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SUGGESTIONS TO MERCHANTS.

There are firms doing a good business in the city of St. John who would do a larger business if they availed themselves of the opportunity to do some systematic and careful advertising. The Star's columns afford a medium, and this journal believes that it can be of substantial service to any merchant who has goods to sell and desires to increase the number of his customers. The brief, bright, daily reminder, calling attention to the goods and prices, has proved so effective in the experience of those merchants who use this medium, that there is no room to question its value. As a plain business proposition, judicious advertising must commend itself to every merchant. There is no better medium for the retail merchant of St. John than he finds in the columns of the Star.

THE IRISH LAND QUESTION.

The conference of representatives of Irish landlords and tenants on the land question has issued a report, which appears to point to a gradual settlement of existing disputes, by the abolition of dual ownership. A London cable of Monday says:

The Irish Land Conference has issued a voluminous report of its deliberations, in which it is declared that the only satisfactory settlement of the existing land question is the substitution of an occupying, or proprietary ownership of land for the existing dual ownership.

As the process of direct state interference in purchase and resale would be generally tedious, and unsatisfactory, the report recommends, therefore, that except where owners or half occupiers so desire, and except in those districts under the Congested District Board, the settlement be made between the owner and the occupier, subject to the necessary investigation by the state as to title, rental and security.

The report emphasizes the desirability of inducing landlords to continue to reside in Ireland, and with this purpose in view, it says an equitable price should be paid to owners, based upon income, and that provision ought to be made for the resale to owners of mansion houses and demesnes. The purchase price should either be assured by the state of such income, or the payment of a capital sum producing it at three per cent or three and a quarter per cent. If guaranteed by the state tenants' repayments should be expended for a term of years, securing a reduction of from fifteen to twenty-five per cent on rents.

To do this may involve some assistance from the state beyond the use of its credit, and the report considers that such assistance would be justified in the future welfare of Ireland and the settlement of this vexed problem. The report offers no definite financial proposals, but it considers that an unexampled opportunity exists at the present moment for dealing with this question upon an equitable basis.

Captain Shawe-Taylor, secretary of the conference, left here today for the United States on board the Cunard liner Ivernia. He goes to America to ascertain the views of President Roosevelt and other prominent Americans on the land question.

In an interview before leaving Captain Shawe-Taylor said: "The government now for the first time has before it a practical solution of the land question acceptable to both landowners and occupiers. It would be a national calamity if, while a truce exists between the two parties, this unique opportunity was allowed to pass."

The report of the Irish land conference is commented upon on all sides this morning as a very encouraging document, and as indicating that the problem is ripe for solution. It is also said to give valuable suggestions to the Chief Secretary of Ireland Wyndham for the projected bill.

The government organs, while pointing out that the conference does not represent many of the great landlords, commend the tone and disposition of the conference as revealed in its report as very hopeful for the future of Ireland. These papers contend that the report involves the complete repudiation of the whole Gladstonian policy of land reform, namely, dual ownership.

MOSTLY LUMBER.

According to the figures at the American consular office the total exports from St. John to the United States last year were valued at \$1,745,054.80. Of this \$1,320,227.77 was represented by lumber and pulp. Of the lumber \$797,901.68 stands for that cut from Maine logs in St. John mills. The export of pulp to the American market totalled \$175,156.15 in value. By far the largest item in New Brunswick lumber was that of laths, valued at \$184,210.70. Produce of the fisheries totalled \$57,782.50. Hides represented \$181,937.53; cattle, \$7,027.50; horses, \$1,617.50; potatoes, \$5,266.40; hay, \$366.50. The total includes such items as bullion, coal, gunnicle, pictures, returned goods, salt, tea and tin, aggregating over \$143,777, and not representing products of this province. Taking out the lumber, and the goods that are non-products the total balance is not very large.

The personnel of the government ticket in St. John is just now a source of almost as much worry as the question of the whereabouts of the main body.

The attention of all those journals which formerly wailed over the exodus is directed to the fact that the value of emigrants' effects shipped from St. John to the United States last year was over a thousand dollars greater than the combined value of the cattle, horses, hay and potatoes sent from here to that market. Of course the total was not very great—some \$15,500—but it occurred under a government that only wanted a chance to stop the exodus and give us reciprocity. Neither one has been accomplished.

Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, of New York has lost none of his ability to make cutting remarks. In an address last Sunday, after saying that a socialist is not a man who wants to divide his money with his neighbor, but who wants his neighbor to divide with him, Dr. Parkhurst added: "Ten men out of a hundred will strive for good government and the other ninety will stay away from the polls unless they are coaxed or carried by force to their transportation."

For the information of the Telegraph and Gazette, it may be stated that the Rothesay forger is still at large.

IN AID OF THE SEAMEN'S MISSION.

A concert in aid of the Seamen's Mission will be held in the school room of Stone Church at 8 o'clock this evening. Mr. Fox, the new organist, who has charge of the entertainment, has arranged a programme that will guarantee a delightful evening to all who attend.

It will be as follows:
Organ and piano duets, Miss Vernon and Mr. Fox; march, Abilene, Mendelssohn; grand march, Tannhauser, Wagner; Songs—Chippin' Ritchie, Arm. Arm. Ye Bravos; Armorer's Song, (Hobbs Hood) De Koven.
Songs—Mrs. Carter, My Heart Bids Fair-fall; Back, Angel's Serenade, Braga (cello obbligato, Hugo Talbot).
Violoncello solos—Hugo Talbot, Gavotte, Love, Roman, Gottschalk.
Songs—Mrs. Taylor.
Duet—A Night in Venice, Mrs. Carter and Mr. Kelly.
Songs—Mr. Kelly, The Sailor's Grave, Sullivan; Love's Nocturne, Kelly.
Part songs—St. John's choir and friends, O Who Will Over the Downs, Pearsall; O Hush Them, My Baby, Accompanist, D. Arnold Fox.

A. O. H. FAIR.

This fair will open on the 19th inst. at No. 54 King street. Preparations are being made to make this fair one of the best held in the city for many years. The ladies meet this evening and request all having tickets to make returns. The division expect the ladies in charge of the several tables to make reports to the treasurer at the close of the meeting this evening. It is earnestly hoped that all the ladies assisting at the tables will be present at the meeting, so that proper positions may be assigned to them for the fair.

DEATH OF MISS NISBET.

Miss Elsie Nisbet, who four weeks ago was seriously hurt by falling down stairs at the residence of Mrs. T. Nisbet Robertson, died last evening as a result of injuries then received. She was 84 years of age.

Miss Nisbet, who was widely known in St. John, and especially in St. Andrew's church of which she was for many years been an active member, was a daughter of the late T. Nisbet Robertson and W. G. Robertson, she had survived all of her direct relatives.

FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 6.—The government was in session tonight. All the members and the governor were present.

The government was in session up to 10.30 p.m. The members state that elections were not under consideration, nor any other business of importance.

Commissioner Barry's report on the Deaf and Dumb Institute inquiry was transmitted to the governor-in-council this evening.

C. M. B. A. INSTALLATION.

At one of the most largely attended meetings in the local history of the order, the members of the C. M. B. A. were installed last night by the retiring president, M. D. Sweeney. The new president, John L. Carleton, on taking the chair, delivered an able inaugural address, tracing the history of the order in this city since its foundation and outlining plans and making suggestions for future work.

THE WESTMINSTER ABBEY CHOIR.

The Dean of Westminster (Dr. Armitage Robinson), writing to the Rev. J. deSoyres, states that the so-called Westminster Abbey Coronation Choir which has been recently giving concerts in Canada "has no connection whatever with the choir of Westminster Abbey." The dean adds: "I fear we have no redress against those who have used our name in this way."

J. D. COSTIGAN K. C. DEAD.

CALGARY, N. W. T., Jan. 7.—John D. Costigan, K. C., son of Hon. John Costigan, one of the best known lawyers in the West, dropped dead at his home last night. He came to Alberta about fifteen years ago and since then has been practicing his profession in Calgary and McLeod.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Dr. Kennedy, rector of the American College at Rome, called on the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse today, accompanied by Dr. B. P. Dacosta, formerly rector of the Episcopal church of St. John the evangelist, this city, and Dr. Doran, formerly a Protestant minister in Philadelphia, both of whom are going to Rome to become Roman Catholic priests. Dr. Dacosta is 71 years old and a widower.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Greenleaf's Tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

MUCH SMALL POX.

58 Cases Near Fort Kent and 11 at Van Buren at Present.

(Bangor Commercial.) Smallpox is raging in Maine at present to a greater extent than in years, and on Tuesday Dr. G. M. Woodcock of this city, a member of the state board of health, received a letter from Sec. Young at Augusta describing the present condition of affairs in detail. The disease exists principally in the northern part of the state near the Canadian border and most of the infected persons are French Canadians. It has been brought over the line from New Brunswick, where, in many places, absolutely nothing is being done to check its ravages. Guards have been stationed at Allegash and various points along the border and a strict quarantine has been established.

When smallpox broke out in the lumber camps near Jackman, a number of weeks ago, the patients were removed to that town and placed in charge of Dr. Estes Nichols of Boston, who is spending the winter here for his health. Shortly afterward Dr. J. B. Thompson of Bangor, who attended the smallpox cases in the recent epidemic in this city, was despatched to assist him. Nine days ago it was learned that the disease had manifested itself in the region around Fort Kent and Dr. Nichols has just made his report and it was transmitted to Dr. Woodcock here in Sec. Young's letter of Tuesday morning.

Dr. Nichols discovered one case at Fort Kent and at Seven Islands, a short distance above there, he found 58. The patients are in all stages of the disease and a large number of them are Frenchmen working in Merrison's lumber camp. The utmost care must be taken to prevent the disease spreading all through that section, and Dr. Nichols and the state board are doing everything possible to check it. A quarantine has been established and guards placed along the Canadian border.

There is one case of smallpox at Presque Isle and 11 at Van Buren. In addition to these a great many have been exposed in those localities. The other cases in the state at present, according to Dr. Young, are five at Shilo, six at Biddeford, three at Sanford, six at Kennebunk, one at Bethel and one at Newry.

One great trouble with the situation in the northern part of the state is that many French-Canadians absolutely refuse to be vaccinated. All proprietors of lumber camps are strongly urged by the state board of health to compel their crews to be vaccinated and to build shacks in which smallpox patients may at once be isolated if the disease happens to break out. This course, Dr. Woodcock says, is being generally adopted.

BOSTON IN DARKNESS.

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—The darkness of night settled down over the business section of Boston just before 3 o'clock this afternoon. It had been a dull day, with rain and snow-falling, and at intervals the clouds had shut in until nearly all the office buildings it was necessary to work by artificial light. At about 2.30, however, a dense black cloud settled down from the eastward, and by 3 o'clock the blackness of midnight had spread over the city. Such out of door work as had been carried on in the storm was suspended. So thick was the pall that the lights which had shone from windows as the darkness gathered, were for many minutes as if they were in a standstill, save that of the electric cars.

At the U. S. weather bureau it was explained that the black curtain extended only over the centre of the city and that it was caused by fog and soft coal smoke.

THE ADVANCE FLOATED.

The tug Flushing and Dirigo succeeded yesterday afternoon in getting the 8th. Advance off the rocks near Beaver Harbor. She was taken to Beaver Harbor, where she now lies at anchor. Reports from down there are to the effect that the vessel is not badly damaged. About a quarter of her cargo of potatoes was thrown overboard in order to float the Advance. Boats, it is said, stood by ready to pick them up as the barrels went over the side. The government steamer near the place Monday and offered to assist the tug when they got the vessel into deep water. The offer was not accepted and the Lansdowne came up to St. John.

BIRTHS.

BOWNESS—Born at Oshington, on Jan. 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bowness, a son.

MARRIAGES.

FOSS-CARR—At Oromocto, Dec. 15, 1902, by the Rev. Horace E. Dibble, M. A., rector, Frank Charles Foss of the parish of Burton and Adeline Adelia Carr of the same place.

MOTT-MERRYWEATHER—At Three Tree Creek, Gladstone, N. B., Dec. 21, 1902, by the Rev. Horace E. Dibble, M. A., George Adam Mott and Alma Merryweather, daughter of the late Stephen Merryweather.

BARBOUR-CAIRN—At Riverside, on December 21st, by the Rev. Allan W. Smith, Mrs. Eliza Barbour to Susan Cairns, both of Albert county.

ISRAEL-OATES—At the residence of Gilbert Wheeler, 112 St. James street, on Tuesday, Jan. 6th, by the Rev. G. M. Campbell, William Cunningham Israel, of Freeport, N. S., to Hazel Oates, of Carleton Place, Ont.

DEATHS.

NOBLE—On Tuesday morning, Jan. 6th, 1903, Matilda, wife of Jos. I. Noble, St. John, N. B.

SEELY—At her late residence, 88 Wall street on Thursday afternoon at 2.30. No flowers, by request.

SEELY—At her late residence, 88 Wall street, on Jan. 4th, 1903, Hannah J. Seely, in the forty-fifth year of her age, leaving a mother, sister and brother to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral will be at Long Reach.

Funeral on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. from the residence of Mrs. T. Nisbet Robertson, 28 Princess street. Service at 2.15 p.m. at St. John's.

WHITE—At Boston, Mass., on Sunday, Dec. 28th, Eliza J., widow of the late David White, formerly of St. John, N. B., aged 65 years.

REMNANT SALE

IN DRESS GOODS ROOM.

Stock-taking is now completed, and we have put together all Remnants accumulated during this season's selling.

THERE ARE:

Remnants of Plain Colored Dress Goods.	In lengths from 1-2 to 5 yards.
Remnants of Fancy Dress Goods.	Remnants of Fancy Flannellettes.
Remnants of Costume Cloths.	Remnants of Cotton Velours.
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	Remnants of Printed Muslins.
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- 5 Imposing Stones with Stands.
- 1 Staple Binder.
- 1 Card Cutter.
- 2 Job Presses.
- 1 Counter, with 6 drawers, walnut top, 9½ feet long.

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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

At a regular meeting of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick held last evening, Senator Ellis presided. The following members were elected: Ordinary, R. Keltie Jones and Gilbert M. Hall; associate, Mrs. H. C. Wetmore and Miss Louise Wetmore.

It was decided to invite the Royal Society to meet in St. John in June, 1904, on the occasion of the tercentenary of the discovery of the Harbor and River St. John by Champlain, and a committee was appointed to confer with the Historical society in this matter.

J. Howe presented a few sections of timber affected by the fungus known as the "dry rot." The portions of timber shown had lain unused for some time in a moist place in the factory of J. & J. D. Howe, and had become so firmly welded together that it was almost impossible to separate them. G. U. Hay explained the nature and growth of this fungus, which produces such havoc in timber, its mycelium or vegetative portion forming a thick felt-like mass, sending its threads in every direction through the wood, causing its destruction.

Dr. G. F. Matthews read a paper prepared by Dr. W. F. Ganong on the occurrence in New Brunswick of the panther or puma (Felis concolor). Dr. Ganong concluded that the reported appearance of this animal was not sufficiently authentic.

Dr. Hay read a paper prepared by H. F. Perkins on Some Rare Plants found in New Brunswick. Among these were several species of ferns and orchids which Mr. Perkins had found in different parts of York and Sunbury counties.

Dr. Geo. G. Melvin read the paper of the evening—a very interesting and sensible one—on the Parasite, in which he traced in general terms the origin, growth, and some effects of germs. A vote of thanks was extended to the readers of the instructive papers of the evening.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

MARINE ENGINEERS' DINNER.

The third annual dinner of the St. John Council, No. 2, National Association of Marine Engineers, was held last night at White's, and a most enjoyable affair it was. There were about fifty gentlemen present. The menu card was prettily designed and the dinner was an excellent one. Andrew G. Foster, the president, was in the chair, and Fred J. Lewis and Mr. Kendrick, the vice presidents, occupied seats of honor. Letters were

read from prominent citizens regretting their inability to be present. The toast list was as follows: The King, The Governor General, and Parliament, the Local Government, the Grand Council, responded to by Wm. Barton; the Board of Steamboat Inspection, spoken to by Inspector W. L. Waring; the Owners and Managers, responded to by Capt. Mabey and others; the City of St. John, spoken to by Geo. H. Waring, J. H. McAvity and E. Perkins; St. Councils, spoken to by F. J. Lewis; the Ladies, responded to by C. J. Milligan and Hugh Andrews.

MASONIC INSTALLATION.

Grand Master Trueman, accompanied by officers of the Grand Lodge, visited St. John Lodge, No. 2, at the Masonic Temple, last night, on the occasion of the installation of the officers of the lodge. The grand master installed the worshipful master, Dr. McAlpine, and P. G. M. Walker installed the other officers. The list is here given: Dr. L. A. McAlpine, W. M.; H. Dunbrack, S. W.; H. E. Gantner, J. W.; A. W. Sharp, T. W.; H. Kennedy, S. E.; Clinton Brown, S. D.; A. Smith, J. D.; F. E. Williams, S. S.; R. P. Pierce, J. S.; Dr. B. S. Price, D. of C.; H. M. McAlpine, I. G.; Robert Clerk, T. A banquet was held after the ceremonies and speeches were made by the grand officers and other members of the lodge and other prominent Masons.

Chronic constipation surely cured or money back. LAXA-CARA TABLETS never fail. Small, chocolate coated, easy to take. Price 35 cents. At druggists!

ST. MARTINS.

Mrs. Mary McCumber, relict of the late William McCumber, died at her residence on Friday morning, Jan. 2, after a lingering illness, which she bore with Christian resignation. She was tenderly cared for during her illness by her daughter, Mabel, who is a trained nurse. She leaves four children to mourn their sad loss, besides a large number of relatives and friends. Her remains were interred Sunday afternoon in the family burying ground. Suddenly at Tyneouth Creek, at her residence, Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Parker, widow of the late John S. Parker, at an advanced age, departed this life. She was in apparent good health and her sudden death was wholly unlooked for. Mrs. Robt. Carson of this place is a daughter, and Geo. S. Parker of Brooklyn, N. Y., a son of the deceased.

The intermediate department of the public schools taught by Mrs. Anna Power won the treat offered by Mr. Kelly at the beginning of the autumn term by highest average of attendance.