

WEATHER SIGNALS. The wild geese have not yet left for warmer climes but our Fall and Winter Clothing is here in all its varied beauty. Fraser, Fraser & Co., CHEAPSIDE, 40 and 42 King Street, St. John, N. B.

Queer Economy. It is to be continually rebuilding fences when they are broken down. Wire Fence Manufacturing Co., A. J. Machum, Manager, Water Street, St. John, N. B.

STANLEY CHURCH DIFFICULTY. To the Editor of the Sun:—From the report of the moderator, published in your issue of the 23rd inst., it is evident that the moderator in Stanley, N. B., is not a member of the congregation. It is to be hoped that the whole trouble at the congregational meeting referred to in said report was due to the treacherous and unchristian conduct of those who voted to sustain the trustees in closing the doors of the church to the members of the congregation. It is believed that the moderator, even at the dictation of the session and presbytery, if they conscientiously believed they were doing right in opposing him, knowing that these courts were acting unconstitutionally. Mr. Ross was told at the beginning of the meeting that he was not recognized as moderator by the congregation, and he was asked to resign. He refused to do so, and in answer to which he was told that it was no respect for him that they would not accept of his resignation. In his report Mr. Ross states that he and his wife were present at the meeting and that he was elected moderator. It is believed that the moderator was elected by a vote of the congregation, and that the trustees were not authorized to object to his election. It is to be hoped that the whole trouble at the congregational meeting referred to in said report was due to the treacherous and unchristian conduct of those who voted to sustain the trustees in closing the doors of the church to the members of the congregation.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 25.—Captain Frank Haley, of the A. P. Emerson of New York, came into port late this afternoon with the schooner badly damaged both fore and aft from being run into twice shortly after midnight Sunday morning by an unknown steamer while about two miles off Hatch Hill light. The schooner was not damaged, however, below the water line. The Emerson is owned by C. W. Crane of New York, and her cargo comprised 30 tons of rock, plaster from Hillsboro, N. B., for Newark, N. J. In the first collision the schooner had a large hole made across the stem just above the water line, the rail davits and small boat swept away and the sparker boom and anchor carried away. About half an hour later the steamer again approached to inquire if anything was wanted, with the result that she collided the second time and carried away the bowsprit, jib-boom and all the headstays with the exception of one jib and staystays. As the schooner made no water, Captain Haley determined to avoid the third collision and started for this port. Captain Haley states that his lights were all set and he cannot understand why the collision took place.

SPANISH CRUISER FLOATED. PLAYA DEL ESTE, Sept. 25.—The wrecking company engaged under Lieut. Hobson in the work of saving the wrecked Spanish warship, has succeeded in floating the cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa. The cruiser, after being got afloat, was taken in tow by the Potomac, and conveyed by the cruiser Newark, the Scorpion and the Alvarado, proceeded for Guantanamo Bay, where she arrived last night. The successful issue of the attempt to float her was greeted with the blowing of whistles, the firing of national salutes and by cheers, in which the Cubans joined. On Siboney the barometer and the wind indicated the approach of a hurricane, and the towing power was increased. The Newark, under Captain Godrich, rendered valuable assistance in the work of saving this fine naval acquisition. The cruiser is being put in condition for her trip north by the repair ship Vulcan.

AMHERST. A Possible Clue to the Burglaries—A Barn Destroyed by Fire. AMHERST, Sept. 28.—There is now a possible clue to the perpetrator of some of the numerous burglaries which have taken place here recently in the arrest and commitment for trial of Campbell Miller, a resident here. On Sunday morning about four o'clock the prisoner was found in the meat store of Gus Bradshaw here, having gained entrance through a window. Suspicious noises inside the store caused the police officers to quietly investigate. They went round to the rear door and were about to try if it was open when the prisoner, evidently about to leave the premises, opened the door from the inside and fairly walked into the officer's arms. When searched some silver spoons, a sheath knife and a bottle of whiskey were found in his possession. When caught he expressed himself for being there by saying that he found the rear door open, and thinking that a burglar was inside went in to see for himself, and finding none decided to inform the police about the door being unfastened. Miller is a married man with five children. A barn containing a quantity of hay on the premises of Constable James Purches was badly damaged by fire this afternoon; no insurance.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC. A Decision as to Right of Constables and Others to Vote at Elections. Death of M. C. Cameron, Governor of the Northwest Territories. The Restoration of Trans-continental Passenger Rates—C. P. R. and G. T. R. Earnings.

OTTAWA, Sept. 23.—The fact is commented upon with surprise that La Patrie, Hon. Mr. Tarte's paper, should have published yesterday afternoon a despatch from the government consideration a report that the sentence of death upon Gullman, for the murder of his uncle at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, had been commuted by the council to imprisonment for life. The despatches give as the reason that the trial the judge had recommended the commutation of the sentence, and there was no precedent for going against such recommendation. Two incidents which lend interest to La Patrie's report are that Hon. Mr. Tarte was present at the council, and that the judge's report was confidential. The total imports for August were \$14,000,753; exports, \$14,267,113. Increase two and a half million respectively; July collected, \$2,947,355, an increase of \$340,000.

QUEBEC, Sept. 23.—The international conference commissioners after this morning's sitting decided to adjourn until Tuesday, the deliberations having reached such a stage that a suspension is necessary, pending the preparation and exchange of written statements of the representatives of the different governments. Meantime the joint committees will sit daily. CORNWALL, Ont., Sept. 23.—A very sad accident happened at the South Branch this afternoon. Archibald Leitch, sixteen year old son of David Leitch, while operating an engine cutter along with his brother, had his arms caught in the machinery. The hand and arm were literally chopped off within a short distance of the elbow, at which point the doctor was called to amputate the arm. He might have bled to death but for the presence of mind of his brother, who tied a handkerchief on the severed stump so tightly that the flow of blood was stopped until he was prepared to amputate the general hospital, a distance of about five miles. OTTAWA, Sept. 23.—Reports sent out yesterday to the effect that the death sentence passed on Gullman, the murderer of Johnny Lapierre at St. Hyacinthe, had been commuted to imprisonment for life, were at the least premature. The cabinet council has still got the matter under consideration, together with a couple of other cases. It is not expected that any man will be disposed of until tomorrow.

QUEBEC, Sept. 24.—Rev. Father Sedon, who is in charge of a party of sixty-five children from the Catholic Immigration society, died suddenly on the second day out from Liverpool. He was a passenger on the Allan liner Numidian, and his remains were brought to this city for interment. LANCASTER, Ont., Sept. 24.—The justice of the peace who sat at North Lancaster Tuesday had an unusual case before him. It was the trial of a woman for bigamy. D. C. McRae presided, and associated with him on the bench were Messrs. McNaughton, McLennan, Bathurst and Leclair. The accused was Mary, wife of Patrick Laughlan, who was married to John Tracy on June 29th, 1877, at St. Andrew's manse, Lancaster, by the Rev. C. E. Gordon Smith, P. S. C. She then represented herself as a widow. It appears that Laughlan left his wife (the prisoner) some seven years ago, and the prisoner married a man named John Tracy. She had a second marriage she had been told that Laughlan was still alive and was coming home to her. When Laughlan did return he at once found his wife and another man's bride. The woman was committed for trial at the next assizes in Cornwall.

TORONTO, Sept. 24.—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen have elected all the officers with the exception of the grand attorney, as follows: T. P. Sargent, grand master, Chicago, Arizona; J. J. Hannahan, ticket vice grand master; C. A. Wilson, Pittsburg, 2nd vice grand master; C. W. Hall, Parsons, Kansas, 3rd vice grand master; F. W. Arnold, Peoria, Ill., grand secretary-treasurer; W. S. Carter, Peoria, Ill., editor and manager of the Firemen's Magazine. OTTAWA, Sept. 24.—The post office savings bank deposits for August amounted to \$300,072, and withdrawals \$285,807.

QUEBEC, Sept. 24.—The American warship Marblehead will not go up to Montreal, but will remain until the end of the first week in October, for the visit of the Honorable Ancient Artillery of Boston, on October 3. OTTAWA, Sept. 24.—The trade returns for August, which appears in Saturday's Canada Gazette, show that the imports for the month were about \$2,900,000, and the exports \$2,000,000 ahead of the same month last year, and the duty collected shows an increase of \$340,000. The following is a

comparative statement for August this year and last: Imports, available, 1898, 1897. Free goods, \$7,210,547, \$5,888,780. Duties, 1,527,715, 1,410,971. Coin and bullion, 1,238,497, 1,046,133. Total imports, \$10,976,759, \$8,345,884. Exports, available, \$13,861,128, \$13,008,228. Duties collected, 2,967,265, 2,524,354. Coin and bullion, 1,277,430, 45,282. Total exports, \$18,105,823, \$15,577,866. Net imports and exports, \$2,870,936, \$283,018.

CHINESE EMPEROR DEAD. Kang-Yuwei Left Peking in Consequence of Secret Message of Emperor. The British Consulate Give Orders that He Should be Protected and Hold His Baggage.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The Times correspondent says: "Chang Yin Yuan, the Cantonese enemy and rival of Li Hung Chang, who is charged with harboring Kang Yuwei, has been arrested. He is now under trial by the board of punishment. He will be stripped of all his offices, his removal being increased power to Li Hung Chang. The officials generally welcome the emperor's return to power, but the people are indifferent. Kang Yuwei is charged with conspiring against the emperor and has been declared an outlaw and his arrest has been ordered. A private despatch says he died Sept. 21, directly he issued the edict giving the dowager the regency. Nobody doubts that Yang and Chang Yin Yuan, who was minister at Washington in 1896, are both innocent of the charge of poisoning the emperor. LONDON, Sept. 26.—The Times Shanghai correspondent telegraphs: "On the arrival of Kang Yuwei he will be placed for safety on board the steamer Hallarist, which sails for Hong Kong tomorrow. In the course of an interview yesterday, he informed me that he left Peking on Tuesday in compliance with a secret message from the emperor, warning him of his danger and urging him to obtain assistance from those interested in the country's welfare. He further stated that recent events were entirely due to the action of the Manchuria party, headed by the dowager empress and Viceroy Yung Lu, and including all the high Manchuria officials. The latter were displaced by the emperor's leaning toward the reform party and decided to restore the regency of the Dowager Empress party is bound by an understanding with the Russians, whereby the latter, in consideration of the support of Russian interests, undertake to preserve Manchuria as the seat of the dynasty, and to maintain Manchuria rule in China. In pursuance of this compact the gradual substitution of Manchus in all high offices, military and civil, has been last year under the direction of the Dowager, thus creating sources of friction with the Emperor, whose de-thronement was frequently threatened. The present movement is entirely Manchuria as opposed to Chinese. The influence of Li Hung Chang is now subordinate to that of Yung Lu, and is likely to decrease. LONDON, Sept. 26.—A special despatch from Shanghai says that Kang-Yuwei's brother has been arrested in Peking and condemned to death. The despatch says that Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister, gave instructions that Kang-Yuwei should be protected from arrest. The British consulate holds his baggage and documents referring to state secrets. The Russians are in Peking at the present fact, and it is reported that Russia has offered the Dowager Empress the services of ten thousand troops from Port Arthur to keep order in Peking if necessary. It is stated that the British fleet in Chinese waters has been divided between Taku and Shan-Hai-Kwan, under order to intercept Russian transports in the event of an attempt to land troops.

MAUGERVILLE. Destruction of a Historic and Stately Residence. Sunbury Men Who Did Well at the St. John Exhibition—Sheep Killing by Dogs.

MAUGERVILLE, Sunbury Co., Sept. 25.—One of the most destructive fires that ever visited this place occurred at noon on Wednesday, when the beautiful residence of Patrick McCloskey, together with his barns, outbuildings and nearly all their contents were destroyed. The fire originated in a defective furnace and had made great headway before it was discovered. Henry Clark and his family, who occupied rooms in the house, lost everything they had, besides forty barrels of plowcase that Mr. C. was preparing for the market. Much sympathy is expressed for the respective parties in the great loss they have sustained, coming as it did when the barns were well filled with the season's products. A paltry insurance will not cover more than half the loss, which will number in the thousands. The house stood on historic ground, where once St. George's lodge of Free and Accepted Masons met. While it was once the stately home of the late David Tapley, police magistrate of Portland, St. John, by whom it was built, the late Hon. J. S. Covert, M. P., also owned and lived in it for a number of years. Rev. O. P. Brown is now rejoicing in the advent of his first born baby girl. Vicious sheep-killing curs are again in evidence by the mutilation of sheep owned by several parties. About \$500 of the exhibition prize money was distributed among the five exhibitors from here, W. M. Thurrott taking large odds. John Stennis, formerly of Ormeston, is visiting his old home after an absence of 25 years in California, where he has acquired a competency. The ladies of the W. C. T. U. purpose having a picnic near the polling booth on election day in order that they may take an active part in the campaign.

DORCHESTER. The Colonial Mining Company Property Sold for Eight Hundred Dollars. DORCHESTER, Sept. 24.—Some time ago M. G. Tard, barrister, on behalf of Mrs. Mary Jane Bowser, a creditor of the Colonial Copper Mining Company of Portland, Maine, who for some time carried on mining operations at Woodbury, a few miles from here, sought and obtained from Justice Landry, judge of the supreme court, an order commanding that the said company within a certain time should return and satisfy the claims against them on falling into liquidation property be seized and sold. Under this order a public auction today took place upon the premises of the company, when all the estate, real and personal, was sold, realising something over eight hundred dollars. The real estate, comprising two lots, was bid in by Wm. Bowser, husband of the petitioning creditor, while the greater part of the machinery, etc., went to W. C. Miller and the Robb Engineering Co. The claim of Mrs. Bowser was in the vicinity of \$700.

FIRE IN HOULTON. HOULTON, Me., Sept. 25.—The farm house of Geo. W. McGinley at West Houlton was burned today. The household effects and 100 barrels of potatoes were saved. Loss, \$3,000; insurance, \$500.