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## PRICE OF PIG IRON MAY RISE.

There is very little pig iron in stock. The demand has been so great that the actual output is not sufficient to meet the same, and the stocks have been drawn on heavily until they have been reduced to almost nothing. Still some of the large manufacturing pig iron interests oppose a further advance in prices. At the same time, there are others who believe higher prices are justified, and if conditions continue, it is not impossible that the latter may break away from the more conservative element and add something to the price. Those who oppose an advance do so on the ground that business is so prosperous now it is better to let well enough alone, and that any disturbance at this time in the price list would be apt to upset the whole market. Most consumers have contracts for months ahead, possibly some may run short, but with the present increased output, probably all will secure sufficient iron to carry them over.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

The steamer Ask is due here from Jamaica on the 28th inst.

The 62nd band will meet for practice tonight at eight o'clock.

The prizes for the different events in the police sports are today on exhibition in the windows of Oak Hall.

A quantity of cents can be had at the office of this paper in exchange for other money.

Grand High Priest Alex. Burchill, of Fredericton, will officially visit Carleton Chapter R. A. M. this evening.

The search for the body of the missing Emma Sullivan was continued last night and this forenoon, but as yet the searchers have been unsuccessful.

Dr. Morris will go out again to Coldbrook this afternoon to investigate the statement that there is a case of smallpox in a house there.

At Chubb's corner today sixteen shares of the bark Veronica, 1,094 tons, now bound south, were sold for \$10 a share to W. E. Golding.

The case of the City of St. John v. Merritt et al. in regard to the ownership of the Bluff weir, was before the equity court this morning. The session was taken up in reading the pleas.

The Young People's Society of the Carleton Baptist church will hold a concert in the school room of the church to-morrow evening. A good programme is promised.

Rev. Dr. Hartley passed a comfortable night and this morning is much improved. Dr. Wheeler stated that Dr. Hartley may now be considered out of danger, and that he is expected to continually improve.

An alarm was rung in about half-past seven o'clock this morning from box No. 12 for a fire in James McDonald's meat shop on Union street. It had evidently originated from a stove in the shop. Very little damage was done.

In connection with the hundredth anniversary of the institution of St. John's lodge, F. and A. M., a reception and ball will be given in the Masonic building on Germain street on the evening of April 5th.

A meeting of the Church of England Institute Ladies' Association will be held in the Institute rooms this afternoon to discuss the proposed amalgamation of the society with the institute.

The creditors of W. McLeod Daye met at the office of H. H. Pickett today. W. Alex. Porter and F. B. Schofield were appointed as a committee to look into the whole matter and report Monday.

The season is approaching for curtains, blankets and carpets. We are prepared to handle this class of work promptly and with the best result. Try us this spring sure. Ungar's Laundry, Dyeing and Carpet Cleaning Works.

Mrs. M. A. Sheffield will lecture upon the Hindoos in the British West Indies tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock in the rooms of the Natural History Society. The lecture will be illustrated by a number of curios.

The price of Valencia oranges has stiffened considerably during the last week or so. Latest quotations show an advance of one shilling and six pence a case. Reports from Spain are to the effect that there have been heavy frosts and snow storms lately. Their exact effect upon the orange crop is as yet unknown.

The members of the Cliff Club entertained their wives and a few other ladies at dinner in their clubhouse on Pokiki heights last evening. One of the ladies in a very neat speech proposed the health and prosperity of the members of the Cliff Club, and the whole eighteen ladies joined in singing For They Are Jolly Good Fellows.

This afternoon the gentlemen on the board of Associated Charities will meet the city clergy and delegates from different societies, in order to discuss with them the charitable work in the city and to confer as to how the work of the Associated Charities may be brought into closer touch with the congregations and societies in the city. The meeting takes place in the board of trade rooms.

## A WRONG IMPRESSION.

A number of the ladies who started the petition in the North End in regard to the library fund, wish to correct an impression made by it. They are, they say, not opposed to the city taking from Mr. Carnegie his gift of \$50,000 for library purposes, but they do object to the idea of losing the annual grant of \$600, which is given by the city towards the support of the library in the North End.

## THE THISTLE CURLERS.

Four rinks of the Thistles will go to Fredericton in the morning to try conclusions with the curlers of that town. The Thistle skips are J. Fred. Shaw, Rev. W. O. Raymond, W. P. Robinson and D. McClelland. The Thistles have also accepted the challenge of three rinks from St. Andrews for either Friday or Saturday night. The skips will be D. R. Willet, J. H. Thomson, J. Fred. Shaw.

## PROBATE COURT.

The last will and testament of the late John McLeod, M. P. F., was admitted to probate today and letters testamentary were granted to Hon. A. T. Dunn. The estate consists of \$1,500 personal and \$3,375 real property. Blair & Blair, proctors.

Letters of administration in the estate of the late Michael O'Neill were granted to his son, Rev. A. J. O'Neill. The estate consists of \$800 personally. D. Mullin, proctor.

It takes about 174 years for a dollar to double itself at 4 per cent. interest compounded semi-annually.

## VICTIMS OF FEVER.

The "Break-Downer" and Its Interesting History.

Some weeks ago a number of immigrants suffering from fever, were placed in the house on Protection street, Carleton, occupied by Nicholas Barber and James Patterson. A short time afterwards, Barber was taken ill with what proved to be a severe form of typhoid fever and after being removed to the General Public Hospital, died there. A few days ago James Patterson, who runs a boarding house in the upper flat of the Barber place, was also removed to the hospital suffering from the same disease. Small hopes are entertained for his recovery, as the fever appears in a most violent form.

The house occupied by the Patterson family has a history which is rarely equalled. It is about sixty years old and at the time of the tidal wave, forty odd years ago, logs were washed through it and a portion of the building torn away. Since that time it has had many tenants, some of them quite respectable, and some otherwise. The latter seem to have been in the majority, for the house not bears an unsavoury reputation.

A few years ago it was occupied by David Guthro and his wife, and during their occupancy it became known as the "break-downer." Guthro managed the establishment for some time, and during his absence it was conducted by his wife. She seemed to be in a state of continual ill health, and her applications for assistance were so frequent that when she finally grew seriously ill little attention was paid to her. She was subsequently taken to the General Public Hospital and died the day after her admission to that institution. Then Nicholas Barber moved in to the lower flat and a short time ago contracted fever. Before he took sick, Mrs. Charlotte Guthro and family, who had returned to the city from Fredericton, appeared in Carleton and deposited their goods on the sidewalk in front of the house. Towards evening Mr. Patterson, who occupied the upper flat, gave Mrs. Guthro permission to bring her stuff in for the night, and, having got inside the place, some difficulty was experienced in getting her out. She and her daughter paid some little attention to Barber during his illness, previous to his removal to the hospital and have recently rendered an account for their services. Mrs. Guthro's daughter claims forty-four dollars for twenty-two days' attendance on Mrs. Guthro, who was eighteen dollars for nine days' nursing. Barber's attack of fever was in such an advanced stage when he was taken to the hospital that it is thought his death was hastened by the exposure consequent upon his removal.

Since Barber's death David Guthro, former proprietor of the "Break-downer" has again moved in, and the occupants of the neighboring houses are thinking of taking steps to have the place closed up, fearing that it may again become the nuisance it was some time ago.

## HENRY MAXWELL.

A Venerable Citizen Passed Away This Morning.

The death of Henry Maxwell, which occurred this morning at the home of his son-in-law, R. W. McCarthy, reminds a man who linked the present with the far past in the history of St. John. Mr. Maxwell, who was so long an active element in the business life of the city, was in his 96th year. He was a man widely known and very highly esteemed.

Mr. Maxwell was a native of the North of Ireland, born May 7, 1806. In 1826 he came to New Brunswick, and locating in St. John, was first employed in loading vessels with lumber. Later he worked in a ship-yard and after a time moved out to Gagetown road and cleared a farm at what is now Summer hill.

Seven years later he returned to this city and resumed work in the shipyard for three years. Then he engaged in preparing lumber for shipbuilding purposes and built up a large business; carried on by his son after his retirement. Mr. Maxwell erected two fine dwelling houses in the city, four of which were destroyed by fire. On Feb. 11, 1835, Mr. Maxwell was married to Eliza Corbett. They have had twelve children. William Henry, of San Francisco; James C., of Fredericton; Richard, of St. John; and Charles Jr., of this city. Mrs. Richard Halk, of Selkirk, who died in 1888; Mrs. Lewis W. Linley; Mrs. John Hale, Mrs. (Judge) G. W. Burbridge, and Mrs. J. E. Narraway, Ottawa; Mrs. W. P. Court and Mrs. R. W. McCarthy, of this city. For many years he was a class leader and trustee of the Queen Square Methodist church.

## HOW THEY WERE.

Yesterday afternoon Hugh Gourley, husband of the woman who died of smallpox, set out to sell his furniture. Two friends of his engaged a boy with a team to call at Gourley's house on Queen street to take the furniture. Then the four drove around town for some hours, calling at the different second-hand stores in order to effect a sale, but meeting with very little success. Finally they arrived at a store on Dock street and having made a bargain with the proprietor took the furniture into the shop. The friends were writing false names in the book kept by the Jew when Officer Totten happened to drop in and remarked to the storekeeper that the stuff was from a smallpox house. Then it went out on the street without any loss of time and the team started off to look for another possible buyer. After finding one they again carried the furniture into his shop, but a message was sent to the man from the one who had nearly bought the goods, giving him the hint about smallpox, and for the third time the sled was loaded. Then the boy who was driving the team objected and demanded his money, but not having sold the furniture, Gourley's friends were unable to pay him. The stuff was finally dumped in the rear of Komlensky's store on Dock street, where it remained until this forenoon, when, without any great excitement it was removed.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—Notice is given that the rate of 45 cents per word for a telegram between troops in South Africa and relatives in Canada is still in force.

## POLICE COURT.

When William Corbett, who was arrested between seven and eight o'clock last evening for being drunk on King square, was searched his pockets were found to contain among other things, over two hundred dollars in notes and gold. Under these circumstances the payment of a four dollar fine this morning was a matter of small moment, but Corbett has resolved never to do it again.

Thomas Campbell, an English sailor, for being drunk on Water street was fined four dollars or ten days and philosophically took the days.

Michael J. Kelly, not "Squinter," went home in a somewhat hilarious condition last evening and made things so lively that his wife had to call in the police to quell the disturbance. As it was found impossible to keep Michael quiet he was arrested and this morning was charged with being drunk and assaulting his wife. He didn't remember anything about it, and was remanded until his wife appeared.

## TODAY'S FUNERALS.

The funeral of the late James J. Vincent took place at two o'clock this afternoon from his late residence, 15 Simonds street. Services were conducted at the house and grave by the Rev. R. P. McKim and interment made in the Church of England burying ground.

At half-past two o'clock this afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Bridget McManus took place from her home on Military road. The body was taken to St. Peter's church, where the funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Jas. Woods. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery. The pallbearers were James McDade, Daniel Docherty, Michael Coll, Edward Callaghan, John Glynn and Thomas Hurley.

## INTERESTING EVENTS.

The proposed concert on March 12th and 13th are already the chief topic of conversation in local musical circles. It is agreed that the interest in hearing Miss Tongue and Mr. McCluskey in conjunction with the great American basso, will be greater than could possibly occur with any other combination. The St. John tenor will be heard in several duets with Mr. Witherpoon, which will lend a pleasing variety to the programme.

## THE WORK OF RENUMBERING.

Preparations are now being made for the work of renumbering the houses in the city. At present a large number of places are without numbers, and many of the others are improperly supplied. City Engineer Peters has at his office a complete plan of all the streets of the city, giving the correct number of every house and lot. Any person in doubt as to the number of his house can obtain the proper figures from the engineer.

## WELL FED AND CLOTHED.

Denial of Statement Relative to Boer Prisoners in Bermuda.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The attention of the British government was called some time ago to publications in American newspapers in regard to the ill-treatment of Boer prisoners at Bermuda. The British war office inquired into the matter with the result that Lord Pauncefoot has been informed that such statements were entirely erroneous; that free issues of clothing have been made to the prisoners of war whenever it was necessary, and that the following daily schedule of rations has been issued to the Boer prisoners ever since their arrival in Bermuda:

"Bread, 1-1/4 pounds, or biscuit, 1 pound; fresh meat, 1 pound, or preserved meat, 3-4 pound; coffee, 2-3 oz.; sugar, 2 oz.; salt, 1-2 oz.; pepper, 1-36 ounce; fresh vegetables, 1-2 pound; or preserved vegetables, 1 ounce; lime juice, 1-10 gill, with 1-4 ounce sugar, on days when fresh vegetables are not issued, at the discretion of the G. O. C., on the recommendation of medical officer."

Lord Pauncefoot has communicated this information to the state department in the fear that "many kind and charitable persons in the United States might be misled by the incorrect statements which have appeared in the public press."

## DOMESTIC REFORM.

Once upon a time there was a Woman who married a man to reform him.

And she did.

She made him quit his evil ways, and he did not drink, nor chew, nor smoke, nor swear, nor stay out at nights.

In fact he became as mild as skim milk.

Now, when this result was achieved, the woman began to worry. He had lost his charm for her. She discovered that she had been more interested in his faults than in his virtues, because after she had panned him out he didn't assay worth a cent along the line of good qualities. He was simply a negative equation.

But the man had some sense, after all. He saw what was bothering her, so he swore just a little, and drank just a little, and smoked occasionally, and took a chew on the sly.

Then she had the fun of reforming him all over again. And she was perfectly happy, because she could point with pride to him at regular intervals. Moral—A little backsliding adds to the interest of the good work.—From The Baltimore American.

## PASSING OF A STAR.

"Madam," said the facetious boarder, "this turkey reminds me of a steadily waning dramatic star."

"Well," said the landlady, "I suppose you want somebody to ask you why?"

"Because," said the facetious boarder, "it comes on in smaller and yet smaller parts."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## NEW CLUBHOUSE FOR WOMEN.

All the women's clubs of Philadelphia, which are not already housed in their own homes, are arranging to join forces and build a magnificent clubhouse, to be known as the Woman's building.

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Youths' Heavy Rubbers.....	30 and 35c.	Men's Rubber Soled Congress.....	\$1.25
Boys' Heavy Rubbers.....	40 and 45c.	Men's Gr. Blucher.....	1.25
Men's Heavy Rubbers.....	40 and 50c.	Women's Skating Bala.....	1.00
Children's Rubbers.....	22 and 30c.	Women's Dengola Skating Bala.....	1.25
Misses' Rubbers.....	25 and 35c.	Misses' Peb. Skating Bala.....	1.00
Women's Rubbers.....	35 and 50c.	Misses' Dengola Skating Bala.....	1.25
Men's Hip Boots.....	\$2.50	Men's Buff Congress.....	1.15
Boys' Buckled Rubbers.....	75c.	Misses' and Children's Leggings.....	65c.
Boys' Overshoes.....	75c.	Boys' Strong Boots.....	75c.
Men's Overshoes.....	\$1.00	Men's Hand Made Leg Boots.....	2.75

## REVERDY STEEVES,

(OPPOSITE BAPTIST CHURCH).

## PROPOSED ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

From present indications it would appear that amateur sport next season will be in a flourishing condition. W. H. Horn has offered a trophy to be competed for by a series of cricket league games, and efforts are now being made to organize a league which will include Trinity Athletic Association, St. John Cricket Club, St. Paul's Club, Rothesay and Hampton.

At a meeting of the Trinity Association held a few evenings ago a committee was appointed to see about suitable grounds and to confer with officers of the other clubs in regard to the coming season's work.

If no other suitable place is available efforts will be made to rent the B. and A. grounds on the Marsh road, and each of the city clubs will be asked to contribute towards the rent and expenses. A joint meeting of the city clubs will probably be held this week, when a programme of the season's work will be made out and definite steps taken towards securing the grounds. The proposed league will not devote all its time to cricket, but will take up baseball, football and other popular games.

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Wall street—noon.—Money on call steady at 2-1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4-1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange, steady, at 487-3/4 for demand and at 484-3/4 to 487-3/4 for sixty days. Post office rates 485-1/2 and 488. Commercial bills 484-3/4 to 485-1/4. Bar silver, 561-8; Mexican dollars, 43-3/4; government bond, firm. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds firm.

## A QUEER WEDDING FEAST.

The wedding feast has from time immemorial played an important part in Maoriand. S. Percy Smith, the surveyor-general of New Zealand, says Woman's Home Companion, gives this account of one such feast: The guests numbered hundreds, and when the sweetened paste was to be served no dish could be found large enough. Accordingly a large canoe was brought, cleaned after their by-no-means-particular fashion, and into this the paste was put. As the multitude sat about it, each dipping in and helping himself with the mussel shells, which they use instead of spoons, a greedy child fell head-first into the canoe, being entirely immersed in the food. Quickly rescued, it was decided it would never do to waste so much good food, so the little one was passed from one to another along the line of guests, who proceeded to lick him over until clean.

## SHE GOT THE SOOTHER.

(From the London Spare Moments.)  
A middle-aged woman called at a chemist's in Camden Town one evening and asked for morphine, and the shopman replied to her request with:  
"Is it for your husband?"  
"Oh, no, sir, I have not got any."  
"You don't think of suicide?"  
"Far from it."  
"What do you take it for?"  
"Must I tell you, sir?"  
"You must, or otherwise I can't supply you."  
"Well, then, don't you think that a woman 40 years old, who has had her first offer of marriage less than an hour ago, naturally wants something to quiet her nerves and give her a good night's sleep?"  
The druggist thought so, and she went away contented with the nerve soother.

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