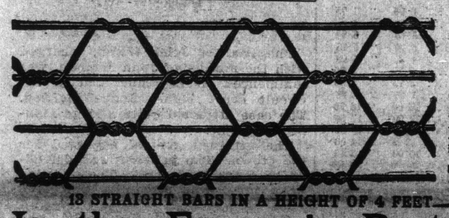
How Much Have You Lost?

Have you ever bought any Clothing at Frasers'? If you have not do so the next time you want any. Compare the quality of our clothing with others, and compare our prices with others, and you can find out how much you have lost by not trading with us before. See our Ulsters, Overcoats and Reefers. . . . . .

FRASER, FRASER & CO.,.....CHEAPSIDE.

40 and 42 King Street, St. John, N. B.

60 CENTS WILL BUY 16½ FEET OF 4 FEET HIGH.



"STAR" Woven Wire Fence

It is manufactured especially for Farm and Railroad purposes, but is suitable for gardens, lawns, &c.

The "Star" Fence

13 STRAIGHT BARS IN A HEIGHT OF 4 FEET.

Is the Farmer's Best Friend!

MANUFACTURED BY THE

WIRE FENCE MANUFACTURING CO.,

ST. JOHN N. B.

A. J. MACHUM, Manager. E. B. KETCHUM, Secretary

OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, Nov. 30

J. E. Starr, of Starr's Point, N. S., who was deputated by the minister of agriculture some weeks ago to proceed to England to enquire into and report upon the shipment and sale of Canadian fruit, especially apples, returned today in order to present his report to the department. Mr. Starr's conclusions, as a fruit grower of many years' experience, are likely to prove of great benefit to those engaged in the trade. His conclusions may be summarized briefly as follows: First of all, greater care should be exercised in the packing of fruit in barrels. Mr. Starr points out that every fruit packer makes his own market; that according to the reputation which a man acquires so he will receive in return, and that if honest methods are resorted to, the reputation of the packer or grower will be proportionately injured and his returns lessened. Mr. Starr emphasizes the importance of the careful handling of fruit on this side equally as at the port of landing, but above all he says that care should be taken to afford proper ventilation in the ship's hold where fruit is placed, instead of the barrels being placed close together, so that a current of air cannot pass between them, as is frequently done now. He says clear spaces should be left to permit of perfect ventilation. Mr. Starr discovered that fruit suffered greatly from the manner in which it was handled by the dock laborers in unloading the fruit in the old country. The barrels are rolled down a gangway and allowed to drop to the wharf in a way calculated to bruise the fruit, and consequently deteriorate it. The greatest point of all in Mr. Starr's opinion, is ventilation on the ships to prevent the apples becoming heated on the way. Mr. Starr will be in town until Prof. Robertson returns from Grimsby.

Col. Strathy, commandant of the 5th Royal Scots, will remember St. Andrew's day, as today he got his conge from the force. His language, as applied to the major general commanding in the newspaper interview in Montreal, was today reviewed by the minister with the result that Hon. Mr. Borden decided to retire Col. Strathy from the force as soon as the transfer of the arms can be effected. The order for the transfer goes to the next senior officer, who happens to be Major Ibbotson. If Major Ibbotson is not disposed to take command, there being no second man for the command, it will devolve upon Capt. Cameron, senior captain. The ground for dismissing Col. Strathy is based upon a provision in the army act of insubordinate conduct in use of improper language to a senior officer.

The Centre Toronto by-election today resulted in the election of Bertram (liberal) by 251 over Howland (conservative). The total vote polled was: Bertram, 2,183; Howard, 1,932. Great interest was taken in the result, and the election was a hot one.

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—Hon. Dr. Borden, minister of militia, was seen today by your correspondent and asked for a statement in reference to the difficulty between Gen. Gascoigne and officers of the 66th. The minister is writing to Col. Irving, D. O. C., transmitting to him an explanation from General Gascoigne. Dr. Borden said to me: "The general disavows positively any intention of reflecting on the conduct of the officers of the 66th, or desire to wound either their honor or dignity. He regrets that such a construction should have been placed upon anything he said. He has pointed out to me that his object was to put a stop to the practice of every reserve man enlisting in the militia, and that he was addressing the men rather than the officers. The general does not withdraw at all from his previously expressed order against the enlistment of army reserves." The minister added that he was in hopes that the explanation which would be communicated to Col. Irving for transmission to the officers of the 66th would be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

The minister of customs has arranged a simpler method for postal packages to reach their destination. After crossing the international boundary hereafter, the packages will go to the customs office nearest the point of destination in place of to a limited number of central offices.

The writ for Nicolet has been issued. Nomination is on the 14th inst., and polling a week later.

It is generally expected that parliament will be called together for the despatch of business on Thursday, January 20th.

The customs department will issue a circular shortly to ensure the reporting of shipments made to foreign countries. The export figures have never been complete, and it is with a view of making them as accurate as possible that the order is to be issued, which will require exporters to file with the railway companies by which they ship, a list of the goods shipped and the route to be taken.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—Mr. Campbell, manager of the Beaver line, has notified the department of trade and commerce that the Gallia, which sails from St. John next week, will carry about 300 tons of Canadian poultry for the Christmas markets of the old country.

Hon. Mr. Fisher will attend the Ontario fruit growers' convention on the 16th inst., to discuss the question of fruit shipments and cold storage.

A. M. Burgess, commissioner of dominion lands, fell today on a slippery sidewalk and, it is feared, has broken one of his legs.

Hon. Mr. Sifton was busily engaged in his department today, but tiled the door against newspaper men.

President VanHorne of the C. P. R. was in the city today on business with the government.

Hamlin Garland of Chicago is here looking up information about the country for a series of articles to be published in McClure's magazine.

The department of militia and defence is preparing a new edition of the rules and regulations governing the militia force. The last edition was issued in 1887.

The department of marine and fisheries has been advised that only 13 American fishing schooners are off the coast of Nova Scotia at present. They are nearly all in the vicinity of Shelburne, two cruisers, the Osprey and Curlew, are watching them.

Hon. Dr. Borden sails for England next week on private business, but during his stay in London he will confer with the war office in reference to the grant of medals for those who took part in the Fenian raids.

Mr. Barthe, ex-M. P. for Kamouraska, has been appointed to the position of clerk of the French journals of the house of commons.

The postmaster general says that the revenue of the department from the first of July to the first of November is $242,000 in excess of revenue for the corresponding four months of last year, and with the exception of the last fiscal year greater than the average increase of any whole year in the past. The October revenue, $242,000, was $61,000 in excess of October, 1896. Today returns received at the department from leading cities for November justify Hon. Mr. Mulock in expecting this year's postal revenue to exceed last year's by three quarters of a million dollars. He has now under consideration a plan for utilizing the face of the post cards for printing of such designs as municipalities, business men, hotels, railway companies, etc., may desire for advertising. He expects this will largely increase the sale of cards.

OTTAWA, Dec. 3.—The regular courses for instruction in equitation are to be given in connection with the Royal Canadian Dragoons and Artillery. The courses are not to exceed twenty-eight days in length.

Lieut. Governor Patterson, Mr. Tarte and Chevalier Drole left for Quebec today to see Sir Adolphe Chapleau. It is reported here that Premier Laurier has "roped in" Hon. Mr. Paterson to influence Gov. Chapleau, whose time as governor is nearly up, to go on a royal commission to investigate the Manitoba school question. The non-acceptance by the Catholics of the Laurier-Greenway settlement has caused great disappointment to the government, and it is said his holiness has been induced to withhold his encyclical based on Merry del Val's report on assurance that the Canadian government will do something.

Instructions were issued today that none other that government armourers must repair the Lee-Enfield rifles when injured.

OTTAWA, Dec. 3.—It was stated today that the canals of Canada will be closed on Dec. 14, unless closed before that time by ice.

It is estimated that the lumber cut in the Ottawa valley this season will be about 724,000,000 feet, a slight increase over that of last year.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—Hon. Dr. Borden left for Montreal today en route for England. He sails from New York Wednesday. In addition to seeing the authorities of the war office in reference to the grant of long service medals to the Canadian militia he will endeavor to secure the extension of the principle of interchanging companies of the Canadian permanent force with the imperial regulars.

Hon. Mr. Mulock does not anticipate any trouble with the postal union authorities over the reduction of postage to points within the empire. He says it is purely a matter of domestic concern to Canada.

At Central Experimental farm oats ranged from 30 to 57 bushels to the acre, barley 35 to 54 bushels, wheat from 20 to 28 bushels.

The exports for October show an increase of $3,600,000 and the imports an increase of $770,000.

The long standing claims in the matter of the United Counties railway have been finally settled and the money paid. The claimants were the Portland Rolling Mills Co. and St. John Bolt and Nut Co. and some Montreal firms. A large portion of the subsidy was stopped in the railway department to provide for these claims, while the payment was resisted by the railway company and the bank of St. Hyacinthe. The claimants, however, have succeeded in getting the payment from the subsidy.

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—Hon. Mr. Greenway is on his way east. One report has it that he is en route to consult a specialist in Montreal in regard to his health.

It was learned today at the militia department that although two district officers commanding the militia have reached the age limit of retirement, their services will be retained for the present. They are Colonel Maunsell, D. O. C. of No. 8 district, and Col. Smith, D. O. C. of No. 2.

In the next militia general order it is expected more commanding officers who have served five years will go out. Very few of those booked for retirement on account of having completed the term of a commanding officer will be continued for a further period of three years.

In the retiring officers the rule has been adopted that although an officer may have served as colonel of a regiment for more than five years, he will not be gazetted out until the completion of the current year. Thus Col. Domville, M. P., who assumed command of the Eighth Hussars on the second of July, 1881, will not go out until July second next, unless of his own wish.

Owing to a number of creamery owners not having learned of the government's bonus of $100 for the establishment of cold storage rooms in connection with creameries sufficiently early this year to avail themselves of the offer the minister of agriculture has decided to offer a similar bonus next year.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

QUEBEC.

MONTREAL, Nov. 30.—The amount of damages claimed by the owners of the steamer La Canadienne, which collided with the United States cruiser Yantic, is understood to be about $10,000. Lawyer Lemieux, counsel for the owners of the Canadian vessel, left for Ottawa this evening to consult the minister of marine as to the course of procedure to secure the amount claimed. The Canadian lawyers think that the case will be settled without recourse to legal proceedings.

ST. FRANCOIS DU LAC, Que., Dec. 1.—Victor Gladu, who was elected two weeks ago to the provincial legislature at a by-election, died this afternoon of paralysis.

MONTREAL, Dec. 1.—Sir William C. VanHorne stated today that the C. P. R. would build its own line into Rossland, negotiations for the purchase of the Trail Creek railway having fallen through.

QUEBEC, Dec. 1.—A deputation of Montreal grocers are here asking that the pharmacy act be changed so as to permit the sale of patent medicines by grocers, and also certain other articles of common use now classified as drugs, such as linseed, epsom salts, etc.

QUEBEC, Dec. 2.—The public accounts were laid before the house of assembly today. On their face they show ordinary receipts of $3,874,83 during the year ending June 30, 1897, and ordinary expenditure $4,853,927. The total receipts, exclusive of loans, were $3,923,238, and total disbursements $6,634,943.

MONTREAL, Dec. 2.—The agents of the steamship lines running out of Montreal and New York met here today. The meeting was secret, but it was learned that rate cutting was discussed and an attempt was made to secure an agreement to end it.

Charles F. Portier, post master at St. Cunegonde, has been missing since Monday. It is thought that he has gone to the United States. The post office authorities have instituted an investigation and find that he is short some $356 in sale of stamps. It is not thought that this is the only reason for his departure.

QUEBEC, Dec. 6.—It is stated here on good authority that Bishop Gravel of Nicolet has received instructions from Rome to forbid his clergy from taking part in the coming federal election for Nicolet, and that he has accordingly addressed a circular to all parish priests of the county notifying them to that effect.

Hon. James Roche, member of the imperial parliament for East Kerry, has arrived in the city. He is here on business connected with steam navigation to the Yukon. He had a long interview with the Canadian Pacific officials.

ONTARIO.

TORONTO, Dec. 1.—Carpenter & Son, fruit exporters of Winona, have sent a consignment of Canadian apples and pears to the West Indies, via Halifax. The shipment consists of two hundred boxes, and the fruit is neatly packed, something in the same style as California fruit coming to the Canadian market.

BRACEBRIDGE, Ont., Dec. 3.—Wm. Hammond was today found guilty of the murder of his wife, by means of arsenic poisoning. The couple were recently married in Buffalo. The prisoner had taken out a policy of five thousand dollars on her life. Both returned home to Bracebridge, and one night Katie Tough (wife's maiden name) was found dead in the snow outside her father's door. The evidence was wholly circumstancial but strong.

BERLIN, Ont., Dec. 3.—James Allison was found guilty at the assizes today of the murder of Mrs. Andrew Orr, the wife of his employer. Orr went away from home one morning and returning found his wife missing. Search revealed her body buried in a shallow grave in a cornfield. Allison was arrested and the jury considered the evidence strong enough against him for conviction. Mrs. Orr did not bear the best of reputations and Allison had told a friend that he was going to have his share of intimacy other men had with Mrs. Orr.

MANCHESTER, ROBERTSON & ALLISON,

St. John, N. B.

Dry Goods, Clothing, Carpets and Furniture.

Men's Ulsters.

Heavy Frieze, well lined,
Deep Storm Collars,
$5.00, - $6.00, - $8.00.
Extra Qualities $10.00. $12.00.

Men's Reefers.

Grey Frieze, Deep Storm Collars $5.00.
Extra Quality Blue Beaver $7.50, $10.75.

Men's Overcoats.

Blue Beaver $8.25, $10.00.
Black Beaver $6.75, $12.00.
Black Melton $10.00, $13.90.
Blue Melton $13.90,
Dark Grey Cheviot $15.00,

The best overcoats that can be produced for the price.

Manchester, Robertson & Allison.

THE MILITIA MEDALS.

All Men Called Out for Service During Fenian Raid Will be Honored.

The Pay Lists are Still in the Possession of the Militia Department.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—The minister of militia, General Gascoigne and and Adjt. General Aylmer were in conference today on the subject of medals to veterans of 1866 and 1870, and eventually it was decided to recommend to the home government a liberal distribution on the lines that every man called out for service during the Fenian raid, whether he went to the front or not, should receive this imperial recognition. It has been pointed out that the fact of a man having moved with his regiment thirty or forty miles away from home was the fortune of war; that the men actually under arms at home were rendering equal service to their country. This view strongly impressed itself upon the minister with the result as stated. Doubtless this will be good news to the veterans.

In regard to the Northwest medals it may be stated that every man who went beyond Port Arthur got one.

General Herbert has not left behind him a very savory reputation, and when he ordered some of the old departmental records to be destroyed there was a good deal of kicking in a mild way by the officers under him. The Martinet was determined to have his way, and consequently a good deal of what Gen. Herbert designated as "old lumber" was committed to the flames. It is gratifying to state, however, that the records of the militia enrolled at the time of the Fenian raids are still preserved by means of the pay list, so that the report that all the records have been destroyed is to that exent exaggerated. The statement has been erroneously circulated that applications should be sent direct to headquarters. This is incorrect; all applications ought to be forwarded to the officer commanding in each district.

KENT CO.

RICHIBUCTO, Dec. 4.—The funeral of the late John S. Wilson took place from his late residence yesterday afternoon. Rev. Donald Fraser conducted services at the house and grave. Robert Phinney, Wm. White, John Irving, John Bell, David Thompson and Roderick McDonald were the pall bearers. Interment was in the Presbyterian cemetery at Kingston.

The only H. Price Webber will be here with his Boston Comedy Co. for four nights, commencing on the 21st inst.

SCUM OF EUROPE

Coming to This Country Now via St. John, N. B.

An "Ornery" Lot of People Who Have Just Passed Through.

Canadian Pacific and St. John Have Made a Big Bid for This Traffic.

(Bangor Commercial.)

VANCEBORO, Dec. 4.—It has been reported that the United States authorities were to be more rigorous and exclusive this season regarding the admission of immigrants at the ports of St. John and Halifax. Special commissioners have been stationed there, and the general supposition was that he would have to be a pretty slick and clean and financially well fixed "adopted son" who would be able to run the gauntlet of the men who stand on the dock and look at tongues and feel the weight of purses in the interests of the United States.

Under these circumstances the admission of such an "ornery" lot as those 160 Russian Jews who took their mal-odorous way across Maine this week, has occasioned much comment. The party was described in Friday's Commercial. But no word painting could do them justice. They were by all odds the most unsavory mess that ever passed this way. What New York and Philadelphia will do with them when they get there is not to be imagined. The train men who ran the special on which they were sent over the Maine Central say that "a white man" needed to wear a clothespin on his nose in order to dwell among them for any length of time. The filthy things that they did are unprintable. Some of them didn't have money, but they were admitted on the statement that they were to be looked after by friends as soon as they should reach their destinations.

This was the first cargo of immigrants for the season, and to judge by these arrivals the standard is not going to be kept as high as some folks had imagined. This party came to St. John. In fact this port is to take away from Halifax and even from Portland a great deal of the business that has been going to these places in past years.

At an expense of about a million dollars St. John has laid itself out to catch this business, having constructed much new wharf and added in various ways to the conveniences of the old. Now five or six lines of English steamers land there, and many of the steamers are those that in the past have been going to Portland with all their cargoes.

In this is the fine hand of the Canadian Pacific railway seen. In fact, it is apparent that the road is figuring to get all the traffic away from the Grand Trunk that it is posible to secure. It isn't going to let cost of improvements or lack of inducements stand in the way, and all the indications are that the two roads are in for a very lively railroad war. St. John is highly pleased by the present lookout, for it is estimated that the arrival of every steamer means an advantage of about $3,000 to the place. Business was never livelier there than it is this season, and of course all that means just so much less for Portland and the Grand Trunk.

People, unless they have spent some time at the Maine border, do not realize what an enormous traffic is that which goes across our territory during the winter months, when the English steamers are kept out of the St. Lawrence. The Canadian Pacific has been getting ready for their push for business during the past summer. The road has laid across the state considerable new iron. Two steam shovels have been going all summer and new sleepers have been put in on a great part of the route between Mattawamkeag and Lowelltown. The road bed is now one of the best in the country, and no more of those ditching accidents are anticipated.

This winter the road has in operation twelve of the wonderful new compound cylinder engines that use the steam twice. One of these engines saves two tons of coal on the run between McAdam and Brownville. The freight business is increasing every day and the passenger traffic as well.

By the way, that isolated and lonesome settlement of McAdam is feeling this thrill of new business, and there are more men coming to the repair shops.

The C. P. R. has erected ten new houses for its employes, and in the spring will erect twenty-eight more. The intention of the road is to form a town for all its workmen. At McAdam it has lost the fame of being a place without a highway. The old abandoned road bed of the ancient New Brunswick has been converted into a carriage road, and all may be imagined makes a first class thoroughfare. Some years ago the Canadian Pacific purchased the road, which was a car link between McAdam and Vanceboro, and tore up the iron and sleepers.

It is evident that the C. P. is to get a great deal of the cattle business that has hitherto gone to Portland. This week a train load of United States cattle went through Vanceboro bound to St. John. It is said that the new wharf accommodations at this port offer exception advantage for loading live stock, and that the C. P. is making this fact apparent to shippers.

The province travel still keeps up remarkably well and heavy trains are the rule each day. The latest change in the service was make this week and is the most popular innovation that the Maine Central has inaugurated for some time. Now both of the express trains each way run directly through from Boston to St. John without transference of passengers to other cars at Vanceboro, as has been the custom in days past. Fully two-thirds of the province travel is made up of women and children, and in the winter the necessity of making this change at Vanceboro has been very inconvenient.

THE MILITIA TROUBLE.

Col. Humphrey Accepts Gen. Gascoigne's Explanation and All is Well.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 5.—Colonel Irving, on Saturday, received the expected communication from the militia department regarding the trouble following the general's speech to the 66th P. L. F., on the occasion of the inspection of the battalion. The letter is perfectly satisfactory to such of the officers as have seen it. Colonel Humphrey has withdrawn his resignation. Accompanying the letter was a note from the minister of militia expressing the hope that the explanations made by the G. O. C. would prove acceptable to the officers, and with the letter also came back the resignations, "for further consideration." Tomorrow the letters from all the officers will be in the hands of Colonel Humphrey, who is now in command of the regiment, withdrawing their resignations. General Gascoigne has not made an "apology," but he has made an explanation of the circumstances, which Colonel Humphrey says is quite satisfactory. It is understood the general makes no explanation of his mistake in saying that two-thirds of the 66th P. L. F. were "army reserve men." He glosses over that point.

The Halifax Herald tomorrow will say: "The parties to the incident are to be congratulated that it has ended so happily, for if it had not thus terminated the 66th would likely have had to disband, and the chances are that in three months Canada would have been deprived of the services of General Gascoigne."

CARBERRY, Man., Nov. 30.—Fire this morning made a clean sweep of one side of May street. The loss is forty thousand dollars.

AN UPPER CUT.

(New York Press.)

Mrs. Murray Hill is a very homely woman. Her husband is absent from the city and her dearest friend, Mrs. Manhattan Beach, called. Mrs. Hill said:

"The last thing my husband did before he went away was to give me a kiss."

"H'm! I should think that would be the very last thing he would want to do."

And now they don't speak for some reason.