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## MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

News Summary.

The report that Hon. Mr. Mulock is going to represent Cauada at the opening of the Commonwealth parliament in Aust alia is not correct.

talia is not correct. Duncan McDonald, superinterdent of the Montreal street railway, has been ap-printed superintendent of the General Traction Co., of Paris, France. Geo, Kendall, who celebrated his one hundredth birthday on the 25<sup>th</sup> of last April, was found dend in his bed at Foir-field, Me, on Friday.

The big shoe firm of J. D. King & Co., Toronto, who have fought u ionism for severa years, have capitulated. The fa tory hereafter will be a sprictly union.

Li ut. Col. Hudon, of C. battery, cables fr - Snuth Africa that his force would svi for home direct on December 1 The battery was expected to have returned via Eagland.

Hon. Mr. Dobell, who is on his way to Europe, will be asked to represent Canada at the inauguration ceremonies of the Australian commonwealth on New ear's day.

The new steamer Fife, one of Mr. Reid's fleet of eight mail boats ruuning in constal service, was lost in the Straits of Belleisle Sunday during a dense fog The vessel was worth \$100,000 No lives were lost.

The agreement under which the Canada Cycle Company has acquired the control-ling interest in the National Cycle Company was raified at a meeting of the former company's share-holders in Toronto on Thursday.

Alfred Harmsworth, the owner of sev-eral English papers, and his wife are to visit America before Christmass. It is said that Mr. Harmsworth contemplates the starting of a duplicate of the London Daily Mail in New York.

At the O'd Bailey, London, on Thursday F. F. Hodgkinson, a former British vice-consul at Bremer Haven, was sentenced to eighteen months' penal servitude for trying to sell a foreign office code book to an agent of a foreign power.

agent of a foreign power. Bishop Charles H. Fowler, of Buffalo, speaking recently before the general num-sionary committee of the Methodist church said: "The three greatest events in Chris-tian history are the labors of St. Paul, the firing on Fort Sumter and the blowing up of the Maine."

firing on Port Sumter and the blowing up of the Mane." The first volume of a series of supple mentary reading books has been issued by A & W. MacKin'ay of Halffax, N S They will be in cheap form and, will it is believed supply a real want in many homes when reading suitable to children's needs is scanty. The publishers have thought it best to begin with a set of very simple selections suitable for young californ, Fables and fairy tales, which have long 'fastinated children of every class and nation have been largely drawn upon. Future volumes will contain legends and stories from Canadian and British history, stories of plants and animals and of unany other things that appeal to children's minds. The series is entitled Classics for Canadian Children, and judging by the initial volume, these 'ittle books should be very popular with the little people. 25. 21

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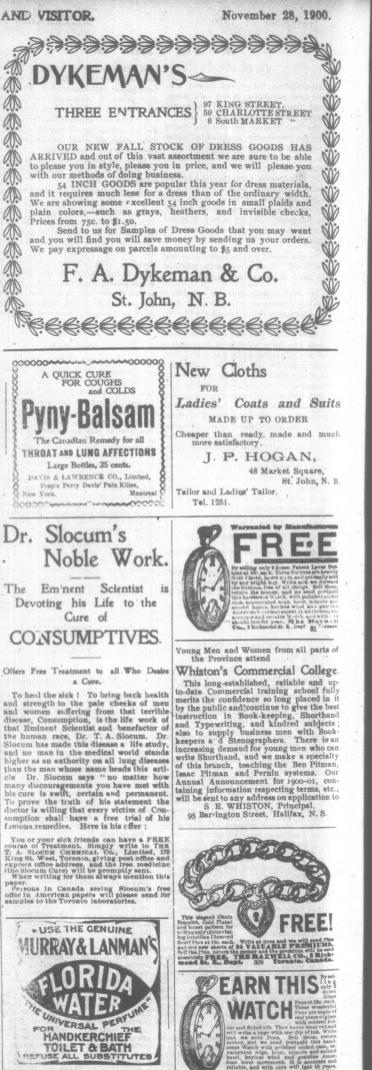
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