' Dr. Taimage had intended to preach from the text, 'Without money and without price.' He changed his subject."

220 PRISONERS DURING THE YEAR. The annual report of the Halifax city reton has been completed. It shows that during the year 230 prisoners had been in the stitution. The table of offences was as blow: Drunkenness, 197 men, 48 females; in ceny, 17 men, 3 females; profane languag 21 men, 4 females; assault, 11 men, 3 females. Treceipts for labor performed amounted to 36 fol.30. The estimated value of property at goods in the prison amounts to \$3,805.90. The estimated value of from produce assect at consumed was \$602.

ADELPHI GETS \$125,000 GIFT.

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[New York Sun.]

John D. Rockefeller offered three weeks age to give \$125,000 to Adelphi Gollege in Berocking not condition that a like sum be subscribed by the friends of the institution. Letter-for, Woodruft, president of the board of trustees, who announced the sift, set to work to raise the sum required and on Thursday on the eve of his departure for Europe found that he had succeeded.

Mr. Rockefeller was notified of the result. He said he would turn over the \$125,000 to the treasurer of the institution in some of \$25,000 as rapidly as the subscribers paid in \$25,000.

1,666 JOINED NEW LABOR UNION

1,000 JGINED NEW Lacole Orsional ChildAGO, May 5.—At a mass meeting the Chicago street; actively employes, who can be considered that the child of t

Are you drinking Red Rose tea?

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MORNING'S NEWS

LOCAL

James C. Gorie, cierk with D. H.
Name at Indiantown, was wedded at a coclock last evening to Miss May Brown, daughter pf Geo. B. Brown of Douglas avenue. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride by Rev. D. Long. Mr. and Mrs. Gorie will reside on Victoria street.

The funeral of Arthur W. Lovitt, son of Mrs. George Lovitt, who died at his residence, 184 Princess street, after a brief lilness on Wednesday svening, will take place on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. St. George's Society, of which Mr. Lovitt was a member, will attend the funeral in a body. Mr. Lovitt, who was very well known in St. John, was for many years bookkeeper for Miller. & Woodman. Previous to that he was in the employ of the late I. C. Bowman.

The St. John Y. M. C. A. has as yet been unable to satisfactorily fill the position of secretary made vacant by the regrettable resignation of Geo. Williams. Correspondence is being carried on with several applicants, and it is probable that the position will be filled by a graduate of the Y. M. C. A. Training School of Springfield, Mass. Mr. Willams' resignation was to have gone into effect May 1, but he has consented to hold office a few weeks longer until his successor shall have been selected.

PROVINCIAL.

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The difficulty between the Quebec Ship Laborers' Society and the Leyland line has ended in amicable settlement. The proposition made by Mayor Parent has been accepted by all parties

concerned.

At a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, action was taken with a view to bring about the attendance of the premiers of Canada, Australia and New Zealand at the meeting of the association in Halifax this summer. It is also intended to invite a leading member of the British cabinet, probably the colonial secretary, Hon. Joseph Chamberlain.

THE POTATO TRADE.

(Fredericton Gleaner.)

Alderman Boyce, who is in the potato business quite heavily, has rented a wareroom in the Lemont building, adjoining the Star line wharf, where he is storing potatoes until such time as he has accumulated a sufficient quantity for loading a car. It is also a convenient place for shipping by the steamers to St. John in which market he is doing a large trade. Thus far this apring Ald. Boyce has shipped four carloads of tubers to the American market, and three carloads to St. John by the steamers.

Prices, which started at \$1 a barrel, are steadily rising, and the farmer who has potatoes to sell today has a valuable asset. Ald. Boyce paid a Kingsclear farmer \$1.00 a barrel yesterday for a one hundred barrel lot. Another buyer paid \$1.00 a barrel for a small lot to complete a carload.

Potatoes are exceptionally high in the United States at present, a good quality retailing at \$5.75 to \$4 a barrel. It is said that local shippers are making a fair return upon their investment this spring.

Turnips cannot be sold at any price. (Fredericton Gleaner.)

AN INTERESTING RUMOR

That is Contradicted By the Eastern Steamship Co.

Steamship Co.

(Boston Post.)

It is rumored along Atlantic avenue and in local steamship circles that the Morse Syndicate, which now controls the various lines running to Maine and St. John, N. B., is after the Plant Co.'s Nova Scotia and Frince Edward Island business, for which it is willing, it is said, to pay \$500,000. The property consists of the steamer Hallfax and the company's wharf premises at Charlottetown and Hallfax. When interviewed as to this rumor Calvin Austin, vice-president and general manager of the Bastern Steamship Co. emphatically deried that there was any truth in it. In fact, Mr. Austin declared that he had talked with Mr. Morse no later than last Friday about the matter and the later asserted that he had no designs on the Hallfax line. However, there are those who believe that the line will be absorbed in a short time and that Mr. Morse's ambitton will not Inc will be absorbed in a short time and that Mr. Morse's ambition will not stop even there, but that the Yarmouth Line will also pass into his control. It these consolidations come about, the Eastern Steamship Co. will entirely control the various ocean routes between this and the Maine ports, as well as the provincial routes.

CHINESE REBELLION SERIOUS

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PEKIN, May 7.—Bishop Favier, the French vicar-apostolic in China, has received information to the effect that 10,000 armed rebeis with seven cannon are participating in the right in Chi Li Province. It is considered doubtful if the governor of Chi Li has a sufficient force to cope with the rebellion. The built of the government troops with ten Catting guns are due to arrive at the seene of the disturbance on Wednesday.

The leader of the uprising is a military mandarin who killed his family before raising the flag of revoit, so as to prevent their punishment in the event of his failure.

THE CESTRIAN SAILS.

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The steamer Cestrian, with six squadrons of the fourth contingent for South Africa, sailed from Halifax yesterday. There were nearly 50 men in the ranks. General O'Grady-Haly reviewed the troops on Wednesday night and complimented the men very highly. Six hundred men from the west were drawn up outside the camp gate and cheered their departing comrades as they marched through. The march to the pier was witnessed by thousands and the men were given an enthusiastic cheer as they sailed away.

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(BASTERN STANDARD TIME.)

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MEETINGS.

The trades and labor council will reet at 8 o'clock tonight in Labor hall in the Oddfellows' building, Union

street.

The committee having the Orangemen's 13th of July celebration in hand, will meet at the Orange hall to-night to decide upon a place and to complete arrangements.

An adjourned meeting of the Central Committee I. O. F. will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the office of Chapman & Tilley, Palmer's Chambers, Princess street. All members of the committee will please accept this notice to be present.

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The children of the Church of the Assumption parish, Carleton, will hold a concert in St. Patrick's hall next Tuesday evening. There will be a number of pleasing features, among which will be a Flower Fantasie by 26 boys and girls, and a pantymime by nine young ladies.

The annual meeting of the Hall's Lake Fishing Club was held last evening in the office of Macrae & Sinclair. The secretary-treasurer's report showed the club to be in a good financial condition. George Hoben and James Pullen were elected members. The officers for the ensuing year are W. B. Wallace, president, and K. J. Macrae, secretary and treasurer.

The board of school trustees held a short season last evening and considered the complaint of G. L. P. Swetka, in reference to a punishment administered to his little daughter by a teacher of Winter street school. J. V. Russell and Dr. Bridges were appointed a committee to investigate. Rev. Richard Mathers applied to get control of the Weldon lot, corner of St. James and Wentworth streets, and Judge Trueman and Dr. Bridges were appointed to consider it.

THE RESTIGOUCHE CUT.

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(Gleaner.)
The log driving prospects on the Restigouche are somewhat gloomy. The drives are out of the brooks and into the Restigouche, but the water is failing very fast. During forty-eight hours ending Saturday night last the water had failen three feet, and it was with difficulty that logs could be driven. A further fail will make the operations more difficult of course, and the water is still receding. Mr. Hazelton has not been heard from for some days, and at that time he was having a hard experience.

The cut on the Restignuche for the past season will amount to about 25,000,000, about 8,500,000 of which is cedar. If all of this cut is brought to the booms it will be with great difficulty, and late in the season, unless a warm sun or heavy rains intervene at once.

BECAUSE WE LOVE HER.

(Bangor Commercial.)
It is said that a New Hampshire man has invented a telephone attachment that does away with the need of a central office. But he can never make it a success. The man who will do anything to do away with the service of the charming "humber, please" girl, doesn't deserve to succeed.

doesn't deserve to succeed.

A German chemist has prepared a ruid that has the power, when injected into the tissues of a plant, near its roots, of anesthizing the plant. As a result of this injection the plant does not die, but stops growing, maintaining its fresh, green appearance, though its vitality is apparently suspended. Changes in temperature seem in no wise to affect the foliage, for the plant blooms in the open as well as in the most carefully constructed bethouse.