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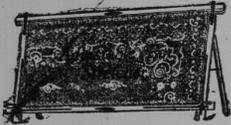
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Ladies' Suits, Made to Order, A Specialty.

We wish ladies to call and inspect our goods before buying, as in quality and price we can compare favorably with any other house.

EQUITY COURT.

The Morrell and Sutherland Case Again— Sheriff Ritchie Appointed as an Additional Assignee.

Four cases were heard before Judge Barker in the equity court this morning, among them being the case of Gault Bros. v. Morrell & Sutherland. Davidson v. Ferguson summons ordered for discovery, stands till next court. L. A. Currey appeared for the plaintiff and M. G. Teed for defendant. In Jardine et al v. Munde et al, M. G. Teed moved that the injunction formerly obtained be continued. Order made to that effect.

H. H. Trueman petitioned that Mary Elizabeth Hatfield, an infant, have her name changed to Britain and be adopted by Mr. Britain of Kings county. Petition granted.

In the case of Gault Bros. Co., Ltd. v. Morrell & Sutherland, M. G. Teed, K. C., moved that an order be given to vest firm taken and a receiver be appointed.

J. B. M. Baxter for Morrell & Sutherland, said that he did not see the need of a receiver and thought the business of the firm should be closed up as rapidly as possible to prevent loss on account of the depreciation in value of goods if not sold this season. But the first matter to be settled was to who were the assignees. He proceeded to argue that the ruling of Mr. Wilson at the creditors' meeting was illegal.

Judge Barker ruled that as the matter had not come before the court he could not decide it.

A. I. Trueman said that under the act the judge had power to appoint an additional assignee, and as all would agree to his appointing Sheriff Ritchie to act with Messrs. Roach and Som-

erville, he suggested that this be done. There was a good deal of discussion in regard to the inspector, Messrs. Hanington and Teed, Mr. Baxter could not see the necessity of incurring the additional expense of two inspectors, especially as they were not dry goods men. C. S. Hanington took exception to this and stated that he had had two years experience in the dry goods business. J. King Kelley thought the inspectors could be dispensed with as two of the assignees, Messrs. Sommerville and Roach, were experienced dry goods men. Judge Barker said that the only thing he could do was to appoint Sheriff Ritchie an additional assignee, and trust to the good sense of the Messrs. Foster and the experience and good sense of Mr. Hanington to cause as little friction as possible in the capacity of inspectors.

The subscription price of the Daily Star has been reduced for subscribers receiving it by mail to \$4.00 a year, cash in advance.

Senator Menefee, of the Oklahoma legislature, spent some of his boyhood days among Indians. His father died when he was eight years old and the child was adopted by Fastrunner, a chief of the Caddos, with whom he lived for about seven years. In that time he became one of the most expert bareback riders in the Wichita mountain country. He also was famous as a bear hunter. One leaving the Caddos he went to school in Virginia for three years. Mr. Menefee is a successful hardware dealer, his place of business being located in Fort Cobb. His father-father, Fastrunner, is still alive.

All advertisers who desire to cover the maritime provinces must use the paper that is read in the homes of the people.—The Sun covers the field.

St. John, N. B., March 3rd, 1905.

MEN'S PANTS, Special Values

We have specially good values in Men's Pants just now. Many lines marked below actual cost to clear. These, with other spring stock which has just arrived, makes a very attractive lot of

Men's Pants, \$1.00 to \$4.50 for work or Sunday wear, See our Specials at \$1.50, \$1.85, \$2.00.

J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothier, 199 and 201 Union St.

CZAR INSULTS AND THEN IMPLORES.

Says No to Just Demands of Workmen.

And Then Appeals to Them to Stand by Him and Russia in Hour of Danger.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 3.—The workmen's demands that the government pledge itself to release the 5,000 workmen who have been arrested since January 22, and engage that the members of the mixed commission should have absolute freedom of speech and immunity of arrest on account of expression of opinions and that the proceeding of the commission should be published uncensored, have been rejected by the government, as expected. Those who attended in the people's palace today, in accordance with yesterday's agreement found in defence of the people closed and on the walls a notice placarded signed by M. Schiolofsky, president of the mixed commission giving an evasive reply in regard to the liberty of speech during the sessions of the commission, while all the other demands of the workmen were negatived on the ground that he was not competent to give the guarantee required, as the questions were outside his sphere.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 3.—The text of the imperial manifesto published by the Official Messenger to-day, calling on the country to rally round the throne in defence of the empire from its internal enemies is in part as follows: "An insupportable Providence has been pleased to visit our fatherland with heavy trials. A bloody war in the Far East involving the honor of Russia and the command of the waters of the Pacific ocean so urgently necessary to the conclusion of the peaceful prosperity not only of our own, but of other Christian nations throughout ages has imposed a great strain on the strength of the Russian people and has swallowed up many dear victims near to our heart. While the glorious sons of Russia are fighting with such heroic bravery, risking their lives for their faith, for their emperor and for their country, disturbances have broken out in our own lands to the joy of our enemies and our own deep sorrow. "Thinking unceasingly of the welfare of our people and firmly trusting that God will give us victory, I, honestly and conscientiously have a care in accord with ourselves for every affair of state."

MRS. STANFORD'S MURDERER Chinese Cook Suspected of Giving Strychnine to the Celebrated American Lady Killed in Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 3.—The Call published a despatch from Honolulu, which says that Miss Bertha Berner, who was Mrs. Stanford's secretary, has named Ah Wing, a Chinese cook, who has been employed at Mrs. Stanford's home for over twenty years, as the one whom she suspects of putting the strychnine in the bicarbonate of soda. Ah Wing with some other Chinese in the employ of Mrs. Stanford, is now confined in the Stanford mansion on California street by private detectives and are not allowed to leave the house.

Besides Ah Wing, there are two other Chinese servants and the housekeeper at present in the house. Since the announcement was made that strychnine had been found in the bottle of bicarbonate, detectives have made careful search of Mrs. Stanford's California street home and her place at Palo Alto. At both they have found a one-pound can of imported bicarbonate of soda. The can at the Palo Alto house had not been opened, but from the one discovered at the California street mansion, there had been taken a small portion, presumably the amount needed to fill the small bottle signed Mrs. Stanford carried with her to Honolulu. Both of these cans have been analyzed by a local chemist, who has pronounced their contents absolutely free from any kind of poison. The detectives are now eager to discover who refilled the small bottle and possibly mixed the bicarbonate of soda with strychnine.

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WANTED—A capable girl for general house work, small family. Apply to MRS. GEO. F. CALKIN, 92 Waterloo street.

WANTED—A few men of character, with ability and good address to represent a leading Life Insurance Co. A good opportunity to a live active man. Address AGENT, Star Office.

LOST—On King Street East, a leather coat with white ribbon. Please leave at Star office.

MILLION MEN BATTLE TODAY

Greatest Fight of War Now On—Japs are Gaining—Port Arthur Veterans in The Van.

GEN. OKU'S HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 28.—(Delayed in transmission)—The Russians have been very active for several days evidently expecting the Japanese to move. That portion of the Japanese force lying west of the railway has been continuously bombarded night and day with heavy guns as well as field guns. The left wing, following the example of the extreme right, moved forward, driving the outpost and occupying a line running from Shotzenmuller to Kalama on the east bank of the Liao River, twelve miles north of the Shakhe River. This completely blocked any attempt of the Russians to turn the Japanese left.

It is probable that the commencement of a general battle is only a matter of hours. The Russians are spending the days heavily bombarding the Japanese lines and at night making small attacks on many points, sending out detachments of one or two companies. All the attacks are easily repulsed by the Japanese, who are suffering no serious loss. The most serious attack occurred last night when five companies of Russian infantry desperately assaulted Lamting, which has been attacked a score of times since the battle of Shakhe. After a desperate fight lasting one hour and a half the Russians were repulsed. They left behind sixty dead and some prisoners. A severe bombardment is continuing today, the Russians using additional heavy guns but firing blindly, the Japanese responding lightly. There is every evidence that both sides are preparing for a battle, likely to prove the battle of the war. Probably fully a million men will be ready to move when the battle is joined.

GEN. OKU'S HEADQUARTERS, Mar. 1.—30 a. m., via Fusan.—(Delayed in transmission)—The Japanese are swinging north, taking position on the main force with the troops this morning on the east bank of the river have advanced under cover of a heavy fire from Onchan and neighboring villages, reaching a point one hundred metres from the Russian trenches. They are now holding the position awaiting a favorable opportunity to attack it.

RUSSIAN GUNS SILENCED. GENERAL OKU'S HEADQUARTERS, via Fusan, Mar. 2.—The Japanese this morning opened a terrific bombardment along the entire line, using enormous guns, the heaviest yet employed. The Japanese fire was directed against the Russian defences of the villages on both sides of the river and great damage was done. One hundred guns of all sizes took part in the bombardment. The Russian guns were quiet for the first time in months. Evidently they were unable to respond.

BATTLE FAVORS JAPS.

GENERAL KUROKI'S HEADQUARTERS, Mar. 2, via Fusan.—The battle is progressing favorably for the Japanese, although a snowstorm is higher in the hills beyond. The Japanese right forces, pushing forward under cover of the night, gained Ofurei and Taku Mountain, surprising the Russians and capturing them in their opposition. At Ofurei, the Japanese found Russians occupying the trenches on the hill. They attacked on both sides and captured sixty Russians. They were dressed in ragged clothes and looked as if they had been leading a hard life. The Japanese forces west of Waito Mountain took advanced positions close to the river during the night.

A tremendous bombardment is being carried on today. Great clouds of smoke are ascending from the hills where the Japanese fire is directed.

Representative Beldler, of Ohio, was wondering why there would be anything for his district in the river and harbor bill. "Not a dollar," said Chairman Burton, of the committee on rivers and harbor. "Well, I must say," remarked Beldler ruefully, "you are about as candid as a Cincinnati friend of mine. He borrowed \$1,000 from an acquaintance and next day he failed, with a long list of preferred creditors. You're a fine friend," said the lender to the borrower. "Here you have my \$1,000 and I am not even in the list of preferred creditors." "Oh, that's all right, old man," answered the borrower. "You know now that you won't get anything, and the others won't know it for two years."

"Why suffer from toothache when Gibbons' Toothache Gum will afford instant relief. Price 10c.

LAURIER MAY COMPROMISE.

Friends Trying to Get Sifton Back.

And Premier May Amend the Autonomy Bill So He Can Withdraw His Resignation

(Special to the Star.) OTTAWA, Ont., March 3.—There is no apparent change this morning in the cabinet crisis. Pressure stronger than ever is being brought to bear on both Sifton and Laurier to come together on compromise ground, and some members are confident the minister of the interior will be back again in the fold. A regular general election being four years away the bulk of Liberal representatives will not let any more matter of principle interfere with their possession of the flesh-pots of Egypt. As a French Liberal senator remarked yesterday in the Russell "What we have we will hold."

GIGANTIC DRUG TRUST.

Big Combine Unearthed Which Has Been Robbing the Public of Forty Million Dollars Yearly.

CHICAGO, Mar. 3.—Existence of a gigantic combine controlling the drug trade of the United States and costing the consumers \$40,000,000 annually, is held to have been proved by the hearing just concluded before special United States Commissioner Marshall E. Sampson. The amount of business controlled by the combination is placed at \$40,000,000 yearly. The evidence taken before Commissioner Sampson is said to be so conclusive that it probably will be placed in the hands of U. S. Attorney General Moody for prosecution on the part of the government. The fight against the combination is being made by a large retail druggist at Philadelphia, who is suing for \$100,000 damages, under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. The action was begun in the circuit court of Philadelphia and the most important evidence obtained is that given at the preliminary hearing.

A NEW PUZZLE.

How Old Will Ed. O'Brien Be When He is Arrested Next Time—Figure It Out.

There has been much speculation, to say nothing of vain calculations, as to Ann's age, but here is a poser that the more matter of fact every day hard working man can figure out at his leisure, if he has any. On Nov. 16th last Edward O'Brien was arrested on King street for being drunk. He gave his age as 50. Yesterday he was arrested again and insisted he was 60 years old. The problem therefore is how old will Edward be when he is next locked up? So that all will start fair on this problem, it might be as well to state that Edward cannot be arrested for two months, as he has gone to jail for that time in default of a payment of eight dollars.

James Timiney, 55 years of age, kicked up a lively row in the I. C. R. depot yesterday afternoon, for which he goes to jail for two months. Timiney persisted in insulting passengers and it is said at one time drew a knife. Acting Magistrate Henderson, in default of eight dollars.

We sell 4 for 25c. of all the leading cigars, including Japs, Bostons, Chamberlains, Marguerite, 9 lbs. Oatmeal for 25c. Best Canned Peas, only 7c. a can. Best Canned Corn, only 9c. a can. Tomatoes, 10c. a can. A regular 15c. bottle of Tomato Catsup for 5c. A 25c. pall of Jam for 35c. Tobacco from 35c. a lb. up. 2 bottles of Barker's Liniment for 25c. at

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Carpets.

Too much cannot be said of our Carpet Department. The patterns are prettier than ever. The qualities higher. Everything that can add to artistic appearance and yet combine superb wearing qualities is the story of these carpets. Our Low Prices are emphatic. Your carpet dollars will do double duty here. Pick your pattern now and we will store it until required.

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WOOL CARPETS, 80c and 85c yard.
HEMP CARPETS, 13c, 16c, 17c, 18c, 22c, 25c yard.
FANCY MATS AND RUGS, 25c, 40c, 50c, 80c, \$1.20, \$1.75 Each.
STAIR CARPET, 10c to 60c yard.

SHARP & McMACKIN 335 Main St., North End.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Moderate west to northwest winds; fine today and on Saturday; not much frost. Synopsis—A disturbance is this morning situated near Bermuda, but it is unlikely to affect the Maritime Provinces. To Banks and American ports, moderate west to northwest winds. Highest temperature during past 24 hours, 25; lowest temperature during past 24 hours, 13; temperature at noon, 25.

THIS EVENING.

Fiske Stock Company at the Opera House. Carnival at Victoria Rink. Concert in St. Andrew's church. Rothesay v. U. N. B. hockey team at Queens Rink.

No more powerful agency has ever been infused into the business world than that which we now call advertising.—The Buyer. Livering sentence, remarked that if Timiney escaped from the jail gang, which was seemingly not difficult, his loss would not be felt.

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Sale starts Saturday evening at 7.30 and continues each evening until the entire stock is sold.

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MINUDIE COAL. For Grates or Cooking Stove you cannot get a better coal here.

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BROAD COVE COAL. Delivered to any address. Maritime Corn Meal & Feed Mills.

COAL! The kind you want for this cold weather is STEWACK.

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LAUNDRY! Family Washing, 30c, 50c, and 75c per dozen.

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AT VLADIVOSTOK.

The reported appearance of a Japanese cruiser accompanied by a flotilla of torpedo boats of the harbor of Vladivostok, together with the reported massing of troops, Russian as well as Japanese, on either side of the River Tumen, which is on the northeastern boundary between Korea and the Russian territory to the southwest of Vladivostok has caused certain imaginative war correspondents to declare that Japan is about to besiege that port by land and sea.

It is hardly possible that the supposition is well founded. It is difficult to see what Japan could gain by repeating at Vladivostok the sacrifices made at Port Arthur. The former city is well fortified, and the control by Russia of the railway, of which it is the ocean terminus, gives to the defence an advantage that could only be overcome at shocking cost.

It should, perhaps, be said, that the Manitoba Free Press is supposed to be under the direct control of Mr. Sifton. Sun.

THE REASON EXPLAINED.

No more luminous explanation of the reason for the resignation of Mr. Foster, Mr. Haggart and their colleagues in 1898, has been given, than Sir Mackenzie Bowell's speech made in the senate Wednesday and the insight which it gives into the ex-premier's character.

He is today leader of the Conservative party in the senate. If every word of his charges against his former colleagues is true he is serving no public good by repeating them now.

WHO RULES CANADA?

Mr. Sifton has resigned as a protest against the forcing of separate schools upon the new Northwest provinces. Mr. Fielding is said to be on the verge of resignation and Sir Wm. Mulock and Mr. Fisher may also leave the cabinet unless the proposition as presented by Laurier is considerably modified.

Of the other ministers, Sutherland, the head of the public works department, has been away. Scott and Cartwright are in the senate and without influence; Hyman is only an acting minister and does not count; Sir Frederick Borden does not bother his head with principles and nobody would consult Emerson anyway.

trick, minister of justice; Mr. Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries; Mr. Brodeur, minister of inland revenue. With them might also be counted the influence of Mr. Lemieux, the solicitor general.

AN ALLY FOR THE TORONTO GLOBE.

The Manitoba Free Press, leading organ of the liberals in the Northwest, has taken a somewhat sharp turn on the school question. When the autonomy bill was introduced the Free Press said that it did no more than perpetuate the educational system now in force in the Territories.

The government has brought into the political arena the naked question of separate schools — the one issue above all others that excites the passions of the Canadian people. This is a face to face with a devastating agitation that may do incalculable harm unless wise counsels prevail.

WHAT IT IS TO LIVE.

To grapple fate and fearlessly Defy its stubborn, stern decree Until, disarmed, the world lies beneath our feet, recall and die;

A PROTEST TO THE POPE.

ROME, March 3. — Several American archbishops and bishops have written to the Vatican protesting against the dissatisfaction at the mission entrusted to Mr. Froderick, auxiliary bishop of Havana to urge them to increase the offerings of Peter's Pence.

PROMINENT CAPITALIST DEAD.

NEW YORK, March 3. — Richard Somers Hayes, the railroad capitalist, died after a lingering illness at his home here yesterday. Mr. Hayes was 59 years of age and had been ill for more than two years.

PAINS—FOR SOCIETY POLK.

People of fashion do things sometimes that cause pain in the stomach and aches in the kidneys. Hard work and hard pleasure have pretty nearly the same results. A sour stomach, a bad breath and pain about the heart and head are caused by gases from the stomach. Hutch cures them quickly.

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In all its details with thorough knowledge of its requirements. N. W. BRENNAN, 715 Main Street.

YOU WANT A MEDICINE THE DOCTORS APPROVE

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is not a simple cough syrup. It is a strong medicine, a doctor's medicine. It cures hard cases, severe and desperate cases, chronic cases of asthma, pleurisy, bronchitis, consumption.

CIVIC BUSINESS.

Treasury Board Spends More Money—Carleton Light Purchase Recommended to the Council.

A meeting of the treasury board was held yesterday afternoon. It was decided to grant an increase of \$1,000 to the Horticultural Association, making the total for this year \$4,000; to give \$500 to Riverview park and to renew the grants to the Tourist Association and the S. P. C. A.

Chamberlain Sandall brought up a bill for \$1,664 to the assessors. He noted that unless the bill is paid it will be placed in the recorder's hands for collection.

An application from H. H. McLellan, clerk to the assessors, for an increase in salary from \$800 to \$850, was referred to the sub-committee.

Seth Berry's bill for services rendered in the Wheaton inquiry was handed in. This was laid on the table.

A meeting of the safety board was held after treasury board adjourned. Chairman Maxwell brought up the agreement of purchase, which was ordered to have prepared between the city and the Carleton Electric Co.

Pure, Fresh, Strong Tiger Tea.

MARRIAGES. CRAWFORD—At the residence of the bride's father, Rufus Wilson, Mar. 2, Miss Dora Wilson to Edmund Crawford, both of Carleton, Rev. Mr. Schofield officiating.

LOCAL NEWS.

The lumberman who a few days ago claimed he was robbed of \$40 white on the train, now has had his valises in the street returned by a friend. The latter had taken care of them while the lumberman was not exactly sober.

The Dahome left St. Kitts on 28th ult. for St. John via Bermuda, and will be due here on the 5th or 10th instant. She has 500 tons of sugar on board for Montreal, which will be landed here, as well as a quantity of molasses and other cargo for St. John merchants.

DEATHS.

BUCKLEY—In this city on the 1st inst. Mary Buckley, in the 56th year of her age, a widow, a husband, three sons and two daughters to mourn their sad loss.

GARSCADDEN—At New York City, Feb. 11th, John Garscadden, a husband, three sons, leaving a wife and infant son. CRAWFORD—In this city, at the residence of John Kerr on March 2nd, John Crawford of Perth Amboy, aged 51 years.

Funeral Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from Mr. Kerr's residence to St. Luke's church. Interment at Fernhill.

THOMAS—Suddenly, at her late residence, No. 55 Queen street, Harriet, eldest daughter of the late James U. and Mary A. Thomas.

Funeral service at the house at 2.30 p. m. on Saturday, the 4th instant.

VIENNA, March 3. — Emperor Francis Joseph has decided to receive here and consult with 18 Hungarian political leaders to learn their views and obtain information that will aid him in furthering his efforts to effect a solution of the Hungarian crisis. The 18 include representatives of all the principal Hungarian parties forming together the United Opposition.

Rev. Mr. Stackhouse, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church, left this morning for Halifax to assist in special evangelistic services which are to be held in the First Baptist church. His pulpit will be filled during his absence by the Rev. Dr. Manning.

DOWLING BROTHERS, 95 and 101 KING STREET. A Few Special Bargains.

Ladies' Plain Cashmere Hose. Fine quality Winter weight, full fashioned, high spilted heel and toe, seamless throughout, beautifully soft and of the best and most reliable manufacture.

Ladies' Silk Neckwear Underpriced. 100 dozen Ladies' Stock Collars and Bows; goods worth up to 50c, now all one special price—25c each.

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A Large Stock of Children's Shoes priced from 50c. up.

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Just in from Tooke Bros. Factory—Fast Colors, Full Sizes. REGATTA SHIRTS, without collar, 65c. REGATTA SHIRTS, with collar, 75c. REGATTA SHIRTS, with collar, soft fronts, 75c.

We are showing a new lot of Unlined Bronco Gloves for early spring wear, suitable for all kinds of work. Selling for 50c and 60c pair; Double Fingered Gloves, 65c pair.

Cor. of Waterloo and Brussels Sts. CARLETON'S.

BREAK UP LA CRIPPE OR A COLD WITH Pendleton's Panacea.

Directions: 1-4 Teaspoonful Panacea. 1 Teaspoonful Sugar. 1-4 Cup Milk. 1-2 Cup Hot Water. Mix well and sip frequently.

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SIFTON'S FRIENDS SAY
HE WILL NOT GIVE IN.

All Efforts so Far to Induce Minister to
Come Back, Have Failed--Laurier's
Prestige Undermined.

OTTAWA, March 2.—The cabinet crisis is still on. Laurier only spent a few minutes in the house today, being concerned with more pressing duties. Fielding, too, did not stay long. One of Sifton's closest friends told me tonight that all efforts so far to induce the minister of interior to come back had failed to move him, and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would have to come to Mr. Sifton's terms to heal the breach. Sifton has all things save the school question loyal to the grit party, and has no present intention of supporting the opposition or doing anything to make matters harder for his old colleague. Mr. Fielding's position is, however, tonight the overshadowing topic. He has not cut the traces that bind him to Laurier's chair, but he is straining them severely. Sir William Mulock, too, is beginning to feel the pressure of public opinion outside of Quebec, and is far from easy. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, however, holds the whip hand, and has a solid contingent at his back. Should he threaten to resign the premiership he would instantly drive all the weak-kneed ministers into submission. It is apparent, however, that no matter what the immediate issue is Laurier's prestige will be greatly undermined by what has so far happened and is likely to happen. The conservatives are not concerning themselves over the cabinet troubles, but are confidently awaiting the final result which must be to their advantage. The present disruption, following so fast on the provincial revolt in Ontario, is only another sign that Canada is growing tired of Laurier. Sifton is not pleading to be taken back. It is Laurier who is the supplicant—a new role indeed, for the automatic premier. OTTAWA, March 2.—There was an atmosphere of expectancy in the commons chamber this afternoon, when the cabinet had been called in for a preliminary session, but no questions of moment were asked by the opposition members, and Laurier did not volunteer any information regarding the cabinet disturbances. There is no disguising the fact that a possible effort is being made to induce Sifton to stand by the ship, but the consensus of opinion is that the premier in tinkering the autonomy bill has failed to reach the heart of the richest man in public life in Canada today, nor have the cabinet Fielding's principles, and Fielding is relatively poor as Sifton is redolent of wealth. It was significant to see

Sifton and Fielding stalk out of the house together this afternoon, leaving Laurier in his lonesome seat. Before the orders of the day W. F. Maclean of York raised the point that Hon. Mr. Sutherland had been absent for some time and that Hyman was acting in his place as cabinet minister. He intimated that Laurier had Sutherland's resignation in his pocket, and suggested this would be a good time to test the public feeling in Ontario by making Hyman a cabinet minister, and thus opening the seat in London. Laurier denied that Sutherland had tendered his resignation, and assured the house that Hyman was not acting illegally in temporarily discharging the duties of a minister absent through illness. The balance of the afternoon was devoted to Intercolonial Railway estimates, the Halifax vote by consent standing over till the return of the leader of the opposition. In committee of supply tonight on the Intercolonial estimates, Barker, Ingram, Crockett of Yale and others heckled. Emmerson very considerably. Crockett pushed for particulars as to what would be done or had been done in bringing the Canada Eastern up to the standard promised by Emmerson last year, but the minister evaded with glittering generalities as to better care, better engines and faster trains, made up, he admitted, from stock that the Intercolonial owned but was too light. The conservatives on the main line. There is no item in the present estimates for the Canada Eastern, all the cost so far the minister admitted being charged to revenue account. OTTAWA, March 2.—The debate on the Intercolonial items assumed larger proportions tonight when Ingraham of East Elgin, repeated his old attack against the government ownership of railways, taking on this occasion Emmerson's admittedly huge deficit as the strongest possible basis for his position. Emmerson's statement he characterized as the most doleful and most discouraging ever heard from the lips of railway minister. Ingraham's remarks were not partisan, but Emmerson retorted that this was a crisis in its history and that any capital in the hands of the government should be put to use in the ownership of the railway. Barker of Hamilton, followed by Johnston of Cape Breton, put up a bluff hustling speech in defence of the management of the I. C. E. Under great pressure the house rose at eleven o'clock with the promise that Emmerson's estimates would be continued tomorrow. The society spent last year \$1,200,000, and every hour turns out 2,000 copies of the Bible. We are about to start a new society in this country; our possibilities are great and our responsibilities are in the same proportion. Let this become a study of the parent society and become a moral and religious force in our country, so that we may lay broad and deep the foundations for future greatness. The house rose at eleven o'clock with the promise that Emmerson's estimates would be continued tomorrow. The society spent last year \$1,200,000, and every hour turns out 2,000 copies of the Bible. We are about to start a new society in this country; our possibilities are great and our responsibilities are in the same proportion. Let this become a study of the parent society and become a moral and religious force in our country, so that we may lay broad and deep the foundations for future greatness. The house rose at eleven o'clock with the promise that Emmerson's estimates would be continued tomorrow.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting of Enthusiastic Nature.

The 85th anniversary of the Auxiliary Bible Society of New Brunswick was celebrated last evening in St. Andrew's church. The church was well filled, and on the platform were Judge Forbes, Rev. Dr. Gates, Rev. Dr. Shaw of Montreal, Geo. E. Taylor, chairman, Rev. David Lang, Canon Richardson and Rev. J. C. B. Appel. After an opening hymn, and prayer by Dr. Gates, the secretary, Judge Forbes, read the yearly report. This showed that \$3,404 had been raised for all purposes and \$1,789 expended, leaving a balance of \$1,615. Since the report was made up a few small amounts had come in. The parent society, the British and Foreign Bible Society of England, had asked that \$200,000 be raised as a century fund, and that New Brunswick contribute \$1,000. This share has been fairly subscribed, but some more contributions are needed. Seventeen branches of the society have reported, but several others have not been heard from. Barnesville raised \$200 towards the fund and Sussex \$214. These were especially worthy of note. The work among French-Canadians in the province was proceeding favorably. Speaking of the B. and F. B. Society, Judge Forbes said that 5,700,000 copies of the Bible had been printed during the last year, and sent out all over the world, the greater number going to India and China. As an illustration of the advancement among Japanese, Judge Forbes held up a small copy of the Bible, which is sold in Japan for one penny. It is printed by means of electricity and photographs, no type being used in the production. Rev. Dr. Shaw then introduced the following resolution: Resolved, that the society unite in hearty thanksgiving to Almighty God for the wonderful success which He has granted to the parent organization in the past one hundred years, and herewith supplicates a continuance of His favor in the new century on which it has entered—a century so full of promise both to the material and spiritual progress of the age. Dr. Shaw, in support of the motion, said that the British and Foreign Bible Society is the widest Christian organization in the world. It has for its object the placing of the Holy Scriptures in the hands of every inhabitant of every clime.

CITIZEN'S LEAGUE

ELECT OFFICERS.
W. M. Jarvis, President; G. Fred. Fisher, Vice-Pres.

The scrutineers here reported that sixty-five votes had been cast for the executive, thirty-five being necessary for election. Those receiving the required number of votes were W. H. Thorne, Thomas McAvity and J. Fraser Gregory. A second ballot was then taken, which resulted in the election of four other members, Jos. A. Likely, W. S. Fisher, John Sealy and J. Gardner Taylor. The first ballot, 73 votes were cast, 37 being necessary to elect. A third ballot was taken, 64 votes being cast, and the only member elected was D. J. McLaughlin. This left two more to be chosen. H. B. Schofield and R. B. Emerson withdrew their names from nomination. Those who signed the roll last night were as follows: W. H. Thorne, W. M. Jarvis, W. E. Vroom, J. F. Gregory, W. H. Fisher, J. H. Northrup, B. Bustin, E. F. Grangy, J. Roy Thomson, Allan Wetmore, C. E. L. Jarvis, J. K. Kelly, E. W. McCready, J. N. Harvey, G. S. Fitzpatrick, G. H. Green, J. A. Likely, W. J. Youngclaus, Jas. Hunter, Percy W. Thomson, W. E. Anderson, J. E. McGowan, D. J. McLaughlin, J. E. Irvine, F. J. G. Knowlton, Col. Sturdee, W. J. Parks, Geo. L. Warwick, O. W. McKeown, G. R. Johnson, E. P. Tilley, E. E. Perkins, G. Fred Fisher, James McKinney, J. Hunter White, Edward Bates, Thomas White, R. T. Hayes, R. B. Emerson, T. H. Somerville, R. T. Leavitt, Thos. McAvity, R. G. Haley, E. S. Dibblee, Geo. A. Knodell, W. L. Hamm, W. F. Hatheway, John Sealy, John Keefe, E. A. Morrill, Col. Markham, G. R. J. Crawford, John Kenny, Jr., Geo. E. Barbour, C. M. Bostwick, Jr., C. M. Bostwick, Jr., J. A. Seeds, Geo. E. Taylor, E. P. Tilley, E. E. Perkins, H. L. McGowan, J. A. Ewing, Walter Gilbert, W. S. Clawson, J. W. Vanwart, H. J. Dick, Miles E. Agar, W. A. Steiner, C. W. Brown, W. W. Branjan, J. E. Secord, Thomas Gorman, A. B. Smalley, A. M. Belding, John Flood, E. R. Chapman, J. C. Taylor, E. P. Raymond, R. B. Ross, F. W. Daniel, James L. Carmichael, H. B. Schofield, William Vincent, J. H. Doodly, F. E. Williams, E. P. Tilley, G. A. McIntyre, M. Robertson, George E. Day, E. A. Schofield, J. K. Cumming, James Robinson. The civic ferry committee met yesterday morning, Aid. Frink presiding, and transacted some important business. At a recent meeting it was decided to ask for the appointment of a woman to look after the east and west side toll houses. Yesterday it was agreed that her pay should be \$35 a month. The need of repairs to the west side toll house was stated, and it was decided to ask authority to spend not more than \$200 in fixing the roof, sheathing, etc. The condition of the ferry slips was discussed, and it was agreed to ask authority to have dredging done at the entrance to both the east and west side slips, if necessary, to remove the silt which had accumulated at the entrance to the east side slip. Further consideration was given the question of remodeling the lower floor of the east side toll house, so as to provide better waiting room accommodation. The committee decided to ask the council for authority to employ an architect in this connection. Legal matters in connection with the alleged encroachment on the east side dock by the Mages' wharf was also considered. It is likely proceedings will be taken. POLITICS AND PESSIMISM. (Washington Star.) Just as soon as "Uncle Joe" Cannon reached Washington at the opening of the session he hunted up in the committee rooms a number of his old Democratic rinks came in for a bit of chaffing at the hands of the general speaker. "Uncle Joe" was glad to perceive that such of his friends the enemy who had gone down in the recent election were in no wise knocked out in spirits as they had been in the election. "I'm proud of you, boys," said he. "for I don't find a pessimist in the crowd." "By the way, Cannon," said someone, "what is your definition of a pessimist?" "A pessimist," asserted "Uncle Joe" with convulsing gravity, "is a fellow who goes around looking for thorns to sit on."



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FREDERICTON NEWS.

Death of Alexander N. Black Yesterday.

FREDERICTON, March 2.—The death occurred about midnight of Alexander N. Black, one of the oldest and most respected residents of this city, in the 86th year of his age. Mr. Black for a number of years represented Kings ward in the City Council. He was not only the oldest Free Mason in the city, but also the oldest mason by trade at the time of his death. His name is associated with the building of many of the brick and stone structures in and the surrounding cities. He married in 1845 Miss Small of Eastport, who died some three years ago. He is survived by one son and six daughters. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Four well known aged and respected members of the Church of England have passed away within the past three months. These are Miss Jacobs, Mrs. Medley, Mr. Moffatt and Mr. Black. Their deaths will be sadly felt in many homes, as they were all noted and beloved as the friends of those in sorrow and in need. Though the will of the late Mrs. Medley has not yet been admitted to probate, it is understood that the deceased lady left most of her estate to Mrs. Butler of Kingston. Miss Schofield, daughter of the late Geo. Schofield of St. John, is also mentioned as a legatee for a large amount. Among the other bequests are those to Mrs. John Robinson, Mrs. John Black, Mrs. Powis and Geo. Haren Victoria Hospital, it is said, will receive a gift of \$2,000. The rest of the property, which was left to Mrs. Medley during her lifetime by the late Bishop, and which was probated at \$7,000, will be divided among the children of the late Bishop, who at present reside in England. The death occurred at the Queen's Hotel, where Mrs. Fought, widow of Capt. Geo. Fought, formerly of St. John. The factory commission held a session here at the Queen's Hotel yesterday afternoon and evening. They were engaged in drawing up a report on their labors for presentation to the government. The funeral of the late Chas. Moffatt took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and was largely attended. After service held at the Cathedral, conducted by Dean Selwyn, and Sub-Dean Street, interment took place in the old burial ground.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

Strungly Condemns School Clause of Autonomy Bill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

The annual meeting of the provincial Sunday school executive was held last evening in the hall of the Baptist church. The attendance was rather small. The report of the primary department was submitted by Miss Sowell, the temperance department report by Mrs. Bullock, and the International Bible Reading Association report by Mr. Murray of St. Stephen. Rev. J. B. Ganong presented the field secretary's report. He reported a very satisfactory meeting of York county executive. The chairman of the committee reported that the four committees had completed their arrangements for the tour of the province. Rev. Geo. O. Bachman of Pennsylvania is to be the principal speaker. Grant Tullar is to have charge of singing. The itinerary has been prepared, covering the 15 counties from May 7th to June 5th. One must advertise to make business, to hold it, and to increase it. Chas. H. Slack, Greer, Chicago.

HARBOR REVENUE.

The harbor revenue for the city for the months of January and February were as follows: January \$2,115.59 February \$2,447.87 Total \$4,563.46 To this should be added the sum of \$1,063.98 which is owing from the D. A. R. for rent of wharf, etc. This would bring the total for the two months up to \$5,627.44. Last year the revenue for the first two months was as follows: January \$2,244.25 February \$2,429.37 Total \$4,673.62 This is \$82.46 more than has been collected in the present year. This has helped us to learn where the freshest and best eggs come from. Our customers receive the benefit of our experience.

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THE COURIER OF THE CZAR

By Jules Verne

(Continued.) "It is possible that we shall meet you again in a few days at Omak," added Blount.

"It is possible," answered Michael, "since I am going straight there." "Well, I wish you a safe journey, Mr. Korpanoff," said Alcide.

Almost immediately the sound of a carriage was heard outside, the door was flung open and a man appeared. It was the traveler of the Berlin, a military looking man, apparently about forty years of age, tall, robust in figure, broad shouldered, with a strongly set head and thick mustache meeting red whiskers. He wore a plain uniform. A cavalry sabre hung at his side, and in his hand he held a short handed whip.

"Horses," he demanded, with the air of a man accustomed to command. "I have no more disposable horses," answered the postmaster, bowing.

"I must have some this moment." "It is impossible." "What are those horses which have just been harnessed to the tarantass I saw at the door?"

"They belong to this traveler," answered the postmaster, pointing to Michael Strogoff. "Take them out!" said the traveler in a tone which admitted of no reply. Michael then advanced.

"These horses are engaged by me," he said. "What does that matter? I must have them. Come, be quick; I have no time to lose."

"I have no time to lose either," replied Michael, endeavoring to be calm, but restraining himself with difficulty. Nadia was near him, calm also, but secretly uneasy at a scene which it would have been better to avoid.

"Enough!" said the traveler. Then, going up to the postmaster: "Let the horses be taken out of the tarantass and put into my Berlin," he exclaimed, with a threatening gesture.

The postmaster, much embarrassed, did not know whom to obey and looked at Michael, who evidently had the right to resist the unjust demands of the traveler. Michael hesitated an instant. He did not wish to make use of his podoroja, which would have drawn attention to him, and he was most unwilling either to bring up his horses to delay his journey, and yet it was important not to engage in a struggle which might compromise his mission.

The two reporters looked at him, ready to support him should he appeal to them. "My horses will remain in my carriage," said Michael, but without raising his tone more than would be suitable for a plain trader merchant.

The traveler advanced toward Michael and laid his hand heavily on his shoulder. "Is it so?" he said in a rough voice. "You will not give up your horses to me?"

"No," answered Michael. "Very well, then they shall belong to whomever of us is able to start. Defend yourself, for I shall not spare you!"

So saying the traveler drew his sabre from its sheath, and Nadia threw herself before Michael. Blount and Alcide Jolivet advanced toward him.

"I shall not fight," said Michael quietly, folding his arms across his chest. "You will not fight?" "No."

"Not even after this?" exclaimed the traveler, and before any one could prevent him he struck Michael's shoulder with the handle of the whip. At this instant Michael turned deadly pale. His hands moved convulsively, as if he would have knocked the brute down. But by a tremendous effort he mastered himself. A duel! It was more than a delay; it was perhaps the failure of a mission. It would be better to lose some hours. Yes, but to swallow this affront!

"Will you fight now, coward?" repeated the traveler, adding coarseness to brutality. "No," answered Michael, without moving, but looking the other straight in the face. "The horses this moment," said the man and left the room. The postmaster followed him.

CHAPTER VII.

NADIA, with the clear perception of a right minded woman, guessed that some secret motive directed all Michael Strogoff's actions; that he for a reason unknown to her did not belong to himself; that he had not the power of doing what he desired, and that in this instance especially he had heroically sacrificed to duty even his resentment at the gross injury he had received.

Nadia, therefore, asked an explanation from Michael. Had not the hand which she had extended to him already repented to all that he might have been able to tell her? Michael remained silent all the evening. The postmaster not being able to supply them with fresh horses until the next morning, a whole night must be passed at the house. Nadia could not resist the temptation to take some rest, and a room was therefore prepared for her.

The young girl would no doubt have preferred not to leave her companion, but she felt that he would rather sleep alone, and she made ready to go to her room. Just as she was about to retire she could not refrain from going up to Michael to say good night.

"Good night," she whispered. But he checked her with a gesture. The girl sighed and left the room. Michael Strogoff did not lie down. He could not have slept even for an hour. The place on which he had been struck by the brutal traveler felt like a burn.

"For my country and the Father," he muttered as he ended his evening prayer. He especially felt a great wish to know who was the man who had struck him, whence he came and where he was going. As to his face, the features of it were so deeply engraved on his memory that he had no fear of ever forgetting them.

Michael at last asked for the postmaster. The latter, a Siberian of the old type, came directly and, looking rather contemptuously at the young girl, waited to be questioned. "You belong to the country?" asked Michael.

"Yes." "Do you know that man who took my horses?" "No." "Had you never seen him before?" "Never."

"Who do you think he was?" "A man who knows how to make himself obeyed." Michael fixed his piercing gaze upon the Siberian, but the other did not quail before it.

"Do you dare to judge me?" exclaimed Michael. "Yes," answered the Siberian, "for there are some things that even a plain merchant cannot receive without returning."

"Blows, young man. I am of an age and strength to tell you so." Michael went up to the postmaster and laid his two powerful hands on his shoulders. Then in a peculiar calm tone he said: "Be off, my friend; be off! I could kill you."

The postmaster understood this tone. "I like him better for that," he muttered as he retired without adding another word.

At 8 o'clock the next morning, the 24th of July, three strong horses were harnessed to the tarantass. Michael and Nadia took their places, and Ichim, with its disagreeable remembrances, was soon left far behind.

The next day, July 25, at 3 o'clock in the morning, the tarantass arrived at the posthouse in Tioukmaisk, having accomplished a distance of 120 versts since it had crossed the Ichim.

They rapidly changed horses. However, for the first time the driver made difficulties about starting, declaring that detachments of Tartars were roving across the steppe and that travelers, horses and carriages would be a fine price for such robbers.

Only by dint of a large bribe could Michael get over the unwillingness of the driver, for in this instance, as in many others, he did not wish to show his podoroja. The last utterance, having been transmitted by telegraph, was known in the Siberian provinces, and a Russian specially exempted from obeying these orders would certainly have drawn public attention to himself, a thing above all to be avoided by the czar's courier. As to the driver's hesitation, either the rascal traded on the traveler's impatience or he really had good reason to fear some misfortune. However, at last the tarantass started and made such good way that by 3 in the afternoon it had reached Koulatiskoe, eighty versts farther on. An hour after this it was on the banks of the Irtysh. It drove from the southeast to the northwest and empties itself into the Obi after a course of nearly 7,000 versts.

At this time of year, when all the rivers of the Siberian basin are much swollen, the waters of the Irtysh were very high. In consequence the current was changed to a regular torrent, rendering the passage difficult enough. A swimmer could not have crossed, how powerful a one he might be, and even in a ferryboat there would be some danger. But Michael and Nadia, determined to brave all perils whatever they might

be, did not dream of shrinking from this one. However, Michael proposed to his young companion that he should cross first, embarking in the ferryboat with the tarantass and this load would render it less safe. After landing the carriage on the opposite bank he would return and fetch Nadia.

The girl refused. It would be the delay of an hour and she would not for her safety alone be the cause of it. The embarkation was made not without difficulty, for the banks were partly wooded and the boat could not get in near enough.

However, after half an hour's exertion the boatmen got the tarantass and the three horses on board. Michael, Nadia and the driver embarked also, and they shoved off.

For a few minutes all went well. A little way up the river the current was broken by a long point projecting from the bank and formed an eddy easily crossed by the boat. The two boatmen propelled their barge with long poles, which the handied cleverly, but as they gained the middle of the stream it grew deeper and deeper until at last they could only just reach the bottom.

The ends of the poles were only a foot above the water, which rendered their use difficult and insufficient. Michael and Nadia, seated in the stern of the boat and always in dread of a delay, watched the boatmen with some uneasiness.

"Look out!" cried one of them to his comrade. The about was occasioned by the new direction the boat was rapidly taking. It had got into the direct current and was being swept down the river. By diligent use of the poles, putting the ends in a series of notches cut below the gunwale, the boatmen managed to keep their craft against the stream and slowly urged it in a slanting direction toward the right bank.

They calculated on reaching it some five or six versts before the landing place; but, after all, that would not matter so long as men and beasts could disembark without accident. The two stout boatmen, stimulated, moreover, by the promise of double fare, did not desert of succeeding in this difficult passage of the Irtysh.

But they reckoned without an incident which they were powerless to prevent, and neither their zeal nor their skillfulness could under the circumstances have done more.

The boat was in the middle of the current at nearly equal distances from either shore and being carried down at the rate of two versts an hour when Michael, springing to his feet, bent his knees and uttered a shout.

Several boats, aided by oars as well as by the current, were coming swiftly down upon them. Michael's brow contracted, and an exclamation escaped his lips. "What is the matter?" asked the girl. But before Michael had time to reply one of the boatmen exclaimed in an accent of terror: "The Tartars!"

"They were indeed boats full of soldiers, and in a few minutes they must reach the ferryboat, if being too heavily laden to escape from them. The terrified boatmen uttered exclamations of despair and dropped their poles.

"Courage, my friends!" cried Michael. "Courage! Fiftv rubles for you if we reach the right bank before the boats overtake us!"

Inclined by these words, the boatmen again worked manfully away, but it soon became evident that they could not escape the Tartars. It was scarcely probable that they would pass without attacking them. On the contrary, there was everything to be feared from robbers such as these.

"Do not be afraid, Nadia," said Michael, "but be ready for anything." "I am ready," replied Nadia. "Even to throw yourself into the water when I tell you?" "Whenever you tell me."

"Have confidence in me, Nadia." "I have indeed." The Tartar boats were now only a hundred feet distant. They carried a detachment of Bokharian soldiers on their way to reconnoitre Omak. Michael and Nadia were still two lengths from the shore. The boatmen redoubled their efforts. Michael himself seized a pole and wielded it with superhuman strength. If he could land the tarantass and horses and dash off with them, there was some chance of escaping the Tartars, who were not mounted.

[TO BE CONTINUED.] WILL BRING SUIT Against Grocers' Guild For Damages. HAMILTON, Ont., March 2.—Today Justice G. B. Patterson, one of the Grocers' Wholesale Company, Hamilton, issued a writ for damages against H. C. Beckwith of Hamilton, J. E. Eby of Toronto, Foundation Wholesalers' Guild and Ontario Grocers' Guild. Plaintiffs claim that owing to actions of the defendants in forcing sugar refiners and other manufacturers to sell only to them, that such agreement is in restraint of trade against public policy, is illegal and tending to monopoly. The suit is claimed to have been controlled by the sugar industry in Canada, practically fixing refiners' prices as well as wholesale prices to retail trade. Recently it got control of a starch business, and it is reaching out for other staple articles. It is said the other wholesale firms are backing the suit started by the Hamilton firm.

WELL KNOWN LAWYER DEAD. BELLEVILLE, Ont., March 2.—Nathaniel Baldwin Falkoner, one of the best known lawyers in this province, died this morning after a brief illness from pneumonia. He was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, sixty-eight years ago and has resided here for half a century. He married Miss Murray, M. P., and she with one daughter survives.

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STANDARD OIL CO. Attempt to Oust it from Kansas. TOPEKA, Kan., March 2.—It developed today that suit has been brought by Attorney General Coleman for the appointment of a receiver and to oust the Standard Oil Co. from Kansas. It



HON. JAMES R. GARFIELD, who, under instructions from the house of representatives, will enquire into alleged illegal acts of Standard Oil in Kansas.

was at first erroneously stated that the action was simply against the Prairie Oil and Gas Co., operating auxiliary of the Standard in the west. The sheriff has served a summons on the Standard Oil Co. agents at Kansas City, Kan.

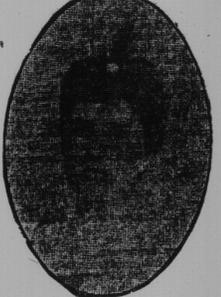
ANOTHER INCREASE IN TAXES. Rate During the Present Year Will be at Least Eight Cents Per \$100 More Than Last Year.

Taxes in St. John will be higher next year than in the past. This was the announcement made in city hall yesterday by Ald. Maxwell. The statement came out while the matter of the grant to the Horticultural Association was being discussed. The estimates from the different departments, safety, public works, water and sewerage and treasury, have been prepared and are greatly in excess of last year, so much so in fact, that the rate of assessment will have to be increased considerably. Ald. Maxwell stated that during the present year the citizens will pay not at the rate of \$1.71 per \$100 or less, but at not less than \$1.75 or \$1.78 per \$100. The total assessment last year was \$478,480.

SENATOR CHOQUETTE Has Not Been Informed of Suit Against Him. QUEBEC, March 2.—Senator Choquette has not been notified of any action against him for breach of the independence of parliament act.

In an interview on the subject the senator said that the suit had not been a voluntary one so far as he was concerned, since the government would be required to pay the expenses of the suit. He had taken his property without his consent by expropriation, that the price allowed him, which should have been in the vicinity of \$20,000, was only about \$20,000. He alleges that the suit was prompted by Premier Parent.

HIGH TEA HAS CLOSED. Affair in Church of St. John the Baptist Was Very Successful.



MRS. GEORGE CORNWALLIS WEST, one of the most noted women politicians in the world.

SENATE ADJOURNED. OTTAWA, March 2.—The senate today adjourned until March 15th. On Donville's motion a committee of five senators was appointed to inquire into the production of alumina and aluminum in Canada. Donville said he had fortified himself with all the authorities on the subject since the days of Pliny.

LIBERAL MEMBERS SUSTAINED. TORONTO, March 2.—Justice McLennan today gave judgment sustaining Cameron of West Huron and Currie of Prince Edward, both Liberals, in their seats in the Ontario legislature. In the West Huron case the judge disallowed uninitiated Howes (conservative) ballot and allowed Cameron a ballot torn in two and pinned together. Also one on which the returning officer had written his initials wrongly in the Prince Edward case the judge decided against the appellants' contention that one poll which gave Currie (liberal) 69 and Norman (conservative) 43 should be thrown out because of the deputy returning officer had not filed the statement of the polls.

IMPERIAL HOUSE. Government Had Majority of Only Twenty-Six on a Minor Amendment—Cries of "Resign."

LONDON, March 2.—The house of commons tonight in committee in supply considering the additional army estimates with a reduced attendance gave the government a majority of only 26 on a minor amendment. A division was then taken, the result being 167 to 191 in favor of the government. The majority of 24 was greeted with cries of "resign."

In subsequent divisions the government's majority hovered around 28 and 28 and the matter was the subject of excited comment in the lobby.

As the house was rising Winston Churchill asked whether there was any truth in the rumors of Mr. Wyndham's resignation of the chief secretaryship of Ireland.

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood replied that the question ought not to be put to the premier. It was untrue, he said, that either Secretary Wyndham or the viceroy, the Earl of Dudley, had tendered their resignations.

PARK DIRECTORS ARE HAPPY. Got \$1000 Bequest Yesterday and May Get an Extra \$1000 from the City.

Yesterday afternoon J. D. Hazen received from the executors of the C. H. Dearborn estate a check for \$1,000, being the amount bequeathed by Mr. Dearborn to the Horticultural Association for use in further developing Rockwood Park. This money has not been bequeathed for any specific purpose, but will be added to the general funds of the association.

The directors of the park were in a rather happy mood yesterday. Following the receipt of this check they expected that they had secured a balance of something like \$700. During the year there was more work than usual done in the park, so that more money was expended while receiving from membership fees dropped off several hundred dollars. As a result the association at the beginning of this year faced a deficit of \$270.

This Dearborn bequest will put the funds of the association in about the same position as at the beginning of last year, and the extra \$1,000 from the city will be available for new work.

As yet the park directors have not made any plans for the coming season, but the authorities today, after the item might be required to put the roads in the park in shape. There has been so much snow that when spring comes the lawns will make a bad mess of all the driveways. The work on the new lakes will be continued.

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MURDERER'S DISTRESS. ARE THICKENING. Did Not Know That Brother Was Government's Embarrassments Increasing Day by Day.

WASHINGTON, Pa., March 2.—"My God, that's my brother. He never killed that woman. I am the murderer," I should have been hanged instead of Eugene," cried Adolph Bloch today in a frenzy of remorse, interrupting a companion at the steel mill in Canonsburg, who was reading to him an account of the hanging of Eugene Bloch at Allentown on Tuesday. He is in the Washington county jail tonight awaiting a hearing on the charge of murder of which he has confessed and for which his innocent brother has been executed.

He is a German, 26 years of age, and formerly lived in Philadelphia. His brother was hanged for the alleged murder of Mrs. Kate Falsinger on August 6, 1903. Adolph Bloch declared to the authorities today, after the item had been read to him, that he himself killed Mrs. Falsinger and that the brother who had been hanged was Eugene Bloch, a mill worker, read in newspapers but little and says he knew nothing of the trial, conviction and execution of his brother until today.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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The Mission Band of St. Andrew's church have kindly consented to repeat their concert this evening in aid of the Free Kindergarten.

A class for Bible study will be organized in Waterloo street Free Baptist church after the C. E. meeting tonight.

The executive committee of the Citizens League was held this morning at 11 o'clock, but nothing of importance was done. The executive will meet again Monday night at 8 o'clock.

John Thomas, chief of the United States immigration staff here, has received word from Washington that his office has been abolished. This is not taken to mean that Colonel Thomas will retire from the service but that he will be moved to some other point.

At a meeting of Thorne Lodge, 258, I. O. G. T., held last evening in Tabernacle Hall, Haymarket square, it was decided to hold a public temperance meeting on March 18th in the interests of the order. The meeting will be addressed by the Grand Chief Templar, the past grand secretary and past grand chief templar. All interested in temperance work are invited to attend.

One poor lone unfortunate robin that was evidently turned out of its home, either in consequence of lack of fuel or food ornamented with his presence King Square this morning. The appearance of robins in this part of the country at such a season of the year is supposed to herald an early spring.

The Sackville hockey team, champions of the New Brunswick hockey league, are desirous of going up against the best we can provide in hockey, and have wired Manager Spencer if an all-St. John team can be matched against them in Queens Rink for next Friday evening. Mr. Spencer says the game can be arranged if the boys are willing to play.

MORE FERRY TROUBLES

Service Tied Up This Morning—Western Extension Disabled on Her First Trip of the Season.

There was a general mix-up in the ferry service this morning and for a short time matters were interesting, to say the least.

During the winter months the Quangoon had been on the water, while the Western Extension has been laid up in Rodney Slip undergoing repairs. This morning the larger boat, the Western Extension, ordered out and put on the route. Ferry Superintendent Adam Glasgow decided not to take any chances and kept the Quangoon paddling about the harbor and the Western Extension was given a trial. All went well till the big boat attempted to dock on the West Side, when the Captain tried to get all the way to the float, being held back by the new piles that have been driven since the Western Extension was landed safely. Several planks were used and the passengers and teams were landed safely, if a little behind time. On the next trip the superintendent went across. He had the caps to get all the way to the float, and as a result they made the floats with little trouble. When the boat was moored, the engineer sent for the superintendent and informed him that the boat would have to be laid up as the boilers would not feed. As a result the Western Extension goes back to the hospital and the Quangoon is back on the route. The trouble over the piles was caused by the fact that they were driven in a slanting position, leaving the dock wider at the bottom than at the top. It is expected that it will be several days before the Western Extension will be put on the route.

NEW PLAY TO-NIGHT.

Tonight the Stock Company now presenting large and delightful audiences at the Opera House, are to present for the first time in this city the thrilling melo-drama, North Carolina Folks. There will be an entire change of specialties and new bright moving picture subjects. North Carolina Folks will be repeated for the Saturday matinee and on Saturday night the great melo-drama in the Heart of the Tennessee Mountains will be given. The entertainment on this occasion will be continuous as the vaudeville features will be plentiful.

STMR. PHARSALIA ASHORE.

The Battle Line steamer Pharsalia, Capt. Foot, is ashore on North Cape Island, and whether or not she will be floated is not as yet known, although Messrs. William Thomson & Co. have had several cables from the captain. The Pharsalia sailed on Feb. 5th from Newcastle with a cargo of coal. The island on which she is ashore is one of the coral group, situated in San Bernardino strait, long. 125 east, lat. 13, north, and three hundred miles from Manila. The stmr Pharsalia is a steamer of 2,280 tons net register and was built on the Clyde in 1898.

"DREAMS" NEW HEADQUARTERS

The trim little steamer yacht Dream, owned by W. H. Thorne, Mayor White and others, will lie at Millidgeville this summer, instead of Marble Cove, as heretofore. This was added to the list of the yachting headquarters, which, despite the lack of transportation facilities—street railway—is rapidly becoming a popular resort.

LIVELY MORNING IN COUNTY COURT.

Judge Forbes Charged L. P. D. Tilley With Impertinence.

Mr. Tilley Was Acting for Mr. McCrossin in Suit for Damages Against the Street Railway.

The case of William McCrossin vs. The St. John Street Railway Co. was taken up this morning. L. P. D. Tilley appeared for the plaintiff, F. R. Taylor for the defendant.

Mr. Tilley opened the case to the jury and outlined the nature of the evidence. He pointed out that it was not a case of extortion, that every opportunity had been afforded the company to make a reasonable settlement. The first witness was William McCrossin. He said he was driver of a coal cart for Edmund Riley. On the afternoon of December 13th, 1904, he was returning to the office with the empty cart, and going down City road he was crossing the car tracks from Brixley street to Mr. Riley's office, when he heard the gong of a street car and the next thing he saw the cart and threw him from his seat. He said the fall injured his side so that he has not been able to work since.

After getting out of the cart he went to where the car had stopped and saw that it was No. 28. He saw the motorman, who said: "It serves you right; you are always in the road." He also testified that while before the accident, while waiting with his cart for a street car to pass, the motorman of the car, Fred Johnson, said to the witness: "If you don't look out we will put you into the ditch some night; you are always in the way."

Mr. McCrossin also swore that after the accident a representative of the Street Railway Co. called upon him, took notes of what the witness said, told him that in the Steele case against the company the plaintiff only got about \$25 damages and advised him to settle with the company instead of going to a lawyer.

Mr. Tilley remarked that this representative belonged to a class called "skulks."

To Mr. Taylor the witness said the car was 200 feet away when he noticed it and that he only consulted a physician in reference to the accident but once, and that several days after being hurt.

Mr. Margaret McLellan, who keeps a store at 377 City road, and who witnessed the accident, corroborated the plaintiff's testimony, and said the cars frequently ran down the hill near where the accident occurred at the rate of 15 or 20 miles per hour.

Dr. S. H. McDonald, who attended the plaintiff, testified that he found him suffering from a strain of the muscles of the side, and also from a rupture, which had evidently existed for a long time, and which might have been aggravated by the accident.

Mr. Tilley then called Fred Hayes to show that Hayes had met with a similar accident in the same place before the accident to McCrossin, but his honor refused to admit evidence of any other acts of negligence on the part of the company and the witness was sworn aside, but not till he had said that he was run into, his cart broken, his horse's leg broken, and the witness himself thrown some 20 feet. He received a reprimand from the judge.

"This man," said his honor, "has no experience in street car matters." "I think," said Mr. Tilley, "that he had quite an experience. The company has been promising to settle with him for over a year."

Geo. Seely, a teamster, testified that some years ago he had been called down by Fred Johnson, the motorman referred to by McCrossin.

"Never mind," said his honor, "whether you were called 'up' or 'down,' but tell what he said."

"Solely then said he crossed the track ahead of the car, when Johnson stopped the car and said to the witness: "'D— your soul.'"

His honor said he would have no hesitation in granting a non-suit if it were not for the threats of the employees of the company towards the plaintiff.

Mr. Tilley claimed there was no contributory negligence, but that on the contrary, the employees on that branch of the line had been "laying" for McCrossin. During his evidence McCrossin drew a plan, showing the car tracks, etc., where, and the direction in which he crossed, Mr. Tilley got this plan from the judge, and was proceeding to put further marks on it when he was told to desist by his honor. Whether the warning came too late or not, the judge characterized it as "a piece of downright impertinence, a most unheard of thing, an unfair attempt to deceive your jury."

Court then adjourned till 2:30 this afternoon, when Mr. Tilley will cite authorities on the question of negligence. The jury trying the case is as follows: James Wales, Robt. O'Brien, Chas. J. Hamesey, John Dolan and Samuel Forbes.

FUNERALS TODAY.

The funeral of the late Joseph Armstrong took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence, 293 Victoria street. Rev. David Long conducted the services. Interment was at Cedar Hill.

The funeral of the late Mary Buckley took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, 46 Union street. The service in the Cathedral was conducted by Rev. Father Holland. Interment was in the old Catholic cemetery.

The Canadian Pacific steamer "Athens" arrived at Yokohama February 27th from Vancouver, the steamer "Empress of India" arrived at Vancouver from Yokohama March first.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. R. J. Duffe and daughter, Miss Myrtle Duffe, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blewett for the past few days, left on the Calvin Austin yesterday for Boston.

Mrs. Edward A. Wicher will receive on the second, third and fourth Tuesday of every month at Carvell Hall.

Miss J. Gertrude Power of Philadelphia is home visiting her mother, Mrs. R. J. M. McGill and family, who have been visiting Mrs. McGill's sister, Mrs. P. C. Sharkey, Union street, left last evening for their new home in Ottawa. Mr. McGill has accepted a position on the clerical staff of the railway commission. He will meet his family in Montreal. Mr. McGill formerly belonged to St. John and has lately been traffic manager for the Nova Scotia Central railway with office at Bridgewater.

Miss Cora Scott, of St. John, is visiting Miss Ethel Muller, St. Mary's. Maurice Col, of St. John, was among those who attended the conversation at the U. N. B. last evening—Frederickton Herald.

Allison Wishart is reported seriously ill in Sydney, N. B.

Mayor White is confined to his home with la grippe.

Edward L. Rising, of Waterbury & Rising, have gone on a business trip to the shoe markets of Canada and the New England states.

Miss Edna Bates returned yesterday from Fredericton.

Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown passed through the city yesterday en route to Moncton from Fredericton.

Miss J. McLaughlin returned yesterday from New York.

Mrs. W. A. Wyman and Miss Maud Wyman left for Yarmouth yesterday morning.

Wm. A. Brown, brother of Walter Brown, of Carleton, train master of the C. P. R., is now acting head of the Canada Northern.

Miss S. H. Wessell has returned from a visit to Boston and New York.

Frank Finley, of Fairville, one of the men in charge of the government dredging on the river and other provincial points, is seriously ill at his home with bronchial trouble.

WOULD WEED OUT PARK INQUIRIES. A prominent member of the police force says if the strength of the department is brought up to fifty men, as suggested, that the park beats, Rockwood and Riverview, will be properly patrolled. Other neglected districts, some of them residential, will also have the protection they need. The extra men could very easily be located. As it is now with two or three men always on the sick list, the officers have often to do the duties of the ordinary policemen, neglecting to a certain extent their own important work.

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