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In order to clear up old lines, we offer them at and below cost. This is an opportunity for thrifty buyers. Our offerings this week are:

Six Dessert Forks, Regular, \$3.75	Sale Price \$2.00
Six Dessert Spoons, " 3.50	" 2.00
Three Table " 2.25	" 1.30
Sugar Sifter " 0	" 60
Jelly Dish " 1.00	" 75
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Watch this space during the coming weeks we will quote other goods at just as attractive prices

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NEWCASTLE MAN IN ILLINOIS.

Rev. W. R. Robinson Takes Prominent Part in Plainfield Circles.

The Plainfield (Illinois) Enterprise of the 9th inst., in describing the services of the week of prayer in that city, has the following to say of the able and eloquent Rev. W. R. Robinson, son of Mrs. John Robinson, Sr., of Newcastle:—The Rev. Robinson,



REV. W. R. ROBINSON.

In whose church the meetings were held, was born in Newcastle, New Brunswick, Canada, of Scotch parentage. He received his education in the common schools of his native town; also in Colchester County Academy, Dalhousie University, Pine Hill Theological Hall, in the province of Nova Scotia, and the University of Chicago. The Rev. Robinson is a member of the Masonic fraternity and Order of Oddfellows. He has been for two years pastor of the First Baptist church in this town.

Sovereign Bank Looked After.

Its Business and Credit Divided Among Five Other Banks.

TORONTO, Friday. — The Sovereign Bank of Canada has finally been absorbed by five other banks known as the Associated Banks. The Sovereign has been short of capital for some time and the recent reorganization when J. P. Morgan of New York was stated to have taken an interest, did not remedy the disease. The Associated Banks which means five or six of the strongest banks in Canada have decided to take over the obligations of the Sovereign and to assume its business also. The Bank of Commerce wanted to take the whole thing into its hands but the other banks objected and as a result of conferences here a meeting was arranged today of leading bankers with Duncan Coulson, of the Bank of Toronto in the chair, when the foregoing arrangement was finally agreed to. The public will lose nothing. The offices of the Sovereign Bank will be mostly retained. The shareholders will probably receive something less than par for their investments. Bankers are very reluctant to give out a full statement of the case yet, John McKane, Jas. Robinson and a lot of North Shore and St. John people are interested as shareholders in the Sovereign Bank.

The work of gathering in funds for a parsonage in connection with the Underhill and Upper Blackville United Baptist churches is being pushed forward with considerable success.

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The Town Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was held Thursday night, Mayor Miller in the chair. Ald. Allison, Belyea, J. Clarke, Falconer, Morrissey, Russell and T. A. Clarke were present.

The finance committee recommended payment of H. K. Maltby's account of \$1.30 for fumigating residence of Mrs. Craig. Adopted.

The finance committee's annual report was as follows:—
"At the close of 1907 unsold Town of Newcastle Bonds amounting to \$72,000 were held by the Royal Bank of Canada as security for advances made by them. During the year \$18,000 of these were withdrawn and sold and \$35,000 of the recently authorized \$40,000 supplementary debentures second issue, were issued and hypothecated with the Royal Bank of Canada as collateral security for balance unsecured debenture loans and for a new loan of \$27,000 covering an overdraft on Dec. 31st, 1907, of \$23,777.08. This loan has not since been increased—this being the first year since incorporation that the Town's disbursements have been within its receipts, although all the town property was kept in the usual good repair and in some cases materially improved or added to. The Town however has obligations belonging to 1907 amounting to about \$5500.00.

Notwithstanding the financial stringency of the past year and a total new assessment of \$21,088.08, the amount of Default Taxes is now only about \$800.00 over the corresponding period of last year as may be seen by examining the two years reports.

This favorable showing is partly due to the efforts of the special collector whom the Council thought it advisable to appoint about June 1st last as an assistant to the Town Marshal in tax collecting. The special collector's report is appended hereto.

In no year since incorporation has sufficient assessment been made to cover the interest on the Town's Debentures. Last year however the larger part of said interest was assessed for, and by making full provision in 1908, the Town will be placed on a sound and business-like financial basis and the last cause for further increase in taxation be removed unless our citizens should again decide to bonus new industries or go heavily into further civic improvements.

The Town's indebtedness is covered by the following bonds:

Local Improvement,	\$20,000.00
Water Works, Sewerage,	\$20,000.00
Electric Light,	\$16,000.00
Supplementary Water Works and Sewerage, 1st issue,	\$27,000.00
Industrial,	\$17,000.00
Supplementary Water Works and Sewerage, 2nd issue,	\$35,000.00
Total,	\$175,000.00

Of the above bonds the following have been sold:

Local Improvement	\$20,000.00
W. W. and Sewerage,	\$20,000.00
Electric Light,	1,000.00
Industrial,	17,000.00

\$88,000.00.

The remainder are hypothecated with the Royal Bank of Canada as collateral security for loans totalling to about their face amount."

During the year the special Collector look in \$141,800 of default taxes.

On recommendation of the Light and Water Committee, the following bills were ordered paid:

Canada General Electric Co. \$100.61
Carroll and Sargeant 20.00

Intercolonial Coal Mining Co. 95.78

\$216.30

The Park and Fire Committee and Police and Appointment to Office Committee jointly recommended the engaging of some person to look after the firing of the town building, in order to keep the hose in good condition. Their recommendation was adopted and the two committees were authorized to make the appointment.

The Police and Appointment to Office Committee recommended payment of following bills which were ordered paid:

S. McLeod,	\$22.00
Advocate Pub. Co.,	8.50
Total,	\$30.50

On recommendation of same Committee, a bonus of \$75.00 was granted Police Magistrate Maltby for Scott Act work during past year.

The police report for 1907 was as follows:

Number of arrests during year,	68
For Drunkenness,	20
Assault,	19
Furious Driving,	3
Cruelty to Animals,	1
Abusive Language,	3
Creating Disturbance,	4
Singing on Street,	2
Breaking Windows,	2
Interfering With Police,	3
Fighting,	2
Total,	68

The Scott Act report for 1907 was as follows:

"20 complaints were laid during year—20 by John Menzies; 20 by J. H. Ashford, and one by James Murphy. The two appeals taken previous year had been won by the Town. The 50 complaints had resulted in 44 convictions; 5 cases had been dismissed and one dropped.

Net fines from police court had been \$161.50

Committee on Petition and by-laws reported that petitions had been received during year from Joseph Foran, Wm. Black, Wm. Casey Albert Hickley and Joseph Savoy, re reduction of taxes; and from P. J. McEvoy asking refund of Scott Act fine. The committee had been authorized to engage Miss I. Irvine to type-write the by-laws, a copy of which would soon be ready.

On motion of Ald. Morrissey and J. Clarke, the following bye-law was adopted:

"That section 3 of the electric light by-laws pertaining to the discount of 15% allowed on accounts paid before the tenth day of each month be repealed, with all amendments thereto, and that the following be substituted: "(1) A discount of 33% will be allowed on all accounts paid within ten days after the first day of the month in which such accounts shall have become due.

"2—That a rent of 15cts. per month be charged for meter on all accounts of less than \$1.00 per month, and that no discount be allowed on any account less than \$1.00 per month. Same to take effect from January 1st, 1908."

Ald. Belyea's amendment, that discount be allowed on all accounts, was last.

A former motion to postpone dealing with John Menzies bill until a special meeting of full Council was called, was reconsidered, and the matter will be settled at next meeting.

It was decided to appoint a Trust officer, and the position was offered to John Cassidy, at a salary \$50.00 a year, payable semi-annually. Adjourned.

CANADA HAS THE BEST LAW

Regarding Settlement of Labor Disputes, Says President Elliott.

BOSTON, Saturday. — "The worst thing about the legislation in this country is that the real business is conducted in secret," said President Elliott of Harvard, at a conference on the Canadian industrial disputes investigation act, at the Twentieth Century Club house last night. The meeting was held under the auspices of the industrial committee of the club, Professor Henry C. Metcalf of Tufts, chairman.

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for it.

The inquiry must be made within a certain number of days, and in the meantime no strike or lockout is lawful. The penalty for disobedience is heavy. When the tribunal has finished its investigation it has then no power to coerce. It simply makes public its findings and depends upon the power of public opinion.

Merits of the Law.

The merits of the law, as compared with other laws having a similar purpose, are: Firstly, that to settle each case an individual board of men peculiarly adapted to understand the situation must be appointed. Next, that during the investigation conciliation is often effected and that if neither side feels its cause it would not be anxious to bring before the public it is apt to settle the matter at once. As an example of a strike, in which one party had no cause at all, Mr. Elliott spoke of the late telegraphers' strike and called it "a strike that never should have been begun."

The Canadian disputes investigation act provides for absolutely no arbitration, Mr. Elliott said. He scored arbitration heavily and said it never had prevented industrial disputes and, in the nature of things, never would.

The act absolutely prevents suddenness and secrecy, and the result of secrecy in a strike the speaker illustrated by reference to the coal strike, which he said: "President Roosevelt, contrary to the constitution of the United States, intervened."

President Elliott characterized the act as "the most beneficial law ever made by a legislative body to prevent industrial warfare, as well as to cure it. We have not in this country any law successful to the same degree, nor have they developed any so successful in Europe."

Mitard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

A LEADING CITIZEN HAS LEFT US.

Mr. Matthew Russell Departs This Life Full of Years and Honor.

The death of Matthew Russell, one of Newcastle's best known and most respected business men, occurred at his home here on Friday evening, 17th instant after a short illness. Deceased would have been seventy-five years old had he lived until the 28th of next month.

He was born in Lower Newcastle, and learned the trade of ship carpenter with Gilmore & Rankine in Douglastown. While a young man, Mr. Russell engaged in general business in Newcastle and bought out the Newcastle-Nelson ferry service which ever since continued under his direction.

In 1882, he entered with his son John, as M. Russell & Co., and engaged in the spool business, continuing until the factory was burned about ten years later. The firm maintained their steamboat business and coal trade, re-organizing in 1903 as John Russell & Co. Last year they put the fleet and handsome steamer Dorothy N. on the Redbank-Chatham route. Mr. Russell's familiar figure will be much missed in the commercial circles of Miramichi.

Deceased was an active member of the Presbyterian faith, and held important offices in St. James' congregation here. He was well-known as an ardent temperance advocate and was a charter member of Newcastle Division, S. of T., which was instituted over fifty years ago. In politics he was a staunch liberal, and an enthusiastic admirer of the late Hon. Peter Mitchell.

Mr. Russell married Miss Sarah A. Ingram, of Newcastle, who with six children survive him. The children are: John, of Newcastle; Joseph A. of Russell & Russell, barristers, Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. R. Nicholson, Newcastle; Finley R. McD., of Russell & Russell; Mrs. Frank Bennett, Victoria, B. C.; and Chalmers, of Newcastle.

Messrs. Wm. H. Russell of Newcastle, James of Vancouver, and John of Douglastown are brothers of the deceased.

The funeral was held on Monday, interment being in St. James' cemetery. The large attendance, the beautiful floral offerings from the Sons of Temperance and others, showed the esteem in which deceased was held. The pall bearers were Messrs. Jas. Falconer, S. McLeod, Geo. Stothart, John Brander, F. W. M. P. P., and Hon. John P. Burch.

POLITICS CLEARING IN GLOUCESTER.

The Thirteen Candidates May Dwindle to Six Before Election.

(St. John Sun.)

T. M. Burns, M. P. P., of Bathurst, who is at the Royal, last night informed the Sun that there was a prospect of the political situation in Gloucester county clearing up to such an extent that only two tickets will remain in the field. These Mr. Burns expects will be an opposition ticket and a 'regular' government ticket.

Mr. Burns' opinion is supported by rumors of changes in the Turgeon ticket that have recently come from Gloucester. Messrs. Morris and Sor-many, colleagues of Mr. Burns, are said to be on the verge of withdrawing their names from the ticket. It is also rumored that one of the opposition candidates may see fit to withdraw.

Mr. Burns, besides speaking of politics on the North Shore, also discussed the work of the commission on the branch lines of the Intercolonial, of which he is a member. The labors of this commission, said Mr. Burns, would end when options on all the branch lines were secured. Some of the options had already been secured, but the managements of others of the branch lines have been unnecessarily slow in completing the business connected with the giving of the options.

The recent falls of snow on the North Shore have greatly improved the lumbering prospects. During December little work was done in the woods on account of the lack of snow, but during the last fortnight a large amount of lumber has been cut. The total cut will be about half that of last season.

BIG VICTORY FOR FRENCH.

TANGIER, Thursday. — News has reached here of a terrible ten hours' engagement in a ravine near Settat yesterday between a French column under General A. Amad and a column commanded by Roshid. The French general gained a great victory. Only 20 of their soldiers were wounded, but many Arabs were killed.