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News of a Day

Dead in Berlin.
Berlin, March 19.—Giovanni Lamport, the famous singing teacher, died here today. He was 70 years old.

Seven Lives Lost.
Yokohama, March 19.—Five hundred Japanese houses were destroyed by fire here yesterday. Seven lives were lost in the conflagration.

Three Injured.
Sydney, N. S. March 19.—An explosion occurred this morning at the open hearth furnaces of the Dominion Iron and Steel plant. Three men were seriously burned by flying molten metal and severely injured. Superintendent Mackay of the blast furnaces department, who was passing through the mill at the time of the explosion, was the most badly injured. All the victims will recover.

Infants' Home Opened.
Montreal, Q. March 19.—The governor general, Earl Grey, formally opened the new Protestant Infants' Home yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large assembly. Bishop Farthing and the Mayor of Montreal attended. Earl Grey, in a brief address, expressed his pleasure at being present and commended the work of the institution. Tomorrow Earl Grey will leave for Albany to meet President Taft and Governor Hughes at the dinner of the University Club of Albany. He will be absent about a week, during which time Lady Grey will go to Ottawa. The vice-regal party will return to Montreal for the latter part of Easter week.

LOCAL

Vital Statistics.
Three marriages and 11 births, 7 females and 4 males were registered last week. Sixteen burial permits were issued.

Work Among Fishermen.
Two French priests of the religious Society of Our Lady of Paris, arrived in the city on the Boston train, on Saturday, en route to St. Pierre, Mi-queon. The society is one that is supported by charity and is devoted to work among the fishermen on the shores of Newfoundland. The priests are commissioned to do duty on the hospital ship St. Francois and were relieving two who are returning to France.

Damaged by Fire.
Shortly after noon on Saturday an alarm was rung from box 132 for a fire in a house No. 424 Chesley street, occupied by Thomas and William Creary. The fire was on the roof and considerable damage was done before it was extinguished.

In the Police Court.
In the police court on Saturday Joseph Bower, a native of the West Indies, was charged with larceny.

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IMPERIAL DRY DOCK COMPANY'S CHARTER REVIEWED

**Necessary Legislation to Be Applied for Today—
Review of Legislation Previously Obtained—
Bills and Bye-Laws Committee to Oppose Street
Railway Clause in Public Utilities Bill.**

The bills and bye-laws committee of the council will leave for Fredericton this morning to appear before the municipalities committee in the interests of the bill to give concessions to F. C. Durant for the proposed sugar refinery and of the bill to grant a subsidy of \$5000 a year for 20 years to any company building a dry dock in St. John.

It is understood that the committee may ask for some change in the public utilities bill to provide for the city retaining the power it already possesses in dealing with the St. John Railway Company. It is thought advisable to have this authority still vested in the city and not handed over to a commission.

Imperial Dry Dock Co. Get Busy.
The announcement last week that the city intended to promote a bill which would construct a dry dock for the Imperial Dry Dock Company, has created a great deal of interest in the proposed legislation, it being apparent that its passage would be a serious blow to the situation which has been created by the fact that the charter of the company, ensuring to it the benefits of the city's subsidy of \$5000 for 20 years had been allowed to lapse. The last act appearing on the statute book provides that to entitle the company to its privileges work must be commenced by May 1, 1908.

An amendment to this act has now been prepared extending the time for the commencement of the work to May 1, 1912. Mr. H. R. Pickett, the legal representative of the company, will go to Fredericton this morning to appear before the corporations committee in favor of the amendment. It is not anticipated that the city will make any objection to the company placing itself in a position to take advantage of the subsidy.

It is understood that the Imperial Dry Dock Company will also seek to have a slight amendment made to the city's bill for a general public utility bill, so that the company may be able to take advantage of the subsidy. A condition of the bill is that the company must be incorporated in the city of St. John.

Obituary.
Mr. Edward W. Hart.
The death occurred on Saturday at his home, River street, North End, of Mr. Edward W. Hart, moulder, who had been ill for some time. Mr. Hart was born in England, but had resided here for a long time. He is survived by a widow, four sons and five daughters, all of whom reside in St. John.

The funeral of Mr. F. Arthur McPeake, formerly of West St. John, who died in Fernie, B. C., as a result of injuries received by falling from the cab of his engine, while in the discharge of his duties, was held yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock from the residence of his father, 206 St. James street. The body which left Cranbrook, B. C., last Tuesday night, arrived yesterday on the Montreal train. The remains were in charge of Mr. N. T. McKinnon.

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Quinn took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from St. John street, in the Cathedral, where the funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. W. Meahan. Interment was made in the Old Catholic cemetery.

Funerals.
Mrs. Maria Green.
The funeral of Mrs. Maria Green took place on Saturday afternoon from her late residence, corner of Ladlow and St. James street, West side, Rev. W. R. Robinson conducted the burial service. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Funerals.
Mr. William MacAulay.
The funeral of Mr. William MacAulay took place on Saturday afternoon from the residence of Miss Anna M. Jordan, 166 Paradise Row. Rev. James Crisp conducted the burial service. Interment was made in the Church of England burying ground.

Funerals.
Mr. Cornelius Kane.
The funeral of Mr. Cornelius Kane took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 71 St. James street, St. John the Baptist church, Broad street, where the burial service was conducted by Rev. W. J. Holland. Interment was in the New Catholic cemetery.

Deaths.
Hart—On Saturday, 19th inst., at River street, North End, Edward W. Hart, aged 60 years, leaving a widow, four sons and five daughters. Funeral on Tuesday, at 2.30 p. m., from his late residence, River street. Friends invited to attend.

Deaths.
Kelly—At the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. W. E. Dibble, Blissettville, N. B., on Friday, 18th inst., Matilda A. widow of T. H. Kelly, Esq., aged 79 years.

Deaths.
We predict that this modernized room so pleasing in its appointments, will be a favorite shopping rendezvous for St. John ladies and undoubtedly "Meet me in M. R. A.'s millinery department" will be a very usual phrase among them.

Their spring millinery opening takes place tomorrow the display of hats and trimmings will be well worthy of the handsome room devoted to this purpose.

NEW DEPARTMENT OPENED
M. R. A. Announce Completion of a Handsomely Equipped New Millinery Section in Their Extensive Stores.

In line with the forward movement in St. John, and of especial interest to the ladies, Messrs. Robertson, Allison, Ltd., announce the opening of their new retail millinery department, situated between the house furnishings and silk departments, thus placing at the disposal of the ladies of St. John probably the handsomest and most up-to-date millinery showroom in Canada.

This large room is now devoted entirely to the display of Ladies' and Children's headwear and trimmings, including even the brushed brass electric fixtures, carpet, window hangings and the latest in millinery, modern showcases, tables, mirrors and fitting rooms that can be found anywhere.

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As the ready-to-wear idea is growing so rapidly in popularity and has extended to ladies' hats, this enterprising store, owing to its large increase in floor space and better facilities for display will in the future, in addition to their regular high-class millinery business, devote special attention to ready-to-wear hats and will all through the year carry a large assortment of popular priced hats.

This will undoubtedly meet with the hearty approval of the ladies who would prefer to see the finished articles when buying instead of going to the millinery department to select the material to be made into hats. The ready-to-wear idea is growing so rapidly in popularity and has extended to ladies' hats, this enterprising store, owing to its large increase in floor space and better facilities for display will in the future, in addition to their regular high-class millinery business, devote special attention to ready-to-wear hats and will all through the year carry a large assortment of popular priced hats.

PERSONAL
Mr. S. R. Swift has severed his connection with the Bank of British North America and leaves today for Vancouver. Since coming to the city some ten months ago Mr. Swift has made a host of friends, and regret at his departure will be general.

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REV. MR. COHOE ACCEPTS CALL

Tells Congregation He Will Go To Halifax if They Release Him—Makes Feeling Reference To Work Here.

At the evening service in the Brussels street Baptist church, yesterday, Rev. A. B. Cohoe announced that he had received a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Halifax, and that after prayerful consideration, he had come to the conclusion that it was his duty to accept it, if the congregation would consent to relieve him of his duties of his present pastorate. After stating that he did not consider it advisable to leave the church at the present time the reasons that had induced him to ask leave to sever his connection with the church he said that he was confident that the congregation would be glad to accept his resignation.

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Grateful For Friendship.
"If today I look forward to a life of some usefulness in the ministry of the gospel, it is in no small degree due to the fact that you insistently opened the door that seemed to be closing on my work. If I live to be an old man, I shall never cease to be grateful for the friendship of people whose faith and whose love brightened the darker days."

"I will not speak at length of the happy years of fellowship. May I, however, say to you that, of all things I am most profoundly impressed with the gentle Christian spirit which is so manifestly dominant in you. Today I have brought to your care a number of boys and girls, of the congregation. I have done it without fear, for I cannot feel that any boy or girl can miss in these associations the power of the Gospel which is dominant in your lives."

Farwell May 8th.
If Mr. Cohoe's resignation is accepted, he will bid farewell to his congregation on the second Sunday in May, and then proceed to his home in Ontario for a short holiday. He expects to assume the pastorate of the Halifax church about the end of June.

Mr. Cohoe has been pastor of the Brussels street church for nearly seven years. His predecessor in the pastorate here was Rev. Mr. Waring. The present pastor of the First Baptist church of Halifax, during his stay here Mr. Cohoe has won for himself a warm place in the hearts of his congregation, and naturally strengthened the position of his church financially and otherwise.

THE HOTELS
Royal.
Miss B. Taylor, Leicester, Eng.; Richard Hesket, Manchester; J. L. Levois, Montreal; T. H. Cragg, Toronto; C. D. Prince, Omaha; J. R. Fairbairn, Montreal; J. C. Rose, Montreal; J. T. Hall, St. John; R. Hadow, London, Eng.; L. W. Koser, Galt; G. A. Miller, Montreal; H. L. Pratt, Toronto; Geo. L. Chalmers, Montreal; E. R. Hadow, London, Eng.; A. R. Pickard, H. C. Edey, O. Wright, E. A. Nicolle, Montreal; Manning W. Doherty, Sussex; W. R. Matheson, New Glasgow.

Sermons in Art.
Mr. Harry Roberts will give a reading from "Sermons in Art" at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the Art Club studio, Union street. These readings are open to the public.

Seal Goes Home.
James Seal, the young Englishman, who pleaded guilty to several thefts, and was sentenced by Judge Forbes to be deported to his home in England, was sent on board the Allan liner "Corinthian" which sailed for London on Friday. Seal was ordered to be deported almost two months ago, but owing to lack of funds, the order could not be carried out and he remained in the county jail. His counsel, Mr. S. B. Bustin, stated a subscription for funds to pay his passage, and on Friday an order was received from Judge Forbes for his release. With a ticket for his trip and some money in his possession he was placed on board the "Corinthian." It is hoped that he will profit by his experience in Canada.

AMUSEMENTS
At the Novelty.
Commencing today the popular theatre, The Novelty, is putting on a brand new show. There will be five big feature subjects and Miss Vivian King in new song hits. Mr. Cass announces that there will be pleasing surprises for all those who attend this week. There will be matinees daily for ladies and children when extra subjects will be shown.

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SEVEN ORPHANS HERE ON WAY TO IRELAND

A group of seven sorrowful orphaned children reached Fairville on Monday morning, en route to Ireland, from Montreal. They were the boys and girls of James McGovern, who was shot and killed a few weeks ago in Montreal by Alphonse Martel. Accompanied by Rev. Father Flynn, C.S.S.R. of St. Ann's, and Aid. O'Connell, the children left Montreal yesterday. They went from Fairville to Sand Point, where they boarded the C. P. R. steamer Lake Erie, which sailed in the afternoon for Liverpool. The children are very refined in manner and are of pleasant appearance.

The facts of the murder, which left seven children without a father, are particularly pathetic. Martel shot McGovern in a dispute over room rent. He then raised the revolver and shot the two girls. The bullet hit one girl in the arm, while another received a shot in the back. The girls, however, recovered and are quite well today. The children are being sent to their grandfather in Ireland. Their ages range from five to fourteen years.

Martel who committed the crime is at Longue Pointe Asylum, as he was found to be insane.

DEALINGS OF THE WEEK IN REVIEW

New York, Mar. 20.—Last week's money and stock markets were unsettled by a number of disturbing factors, principal of which were the tightening money markets and the threats of labor troubles. The rise in money rates has its special importance for the New York money at this time owing to the large number of new bond issues coming upon the market. The financing for which provision is thus sought carries with it provision for expenditures which will go far towards maintaining industrial activity. The process may be interrupted by the scarcity of money supplies. Subscriptions for the bonds already issues have their place in causing the rise in money rates.

The week's advance in the Bank of England rate by one per cent. to four per cent. has other causes back of it, especially the money needs of India, by reason of trade expansion and the disordered British Government finances by reason of the postponed budget legislation. The effect of the rise in the bank rate is dreaded in New York for the possible interference with foreign subscriptions to American bond issues. These have been large recent issues, but not so large as to supply ample sufficient foreign exchange to meet the requirements for our foreign indebtedness on other accounts.

The outgo of gold from New York which may be the consequence would complicate the money position at the period when the interior requirements for currency are springing up. The country's foreign trade for February showed an excess value of imports for the first time in that month since 1895. In order to overcome this disadvantage there may be the necessity of scale down prices of new securities to attract foreign investment, with depressing sympathetic effect on existing securities, or to lower prices of our commodities in order to turn the balance of foreign trade in our favor again.

Underlying confidence has existed in the financial district that settlements would be effected for the railroad's labor disputes which would avoid serious interruption of profitable activity. It is even felt that the settlements might enforce the arguments of the railroads for advances in freight rates. Nevertheless, the strike order issued to freemen and engineers on western railroads induced considerable selling of stock until the mediation of the Government authorities.

The recovery which followed in the stock market was accompanied by professions of confidence amongst operators in stocks that the forthcoming decision of the supreme court in the American Tobacco case would be in favor of the corporation. The grounds for this confidence would have to be sought in the realms of conjecture built up from lawyers' arguments and in gossip of alleged leaks in sources of information.

The amount of winter damage done in the wheat belt crop was the subject of active competition with growth of favorable opinion on the promise of the crop as a whole. Lower prices for iron divided influence with the increased demand for steel products. Another decrease in the European visible supply of copper helped sentiment in that trade.

NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT.
Reserve on all deposits, dec. \$57,225
Reserve less U. S. dec. \$38,225
Loans, dec. 1,573,500
Specie, dec. 1,528,400
Legal tenders, dec. 110,600
Deposits, dec. 4,225,700
Circulation, dec. 102,600