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NEW YORK PULPIT TAKES A HAND IN INSURANCE SCANDAL

One Clergyman Calls President McCall a Thief and Calls for His Resignation—Thomas F. Ryan Declared to Be the Man Who Will Dominate All the Big Life Companies—Wall Street Looking for Another Blast from Lawson and Stocks Weaken in Anticipation.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

New York, Sept. 25.—(Special)—One indication of the vast interest that has been aroused in the life insurance investigation is that pulpit fulminations have begun. In several churches here yesterday reference was made to the legislative investigation now going on.

One preacher, the Rev. Dr. Lincoln Moore, of the Riverside Baptist church, went further than the others by preaching a sermon devoted to the question in which he said: "His (John A. McCall's) confession has branded him a thief."

Before preaching this sermon Dr. Moore mailed a letter to Mr. McCall calling upon him to resign. McCall received this letter today but at 9.47 o'clock tonight he had not resigned.

And other things the preacher said: "This age is one of new things. Old fashioned honesty is becoming supplanted by a new fashioned dishonesty and untruth is becoming preferred to business probity. In speaking of crime and sin one must use plain speech. If we always steal stealing and a thief a thief there would be less stealing and fewer thieves."

Call McColl a Thief.

"If an old boy steals some hundreds of dollars from the corporation that employs him he would be called a thief and sent to jail. If the president of that corporation take some hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars of its funds he is likely to be called a Napoleon and men will not be lacking as apologists for his actions."

"The revelations of the methods of operation in the business of life insurance corporations may well astound the community. When the president of the New York Life Insurance Company testifies that took vast sums of the policyholders money without any authority from his own board gave them for political and personal ends that confounds him and him that confounds him."

"I am a small policyholder in that company and I do feel like saying that this man ought to be compelled to restore what he has stolen or else ought to be prosecuted and incarcerated, for stealing is stealing no matter under what name society calls it."

D. Moore's letter to President McCall reads in part as follows: "From that evidence I conclude that you arrogate to yourself the power and right to use the investors' money at your discretion unmindful of the fact that the same does not belong to others. Beg me to let you know on what ethical ground do you base this right? You are entirely ignored the fact that you serve in a fiduciary capacity—that you are simply a trustee and not the owner."

"Your testimony with its unblushing confession of misappropriation, misrepresentation, malversation and possible peculation reveals your manifest moral unfitness for the responsible office which you hold, an office which you have disgraced and betrayed."

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For instance the World today opines that the upshot of the present troubles will be that Thomas F. Ryan will control the whole system, swinging more financial power than any man ever did in the world's history.

In the course of an interesting and more or less logical editorial the World says: "All the big life insurance companies have many and distinguished trustees. The Hyde-Equitable dummies are equalled in prominence by the trustees of their

NORWAY AND SWEDEN HAVE AGREED ON HAGUE TRIBUNAL TO SETTLE THEIR DISPUTES

Stockholm, Sept. 25.—The Associated Press has succeeded in seeing the text of the protocol signed at Karlsbad Saturday by the delegates appointed to arrange the terms for the dissolution of Norway and Sweden. The document will become a treaty when ratified by the two powers. It consists of five main articles and 35 sub-clauses. The first article deals with arbitration. The second is a neutral zone and the third the fortifications. The last with reference to pastures, etc., fourth with inter-trade and the fifth with common water.

The agreement provides for the compulsory arbitration before the Hague court of all disputes except those of mutual interest for the period of 40 years with extensions for other periods of ten years, unless notice previous notice is given of intention to abrogate.

The treaty provides for a zone on either side of the frontier, which shall for ever be neutral and for the demolition of the fortresses within that zone. The exception of the old portion of the fortifications of Fredriksten to be maintained at Fredriksten to the same extent as prior to the erection of the new fortifications. No extension of the Kongsvinger group of fortifications will be per-

CROWDS STILL AT FREDERICTON

More Than 4,000 at the Fair Monday Though Weather Was Bad

RACES POSTPONED

Leondo Falls and Breaks a Rib While Doing His Thrilling Feat—Some of the Prize Winners in Different Departments—Good Racing Programme Today.

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 25.—(Special)—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance at the exhibition today, the total number of paid admissions being 4,700. The total for the four days is about 18,000, which is 8,000 less than the total for six days two years ago.

Leondo, the outdoor performer, met with a mishap today while leaping the chasm. His bike failed to strike the second incline fairly and the rider was thrown heavily. Dr. G. J. McNally, who was called, found that he had fractured a rib. Leondo says that his injuries though painful will not prevent him from executing his charming act tomorrow.

Wednesday has been set apart as citizen's day and a special programme is being arranged. Two bands have been engaged for the occasion and in the evening there will be a parade by the fire department.

Wednesday morning dairy cattle were exhibited today. Logan Brothers of Amherst carried off the principal prizes in the horse class.

Donald Innes, of Tobique; J. H. McAlpine, of Gagetown; George E. Fisher, of Chatham; and W. W. Webster of Clinton, among others, who carried off prizes for agricultural products.

In the sheep class the principal prizes were M. H. Parlee, of Sussex; W. H. Corning, of Yarmouth; J. E. Baker, of Barrowfield; Logan Bros., Amherst, and J. B. Williams, of Woodstock.

In the sheep class the principal prizes were taken by David Riley, of St. John; Seth Jones, of Sussex; A. D. Thomas, of Fredericton, and John Doe of Chatham.

The horse races had to be postponed today on account of the bad weather and will take place tomorrow. The programme consists of the 2.19 and 2.28 classes.

HAD EXCITING VOYAGE WITH WILD ANIMALS

Steamer Arrives at New York With Many of Crew Lacerated.

New York, Sept. 25.—A badly lacerated crew arrived here today on the steamer Indramayu, guarding a cargo of wild animals from Chinese and Japanese ports.

Most of the injuries which were inflicted by the animals during an exciting voyage. Besides these animals the Indramayu carried an elephant, six monkeys of a large and savage species and some smaller animals.

There was an utter absence of actual news of anything over Sunday and the only fresh developments which with the mail came from the steamer were the accounts of the opening of business which was the general weakness in London. The decline shown in American stocks were succeeded by a heavy selling here for foreign account.

Other stocks and concentrated ones which served to depress prices during the forenoon had its origin plainly in Boston. This selling in turn was commonly assumed to foreshadow another burst of advertising activity on the part of Thomas W. Lawson, and in the usual state of excitement of the market had the effect of terrifying at least the speculator on weak margins.

Stock Market Sets Off.

It is usually the case that a reactionary movement in the market excites more discussion and conjecture as to the reasons therefore than does a protracted swing in the opposite direction. Today's stock market which showed declines averaging about one point, was not unusual, but rather a market opened irregularly, but unusually lively with exceptional strength, than there would be less stealing and fewer thieves.

Blanche Walker OF FREDERICTON ALIVE AND WELL

Found Saturday Night In Chelsea Hotel—No Foundation for Stories In Connection with Winthrop Mystery.

Boston, Sept. 25.—(Special)—Blanche Walker, of Fredericton, mentioned by newspapers in connection with the Winthrop murder case, was located at the Hotel Savoy, Chelsea, last Saturday night by a Boston Herald reporter. There was no reason for believing she was dead or missing.

(b) In the event of a difference of opinion between the two countries as to what a given question touches the vital interests of one of them, the matter shall be submitted to the arbitration tribunal for discussion.

(c) Agreements in regard to the interpretation of the method of carrying out the agreement to be arrived at in connection with the dissolution of the union shall, however, be submitted to the Hague court.

D. E. F. and G provide for the legislation of the court in accordance with the rules of the Hague convention, the exchanges of documents and who are qualified to act as arbitrators, etc.

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FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

ROTHESAY.

Rothesay, Sept. 21.—Mrs. Ludlow Robin son left Tuesday for Annapolis to be present at the marriage of her nephew, Dr. Oliver Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton left last week for Montreal to take a steamer for England, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Cox, of London.

Mr. and Mrs. Howe, of New York, who have been summering on Long Island, will leave shortly for home. Mrs. Howe's sister, Miss Alice Hamilton, will accompany them and intend to study art in New York this winter.

Mr. Charles Carmas arrived from Moncton Friday and left Saturday for Fredericton, accompanied by his daughters, Misses Mary and Constance. Mr. Carmas, the winterer in Fredericton, where Miss Carmas will resume her studies at the university.

Mr. H. F. Puddington has returned home from a business trip to Nova Scotia. Among their city friends are Messrs. Fred. C. Jones, Howard D. Troop, Mr. Gordon, Hon. Wm. Pugley, and Dr. W. W. White, with their families.

Mr. James Mowat and family are at the Kennedy House. They will leave next week for their new home in the west, while their household furniture has preceded them. The family will be very greatly missed and sincere regret is being expressed on every hand. Several little parties have been given by friends of the young people. Another party was a most enjoyable one Friday evening, at the residence of Mr. A. C. Fairweather, and tomorrow they will be entertained at the rectory.

Mr. and Mrs. Barclay Boyd expect to spend the winter at the Bellin Villa.

Miss Anna of St. John, is here, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Calhoun.

A picnic party, which included Mrs. Allan Crookshank, Mrs. Herbert Tilley, Miss Mary and Constance Carman, Mr. Gordon McDonald, Messrs. George and Jack Page, and Mr. A. R. Crookshank, sailed for Moreton Bay Saturday, where they were joined by friends who have been summering there. A pleasant time was spent on the beach.

Miss Mabel Thomson's Rothesay friends are rejoicing over the success of her splendid work done in the ladies' golf championship, now being played at Dixie. Miss Mona Thomson is also in Montreal.

The steamer yacht Scionda returned Friday from a trip up river. The party on board included Mr. Robert Thompson, Mrs. W. H. Tuck, Miss Reed, Mrs. John Mager and Mr. John H. Thompson.

Miss Jessie Armstrong left Saturday to visit friends in Boston.

Mr. Vasey and family moved to St. John.

Mrs. C. F. Baird and son, of St. Stephen, were here for a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Jones.

Mr. E. Moore visited his friend Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons this week in her very pretty new home, College Hill.

The Misses O'Day, of New York, left for home this week.

Miss Taylor is visiting friends in Nova Scotia.

Miss Wilson, of Ottawa, who has been a guest of Senator and Mrs. Domville, returned home this week.

Mrs. Brock and the Misses Brock are planning a trip to England early in the week.

MONTON

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 20.—Mrs. E. B. Chandler has returned from a visit to Halifax.

Mrs. H. B. Mills, of Wolfville (N. S.), who has been the guest of Mrs. Wm. Marks, returned home on Friday of last week.

Miss Zoe Phillips, of Chicago, and Miss Beatrice Finch, of St. John, were the guests of the Misses Taylor, Boleford Street, for several days of this week.

Mrs. George Allen returned this week from spending the summer at Point du Chene.

Mrs. A. B. Doran left on Monday to spend a few days in Sackville (N. B.).

Mr. and Mrs. Frank left home on Saturday evening last to visit friends in Montreal.

Mrs. J. C. Crosskill went to Halifax on Saturday to spend some time visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. H. Roberts returned to Moncton from their wedding trip to Montreal, Toronto and other points.

Mrs. M. C. Storm is visiting friends in St. John.

Miss Ethel Tewell spent a few days of this week in St. John.

Miss Olive Thompson, of Shediac, is visiting Miss H. Hamington, Alma street.

Miss Ethel Murphy left here on Saturday last to resume her classes at the Halifax Ladies' College, Halifax (N. S.).

Mrs. J. M. Lyons left last week to visit her sister, Mrs. J. De Wolfe Cowie, at Hartland (N. S.).

Miss A. Lingley, of New York, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tingley, Steedman street.

Mrs. Beuthener, who has been visiting Miss Geo. C. Allen for the past few weeks, returned to her home in Quebec on Wednesday.

Miss Rita Ogden, of Sackville, was the guest of Mrs. C. W. Robinson on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. George Douglas, of Amherst, was in town on Monday.

Miss Frances Taylor left on Thursday evening to visit in Montreal.

Mrs. R. C. Brown is visiting in St. John, where she is the guest of Mrs. H. C. Read.

Mrs. McAlmon, of Hopewell Hill, is spending a few days with friends here.

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 21.—Mrs. E. B. Chandler was arrested yesterday for stealing a steel pipe from Dr. E. O. Stewards drug store.

Miss Anna, well known in police circles, was convicted yesterday of being disorderly and fined \$50, the fine being allowed to stand against her future conduct.

James Johnson, formerly foreman of the Campbellson round house, has been

appointed to a foremanship in the I. C. R. machine shop here, and has entered upon his duties.

Among the rumors in connection with the I. C. R. retrenchment movement is that one E. J. Black, inspector of buildings, has been given notice of dismissal.

Montgomery, Sept. 24.—Special—T. W. Colpitts, niece of Sir Charles Turner, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. H. Haskins, here this morning, after a long illness of cancer. Decedent was forty years old and had a seaboard three sons and two daughters.

Sir Charles while in Amherst about a month ago from his home in Forest Glen to visit his sister. She was taken suddenly ill and was unable to return home. Sir Charles while in Amherst two weeks ago came here to see her and was in communication with Dr. Chandler regarding her case.

She was a sister of Mr. G. Bleakney, I. C. R., and Mrs. G. H. Haskins, Moncton; Mrs. John Rockwell and Miss Mary and Constance Carman, the winterer in Fredericton, where Miss Colpitts will resume her studies at the university.

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Mr. Chas. Seaman will leave Friday for Chelsea (Mass.), where he has secured a good position.

Mr. Culkin is spending a few days in Sackville.

Mrs. Monroe and daughter, Gladys, are visiting friends in town.

Among those in attendance at the Hall's fair exhibition this week are Mr. and Mrs. John Rockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Misses James, Smith, H. F. Charles Phinney, A. Rufus, Warren and Roy Ayer, W. E. Cooper, Arnold Wry.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bonnett are spending a few days at Hopewell Cape.

Miss Griffen left Tuesday for her home in New York after a week's vacation with her friend, Miss Josephine Crane.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael left Tuesday to resume their summer vacation at Hastings (Mass.).

Miss M. G. Gould will leave Thursday for Boston (Mass.), where she pur-

sues spending a pleasant week with Rev. Mr. Fletcher and family returned to Boston Monday.

Mr. Howard Wallace is in St. John this week.

Mr. Frank Humphreys' friends are pleased to see him in town this week.

Mr. Louis Truro, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Fred. Turner, Square street, Colonel and Mrs. Harper were in Amherst Sunday.

Miss Hackett, of Boston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rodon, of Moncton, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Theo. Murray rendered a much appreciated vocal solo in St. Paul's church Sunday evening.

Mr. R. E. Hewson, barrister, of Moncton, was in town Monday.

Mr. C. G. Raworth spent Sunday at Cape Tormentine.

Mr. W. C. Milner and family returned from their summer cottage at Tidnish Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Milner's son, Mr. Fred. Smith, who will leave shortly for St. John.

Miss A. Ayer has returned from a pleasant visit in Salaberry.

Miss Clayton Dickie and Miss Dickie, of Shadie, were the guests of Mrs. George George Saturday.

Miss Margaret George and Miss Ethel Barnes recently paid a visit to Halifax.

Miss Maxwell, of Rhode Island, and Mrs. Colwell, of Lowell (Mass.), have returned to their home after spending some time in the village.

Miss Ethel Siddle, of Port Elgin, was the guest of her brother, Charles Siddle.

Miss Ethel Anderson is visiting friends in Fredericton.

Miss J. B. Lamb left for Boston Tuesday evening.

Miss Mary Fawcett is visiting friends in Fredericton.

Mr. D. E. Peacock, of Moncton, is spending a few days in town.

Mr. Ernest Dobson left Saturday for Riverside to join her husband, who is principal of Riverside consolidated school.

Misses Well and Belle Carter. Among those present outside of the school were Senator and Mrs. Wood, the Misses Eady, Miss McAuley, Miss Foster and Miss Carr.

Mr. G. E. Phinney entertained Bethel Sunday evening.

Mrs. T. D. Dixie, Miss Mabel Embree and Mr. T. D. Green were here yesterday attending the marriage of Miss May Lockhart and Mr. O. H. Horne.

Mr. Joseph Dobson gave a pleasant party Saturday in honor of his daughter Linda's birthday.

Miss Black, of Truro, is the guest of her uncle, Mr. R. A. Truman.

Mr. Pickard Truman returned Monday from Cape Tormentine, having spent the summer there.

Miss Wilson, of St. John, is the guest of Mrs. G. Lynn.

Miss Hortense Phillips, of Charlottetown (P.E.I.), is visiting Miss Louie.

A very pleasant tennis tie was enjoyed by the club Friday evening. Mrs. H. M. Wood and the hostess, assisted by Misses Emily, Rose, and Misses Alice, were the guests of the club.

Mr. Ernest Morrison left yesterday for Boston.

Miss Ethel Thompson, who has been the guest of Mrs. Leona Wheaton during the summer months, has returned to New York for the winter.

Miss D. A. R. Frazer is quite seriously ill.

Mr. Lawson Smith spent Sunday at his home here.

Miss Thos. Patterson left Saturday for Toronto after spending some days in town, the guest of his sister, Mrs. B. C. Baden, ladies' college.

Mr. Ernest Patterson left yesterday for Boston.

Miss Ethel Tewell spent some days in Moncton, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. I. F. Ayer.

Miss Fulton McDougall, of Moncton, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson, of Amherst, were in town Friday.

Mr. Theo. A. Tewell has resigned his position as teacher in the public schools of Sackville.

Mr. W. C. Woodworth, of the Tribune, is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Misses Priestly and J. B. Allen, of the Academy of Art, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tewell.

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Weldon house, left this week for her home in Yarmouth.

Mr. Potter, of North Carolina, who is spending some time in P. E. Island, was in town for a few days Sunday, at the home of Mr. Jas. Ingalls.

Miss Jennie Henderson and Miss Hazel Rogers, of Moncton, were the guests this week of Mrs. W. B. Deacon, Sackville street.

Miss Lena Bray returned on Saturday from spending a few days in Halifax at the exhibition.

Mr. DeBlois Harper spent Sunday at his home, "Sunny Woods."

The Misses Weston entertained a few of their best friends at an home on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. R. King, of the Bank of Montreal, Buctouche, was at the Weldon for over Sunday.

Mr. C. Moore was in town at his home, Sackville street, on Sunday, on his return from attending the Halifax exhibition.

Mrs. C. Hamilton left on Wednesday of this week to spend some time with friends in Newastle.

Miss Ackman, of Moncton, was the guest of Miss Norah Allen, Sackville street.

Rev. C. Wiggin, of Sackville, and W. Smithers, of Albert county, were in Shediac this week attending the meeting of the Sheddies Deaconery. While in town the Rev. Mr. Wiggin was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Murray.

Rev. Mr. Hall, of Fredericton and St. John, have very many friends, who all wish him well.

Mr. Duplessy of Chatham returned to town.

Miss Barbara Matthews is visiting relatives here, returned to Boston.

Mr. F. H. Baldwin, after a short stay with his relatives here, returned to Boston.

Miss Chaplin after a visit to her relatives has returned to Boston.

Miss A. McLean is making a visit to her sister, Miss McLean, in Cambridge, Mass.

Sister Adams, of New York, is spending some days here this week.

Mr. Wm. McLellan and Miss Anna Cooper are here.

The young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, are to be married at Fredericton and St. John.

There are many friends who all wish them well.

Mr. D. G. Baldwin, of Chatham, returned to New York after a brief stay with his home people.

Miss Sophie G. MacDonald expects to leave tomorrow for Lowell (Mass.), where she will enter a course of professional nursing.

Miss Sophie is a pleasant visitor to friends here.

Miss John Bremner, of Somerville (Mass.), who have been spending the last two months in their summer cottage in Elora, are having a pleasant visit to friends here.

Miss Elizabeth Parker, of New York, is spending a few weeks at her old home here.

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WILLING TO SERVE

It is pleasing to know that a great many very good citizens are not so engrossed with their own private pursuits as to refuse positively to serve their country in an official capacity. Only yesterday a gentleman who should know whereof he affirms made the statement that the applicants for the vacant New Brunswick seats positions now number sixty-one. We may add to this formidable array a score or so who are willing to accept the registration, and perhaps a score more any one of whom would not resent it if the position of revenue inspector were thrust upon him by a discerning government. Thus it will be seen that there is no marked dislike for government employment or general aversion to serving the state. If it be true that "they also serve who only stand and wait," our list might be prolonged indefinitely.

But while there is in the community an individual readiness to accept, there is, one finds, a general disposition to carp at the qualifications of others who are also willing, not to say eager. There is needed here a society to promote among seekers the ability to understand that whereas all cannot be selected, and whereas many influences govern the choice, the successful applicant is not necessarily a robber or the useless protege of persons in high places. The society could explain to many applicants who do not now seem to know it that the problem of distributing two or three offices among sixty or seventy men and satisfying everybody in line has never been solved.

These remarks are put forward because it is very evident that a large number of citizens who are now going about feeling satisfied that they have certain appointments in their pockets must soon be ruthlessly awakened.

MR. FIELDING AND THE TARIFF

So many prophets are thus forecasting the outcome of the Tariff Commission's work it may be well to recall now Mr. Fielding's own forecast of tariff action. In his last budget speech the minister quoted from his remarks of the previous year, 1904, when he referred to the fact that we have a maximum general tariff, and a minimum general tariff, and the British preference below that. The maximum tariff, he said in 1904, is for those countries whose trade policy discourages trade with us. They cannot complain if we discriminate against them as compared with our treatment of such other countries as are willing to trade with Canada on terms that we regard as fair and reasonable.

The minimum general tariff, he said, would correspond to the present general tariff. "So," he said, "we would have a maximum tariff, as we have the German surtax today, to apply to such countries as do not manifest a disposition to trade with us. We should have a minimum general tariff to apply to countries that are disposed to trade with us, and then below that we would have the British preferential tariff to apply to the mother country and to such colonies of the empire as it may be expedient to extend the benefit of that tariff to. I think, sir, that on this line, guarding carefully against extortive duties, but also making a distinction between the countries which wish to trade with us and the countries that do not wish to trade with us, we can devise a tariff which will be in all its details fairly satisfactory to the country."

Repeating these words in July last Mr. Fielding said the lines thus indicated would be followed by the government in the revision of the tariff at the coming session. The government, evidently, does not contemplate any extensive tariff changes unless conditions not hitherto appreciated are discovered by the Tariff Commission—an unlikely contingency.

A SHAKING UP

The American conscience, and particularly the New York conscience, is not tenet in financial matters. Much evil is taken for granted. A notorious New York politician coined a new phrase the other day—"honest graft." The phrase was used to explain that thousands of politicians and business men in the great city expect to give or receive unjust profits, bribes or blackmail, and that the practice is likely to grow rather than shrink. For all that even New York has been surprised by the insurance revelations and by the attitude of men like Perkins and McCall who are disposed to defend all of the transactions

with which they have been identified. The Brooklyn Eagle speaks very seriously of the situation that has developed, and insists that punishment and restitution must come of it before the end is reached. Of the dealings between Perkins and the New York Life and Perkins of Morgan & Co., Eagle says:

"This is called 'finance.' When such a state of things is done by government officers, it is felony. When it is done with the connivance of officials by whom should do so, it can be called, for want of another name, perhaps, 'business.' But men are wearing stripes today for carrying on that sort of 'business' in Federal offices, and the moral difference between these two transactions is difficult to discern."

Of "Andy" Hamilton, the Albany job and the funds he "handled" for the insurance company, the Brooklyn journal speaks with equal disquietude:

"Remember, the money with which these men dowered Hamilton and enriched political campaign committees was not their money. It was the money of stockholders, of insured folk, of investors, of Democrats, Republicans, Populists, Prohibitionists, Socialists, and what not. That money was entrusted to these men for distinct purposes. The defeat or the election of candidates was not among those purposes. The promotion or the overthrow of parties was not among them. The 'preservation' of the nation from Bryan or its 'salvation' from Parker or its 'welfare' under McKinley or under Roosevelt was not among them. To confound those purposes with the specific, legal ones with which they are entrusted with this much presumption is impudent and was outrage. Boughten suffrage, the funding of partisan committees, the election or defeat of candidates, none of these things, were among the purposes for which these trust funds should have been or legally could be employed."

The scandal is so great, the public so moved, the Eagle asserts, that corrupt politicians will now be unable to prevent the investigation from resulting in a sort of moral revolution in matters financial and political. "The probe must go deeper. All the facts must come out. All the companies affected must be ransacked. All the details must be set forth. All the truth must be known. Then will come matters of guilt, of prosecution, of restoration and of remedial legislation. We earnestly trust that some, whose interests have thus been trifled with, whose rights have thus been invaded, whose investments have thus been made the subject of transactions such as have been in part revealed, will yet bring suit to recover back the monies to which they are entitled, the securities on which they had a right to depend and that, in the language of Daniel Webster, on a notable occasion, the offenders can be made 'disgore' that with which they had no right to part and that with which they had a right to interfere with the United States, which was not put in their charge, and which has been cured by them with the suspicion of the purchase of elections and of the Sale of Law."

THE BEAUTIES OF TRUE SPORT
Although the season of rugged sport is upon us in the Maritime Provinces, miss many of the exciting features of strenuous amateur endeavor enjoyed by spectators in other places. In these parts the sport ends when the game is over; but it is different in Ontario where the hunting and harrying of the umpire is one of the principal popular diversions after the laconic score has been announced. A contemporary, speaking of a foolish umpire's attempt to escape his admirers, uses this language: "He escaped by climbing over the bar of the hotel, helped by a few friends who happened to be there. He went upstairs, packed his grip and, clutching the back door and cut across back lots and lanes to the station. Through fear for his life and the effort required by such a hurried flight, his heart, which is not very strong, troubled him greatly, and he was found at the depot in a partial collapse. He was followed there by the mob, but by this time enough decent heads had gathered around to prevent assault. The crowd at the station and those on the train were entertained with the spectacle of shaggy-headed McGibbons fighting to follow a man who had to be carried on the train, to assist him."

The "shaggy-headed McGibbons" of course, merely sought to put the quarry out of his misery; yet the writer of the foregoing Homeric paragraph paints him as being upon a most brutal murder. It is discouraging to read such misrepresentation of the shaggy person who strove so nobly to administer the coup de grace.

The game which the man with the weak heart foolishly sought to escape was not entirely such as one would recommend as a sedative if we may accept the description as accurate: "The players jumped with both feet on men lying on the ground, stepped on their heads, hit them over the head when the ball was not near, and on one occasion, after knocking a man out in passing him while on his way back to position, by poking the handle of the stick into a vulnerable part, one of them turned around and struck him after he had fallen."

Such attention to detail in a moment of some excitement stamps these lacrosse players as really bold, resolute and well disciplined amateurs. But why do they call the pursuit "lacrosse"? Why not "hockey"? The offence of depriving a person of, or injuring any part of a man's body so as to render him less able, in fighting, to defend himself or annoy his adversary; extended by modern statutes so as to include the disabling, disfiguring, or mutilation of the body generally." Such is mayhem.

EXHIBITIONS AND DEFICITS

Now that the Halifax fair is over and a deficit of about \$15,000 is in sight, the Acadia Recorder deems it a privilege and a duty to point out some "defects" which

it feels should be avoided at future exhibitions. St. John may have no exhibition next year, in view of the Dominion exhibition at Halifax, but there will be demand for a horse show in 1906 and a fair in 1907 at least, and the Halifax lesson is worthy of attention.

The Recorder says the exhibits in the main building at Halifax this year were up to the standard of other years, if not higher; but "the fisheries exhibit was a disgrace to the province. No other word fits it. The commissioners ought to be thoroughly ashamed of themselves for permitting such a show, purporting to represent so important an industry of our people. It would have been far better to shut up the doors entirely if no better display could be made than that. If fishers and traders in those in the trade take no more interest in it than is shown there, then shut down it altogether. Think of the disgrace of it!"

Coming to the amusement feature, the Recorder says the specialties were "the worst ever put on before the grand stand. . . . The vaudeville show did not reach that standard of excellence even to be attractive, but all the disgusting features were present without any cleverness to wash them down. We know in this we run counter to the opinion of those who profess to know what is required for such a fair, but we sincerely believe it is time some of these more objectionable features were eliminated." An annual fair is really rather more than the province can manage, the Recorder is convinced. It suggests that the fair might be held early one year and somewhat later the next; it is now too early for the fruit growers and farmers, and too late to attract as large a number of visitors as would come in warmer weather. It is expected that the city and the province will each have to contribute \$7,500 to pay the bills.

The weather was wretched during the first few days. But for the race track on the fair grounds the receipts would have been much smaller.

Trotting races, if the track were open,

would draw bigger crowds here than do in Halifax. The proposal to have a race track in connection with the St. John exhibition grounds has been declared impracticable by a committee appointed to look into the matter, but that decision cannot well be regarded as final. What the Recorder says of the amusements at the Halifax fair might usually be said of that feature of the fair here. And it does not pay to give such causes for dissatisfaction. They are not forgotten. The "midway fakes" which marked the last show here are not likely to be repeated in the years to come, and that is fortunate.

USELESS FINES

Some migrating beef trust witnesses passed through St. John early last spring, seeking by their absence to hamper or defeat the United States government's action against officials of the trust in Chicago. There was evidence enough, however, and as a result of a law passed in May, 1902, followed by tedious legal procedure, some few individuals have at last been adjudged guilty and fined sums ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

These sums seem large at first glance, but the punishment in reality is trifling. The people of St. John who eat western beef will assist in paying the fines of the Chicago men. That is to say the trust will pay, and the consumer will pay the trust. The price of range cattle in the west will go down when the trust will be paid up.

Controlling the railroads and the market the trust is not to be deterred from its practices by a few fines. To put some of the principal offenders in jail for a term long enough to correspond with the amount of a \$10,000 fine would be another matter. The law permits a \$20,000 fine or two years in prison. If there was evidence enough to justify a fine there was enough to justify imprisonment, and while the fine will not deter, imprisonment will. The government has proved that the trust is within the reach of the law, only to demonstrate at the same moment that the law, as administered, is not really intended to prevent or punish fittingly that means of crimes, extortion in the matter of an article of daily necessity for almost the entire population.

WILLIAM J. MCORES.

Fredericton, Sept. 25.—William J. McCores died from typhoid fever in Victoria Hospital last evening. He was 23 years old and had been ill for six weeks. His wife, three daughters—Mrs. Kelly, Agnes and Gertrude Courtney—and three sons—Michael, Thomas and William—survive. All were present at the death of their wife and mother. The deceased was a Miss McCorquodale, a widow and her relatives are living in York County. A requiem mass will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. McMurray in St. Gertrude's church on Monday morning, and the interment made at 151 Chestnut street.

WEDDINGS.

Lillian Jeffries.

A quiet wedding took place in St. Mark's Parish, Sussex (K.C.), on Thursday, the 21st inst., when Mr. Edward L. Linn, owner of the Sussex Laundry Company, and Frances L. M. Jeffries, only daughter of the late Hugh Jeffries, were united in marriage. The bride, who is a very estimable young lady with many friends, was given away by her brother, Mr. George Jeffries, and wore a dress of cream muslin's veiling. Her traveling dress was navy blue cheviot broadcloth with hair to match. The ceremony was performed by Archdeacon Forsyth, uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Mr. F. G. Moore, rector of St. Mark's. After the ceremony, which was followed by luncheon at the home of the bride's mother, the happy couple left by the C. P. R. train for a short wedding trip to Fredericton.

Elsmer-Emeno.

The marriage of O. A. Elsner, of Port George, and Miss Ethel B., youngest daughter of the late Frederick Elsner, of Liverpool (N. S.), took place at Middleton (N. S.), on Thursday, Sept. 21st, at 11 a. m., Rev. A. T. Dykeman officiating. The bride was tastefully attired in a travailing suit of prime broadcloth with Persian trimmings and white taffeta silk and a wide lace collar. Her shoes and stockings were of the same shades and were artistically blended.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left on the Bluebonnet for Fredericton via St. John, to attend the Fredericton exhibition.

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A very pretty wedding took place Monday morning in St. Peter's church, when Samuel McCormick, of W. H. Thorne & Co.'s, was married to Miss Mary B. McInnes, daughter of the late Richard McInnes. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward Smith, C. S. S. R. The bride was tastefully attired in a travailing suit of prime broadcloth with Persian trimmings and white taffeta silk and a wide lace collar. Her shoes and stockings were of the same shades and were artistically blended.

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THE CRIMSON BLIND

By FRED. M. WHITE, Author of "The Robe of Lucifer," etc.

CHAPTER XI.—(Continued.)

"I am a maniac on the subject of old prints," he explained. "I never see a pile without a wild longing to examine them. And, by Jove, there are some good things here. Unless I am greatly mistaken—here, Steel, pull up the blinds! Good heavens, is it possible?"

"Found a Sistine Madonna or a stray Angels?" David asked. "Or a ghost? What is the matter? Is it another phase of the mystery?"

"The Rembrandt," Bell gasped. "Look at it, man!"

Steel bent eagerly over the engraving. An old print, an old piece of china, an antique jewel, always exercised a charm over the novelist. He had an unerring eye for that kind of thing.

"Exquisite," he cried. "A Rembrandt, of course, but I don't recollect the picture."

"The picture was destroyed by accident after Rembrandt had engraved it with his own hand," Bell said. "It was quite apparent now, but he bashed fast and hard. I shall proceed to give you the history of the picture presently, and especially a history of the engraving."

"Has it any particular name?" David asked.

"Yes, we found that out. It was called 'The Crimson Blind.'"

"I'm getting away from the crimson blind," David murmured. "Still, I can quite imagine that to have been the name of the picture. That shutter or blind might have had a setting sun behind it, which would account for the warmth of the kitchen foreground and the deep shadows where the loves are seated. By Jove, Bell, it is a magnificent piece of work. I've a special fancy for Rembrandt engravings, but I never saw one equal to that."

"And you never will," Bell replied. "Save in one case. The picture itself was passed in Rembrandt's modest lodgings in the Keizerskroon Tavern after the sale of his paintings at that hotel in the year 1658. At that time Rembrandt was painfully poor, as his recorded tavern bills show. The girl who was painted for a private customer with a countenance like the subject should be engraved as well. After one impression had been taken of the plate the picture was destroyed by a careless servant. In a sudden fit of rage Rembrandt destroyed the plate, having they say, only taken one impression from it."

"Then there is only one of these engraving in the world? What a find!"

"There is one other, as I know to my cost," Bell said, significantly. "Until a few days ago I never entertained the idea that there were two. Steel, you are the victim of a vile conspiracy, but it is nothing to the conspiracy which has darkened my life."

"Sooner or later I always felt that I should get to the bottom of the mystery, as now I am certain of it. And, sirrah, as it may seem, I verily believe that you and I are hunting the same man down—that the man is at the bottom of the two evils. But you shall hear my story presently. What we have to find out now is who was the last tenant and who is the present owner of the house, and incidentally learn who this number belongs to. Ah, this has been a great day for me!"

Bell spoke excitedly, his eyes bright shining in the fire. And David eagerly asked another question for the present. All that he wanted to know would come in time. The next move, of course, was to visit the agent of the property.

A smart, dapper little man, looking absurdly out of place in an unassuming sparsely furnished room, ready to give every information. It was certainly true that 218 Brunswick Square, was to be let at an exceedingly low rent on a repairing lease, and that the owner had a lot more property in Brighton to be let on the same terms. The lady was exceedingly rich and eccentric indeed, by asking such low rents she was doing her best to seriously diminish her income.

"Do you know the lady at all?" Bell asked.

"Not personally," the agent admitted. "But I do know the house, and it comes into the present owner's hands some years ago by inheritance. The property also includes a very old house called Lougden Grange, not far from Rottingdean, where the lady, Mrs. Henson, lives at present. Nobody goes there nowadays, except once in a while to look at the place from time to time, buying pictures, a large number of savage dogs are allowed to prowl about the grounds."

Bell listened eagerly. Watching him, David could see his eyes brighten like points of steel. There was something like lightning behind all this common-place that touched the imagination of the novelist.

"Has 218 been let during the occupation of the present owner?" Bell asked.

"No," the agent replied. "But the present owner—as heir to the property—is an old, fat, balding man, and the house, which used to be a kind of high class convalescent home for poor clergy and the widows and daughters of poor clergy in want of a holiday. The one house was for the men and the other for the women, and both were furnished exactly alike; in fact, Mr. Gaskell, the landlord, tenanted 218, though the building exactly as it stands when the scheme fell through."

Steel looked up swiftly. A sudden inspiration came to him.

"In that case, what became of the present owner?" he asked.

"I cannot tell you," the agent said. "That house was let as it stood to some sham philanthropist whose name I forget. The whole thing was a fraud, and the swindler only avoided arrest by leaving the country. Probably he went abroad, and was never heard of again."

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brightness about him that added to his already fine physical beauty.

"And now, perhaps, you will be good enough to explain what I need," he said.

"My dear fellow, it would take too long," Bell cried. "Presently I am going to tell you the story of the tragedy of my life. You have doubtless wondered, as others have wondered, why I dropped off the road when the sun was at its height. Well, I am going to help you, and I return back to into the race again. By way of a start, you are going to ask me to come and dine with you tonight."

"At half-past seven, then. Nothing will give me greater pleasure."

"Speak like a man and a brother. We will dine, and I will tell you my story after the house is quiet. And if I ask you to accompany me on a midnight adventure you will say yes?"

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