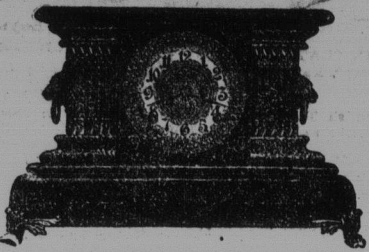
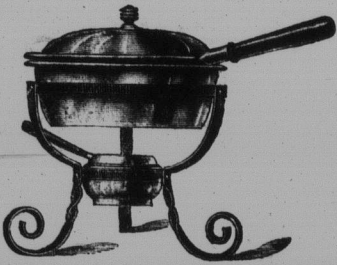


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## VENEZUELA.

There is no Intention to Land Forces,  
But Germany Will Demand an Apology as Well as Payment.

CARACAS, Dec. 17.—Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies. The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro asking him to give full powers to U. S. Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—There will be no effort on the part of this government to resist a war blockade of the Venezuela coast as against merchant ships.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Aside from the financial claims mentioned in her ultimatum Germany expects some form of apology from Venezuela for the diplomatic insults which the foreign office says are more serious and more gross than those of which Great Britain complains. The foreign office officials point out that Premier Balfour's remark yesterday evening in the British house of commons about Germany having other than financial claims must be understood as applying to diplomatic reparations for these insults and not to a material indemnity, like money or territory.

The foreign office is again calling attention to the suspicions in the United States lest Germany effect a landing in Venezuela. It says a refutation of such suspicions ought to be perceived in the slender forces at the disposition of Germany. There are scarcely three hundred men who could be spared from the squadron, not a sufficient number to take La Guayra, let alone form an expedition into the interior.

It is not settled whether the notification of the commencement of the blockade will occur in Berlin and London simultaneously or take the form of a communication between the two commanders of the squadrons and the Venezuelans. The notification will apparently be delayed a day or two. The officials say the reply to Venezuela's arbitration proposal has not yet been sent. The foreign office is still exchanging views on the subject with London. Although the foreign office does not give the least hint of the character of Germany's reply, it seems certain that arbitration will not be accepted, although the refusal may be accompanied by fresh suggestions. It was announced from Caracas last night that the blockade of La Guayra, notification of which in the names of Great Britain and Germany was communicated to the Venezuelan government December 13, went into effect yesterday. It was added that the blockade applied only to Venezuelan vessels.

ITALY'S PART.  
ROME, Dec. 18.—Instructions have been sent to Signor Deriva, the Italian minister to Venezuela, who is on board the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan, at La Guayra, to be guided by circumstances and the best measures to take, always, however, bearing in mind the agreement with Germany and Great Britain and the necessity for uniformity of action. The Italian government considers that the Giovanni Bausan, Elba and Agordat are sufficient to co-operate in the tri-partite blockade of Venezuela.

## BRIEFS BY WIRE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Gen. Wagner Swaine, who has been ill for some time at his residence, was reported tonight to be very low.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 17.—The court of appeals has granted James Howard a new trial. Howard is under sentence of life imprisonment for the Goetz murder.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 17.—Dr. Thomas Pell, president of St. John's College, announced to the students today that the eighteen students who participated in the boxing fracas on Saturday night had been indefinitely suspended.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 17.—Death is only the question of a few hours for former Attorney General Hosea M. Knowlton. From the change from the worse, which came yesterday afternoon, there has been no rally and through last night and today every indication was that of ebbing life.

## VIVE LA FRANCE.

NICE, Dec. 18.—The duels following the Lombard challenge of the Italian fencing champions Vega and Pessina to the French champions Merignac and Kirchoffer, were fought here this morning and resulted in both the Italians being wounded. The wounds are not dangerous.

## PREMIERS HUNG UP.

QUEBEC, Dec. 18.—The prime ministers will not meet before tomorrow. Only three members of the conference arrived this morning, Hon. Messrs. Roblin, Winnipeg; Fuglesy, St. John, N. B.; and Anderson. The others are expected by the Intercolonial, which is five hours late. They will not reach Quebec before six o'clock tonight.

## NOT A POPULAR MOVEMENT.

Eight or ten days ago the board of health passed a resolution giving an opportunity for free vaccination to anyone who desired to have the operation performed. There are in the city many who have not been vaccinated for some years, and it was hoped that some of these would take advantage of the opportunity offered. The movement, however, does not appear to be taking a very strong hold upon popular favor for as yet no one has applied for vaccination. The board of health would like all who have not been vaccinated to have it done now.

## BY FORCE OF ARMS A BLUE OUTLOOK.

Board of Health Resists Landing of Champlain's Passengers.

Incensed at Action of Quarantine Officials in Landing Passengers Yesterday—Some Taken to Island Today.

The civic board of health is deeply incensed at what its members term the arrogant conduct of the Dominion quarantine officials in allowing any of the passengers from the infected steamer Lake Champlain to land in the city without the board's permission. As a result the board has declared war and today had marshaled its forces under Chief Clarke to repel by force of arms if necessary any attempt of the quarantine officials or the shipping people to land another passenger from that ship unless the formal permission of the local board of health was asked and granted.

Yesterday afternoon the first and second cabin passengers of the Lake Champlain were landed at Sand Point and forwarded to their destinations, mostly in the west. It had been the intention to send them by the C. P. R. but yesterday afternoon the United States immigration inspector notified the C. P. R. officials that if one of the passengers from the Lake Champlain were allowed on the train going west it would be held up at Vancouver and days. Naturally the C. P. R. had to refuse to carry them, so arrangements were made with the I. C. R., by which the much worried people were allowed to leave on the Quebec express.

The local board of health justly considered that their consent should have been asked before these people were landed within its limits. Hearing last evening a report that some steerage passengers who had not been directly in contact with the disease were also to be landed and allowed to proceed to their destinations today the board met last night to deal with the matter. Great indignation was expressed at the action of the quarantine officials and the following resolution was passed:

"No person, whether passenger, master, officer, seaman, or other employee on board any vessel which has a case of smallpox or other infectious or contagious disease on board, or has had a case of such infectious or contagious disease on board, after leaving its port of departure, shall be permitted to land within the City or County of St. John, except at Partridge Island, until permitted to do so by the Local Board of Health of the City and County of St. John."

To prevent the landing of any more of the Lake Champlain's passengers, the board of health today had Chief Clarke, Deputy Jenkins, some of the police force and several of their own men over at Sand Point and on other wharves ready to resist by force, if necessary, any attempt at such procedure without their consent. However there was nothing for them to do, as no such attempt was made.

The steerage passengers, who were forward of the bridge, were this afternoon removed from the ship in Jewett's big scow and taken to Partridge Island. The shipping people are very anxious to land thirty of the steerage passengers, who, all through the voyage have been in the after part of the ship, and in no contact with the disease. They have asked consent of the immigration officials who are in communication now with Washington regarding the matter. Permission was asked this morning of the board of health and that body will meet this afternoon to decide the matter.

## ST. JOHN ALL RIGHT.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The Montreal correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle takes exception to the report sent out from Ottawa to the effect that he cabled the information that the board of Canadian cattle via St. John had been prohibited. As a matter of fact, his message was to entirely the opposite effect, and was designed to offset any reports which might have gone from New York stating that the St. John route had been put under the ban.

## THE McLEOD WHARF.

What's the Matter With the Board of Works?

The ways of the board of works, said a citizen this morning, are past finding out. That body decided to appoint C. J. Stackhouse, son of Ald. Stackhouse, to inspect the timber construction at the McLeod. After deciding that an inspector was necessary and appointing Mr. Stackhouse, they decided that he should be paid the munificent sum of \$2.50 per day, which is no doubt less than some of the workmen are getting.

But while it may be all right from the aldermanic standpoint and in accordance with the tradition to appoint an alderman's son to office, the salary offered did not appeal to Mr. Stackhouse as something to make him get rich quick. He was at work on the repairs to the ferry steamer Western Extension, and concluded to stay there.

There arose a new complication. Theoretically there is no inspector on the McLeod wharf, because there has been no meeting of the board of works to appoint one in the place of Mr. Stackhouse. But actually there is an inspector, Mr. Macaulay, who does the work and draws the pay. No doubt he is a competent inspector, but the board of works was not called to sanction the appointment. It's like the Connolly dredge affair. Nobody knows what's what or who's who.

No Hope of Relief From Coal Famine.

Anthracite Production Never is Equal to the Demand in Winter.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Officials of the Reading Railroad Company hold out no hope of relief this winter from the present anthracite stringency, despite the efforts on the part of the company to mine and ship to its full capacity. "Under normal conditions," said one of the officials, "anthracite production never is equal to the demand during the winter months, and the Reading and all the other anthracite companies have been obliged to draw upon the stock at various storage points to help out the demands of the trade. This year there is not a pound of coal at any of these storage points and consumers are dependent entirely upon the daily output of the mines. Practically all of the company's collieries are in operation.

## AGAINST THE TRUSTS.

Half a Million Voted to Enforce the Sherman Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Mr. Bartlett, a Georgia Democrat, during consideration of the legislative appropriation bill in the house today unexpectedly and without warning sprang an amendment to appropriate \$250,000 to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law and to direct the attorney general to proceed to the prosecution of all violators of the law. Although such a provision was plainly amenable to a point of order, not a single member on either side of the house raised objection. Both sides wheeled into line and all agreed that some such action was advisable. Some of the republicans, however, raised objection to the looseness of the language of the amendment and Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, offered as a substitute for it the language of the bill he introduced on the opening day of the session to appropriate \$500,000 for the enforcement of the law. This was further strengthened to make the amendment immediately available, and, as amended, the substitute was agreed to without division. The legislative bill was passed practically as it came from the committee, except for the comment.

## JOHN MITCHELL

Believes Strike is in Fair Way Toward a Settlement.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 17.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, stopped in Buffalo tonight for an hour en route from his home in Spring Valley, Ill., to Scranton. He was given quite an ovation in the dining room of the hotel. One of the guests in the crowd surrounding Mr. Mitchell asked him:

"What do you believe is the cause of the prolongation of the trouble between the miners and the operators and the cause of their inability to come to terms?"

"Principally the sincerity of some of the captains of industry," he replied. "I believe that Mr. Baer and some of the coal barons are sincere and mean everything they say, but they have the wrong ideas and principles and it is next to impossible to get them to acknowledge the facts. Baer, in my opinion, is an honest man and lives according to his principles. The strike, I believe, is now in a fair way toward a settlement."

## CURED CLUB FOOT.

Wonderful Work of Dr. Lorenz in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Dr. Lorenz has for the first time since his arrival in New York operated on a club-foot. The patient was a four year old girl. Dr. Lorenz kneaded and twisted the crippled foot until it was as soft and pliable as a piece of putty. Then he deftly moulded it into its proper form, and announced that the operation was completed, and a plaster case was fitted on the foot. The doctor said that the child should be allowed to use her foot as much as she could after four or five days, and that it would be necessary to keep the cast on for six or seven months, after which she could walk.

## REV. JAMES GRAHAM.

Rev. James Graham of Montreal will preach twice in this city on Sunday next, in Queen Square church at the morning service, and in Centenary in the evening. Mr. Graham is the minister of St. James' Methodist church, Montreal, and is visiting the maritime provinces in the interest of the effort to relieve his church of its heavy financial liabilities. He has been at Halifax, Yarmouth, Sydney and other points in Nova Scotia.

Furness liner London City, which left Halifax Tuesday for St. John, put back there yesterday with her pumps disabled. She will probably leave tomorrow.

A. R. Cobb of Wolfville, N. S., who has been attending the Boston Institute of Technology, is in St. John on his way home for the Christmas holidays.

The British parliament was prorogued today. The King's speech made reference to the Venezuelan affair and to South Africa.

Thirty-three cars of cattle for the Alcides arrived last night. They are being loaded today.

## Men's Winter Goods:

Winter Hats in grey and black, new shapes. Prices \$1.50 and \$2.

Winter Capes, from a good blue cloth driver at 35c. up to one at 1.75

Winter Gloves, wool and fur lined, from 50c. to \$3.

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Men's, Boys' and Youths' Hockey Boots at such low prices that you will be surprised.

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We are giving you a chance before Christmas to buy your Christmas Presents, and we have a large stock to select from at 40 cents less on each dollar. Ladies' and Gents' Watches, Chains, Gold Rings and Jewelry of all descriptions. Do not make a mistake, but be sure and go to the right place, 16 MILL ST. Sale commences Dec. 18th.

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98 PRINCE STREET, ST. JOHN.

Dr. C. W. Hewson and J. C. Purdy have purchased from W. M. Mackay of St. John, the interest in the Jacksons properties at Tidnish and Amherst Head. Price paid about \$18,000. —Amherst News.



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## ASTOR STEAMSHIP COY.

### WINTER REDUCED RATES.

In effect November 1, 1902, to May 1, 1903.  
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 ber 15, 1902, steamers leave St.  
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### TO LET.

TO LET.—A flat No. 71 High street, North  
 End. Modern improvements and moderate  
 rent. To be seen any time.

### HELP WANTED, MALE.

Advertisements under this head: Two  
 words for one cent each time, or Three cents  
 a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

WANTED.—In Daily Sun Office, a boy  
 who has had one or two years' experience in  
 a printing office.

WANTED.—A first class job printer at  
 Office of SUN PRINTING CO.  
 GENERAL AGENTS WANTED in each  
 town for special, accident, sickness, indus-  
 trial policies and general insurance busi-  
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### HELP WANTED, FEMALE.

Advertisements under this head: Two  
 words for one cent each time, or Three cents  
 a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.—In small fam-  
 ily, girl for general housework, one who can  
 cook. One who can go home at night pre-  
 ferred. Apply 4 Adelaide road, between 7  
 and 8 p. m.

WANTED.—At the Hotel American at once,  
 a cook and chambermaid.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements under this head: Two  
 words for one cent each time, or Three cents  
 a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

BOARDERS WANTED.—First class board  
 and rooms may be obtained at reasonable  
 rates at 75 King street, just over Macaulay  
 street.

"Ten Per Cent."—I have just open-  
 ed a bargain for some one.  
 2 Upright and 2 Com-  
 plete Cases for sale cheap. Call and  
 see them at W. THREMAINE GARD'S,  
 Jeweler and Optician, 45 King street.

### FOR SALE.

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HOUSE FOR SALE.—House 165 Adelaide  
 road, 2 flats, 5 rooms on each flat. Enquire  
 on the premises.

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Advertisements under this head inserted  
 free of charge.

WANTED.—A situation as housekeeper or  
 for work in a small family, where the wash-  
 ing is done out. Apply No. 4 Middle street  
 (off Waterline street).

WANTED.—A sober, industrious man, mar-  
 ried, wants situation as general work. Ac-  
 customed to horses. Apply W. F. Star of-  
 fice.

WANTED.—By a middle aged man, em-  
 ployment as bookkeeper or for general of-  
 fice work; long experience; best of refer-  
 ences. Address "Scribe," care of Sun Print-  
 ing Co.

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Advertisements under this head: Two  
 words for one cent each time, or Three cents  
 a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

LOST.—A pocket book in Carlton, Satur-  
 day, December 13. Finder will be rewarded  
 by leaving it at the office of the Sun Print-  
 ing Company, Canterbury street.

LOST.—On December 9th, small black  
 terrier dog with short tail, in the vicinity  
 of St. Andrews street. Finder will please  
 return to D. J. DOYLE, 67 Broad street.

LOST.—A gold watch with chain on Friday  
 afternoon, December 12, on City Road, be-  
 tween Stanley street and Haymarket Square.  
 Finder will be rewarded by returning to 101  
 Wright street.

### LIVERY STABLES.

## HAMM'S LIVERY STABLE

134 Union Street. Telephone 11.  
 HORSES BOARDED.—Clean and Warm  
 Stables, best care and attention.  
 DRIVING OUTFITS and COACHES for  
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 45 and 47 Waterline St., St. John, N. B.  
 Horses boarded on Reasonable Terms.  
 Horses and Carriages on Hire. Fine Fit-  
 tings at short notice.

A large sleigh seating fifteen or twenty  
 people for sleighing parties to let with care-  
 ful driver.

### HOTELS.

## HOTEL DUFFERIN.

E. LeROY WILLIS, Prop.,

ST. JOHN, N. B.

### NEW SCHOONERS.

P. L. Spicer, of Spicer's Island, has  
 in his yard a 200-ton stern schooner,  
 which will be launched about May 1,  
 and will be used in the bay trade. He  
 is also getting out material for another  
 200-tonner for coasting trade between  
 bay ports and New York.

At Port Greville, Cochran & Foley  
 are getting out frames for two schoon-  
 ers of 400 and 250 tons, respectively.  
 H. Elderkin is building one of 250 tons,  
 and Captain James B. Pettis has in  
 course of construction a 350-ton craft.  
 These will be used as plaster carriers  
 from Windsor and bay ports to New  
 York.

At Parrboro the Cumberland Coal &  
 Railway Company is building two coal  
 barges, each of 1,000 tons capacity.  
 One of these will be ready to launch  
 next month.

WANTED.—A case of Headache that  
 KUMFORT POWDER will not cure  
 in from ten to twenty minutes.

THE ST. JOHN STAR is published by THE  
 SUN PRINTING COMPANY (LTD.), at St.  
 John, New Brunswick, every afternoon  
 (except Sunday) at \$3 a year.

## ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 18, 1902.

### WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

The Connolly claim against the city  
 in connection with the dredging at the  
 McLeod wharf is cause for the sever-  
 est censure of either the board of works  
 or the director of public works. The  
 evidence appears to throw the chief  
 responsibility upon the director. The  
 city is asked to pay about \$6,000 more  
 than it expected to pay, and therefore  
 the subject cannot be permitted to  
 drop without searching enquiry.

It appears that the Connolly dredge  
 was to get \$400 per day for work which  
 was estimated would be completed  
 in thirty days of about eleven hours,  
 it being understood that anything over  
 a half day should be charged for as a  
 day, and anything under a half day not  
 charged at all. It was estimated that  
 about 2,000 yards per day should be  
 lifted.

Over a month ago, at a meeting of  
 the board of works, the director was  
 asked how the work was getting along  
 and if the thirty days had nearly ex-  
 pired. He is said to have replied that  
 the time was about up, but that a day  
 or too more would be required. This  
 the board took to mean that there  
 would be an additional charge of some-  
 where between \$400 and \$1,200, such as  
 might reasonably be expected. But at  
 the last meeting of the board it was  
 learned that instead of a day or two  
 the dredge had worked eighteen days  
 over the estimated thirty. Even if we  
 allow \$1,200 for three days extra, which  
 the board thought would be the limit,  
 there would still be a charge of \$6,000  
 above what was considered reasonable.  
 An alderman enquired of the director  
 if he had given the board any intima-  
 tion of the fact that the dredge was  
 taking so long a time and lifting so  
 little mud, and he replied in the nega-  
 tive. He said he did not think it was  
 his duty to do so, unless asked. The  
 board referred the matter to a com-  
 mittee, which has not yet reported.

The view which the director seems  
 to take concerning his duty is surely  
 unusual. When the dredging was be-  
 ing done he was the representative of  
 the city, and surely under an obliga-  
 tion to look as closely as possible after  
 the city's interests. If all civic of-  
 ficials took the ground that they should  
 not speak until asked, a remarkable  
 state of affairs would ensue. If the  
 board of works must itself look after  
 the details of every contract there is  
 no use in paying salary to an official.  
 To ensure any man or a body of men  
 is a very disagreeable duty, and no  
 one cares to perform it; but either the  
 director or the board of public works  
 has permitted this thing to be done,  
 and the citizens have a right to ask  
 that the responsibility be placed, and  
 that the affair shall not be pigeon-  
 holed and forgotten. For it may cost  
 the taxpayers \$6,000.

There is another curious feature in  
 this dredging affair. It was under-  
 stood that when the dredge had finish-  
 ed at the McLeod wharf it should  
 spend four or five days at the Navy  
 Island bar. It went there, and while  
 Mr. Connolly figures out nine days  
 work it is said that the city time-  
 keeper allows only six days.

Then the dredge was sent to Sand  
 Point. By whom it was sent is not very  
 clear. There was no meeting of the  
 board of works, and the harbor master  
 was not aware that any dredging was  
 needed. He doubted the statement of  
 the city engineer that there had been  
 any sliding in of mud such as made  
 dredging necessary. It so happened  
 that the day the dredge went to work  
 there the board met, and after looking  
 into the matter the harbor master was  
 instructed to take charge of the work.  
 From this it would appear that the  
 board had not full confidence in its  
 other officials. The harbor master, it  
 is stated, found a hole dug out by the  
 dredge where none was needed, and he  
 graded the bottom alongside and got  
 the dredge away as quickly as possible.

However the facts may impress the  
 board of works or the city officials, it  
 will occur to the average taxpayer that  
 a dredge at \$400 per day is a rather  
 expensive plaything, and one that  
 should not be toyed with any more  
 than is absolutely necessary.

In a long, apologetic editorial about  
 the confiscated coal of the Union Coal  
 Co. the Telegraph charges the Star  
 with trying to "inflame the minds of  
 the laboring men who compose the  
 Union Coal Co." Is it not better to in-  
 flame their minds than freeze their  
 bodies?

The Star is moving up the line. The  
 Telegraph no longer calls it "the re-  
 print," but "an evening newspaper."  
 Perhaps under the gracious influence  
 of Mr. Milligan's lay sermon on the  
 Spirit of Christmas the editors will  
 presently permit the name of this  
 journal of the people to appear in their  
 columns.

The remains of Mrs. U. S. Grant will  
 rest beside those of her husband in  
 the Pantheon.

### THE E. & H. ROAD SOLD.

An Interesting Statistical Statement  
 of the Original Cost, Etc.

The Elgin & Havelock railroad has  
 been sold to R. E. Harris, J. F.  
 Stairs, B. F. Pearson, of Halifax, and  
 others. The price paid has not been  
 heard of.

The last issue of the Railway and  
 Shipping World said:

"A syndicate of Halifax, N. S., capi-  
 talists, including B. F. Pearson, has  
 acquired the bonds of this company  
 and is endeavoring to float a company  
 to operate it in connection with the  
 Havelock Mineral Spring Co., at Havelock,  
 N. B. The line is in operation  
 from Elgin, N. B., to Pettitcodiac Jct.,  
 on the I. C. R., thence to Havelock,  
 twenty-seven miles, and from Havelock  
 to Kelt's Mills, one mile; and  
 has two miles of sidings, all of which  
 is laid with forty-six and fifty-six pound  
 steel rails. Its rolling stock comprises  
 two locomotives, one first-class car,  
 one baggage, mail and express car, one  
 box car, seven platform cars, one  
 snow plough and one trolley. Finan-  
 cial statement: Capital subscribed,  
 \$125,000; paid up, \$43,000; subsidies—  
 Dominion, \$32,652.82, including \$44,252.82  
 value of rails; New Brunswick, \$107,-  
 500; municipal, \$15,000; total, capital  
 \$238,152.82; paid up, \$44,152.82; floating  
 debt, \$3,968.75. Total cost of railway  
 and equipment \$586,394.09. Operations  
 for year ending June 30, 1901: Train  
 mileage, mixed trains, 14,472 miles;  
 passengers carried 4,090; freight car-  
 ried, 7,622 tons. Passenger receipts,  
 \$1,226.56; freight receipts, \$5,267.03; mail  
 and express, \$491.87; other sources,  
 \$600; total \$7,005.46. Net loss, \$3,-  
 968.75."

### A RARE TREAT.

Although owing to the season there  
 were not so many as usual present at  
 Trinity Church last evening to hear  
 the oratorio of "Christ and His Sol-  
 diers," yet those who took this oppor-  
 tunity had a treat in devotional music  
 that is only too rare in this city.

The oratorio as outlined in yester-  
 day's Sun is arranged in two parts—  
 first, the life of the Saviour; second,  
 the life of His soldiers and servants.  
 The words are nearly all those of  
 well known hymns, set to exquisite  
 music by John Farmer—and in the in-  
 terpretation of this music those pre-  
 sent had a most pleasurable surprise  
 in the voice of Miss Olga Smith, who,  
 we understand, was heard for the first  
 time last evening as a soloist. The  
 young lady has a voice which, though  
 not as yet possessing great power, is  
 devotional in quality. Her first solo, "By  
 Jesus' Grave," was really exquisitely  
 sung, without any straining for effect,  
 and the second, "Rock of Ages," was  
 equally well rendered, and possessed  
 the rare quality of restfulness. We  
 hope Miss Smith will devote her tal-  
 ents to this class of music. Miss  
 Knight appeared at her best in  
 the song, "O God, Be Near," which  
 is well within her compass and was  
 sung with much expression. In some  
 of her numbers, however, rather too  
 strained an effect was apparent.

The bass-solos were taken by Mr.  
 Watson, who was heard for the first  
 time in the church, and considering  
 that all the music was prepared by  
 him in less than twenty-four hours,  
 notice, on account of Mr. Watson's un-  
 avoidable absence, he did remarkably  
 well, especially in the solo and chorus,  
 "Oft in Danger."

The quartette—"Jesus Died for Us"—  
 sung unaccompanied by Misses Knight  
 and Smith and Messrs. Bamby and  
 Watson—was a finished rendition.

The chorus work was particularly  
 good, especially considering that there  
 is no conductor, the attack and shading  
 showing distinct improvement, and the  
 choir will be looked for in more  
 ambitious work before long.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat  
 ailments are quickly relieved by Cresolene  
 tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

### ANOTHER SPLENDID CONCERT.

Last evening's concert in the Opera  
 House was, if possible, even better  
 than the first. The programme was  
 given as published, save the duet from  
 Aida, which was substituted for the  
 programme number, owing to repeat-  
 ed requests that the artist again sing  
 the number which made such a hit  
 Tuesday evening. It will be many  
 years before the wonderful rendering  
 which Van Hoose gave "Lend Your  
 Aid," and the "Songs of Araby" will  
 fade from the recollection of those who  
 heard them last evening. Miss Wet-  
 more repeated her triumph of Tuesday  
 evening and sang with more confi-  
 dence. "Hay Making," by Needham,  
 was substituted for the aria which  
 was programmed as her first num-  
 ber. Mr. Williams again contributed  
 two excellent songs, which were much  
 enjoyed. The artist's leave-taking  
 for Fredericton, where they give  
 a concert tonight under Mr. Spencer's  
 management. Friday morning Mr.  
 Van Hoose goes to New York, and  
 Miss Wetmore to Boston.

### MEETINGS.

Rev. C. T. Phillips, pastor of Water-  
 line street Free Baptist church, delig-  
 ent a large audience in Main street Bap-  
 tist church last evening with his lec-  
 ture entitled "What the Deacon Said."  
 The Young Men's Association of  
 Portland Methodist church will debate,  
 on Tuesday evening next, the question:  
 "Which is the best, a bridge across  
 the harbor, or an improved ferry ser-  
 vice?"

The annual meeting of the Star Line  
 Steamship company was held yester-  
 day afternoon. A dividend of seven  
 per cent was declared. James Man-  
 chester and T. P. Taylor, of Gagetown,  
 were elected president and vice-presi-  
 dent respectively. The election of di-  
 rectors resulted in the choice of C. C.  
 Taylor, A. H. Hanington and Frank A.  
 Baird. Robert S. Orchard was re-elected  
 manager and secretary-treasurer.

### SHOULD MARRY HIM.

While a young man named McLean  
 and a young woman were "fooling" at  
 the supper table at Orangedale, C. B.,  
 on Tuesday, a fork in her hand was  
 accidentally thrust into his eye, com-  
 pletely destroying the sight.

HALIFAX, Dec. 17.—Str. Universe  
 arrived tonight from Portland, Me., to  
 load 4,000 tons of Acadia coal for Port-  
 land. The coal is on cars here, ready  
 to be placed on board the steamer.

### HON. DR. PUGSLEY

Expects that This Province Will Get  
 Another \$100,000 Per Annum.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—Hon. Wm.  
 Pugsley has arrived in the city from  
 Hot Springs, Colorado, en route to  
 Quebec, to assist Premier Tweedie at  
 the conference of provincial premiers,  
 which will convene in that city to-mor-  
 row.

Mr. Pugsley is greatly improved in  
 health, and able to take up the work  
 of his department at once. He states  
 his conviction that a series of resolu-  
 tions similar to those passed at the  
 conference of 1887 will be passed and  
 that on that basis New Brunswick will  
 secure an additional annual subsidy of  
 \$100,000.

This will mean an increased annual  
 subsidy to all the provinces from the  
 federal treasury of about \$1,500,000.

In an interview tonight before his de-  
 parture for the ancient capital Mr.  
 Pugsley said:  
 "What I consider will be the result  
 of the conference of the premiers will  
 be that it will be decided to adopt the  
 same series of resolutions as was  
 passed at the meeting of the premiers  
 in 1887."

"The particular reason why the prov-  
 ince has every right to ask for an in-  
 crease in subsidies at the present time  
 is that at the time that the present  
 basis was established it was almost im-  
 possible to foresee that the expenses of  
 the provinces would increase to the ex-  
 tent they have. At the present time  
 great outlays have to be made for edu-  
 cation and public works, such as the  
 construction and maintenance of the  
 roads. According to the new basis that  
 will be submitted to the federal gov-  
 ernment New Brunswick will receive  
 an increase of \$100,000."

Premier Peters, of Prince Edward  
 Island, is also in the city. He says the  
 maritime delegation will fight against  
 a decrease of representation, which is  
 thoroughly opposed to the spirit, if not  
 the letter, of the terms of confeder-  
 ation. Especially is this the case with  
 Prince Edward Island.

### A MODERN ACHILLES

Only His Heel Was Vulnerable During  
 the Cold Snap.

(Cor. Bangor Commercial.)

For several years past a conspicuous  
 figure in the streets of the border  
 towns has been an aged resident of  
 the New Brunswick side of the harbor  
 who, in his palmy days had been a  
 school teacher, and who, although the  
 reputed possessor of wealth sufficient  
 to enable him to pass his days in com-  
 fort, elected to go about from place to  
 place in very tattered garments very  
 much diversified as to color. He had  
 no regular domicile, and where he  
 passed the greater portion of his  
 leisure hours remained very much a  
 mystery to all. During the coldest  
 days of last week this one time in-  
 structor of youth made his head-  
 quarters in an old camp in the woods,  
 near St. Andrews, and there, on Fri-  
 day he was discovered by a party of  
 hunters lying in a semi-unconscious  
 condition, and to all appearances more  
 than two-thirds frozen. He was car-  
 ried out to the nearest town and from  
 thence sent by rail to St. Stephen to  
 be placed in the Chipman hospital, as  
 it was generally supposed by all that  
 his legs were so badly frozen that it  
 would be necessary to amputate them;  
 but when the hospital attendants got  
 through the task of unwinding the  
 rags which enveloped the old gentle-  
 man's lower limbs they were very  
 much surprised to discover that the  
 only injury he sustained from his  
 night in the woods was a frozen heel.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

### TO ADVERTISERS!

Copy for Saturday's Issues of  
 the STAR must be sent in by Three-  
 Thirty O'Clock Friday Afternoons,  
 otherwise it is absolutely impossible to  
 ensure a change for that issue, as the  
 paper goes to press earlier on Satur-  
 days than on other days of the week.

### THE WESTERN EXTENSION.

The ferry boat Western Extension,  
 which is on the blocks at Sand Point,  
 has had a thorough overhauling. She  
 has new guards, new planking and  
 new flooring in both cabins. The ma-  
 chinery was thoroughly overhauled  
 by Engineer Parks, and he informed a  
 Sun man that it was in better condi-  
 tion than it had been for ten years.  
 Although she has not yet been exam-  
 ined by Inspector Olive, it is thought  
 she will be off the blocks on Monday.  
 There has been much talk of running  
 both ferry boats this winter, and the  
 principal objection raised was that the  
 Oungondy floated twelve inches lower  
 than the Western Extension. This  
 difficulty could be easily avoided by  
 putting a twelve inch false deck on  
 both ends of the Oungondy.

### WHY NOT ST. JOHN?

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Ald. Gallery,  
 M. P. of Montreal, was here today  
 and saw Hon. Mr. Blair in reference  
 to the free carriage of coal over the  
 I. C. R. from Nova Scotia points to  
 Montreal. This concession was allow-  
 ed to municipalities up to Nov. 15th,  
 but only Ottawa took advantage of  
 it. The matter was discussed in coun-  
 cil this afternoon, when it is said Mr.  
 Blair expressed himself as opposed to  
 the free transportation of coal, but  
 was willing to give a reasonable re-  
 duction in rates in coal for munici-  
 palities.

### DEATHS.

SINCLAIR.—In this city, after a short ill-  
 ness, Margaret E., daughter of the late  
 Peter and Eleanor Sinclair.  
 WALLACE.—Suddenly at Westfield on the  
 15th inst. Harry W. B. Wallace, son of  
 Charles Wallace of Greenwich, King-  
 county, aged 35 years.

WHITE.—Suddenly in this city, on the 15th  
 inst. George M. White, aged 65 years.  
 Leaving a widow and five children, four  
 sons and one daughter, to mourn their  
 very great loss.  
 MORAN.—In Somerville, Mass. on Dec. 16th,  
 David Moran, formerly of St. John, leav-  
 ing a wife and five children to mourn  
 their sad loss.

OUR STORES will be open till 10 p. m.  
 on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednes-  
 day, 20th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th. instant.

## Ladies' Raincoats.

In Silk Room, second floor:

LADIES' RAIN COATS, three-quar-  
 ter length, in Greys, Fawns and Mixed  
 Tweed effects.

These are English Tailor-made, and  
 very stylish. Prices \$9.75, \$10.00, \$11.50.

LADIES' UMBRELLAS. We sell  
 hundreds of Umbrellas every year as  
 Christmas gifts. This season will be  
 no exception to the rule—if variety,  
 style and value count for anything.

We have a splendid assortment to  
 select from.

All the newest handles are represent-  
 ed. The prices range from 50c. to \$10.00  
 each.

## A Great Big Bargain

In Little Boys' Fancy Reefers  
 and Overcoats.

For ages 2 to 6 years.

The Very Latest and Most Fashion-  
 able Shapes in Little Boys' Fancy  
 Overcoats.

Reduced to \$2.75 each, former price  
 \$5.50.

Nobby styles in Little Boys' Fancy  
 Reefers.

Reduced to \$2.50 each; former prices  
 \$4.25 to \$5.00.

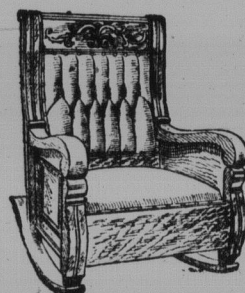
Every garment in this lot new this  
 winter.

This is just a clearing-up sale of all  
 our broken lines.

## Manchester Robertson & Allison

## Xmas Presents in Furniture.

This Solid Oak Rooker, Leather Seat For



\$20.



## DEATH OF W. S. COVERT.

For Many Years Rector of Grand Manan.

DIGBY, Dec. 17.—Rev. W. S. Covert passed peacefully to rest at his home, Warwick street, last night, aged 69 years. The deceased was born in New Brunswick and was for years rector at Grand Manan. Owing to ill health he gave up the parish about four years ago and moved to Digby, where he has since resided. He leaves a widow, five sons, Harry, barrister, of Sydney; Dr. Archibald, of Lakeville, Kings Co., N. S.; John and Daniel, of Cleveland, Ohio; George, of New York; and three daughters, Margaret, of Newton, Mass.; Julia and Jessie, who reside at home. His wife was a daughter of the late Hon. D. L. Hanington of Co. sister of Mr. Justice Hanington and A. H. Hanington, T. B. Hanington and Mrs. E. V. Godfrey, of St. John.

## FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 17.—Emery Sewell of Lincoln, Sunbury Co., is erecting a large and modern mill at Mauderville.

One of the oldest residents of York county passed away last night in the person of Mrs. James Stewart at the home of Lorenzo Yerra, Nashwaakisis. She was 83 years of age and the relic of the late James Stewart of Nashwaakisis. Death was due to general debility and old age. Only one relative survives, Mrs. Hugh Doherly.

Miss Vanwart, sister of Elisha Vanwart of St. Mary's Ferry, died suddenly this afternoon. Miss Vanwart complained soon after dinner of feeling unwell, and almost immediately expired. Dr. Crockett was telephoned for, but death came almost before the telephone message was complete.

Heart disease was the cause. The death occurred at Keswick Ridge yesterday of Jane, wife of Chas. McKean of that place. She had been ill for several days from congestion and her death was not expected. She was 71 years of age, and besides a husband, is survived by one son, Eupree McKean, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Coburn.

## GENERAL NOTES.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will not be able to occupy Marlborough House until the spring of 1910 on account of extensive repairs being undertaken.

Rev. Thomas H. Lewis has the rare distinction of being president of colleges at one time, the Western Maryland and the Adrian, of Adrian, Mich.

Athol has completed a survey for a cut off in New Mexico, which will shorten the distance between Kansas City and Los Angeles materially. Bids for the construction have been received and work will start in the very near future.

An American syndicate has presented a proposition to Chili to build a railroad across the Andes, at a cost of \$7,000,000, payable in five per cent. bonds.

Booker T. Washington, friend of President Roosevelt and president of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, of Tuskegee, Ala., has purchased a pair of Angora kids from Burton E. Moore, of Winsted, and will according to his letter to the local Angora company, experiment in raising that breed of goats in the South. He will start his farm at Tuskegee, where he already has a limited herd of other goats.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

## ENDOWMENT RANK.

Section No. 3419, Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, held its eighth annual meeting last evening in Caledon Hall, Germain street, with President LeB. Wilson in the chair. The report of the secretary showed a large gain in the membership, with prospects of a much larger gain during the coming term. The election of officers resulted as follows: G. O. McKee, P. C., president; Jas. H. Hayter, Vice; D. M. Manks, secretary. The retiring president, LeB. Wilson, thanked the members for past favors and stated that his successor was qualified in every way to properly perform the duties required of him, and looked for a very large gain in the membership. After speeches by the newly elected officers and J. M. Jenkins, W. T. G. Cosman and others, the meeting closed.

## WINTER PORT ITEMS.

The Elder-Dempster str. Montcalm is expected here this week from Bristol.

Str. Lake Erie of the Elder-Dempster line, from St. John, reached Liverpool yesterday.

Str. Manchester City, from this port, arrived at Manchester yesterday. Over 500 cats and two carloads of sheep for the str. Alcides reached St. John at 9 o'clock last night. They came over the L. C. R. and were brought here in 35 hours. The animals went over to Sand Point last night.

Twenty-five carloads of cattle for shipment by the Pretorian left Montreal at 11:10 yesterday morning, and they are expected here about midnight.

## A \$500,000 RAG PICKER.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Eli Hyman, an old Jewish rag picker, died tonight in the charity ward of the General Hospital, into which he had begged his way under the assumed name of Zolinski, representing himself as destitute.

The hospital authorities, on searching his clothes, found evidence in the lining of his vest certificates for \$50,000 in securities of the Canadian Permanent Loan Company, Western Assurance Company, and other Canadian financial corporations.

It is estimated that Hyman's yearly income from these investments was fully \$44,000.

## HELPFUL HUSBAND.

Cicero Moke—I came to tole yo, m'am, dat Lucy Brown, who done leabe yo yistidny, ain't gwine lib out no mo', 'kase she married me today.

Mrs. Hauskop—Indeed! Well? Cicero Moke—Well, I tought mebbe yo might let her do yo' washin'. I'm a dramma' up trade for her dis mornin'.

## COMPANIONSHIP.

After some thought that leaped life's journey, unto that lay night that broods afar, beyond the gleam of the remotest star, The night from whence we came and whither we flee.

A guilt of darkness and vacuity; Ultimate dread and doom of all that are, With which the throbbing pulses are at war, As a scared child affrighted by the sea.

With what a shuddering speed we seek The living contact of our own home-fire, Whose ruddy comfort bickers higher and higher, Round which the dear familiar faces stand, Clinging the warmth of reasuring hand, Happy to be aware of even pain!

## A FATAL FIRE.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Robert F. Owens' block, composed of stores on the first floor and of flats on the second and third floors, was badly damaged by fire this morning. Peter Fury, aged 80 years, was burned to death. The fire caught in his room and he perished before aid could reach him. Robert F. Owens and W. H. Hobbins were painfully burned, but escaped from the burning buildings. Total loss \$10,000, covered by insurance.

## NOVA SCOTIA ITEMS.

The lowest tender for the new court house at Kentville was that of Rhodes, Curry & Co. for \$16,000.

The boring for coal at Hantsport still continues. By Saturday night last a depth of 1,100 feet was expected to be reached.

The Lawrencetown Hustler will hush no more, having ceased publication last week.

The town of Liverpool, N. S., is installing an electric power plant of 1,000 horse power.

Amherst is bidding for the Henderson Larrigan business of Parrsboro. The manufacture of this concern was recently destroyed by fire, but it is to be re-established.

Annapolis is talking about celebrating her tercentury in 1904.

The schooner Walula, which was chartered to load lumber at Hantsport for Boston has abandoned the voyage. Owing to the severe weather she was unable to obtain cargo from the mills at Upper Palmouth. The schooner has proceeded to Parrsboro in ballast.

ALCOHOLISM CAN BE CURED. Rev. Father Quinlan's Opinion of the New Antidote.

The good points of this new discovery for the cure of the liquor habit, in my opinion, are the following:—First, it taken according to directions, it completely removes all craving for liquor in the short space of three days; its use for a longer time is intended only to build up the system. Second, it leaves no bad after-effects, but, on the contrary, aids in every way the health of the patient whilst freeing him from the desire for drink. Third, the patient may use it without interfering with his business or leaving his home. All other liquor cures I have heard of are costly, operate slowly, are doubtful as to effects, and often impair the health and constitution of the patient. I therefore look upon this remedy as a real boon, recommend it heartily to all concerned, and bespeak for it here in Montreal and elsewhere every success.—J. Quinlan, S.S., pastor of St. Patrick's, Montreal.

Full particulars of this new medicine mailed free to all applicants. Address Mr. Dixon, St. Willocks street, Toronto, Can.

## PERSONAL.

N. P. McLeod, of the Metropolitan Life who has been at his home in Fredericton for several weeks, returned to St. John today.

E. C. Ellison returned from Boston on the noon train today.

Misses Edith and Mollie Johnson expect to spend Christmas with Miss Margaret Fowler, St. John.—Calais News.

J. L. Brass, of Broad Cove, is in town.

W. C. H. Grimmer, of St. Stephen came to St. John today.

Mrs. J. G. Shewan and daughter leave for Montreal tonight to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays with Mr. Shewan's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Prescott of Albert are at the Dufferin.

Mrs. C. F. Harrison arrived from Toronto yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Call have returned to Newcastle after a visit to friends in this city.

The engagement of Miss Cecilia Dickie, daughter of the late Hon. J. B. Dickie, of Toronto, and Rev. J. S. Sutherland, of St. John's church, Halifax, is announced. The marriage is to take place in the spring. The Rev. J. S. Sutherland was for several years stationed at Sussex and is well known in St. John.

Prof. W. H. Clawson of the University of New Brunswick, returned home last night.

J. Roy Campbell arrived from Fredericton last night.

Miss E. A. McKee has returned to her home in Fredericton after a very pleasant visit to relatives in Boston and St. John.

Mrs. M. E. Cowan and family wish to express their gratitude to their friends for the kindness shown them in their recent bereavement.

P. L. Spicer, of Spencer's Island, is at the Dufferin.

J. N. Sutherland, of the C. P. R. is back from Montreal.

P. B. Carvell, Woodstock, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Carvell went to Sussex last evening to assist in preparing the report of the commission on the consolidation of the New Brunswick statutes.

A. B. Masse, of Fredericton, is staying at the Dufferin.

A. MacMichael, Toronto, vice-president of the James Robertson Company, is in town.

J. W. Smith and bride, of Halifax, are in the city on their wedding tour.

Miss Ethel MacKenzie and Miss Miriam Elliot of Pugwash, N. S., who were the guests of Miss Ethel Baird yesterday, left for Boston on the evening train.

J. E. Murphy, of Yarmouth, is at the Dufferin.

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

## COMMERCIAL.

DAILY QUOTATIONS.

Furnished by W. S. Barker, Banker and Broker.

Dec. 18, 1909.

	Cl.	Op.	Cl.	Op.	Cl.	Op.
Amal. Copper	55 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Am. Cotton Oil	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Am. Sugar Refn.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
A. T. and Santa F.	80 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
A. T. and S. O. ptd.	78 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Balt. and Ohio	91 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Brooklyn R. T.	82 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
Can. Pacific	125 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2
Ches. and Ohio	45 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
C. M. and St. Paul	109 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
C. and G. West	23 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
D. and N. O.	31 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
D. and R. G. ptd.	31 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Erie	31 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Gen. Electric	175	176	176	176	176	176
Ill. Central	141	142 1/2	142 1/2	142 1/2	142 1/2	142 1/2
Leiford and Nat. R.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Manhattan Ry.	144 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2
Met. Street Ry.	137 1/2	138 1/2	138 1/2	138 1/2	138 1/2	138 1/2
N. K. and N. O.	24 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
N. Y. Central	102 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
N. Y. O. and N. E.	150 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2
N. Y. and W. R.	27 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Norfolk and W.	69 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Pennsylvania R. R.	152 1/2	153 1/2	153 1/2	153 1/2	153 1/2	153 1/2
P. Gas L. and C.	60 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
Reading	81 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
Southern Ry.	60 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
Southern Ry.	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Texas and Pacific	38 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
Union Pacific	96 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
U. S. Pacific	11 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
U. S. Steel, com.	32 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
U. S. Steel, pfd.	31 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Wabash	26 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Wabash	26 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2

BANK OF ENGLAND.

## BANK OF ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Bank of England's rate of discount was quoted at 4 per cent. today.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decreased £483,000; circulation, increased £23,000; bullion, decreased £23,000; public deposits, decreased £23,000; government securities, decreased £23,000; the proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability this week is 44.69 per cent, as compared with 44.53 per cent. last week.

BREAK IN CORN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Bulls and bears of the Chicago board of trade had a sharp and decisive struggle over December corn today.

The buying at the opening here was for margin calls, and the so-called "blind pool," headed by Thomas A. Cleage of St. Louis, suffered a loss of \$100,000.

The market closed at 11 1/2 cents, a decrease of almost 6 cents during the day and showed a break of about 11 cents since earlier in the month. Mr. Markley declared that he would pay dollar for dollar, and that he probably will be ready for business tomorrow.

THE MONEY MARKET.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senator Dewey today introduced a bill authorizing the issuance of emergency currency by the treasury department. It provides that such currency shall be supplied to any national bank with a capital of not less than \$50,000, the amount of 50 per cent. of the bank's capital. The extra capital, however, is to be supplied only in case of emergency in the money market, and is to be used for the purpose of maintaining the commercial and business interests of the country.

BANK RATE ADVANCED.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 16.—The rate of discount of Bank of Bengal was today raised from four to five per cent.

COTTON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Cotton futures steady. Dec. 8 1/2; Jan. 8 1/2; Feb. 8 1/2; March 8 1/2; April 8 1/2; May 8 1/2; June 8 1/2; July 8 1/2; Aug. 8 1/2; Oct. 8 1/2; Nov. 8 1/2.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Wall street. The local stocks followed the lead of the London market for Americans and sharp gains were general.

The buying at the opening here was on a very large scale and included round amounts of St. Paul, the Pacifics, Atchafalpa, Reading, and U. S. Steel. The last named sold at 34 1/2 to 35 1/2, with 6,000 shares changing hands.

Advanced ranged quite generally from 1 to 1 1/2 in the speculative favorites, and to 2 points in St. Paul. There were sales of 10,000 shares of Southern Pacific at 61 1/2 and 62. The stock closed last night at 60 1/2.

STOCK MARKET ADVANCED.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

S. S. Orinoco, 2,151, Bole, from West Indies.

Countess—Sch. Alph. B. Parker, 46, Out-house, from Tiverton, N. S.

Sch. Thistle, 127, Finlay, for New York.

Sch. I. N. Parker, 97, Gale, for New Haven.

Countess—Sch. Alph. B. Parker, 46, Out-house, for Tiverton.

Sch. 15, Wooster, for Grand Harbor.

Sch. Dreadnaught, 8, Green, for Grand Harbor.

Dr. Petrick and wife, of P. E. I., guests of Rev. W. H. Sampson, of the West End, left for Montreal yesterday.

Dr. Petrick is a brother-in-law to Rev. W. H. Sampson and is employed by the government to examine the cattle coming across the U. S. border.

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## NEWFOUNDLAND.

New England Fishing Interests Will Fight the Reciprocity Treaty.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—A large delegation, representing the fishing interests of Gloucester, Provincetown and Maine ports left for Washington today to make an emphatic protest before the committee on foreign affairs of the United States senate against the ratification of the so-called Bond-Hay treaty between the United States and Newfoundland. The hearing before the committee is to begin tomorrow. Before the treaty can become operative it must be ratified by a two-third vote in the senate.

The city of Gloucester, especially, is intensely agitated over the whole matter, and has succeeded in stirring up outside fishing interests. Hon. A. P. Gardner, congressman from the Gloucester district, who is a son-in-law of United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, is working hard among the senators at Washington to get them to kill the treaty. Tomorrow he will be reinforced by W. H. Jordan, collector of customs, Hon. Sylvanus Smith, Charles H. Pew and other Gloucester men. The Master Mariners' Association of Gloucester have also appointed a committee to represent them at the hearing, and at a special meeting yesterday adopted the following resolutions:

"We most earnestly protest against the ratification by the United States senate of the proposed treaty. There can be but one result, should the treaty be ratified. It means practically the total annihilation of New England fishing as well as the fishing of the United States. It would seem that before a treaty was made it would have been only fair to have consulted the people directly concerned and vitally interested in the matter. It has always been the policy of this government in common with many others to foster the fishing, which this treaty, if carried into effect, will destroy. We fail to see what section of this country is to be benefited to any considerable extent by the proposed treaty, and even if it was so, it certainly is not an act of justice to sacrifice one interest to benefit another."

In Boston fishing circles such alarm as exists in Gloucester is not ground, and the prediction is freely made that the treaty will not muster sufficient votes in the senate to become operative.

## DR. PARKIN.

MT. ALLISON UNIVERSITY, Sackville, Dec. 17.—Dr. Parkin is expected here tomorrow on his way back from Newfoundland. In the afternoon there will be a gathering of representatives of the provincial colleges and of the board of education to discuss with Dr. Parkin the problems in regard to the Rhodes scholarships. The meeting will be held in the University Residence. There are expected from New Brunswick, Dr. Inch, superintendent of education, and Chancellor Harrison of the provincial university; from Nova Scotia, Dr. Mackay, superintendent of education, President Willett of King's College, Prof. Keirstead of Acadia, and Dr. Forest of Dalhousie; from P. E. Island, Dr. Anderson, superintendent of education, is to be expected. Mt. Allison will be represented by Dr. Allison.

## NEWFOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 17.—Edward P. Morris, a member without portfolio of the colonial ministry, has been appointed minister of justice in Premier Borden's cabinet in succession to W. H. Horwood, who has been appointed chief justice.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 17.—The Allan line str. Siberian arrived today from Liverpool. She encountered furious gales, which swept her decks and smashed her lifeboats.

Three schooners, with crews aggregating 23 men, are missing. As these vessels were not reported by the Siberian, the government has despatched a tug in search of them. Fears are entertained that they have been lost in the gales of the past fortnight.

## RECENT DEATHS.

Miss VanWart, sister of Elisha VanWart, of St. Mary's Ferry, died yesterday afternoon. Heart disease was the cause. Deceased resided with her brother at St. Mary's for many years.

One of the oldest residents of York county passed away Tuesday night in the person of Mrs. Anne S. Steward at the home of Lorenzo Yerra, Nashwaakisis. Mrs. Steward was 83 years of age and a relic of the late James Steward of Nashwaakisis.

The death took place Tuesday night at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Lawrence White, Amherst Highlands, of Thomas Keefe, aged 58 years. The deceased was born in Sydney, C. B., but for the last twenty years had worked in Acadia Mines and Londonderry.

## TWO FREDERICTON MEN.

Friends in Fredericton are in receipt of a letter from Arthur Limerick, who was expected home for Christmas. Arthur had secured his discharge from The Transvaal Reserve and was then at Capetown. He was about to take passage in a steamer for Buenos Ayres, South America, and does not expect to be home for a year at least. Roy Limerick has a lucrative position with a well known oil firm in Port Arthur, Texas, and is doing well.

## TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

WANTED—An experienced dining room girl at once. Apply at the LANDSOWN HOUSE, south side King Square, No. 40.

## MARRIAGES.

BEDELL-RITCHIE.—In Trinity church, at Canterbury Station, 11th inst., by the Rev. Joseph E. Flewelling, rector of Canterbury, Bede to Ida C., only daughter of Andrew and Eliza Ritchie, both of Andover.

## DIED.

DIXON.—On Dec. 11th, of pneumonia, Gordon S., fourth son of Scott and Isabella Dixon, aged five months and three weeks. Funeral from his father's residence, Sandy Point road, on Tuesday, at 2:30 p. m.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Have in stock and daily receiving additions to their line of Watches, Fine Jewelry, Gold Silver and Silver Plated Goods, Cases of Pearl Handle Desert and Fish Baiting knives and Forks, Carving Sets, etc.

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In order to make a speedy clearance, we have reduced our entire stock of

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**THE WEATHER.**

The highest temperature today was 35; the lowest was 30. The temperature at noon was 34. The wind at noon was southwest, with a velocity of four miles per hour.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Fresh, southwesterly and westerly winds; cloudy, with light local snow. Friday, fresh, westerly winds; fair and continued mild.

Synopsis.—A series of low areas have been passing eastward across the northern portion of the Gulf, but at present there is no indication of any very important disturbance. The weather is mild throughout the dominion. Winds during today and Friday are likely to be fresh to strong both between Nova Scotia and the Banks and to United States ports.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Toys as low as 10 cents a dozen at McLean's, 565 Main and 14 Dock streets.

This is Frank Higgins's Christmas. But for the zealous labors of D. Mullin, K. C., the youth would have been hanged today.

Miss H. Robertson, 244 King street, east, left for Halifax this morning, where she will spend the winter with Mrs. H. D. Blackadar.

Tonight five hundred 25 cent books (two for a quarter. For boys, girls and children. Morrell & Sutherland.

S. Z. Dickson, country market, is receiving today Christmas beef and poultry from the west. Among the beef is a magnificent steer that won the silver cup at the Guelph fat stock show.

The retail stores of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., will be open till ten o'clock on Saturday, the 20th; Monday, the 22nd, and Tuesday the 23rd, and till eleven o'clock Wednesday, the 24th inst.

D. McArthur has opened up a big showroom up stairs for Christmas goods, and has added to his stock over \$1,000 worth of samples in dolls and fancy goods, which are offered at half the regular price. Great chance for Christmas bargains.

**POLICE COURT.**

Six Months for Begging—That Dog Fight Cost Ten.

William Colwell foolishly deserted the peaceful atmosphere of Gondola Point, and came to the city only to fall a victim to the snares laid for the unwary. He indulged too freely, but had not time to finish the big bottle which ornamented his hip pocket. There was quite a lot of liquor left in the bottle, but William will never smile again from it. He was arrested on Charlotte street between six and seven o'clock and this morning paid two dollars for his fun.

John Cain, who was arrested for begging from house to house on Waterloo street, was sentenced to six months. Orlan Weatherall addressed the court. He said in part: "Sir—Your honor, I am a peaceful man and try to go through the world without trouble, but I don't lay out to be a punching bag for no man. On Tuesday my dog and Hazen Campbell's got into a scrap on the Carleton floats and I was trying to get them separated. Mr. Campbell hissed them on and I kicked his dog in the ribs. Then he hit me on the face once, and twice on the side, and then on the eye. Isn't that true Mr. Campbell?"

"It is, Mr. Weatherall," said Mr. Campbell.

And the court imposed a fine of ten dollars.

**WEST INDIA BOAT.**

Orinoco Arrives With Cargo of Sugar—Will Berth at Sand Point.

The West India steamer Orinoco arrived off the island sometime last night. She was examined by Dr. March this morning and will probably come up the harbor this afternoon. The Orinoco has on board 600 tons of sugar, which will be sent to Western points via the C. P. R. Consequent to strong requests from the railroad people arrangements have been made for the Orinoco to have the use of No. 1 berth at Sand Point for the discharge of her cargo. This berth is allotted to the Manchester boats, none of which are in port at present. It is probable that the cargo of sugar will be unloaded from the ship to the cars as the piling of raw sugar in the warehouse would not produce results beneficial to dry goods which might subsequently be stored there.

**CHARGE AGAINST POLICEMAN.**

A matter which is creating some little interest in police circles is a charge made against Officer Marshall by Isaac Komlensky, of Mill street, yesterday, when Joseph Saxe, a clerk in Komlensky's shop was reported for working in the city without a license. It was stated that Marshall had gone into Komlensky's several times and demanded a Christmas present. When this was refused he threatened to report Saxe and later on carried out his threat. The case was to have come up in court this morning, but was postponed until tomorrow. Marshall emphatically denies the charge made against him.

**N. B. HOCKEY LEAGUE.**

A meeting of representatives from the principle hockey clubs of New Brunswick will be held in the rooms of the Neptune Rowing Club tomorrow evening to arrange for a provincial hockey league. Delegates will be present from St. Stephen, Fredericton, Marysville and the various clubs of St. John.

**THE FISH MARKET.**

The weather has again prevented fishermen from doing very much and as a result all kinds of fish are still rather scarce. Today's quotations are: halibut, fifteen cents per pound; cod and haddock, five cents per pound; cod aback, eight to ten cents per pound; smelts, eight cents to ten cents per pound; pickered, six cents per pound; frozen herring, twenty cents per doz.

**OPENING OF VICTORIA RINK POSTPONED.**

On account of the continued mild weather the opening of Victoria rink has been postponed until Tuesday evening next, 23rd inst.

**THE FUN BEGINS.****John the Greek and Chris Nichols Have a Slight Disagreement.**

In the transfer of passengers from the Lake Champlain from the C. P. R. to the I. C. R. last evening the latter road agreed to pay the expenses of moving the baggage from Sand Point to the depot. Among the passengers was a boy bound for Montreal, who had no money. A subscription was taken among his friends and a ticket purchased for him. While at the depot he was approached by Chris Nichols, who demanded from him fifty cents for baggage transfer. The boy said he had no money and Chris took his satchel to keep until the money was forthcoming. The boy then appealed to John the Greek who started on the warpath and succeeded in locating the satchel in the baggage room. He was on the point of returning it to the boy when Chris appeared on the scene and "wanted to know what he was doing." John told him and Chris demanded the satchel. "De gouvernement wants fifty cents an' I am de gouvernement. You will pay to me dose fifty cents or give me de satchel." John declined. This morning he told the remainder of the story. "Says I to him you go away and on top of you mit yourself you jump. Go away and sit down back. An' den he tried from me to take dose satchel, but I laff and Chris go twirlin' round and round and I soak him mit de satchel one, two tree time. After he pick himself up I vas mit de boy an' de satchel join' to de train an' Chris come along behind an' grab my coat on de tail. I never see vat he does, I never hear him talk but I s'vings round' let's him have it fair in de nose. Look at my knee Saxe sit me. Den he go to de policeman for have me arrested but de policeman tell him do de same thing as I say, 'Go an' sit himself down away over back.'"

**LOW FREIGHTS.**

Rate in Deal is Lowest in History of Shipping of This Port.

The charter made here the other day by a steamer to load deals for the West Coast of England at 30 shillings a standard, is the low water mark for deal freights in this part. Last year the prevailing rate was 60 shillings for tramps and the average since 1889 when as high as 70 shillings was given, has been about 42 shillings. This, of course, is for tramp boats, which allow a shipper to send to any port and to fill the ship with his own lumber. Liners which only run to stated ports and only carry deal when sufficient cargo to load is not obtainable, have always obtained lower rates.

The cause of this unprecedented condition is a surplus of tonnage, coupled with the shortage in grain coming to this port for shipment, contrary to expectation, so that the ships coming here take anything they can get, even deal at 30 shillings, which makes an unprofitable cargo. Other freights are also lowered by the same causes.

**BURIED TODAY.**

The funeral of the late Miss Margaret E. Sinclair was held at half past two o'clock this afternoon from her late home at 177 Leinster street. Services were conducted by Rev. L. G. McNeill and Rev. D. J. Fraser and the body interred in Fernhill.

This forenoon at eleven o'clock the funeral of the late William J. White was held from his late residence on Adelaide Road to Cedar Hill cemetery. The service was conducted by members of the Adventist congregation.

This morning the body of the late William H. B. Wallace was taken to Brown's Flat for interment. Services were conducted at his late home 139 Victoria street last evening.

**SKATERS RETURN.**

The steamer St. Croix arrived from Boston this morning after a rough passage. Among her passengers were Mike Walsh and Ned Dalton, who have been in the city since their return from South Africa. Their return to St. John on the day of the opening of Victoria Ring is a happy augury for the booming of racing around the old circle this winter.

Two ladies had to seek refuge in the men's waiting room in the east side ferry station yesterday afternoon. The ladies' room was colder than a barn. Last evening no light was burning in the hall that gives access to the floats.

**Special at ARNOLD'S.**

JUST RECEIVED:  
About 300 new art calendars for 1903, a sample lot, worth 10c. to \$1.50 each; our prices 4c. to 75c. each.

Also about three cases of other goods at about half price.

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**CURRIE OPEN BUSINESS DAY & NIGHT UNIVERSITY 29 CANTERBURY ST.****HURT AT I. C. R. PIER.****Thomas Farren Dangerously Injured by Falling Freight on S. S. Oriana.**

Thomas Farren of the North End, a laborer, employed at the I. C. R. terminal pier was seriously and perhaps fatally injured this morning while assisting in the loading of the steamer Oriana.

He was standing in the hold under a hatch through which flour was being loaded. As a sling with several heavy bags was descending, Farren went to jump backwards out of the way, his head struck a piece of projecting timber and he fell right under the lowering mass which fell on him with fearful force. As soon as the bags could be removed from his body Dr. T. E. Morris was summoned and found the man suffering from a comminuted fracture of the left leg between the knee and the ankle and from severe internal injuries about the abdomen. It is from these injuries that the doctor fears mortal results.

After applying primary treatment Dr. Morris had the ambulance sent for. When it arrived after the usual annoying delay, the injured man was taken to his home on Paradise Row where he resides with his mother. He is about 45 years old and unmarried.

**BE THOU THE ORPHANS' HELPER.**

There should be a crowded house at the York Theatre tomorrow evening to hear the Artillery Band concert in aid of the Protestant Orphan Asylum.

Following is the programme:

1. March—Sons of Liberty T. H. Loscy
2. Selection—Bohemian Girl Halfe
3. Song—Even Bravest Hearts Must Fail D. B. Pidgeon
4. Vocal Waltz—Times Gone Bye T. W. Horsman
5. Selection—The Swan Song T. W. Horsman
6. Selection—Reminiscences of Scotland St. Andrew's Church Male Quartette
7. Song—Love's Trinity De Koven
8. Reading—From the Habitant Rev. J. A. Morison Ph. D.
9. Waltz—Schwebenden Geister (Ariel Spirits) 2nd Regt. G. A. Band
10. Selection—Don Yo Cry Ma Honey St. Andrew's Church Male Quartette
11. Song—The Sword of Ferrara A. C. Ritchie F. F. Bullard
12. Selection—A Night in Berlin J. Hartmann (Fantasia on German airs.) 2nd Regt. G. A. Band

**THE SALE OF PILSENER.**

Its Prohibition Has Hit the Beer Shops Hard.

The order prohibiting the sale of Pilsener beer in beer shops went into effect on Monday last and those who hold licenses are now beginning to feel the effects of the measure. The sale of Pilsener was brisk at almost all seasons of the year and now it is said to be impossible to procure it anywhere excepting in a saloon. On this account the beer sellers are losing a lot of business while the sale of the liquor dealers has not materially increased.

At first the beer licensees were unwilling to believe that the sale of Pilsener was prohibited and many of them called at the inspector's office to obtain further information. They were told decidedly that no more Pilsener should be sold outside of licensed saloons after Monday, and no time was granted for the disposal of the stock then on hand. This caused considerable dissatisfaction, but so far as can be ascertained the order has been complied with. The beer sellers naturally feel somewhat indignant over the step which has been taken.

**GUESS AGAIN.**

The Telegraph this morning published a fairy tale about a tub of butter being stolen by a lady from a man in the country market, and made the awful threat that unless the butter were returned the matter might be aired in the police court. The butter was not stolen, but was bought and paid for by the lady who took it. The man who originally owned the butter was standing in the market when a lady priced it. Then it was weighed and she paid for it. Later on, while the countryman was away she came back and took her purchase, and the countryman, returning, imagined it had been stolen. The Telegraph has another guess.

**EVERYTHING THAT'S SWEET.**

At this season of the year every person indulges in candy. The store of Leonard at 173 Water street, offers special inducements to Xmas shoppers. Beginning today fresh candies can be purchased there at very special prices. And goods that ought to tempt any purchaser are splendidly shown.

**CHRISTMAS FRUIT.**

J. F. Estabrook & Son have a complete stock of all kinds of fruit for the Christmas trade, and are receiving daily consignments. They are prepared to supply the retail trade with the best qualities of Almeria grapes, figs, prunes, dates, California Navel, Jamaica, Valencia, and Florida oranges, and fancy Northern Spy apples.

**MARKET ROOF LEAKS.**

The people who spend their days in the country market know all about leaks. The roof is full of them, and on a day like yesterday, and a night like night before last, their voices go up as the water trickles down. The building needs a new roof, and it is declared that patching would only be a waste of good money.

**A NEW MILL.**

Emery Sewell, of Lincoln, says the Gleaner, is erecting a large and modern mill at Maudgerville. Mr. Sewell has purchased the machinery of the Fraser mill at Covered Bridge, and has moved it to Maudgerville. The work of construction of the mill is well under way and the machinery will be placed in as soon as possible. Sawing will not be commenced, however, until spring.

Mrs. Malcolm McKay arrived on the Boston express today.

15c. and 25c.

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To-night at 7 o'clock as a leader for the opening of the

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**McARTHUR'S BOOKSTORE, 84 KING STREET.****Christmas Bargains**

Fancy Cups and Saucers, 5 cents up.  
Elegant Berry Sets, 45 cents.  
65 cent Table Sets for 45 cents.  
Parlor Lamps, 65 cents, \$1.75, \$2.40.  
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BRIAR PIPES with and without cases.  
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Fruit Sets, 35 Cents Each.  
Cake Plates, 15 Cents Each.

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If you wish your Christmas money to do the most good and be the most highly appreciated, make your purchases at my store.

**REVERDY STEEVES,**

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**FIRE IN CHARLOTTETOWN.**

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 17.—The Charlottetown market house was burned down this morning. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is \$10,000; insurance, \$5,000. Three bands

having rooms in the building lost instruments valued at \$1,300.

Alwives have advanced 25 cents in the last ten days and are expected to go higher.—Halifax Chronicle.

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