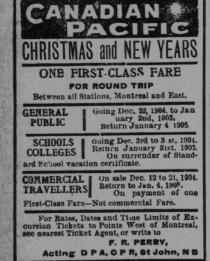
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Whatever complaint the people of every afternoon (except Sunday) at this city have to make against the pre-

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The average daily circulation of the Star for November was 6,283; for the past three months, 6,213; for the past six months, 6.188.

PLAYS AND PROFANITY.

frequent and emphatic profanity which seems to characterize the majority of plays recently prosented in this city. finish of those plays. He wants to know if the use of "cuss words" is dramatically imperative. If it is, he wants to know why. Also he wants to know if a reduction in the number ani intensity of the explosives would be an offense against Art greater than could be compensated by the pleasure the change would give theatre goers The three ghosts on the sunless road who are old-fashioned enough to possess senses upon which profanity jars. While admitting that what arouses our correspondent's protesting queries we sympathize with his complaint. It The three ghosts on the windless road has seemed to us that the harm a liberal use of the blue pencil would have done to some plays recently presented here would have been more than balanced by the saving of offense to the feeling of those who, while desirous of enjoying theatrical entertainments, have no wish at the same time to compell their lady relatives and friends to listen to language which, appropriate "Naked the soul goes up to God, as it is to the situation portrayed on the stage, is nevertheless shocking to

inacustomed ears. There are few in this office who are tender. But we must confess that it farred to hear, while listening to more than one play lately, an unpleasant reiteration of "damn you," "damn him," 'damn her," and "by God, sir," this and "by God sir" that, in a profusion that antness of a large portion of the audience than it added to the strength of

And if the ears of a newspaper ma were offended it is quite possible that others present were still more unpleasantly affected. It is not improbable that some were convinced of the truth gerous influence of the stage and that the play house lost patronage thereby. Of course we admit that a certain kind of man under certain circumstances will certainly swear, and that it is necessary that this kind of man shall appear on the stage as it does in real life. We also admit that it is difficul to find an effective substitute for the English shibboleth "damn." But we do think that any playwright or dram atic manager who, in considering the use of expletives, will carefully weigh against the demands of the situation the fact that profanity is shocking to some and offensive to many of his possible patrons, will, in the long run profit

THE MACHINE AGAIN.

Mr. A. O. Skinner may be the first choice of the local government party shown. The convention by which he was nominated was called almost without notice. Some wards were not represented at all, and the great majority of the members of the party first heard of the meeting after it had taken place. It was decided beforehand by a small group that Mr. Skin-ner would be the candidate. These had the meeting called privately without tice, and had the candidate nominated within a few minutes after the

hour of meeting.

The rank and file of the liberal party in St. John are getting tired of the machine. They have shown this in recent contests, but the methods of which they complain have become still more pronounced and objectionable. Mr. Skinner's candidature is not se much condemned on its merits as by the fact that it is thrust upon the party and that this is done in a way s obvious as to be almost an expression of contempt for the opinion and de sires of the party generally.-Sun.

CONDITION AND CAUSE.

\_\_\*\_\_ Why did not Mr. Perkins in his con-

icenses rests with the Liquor License law and persistently permitting the sale of liquor at more saloons than the law allows. But the government has. The Steamer leaves St. John at 8 a. m. good will of the liquor trade is one of ursdays for Lubec, Eastport, Port- the bases upon which it holds power. The commissioners in granting these

And not only does the government interfere with the execution of the law in this regard, but it not infrequently steps in to keep from punishment its

ernment on whose behalf Mr. A. O. Corner. Skinner is asking votes today.

ed a resolution petitioning the Ontario legislature to grant power to the city to expropriate the Toronto Street Railway system. Yet, in so far as the com-A correspondent asks the Star if the plaints of the city against the railway

STAINS.

The three ghosts on the lonesome road "Whence came that stain about you No lifted hand may cover?" "From eating of forbidden fruit.

Brother, my brother." Spake each to one another. "Whence came that red burn on your No dust or ash may cover?"

"I stamped a neighbor's hearth-flame Brother, my brother." Spake each to one another

"Whence came that blood upon your No other hand may cover?" "From breaking of a woman's heart, Brother, my brother."

White flesh and fair it hid our stains That no man might discover. -Theodosia Garrison, in Scribner's.

WITH ADVERTISERS. There are few in this office who are not capable of expressing themselves with appropriate force in any emergency

A clearing sale of fifty pairs of frilled for example, require the existence of a muslin curtains at only 59c, pair at the waiting appropriate force in any emergency waiter Scott store, King Square. Read Great sale of white lawn Christmas

aprons tonight at the Daylight Store,

ad. last page. Undressed kid or "Suede" gloves are conferred.

N. W. Brenan, FUNERAL DIRECTOR, 715 Foot of Main Street.

**LEPHONES:** OFFICE---222 A. NIGHT CALLS---222 B Embalming a Specialty.

DEATHS.

ency, but that fact has not been LEMONT-On the 14th inst., after a lingering illness, Charles, son of Johanna and the late Gilbert Lemont, in the 21st year of his age.

Funeral at 2.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon from his late residence, 115 of the city shall give the citizen the right to vote at civic elections. COSTIGAN-In this city on Dec. 16th

Elizabeth, widow of the late James Costigan, leaving one son and two her late residence, 4 North street. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. SPRAGUE.—In this city, on Dec. 15th

LOCAL NEWS

this city have to make against the pre-sent system of enforcing the liquor law, Club will be held on Monday evening is a direct complaint against the gov- at eight o'clock in their rooms, Breeze's. Tories still seem to be scarce in Virginia, state that only three were Nova Scotia. Not one was successful killed and four injured.

A meeting of the board of trusts of

in any of the provincial bye-elections the New Brunswick and P. E. Island yesterday. But the fact that one reconference of the Methodist Church gularly nominated Liberal was badly was held at the Clifton House last eve seems to indicate that, in Nova Scotia as well as in New Brunswick, the rule of the Liberal machine is weakening.

Business of considerable importance, though of a purely routine character, was transacted. This board looks after the investment and administration of all funds given to the

TAXATION REEORM.

Alderman Macrae Advocates Single Tax on Land as the Settlement of All

night's meeting of the Fabian League. The lecturer at the outset referred to the canons of taxation laid down by David Ricardo, the great political economist. These are:-First, the taxes should not retard production; second, they should bear equally on the community; third, they should be readily collected and at small cost; fourth, the benefits conferred should be a consideration in levying civio taxes, and not the ability of those taxed to pay the assessment. The lecturer then endeavored to apply these to the question of taxation in this city. In regard to the first, wages should not be taxed, as it is oneof the factors in production. All taxes upon capital engaged in production and im-provements in land looking toward production should also be exempt. The wage earner and the manufacturer should not be taxed; nor improvements on such manufactories. The theory that the person best able should pay the tax is false, so is the one that

everybody should contribute inasmuc In St. John the principles of benefits received should be adopted. Banks benefit conferred. Not an exorbitant fee, but a fair license; also mortgage companies. One such company of Prince William street doing a big busi corner Duke and Charlotte streets. See ness, pays only \$16 in taxes. It is ridiculous in comparison with the benefit

probably most preferred by ladies for winter wear! What then can you buy for about a dollar that would be as acceptable to a lady as a pair of these amount of business done. This differmost desirable gloves, put up in a neat ence is due to difference in business

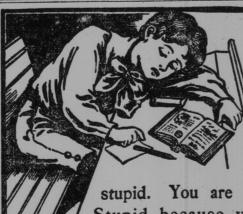
> any great rupture.
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> The lecturer believed that in time land would become the basis of taxation in St. John. This mode of taxation in St. John. This mode of taxation would become acquality on the communication will be approached gradually and without the world bear acquality on the communication will be approached gradually and without the world bear acquality on the communication will be approached gradually and without the property of the pr tion would bear equally on the community. This should not be confounded with real estate taxation. Taxation and installed: on land by placing it all on an equal footing wherever situated in the comter. munity would have the tendency to cheapen landed property, but not its productions. A house placed upon it yould not raise taxes.

At the conclusion of the lecture the Fabian League adopted the following Whereas, many cities deem it unwise and unfair to tax the living income; therefore resolved, that this league urge the common council to ask for legislation that will so amend the pre-sent St. John assessment law that: All incomes below \$500 will be exempt from

Waterbury & Rising's stores will be daughters to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 o'clock from week. Customers are strongly urged to morning shopping when at all conveni-

Mrs. Waggles-If you can't sleep, 1904, Bertha May, infant daughter of why don't you see the doctor? Frank and Alice Sprague. Waggles—Don't you think I have en-Funeral Saturday at 2.30 from her fa-ther's residence, 81 Sheriff street. ough to worry over without his bill to think about?—Town Topics.



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The subject of civic taxation was dealt with by Alderman Macrae at last night's meeting of the February 1.00. They come in all sizes 8 1-2, 9, 9 1-2 and 10 inches.

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ter Unity, is now well represented in most desirable gloves, put up in a neat box. A special sale of this particular make of glove commences tomorrow morning at Morrel & Sutherland's. See adv.

No better hints for useful Christmas gifts for men and boys may be found than those contained in the big bargain advertisement of J. N. Harvey on page four. Read it.

ence is due to difference in business tand should management, and should not be assessed. Determine the amount of tax on each business, then take up a special tax on junk and second-hand goods, third, determine what real estate can stand a tax. Vacant land than those contained in the big bargain advertisement of J. N. Harvey on page four. Read it.

ence is due to difference in business to business the should management, and should st. John as a lodge was formed here Wednesday night.

Yesterday's Pacific express brought to the city Grand Master J. S. Edwards, of Halifax; Past Grand Master J. Collom, Halifax; Past Grand Master J. Toale, Halifax, and Past Noble Grand George McEachern, Moncton. They thus forced on owners. The system can be approached grand about management, and should should management, and should the amount of tax on each business, then take up a special tax on junk and second-hand goods, third, determine what real estate can stand a tax. Vacant land the city Grand Master J. S. Edwards, of Halifax; Past Grand Master J. Toale, Halifax; and Past Noble Grand George McEachern, Moncton. They carried on the formation of a new lodge to the city Grand Master J. S. Edwards, of Halifax; Past Grand Master J. Toale, Hali be approached gradually and without in this city. Officers were elected an

The following are the officers chose Samuel Chambers, lodge grand mas

R. J. McKinnon, vice grand.

Jas. Fazackerly, sr., financial second

A. Langlois, elective secretary.

Jas. Hutchinson, treasurer. H. Pilling, warden. Jas. Costello, chaplain. Thos. Owens, R. S. N. G. W. V. G. Stokes, R. S. V. G. H. Martin, L. S. V. G. George Smith, inner conductor. F. A. Forgey, outer guard.

John M. Patterson, inner guard.

A. F. Emery, M. D., lodge surgeon COURT WYGOODY'S OFFICERS Companion Court Wygoody, No. 473, O. F., has elected the following offi-

P. C. R.—Mrs. Melvin V. C. R.—Mrs. Hawkhurst. F. S.-Mrs Powers. Treasurer—Mrs. MacFarlane. Orator—Mrs. Arthurs. S. W.-Miss Pugsley. W.-Mrs. Belyea. S. B.-Mrs. Perry J. B .- Mrs. Henderson Organist-Miss Granville Physician-Dr. Geo. Melvin. C. D.-Mrs. Dykeman Trustees Mrs Wright and Mrs. Fe F. A. C.-Mrs. Belyea and Mrs

**OPPOSITION** 

ELECTORS OPPOSED TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT are requested to meet at the York Theatre (down stairs) THIS EVENING AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, for the purpose of selecting, a candidate to contest the City of Saint

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