LOCAL MATTERS OF INTEREST.

SATURDAY

H. P. Robertson's smoke house, off Britain street, for the curing of fish caught fire about 11.30 o'clock last night and an alarm was sent in from box 41. When the department arrived the flames were breaking through the roof. In very quick time the chemical and a couple of other streams had the flames under control and the large fish warehouse and office were saved. The smoke house was filled with fish and the damage to fish and building will amount to about $800. It is fully insured with Tilley and Fairweather and White and Calkin.

The list of deaths in the city during the past week includes five from senility from which it might be argued that St. John is a healthy place to live in. Consumption claimed three and the other seven were due to the following causes, meningitis, marasmus, encephalocele, locomotor ataxia, muetiile nueritis, cerebial hemorrhage, accidentally smothered.

Joseph K. Neptune, a marine engineer who was associated with the Panama Steamship Company, died Thursday in his home, No. 697 Hancock street, Brooklyn, aged forty-five. He was born in St. John, N. B., and for many years was chief engineer with the Ward Steamship Company.

There is the usual winter complaint of the C. P. R. police of grain stealing at Sand Point. It appears that boys enter the cars and sweep them out and this grain is purchased by local dealers. A complaint was laid by the C. P. R. authorities at the police court this morning against persons accepting grain from the boys or others who have obtained it illegally. A similar case was before the court last winter and a warning was sent out at the time that persons should not accept grain as it encouraged the boys to do more than trespass on the C. P. R. property, and at times the full cars have been broken open.

Rev. E. Skagen, who was brought to the city from Grand Falls about two weeks ago suffering from rheumatism and who has been in the hospital since is very low and not expected to live. Mrs. Skagen is now in the city, having arrived on Thursday. Rev. Mr. Skagen is a Norwegian by birth. He has been chaplain of the Danish colony near Grand Falls for about a year.

MONDAY

A St. Stephen telephone message reports that G. W. Ganong, ex-M. P., is quite ill at his home there. He was taken sick on Friday and complications set in. While he was somewhat improved last night his friends are quite anxious about him. Two physicians have been in attendance.

One of the oldest residents of the North End, in the person of Mrs. Sophie Morissey, died on Saturday at the home of her daughter Mrs. John Ross, Westfield, after a tedious illness. Mrs. Morissey's husband, Abraham J. Morissey, who died eighteen years ago, was a caulker, doing business when shipbuilding was at its height. Mrs. Morissey was 73 years of age and resided in the North End in the vicinity of Adelaide street for 50 years. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John Ross, of Westfield and four sons—Frank, engineer of the government cruiser Curlew; William, in the employ of T. H. Estabrooks; Albert, painter and Harry, letter carrier. Three sisters and one brother, also survive. The sisters are Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Ellen Ross, of Westfield and Mrs. Judson Pitt, of Greenwich, Kings county. The brother is James Ross, also of Westfield. The funeral will be held on Tuesday at Westfield.

Police Sergeant James Campbell slipped on Brussels street Saturday night and stained one of the ligaments of his leg near the knee. In an instant the officer was unable to walk and he had to be conveyed to his home in a sleigh. The injury is quite severe and it will be some days before he will be able to resume duty.

The sad and unexpected death of Norman Henderson took place at the Public Hospital Saturday evening. The deceased was first taken ill on Tuesday last and his many friends were shocked at its fatal ending. Of a bright and lovable desposition, Mr. Henderson will be mourned by a large circle of friends not only in the city but at his home, Nauwigewauk, N.B. A father, mother, four brothers and three sisters survive. The body will be taken to Hampton for interment.

TUESDAY

One of the old familiar sights along the coast of New Brunswick and Maine will soon leave for the Pacific coast, it having been announced that the steamer St. Croix has been sold to San Francisco people.

At a meeting of the directors of the St. John Railway Co. held in their office yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Col. H. H. McLean presiding, Leslie R. Johnson, motorman, was presented with a handsome gold watch as a token of their appreciation of his loyalty to duty, on Nov. 24, when he was instrumental in saving a runaway car from being seriously damaged.

A meeting of the N. B. Poultry Association was held in Berryman's Hall last evening, with President H. Lemmon in the chair. It was decided to accept the offer to have rooms in the Sears building and the poultry show will be held there. The executive committee will meet every Monday evening until February 1.

Thursday night last Jack Cable was badly beaten at Upper Napan, during a drunken brawl and was left out in the cold. Friday morning Frank Jardine, a farmer, found Cable lying unconscious with both feet frozen. The man is in a serious condition. His assailants have not been arrested.

WEDNESDAY

Heavy grain shipments are being made through St. John this season, and there are many Canadian cattle also being shipped. The C. P. R. have handled more than 650,000 bushels of grain so far this season, and the I. C. R. more than 350,000, a total of more than 1,000,000 bushels.

Last night forty-five of the city unemployed found beds at the Army shelter. Some were glad to sleep on the floor, bringing the total number housed by the Army up to fifty-two. Additional beds are being ordered from the Army's supply house at Toronto and will be fitted up within a very few days. More wood was ordered yesterday and this morning a third shift of eleven men are finding the employment that they need.

Commissioner Farris held an investigation at Perth yesterday when Rocco Crocco and Tom Manza were fined $50 for having liquor for sale. John Day was fined $50 for a similar offence. There were two convictions against Henry Darkes and he was fined $100.

About ten minutes to one o'clock this morning an alarm was sounded from box 52. The department quickly responded to the I. C. R. freight shed on Pond street but instead of seeing a fire they found Bartholmew Connell's horse down between a freight car and the platform. With the use of ropes from the Salvage Corps wagon the horse with a cut leg was hauled out. The animal wandered away from the freight shed and in an attempt to eat some hay from the open car door, slipped down between the car and the platform.

THURSDAY

The marked superiority of the Ceylon planter's agricultural methods, the adaptation of automatic machinery in every process imparts to "Salada" Tea a delicious flavor and strength that makes it very economical to use. 95

A few of the members of St. Paul's (Valley) church waited on the rector, Rev. E. B. Hooper, Tuesday evening, and presented him with a purse of gold, from the members of his Men's and Women's Bible classes, members of the church, and Mothers' Meeting. The presentation was made by John K. Schofield. Mr. Hooper was taken completely by surprise and spoke very feelingly in reply, expressing his appreciation of the gift and the kindly feelings that prompted it.

Rev. H. F. LaFlamme, travelling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement and chairman of the Dominion Baptist committee, reached the city Tuesday. Rev. Mr. LaFlamme is on his way from Toronto to Wolfville to spend Christmas with his wife and family. By previous arrangement Rev. Mr. LaFlamme was met here by Dr. H. C. Creed of Fredericton, Judge F. W. Emmerson, Rev. Dr. McLeod and Rev. David Hutchinson of this city. These gentlemen are also members of the Dominion Baptist committee and a meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Rev. Mr. Hutchinson. The most important step taken was a decision to hold a meeting of the joint Dominion Baptist committee at Montreal or Toronto during the month of January.

The many friends of John F. Melliday, formerly of St. John, son of Francis Melliday, will be much pleased to hear of his success and rapid promotion in New York. Several years ago he entered the employ of Charles Yung as bookkeeper and now, upon the incorporation of the business into the Charles Yung Company, he becomes a director and secretary-treasurer. On retiring from the office staff he was made the recipient of an address and silver loving cup by his fellow workers.

A baby girl, only six weeks old, died on the Boston express yesterday morning at 6.30, while en route to this city. The little one was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKinnon, of Salem, Mass., who were on their way to Halifax to spend the holidays. The little one was unwell before leaving home, and the journey proved too much for it. Mr. McKinnon was born in the North End, and is a South African veteran, being a member of Company G.

George H. Brown, mayor-elect of Lowell, Mass., arrived in the city last night on his way home after a ten day visit at his mother's in Kings Co. Mr. Brown will sail this morning on the Calvin Austin. When asked as to the substance of his inaugural address neither Mr. Brown nor his companion, Mr. McBayne of the Boston Herald, would make any statement.

Today the Queen Square Methodist Church, of which Rev. H. D. Marr is the pastor, will celebrate its 106th anniversary or centenary. It was just one hundred years ago that the old Germain street church was dedicated and the services tomorrow will be to celebrate this dedication. The old church was built at the corner of Horsfield and Germain streets and was the first Methodist Church in this city.

Dr. Stewart of Sackville will be here and will preach the centenary sermon. The choir will render special music and members from other choirs will assist.

It is expected that Rev. Mr. Weddall of Horton, N. S., Dr. Wilson of St. John, and Dr. Campbell, all former pastors of the church, will be present.

In connection with the services the Bible Society here will present Dr. Stewart with a copy of the Bible. Judge Forbes will make the presentation. Mr. Stewart has been untiring and faithful in the work of the class and was a member for the past fifty years.

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Provincial News

MONCTON, Dec. 22.—Miss Mary Chalmers who made her home in Moncton for the past few years, died quite suddenly of heart failure at the residence of Mayor Purdy, yesterday. Miss Chalmers was taken ill with pneumonia Thursday last and expired quite unexpectedly. Deceased who was 65 years of age, belonged to Bathurst. Two brothers, one a government employe in Ottawa and another a lumberman in the west, died recently and only last week Miss Chalmers came in possession of a couple of thousand dollars left by her brother. The remains will be sent to Bathurst for interment.

Ezekiel McAnn, the well known I. C. R. baggage master who has been ill for over a year with internal trouble, died at his home here last evening, aged fifty-five years. Deceased had been railroading about 25 years and was well known along the northern I. C. R. where he ran for years. He was a highly respected and faithful employe of the road. He is survived by a wife and four children and three brothers, L. W. and James A., of Moncton, and George W. McAnn, of Petiticodiac.

BRISTOL, N. B., Dec. 19. — John Scott, a young man of Glassville, met with quite a serious accident yesterday. He was out in the woods, cruising and was carrying a rifle in his hand through the brush when, by some means, the rifle discharged, taking three fingers off his right hand. Scott came in from Glassville this morning and went to the Woodstock hospital for treatment.

George Hallett, aged twenty eight years, and belonging to Millville, York county, was killed in the Miramichi lumber woods yesterday by a falling limb. His neck was broken and death was instantaneous. The body was brought into Bristol today and sent to his home on the C. P. R. express.

Miss Grace Gilberson, who has been teaching at Plaster Rock, and Miss Ellen Giberson, at Lake Edward, are home for their vacation.

NORTH SYDNEY, Dec. 22.—Officials of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company stated today and his company in the closing days of the present year finds itself in a very comfortable position respecting the outlook for the coming year's business. The company is looking forward to considerable expension of its trade in both steel and coal during 1909. Speaking of this end of the company's business he said conditions just now are much brighter than they were at this time last season. Orders on hand and in sight are greater by many times than those on hand at this time last year. Facilities for the increased output of coal have been enlarged during the past year and a large expension in that end of the business is looked for in 1909. At present various collieries are working about half time. Preparations, however, are being made for early resumption of banking coal. The middle of January is put down as the probable date when banking operations will be commenced.

AMHERST, Dec. 22.—Arthur Schurman, of Christie Bros. and Co., Ltd., was called to Springhill yesterday owing to the accidental death of his nephew, Melvin Weatherby. Deceased was coming out of the pit at 2.30 yesterday afternoon and through some mistake the box was reversed, and in starting down his head struck violently against the boom at the roof, crushing his head and killing him instantly. An inquest is being held before Coroner Murray, today. Deceased was 21 years of age, and leaves a wife and infant child 3 months old. He was a son of John Weathby, of Springhill. Besides his parents, three brothers and one sister survive. Another brother was drowned at Glace Bay two years ago. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 23.—The provincial exhibition directors held their annual meeting yesterday. A surplus of $1,300, enabling a half yearly dividend of 2 1-2 per cent. for this year and last year to be paid, was declared.

Edward J. Perry came up before the police court yesterday on the charge of assaulting his wife. Children of the prisoner gave evidence of their father drinking, but were disposed to shield him as much as possible. Their mother had seven marks on her head, and her body was bruised, but they would not admit that the father had ill-used her. The case was adjourned till tomorrow to enable Mrs. Perry to give

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 23—Word was received here this morning to the effect that Mr. A. B. McHaffie, Master Mechanic of the I. C. R., lies in a critical condition in Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and the chances for his recovery are very slim. Mr. McHaffie and his son John went to Boston some time ago on railway business and while there he was taken ill. It was found necessary for him to enter hospital to undergo an operation.

Moncton yesterday and today experienced the first real cold weather of this winter, the thermometer reading last night being five below zero, while this morning the thermometer was seven below. At Moutmagny, Quebec, the thermometer registers twenty below.

HOPEWELL HILL, N. B., Dec. 22.—Albert P. Mitton, the fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mitton, died at his home here this afternoon. His death, which occurred on his fifteenth birthday, occasioned sincere sorrow and regret throughout the community. The deceased lad, who was very popular among his associates, had been afflicted with diabetis for several months but had been able to be about as usual lately as late as last Sunday. Since that time he became rapidly worse, passing away at four o'clock this afternoon. The deceased was a member of Mount Pleasant Lodge, I. O. G. T., and will be much missed at that institution and also at the Baptist Sunday School which he attended regularly, even after he was in feeble health. The family will have the deep sympathy of many friends in their affliction. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon.

CHINAMEN WERE FOR NOVA SCOTIA

That is the Ingenious Defense of Captain Accused of Smuggling

ADMITS MEXICAN TRIP

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—That there was an agreement to carry Chinamen from Mexico to Nova Scotia and not to this country was the ingenious defense offered today in the trial in United States district court of Capt. Peter C. Daley, of Boston, and Philip M. Springer, of Somerville, charged with a conspiracy to bring Chinamen into the United States. Captain Daley and Mr. Springer, both testified to the effect that they had agreed with a Boston Chinaman to bring as many Chinamen as possible from Mexico at $200 a head, but both declared that it was their intention to land them in some port in Nova Scotia. Both of the defendants admitted travelling in Mexico under assumed names and Capt. Daley said the season his schooner, the Freddie W. Alton, went to Pensacola was to wait there while the Chinese agent was collecting the party of his countrymen. Mr. Springer had not completed his testimony when the court adjourned until Tuesday next.

PHYSICIAN GIVES ADVICE.

Tells Why So Many Suffer from Catarrh and Rheumatism.

A distinguished physician, famous for his successful treatment of catarrh and rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles, states as follows:—"Our climate being more or less damp and changeable, is bad for catarrh and rheumatism, and care must be taken not to let these troubles gain headway. In addition, he states that a great many Canadians are careless in their habits, and to this as much as climatic conditions is due a great deal of the trouble. Insufficient clothing and improper eating will cause rheumatic and catarrhal troubles in any climate.

This eminent authority gives the following as the simplest and best treatment known to science, and to it he gives credit largely for his success:—Fluid Extract Cascara..... ½ oz.
Carrians Compound..... 1 oz.
Syrup Sarsaparilla..... 6 oz.
Directions: One teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

The ingredients are all vegetable, and have a direct and specific action on the liver, kidneys, and bowels, eliminating all poisonous matter from the system. Any druggist can dispense this, or you can buy the ingredients separately and mix at home by shaking in a bottle.

Many of our readers should benefit by this article. Save the recipe.

CORNER'S JURY SAYS ITALIANS SLEW PEDDLER

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Andrew Hatch, a boy, identified one of the guns as that belonging to one of the prisoners.

None of the evidence given at the inquest went to show that the prisoners had any property on their person which belonged to Green.

The jury returned in half an hour after retiring and presented the following verdict:

"We find that the deceased came to his death on Dec. 20th inst. in the parish of Gordon, in the county of Victoria, and that his death was caused by bullet wounds from a firearm used by Leon Sepitil and Tony Arofha, and further that the said Leon Sepitil and Tony Arofha murdered Green."

ANDOVER, Dec. 23.—Tony Arofha and Leon Septiil, the two Italians charged with the murder of the peddler Green are now permanently settled in the jail here. They occupy two adjacent cells and are continually under guard. Since their arrival here the prisoners have been exceedingly quiet and although thir presence is the source of much anxiety to the jailer the guard of their persons is being prosecuted as a precautionary measure.

Dr. Earle is in daily attendance upon Arofha, the shorter of the two prisoners, who is suffering considerably from his long exposure in the open. His right leg, which was very badly frozen, may have to come off, and as to this Dr. Earle will decide tomorrow. Tony, the spokesman of the pair, is very voluble and mutters continually in his broken English of having no connection whatever with the tragedy.

TALKS WITH SUN.

Tony in speaking with The Sun correspondent this afternoon stated that he only met Leon a few hours previous to the arrests and that he knew nothing of the shooting or the boodle. When asked as to how he succeeded in freezing his feet his only reply was "Long way, long way."

Leon, the taller of the two, is unable to speak English. He either feigns or practices the utmost unconcern. He has taken his imprisonment as a matter of course and does not seem disposed by any action to make known his connection with the affair.

The prisoners are being very carefully looked after by the sheriff, who is also exercising the utmost vigilance in the matter of their keep.

PUGSLEY BRINGS CENTRAL INQUIRY DOWN TO FACTS

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orandum could not be discovered Mr. Pugsley explained that it showed how the subsidy was disposed of and how the balance was arrived at. It showed the payment of $8,000 on the old Central account among other things. The document was finally discovered and read by Dr. Pugsley and then submitted as evidence.

In reply to Mr. Powell witness said he paid the subsidy on instructions he received from the government. He presumed he would do it according to order in council. He supposed the document submitted was what the government acted on. It was explained that this was an epitome of previous orders in council.

Mr. Pugsley explained to Mr. Powell that the $11,500 mentioned was the payment to Mr. Evans for his plans, rights of way, etc. Mr. Powell said an order in council authorized the deduction of this amount from the subsidy. Mr. Pugsley said that notwithstanding this the whole subsidy was paid in full to the People's Bank.

Mr. Babbitt said that he knew the payments went through his office. What happened to the money afterwards he could not say. Questioned by Mr. Pugsley the witness confirmed the payments of the various amounts of the subsidy according to a statement he had drawn up and stated that the amounts in question went to reduce the company's liability at the People's Bank.

Mr. Pugsley then turned up the assignment of its subsidy to the People's Bank by the N. B. C. & R. Co., which contained a memo. signed by the bank manager that he had received the disputed amount.

Mr. Pugsley drew attention to a statement made by Mr. Powell last week to the effect that Mr. Pugsley had stated in the house on 4th May, 1902, that $60,000 of guaranteed bonds had been issued to purchase the Central Railway. He did not think this was correct, as in Feb., 1903, only $47,000 had been issued. It was shown that the date should have been May, 1903, and this, Mr. Pugsley said, made a material difference.

Mr. Babbitt was then allowed to stand down and Mr. Pugsley asked if Mr. Powell wished to call him. After some uncertainty on both sides Mr. Pugsley took the stand.

HON. WM. PUGSLEY.

Mr. Pugsley explained that some time ago he had gathered some papers together, but while he was away the papers had been mixed up and as his train was late he had had no opportunity of sorting them out.

Mr. Powell then said that it appeared that up to June, 1904, $52,545 had been secured by discounts and $5,000 of this had been paid to him. Mr. Pugsley explained that this was paid to the N. B. Real Estate, Loan and Trust Co. The money was due to the company from the railway. The witness and his wife were the sole owners of the company. They had loaned various sums to the railway and at this time there was a balance of over $5,000 due them.

The company owned the Pugsley bilding and in 1895 his brother and himself had conveyed $70,000 to this company: Its chief business was the collection of rents on the building and the sale of western lands. Judge Trueman was secretary and he kept the rent book. There were no other books of the company. The rents are all on the check stubs for the loans, etc.

He could not tell when the first loan was made, but out of a sum of $115,000 received from western lands the first loan was to E. C. Elkin, on 11th Nov., 1902, of $2,000. He supposed it was for a payment on their option. The next was 17th Nov., 1902, to E. G. Evans for $2,000 for repairs on the road, to be returned by the N. B. C. and R. Co. Then on 18th Nov., 1902, to A. I. Trueman, to purchase notes, etc., of N. E. C. and R. Co., of $2,750. Sometime before that an order to raise money to make payments on the option loans were made by gentlemen in St. John to the amount of about $7,000. The company paid about half of this. $750 due David Connell was allowed to stand and the notes they purchased formed the balance.

There was another of $198. On Dec. 24, 1902, there was a check to witness himself endorsed by E. G. Evans for $1,000. He could not say whether the latter was for payment on the option or for repairs to the road. He explained that frequently the company was hard pressed for funds and on several occasions Mr. Evans came to him for advances. On 1st March, 1904, the N. B. Real Estate Co. advanced $1,272 to the N. B. C. and R. Co. to enable them to pay interest to the Canada Perm. Mortgage Co.

Mr. Evans recovered about $2,100 in a judgment against the railway. Fire claims amounting to $630 were also paid to Stockton & Price; $1,000 was also paid for the same cause to Senator King. These transactions left a balance in his favor of considerably more than $5,000 on 1st July, 1904.

Mr. Powell then asked for the other side of the account, the payment made to him. Witness explained that if Judge Trueman was alive he could furnish the account. He kept no complete books of his own financial transactions. Mr. Allan's books should show the payments. He was not aware that Mr. Allan kept no books. The latter had assured him that he kept complete record of everything.

Mr. Trueman and witness' son had powers of attorney for him and the former, who was treasurer, had informed him of the amount of the balance. There were no separate books or the company outside of the rent book except a book in which the treasurer kept the transactions with the N. B. C. & R. Co., which witness believed Mr. Trueman gave to Mr. Sharpe, the auditor. He had never seen the books.

The witness could not remember whether the payment of $2,000 to Mr. Elkin was to make a payment on the option or for repairs, he believed it was the former, because he did not think he had any other transaction with Mr. Elkin and that Mr. Elkin had nothing to do with the repairs of the road after 1902.

Regarding the agreement that Elkin and Evans were to pay $50,000 on the road for improvements the witness said that this was before the road was taken over by the N. B. C. & R. Co.

The loan of $7,000 was made some time in the fall of 1901 or in 1902. It was made by F. H. Stetson, A. P. Barnhill, Judge Trueman and David Connell. He did not remember that certain privileges were granted to these men for making the loan. He thought the $198 was for interest on one of the loans. Regarding the $1,000 on Dec. 24 witness thought that Mr. Evans got the money. He thought the amount of $1,272 was paid by Mr. Trueman to the Can. Perm. Mort. Co.

Mr. Powell asked if the witness had ever seen an account of the money received and disbursed by the N. B. C. & R. Co. He had not, but supposed Mr. Winslow or Mr. Allan would keep it. Mr. Powell produced the ledger, which he said was the only book kept by the company, and remarked that it contained no account with witness.

Mr. Pugsley—"Do you doubt that the money was lent?"

Mr. Powell—"I would not doubt your word on the matter."

Mr. Pugsley—I am, at any rate, glad that I still have these checks; otherwise you might not have been so generous.

Mr. Powell asked if witness had not known that no books were kept.

Mr. Pugsley had not known this. In his dealings with Mr. Allan he had always found that he was very careful about financial matters and thought that he was similarly careful about the books.

He did not know that Mr. McAvity had refused to accept the management of the company because the books were in such a mess. He knew that he had demanded an audit, which was quite proper. Mr. Sharp had never intimated to him that the accounts were not complete and correct.

Regarding the system of financing, Mr. Pugsley explained that when the company was formed there was an agreement that the People's Bank was to advance the money required for construction according to the monthly report of the engineer. Under this system very little bookkeeping would be required.

Here he was interrupted by Mr. Powell, but the witness protested that he should be heard as Mr. Powell had insinuated that he had not discharged his duty.

Mr. Powell—"You did not discharge your duty. I am telling you that."

Mr. Pugsley—"You have no right to make such a statement."

Mr. Powell—"Did you not know that this book, which contains only half a dozen pages of written matter" — —

Mr. Carvell—"Would you swear to that? There are at least a dozen pages."

Mr. Powell—"Even if there are 20 are you aware that this is all the accounts that were kept?"

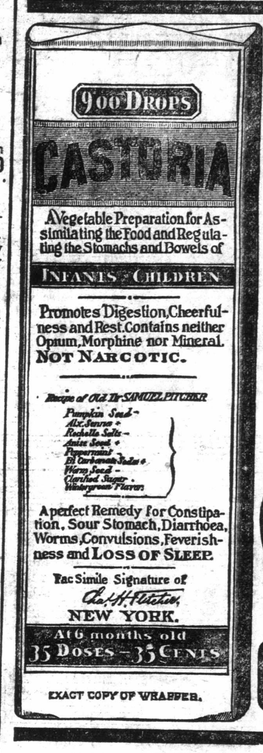
Mr. Pugsley—"Mr. Winslow was an excellent business man" — —

Mr. Powell (interrupting)—"It is a pity that such excellent business men should make such a rotten mess of things."

Mr. Pugsley—"You have no right to say that. If you were on the stand and made such a statement it might carry more weight."

Mr. Pugsley explained that a time came when the People's Bank refused to finance the company further on account of the largeness of the existing advances. If the work had stopped then large numbers of men would have been thrown out of work. It was a matter of pride with him that this railway should be completed and in consequence he had advanced money to assist in doing this.

As the hour was then 5.30 the commission adjourned until this morning at ten o'clock, when Mr. Pugsley will continue his evidence.



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MARRIAGES

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DOCTOR ANSWERS TELEPATHIC CALL

Surgeon's Obedience to Invisible Mispoken Summons Saves Life

RATHER REMARKABLE

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 23.—Answering what he characterizes as a telepathic call Dr. Paul M. Mecray, head surgeon of the Cooper Hospital at Camden, cut short a visit to Jersey City, came home on a train three hours earlier than he had intended and by so doing arrived in time to save the life of William D. Delamatre of 1,013 South Eighth street, his closest friend.

Mr. Delamatre was seized with an attack of appendicitis on Friday. Dr. Miller, his physician, saw that an operation was necessary, but would not perform it without Dr. Mecray. They tried in every way to locate the latter, but could not. In the meantime immediate operation became necessary. Dr. Mecray was in Jersey City.

"I was near the station about the middle of the afternoon," he said, "when I was suddenly seized with the curious feeling that I was badly wanted at home. I struggled against the notion, but some voice seemed to be saying, 'Take a train and go back to Camden. A man's life depends on your doing so. Don't hesitate—just go.'

"While I was debating the matter in mind I bumped into a friend who is an official of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He advised me to obey the curious feeling and offered to take me to Philadelphia on the next train in his private car."

Dr. Mecray accepted and instantly felt a sense of great relief. Through the courtesy of his official friend the trip was hurried as much as possible and Dr. Mecray reached Camden about 6 o'clock, barely in time to operate successfully on Delamatre.

"A few hours later it would have been too late," said Dr. Mecray. "I can't begin to account for it. Only as soon as I reached home I called up Dr. Miller, whose message I found at home. He was astonished by my presence."