

INCREASED PAY FOR THE INSIDE CIVIL SERVICE

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NEW JERUSALEM ITEMS

Jerusalem, N. B., May 6.—Samuel Harrison and his daughter, Miss Zella, left last week to reside in St. John at 164 St. James street.

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