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IT'S UP TO DR. PUGSLEY.

As a result of the conference held yesterday between the local board of health and the provincial government, it is alleged that the board has power to enforce compulsory vaccination. There had been some doubt on this point and on Nov. 19th J. R. Armstrong, K. C., acting for the board, addressed a letter to Att.-General Pugsley, giving his reasons for thinking that the board had not the power. On Nov. 22nd Hon. Dr. Pugsley replied, agreeing with Mr. Armstrong's views and expressing the opinion that the board could not legally provide for compulsory vaccination without an order made by the lieutenant-governor in council. On Nov. 23rd, the board met and passed a resolution asking the local government to pass such an order and give them power to enforce the law. The local government took no action and when its members met with the board of health yesterday all of them, including Dr. Pugsley, expressed the opinion that the board had all the power needed, and could itself enforce the law. Dr. Pugsley said that when he replied to Colonel Armstrong's letter he had not examined the act. Had he declared in his letter to Mr. Armstrong that the board had power the latter would have gone ahead with its work.

ARITHMETIC CONTEST.

The score today in the arithmetic contest at the Currie Business University stands as follows:

	Points
C. E. Colwell	453
Stephen Downing	359
Wm. Elliott	315
Sadie Lindsay	281
Wm. Fleming	236

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers in the Star are reminded that to ensure insertion their copy should be handed in not later than TEN O'CLOCK in the morning.

LOCAL NEWS.

The Star is now on sale at Wm. W. Bell's grocery store, 321 Queen street. Attention is called to money lost in advertisement column.

Steamer Amartyria, the second of the Donaldson line winter boats to arrive here, reached port this morning from Glasgow.

One of the large panes of plate glass in the Telegraph editorial department was accidentally broken this forenoon by the driver of a coal sled.

A gold plate containing four teeth was lost this morning on Wellington row, Coburg, Cliff or Waterloo street. Will the finder kindly leave same at Star office?

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Art Association will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3.30, in the studio, Palmer's building. Members are requested to make returns for tickets sold at or before the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Curran arrived in town this morning and will spend the winter in St. John. Mr. Curran's brother is a clergyman in Algiers, and at the time the late Archbishop Bragstock was chosen for the rectorship of Trinity church Rev. Mr. Curran was named for the position.

Nearly 150 members of the festival chorus attended the rehearsal in the York Theatre last night. The music so far practiced is the 90th Psalm, Carnival Chorus and Evening. The Grand Chorus from Faust and Here They Come from Carmen will be next taken up. Last night's rehearsal was under the baton of Dr. March.

That sparkling French comedy, The Masked Ball, of which the dialogue is very witty and clever, and the situations and complications extremely laughable from start to finish, was presented by the Baker Stock Co. at the Opera house last evening with so fine an appreciation of its funny features that there was a continuous ripple of mirth, growing frequently to hearty outbursts of laughter and applause. The company is made up of versatile and clever people, and there is not a dull minute in the performance.

WEDDING BELLS.

APOHAQUI, Dec. 5.—The marriage of Miss Wilhelmina E. MacNaught, youngest daughter of the late Joseph MacNaught, of Fairville, and Irvine E. Murray, of Penobscot, took place Wednesday afternoon at the residence of the bride's mother, Smith's Creek. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Hattie MacNaught. A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Stockton, of St. John, was maid of honor. The groom was supported by Dr. L. A. Murray, of Sussex.

The bride was given in mulberry silk, trimmed with fancy white broche silk and point lace. The bride's dress was pearly grey tulle with trimmings of white silk. The maid of honor wore white and carried a basket of flowers. The presents were costly and handsome; the groom's present to the bride being a brooch. After luncheon was served the bride and groom drove to their future home in Penobscot. Owing to the storm guests from a distance were unable to attend.

DISASTERS IN THE BAY.

Capt. Percy, of the schooner Elina, from Hantsport for New York, reported to the captain of the tug Marina, of Digby, yesterday that on Wednesday, just before the squall struck his vessel, he sighted an unknown coal-laden schooner, which appeared to be in a sinking condition. He bore down on her, but she went down with all hands before he could render assistance.

The Prince Rupert schooner reported passing an old wood-hull schooner on her beam ends, 12 miles N. half W. from Point Prim light, loaded with deals, her hull two-thirds submerged. Capt. Potter ran close enough to discover that the boat was gone and that there was no life on board. Tug Marina went out from Digby, but could not take her in tow.

Sch. Lillian was off Digby yesterday with sails blown away. Three schooners, the Benefit and Demoselle, and one off Digby yesterday with sails torn. The lost barges Gypsum King and Gypsum Queen were reported safe and proceeding under sail along the Maine coast.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE'S REPORT.

Premier Tweedie's report on the evidence taken recently at the investigation asked by the Lord's Day Alliance, which was to have been presented to the government at their meeting in Fredericton on Tuesday last, is not yet ready. The main report is completed, but Mr. Tweedie wishes to secure some further details before presenting it. The report will be ready in a few days and will probably be given to the press before the next meeting of the government.

THE NEW BUILDING.

The canvass for funds for the new Y. M. C. A. is going quietly and steadily on. Those who have the matter in hand are much encouraged by the general reception of the idea and the manner in which it is being forwarded. Subscriptions have been coming in at the rate of several thousand dollars a week for some time past, and the goal does not look so far ahead as a short time ago.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—French population is gradually working into Ontario. During the past decade it increased by 61,000, while the total increase in the population of the province by the last census was 2,180,278—12,300 greater than given in the first bulletin and 65,957 an increase over the census of 1891. The French population of the province was 162,647, as compared with 101,123 in 1891, an increase of over 61,000.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Editor of the Star:

Sir,—As usual our fire department is unprepared and poorly equipped, the new ladder truck being put out of commission for the winter on account of the stupidity and gross carelessness of the department in not having any necessary change made to the front hoist to allow for the change which was made in the front of the truck itself. There is not, nor can there be, the slightest excuse for such carelessness, as certainly were the department not dead and useless the necessary changes would have been made in the winter gear necessitated by the change made in the truck and at the time the first alteration took place. It however probably never entered the heads of the inactive officials to look into the matter and avoid trouble in the future, but instead they simply continued in their easy, careless way.

As a result a valuable and expensive apparatus is stored away for the winter, as if on account of a few inches of snow our buildings would be considerably lower than during the summer months.

How much longer are we supposed to submit to such gross carelessness? An object lesson in the efficiency of our fire department was surely given a few days since, when in order to place streams in the second story of an old fashioned, two-story building ladders had to be used, and further many who witnessed the exhibition no doubt wondered why so much time was wasted in fitting up a ladder about twice the required length.

Let our citizens ask themselves how they think a large fire in a large building would be handled, when one in a small structure, on our principal street and in broad daylight, got such a headway.

OBSERVER.

THE SMALLPOX.

Another Case Is Reported on Erin Street Today.

Today two cases of smallpox were definitely reported at the board of health office. One of these is a new case, that of Mrs. Byron, 104 Erin street. She is fifty-six years of age, and her son lives in the same house with her. The other case, Thomas Given, 99 Erin street, was reported two days ago as a suspect, and definitely diagnosed today. He is in a quarantined house, where his son is ill with the disease.

The Fawcett house on Waterloo street was today raised from quarantine after having been thoroughly disinfected.

The board has engaged John Wilkes and his wife for the isolation hospital staff. Mrs. Wilkes will act as cook. In the hospital there is nothing new. It is now sixteen days since a case developed there, and the inmates believe it time the quarantine was lifted.

Joseph McAfee, aged 36, living about six miles out on the Red Head road, was yesterday reported to be a smallpox patient. Mr. McAfee was vaccinated about fifteen years ago. In his house live his wife, two sons and a man boarder.

Miss Lingley's room in the High school, which has been closed for a few days, was thoroughly fumigated with formaldehyde gas last evening.

The work of refitting the Morland property has been rapidly pushed forward and it is expected that the workmen will be through today. The new range has been installed, with hot water boilers, etc., and the necessary coal, provisions, beds, bedding and furniture have been taken out. The telephone connection will probably be completed and the new caretakers installed today, and it is expected that patients will be transferred tomorrow.

How many will be taken out at present depends largely upon the condition of the patients. Dr. Morris will probably oversee the health of cases out there as well as of those at home, unless a large number of patients should be placed in the new epidemic hospital, when other arrangements may be made.

LIVING ON THE DOCTORS.

A Clever Scheme Worked by a Confident Man.

A curious story came to light in the city court yesterday when a prominent physician was sued for watchman's services in a case attended about a year ago. It appears that in December of last year a man suffering from alcoholism applied to the physician for treatment, stating that his name was Grant and that he was an engine driver on the C. P. R. The doctor advised that he apply for admission to the General Public hospital, but Grant thought that place was too public and that the fact of his being there would injure his reputation with the C. P. R. Then Hegan's private hospital on Hazen street was suggested, and Grant decided to secure accommodation there. He was admitted and for six days was attended by a watchman named Harrington. For three weeks he remained in the hospital, recovering from the effects of his spree, and one day suddenly disappeared. Since that time he has neither been seen nor heard of.

While the man was in the hospital the doctor made enquiry concerning him and learned from the C. P. R. that Grant was a good workman of excellent reputation and would in their opinion pay all expenses incurred for his treatment. The doctor stated to Harrington that his Harrington's bill would be collected at the same time as his own, believing from what he had been told that Grant would undoubtedly pay.

It now transpires that Engineer Grant of the C. P. R. has been impersonated by a stranger who not only secured treatment here for nothing, but who played the same game in Halifax on Dr. Finn and in Vancouver on Dr. Young. The true Mr. Grant is not a drinking man and has never been treated for alcoholism in his life. The case was withdrawn.

DIED.

DIXON—On Dec. 2nd, Henry Dixon (baud-master) aged 70 years, leaving a wife and two sons.
Funeral on Sunday afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock from 115 Sydney street. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

THE HAY TRADE.

Fifteen Thousand Tons Per Month for Three Months.

By the End of February Canada Will Have Shipped Produce Valued at \$7,000,000.

By the end of February the department of agriculture will have shipped on the order of the imperial government seven million dollars worth of produce. Of this a large part is made up of hay from different parts of New Brunswick and Quebec, which has been sent from St. John. Orders which are sent monthly by the British government have been received by the department sufficient to keep up for three months longer, shipments of hay amounting to fifteen thousand long or almost seventeen thousand short tons per month. All of these will go from St. John by the various steamers chartered for the trade.

All hay is purchased by contract from dealers throughout the country. The agreements contain three principal conditions, one of which in regard to compression and space occupied, not being heretofore generally inserted. The conditions are that the hay must be put up in bales weighing approximately one hundred pounds; that the bales shall be bound with five separate wires of not less than No. 12 gauge, and that the hay shall be so firmly pressed that a cubic foot shall not more than seventy cubic feet. Subject to these conditions and also to one stating that the quality must be such as will satisfy the inspector appointed by the department, the hay is purchased on board the cars at the various centres throughout the provinces. The cost of transportation is borne by the department.

In different parts of Quebec presses are in operation which put the hay up in the manner called for by the agreements of sale. In New Brunswick three of those presses have been established, one known as the Imperial Hay Company, on the Ballast wharf, St. John; another, the New Brunswick Hay Co., at McAdam, and the third, operated by H. H. McCain, M. P. at Florenceville, Carleton county. Any one of these machines is capable of exerting a pressure of from seventy-five to one hundred tons, and can turn out the bales at the rate of one per minute or three tons per hour.

To look after the shipments of hay from St. John, William MacFarlane of Montreal, for quite a number of years in the employ of the department of agriculture, was appointed. He was formerly inspector for the government of produce and foodstuffs shipped to the English markets and has had considerable experience. With Mr. MacFarlane came four other inspectors of hay. It might be supposed that competent men could have been found in New Brunswick to look after this work, but the department evidently thought otherwise and sent residents of Quebec as its representatives in Mr. Blais's constituency. Mr. MacFarlane's duties are chiefly in connection with the actual receiving and shipping of the hay and looking after the different vessels, while his assistants either accept or reject the consignments sent down.

It is probable that the hay market has never been so thoroughly drained as since these shipments commenced. Acting under instructions to send to Africa the hay which would be likely to arrive there in the best condition, new hay was refused as long as possible. Hence it happened that almost every pound of last year's crop which could be picked up was sent to St. John for shipment. Some of this, formed of the last that could be raked in, was of a rather poor quality and was rejected by the inspectors. When this was done, the department either kept the hay and sold it on their own account or else turned it back to the consignee. When the first method was adopted, it was found that the hay sold at a price scarcely sufficient to pay for transportation, and recovery by the latter plan has been almost altogether against the shipper. Since the purchasing of the new hay has commenced the percentage condemned has steadily decreased and as a consequence the up-country shippers are not now so loud in their complaints.

While C. B. Jameson was managing the press on the Ballast wharf he purchased the greater portion of the hay rejected by the government inspectors and shipped it to England by the Funnell line, while the balance was sold in small lots to private individuals in the city.

Very little hay is now being sent to England, nor is it expected that any great shipments will be made this winter. The steamship lines are not over anxious to carry it, as hay occupies so much space that a high rate must be demanded, and this is injurious to the trade. During the past season one of the best markets for hay has been in the West Indies, to which quite a number of shipments, varying in proportion to the demand, have been made. This hay has been carried by Pickford & Black's steamships, calling at this port.

Locally the hay trade is fairly good. The supply is abundant and the demand brisk. In last lots hay from the upper parts of the province is bringing about \$12.50 per ton, while the upriver product sells at about a dollar less per ton.

The hay for South Africa costs the department of agriculture from \$16.50 to \$17 delivered at the ships. The steamers Mattheau, Nemesa, Huronian, Saint Nicholas, Lord Ormond, Tanagra, Pandora, Leuctra, Sellaia and an Elder-Dempster vessel are chartered to load hay here at 10 cents per cubic foot cargo space, the former price being 12 cents. This rate is equal to 70 cents per ton. The Pharsalia and Cunaxa are also under charter.

These shipments to South Africa will almost completely revolutionize the export hay trade of Canada. Heretofore, on account of the inferior system of pressing the freight rate was excessive, but now, with fifteen or

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MARRIED A NEGRO.

THOMASTON, Me., Dec. 5.—Despondency is the opinion of friends here when it was known that Laura Cleveland Oney had killed herself by taking a

potash solution, at Rockland. She came of good family here. Recently she married a negro.

There was great excitement in the German Reichstag yesterday during a speech by Herr Bebel, a socialist, who made an impassioned speech in which he described the tariff on grain as hunger duties and declared that there were but two classes in Germany, the plunderers and plundered.