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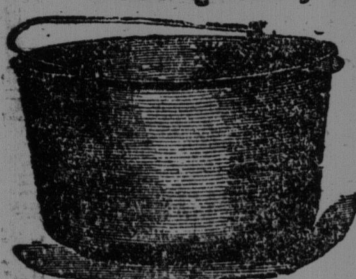
ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, JULY 16, 1903.

TEN PAGES.

ONE CENT

PRESERVING TIME!

Best Quality Granite Iron Kettles.



EARLIN PRESERVING KETTLES.

4 Quart	45c.	8 Quart	75c.
5 Quart	50c.	10 Quart	85c.
6 Quart	55c.	12 Quart	95c.
7 Quart	60c.		

ELITE ENAMEL KETTLES—Highest quality ... 35c. to \$2.50 each.

W. H. THORNE & CO., Limited
100 Market Square, St. John, N. B.

Ice Cream Freezers



The well-known triple motion "White Mountain" with each of which we give a book of choice recipes for ice cream and sherberts.

1 pint size	\$1.75
1 quart size	2.00
2 quarts	2.40
3 quarts	2.75
4 quarts	3.35

Large Sizes and Power Freezers at equally low prices. The TWIN, which freezes two kinds of Ice Cream, or an Ice Cream and an Ice at one time, at special prices.

Emerson & Fisher

25 Germain St., St. John, N. B.

Men's Suits!

There is always the certainty of getting the best suit possible for your money when you buy from us. Our Men's Suits at

\$5, \$5.75, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8, \$9 and \$10

are perfection, tailor-made, of fine materials, smart and dressy looking from every stand point.

American Clothing House,

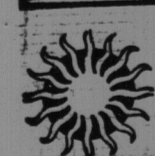
NEW STORE,
11-15 Charlotte St.

\$1.00 Hats for 50 Cts.

We have a limited quantity of Children's Suits which we have decided to clear at this price. As these are mostly samples you can rely on getting something pretty nice at a small price.

DO NOT MISS THIS SALE.

F. S. THOMAS, Dufferin Block,
Main St., N. E.



What you want and what you will get are two things which grow to resemble each other only after you have used a "STAR WANTED."



A young man who lives on Winter Road, his watch and chain were gone on Saturday night. About half-past eight he was talking to some friends on Brussels street, and after leaving them his memory failed him. When he woke up he was sitting somewhere on City party.

Stores open till 11 Tonight. St. John, N. B., July 16th, 1903.

Another Big Week
Selling Men's Suits!

Last week was another bumper week for suit selling. We have not made any big splash over these suits, just advertised them in a modest way, but the public soon took the hint and the result is—hundreds are saving money and we are selling a great many suits.

Have You Seen Our Special Suits at
\$3.95, 6, 7, 8.75, 10, 12, and \$13.50

J. N. HARVEY, Clothing and Furnishings,
199 to 207 Union St.

A NEW BRUNSWICK MAN WHO RECEIVES LETTERS FROM A KING

King Boatchie, of the Gold Coast, Pleads With Dr. MacLean to Come and Attend to His Teeth—He Is Unable to Visit the Dentist.

It is not every New Brunswick man who includes a king among his correspondents, nor every dentist who practices his profession on royalty. But Dr. E. G. MacLean, formerly of Milltown, N. B., who is now residing at Lagos, West Africa, has experiences which do not fall to the lot of ordinary mortals. Dr. MacLean is doing well in the Gold Coast Colony, filling and extracting the teeth of the native luminaries and attending to the dental requirements of the few white people who are resident there. A year or so ago he was called upon to pull a tooth for a certain chief, and performed the operation while surrounded by the spear points of the chief's body guard.

In a letter received today from Dr. MacLean he encloses one sent to him by King Kwamir Boatchie, who evidently had a bad pain in his jaw. Dr. MacLean's letter, which is dated from Cape Coast Castle, Gold Coast Colony, West Africa, June 15th, 1903, reads as follows:

"Perhaps your readers would be interested in the enclosed letter of King Boatchie. It gives some idea of the petty native kingdoms of which this colony is composed. He wished me to visit him professionally. I wrote that he must come to me and this is his reply to my letter."

"It has been the policy of the British Government to interfere as little as possible with native rule and these kings still have considerable power in civil cases. If two natives agree to have their case tried before the king his decision is binding but I understand that they usually prefer the District Commissioner's Court. Evidently this chief has more influence with the people than their native royalty. Aguna, a near Kumasi, the headquarters of the Gold Coast but now a part of this colony."

Yours,
E. G. MacLean.

The letter from the King, signed by the name of the wife, J. Weibek, reads:

Aguna, 28th April, 1903.
Dear Sir—I am in receipt of yours dated 15th April with many thanks that I will not get chance to come there present the reason is my subjects have rebelled against me which is the case is taking to Chief Commissioner at Kumasi, and the case is not yet decided. It was three days before I received your letter the Chief Commissioner wrote me that is coming to Aguna to decide the case, therefore as the case is not yet decided there is no chance for me to travel as I am always waiting on Chief Commissioner's coming, also he did not show real time is coming only says in his letter he will be here short time therefore on the receipt this try your very best and come and if you come I will pay your railway expenses which is \$1.50 and also will supply you hammock and men when you reach Kumasi to bring you here, when you come you may see for me the state and try to come, as I am very anxious to have new teeth and if not in account of my case I might have come with pleasure.

I remain
Dear Sir
Yours truly
King Kwamir Boatchie.

MONTREAL ITALIANS MADE FREE USE OF REVOLVERS

Two of Them Were Shot as Result of a Dispute at a Picnic.

MONTREAL, July 15.—Two men were shot tonight at an Italian picnic in Electric Park. The wounded are Antonio Monetti, who runs a labor bureau at 508 St. James street. He was shot in the left leg and side and his son, aged fourteen, was also shot in the leg from a revolver in the hands of Chas. Primrose. About 500 Italians were holding a Sunday picnic and Primrose, because engaged in an argument with Monetti, telling him it was a fraud to charge fifty cents for every Italian he sent to the Grand Trunk Railway. The men separated and later while waiting for a street car, about eight p. m., Primrose declared he was attacked by Monetti and his friends and after receiving several blows, one of which broke his arm, and falling to the floor from a knock on the head, he drew his revolver and fired in self-defence. None of the wounds are serious. Primrose was arrested and locked up for the night.

This morning at Indiantown strawberries were selling at eight cents per box and a drop of one cent is looked for this afternoon. It is expected that this will be the biggest berry day of the season as all the river boats come down today.

The game scheduled for this evening on the Victoria grounds is between the P. M. A. and St. Joseph's teams.

TANTON LOSES HIS CASE AGAINST CH-TOWN COUNCIL.

He Had Brought Action Against Them for Alleged Improper Use of Civic Funds.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., July 15.—In the case of J. P. Tanton, the city councillors for Charlottetown for 1904-1906, judgment was given on Saturday in the supreme court by Justice Hodgson, master of the rolls, in favor of the defendants. Tanton had requested to pay civic taxes on the ground that the assessment had been improperly levied, because the councillors, going beyond the powers granted by the city charter, had expended over \$7,000 without authority in grants for exhibition associations, band music, funerals, refreshments, etc. The action was taken by Tanton to have the council pay the above amount out of their own pockets into the city treasury. The objection was taken by the city by way of demurrer on the ground that the attorney general only could bring such an action. The judge sustained the demurrer, dismissing Tanton's suit with costs. Great interest had been taken in the case which is now settled so far as past payments of the councillors are concerned.

SIX THOUSAND FEET OF LUMBER STOLEN

Crawford Bros. Have Lost Heavily This Summer—Drifting Deals Should be Allowed to Drift.

Magistrate Ritchie while speaking on a recent case where deals were picked up by boys in the harbor, said in court this morning that persons who pick this lumber up in the harbor are liable to an expensive offence and the penalty for the same is three years in Dorchester. A member of the firm of Crawford Bros., who are sawing lumber at Loch Lomond, has been a severe loser this summer of lumber that has been hauled in the city from Loch Lomond. In the vicinity of 6,000 feet of deals have been missed during the summer and he has been informed that a number of small boys have been making rats with his lumber and peddling about the Marsh Creek. It is thought the boys never replaced the lumber when through with it, but have taken it to the city. Crawford Bros. between \$14 and \$15 per thousand feet.

It is a general custom for persons working about the harbor to pick up lumber that is floating about, but according to the law they are liable to be taken to court for it. It would be wise for persons to allow the lumber to drift and not take a chance of getting into trouble.

ACTION OF ROBERT STRAIN IN KEEPING HIS STORE OPEN WILL NOT AFFECT HALF HOLIDAY

There appears to be some feeling among the proprietors and clerks of many of the dry goods stores of the city over the fact that Robert Strain on Charlotte street kept his establishment open for business last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Strain, when asked by the Star this morning, stated that it was his intention to keep open Saturdays throughout the summer. He had concluded that he could ill afford the luxuries of a half holiday. When there were other stores open all day Saturday that carried nearly all his lines it would simply be running away from business for him to close up. He had found Saturday afternoon and evening the best times of the week for business. Up till noon last Saturday he had only taken in \$21, and from noon till 10 o'clock at night he took in five times as much. He had received every encouragement from his customers, many of whom expressed their pleasure at seeing his store open, since they were unable for various reasons to get out to do their trading earlier in the day. While he admitted it was very nice for the clerks who wished to spend Sunday out of town to be able to get away at noon Saturday, he felt that he was not called upon to close up his establishment and see the trade passing his door. He had only been a short time in business for himself and he was endeavoring to make a success of it.

P. W. Daniel in talking to the Star said that as far as he was concerned he did not think the fact of Mr. Strain's keeping open would change his attitude in any respect regarding the half holiday.

DIAMOND KING ENTERS THE PEARLY GATES.

Alfred Belt, of South African Fame, Died Today.

Had Been in Poor Health for Some Time—Was One of the Wealthiest Men in the Empire.

LONDON, July 16.—Alfred Belt, the well-known South African financier, died today. He had been in bad health for some time. Mr. Belt, who was born in 1853 at Hamburg, was a life governor of the De Beers consolidated mines, a partner in the firm of Wertheim, Bel & Co., and a director of the Rand mines, Rhodesia, railways, Bechuanaland railway trust, Consolidated Company, Balfour mine, and British Chartered South African Company. He was reported to have been hospitalized in the Johannesburg, and testified before the Jameson commission, and resigned from the board of directors of the British Chartered South African Company, but his resignation was not accepted at the time. Later a suit was brought against Mr. Belt on the ground of complicity in the raid, and his prosecution was demanded by Dr. Leyd, the representative of the Transvaal in Europe, and in 1898 his resignation from the board of directors of the British Chartered South African Company was accepted. When Cecil Rhodes died in 1902, it was said that Mr. Belt was one of his executors, and he thereupon returned to the board of directors of the British Chartered South African Company. Early in 1903, Mr. Belt had an apopleptic stroke while at Johannesburg, and it appears that he never fully regained his health. Since that time he had lived in London. Mr. Belt was said to have been the richest man in London, and who controlled the output of gold in South Africa, was at one time alleged to be forming a "gold trust," in which the names of prominent American financiers were mentioned. Mr. Belt gave large sums of money to the Red Cross and other institutions, and recently donated \$500,000 to found a university at Hamburg.

SCHOONER MAGGIE TODD STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., July 15.—Schr. Maggie Todd, St. George, S. I., for Eastport, at this port, reported that on the 10th instant, while between Eastons Neck and Captains Island during a thunder squall, the vessel was struck by lightning and severely badly burned.

Schooner William Mason, of Boston, bound for New York, carried away mizen topmast and parted flying flibstap off Chatham in the rough sea last night.

Schooner Edith McIntyre, St. George, S. I., for Frankfort, Me., is detained at port, having landed her captain, Amos Pickham, at the Marine Hospital.

This morning the board of works committee held a secret meeting, and as has been the custom since the new council was formed the members would not divulge any of the business which was transacted. This afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the council will meet and take up the question of the dry dock subsidy. At four o'clock the business of the general committee will be considered.

Mr. Strain, when asked about the same matter, referred the Star reporter to his clerks who were in the store at the time Mr. Strain occupied a position as clerk there. These called the attention of the Star to the fact that Mr. Strain, when a collaborator with them, had been one of the leading agitators for the half-holiday scheme. He had been president

of the first clerks' association when the matter was being worked up, and was a very enthusiastic exponent of the rights of employees, etc.

Sevill Bros. stated to the Star that they had made an announcement four years ago that their store would close on Saturday afternoon irrespective of what the others might do, and they intended to abide by that. Hence the action of other firms in this matter would not affect them in the least. Mr. Seville recollected that on the first year of the half-holiday Mr. Strain had come to see him in the interest of the clerks, and produced many strong arguments in favor of early closing. The Star was given to understand at M. R. A.'s Ltd., that the four buildings of the concern would be kept closed Saturday afternoons until the last of August in accordance with the agreement the house holds with other large concerns in the various lines, and also because it is believed the weekly respite is a good thing if made practicable from the standpoint of hard-headed business. M. R. A.'s Ltd., sent out four of its departmental heads early in the season to interview the trade on the half-holiday question, and in his way a mutual friendly agreement was worked up, which held fair to stand until the short season of half-holidays ends.

The Star was unable to verify the statement in this morning's Telegram to the effect that other dry goods firms on Saturday afternoon had opened for business in consequence of Mr. Strain's business. This appears to be incorrect as the Star has not learned of any other dry goods store opening on Saturday which were closed on the previous Saturday.

JUDGE RITCHIE SAW A GIRL HUGGING HER FELLOW

BODY OF YOUNG BOY FOUND IN THE WOODS.

John Streub, Missing for a Week, Evidently Met With Foul Play.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., July 15.—Carefully covered with boughs of hemlock, the body of John Streub, a twelve year old boy of Housatonic, was found under a tree in the woods ground last night about 10 o'clock. The circumstances, in the opinion of the medical examiner, point strongly to foul play. Streub has been missing from his home since last Monday when he started out with another boy named Benjamin White to go to Torrington, Conn., where they expected to secure work in a factory. Upon reaching Great Barrington, the boys separated, and White kept on to Torrington while Streub announced his intention of returning to Housatonic.

Dr. J. E. Beebe, of Great Barrington, the medical examiner, will make a thorough examination of the body tomorrow.

THREE WERE KILLED IN CROSSING ACCIDENT.

Family While Driving Were Struck by an Express Train.

NEW YORK, July 15.—Three persons were killed today in a grade crossing accident on the Long Island Railway's Manhattan Beach line at Yesta and New Lots Avenues, East New York. The dead are Samuel Meanley, 37 years old, hotelkeeper of Brooklyn; Samuel Meanley, Jr., his fourteen year old son, and Annie Meanley, a nine year old daughter. Mr. Meanley and his children, accompanied by Max Rubin, twelve years of age, were driving when struck by a Manhattan Beach express. The father and son were instantly killed and the girl died within a few hours. The Rubin boy may be fatally injured. Piles of dirt thrown up from excavations near the crossing obscured the view of the tracks, although a flagman declares he signalled for Meanley to stop.

SUICIDED RATHER THAN FACE DISGRACE

PATERSON, N. J., July 15.—To avoid the disgrace of arrest on the charge of defalcation, Albert O'Brien, tax collector of the Borough of Totowa, shot himself last night while working on his house. He died instantly. O'Brien's accounts had been involved for some time but owing to his personal popularity every opportunity was given him to make good the deficiency, believed to be about \$4,000. After O'Brien's father had failed in an effort to raise this sum, it was decided last night to arrest the collector and a warrant was issued.

VERY LITTLE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE IN THE PROVINCE

Dr. Fisher, of the Board of Health, Talks on Conditions at Fredericton.

Dr. Fisher of Fredericton, Chairman of the Provincial Board of Health, arrived in the city this morning to attend a meeting of the board to be held here this evening. Dr. Fisher states that this present time the province is fairly free from contagious diseases. He has heard of no cases of smallpox lately, with the exception of a few light cases reported in Westmorland county, which are under the charge of Dr. McDonald. There have been no severe epidemics of any kind during the summer so far. Referring to the number of contagious diseases yearly contracted in the city of Fredericton, Dr. Fisher said he had long held that Fredericton must look for these diseases until the outlet of the hospital sewer is changed. The fact that the contents of this sewer find their way largely into the river, he held accountable for a large amount of the disease in that city. He was glad, however, that some improvements were being made of late in that respect. A new sewerage system was now being put in throughout the city, and it was one of the questions which would come before the Provincial Board of Health in the near future whether or not they would allow this system to have an outlet in the river. This matter might come up for discussion at this evening's meeting, but a separate meeting would be called later to consider the question and decide on the matter.

The St. Peter's baseball team played two games of ball at Amherst on Saturday. In the afternoon the St. John team was defeated by a score of 19 to 7, and in the evening game they won by a score of 8 to 2.