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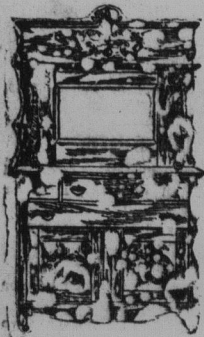
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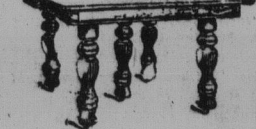
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## An Interesting Group



of New Designs in Sideboards and Extension Tables is shown here this week. They are interesting from the view point of quality, style and cost.

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### SALOONS IN DISGUISE.

Great Scheme of 65,000 Kansans to Get Drinks. The supreme court of Kansas has just dealt a blow to an organization known as the Kansas Utopian Association.

Thus far the Utopian Association has flourished. Its principles have spoken for themselves, and there has been no lack of applications for membership.

The founders of the Utopian Association were very democratic. The rules that they devised provided that any man could, for \$2, become a member, and further that the membership fee should be counted to his credit and for liquor to that amount.

The supreme court is so obtuse as to fail to distinguish between one of these lodge rooms and a saloon. It concludes that there is no essential difference and that the Utopian Association represents a bare-face attempt to evade the liquor law and is wholly illegal.

citizens of Kansas are wondering to what new devices they had best resort in order to get drinks with the same facility with which drinks are obtained in "wide-open" towns.

### RECORD CATCH OF FISH.

Seventy Tons of Halibut Taken in One Day. VANCOUVER, B. C., April 12.—The steamer New England, of the Boston Halibut Company, operating here, has made the record catch of halibut in one set on Wednesday last 140,000 pounds of fish or seventy tons.

George Starrett, manager of the New England Company, is willing to wager \$1,000 that this catch has never been beaten in the world. The catch was made north of D'Island, one of the Queen Charlotte group.

### WEDDED IN MONTREAL.

The marriage was quietly solemnized at St. George's church, Montreal, on Tuesday morning, of Miss Nina Fisher Keator, only daughter of the late Dr. G. E. Keator, of St. John, N. B., to Lucien Visart de Bury, of Montreal. The bride, who was given away by Dr. Hamilton, wore her going-away gown of blue cloth. The church was effectively decorated, and the ceremony was performed by Bishop Carmichael in the presence of a small congregation.

### REV. MR. CAMPBELL'S LECTURE.

Rev. G. M. Campbell, of Centenary church, lectured last evening in the school room of Carleton Methodist church, under the auspices of the choir committee. The lecture dealt with the speaker's trip across Canada, from St. John to Vancouver. At the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Mr. Campbell. The proceeds will be devoted to the choir fund of the church. Rev. Mr. Penna presided.

### BORING FOR OIL.

The Cheverie Oil Company have reached the depth of 1,000 feet in boring for oil on their property at Cheverie, Hants county, N. S. The boring is in and they are now sinking a 10-inch boring, and casing it as they go down.

### DINED BY THE GOVERNOR.

Lieutenant-Governor Snowball entertained a large number of ladies and gentlemen last evening in Fredericton at a state dinner. Among the guests were the judges of the supreme court.

St. John, N. B., April 17, 1903.

## Boys' Clothing.

Mothers who have been buying their BOYS' CLOTHING AT THIS STORE for the last two years can tell you something of the VALUES WE GIVE IN BOYS' SUITS. What better reference can we give you—only one that is to come and test them on YOUR BOY. You will save money and get satisfaction too.

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- BOYS' SAILOR SUITS, 75c., 95c., \$1.05 and \$1.25.

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# SWEET TRY THE FLAMES.

The most severe blow in the history of the winter port trade fell on St. John today when in the space of only a few hours' half of the magnificent C. P. R. terminus was wiped out of existence. At twenty minutes to nine o'clock fire broke out in the lower end of No. 3 warehouse and in less than ten minutes almost the entire northern side of Sand Point was in flames. The loss will be many thousands of dollars, including the building and other terminal facilities, and hundreds of tons of freight stored in the warehouses. Two lives are supposed to have been lost, plucky men who with a number of comrades were endeavoring to save some goods for their employers.

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### THE CONDITIONS.

Sand Point was dry. Fine weather had made the buildings like tinder and with the exception of a very slight sprinkling of snow on the roofs there was nothing in the way of dampness which could prove an obstacle to the flames. And this fall of snow was light that it was of no account. Besides this many of the buildings were covered with metallic roofing which prevented the moisture from penetrating the woodwork.

### THE FIRE.

The fire, as stated above, broke out in the carpenter shop at the lower or western end of No. 3 shed. In five minutes it had traversed the entire length of the building. In ten minutes the flames had engulfed No. 4 warehouse and on to the new immigration building. This of course resulted in the saving of the extreme end of Sand Point, but the buildings in the way of the fire were more numerous than those behind it, and consequently the task which confronted the firemen was rendered all the more difficult.

### THE WORK.

Immediately upon the alarm being given, the Carleton fire department hurried to the scene and the engine took up a position on Protection street from where streams of hose were sent to the end of No. 3 shed and over the intervening tracks to other points of the fire.

### THE STEAMERS.

At No. 4 berth the Donaldson boat Lakonia was lying. Next to her at No. 3 was the Elder-Dempster steamer Lake Manitoba, and the Allan liner Tunisian, and the head of the wharf the Orleano. Of these the Lakonia and Lake Manitoba were the only ones in any immediate danger.

### PERISHED IN THE FLAMES.

Many hair-raising tales of narrow escapes from the burning buildings were told by the men who were working in the department in the night and fire department in the morning. It is simply wonderful that the men got out at all the flames rushed so rapidly through the buildings. As it is, it is believed that two or three unfortunate individuals met death in the burning sheds. Six men who were working in No. 3 shed started out with

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the rest but returned to recover some property left behind. Just as the leader of the little band of six passed from No. 3 to No. 4 shed there was a TERRIFIC EXPLOSION and the end of No. 3 shed was blown in. Three of the men cleared it, one crawled out to where assistance was at hand but the other two have not since been seen.

### THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.

There is considerable difference of opinion as to the origin of the fire, and the local underwriters intend demanding a thorough investigation. The first explanation as to the cause that was given any consideration was that some one smoking in the gear shed at the east end of No. 3 shed had dropped a match. Another theory was that hot ashes from the Lake Manitoba had been dumped in the refuse underneath the shed.

### THE BEST IN USE.

There were several bad breaks in the hose the couplings tearing away from the canvas and rubber. These breaks caused serious delays and a thorough investigation should be held as to the cause. It looked very much to the ordinary observer as if the hose was thoroughly rotten. Probably it was. The firemen were hampered in many instances by interference by outsiders who suggested this or that and pulled one way on the streams when the men were trying to take them another.

### THE IMMIGRANTS.

When the fire broke out there were over seven hundred immigrants in the building. These people were at once thrown into a panic and for a time pandemonium reigned. There was a wild rush for the doors and windows. Fastenings were broken and the frightened people rushed in a crowd to the street. Many of them threw articles of baggage out of the windows and jumped after them. Women dropped their young children to the street, and in spite of the efforts of the officials was some time before the struggling mass of humanity could be reduced to any sort of order.

### THE FORESTERS.

There will be a Great I. O. F. Celebration in Moncton in June. The high standing committee of the I. O. F. was in session at the Queen hotel, Fredericton, yesterday. Those present were Dr. B. U. Mullin, H. C. R. St. Marys; D. G. Lingley, H. V. C. R. St. John; F. W. Emerson, high secretary, Moncton; E. F. Eastman, high treasurer; E. R. Chapman, P. C. R.; Pius Michaud, high com.; and Dr. Purdy, high physician. The committee completed arrangements for the holding of the high court at Moncton, July 2nd, to be held on the twentieth anniversary of the organization of the order in New Brunswick, it is proposed to have all the prominent officials of the order throughout Canada and the United States present. A further meeting of the committee was held last night to complete details and transact other business.

### PROVINCIALISM IN HIGH PLACES.

Many Much-Travelled New Yorkers Who Have Never Seen Washington. Take the people of New York, for example. It has been said many times that New Yorkers are in some respects the most provincial people in the United States. This is, of course, slanderous. But the fact is that there are people in New York who have travelled beyond seas, who have visited Paris and Budapest, and Bombay and Hong Kong, and Jerusalem and Vladivostok, who have never been in Washington in their lives. Of course, it is inconvenient to prove this statement, but the fact is that two New Yorkers of wealth, education and refinement are visiting Washington at this writing who confess that this is their first visit, although they have travelled in Europe and Asia until they are tired of globe-trotting. These are not isolated instances.

### MEDALS FROM ROOSEVELT.

CITIZENS OF KINCARDIN, Ont., Rewarded for Saving Lives in a Shipwreck. CHICAGO, April 15.—A despatch to the Record Herald from Kincardin, Ont., says: Before Pres. Roosevelt left Washington for his western trip, he took the first step in a kindly act of international courtesy which was completed here Tuesday night. Eight gold medals, given in recognition of their bravery in saving the lives of the crew of an American schooner wrecked with the name of the President by U. S. Consul Shirley Goderich to the citizens of Kincardin, Ont., were presented to them by the Mayor of Kincardin. Citizens gathered on the lake shore determined to attempt a rescue. Four men entered a small boat and after great exertion took the crew aboard.

### MRS. FITZSIMMONS DEAD.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons, wife of the former champion heavyweight pugilist, died today at her home in Brooklyn, from typhoid pneumonia. She began sinking late in the night and physicians summoned a number of physicians, but they were unable to save her.

### ROBBING THE MAILS.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 17.—Burton Parker, a sorter in the Chicago post office, has been arrested on a charge of robbing the mails. He confessed that he had been opening letters and taking money from them for several weeks. Parker has been in the government service ten years. He is supposed to have secured about \$100 altogether.

### AN INCUBATOR IN USE IN AUSTRALIA.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

The necessary number of signatures of electors have been obtained in Cape Breton Co. for a vote on the repeal of the Scott Act. This petition for the repeal of the act contains 4,900 signatures, nearly 600 more than are required. Those interested say the Scott Act is unworkable, and they want the county brought under the Nova Scotia Liquor License Act.

The steamer Peter Jebson that ran aground on Nick's Mate, while outward bound in ballast trim from Boston for Sydney on Wednesday last, was floated Friday afternoon and towed into Sydney harbor. She will probably be dry-docked for examination. She is reported as not being leached.

A strange accident occurred to Mrs. George Eisenhauer, of Bridgewater, N. S., on Sunday evening. She was up and about the house, in apparently good health, when suddenly her hip bones collapsed, breaking like a shell. The unfortunate lady put out her hand to catch at something to prevent herself from falling and her arm broke in two places.

The girl, Florence McMillan, who ran away from her home in Sydney Tuesday last, returned Saturday night by the fast express. She was on her way to Boston when she was intercepted at Moncton and detained there until instructions were received from Sydney to have the girl sent back.

A popular young couple were wedded yesterday morning at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Isaac Smith, King street, Fredericton, when Mrs. Smith and Miss Dora Smith were united in the holy and joyous bonds of matrimony. The nuptial ceremony was performed at eight o'clock, Rev. F. Clarke Hartley being the officiating clergyman.

There followed a long, hard struggle with the storm. William Ferguson, one of the rescuing party, and four of the schooner's crew were lost. Thomas, John and Walter McCreary, the remaining rescuers, succeeded in reaching the wrecked vessel, dragging two American sailors with them. Another boat was sent out and rescuers and rescued were brought ashore. The eight persons in the rescue were given Humane society medals, but not until recently was it known that Pres. Roosevelt had given attention to their efforts.

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