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THE TOBACCO WAR.

A Surprise Sprung on the American Combine By a New Deal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The American Tobacco combine designs upon the British market and incidentally its own position in trade in the United States have received a surprise in the closing of a deal which has been negotiated by George F. Butler, a well known American Tobacco man, and brother of William H. Butler, president of the Universal Tobacco Co. of America, cables the London correspondent of the Herald.

As a result of this deal the position of the Imperial Tobacco Co. of Great Britain and Ireland, which comprises some thirteen big firms, and which will be floated early in February, is probably strengthened. Mr. Butler when seen announced he had acquired a large interest in the Henry Clay Co., and in the Havana company's limited. Mr. Butler, when asked what would be the effect of the new company, replied: "It means closer relations between the Universal Tobacco Co. of America, the Henry Clay Co. of England, the Havana company's limited, and the American Commercial company. This combination will be opposed by the Tobacco combination throughout the world. Between the Imperial Tobacco Co. of England and the American companies in the deal there will exist a most harmonious working understanding." These companies, he added, will control the market for imported cigars in Great Britain, which is enormous and are in a position to fear but little any threatened invasion of this market by any other combination.

UNEASINESS IN SUGAR MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The uneasiness in the sugar market caused by the expectation of an increased duty is growing as the date of the budget speech approaches, cables the Tribune's London representative. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has promised not to increase the duty on coal, and this undertaking is regarded as foreshadowing an additional tax on sugar and perhaps on tea. During the last few weeks imports of sugar have enormously increased and the demand for storage room is greater than the supply. This panic policy is strongly condemned by the chancellor of the exchequer, on the ground that it is unfair to attempt to anticipate the budget and so cause a considerable loss to the revenue. There is not so much nervousness noticeable in the tea trade, but it is freely stated that the tax on tea will be raised from four pence to six pence per pound. The chancellor is being urged to revive the old registration duty on corn, which Mr. Gladstone abolished many years ago. If this duty had been in operation last year it would have yielded £2,658,000.

MAY FORM A COMBINE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The White Star steamer Celtic arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown. Among her passengers were a number of English shipping men, whose mission, it was rumored, was to form a combine of trans-Atlantic passenger and freight lines. The party includes W. J. Pierrie, chairman of the Harland & Wolff Shipbuilding Company and director for the Leyland and White Star lines, Henry Wilson, of Richardson, Spence & Co., English agents of the International Navigation Co., who succeeded J. R. Ellerman as chairman of the Leyland line, and J. Bruce Ismay and W. S. Graves, directors of the White Star line.

They are accompanied by Ralph Neville and John Dickinson, maritime lawyers. Mr. Ismay when seen at quarantine, said: "The same rumors were current one year ago, but there is nothing in these reports. My visit here is to study the Celtic. I can give no other statement at this time."

TO ASSASSINATE KING GEORGE.

VIENNA, Jan. 24.—The Neue Friere Press today prints an unconfirmed story of an attempt to assassinate King George of Greece. According to the story, his majesty was walking in the park at Phaleron, when a man, brandishing a knife, rushed upon him. A park inspector jumped between them and received a stab, intended for the king.

CHICAGO'S TONNAGE.

Second Only to New York's, of American Ports.

Elliott Flower, writing in the Century for February of Chicago's great River-Harbor, makes this significant comparison of the seven leading ports of the world:

In the total tonnage of arrivals and clearances Chicago ranks fourth among the principal ports of the world, leading all but London, New York, and Hamburg. The figures for the year ending December 31, 1900 (except in the case of New York, for which the figures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, are given), are as follows:

Port	Tonnage
London	16,829,065
New York	16,020,280
Hamburg	14,181,517
Chicago	14,181,100
Antwerp	13,672,472
Liverpool	11,818,000
Marseilles	9,625,114

So far as the United States is concerned, Chicago leads all ports except New York in tonnage, and leads even that port in the number of arrivals and clearances, the annual report showing 17,017 for Chicago, and 14,819 for New York. It handles more than three times the tonnage of Philadelphia, and more than four times the tonnage of Baltimore. In the thirty years since 1870 this tonnage has more than quadrupled, but it is a singular fact that the annual total of arrivals and clearances has decreased by nearly 8,000, due, of course, to the increase in the size of vessels. Fewer boats are used than formerly, but they carry much more, and this has modified what is known as "the bridge nuisance." Bridges are not opened so frequently, nor are they kept open so long.

WHY SCHEEPERS WAS KILLED.

Was Because He Had Murdered Seven Natives.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The war secretary, Mr. Broderick, was asked by Wm. Richmond, Irish Nationalist, in the house of commons on Thursday why Commandant Scheepers (who was captured by General French in October last, was executed last Saturday at Graaf-Reinet, Cape Colony). The secretary replied that Scheepers was shot because he had been convicted of various offences against the usage of war, including seven cold-blooded murders of natives and the flogging of a white man.

Mr. Broderick added that the fact that Commandant Scheepers was a prisoner of war carried no exception from trial for murder or other violations of the rules of war. Mr. Balfour, the government leader in the house, partially carried an interesting question put by Mr. McLaren, Liberal, as to whether any proposals in the view of bringing about a settlement of the war, had been received by the government since the negotiations between Gen. Kitchener and Gen. Buller.

No proposal of that kind, said Mr. Balfour, "has reached us on the part of anyone able to speak for the leaders of the Boer forces." The evasive reply of the government leader was taken to be a confirmation of the reports that proposals had been received from the Boer delegates in Europe but had been rejected.

MORE LOGS

To Be Diverted From St. John Waters to East Branch.

If a plan which is now under way goes through successfully, and there is every reason to suppose that it will, the supply of Bangor lumber will be increased by from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 feet of logs per year. This plan is nothing less than to divert the logs from Eagle lake, which is on St. John waters, over into Chamberlain lake and thence down the East branch of the Penobscot to Bangor. The preliminary operations which will make this possible are now being actively carried on by H. W. March. One of the best known lumbermen in eastern Maine is backing the enterprise.

Chamberlain and Eagle lakes, as many Bangor people know, are separated by a narrow strip of land less than a mile in width. The country around Eagle lake is rich in valuable timber but there was no manner in which the logs could be driven into Penobscot waters. All the timber from that region had to be floated down the St. John river to the city of that name. Along about 25 years ago a dam and locks were built on the little thoroughfare between the two lakes but for many years it has been impossible to get logs through. Recently, however, steps have been taken to counteract this difficulty. It was determined to take the timber from one lake to another by means of air engines, wire rope and for some miles past the work of installing the apparatus has been in progress.

The magnitude of the undertaking which Mr. March is engaged in may be understood when it is known that the apparatus, which consists of two boilers each weighing about 10,000 lbs., wire rope one and a half miles long, weighing about 13 tons and an almost incalculable amount of other machinery, all has to be transported from Northeast Carry to Eagle lake, a distance of 42 miles. All of this ponderous equipment must be taken through what is practically an unbroken forest, over one river and two large lakes. The roads all have to be swamped, leveled and bridged and the work is necessarily progressing slowly. The roads are of course discouragingly unadapted to such enormous loads but by perseverance and skill one boiler and the heavy cable have been landed at Joseph Smith's hotel, ten miles distant from Chamberlain. If the work is completed without accident, it will be a remarkable feat of engineering.

If the plan goes through successfully the 8,000,000 or 10,000,000 additional feet of logs which will be sawed on the Penobscot will prove a welcome addition to the lumber output of the city. It is confidently expected that this amount can be secured in the vicinity of Eagle lake each year. Bangor Commercial.

LONG RANGE BAPTISM.

Christening in Scotland Was Conducted Under Difficulties.

In wide and sparsely populated highland districts of Scotland it is not infrequently happens that a parent is obliged to walk a distance of five or six miles with an infant for baptism.

It is related of a minister of the north that he agreed to accommodate a parishioner thus situated by meeting him at a stream midway between the parents' house and the manse and there baptizing the child at the running water.

It so happened that by the time the parties came to opposite sides of the burn heavy rain had swollen it into a rapid torrent, so that neither party could approach the other.

Unwilling to turn back with the "bairn" unbaptized, the farmer proposed that the minister should splash water across. Accordingly the minister stepped down to the stream and endeavored to throw handfuls of water on the farmer's baby.

"Ha'e ye got o' that?" he cried at each successive splash.

"De'll a spairge," was the reply. At last a few of the splashes were communicated to the infant's face, and the ceremony was then concluded.

Before retiring to their respective homes the farmer produced a bottle of whisky, crying across, "As I canna offer ye a glass owre the hield o' this, here's the bottle-kepp!" And he threw it across the stream.

The bottle was caught, it is related, with a precision that betokened on the part of his reverence, if not considerable practice, at least considerable dexterity.—Stray Stories.

IT WAS A QUARE WINTER.

"'Tis great weather altogether for the time o' year," said the Old Resident to the Star today. "There hasn't been the likes o' it since the winter after the summer of the fire. That year there was a great t'aw in Jemocracy and I don't know was it Larry Doolan or Larry Donovan was ploughin' out the March. I mind it as well as if 'twas yesterday. My! But that was a quare winter—the winter after the summer of the fire."

SUSTAINED THE ACTION.

Venezuelan Authorities Will Not Allow Secrestat to Land.

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, Jan. 24.—In spite of the protests made by the French consul here, President Castro has sustained the action of the Venezuelan authorities at La Guayra, who refused to permit M. Secrestat, jr., of Bordeaux to land, although the government had previously assured the consul that the traveler might embark. It is held by the authorities, that, while the French line steamer St. Laurent, on which M. Secrestat, jr., was a passenger was at Fort De France, or at the island of Trinidad, he conferred with General Matos, the revolutionary leader. The consul made enquiries on the subject, which established the fact that General Matos was not at Martinique or at Trinidad when the St. Laurent touched at those islands, but was off the Venezuelan coast on board the steamer Libetador. It is claimed that this incident makes it necessary for the French government to take the steps necessary to cause the French cruisers, Tago and Suchet, now at Fort De France, will receive orders to go to La Guayra. The French cruiser Destrees is at Carupano, Venezuela.

ELECTRIC RAILROADS IN CHINA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—It is likely that American capital will build, equip and operate the first electrical railroad in China. It has been learned that prominent banking houses in this city interested in local traction companies were preparing to invade Shanghai. That city asked for propositions to build and operate a twenty-three mile railroad there. The Shanghai officials stipulated that propositions must be made before March 2 of this year. American Electric companies immediately began to consider the proposition, but because they were averse to operating, in addition to constructing and equipping, the plan was conceived to form a separate company. This firm does business in China, and one of its members lives in Shanghai. He already has been appointed Chinese agent for the International Banking corporation. A London company probably will compete for the contract.

NEW RAILROAD IN ALASKA.

SEATTLE, Wn., Jan. 24.—Alaska, Copper River and Yukon Railway company has been incorporated under the laws of Washington to build a railroad from Prince William Sound in Alaska through the Copper and Tanana river country, to a point on the Yukon river near Eagle. The company proposes, in addition, to operate a steamship line from Seattle to Prince William Sound, to build and maintain a smelter and refinery in Alaska and to carry on general mining transactions.

The corporation is capitalized at \$25,000,000, the entire amount of which, it is claimed, has been subscribed by eastern and foreign capital. The estimated cost of the railway is placed at \$10,000,000. The incorporators are E. D. Hammett, A. B. Iles and T. P. Parker.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

LAREDO, Tex., Jan. 23.—A Chihuahua, Mexico, special says: A strike of the freight conductors and brakemen on the Mexican Central, between El Paso and Agua Calientes is imminent. The trouble is over a reduction in wages which became effective the first of the year. The Mexican Central officials, it is said, have refused to accede to demands for the old rate and as a result a dozen trainmen on the Chihuahua division have resigned. It is further said that unless the company restores the old rate more resignations will follow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 24.—Judge Arthur H. Noyes of Alaska is at Mount Zion hospital in an exceedingly precarious condition. The physician who is attending him entertains very little hope that he will recover. He is suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs, induced by tuberculosis.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 24.—Mrs. Ruth Carney, aged 108 years, is dead at the Union home for old ladies here. She was reputed to be the oldest woman in Pennsylvania. She was born in Wales, but passed the greater part of her life in this country.

NEWARK, Eng., Jan. 24.—Lew. Warner, an American horseman, died today as the result of a self-inflicted shot wound. His suicide was due to suffering from pleurisy.

TO SERVE HIS SENTENCE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 24.—Frank Rakewski, until recently a soldier in the United States army, has been brought here from Fort Columbia, Washington, and taken to the military prison at Alcatraz Island, where he will serve a sentence of ten years for threatening the life of President Roosevelt.

CESSION TREATY SIGNED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The treaty of cession of the Danish West Indian islands from Denmark to the United States was signed at the state department today by Secretary Hay and Constantine Brun, the Danish minister. The treaty will be submitted to the senate for ratification immediately.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Eastern states and northern New York—Cloudy tonight, with snow in north and central portions; Saturday, generally fair, colder at night, light, fresh, westerly winds.

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THE NUMBER IN THE FIELD.

There has never been any certainty
as to the fighting strength of the
Boers. The figures given have in some
cases been exaggerated and in others
underestimated. About a year ago Hon.
Mr. Brodrick stated that a recent es-
timate placed the number of
Boers and their allies in the
field at about nineteen or twenty
thousand. The statement was at
the time believed to be correct. It
certainly was as accurate a one as the
British government could obtain. Since
that time, according to Lord Kitch-
ener's dispatches, the enemy's number
has been reduced by 18,320, in killed,
wounded and prisoners. Of this number
almost fifteen thousand were captured
or surrendered, so that, practically
five-sixths of Lord Kitchener's figures
can be taken as absolutely correct. The
estimate of killed and wounded may be
somewhat out, but it probably errs on
the side of moderation. If Mr. Brod-
rick's figures of a year ago were cor-
rect, there would now be only a couple
of thousand men in the field. But
DeWet alone, is stated, to have had
with him in recent engagements some
fifteen thousand men. Either Mr.
Brodrick's figures were considerably
under the mark or else the fighting
force received constant and consider-
able additions from among the Cape
rebels, and probably in the shape of
foreign mercenaries.

With regard to the capture of guns,
rifles, munitions of war, and other sup-
plies, Lord Kitchener's dispatches show
that the British forces have been very
successful. The figures as given by
the Press Association are as follows:
Guns, including Maxim's, pom-
poms, and field guns 27
Rifles 7,993
Wagons and carts 8,539
Horses 91,823
Cattle 171,167
Sheep 184,730
Mules 242
Trek oxen 5,974
Rounds of small-arm ammu-
nition 2,034,775
Of course it must be recollected that
the above only summarises the actual
numbers given in the official telegrams.
Lord Kitchener in many of his mes-
sages often mentions "large quantities
of stock, etc.," and no doubt if he had
gone into details on each occasion the
record would be largely increased.

HE COMES WITH GIFTS.

The Kaiser's brother brings over a
number of valuable gifts for prominent
Americans. The custom of some cen-
turies has not been outgrown. In those
former days, the presents were perhaps
less valuable, though not dissimilar in
nature. The flint lock gun and Tower
musket, for the chiefs of the aborig-
ines, were but prototype of the modern
rifle which is to be presented to the
head of the American nation. The neck-
lace and other pieces of jewelry, which
are to be given to the president's
daughter and other ladies are made of
different metal, from the earrings and
beads that formerly were brought out.
But the principle appears to be the same.
If Prince Henry thinks to bring a new
hatchet, made in Germany, for Carrie
Nation, the likeness between these lat-
ter and the former days would be com-
plete. It is not certain what will be
given the German prince. He may expect
a belt of wampum, a head-dress of feath-
ers and embroidered moccasins. Should
he not get them his gifts of frankincense
and myrrh would be for naught, so far
as he personally is concerned, save the
fact that his presents will, as in days
gone by, assist materially in winning
the affections of the inhabitants.

There was according to the statis-
tics a somewhat greater flow of emigra-
tion last year from the British
Islands, than in 1900, principally to the
United States, which took nearly two-
thirds of the total of 302,848, and to the
Cape, while there was a falling off of
nearly 7,000 in the stream to British
North America generally. In 1900 the
aggregate to all parts was 296,561, last
year showing an increase of 4,287.

Halifax and St. John newspapers of
Saturday morning last were received in
this city shortly before noon Tues-
day. These are the latest dates to hand,
says the Charlottetown Examiner.

With two steamers running the gov-
ernment is certainly not giving the
island people a very satisfactory mail
service.

London fog cost that city between
three and five million pounds annually,
according to the Hon. Rollo Russell, who
has made the matter a special study.

The Telegraph preserves a significant
silence in regard to the payment of
\$100,000 for the steam heater for freight
cars.

LORD KITCHENER.

"Blackwood," in the course of an in-
teresting paper "On the Heels of De
Wet," gives a vivid pen-and-ink sketch
of Lord Kitchener.

"But we must be up and doing. It
is an extraordinary day at De Aar. Every-
one is bustling about. Staff pop-
injays hurry up and down the plat-
form. Stout, elderly militia colonels,
who could never be up and dressed at
this hour under ordinary circum-
stances, are heckling the R. S. O.,
who has more starch in his tunic than
than has ever been seen in a tunic be-
fore. What does it all mean? Lord
Kitchener is at De Aar. Oh, Hades!
"We feel his presence, but it is not
long before we see him. How he must
worry his tailor. Tall and well-pro-
portioned above, he falls away from
his waist downwards. It is this lower
weakness which evidently troubles the
man who fashions his clothes. But it
is his face we look at. That cold blue
eye which is the hallmark of the British
army. The firm jaw and the eagle
mouth, of which we read in 1898. But
presumably this is only the stereotyped
"military hero" that the papers al-
ways keep 'set up' for the advent of
successful generals. None of it was
visible here. A round, red, and some-
what puffy face. Square head, with
staff cap set carelessly upon it. Heavy
moustaches covering a somewhat im-
mobile mouth, at the moment inclined to
smile. Eyes just anywhere; heavy, but
not overpowering eyebrows. In fact,
a very ordinary face of a man just
past his prime. Hardly a figure that
you would have remarked if it had
not been for the gilt upon his hat—in
fact, it was all a disappointing dis-
covery. He was pacing up and down
with his hands on his hips, and elbows
pointing backwards, talking good-naturedly
to a colonel man, who was evidently
just off 'trek,' and with his overgrown
gait and ponderous step the great
Kitchener did not look half as impos-
ing as his travel-stained companion.
"The chief was explaining something
to the colonel. They paced up and
down together for a few minutes, then
stopped just in front of us, and the
conversation was as follows:
"Chief: 'All right; I will soon find
you a staff. Let me see; you have a
brigade-major?'
"Colonel: 'Yes; but he is at Han-
over Road!'
"Chief: 'That's all right; you will
collect him in good time. You want a
chief for your staff. Here you are; he
has been a colonel in palpably stand-
ing-by, what are you doing here? You
will be chief of the staff to the new
cavalry brigade!'
"New Colonel: 'But, sir—'
"Chief: 'That's all right. (Rever-
ting to his original attitude.) Now you
want transport and supply officers. See
that depot over there? (nodding his
head towards the De Aar supply de-
pot.) Go and collect them there—
quote me as your authority. There,
you are fitted up; you can round up
part of your brigade tonight and be off
at daybreak tomorrow. Wait; you
will want an intelligence officer. (Here
he swung round and ran his eye over
the miscellaneous gathering of all
ranks assembled on the platform. He
singled out a bedraggled officer from
amongst the group who had arrived
from the preceding night in the van of
the ill-natured Afrikaner guard.) What
are you doing here?'
"Officer: 'Trying to rejoin, sir.'
"Chief: 'Where have you come
from?'
"Officer: 'Deelfontein—convalescent,
sir.'
"Chief: 'You'll do. You are intelli-
gence officer in the new cavalry bri-
gade. Here's your brigadier; you will
take orders from him. (Turning again
to the colonel and his hand.) There you
are; you are fitted out. Mind you move
out of Richmond Road tomorrow morn-
ing without fail. Good-bye!'

DESERVES A MEDAL.

On a downtown corner on Broadway
on Saturday a tipsy man stood looking
at a sign on the rounded corner of a
building opposite, says Julian Ralph
in the Mail and Express. The sign
read "Dun Building." The tipsy man
turned away, described a generous but
wobbly and drunken circle and came
back to his post of observation. Now
he read the words aloud: "Dun Build-
ing." "That's a fact," said he.
"Thought I must have made mistake,
but that's what it says sure enough."
Saying, a policeman near him leaped
forward, the officer until he had taken
the proper angle to propel himself
in that direction, when he shot forward
and brought himself to a standstill be-
fore the bluecoat.
"Say," he said, "that man can't spell
for a cent, but what he means 's plain
enough. He says he's 'done building.'
Ain't that great? Here's a city that's
got three million people, all building
'r else tearing down so's to begin
building. They've been building the
old town for 300 years and still at it.
But, at last, there's a feller 'ts got
enough, and he's stuck it up on that
wall: 'Done building.' Now, that's
what I call a start. There's only 'bout
three million more to get tired an'
quit, an' then we can have a clean city
fit 't live in. But that feller's the first
to give up, an' he oughter get a medal."

THE WRONG CONNECTION.
(Salt Lake Herald.)
The telephone girl and the bill clerk,
to whom she had promised her heart
and hand, were sitting in front of the
fireplace talking about the happy days
to come when they would be one.
From one little detail to another the
talk finally drifted to the subject of
lighting the fire in the morning. On
this point the young man was decided.
He stated it as his emphatic opinion
that it was a wife's place to get up
and start the fire and let her poor,
hard-working husband rest.
After this declaration there was sil-
ence for the space of about three
quarters of a second. Then the tele-
phone girl thrust out the finger en-
closed by her engagement ring and mur-
mured sweetly, but firmly:
"Ring off, please. You have got con-
nected with the wrong number."

MONTREAL, Jan. 23.—The Canada
Paper Company's shareholders today
decided to increase the capital by \$400,
and rebuild the mill at Windsor
Mills, destroyed by fire recently.

LUMBER CUT ON THE KENNEBEC.

The lumber operators on the Kenne-
bec valley and the tributary streams
have had a singular experience during
the present winter. The cut of the
Kennebec waters bids fair to be as
large if not larger than that of last
year in spite of the fact that snows
have come and gone several times dur-
ing the present season. The peculiar
winter has been rather an advantage
than a set back to the operators. The
first of the season the operators by
reason of the lack of snow were com-
pelled to be satisfied with yarding in
preparation for the snow when it
came. Near the middle of December
there was snow in the woods to the
depth of nearly three feet. Then be-
gan hauling to the landings from the
yards and good progress was made for
several days. Dec. 15 the heavy rain
which made the great flood came and
removed all the snow in the openings,
but left about one foot in the lumber
woods. When the snow had been the
deepest good roads had been made and
when the rain came the roads became
ice, making hauling even better than
before. Then came another snow
storm, which left about six inches,
which covered up what few bare spots
had been made by the rain. The work
of hauling to yards and landings has
been pushed for all there was in the
crews, and at the present time the out-
puts of the same date last year.

The rain storm which set in last
night, and which is in progress at the
present writing does not reach as far
north as the rains of December and
consequently, to date has had no ef-
fect on what snow there is in the lum-
ber woods. With but little snow then,
the operators have been specially fav-
ored during the present season. The
next six weeks will tell the story of
what may be expected of the Kenne-
bec operators. Usually the last of
January and all of February gives the
most snow and upon this will the op-
erators rely mainly for water for driv-
ing purposes the coming spring.

If no more snow should come this
winter—that is if what may come
shall be taken away by rains—then it
will be impossible to get the cut to the
mills. The cut last year was about 150
million feet and there was a good
quantity of snow back of it when the
streams opened. The drive was very
clean. If but little snow comes from
now on the storage basins of Moose
and DeWet river will be low and driv-
ing on these streams will be difficult.
The water in Moosehead lake will
be considerably lower than ever
before and naturally when the DeWet
and Moose river drives arrive in the
main river of the Kennebec the logs
will drag heavily over the gravel beds
and other bad places. Old lumbermen
say now that at least three feet of
snow must fall between now and driv-
ing season in order that the drive be
successful.—Bangor News.

BOER PRISONERS APPEAL.

Want to Take Oath of Allegiance and
Aid in Ending the War.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—The government
has issued the text of the petition re-
ceived from the Boer prisoners at Ber-
muda, which was referred to yesterday
by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain in
his speech in the house of commons.
It is dated Sept. 24, and its signers re-
present the prisoners camped on
Tucker's Island.

The petitioners say they are aware
of the impossibility of the Boers re-
taining their independence, and are
averse to the continuance of the war,
for which they blame those who are
still fighting. At least three hundred
of the prisoners expressed their will-
ingness to take the oath of allegiance
to Great Britain, while the remainder
are willing to take the oath of neutral-
ity.

It is asked that those taking the
oath of allegiance be allowed to return
to South Africa, they promising to do
their utmost to promote the interests
of Great Britain, especially in the di-
rection of ending the war.

COLOR HARMONY RESTORED.

The Nelson, B. C., Miner tells of the
growing aestheticism of Nelson's "up-
per ten."

"Ladies," says the Miner, are often
particular in matters of dress, and an
incident that occurred at the Opera
House at the Vaudeville performance
would appear to show that the accu-
sation is sometimes merited. A lady
in blue dress occupied a seat and an-
other lady coming in to occupy the ad-
joining seat discovered to her dismay
that the other's dress was of a shade
that contrasted very unfavorably with
her own. She stood or rather sat it
for some time, but finally the services
of an obliging usher were called into
regulation and an exchange of seats
was effected with a lady in a brown
dress, who had been sitting between
two in black.

PRESBYTERIAN FINANCES.

TORONTO, Jan. 23.—Rev. Dr. War-
den has issued the financial report of
the Presbyterian Church of Toronto for
the year ending Feb. 28. While \$29,050
has been subscribed, it is estimated
that the amount required will be \$31,
000, making the sum of \$19,950 requir-
ed within the next six weeks to end
the year without debt.

To cure a Headache in ten minutes
use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

MASKS.

Domino Masks with curtains, all colors,
only 6c. each.

VASELINE BARGAIN

50c box Vaseline Preparation for 25c.
BOX CONTAINS:
One Cake Vaseline Family Soap.
One Tube Capsicum Vaseline.
One Tube Vaseline Camphor Ice.
One Large Tube Pure Vaseline.
One Jar Vaseline Cold Cream.

Remnants Grey Cotton

5c. to 7c. per yd.

ARNOLD'S

DEPARTMENT STORE,

15 Charlotte Street.



TRUTHFUL TARS.

They were discussing lars and lars
at Capt. Butler's marine office yester-
day, when Captain Thorndike, who is
interested in Virginia pine, said that
he was down at North Haven recently
and was shown a hen that laid two
eggs a day for three weeks, says the
Rockland Star. The owner of this re-
markable hen vouched for the state-
ment and others in North Haven were
willing to go before a rotary public
and swear to the truth of the state-
ment.

Captain Bisbee, who is lumbering in
Warren, spoke up and said: "That's
nothing remarkable. Talk about funny
things seen on land! Last week I had
a pair of horses out in the woods haul-
ing logs and ran across a nest of rab-
bits. There must have been 300 of
them all in a huddle. The snow was
deep and they were evidently starved
nearly to death. First I knew of their
presence was when I saw my horses
beginning to whim and kick up. I
hastened to them and found one with
one of his front hoofs nearly chewed
off by the voracious rabbits. I killed
them with one blow of a sled stake and
had rabbit pie last Sunday."

Just then Captain Hall of the marine
office opened the windows and threw
out two or three tons of ballast.

CANADA IN ENGLAND.

MONTREAL, Jan. 23.—The Herald's
London cable says: "Lord Strathcona
in reply to a deputation from the Bris-
tol Chamber of Commerce advocating
the claims of Bristol as a terminal port
for the new Canadian mail service, has
promised to lay the matter before the
Dominion government. Lord Strath-
cona will be a guest at the Royal Navy
club's banquet Feb. 4th. Great Britain
was never more more desirous of
strengthening the commercial links
with the colonies than she is at pres-
ent. The decision of the Manchester
Linen Company to increase the service
with Canada gives great satisfaction
in Lancashire.

TORONTO, Jan. 23.—A cable receiv-
ed from London today stated that a
provincial agreement had been signed
whereby the Imperial Insurance Alli-
ance Assurance Co. and the Imperial
Life Insurance Co. would amalgamate,
the new company to be known as the
Imperial Alliance.

CHINA GAVE IN.

PEKIN, Jan. 23.—The ministers of the
foreign powers here have attained the goal
which has been their aim since intercourse
between China and the powers began. They
have been received as representatives of
sovereigns equal in rank to the Chinese
emperor.

The audiences yesterday between the em-
peror and the ministers were held in the
large hall of the Forbidden City. The em-
peror sat upon a dais behind a table.
There were four princes at the back of his
throne, a dozen officials on each side. The
dowager empress was concealed by a screen,
according to the stories of the attendants,
and remained invisible. The audience cham-
ber was furnished ornamentally in contrast
with the dingy room which served for these
audiences under the old regime. The sec-
retaries translated the addresses of the min-
isters, copies of which were handed to the
emperor. The replies to these addresses
were delivered by Prince Ching. The em-
peror was silent throughout the audience
and remained stolid and impassive. The
emperor replied to the ministers in
Manchu and the princes interpreted what
he said. Today the emperor appeared as an
automaton and the secretaries of the foreign
ministers who were present report that he
looked weaker, less intellectual and more
clumsy than prior to the siege of the lega-
tions.

POPULATION OF N. B. TOWNS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—The following is
the census returns of population of
certain New Brunswick cities, towns
and parishes in addition to those al-
ready published:
Fredericton, 7,117; Dorchester, town
and parish, 6,063; Chatham, 1,779; Dal-
housie, town and parish, 2,183; Wood-
stock, 2,984; Bathurst, town and par-
ish, 4,913; Newcastle, 2,507; Sackville,
2,863; Campbellton, 2,652; Shippegan
parish, 3,786; St. Stephen, 2,940; Carleton
parish, 1,132; Millville, 2,004; Sus-
sex, 2,290; St. Andrews, town and par-
ish, 1,390, the town is 1,064; St. George,
town and parish, 2,892, the town is
1,588; Shediac, town and parish, 6,430;
Richibucto, town and parish, 3,379.

CANADIAN CATTLE BREEDERS.

TORONTO, Jan. 23.—The Dominion
Cattle Breeders' Association at its an-
nual meeting held here today, decided
to begin making arrangements at an
early date for an exhibition of live
stock at the St. Louis fair that will be
even more successful than was that at
Buffalo. Officers were chosen as fol-
lows: President, Arthur Johnston of
Greenwood, Ont.; vice president, Alex.
Smith of Maple Lodge, Ont.; secretary
treasurer, A. F. Westervelt, vice pre-
sident for New Brunswick, T. W. Pel-
lers; vice president for Nova Scotia, E.
B. Elderkin of Amherst; vice president
for Prince Edward Island, Judge F.
Hazard of Charlottetown; vice presi-
dent for Newfoundland, Hon. Thos. C.
Duder.

SOLVED THE TRAMP PROBLEM.

(Baltimore Herald.)

"I think I have solved the tramp
problem in a perfectly satisfactory
way," said the New Jersey farmer as
the subject was under discussion. "It
did no good whatever to put up signs
warning them off or to keep a bulldog
at the gate. I tried all that, and last
spring I made a change. I put up
signs for three miles around reading:
"Tramps Please Call at the Baker
Farm," and "All Tramps Welcome
at Baker's," and the result is that not
over three of them have called. The
other day, to show you how it works,

No Family

In St. John can afford long to be without
our Bread, Pastry, Cakes, etc. You will
realize this after you place a trial order
with us. You will find our goods not only
better than you can make at home, but less
expensive, and you will save a whole lot of
trouble there. No spoiled baking for you;
No bread genuine without the label. Health's
Hygienic Bread the best in the city. Beware
of imitations.

Hygienic Bakery

134-136-138 Mill Street.

'Phone 1167

HELP WANTED, MALE.

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

WANTED.—A boy compositor who has had
two or three years experience. Apply Daily
Star Office.

WANTED.—Drug clerk with two or three
years' experience. Apply to W. H. Mowatt,
Haymarket Square.

WANTED.—A few students to learn Tele-
graphy and measure good positions. Apply to
L. VOELKE, No. 115 Queen Street.

GENERAL AGENTS WANTED in each
town for special, accident, sickness, insur-
ances. Apply to CHAPMAN & TILLEY, Bar-
rister, Palmer's Building, Princess street.

MONEY TO LOAN

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

MONEY.—Advanced on mortgage in large
or small sums. Apply to Chas MacDonald,
barrister, Walker Building, Canterbury St.

On Freehold and Leasehold Property, re-
payable by monthly instalments or other-
wise. Apply to CHAPMAN & TILLEY, Bar-
rister, Palmer's Building, Princess street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ALL KINDS

SEWING MACHINES
REPAIRED.

Needles and parts for all makes at W. H.
BELLS, 28 Dock Street.

TO LET.

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

TO LET OR FOR SALE.—A house and barn
with about 1 acre of land at Grandville. A
good well of water. House contains 9 rooms
and cellar. Apply to E. T. C. Knowles, Pal-
mer's Chambers, Princess street, or 128 Union
street.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET.—A gentle-
man wishing a nice light sunny bedroom in
private house, where it would be quiet, can
hear of the same by applying to 34 King
street east. A lady could also be accommo-
dated with room and board. Ring left hand
bell.

WANTED.

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

WANTED TO RENT.—A floor of a building
with power for light manufacture. Must be
well lighted. Address W. M. PARKS, 240
Union street.

WANTED.—By young man with income of
\$1,200 per year, to borrow \$1,000 for one
year, interest 7 per cent. Collateral \$2,000
paid up stock in a flourishing company and
life insurance policy for \$2,000. 7 years paid.
Address "BOX" care Sun Printing Co., St.
John.

WANTED.—Conveyances, male or female,
through the city to handle a rapid selling
book of maps. Address H. R. STAR OFFICE.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

Advertisements under this head inserted
free of charge.

WANTED.—Dressmaker wants sewing by
the day. Address H. R. STAR OFFICE.

"Q" COMPANY

(By the Late R. S. BULLY)

This little book should be in every home in New Brunswick, as a reminder of the loyalty and suffering of our boys.

It gives the everyday life of our heroes from their leaving St. John for the scene of war until their arrival home again.

The story is told in language, witty, humorous, pathetic and truthful.

PRICE 25 CENTS. For Sale at
E. G. NELSON & CO'S.

GOOD BUTTER.

JAMES PATTERSON,
10 and 20 South Market Wharf,
8 City Market.

THE LADIES ARE PLEASED

With the NEEDLE CASES that I am presenting to CASH CUSTOMERS.

One said: "I have got my coal for years from you but I saw one of your NEEDLE CASES at a friend's house and decided to have one myself."

Every cash purchaser of a load of RESERVE, CALEDONIA, SPRING HILL, SYDNEY and HARD COAL will get one.

J. S. FROST, 11 Union Street.

When you want coal delivered and put in the bin, do not forget that you will save from 10 to 15c. per ton by placing your order with GIBSON & CO., who have always taken the lead in providing the best facilities for handling coal at the lowest cost.

OFFICES: Smythe St. (near N. Wharf) and 6 1-2 Charlotte Street.

Coal

Sold by bushel, barrel or ton. Wood in any quantity at

LAW & CO'S,
Tel. 1348. Foot of Clarence St.

JOHN RUBINS,

—CUSTOM TAILOR—
Clothes cleaned, repaired and pressed at short notice.
53 Germain Street.

TURKISH BATHS,

Union, Corner Hazen Street.
Among the many who have derived pleasure and benefit and permit the proprietor to use their names as references are:

Dr. J. B. March, Dr. G. A. Addy, Dr. J. H. Cunningham, Boston; Dr. Geo. Hetherington, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. J. E. Stevens, Dr. Keltie Jones, J. A. McAvity, Rev. G. F. Scott, C. J. Coster, A. W. Macrae, John McMillan, W. C. Purvis, E. L. Rennie, Silas Alward, A. C. Fairweather, Wm. Fungley, H. C. Page, W. Watson Allen, Percy W. Thomson, E. O. Evans, Dr. J. E. Williams, S. L. Kerr, D. Churchill, and many others.

NOTICE.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of James Pender & Co., Ltd., will be held at the Office of the Company, Charlotte Street Extension, in the City of Saint John, N. B., on WEDNESDAY, the FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1902, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the Election of Directors and such other business as may legally come before such meeting.

January 17th, 1902.
WALTER O. PURDY,
Secretary and Treas.

CARD.

To the Electors of the City of St. John:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—
Notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, I have announced most emphatically I will be a candidate for the honorable position of Mayor. At present I have the honor of the position of Deputy Mayor, and my many years' experience as a member of the Board of Aldermen to fill the Mayor's chair. I therefore solicit your support.

Your obedient servant,
BENOCH B. COLWELL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 23.—Application is to be made tomorrow by Mr. Bergeron for a judicial recount of the votes cast in the recent St. James division of Montreal election. It is expected some interesting facts will be disclosed.

Steamer *Tunagra*, in command of Captain Abbott, sailed this afternoon with a cargo of hay for South Africa. The steamer will call at Norfolk, Va.

PATTERSON'S

Cor. Charlotte and Duke Sts.

LACES.

Slaughter Sale of Silk and Cotton Laces at Half Price:

25c. quality for 12c.
20c. quality for 10c.
18c. quality for 9c.
16c. quality for 8c.
16c. quality for 7c.
12c. quality for 6c.
10c. quality for 5c.
8c. quality for 4c.
7c. quality for 3c.
5c. quality for 2c.

These are Genuine Bargains.

—STORE OPEN TILL 9 O'CLOCK—

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers will please send in copy early in the morning, to ensure the necessary change being made.

LOCAL NEWS.

The people who use Red Rose tea say it's good tea. Have you tried it?

The boys' branch of the Y. M. C. A. will hold their annual sleigh drive and supper on Friday, Jan. 31.

Easy to prove whether Red Rose tea is good tea. Try a package. There are six grades, at 25, 30, 35, 40, 50 and 60c. per pound.

The annual meeting of the Tourist Association will be held this evening in the Board of Trade rooms. The session is a very important one.

The funeral of the late Mrs. A. deW. Howard will take place tomorrow. Service will be held at St. John's church at 11 a. m.

The future of the old epidemic hospital is undetermined, but it is probable that only patients suffering from diphtheria, measles or scarlet fever will henceforth be treated there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacobson of Main street have issued invitations for the wedding of their daughter Bessie to Israel Jacobson. The ceremony will be performed by Rabbi Welensky in Union Hall, Main street, at six o'clock in the afternoon on February 4th.

Margaret Tait, the old woman who was injured by a fall on Wednesday night, will probably be sent to the Alms House today. Further particulars regarding her misfortune are to be the effect that she either fell or was pushed down the stairs in her son's house on Westmorland road.

Before Chief Justice Tuck this morning J. D. Hazen, K. C., on behalf of D. McLeod-Vince and J. A. Vanwart, presented a petition seeking their relief as trustees of the Dow fund and suggesting that the University of New Brunswick be appointed in their stead. Order was moved.

Reverdy Steeves' big rubber sale is appreciated by the public. Last Saturday his clerks could barely handle the crowd. As per his advertisement today he requests those customers who can possibly do so, to make their purchases during the earlier part of the day.

Our new premises and machinery enable us to turn out perfect work in all our departments. Neck bands replaced, hosiery darned, repairs made, all free. 30 to 50 pieces for 50c—sheets, pillow slips, tablecloths, napkins, towels, bed spreads. Ungar Laundry and Carpet Cleaning Works. Telephone 58.

One night several months ago Sergt. Campbell chased a man on Prince William street whose conduct made him an object of suspicion. The man got away, but in his hurry dropped a pair of boots, which were picked up by the police. It now transpires that Barney Devine was the person who was chased.

TODAY'S FUNERALS.

The funeral of the late Mary Fleming took place this morning from her residence 313 Charlotte street. At half-past eight o'clock the body was taken to the church of St. John the Baptist, where requiem mass was celebrated by the Rev. W. C. Gaynor, after which interment was made in the old Catholic burying ground. The pall-bearers were William Furlong, Arthur Connor, John Abbott, Cabel Larkins, John Mullins and Thomas Harrison.

There was a large attendance at the funeral of the late Alexander C. Clark which took place at half-past two o'clock this afternoon from his late residence, 206 Paradise Row. Services were conducted at the house by the Rev. W. O. Raymond, and interment made in Fernhill. Among the many beautiful floral tributes was a pillow with the word "Father," from the members of Mr. Clark's family and a crescent and wreath from his brother, H. D. Clark, of Halifax.

A BIG PAY ROLL.

There are now four hundred and twenty-five names on the pay roll of the cotton mills, and more machinery is being set in motion as fast as skilled hands can be got. Quite a number of families have moved back to the city from other places, and more are coming. The York mill is running at night now, and everything around both mills is working as smoothly as clock work. Finished goods are being shipped every day, and there is an excellent demand for them.

The weekly wage is now a very important item, and the shopkeepers are feeling the benefit in an increased cash trade and the gradual liquidation of small bills that were outstanding. The citizens, therefore, as well as the members of the company rejoice over the bright outlook for this important industry.

SURPRISE PARTY.

A very pleasant event took place last evening, when between fifty and sixty ladies and gentlemen visited the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William H. White on Victoria street, and took them very much by surprise. Wm. Rogers, on behalf of the party, presented Mrs. and Mr. White with a suitable tea set. The recipients made suitable replies. Refreshments were served and the party enjoyed themselves with various games until nearly two o'clock this morning.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.**STREET ROWDYISM.**

To the Editor of the Star:
Sir,—I among many others would like to enter a protest against the street rowdyism which is especially noticeable on Brunswick street.

It is not long since a boy was badly hurt by the young rascals who loaf around the corners all the evening annoying the passers by. These boys are between the ages of 8 and 13 and should be at home. If we cannot have a curfew law we should employ some means of suppressing these rowdies. If no person else is available they fight amongst themselves and make horrible noises with their shouting and language which would put an old fall-bird to shame. They abuse any respectable boys that may pass along and insult the men and women, besides which their chief delight is being chased by the "cops."

Perhaps if the policemen arrested a few of them and they were sent to the reform school, the parents of the others would remember that they had duties to their children that were being neglected, and if all would act together the grievances of passers by and residents would be removed.

Thanking you for your space and hoping that this protest may be productive of some good. I remain,
Yours truly,
CITIZEN.

MORE HOUSES RELEASED.

The condition of affairs at the board of health office has been quiet during the past week, but the board still convenes daily. No new cases of smallpox have been reported this week and so far there are no symptoms of new victims in the McEwen or Carvell house, where the disease broke out last week.

At the isolation hospital the recovery is expected of the four unconvalescent patients. Two recovered inmates were released yesterday. The next to be discharged will be Miss Currie, who has had a tedious convalescence, and James Givan, whose father died of the disease.

Another house was released from quarantine today, the residence of Thomas McCullough on Carleton street. Tomorrow another, the residence of J. N. Harvey, Hazen street, will be released. The relief of these two houses will reduce the number detained to three. At one stage of the epidemic thirty houses were under the ban.

The board of health will continue further its inquiry being made in connection with the epidemic. Among those who will be invited to make statements before the board will probably be W. C. R. Allan and M. W. Maher, General Public Hospital commissioners.

WHAT ONE CASE COST.

There were some errors, says the Gleaner, in yesterday's report of the reductions made by the public accounts committee. The municipal council in the bills presented in connection with the smallpox case at St. Mary's. The sums set down by the committee were intended to read as the amounts by which the bills were to be reduced, but were taken by the reporter to mean that the accounts were to be reduced to the sum named—the difference between to and by. The correct statement is as follows:

Reid Blair, inspection, \$20.00; reduced by \$10.00; to be paid \$10.00.
Reid Blair, investigating complaints, fumigating, etc., \$10.50; reduced by \$5.00; amount to be paid \$5.50.
Dr. Mullin, chairman, services during war \$120; reduced by \$20; amount to be paid, \$100.
Dr. Ryan, services 45 days, \$15 a day, \$675; reduced by \$550; to be paid \$225, rate of \$7.22 a day.
H. M. Blair, guard 41 days at \$5, \$205; reduced by \$82; to be paid \$123, rate of \$3 a day.

SCOT'S COMPANY'S RECEPTION.

Last evening in the schoolroom of St. Stephen's church the officers and members of No. 2 "Scots" company entertained the officers and members of No. 1 "Scots" company to an "At Home." The school room was tastefully decorated with flags, shields, stars and crosses and never looked prettier. The evening was a memorable one in the history of the "Scots" companies. A formal programme was rendered during the evening. Reading matter and games of all sorts were placed at the disposal of the boys. After they had spent a suitable time in their games they were served with refreshments. By the jolly and merry manner in which the boys enjoyed themselves (Capt. Farren and his company feel) they were rewarded for the care and pains they took towards making the evening a success.

ENLISTED AS A TROOPER.

Lieut. J. W. Willis, of the R. C. A. who has enlisted as a trooper in the R. C. A. for service in South Africa, is the second son of his family to volunteer for the front, his brother, Capt. R. B. Willis, of the 66th P. L. F., having served as lieutenant with the 1st Canadian contingent, and he now holds a commission as lieutenant in the 4th Battalion Manchester Regiment, which is now stationed at Cork, Ireland. Both brothers were in the office of the Queen Insurance Company at the time they volunteered. Their father, Rev. Cuthbert Willis, has also been in the British army, having held the post of chaplain. He was stationed in New Brunswick and was also on the staff of General Doyle.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The New Brunswick Tourist Association which will hold its annual meeting tonight had a successful year. In the treasury there is a balance of about \$500.

In the bureau, which was conducted by the association, statistics show that the great majority of visitors came from Massachusetts. The states of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Illinois followed the order given.

A BEDSTEAD AND A DESK.

A rather peculiar case was heard in the civic court yesterday. Two Jewish opticians, Herment and Levi, took proceedings against Dennis Burke, auctioneer, for the recovery of a desk alleged to have been purchased by them. Their story was that they went to Burke's to buy a desk, and finding one suitable to their wants, asked the price. Mr. Burke mentioned three dollars, which they thought too much, and offered two dollars and a half. This was accepted and the bargain closed, the desk to be called for next day. On the following afternoon, when the purchasers went to take their property, they were rather hurriedly sent out of the shop by Mr. Burke, who refused to give them the desk. Mr. Burke's story, as told in the court, was that the Jews never even mentioned a desk to him. They had come in to his shop and bought a bedstead, which had been partly set up in order that they might examine it.

The Jews could not understand why they wanted a bedstead for their shop and derived great enjoyment from the evidence given. The magistrate ordered that the two dollars and a half be returned by Mr. Burke.

POLICE COURT.

No arrests were made by the police yesterday.

Edward Bates was reported for allowing a pile of lumber, stone and iron to remain on the north side of King square without a light. Mr. Bates explained that lanterns had been placed on the pile, but were blown out by the wind. He was excused.

Charles Edmunds, reported for allowing a coach to stand all night on Sydney street, said that repairs were being made in his establishment which lessened the available space. The magistrate said that the practice of leaving vehicles on the streets was becoming far too common, and that many complaints were being received. He did not quite see why Mr. Edmunds was singled out from among the many offenders in this respect, but expressed the hope that this innocent remark would not be taken as an excuse for summoning all owners of carriages to the court tomorrow morning.

DEATH OF ALFRED MILLS.

Alfred Mills, a life-long resident of St. John and at one time prominently identified with shipping interests, died this morning, after a protracted illness, at his residence, Coburn street. He was a son of the late William Mills, well remembered by many citizens as their school teacher. In the "seventies" and early "eighties" the late Alfred Mills was a member of the firm of Mills & Jago, having extensive shipping interests. Among the vessels they managed were the barques *Syringa* and *Veronica*, the latter now one of Wm. Thomson & Co's fleet, and the brigantines *Wanderer* and *Alice*. In late years Mr. Mills devoted his attention to shingle, lumber and coal business. The deceased, who was never married, is survived by his mother, two unmarried sisters at home and two other sisters, one the wife of Kilgour Shivers of Campbellton, the other, the widow of Col. Jago, resides at Fredericton.

THE MAGISTRATE DECIDES.

That D. R. Jack was guilty of Refusal to Attend for Vaccination.

In the police court this morning the magistrate found D. R. Jack guilty of refusing to attend at the board of health rooms to be vaccinated. He said that the second count for refusing to obey the precept authorizing an officer to take the defendant to the office of the board did not constitute an offence. Discussing the case, in delivering judgment, his honor said that he thought the regulations made by the local government were in force, and even if they were not he thought the general scope of the public health act justified what the board had done. As this was a test case he imposed a nominal penalty of \$5. The case will be carried to the supreme court.

CONTRADICTORY EVIDENCE.

Dr. W. L. Ellis, who was before the board of health yesterday, made a statement in connection with the charges the board made against Dr. Price for neglecting to report a case of smallpox in the house of Wm. Alward, Haymarket square.

The circumstances were that when Dr. Morris was sent to attend two smallpox patients in the Alward house he reported having found a case several weeks old which had not been reported. On the strength of this report on the board of health brought Dr. Price, the attending physician, before the police magistrate, who dismissed the case. In his statement before the health authorities yesterday Dr. Ellis, it is understood, contradicted the police court evidence of Dr. Price and Dr. Scammell, who swore that smallpox had not been suspected when the three physicians were in consultation over the case of Mrs. Alward.

PERSONAL.

Miss Edith Wilson of Ottawa is visiting the Misses Domville at Rotherham.

A. E. Foster, chief engineer of the steamer *Yarmouth*, who has been visiting friends in the city, returned to Yarmouth today.

John B. Belding, who has been in the employ of the Boston & Maine railway at Gilbertville, Mass., for some years, is visiting relatives in the city.

Capt. C. W. Brannen, of the May Queen has been confined to his house for some days on account of injuries sustained by a fall.

H. B. Clarke of Halifax arrived today for the purpose of attending the funeral of his brother this afternoon. Mr. McLaughlin and bride of Montreal are at the Royal. They will continue their honeymoon to England, leaving tomorrow by steamer *Corinthian*.

FAIRALL'S BIG SALE

Still Further Reductions in Prices Have Been Made in All Lines.

Mr. Fairall when leaving for New York directed that prices should be still further reduced. This has been done and here are some bargains.

Men's Cardigan Jackets, were \$2.95, now \$1.20
Fairall's Working Shirts, unshrinkable and fine quality, were \$1.50, now 60c.
Men's Caps, were \$1 to \$1.25, now all 25c. each.
Babies' Flannel Waists, were \$2.95, now \$1.00
Ladies' Jet Capes, were \$2.20 to \$6.80, now \$1 to \$2
Hosiery, all qualities and sizes at less than Half Price.
Silk Velvets were \$3 to \$4 a yard, now 60c.

These prices are genuine, as will be seen on examination.

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Much experience has proved to us that in this collection we have the finest representation of pianos and organs sold in this country, and the fact that our sales during the past year have been far in excess of any previous year, is the strongest assurance of their popularity that the public could give.

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FOLLOW THE CROWD.

The number of customers taking advantage of my Cheap Rubber Sale is increasing each day. In order to avoid the crowd Saturday evening, will you, if possible, make your purchases during the earlier part of the day (see prices on Rubbers in yesterday's Star).

On Saturday I will sell Women's Skating Boots which were \$2.00 for \$1.00 (narrow toe). At this price they will all be sold before night, so CALL EARLY.

REVERDY STEEVES, 44 Brussels St.**SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY.**

Wednesday evening, at Peteraville, Queens county, Mr. and Mrs. James McCullum celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. Mr. McCullum is eighty-four years of age and his wife eighty. A large number of friends and relatives assisted in making the celebration a complete success, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. and Mrs. McCullum are well known in Queens county and in this city, where three of their children live, John McCullum of Apsalade street, Mrs. Edward Barton, Waterloo street, and Mrs. Robert Hamilton, Main street.

SOUTH AFRICA.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The resolution introduced yesterday in the senate by Mr. Teller of Colorado, providing for intervention by the government in behalf of the Boer commandant, Scheepers, was postponed indefinitely because Scheepers has already been executed.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—It is rumored in the lobbies of the house of commons that last June a Boer delegate saw Lord Rosebery, and submitted peace proposals to him. Lord Rosebery acquainted the premier with this fact, but the matter was dropped, on the ground that the war was coming to an end with the unconditional surrender of the Boers.

BURGLAR CAUGHT.

Edward Brown of Brown's Flats, was yesterday arrested on a warrant charged with breaking an entrance into the house of Charles Gorham at Brown's Flats in November last. At the time the Gorham house was broken into five other residences were

ransacked, and a great deal of damage was done. The prisoner is about eighteen years of age, and some of the stolen property is said to have been found in his possession. W. W. Baird has been retained by the Reformed Baptist Alliance to represent the prosecution.

WEST INDIA LANE.

Pickford & Black have chartered the S. S. Guildhall to take the place of the S. S. Orinoco this present voyage, and she is to be in Halifax on Tuesday morning next to commence loading the cargo. The St. John shipments of all descriptions will be forwarded by rail to Halifax, at the expense of the steamship, perishable goods being forwarded in suitable cars, accompanied by attendants to look after them until they are put on board the steamer in Halifax.

The Guildhall is a very superior modern steamer, only four years old, 1,600 tons net register, and is classed 100 A1 at Lloyd's. She will leave Halifax as soon as the cargo is loaded.

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