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THE WEATHER
Light to moderate variable winds, mild, a few light scattered showers, followed on Saturday night by increasing winds and rain.

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INTERESTING QUESTION IN NOVA SCOTIA HOUSE

C. E. Tanner Takes Premier Murray Severely To Task. Opposition Leader Raises Issue Which May Result In Unseating James O'Brien, Member for Hants--Claims His Election Was Illegal.

HALLIFAX, Feb. 14 (Special)—C. E. Tanner, leader of the opposition, sprung a surprise on the government yesterday afternoon in regard to the election of James O'Brien, in Hants County.

After the members of the house of assembly had returned from the council chamber, Mr. Tanner called the speaker's attention to the fact that in connection with the election of James O'Brien in Hants, there had been, what he called, a flagrant violation of the constitution.

He pointed out that there were two vacancies in the house of assembly on March 29th, 1907, namely, Hants and Antigonish. The election in Antigonish was held on the 9th April, but the election in Hants was deferred until July 17th.

Mr. Tanner cited the law on the subject, section eleven of chapter five, of the revised statutes, which says: "Whenever two or more seats in the house of assembly become vacant at or about the same time, the election to fill such vacancies shall take place and be held on one and the same day and the polling at all elections where polls have been granted shall take place on one and the same day."

This has been the law of the province, Mr. Tanner said, for upwards of fifty years, and was enacted for the very purpose of preventing a government from deferring elections, as in this instance. He contended that the action of the government was a deliberate violation of the statute law of the province and a breach of the rights and privileges of the house and the people.

This was a matter of vital importance, hence he deemed it necessary, at this stage to call attention to it. The opposition might prove to be well founded that inasmuch as the government-in-council's authority to issue writs for by-elections where more than one vacancy occurred at the same time, expressly commanded that the elections should be on one and the same day, writs for elections on different days could not lawfully be issued and, therefore, the Hants election is wholly void.

Premier Murray was evidently at a disadvantage, and made a very weak reply to the argument of Mr. Tanner. He claimed that the government was only technical, that Hon. Mr. Chisholm merely went back to his constituents for ratification and that the government would have been open to censure if they had rushed on the Hants election.

Replying Mr. Tanner showed the fallacy of these contentions. The law vacated Wm. Chisholm's seat in his acceptance of office. The objection now was substantial. The law was deliberately broken.

The members of the Crouville Athletic Club and their friends, about 60 in all, had a sleigh drive to the club at Crouville on Wednesday last. Dancing was enjoyed in the morning hours, a pleasant time being spent by all.

THOMPSON DID GOOD BUSINESS SELLING GOODS HE HAD STOLEN

Many Witnesses This Morning Told Of Buying Goods From the Hotel Thief.

Preliminary examination of Yul Thompson for the alleged theft of razors, watches, overcoats and various other articles from local hotels, was resumed in the police court this morning when further evidence was taken and a large number of articles which, through the efforts of Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen had been collected, were identified, and adjournment was made until seven o'clock this evening.

Among other articles alleged to have been disposed of by the prisoner are a gold ring bearing three Roman initials and several razors and other articles which up to the present remain unclaimed.

LUMBER CUT ON THE NASHWAAK

Reported That This Year It Will Total About 25,000,000 Feet--Weather is Favorable

FREDERICTON, Feb. 14 (Special)—It is said that the lumber cut on the Nashwaak this season will total about twenty-five million feet which is quite up to the cut of last season. The weather conditions have been very favorable and crews are making good progress yarding the logs.

Ralph Clarke formerly of St. John and at one time traveller for the Hants Board of Trade, who was married in Hants County on February fifth to Miss Caldwell of that place.

W. Harry Allen Penniac and a party of guides will leave here on Monday for New York to represent the province at the sportsman's dinner.

Commissioner Combes of the Salvation Army arrived from Toronto today and will address meetings in the Methodist church this afternoon and evening.

MORE LATITUDE IN INVESTMENTS

J. K. McDonald Objects To Restrictions Imposed On Insurance Companies by New Bill.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 14 (Special)—J. K. McDonald, of the Canadian Life Officers' Association, was heard again today at the Banking and Commerce committee on the proposed insurance bill.

He spoke against the limitation of the bill in respect to investment, which would be detrimental to the interests of the policy holders. Among the changes he suggested were the abolition of the five year existence period of bonds as well as the requirement of 25 per cent excess value in the mortgage values over the value of the bonds secured, and to change from seven to three years time period for which debentures and preferred stocks may pay interest and to cut down the period for common stocks from ten to five years.

Mr. McDonald suggested in the way of mending the bill for investment, to allow in Canada secured securities to the amount of one third of its Canadian liabilities. As to underwriting Mr. McDonald did not think that companies should be prevented from combining to underwrite the bonds or debentures of a large city, which a single company could not do.

The clauses for ascertaining and distributing surpluses, Mr. McDonald wanted to strike out and make the distribution quinquennially.

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN ARRIVED HERE TODAY

The mail steamer Empress of Britain, Captain Murray, arrived in port today with 646 passengers, 76 of whom were sailors, 225 second cabin and 245 third class. The steamer had a splendid voyage to Halifax and this port. She berthed at this port at 12:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Fred K. Smith and daughter, Dorothy, arrived from Boston accompanied by her sister, Miss Alice Gleason, owing to illness of her mother, Mrs. C. Gleason.

William A. Cooper, engineer for the American Steam Laundry, swore that the defendant came into the engine room of the laundry and asked him if he wanted to buy a razor. Witness replied that he did not, and Thompson left a razor with him. Defendant had also offered a razor to another member of the laundry staff for 30 cents. Witness identified the razor that was with him. The defendant spoke pretty good English.

THE FRIENDS OF LABOR

What the St. John Star Said About St. John Workingmen Last August.

The St. John Sun and Star are somewhat anxious about the interests of the laboring man in this campaign. It is therefore of interest to quote the following editorial from the Star of Aug. 5th, 1907:—

NOT ANXIOUS FOR WORK. Every employer of labor in the city is seeking help, the demand for men and the supposed scarcity, is one of the most serious difficulties to be met at the present time. Contracts are delayed and in spite of high wages it seems impossible for the employer to secure sufficient hands.

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CITY MAY SETTLE THE MOONEY CLAIMS

Reported That \$20,000 Will Be Paid To Settle All Claims On Both Sections.

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KAISER SIDES WITH SULTAN

Germany Withdraws From Alliance With Russia Looking To Reforms In Turkey.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14—The Novoe Vremya's announcement of Germany's action at Constantinople, as embodied in the declaration of the German ambassador that Germany intended to abandon the allies and proposed instead the adoption of the Sultan's reform proposals which are tantamount to no reform at all, has created a sensation in diplomatic circles and resulted in a lively interchange of views and inquiries in order to substantiate the extent of the truth of the announcement.

The Russian foreign office professed inability to confirm the news, but that portion of the ambassador's declaration relating to the disassociation of Germany in the matter of the joint note is generally admitted to be accurate, and it is realized that this portends the failure of all efforts to alleviate Macedonia.

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FINE PRINTING PLANT BURNED

Fire in Buffalo Courier Lithographing Company's Building Does \$250,000 Damage.

BUFFALO, Feb. 14—Fire which broke out in the fourth floor of the plant of the Courier Lithographing Company, 197 Main street and extending through to 204 Washington street early today caused a loss estimated at this time at \$250,000. The plant is one of the largest of its kind in the country. Just after the fire was discovered there was a series of explosions supposed to have resulted from the burning of the printing press. The press department of the Buffalo Evening Times adjoining was damaged to the extent of \$30,000.

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JAS. K. PINDER SCORES FEDERAL INTERFERENCE

BOUND TO GET KING CARLOS Unexploded Bomb Found Under Stage Where He Landed

LISBON, Feb. 14—It has been stated that a bomb has been found under the landing stage where King Carlos landed on the day of the assassination. It had failed to explode because of a defect in the fuse. A number of persons have called at the late home of Buica, one of the dead assassins to give money to his mother-in-law for the support of his children. The proprietor of a department store has opened a subscription for them with \$1,000 also giving them free use of his house.

A curious fact has come to light. Shortly before the crime, Buica had competed with the king in a shooting match, beating his majesty by several points.

The chief speaker at the opposition room last night was George A. Strauge, of Kingslear, a former strong government supporter. When Mr. Strauge arose he was greeted with much applause. In the course of his speech he said that many of his old friends were among the government party, which he had supported and worked for all his life. He was getting old, and in a manner, was not as much of a political worker as he used to be, but he had come to the conclusion that the government was going from bad to worse. In recent days it had had two able men, one, a very dangerous man, was the present governor, while the other was William Pugsley, who was so hard to catch. Contingent Strauge took up the question of Mr. Pugsley charging his private telegrams up to the province and said that if he had taken \$200 of that money and put it towards having a steamboat service on the St. John river between Fredericton and Woodstock, the service would have been continued, as that was all that was wanting last year.

Mr. Strauge, in an interesting manner, told how Dr. Pugsley had smoked over the charges against him in connection with his telegraph bill when before the public accounts committee. He took up the trip which Dr. Pugsley made in England regarding the redistribution case when his expenses were \$5,000. The attorney general, Mr. A. G. B. Macdonald, told how Dr. Pugsley had gone over to England on a similar trip and it cost the sister province only \$75, because he said that he was paid a yearly salary and that his work in England would certainly be included in that work. "But," said Mr. Strauge, "Dr. Pugsley was not that kind."

Mr. Strauge counselled the members of the party not to ease work but to get all the elections possible on the side that is right, and if they won it would be a great thing for the country. If they lost, he did not know when there would be such an opportunity offered again. Mr. Strauge was loudly applauded when he resumed his seat.

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James K. Pinder, one of the opposition candidates who arrived at the meeting made a witty and brief speech. He received a fine reception. He referred to the delegation from the social and moral reform association. He believed in the purity of elections but at the same time he considered that the association had better put down corruption could do much better work than it was doing. They should begin at the fountain head. The association took no objection to persons being promoted federal government positions in order to be candidates. This was the worst kind of corruption and he sincerely believed that if purity was first established among those higher up who had patronage power among the people would follow.

Samuel Torry Word has been received here by relatives of the death on Feb. 13, at Brooklyn, N. Y., of Samuel Torry, a former St. John man. Mr. Torry worked as a spar maker and shipwright here when ship building was in its prime. Learning his trade with his father Alexander Torry who did a large business. He left here about twenty years ago, and went to Brooklyn where he had been employed at his trade. Mr. Torry leaves besides five children, three sisters, all residing in this city. They are, Mrs. George Maxwell, Mrs. John Daley, Mrs. Wm. J. Kelly. Mr. Torry formerly resided in the north end and was about 62 years of age. Interment was at Brooklyn.

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THIS NEW YORK FIREMAN MET DEATH LIKE A HERO

Tragic Fatality in New York Fire in Which Veteran Fireman Was a Victim.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—A fire in which old Deputy Chief Kruger lost his life today started at 217 Canal St. and before it had been subdued swept that building from basement to roof, spread to two buildings adjoining, routed the tenants from several surrounding tenement houses and threatened the Church of the Most Precious Blood in Baxter street.

It was after the flames in the upper part of the building had been brought under control that Kruger took his men to the basement. A great pile of excellent bales was blazing furiously and

Splendid Opposition Meeting at Fredericton Last Night.

Promise of Federal Jobs to Provincial Government Candidates the Worst Kind of Corruption--Strong Address by Former Gov't Supporter.

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THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

MUCH DEPENDS. It is rumored that Dr. Pugsley has received word from the geological department at Ottawa to the effect that the nature of the bottom to be discovered by borings at Courtenay Bay will depend entirely upon the action of the citizens on March 3rd. If they elect the government ticket the borings will reveal material easily dredged to a great depth. If they refuse, a bed of adamant will be discovered at a depth of fifteen feet. Of course the G. T. P. could not afford to remove twenty or thirty feet of adamant.

A DISAPPOINTMENT. Senator King disappointed his friends last evening by not consenting to be a candidate as the future output of the Queens county mines when he should have said 5,000 tons. Mr. James Jones says that the atmosphere of the senate must have dulled Mr. King's imagination. Dr. Pugsley would never have stopped at 500 tons.

opposition were putting up a fight. It was pointed out that the plain duty of a government organ was to show that there had been no opposition candidate could be admitted not only extolled the library of the maritime provinces, succeeding D. G. Whidden, who resigned.

James McAnulife fell off a ladder at the Glacier Rink this morning and badly cut his face.

The entertainment in aid of the club orchestra takes place this evening. A splendid programme of more than twenty numbers will be carried out. The debate last evening attracted a very large attendance, including ladies. The judges decided that Messrs. Cornier, Bédard, Wittrien, Eastwood and Titus, who argued that a library was more useful than a wife, presented more and stronger arguments than their opponents, Messrs. McLaughlin, Othier, Seward, Macey and Shippard. The gentlemen arguing for the affirmative not only extolled the library as a source of knowledge, inspiration, solace and mental and spiritual development, but went on to show that as the human race developed the number of man's wives decreased only now it is the fashion to have only one. In time, they argued, science would overcome the necessity of having any, and there would be no more unhappy unions of ill-mated people. The discussion was very amusing.

ENQUIRER. The government party are they that in the promise.