

government annuity, and continue the "box" every Christmas until he was able to carry it for himself? The child if he lived would remember with gratitude Santa Claus visits.

The following extract from a letter received from the manager of one of Canada's leading insurance companies shows what he thinks of the annuities proposition.

"In discussing the system of government annuities with my friends from time to time I have always frankly stated that in my opinion the benefits offered for the rates charged are exceedingly liberal, and that I do not know of any institution which could possibly afford to offer terms so advantageous. If the general working population of Canada were able to realize the favorable basis on which annuities could be secured from the government, I think there would be very few among the thrifty and thoughtful who would not take advantage thereof."

Information as to how the purchase may be made and of the cost at any rate will be supplied you at the post office, or by the superintendent of annuities, Ottawa.

WESTERN EXTENSION CAN BE MADE GOOD AS NEW FOR \$25,000

Committee Will So Report to Special Meeting of Council Probably This Afternoon—Woodwork of Boat Will Cost \$16,000 or \$17,000 to Repair—Balance to Renew Machinery—Would Then Be Good for About Twenty Years.

It is understood that the report asked for by the common council as to what amount of money would be required to put the ferry steamer Western Extension in good shape so that it would be capable of performing service for at least ten years more, has been prepared and will be submitted to a special meeting of the council to be held probably this afternoon.

Superintendent W. A. of the ferry department, engaged Richard Retallick, J. McLaughlin and Fred. Heans to make an inspection of the hull and house of the boat, and it is said their report will show that the sum of \$16,000 or \$17,000 expended in renewing the woodwork will make the boat practically new and good for fifteen to twenty years longer. It is not known whether a new boiler will be needed or not, but one has to be secured, it is said, it can be placed for about \$4,000, while the engine, which is forty years old, could probably be put in first class shape for a like amount, making the total cost of putting the boat in first rate running order about \$25,000.

If this amount was spent on the steamer it is claimed she would be practically as good as new and would meet the requirements of the present time, when she would be utilized as a tug, or a boat of the type of the Ludlow, would cost about \$10,000.

WEDDINGS

Dickinson-Baird.

Andover, Dec. 15.—A pretty wedding took place at Trinity church on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at high noon, when Miss Patricia Baird, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baird, was united in marriage to Archibald Dickinson by the Rev. Mr. Hopkins. The bride, who was unattended, entered the church with her father to the strains of the wedding march, played by Fred. Bennett. She wore a pretty gown, and carried a large bouquet of white flowers. After the ceremony a wedding reception was served at Hotel Andover and the happy couple left on the afternoon express for Chatham. On their return they will reside in Andover. Miss Baird was one of Andover's popular young ladies.

Day-Meikle.

A ceremony which will be of considerable interest in this province took place in Boston on the 14th inst., when Robert Merritt, a native of Wickham, was married to Christina Elizabeth Meikle, daughter of James A. Meikle, of New Glasgow. The ceremony took place in the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Herbert S. Hanson, pastor of the Warren avenue Baptist church. The two rings were exchanged. The bride was a graduate of the Overhill City Hospital class of 1908, and is engaged in private nursing. Mr. and Mrs. Day will reside in Concord (Mass.). Mrs. Day is employed as a nurse. The groom's present to the bride was a handsome fur coat.

CAMPBELLTOWN RELIEF

Campbelltown, Dec. 17.—The list of supplies received from Dec. 10 to 17 inclusive: Mrs. Dexter Everett, four Falls (N. B.), one box clothing; Mrs. J. B. Hegan, Charlottetown, one box clothing; Mrs. A. G. (cannot trace), one box clothing; Mrs. Wright, Point du Chene, one box, one pair clothing; Women's Local Council, St. John's, one box clothing and bedding; Mrs. V. (N. B.), by express (cannot trace); one pair clothing; Mrs. W. E. Paxon, Sherbrooke, one case; Mrs. E. W. Jarvis, Andover, one box; Mrs. H. B. Patterson, family were absent, leaving the house unoccupied. The contents, including the library, were destroyed. A piano and sewing machine alone were saved. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

ANGELICAN RECTORY AND CONTENTS AT ATHENS, ONT., BURNED

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Shortly before noon today the rectory of the Anglican church in Athens, a fine brick structure, was destroyed by fire. The Rev. H. B. Patterson and family were absent, leaving the house unoccupied. The contents, including the library, were destroyed. A piano and sewing machine alone were saved. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

SCH. LAURA C. HALL TWENTY-FIVE KILLED IN A CHICAGO FIRE WEATHERED STORM

Now Ashore in Boston Harbor Nova Scotia Vessel, Thought Lost, Turns Up

Met Mishap in Making Port and Tugs Are Now Trying to Float Her—Captain and Crew Are All Aboard.

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Nineteen Bodies Dug from the Ruins

Most of the Victims Were Firemen, Including Chief of Department—Scenes at Iroquois Theatre Horror.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Of the twenty-five killed in the stock yards fire today by falling walls, the bodies of nineteen, including that of Fire Chief James Moran, had been taken from the ruins at a late hour tonight.

The list of dead includes the chief, the assistant chief, two captains, five lieutenants, thirteen city firemen, two private firemen, and railway employees.

Fifteen firemen were seriously injured, including two captains. A railroad wrecking train with derricks and steam shovels was used to clear away the burning ruins.

Insurance men said that the killing of the chief and his men was not due to an ammonia tank explosion, as first supposed, but to the expansion of cold air in the beef warehouse due to the heat from the fire. This, it is said, forced the four-story wall to give away and collapse.

Apparently maddened by the death of their chief, who was popular in the department, firemen threw themselves recklessly into the work of clearing away the fallen wall. More than fifty men dropped from exhaustion, and were carried back to the scene of the heat of the burning warehouse.

Patetic Scenes.

Not since the days of the Iroquois Theatre tragedy, which, like the disaster of today, was a holiday time horror, have such pathetic scenes attended a fire in Chicago. The bodies of victims were taken to undertaking rooms near the fire.

At the same time a meeting was held at the Chicago Club, at which wealthy business men started a relief fund. Theatre managers also prepared to hold benefit performances.

CLUNG TO BEAM, TWELVE STORIES ABOVE GROUND, WITH LEG CRUSHED

New York Carpenter Held on Twenty Minutes in Elevator Shaft Till Released.

SILKIER CAR CO. SALE RATIFIED

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—(Special)—The shareholders of the Silkier Car Company, limited, today unanimously ratified the resolution accepting the offer of F. B. McCurdy & Co. and associates to purchase the company in the interests of the Nova Scotia Car Works, limited.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—(Special)—D. M. Ferguson, representing a Montreal house, and accused of arson in the burning of a building in Andover, had his bail reduced today to \$4,000. The amount originally was set at \$8,000. Justice Longley said the higher amount had been fixed because of some misunderstanding.

MAURETANIA MAKES A RECORD VOYAGE

Big Cunarder Made Round Trip from England to New York in Twelve Days Besides Loading and Unloading Big Cargoes.

Associated Press.

Halifax, Dec. 22.—The Mauretania which left Liverpool Dec. 10, in an attempt to make a record voyage to New York and return in twelve days, arrived here at 10:22 o'clock tonight. The quick voyage across the ocean and back and the rapid taking on of cargo at New York, reaching the continental passengers to reach their destinations before Christmas is a source of the greatest satisfaction both among the passengers and those who gathered here to meet the steamer.

Two P. E. Island Skaters Drown

Four Were Towing Fishing Shack on Ice When They Broke Through; Two Saved With Difficulty

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Cecil Grace Reached Belgian Frontier But on Return Trip He is Thought to Have Met With Disaster.

MONCTON LAD LOSES RIGHT ARM

Seven-year-old Boy, Trying to Get Ride on Train, Fell Under Wheels—Turkeys Down to 21 Cents at Railway Town.

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Halifax, Dec. 22.—Stewart McDougall, aged seven years, son of Geo. McDougall, lost his right arm this afternoon as a result of being run over by a freight train near the new I. C. R. shops.

HAMAR GREENWOOD TO GET GOVERNMENT POST?

Unionists Will Oppose His Re-election in Sunderland It is Reported.

Ferguson, Charged With Arson, Has His Bail Reduced

FRENCH SCHEME TO PREVENT STRIKES

Conciliation First Remedy

Compulsory Arbitration Will Be the Last Resort

Government Determined That Public Services Shall Not Be Tied Up in Future—People's Rights Are Paramount.

Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The text of the government measures formulated for the purpose of preventing general strikes, with particular reference to the employees of public service corporations, was made public tonight.

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Church Union, and More

Denominations of the same family are drawing toward each other, and we hear of pan-Protestant, pan-Methodist, and pan-Anglican gatherings. In a few instances closely related denominations have become organically one, and some dare to hope for a reunited Christendom—a pan large enough to contain them all.

Our age is concerned to an amazing extent with the local and temporal side of religion. As an historic phenomenon Christianity has expressed itself in institutions, rites and beliefs. Its institutions belong among the social forms of human life, its rites are a part of the general custom of the world, its beliefs, a phase of the philosophy of existence.

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in the church is still a 'Gideon's army,' a meagre remnant of the enrolled membership. What is needed is not so much church union as a revival of religion—not the pious devices of professional revivalism, with its figures made to suit the hopes of good men—but men's souls made alive with the enduring sense of the eternal.

CURING THE LORDS Some time ago Mr. Balfour made the boast: "Our strength if it be small in the House of Commons is great elsewhere."

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FAMOUS GEMS OF PROSE ROBERT BURNS By William Cullen Bryant W ELL has our great poet deserved this universal commemoration, for who has written like him? What poem descriptive of rural manners and virtues, rural life in its simplicity and dignity—yet without a single false outline or touch of false coloring—clings to our memories and lives in our bosoms like his "Cotter's Saturday Night"?

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher One more year will soon be planted in the tomb of Time, enchanted, where so many sleep; one more year is old and hoary, reeling on his way to glory, while we watch and weep. How the days go calyhooting! How the years go whizzing, scooting, like a herd of deer! New year bells scarce cease their pealing ere the year they hailed is reeling feebly to his bier!

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JOHN A. CHESLEY GIVEN IMPORTANT POSITION

Trade Commissioner to South Africa

Has Full Charge of Can- ada's Interests

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J. B. T. Caron Appointed to I.C.R.
Board of Management With
Headquarters at Moncton—Will
Attend to Law Matters of the
Department.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The Canadian government has decided to look for business in South America. With this end in view a trade commissioner has been named for the Argentine Republic. H. R. Pousette, now Canadian trade commissioner at Durban, is to be transferred to Buenos Ayres. He understands Spanish and is well acquainted with the trade.

John A. Chesley, trade commissioner at Cape Town, will be transferred to Durban and be given charge of Canada's trade interests in South Africa.

New I. C. R. Commissioner.
J. B. T. Caron, ex-M.P. for Ottawa, was today appointed a member of the Intercolonial Railway board of management to fill the position created by the resignation of last session, which provided for an additional member of the board to represent Quebec and to look after the law department of the government railway system.

Mr. Caron was the choice of the Liberal members from Quebec for the position. He is a leading member of the Ottawa bar. Under the act passed last session claims for damages for 2000 or under against the government may now be heard in the ordinary courts, whereas formerly all such claims against the crown had to be taken to the exchequer court. This has necessitated an enlargement of the legal work of the board of management and Mr. Caron will take charge of this, as well as the other legal work of the board. His headquarters will be in Moncton.

Mr. Caron was the Liberal candidate in the last general election.

ASSAULT ON MINISTER LED TO MANY LIQUOR RAIDS IN CAPE BRETON

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 21.—During the past two days the liquor dealers of New Waterford have been practically wiped out as a result of the efforts of Rev. N. McQueen and Rev. H. R. Grant, who assisted the county constables.

This activity was due to an assault made upon Rev. N. McQueen, Presbyterian minister, while on his way to church on Sunday evening. Kessome, one of the assaultants, was arrested and was today released on \$1,000 bail to await trial. During the past two days five saloons were raided, the liquor seized and the dealers fined. Upwards of \$600 worth of liquor has been seized.

HEAD OF AMERICAN SUGAR TRUST INDICTED IN NEW YORK

WASHINGTON B. THOMAS.



New York, Dec. 16.—Washington B. Thomas is one of the principals in this trial that will soon be pushed by United States District Attorney Wise, against the Sugar Trust officials.

FARMERS' INVASION OF OTTAWA

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ANOTHER ST. JOHN VESSEL LOST

Schr. Preference Abandoned and Crew Is Rescued by Fishermen

HAD TOUGH TIME

Captain Gale, of St. John, and Men Landed in Boston, With Hands Frostbitten—Vessel Owned in This City and Is Insured for \$7,000.

Boston, Dec. 20.—The three-masted schooner Preference, for Ellsworthport for St. John with coal was dismasted and abandoned on Sunday off Georges Bank. The crew were rescued by a fishing schooner and landed here today.

The names of the rescued men are: George E. Gale, St. John, commander and part owner of lost craft; Mate, William B. Sprague, of Springfield (N. B.); Steward, Wilson Matthews, of Newfoundland; Seaman, Rodney McVicker, of Glouce Bay (C. B.); Henry P. Peacock, of Springfield (N. B.); W. H. Hubley, of Bridge-water (N. B.); and Frank Dahlen, of Sweden.

Captain Gale had been shipwrecked before, and he has encountered some terrible gales in his career, but he declared that the blizzard last Thursday night was the very worst he had ever experienced. The vessel rolled and pitched fearfully in mountainous seas. Bowprit and head-gear went first, and everything movable swept the decks.

Friday the weather was intensely cold and the vessel was covered with ice. The clothing of the men was frozen stiff, but their work at the pumps kept them from freezing. All day Friday, Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night the men continued their struggle. The vessel had been driven before the gale, which had changed to northwest.

No one on board had the slightest idea of their position. The schooner was struck and was blown into the water when the Boston schooner Fannie Bell Atwood was in sight and rescued the men from the sinking ship, eighty miles west, by south of Cape Sable. When landed here today the men's hands and feet were swollen and they limped painfully, but they have revived sufficiently to leave for St. John.

The Preference was bound for St. John from New York, with 400 tons of coal for R. P. & W. F. Starr.

The schooner is owned by Gilbert Purdy, John Spence, Hon. James Holly, Captain George E. Gale, her captain, and others. She was built at Canning (N. S.), 1882, and is 243 tons, 126 feet over all, thirty feet beam and ten feet deep.

She sailed from here on November 5, with a cargo of lard and lumber, shipped by Randolph & Baker to the New York market, and was returning with coal for Starr's here. Captain Gale is a St. John man and resides in the North End. It is understood that the vessel is partly insured.

The Preference was valued at about \$7,000 which was mostly covered by insurance.

"Kid" McCoy's Wife Seeks a Divorce.

New York, Dec. 21.—Norman N. Selby, better known in pugilistic circles as "Kid" McCoy, the pugilist, was sued for absolute divorce today before Justice Plattick, in the supreme court. His wife, who was the widow of the young millionaire, "Bud" Ellis, of Schnectady, when she married McCoy, appeared in court. McCoy was not present. The case was on the undenied calendar. A statutory offence was alleged. Justice Plattick reserved decision.

WILL THIS MAKE FINNAN HADDIES ANY CHEAPER?

Railway Commission Orders Freight Rate from Digby to St. John More Than Cut in Two.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The railway commission this morning ordered the Dominion Atlantic Railway Company to reduce the rate on Finnan haddie from Digby to St. John from twenty cents to eight cents a hundred for car lots and eleven cents for smaller lots.

AMHERST DOMESTIC FATALLY BURNED

Tried to Light Fire With Ker- osene—Mr. and Mrs. Dou- glas Severely Burned in Try- ing to Smother Flames.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 21.—(Special)—A serious fire occurred this morning in the home of George T. Douglas, local superintendent of the Canadian Car & Foundry company's plant here. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were alarmed about 7 o'clock by screams from the kitchen and on rushing down found the maid in the front part of the house, her clothing in flames, and the kitchen fire.

CAPTAIN GALE SAYS STORM WAS TERRIFIC

Does Not Think It Possible That Schooner Laura C. Hall Could Have Survived—Wrecked Crew Return Home.

Captain George E. Gale, master of the ill-fated St. John schooner Preference, arrived in the city yesterday. Captain Gale entertained the crew they encountered was as bad as he had ever been in or wished to be in again. In conversation with a Telegraph reporter Captain Gale said: "Yes, we were first dismasted, then the mast followed, and we had an awful time of it. It rained. It was the worst I have ever seen it, and as bad as I ever want to see it again. I do not think it at all possible that the Laura C. Hall could have survived, and I feel certain that she went on the Pollock Rip shoals."

Captain Gale says that he saw no vessels of any kind in the vicinity of where he was, "I have all that I want of it for this winter," said the captain. "Then you don't go to sea again during the present winter," queried the Times-Star man.

"Not as long as there is any snow to shovel," was his reply.

Captain Joseph Buck of the wrecked schooner S. A. Fownes, accompanied Captain Gale from Boston and passed through to his home in Dorchester. Some of the crew also arrived.

CAPT. BUCK, OF LOST S. A. FOWNES, TELLS HIS STORY

Had About Given Up Hope When Revenue Cutter Hoye in Sight—No Insurance on the Vessel.

Boston, Dec. 19.—"I had the worst experience in the 30 years that I have been a sailing master," said Capt. Demall Buck yesterday afternoon, in describing the rescue of himself and his crew of four men from the dismasted schooner S. A. Fownes two miles south of Pollock's rip lightship.

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MARITIME TRAVELERS' BANQUET AT HALIFAX

Over 150 Attended—St. John Mer- chant Suggests Improvement in Livery Service by Use of Autos.

Halifax, Dec. 20.—The Maritime Commercial Travelers' Association held their annual banquet for at the Queen Hotel tonight. It was a brilliant affair and was attended by over 150 guests. President D. Rutherford was in the chair. At the plate of each guest was a handsome fountain pen, given by Proprietor Fairbanks as a souvenir of the occasion. He also placed the long-distance telephone free for the use of the guests during the evening.



HON. NEIL PRIMROSE

Hon. Neil Primrose, younger son of Lord Rosebery, who was elected as Liberal with increased majority, despite his father's vigorous work against the government.

MORWEGIAN BARK, WRECKED ON THE NOVA SCOTIA COAST

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The Petra was formerly the bark Shear, and was built at Glasgow, Scotland, in 1875. She was constructed of iron, had a gross tonnage of 1240 and a net tonnage of 1198, and drew 20 feet of water. She was commanded by Captain Hansen and was crewed by P. M. Pedersen, of Flockefjord, Norway. She left Rio Janeiro for Halifax October 18, and was to have sailed on a return voyage to Buenos Ayres.

HON. THE HAZEN GOVERNMENT'S BOASTED AGRICULTURAL POLICY HAS PETERED OUT

To the Editor of The Telegraph.

Sir,—I desire to direct the attention of all who are interested in agriculture to the failure of the Hazen government's agricultural policy. This is the more extraordinary in view of all the promises, or bluffs, made by this government with regard to what it was going to do to better agricultural conditions in this province.

The agricultural commissioner is wholly unable to defend himself. Starting at the importation of so-called dairy Shorthorns made by the O. N. Railway Company, a few years ago, through their agents, the present secretary for agriculture, at a time when the dairy business was beginning to boom in this province, most of these cattle were sold through the Hazen government, and if you examine the agricultural report, you will find a steady decline in dairy products in that country ever since. The point is this, that the Shorthorns are not dairy cattle; they were bred for beef and beef only; the original breeders of these cattle had only beef as their ideal when they originated them, and so they have been bred along these lines for centuries.

On the other hand, Ayrshires, Jerseys, etc. were bred for dairy purposes, and that only. The beef type and dairy type are animals of different conformation entirely, and you cannot have both in the same animal. So when these cattle came in on the dairy business it was killing with one hand what had been built up with the other; and this would be the result in this country if the government bring in a number of these Shorthorn cattle where the dairy industry has gained much prominence. Besides, if you examine the report of this special agricultural commission, you cannot find where any person ever asked for these cattle or even suggested that they be got; but you do find they have neither been nor a dairy industry they once had in Carleton county.

This is the policy of educating the farmer the wrong way. In this country, which takes the lead in the dairy business according to the agricultural report—and even this does not take into consideration the quantities of milk and cream that daily go

SIR WILFRID'S FORESTRY PROCLAMATION

To the Citizens of Canada:

In the year 1806 the increasing necessity of inducing the people to take action to prevent the rapid destruction of the forests by fire and improper cutting led to the calling of a Dominion Forestry Convention in Ottawa. This convention, which was largely attended by representative citizens, resulted in greatly increased interest in this most important subject, with very beneficial results.

The period since then has witnessed a great increase in the interest in forest conservation on this continent. Not to mention what has been done in the United States, a great step forward has been taken in Canada by the establishment of the commission for the conservation of the forests.

THE INTERCOLONIAL AND PROGRESS

(Sackville Tribune, Lib.)

Men are sometimes heard to say with half a sneer that the Intercolonial is Hon. Mr. Emmerson's hobby. Westmorland's member could hardly have a better hobby. He preaches Intercolonial development as every opportunity. His meaning is always clear. Unlike some other commoners, one or two of them maritime province men, too, he does not seek words which will leave him free to flop to either side of the question.

This time has come when the government must adopt a definite policy in respect to the future of the people's road and when Liberal and Conservative members alike must make plain their respective positions. As operated at present the Intercolonial is not the agency it should be in furthering the development of the

\$3.50 RECIPE CURES WEAK KIDNEYS, FREE

Relieves Urinary and Kidney Troubles, Backache, Straining, Swelling, Etc.

Stops Pain in the Bladder, Kidneys and Back.

Wouldn't it be nice within a week or so to begin to go home without a fore-head and the back of the head aches; the stitches and pains in the back; the growing muscle weakness; spots before the eyes; yellow skin; sluggish bowels; swollen legs or ankles; leg cramps; unnatural short breath; sleeplessness and the dependency? I have a recipe for these troubles that you can depend on, and if you want to make a quick recovery, you ought to write and get a copy of it. Many a doctor would charge you \$2.50 just for writing this prescription. But I have it and will be glad to send it to you entirely free. Just drop me a line like this: "Dr. A. E. Robinson, K 2094 Luck Building, Detroit, Mich., and I will send it by return mail in a plain envelope. As you will see when you get it, this recipe contains only pure, harmless remedies, but it has great healing and pain-conquering power. It will quickly show its power once you use it, so I think you had better see what it is without delay. I will send you a copy free—you can use it and cure yourself at home.

PILES CURED AT HOME BY New Absorption Method

If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding Piles, send me your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption method; and will also send some of this home treatment free for trial, with references from your own locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send no money, but tell others of this offer. Write today to Mrs. M. Summers, Box P. 70, Windsor, Ont.

Wiping over the top of a loaf of bread with a little butter before it is baked and again as soon as it comes from the oven, will help to brown the crust and at the same time keep the crust from hardening.

Lower the temperature of an oven considerably after a roast has been in for twenty minutes, and the juices will be retained.

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IT PLAN

an invalid or disabled so that he did not earn a livelihood, and the amount he had paid in would yield him an some \$50 or more, he could draw his duty at his then age though he were 75 or 83. This points out the ad- vantage to a man or woman who has been living up for the years when they are longer to work of immediately trans- any amount which they can spare their account for the purchase of an an- nity. The amount left in the savings at three per cent would yield an in- come far short of the amount which might be required for their maintenance. Information may be had at the post- office of the superintendent of annuities, a copy of the plan you may adopt to make provision.

She told me you told her that she I told you not to tell her. "The mean thing! I told her not to tell you I told her. I promised her I wouldn't tell you told me, so don't tell her I told you dependent.

Walt

Philosopher

ted in the tomb of Time, en- core year is old and hoary, re- ctry, while we watch and weep, shooting! How the years go se a herd of deer! New year peeling over the year they to his bier! Age is creeping dily through a mist of tears; have left our youth behind us, Though days are flying there hing good! Though the years strong endeavor at our pile of ing if that gait is to his liking, es the Silent Reaper won't make.

WALT MASON.

WANTED

WANTED—Second or Third Class Teacher, female, for Hastings, Albert county. Apply, stating salary, to Wellesley W. Kinloch, secretary trustees, 2206-1/2-4-4.

WANTED—A second class female teacher for school district No. 14, parish of Kingston, N.B., to begin in February. Apply, stating salary, to A. G. Flewelling, secretary to school trustees, Watkinson, Kings county, N. B. 5205-12-28-30.

WANTED—A first class female teacher for district No. 2, Wilson's Beach, Charlotte county. Apply, stating salary, to Arthur W. Newman, secretary to trustees, Wilson's Beach, Charlotte county, N. B. 5157-12-23-24.

WANTED—A second class female teacher to take charge of the teaching school, commencing Jan. 9, 1911. Apply, stating salary, to R. M. Dunlop, Secretary to School Trustees, Passesburg, Kings Co., N.B. 5128-12-31-30.

WANTED—A second class female teacher for School District No. 5, Parish of Gagetown, for the coming term; to teach small. Apply, stating salary, to George W. Coy, Secretary to Trustees, Upper Gagetown, Queens Co., N.B. 5014-12-24-25.

TWO table made wanted for Netherwood school, Rethsay, for January 10th, 1911. 163-4-f.

MEN WANTED—We want a reliable man in each locality to introduce and advertise our Royal Purple Stock and Beauty Specific and other goods direct to the consumers as well as to the merchants. \$15.00 a week salary and expenses or commission. No experience needed. The largest advertised goods in Canada. Write at once for particulars. W. A. Jenkins Mfg. Co., London Ont. sw.

WANTED—Girl for general housework; no washing. Apply, Mrs. R. T. Hayes, No. 1 Mount Pleasant avenue.

SMART WOMAN wanted to assist in dairy and house work. Write, stating wages wanted, to Mrs. E. Carter, Fair Vale, Rethsay.

AGENTS WANTED—We pay Ladies or Gentlemen Fifteen dollars and expenses weekly to work for us. Expense money advanced. Commission in home territory. Write for particulars. Winston Co., Limited, Toronto, Canada.

AGENTS—The sale of Polham's Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, etc., has increased forty per cent in New Brunswick because we deliver trees to contract grade. Our agents make reliable in proportion. We want now reliable agents in every unrepresented district. Write weekly. Write for best terms. Polham Nursery Co., Toronto, Ont. 3-1911-sw.

PORTRAIT AGENTS—Write us. Reliable men visit in business of their own and give credit. Merchants, Portrait Co., Toronto. 1-10-1911-sw.

SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY for a reliable and energetic salesman to handle our line of First Grade Nursery Stock. Big demand for trees at present time. Thirty-two years in shipping to Maritime Provinces puts us in position to know requirements of the trade. Pay weekly. Permanent situation. Stone & Wellington, Toronto, Ont. 23-4-f-w.

SALESMEN WANTED for winter for our choice Nursery Stock and newest varieties seed Potatoes. Liberal terms. Layton Bros., Galt, Ont. Sats-f-tw.

WE wish to thank the public heartily for the most prosperous year in our history. We will begin our 44th year Tuesday, January 3rd.

RAW FURS WANTED IN ANY QUANTITY HIGHEST PRICES PAID Liberal assortments. I pay all express consignments solicited. Write for latest price list to my new address. J. YAFFE 72 Colborne Street, Toronto, Ont.

ALMA ITEMS Alma, Dec. 21—Misses Clara B. MacDonnell and Florence-Snell, students at Acadia Seminary, Wolfville, have returned home for their Christmas vacation.

PERFECTED OXYGEN JUNGLE NATURE'S LIFE FORCE Cures Your Ills No Doctors. No Drugs

MARINE JOURNAL

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrivals. Tuesday, Dec. 20. Schr Silver Heels (Am), 103, Cooper, from St. Martins (N B), bound for Vineyard Haven I. O. C. M. Kerrison, in for harbor.

Coastwise—Stmrs Brunswick 73, Ingersoll, Wilson's Beach; Granville, 49, Collins, Annapolis; Bear River, 70, Woodworth, River Hebert; schms Swan, 66, Thurber, fishing; Emerald, 20, Donnest, Sydney.

Wednesday, Dec. 21. Stmrs Manchester Corporation, Philadelphia, Wm Thomson & Co.; Stmrs Rappahannock, Hanks, London, Wm Thomson & Co. mds and pass.

Tuesday, Dec. 20. Stmrs Astaire, 717, Young, for New Head I. O. Robert Reid; Schr Silver Heels, 103, Cooper, for Vineyard Haven I. O. C. M. Kerrison, lumber laden.

Schr Greta, 146, Cole, for Pictou; A W Adams, 1,700,000 cedar shingles; Coastwise—Stmrs Bear River, 70, Woodworth, Digby.

Wednesday, Dec. 21. Schr Helen G King, 126, Gough, Spruce (Mass); A W Adams, 4,034, white spruce, 10,364, spruce, 1,138, cedar shingles, 30m spec laths, shipped by Stetson, Cutler & Co.

Thursday, Dec. 22. Stmrs Manchester Shiping, Terry, for Savannah, Wm Thomson & Co.

Wednesday, Dec. 21. Stmrs Montreal, McNeill, London, (P R); Stmrs Astaire, Young, Brown Head, Lou, Robert Reid Co.

CANADIAN PORTS. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 17—Ard stmr Prince of Adelaide, Glasgow via ports; Yarmouth, Dec. 16—Ard brig Hiram, (Fr), Gambillon, from St. Pierre, Miquelon.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20—Ard stmr Rappahannock, from London; Slid—Stmr Oruro, for Bermuda and West Indies.

BRITISH PORTS. London, Dec. 19—Ard stmr Mount Temple, from St. John and Halifax; Plymouth, Dec. 20—Ard stmr Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, from New York for Cherbourg and Bremen, and proceeded; Sharpshoot, Dec. 18—Ard stmr Coaling, from Campbellton (N. B.); Liverpool, Dec. 19—Ard stmr Menamin, from Pagwas.

Amvmonth, Dec. 19—Slid stmr Turcoman, for Portland; Plymouth, Dec. 21—Ard stmr Adriatic, New York for Cherbourg, and Southampton (and proceeded); Plymouth, Dec. 21—Slid stmr Pomorian, St. John; St. John, Dec. 21—Ard stmr Brown Head, Dec. 21—Signalled, stmr Royal George, Halifax for Amvmonth; Manchester, Dec. 20—Ard stmr Memnon, Pagwas; Liverpool, Dec. 20—Slid stmr Mongolian, St. Johns (N.F.); Southampton, Dec. 21—Slid stmr Oceanic, New York.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21—Ard stmr Caronia, New York.

FOREIGN PORTS. Boston, Dec. 20—Ard schr Violet Courtney, from Gloucester, St. John; Slid—Schr Gertrude, for Fortune Bay (Nfld); Otis Miller, for Parrsboro (N S); Georgia Pearl, for St. John; Princess of Avon, for Yarmouth (N. S.); City Island, N. Y., Dec. 20—Bound south; Schr Harry Miller, St. John via Stamford (Conn), for Port Johnson; Vineyard Haven, Mass, Dec. 20—Ard schr Louis, from Elizabethport for Halifax; New York, Dec. 20—Ard stmr Delaware, for Charlottetown (P. E. I.); City Island, Dec. 21—Bound south; Schr Anne Louisa Lockwood, Sackville; Schr Leaf, Windsor (NS); R Bowers, St. John for Philadelphia; Boston, Dec. 21—Slid schrs Quetay, Yarmouth (NS); Gertrude, Fortune Bay; Vineyard Haven, Dec. 21—Ard and Slid, schrs Unity, Hoboken for Halifax; Philadelphia, Dec. 21—Fall River for St. John; Lewis, do for Nova Scotia; Ethos, Elizabethport for Lunenburg (N.S.)

NOTICE TO MARINERS. Charleston, S. C., Dec. 17—Florida—Cape Canaveral Shoals, Hetsel Shoal gas and whistling buoy, No. 8, lighted Dec. 15, having been heretofore reported extinguished.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 17—Delaware Bay—Miah Maul Shoal light station, temporary light, was reported extinguished Dec. 16. It will be re-lighted as early as practicable.

PETITCOATIC MAN SUED FOR DIVORCE Mrs. Marv Parlee Asks Boston Court to Untie Marital Knot She Contracted With Herbert B. Parlee.

BIRTHS. SULLIVAN—In this city, on Dec. 21st, at 120 Elliott Row, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Sullivan, a daughter.

THE CHALLENGE IN CANADA FOR BILLY BRITISHERS

London Newspaper Man Investigated Steerage Conditions and Says He Found Everything in Order—Quebec Immigration Officials Criticized—Views of an English Carpenter—Welcome Hand in St. John and Montreal.

Friday, Dec. 23. Sidney Billingham, a London newspaper man, who is traveling through Canada with a view to inquiring fully into the conditions and prospects here for settlers from the mother country, arrived in the city yesterday. Speaking to a reporter for The Telegraph, yesterday he said that in addition to his own investigations here he had also another very important mission—investigating the steerage passage question. In view of the fact that many of the immigrants, who are being sent to Canada, are being sent in the third class quarters of the ship which he would travel.

In order to thoroughly investigate this important and interesting question he said that he set sail from Liverpool on Nov. 5 as an ordinary passenger on the board the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain. Since his arrival here he has written an interesting account of his trip and forwarded it to the Standard of Empire.

Steerage on Empress of Britain. Having read with horror of the humiliating conditions which it was alleged existed in the steerage of the great transatlantic liners here, somewhat reluctantly entered his editor's suggestion and left London fully anticipating an unenviable experience. It was therefore a pleasant surprise to him to find nothing but what one might reasonably expect to find. So far as the steerage accommodation is concerned there was not a fault, he said, to be found. There were 700 passengers in the steerage and what little trouble there was made by the passengers. In fact the accommodations, he said, were better than for a great number of the emigrants, and in his opinion the man who could not make himself comfortable ought not to have some better accommodations. His company's organization is concerned there was not a fault, he said, to be found. There were 700 passengers in the steerage and what little trouble there was made by the passengers. In fact the accommodations, he said, were better than for a great number of the emigrants, and in his opinion the man who could not make himself comfortable ought not to have some better accommodations.

Says Quebec is No Place for Englishmen. In response to a query, he said that since his arrival in Canada he has only had occasion to visit Quebec. Montreal, he said, he said that his reception in Quebec city was of the coldest nature and he describes the treatment accorded to emigrants on their arrival in Quebec as being of most disagreeable nature. "During the three or four days that I spent in Quebec I found that it was a most unsuitable place for Englishmen, especially if they did not have a knowledge of the two languages. The population is about 300 years behind the times, and there is no doubt that while the Roman Catholic religion increases at the rate in which it is increasing, Quebec, from an industrial standpoint, must necessarily make but little progress. I should say, however, that for a tourist with a natural inclination for charming and picturesque scenery no one could visit a more beautiful place than Quebec. From my personal observations I can say that the English settler in Canada must at once dispel any idea of stopping in Quebec. The methods of the immigration officials are distinctly crude. They give one the impression that they are prejudiced against the English man. They look upon him as a sort of intruder and treat him accordingly.

How to Become Independent. "Here is an example of what I mean: A man who is able to work hard for a few years, and who has saved up a little money, and is able to buy a building plot and erect a shack, paying for the land and timber used from between \$20 and \$25 per month, he would be expected to pay for his rent and in a little more than twelve months he is the owner of a piece of freehold land and a house to live in for ever if he likes. He would not have any additional expense except the usual repairs and the average expenditure at a little over fifty per cent more than in the Old Country.

A Bricklayer's Savings in the West. "Take the average bricklayer in England, how does he finish his life? One thousand may have had good health and good fortune in the matter of regular employment and have been able to put aside a little for a rainy day, but the others go to the workhouses which are an incessant drag upon the already too heavily taxed ratepayer. Out here a bricklayer gets better wages than I do. A good man earns 60 to 65 cents an hour (more than 2a. a day) here in the West. He is not every week (Six pounds a week) here in the West. He is not every week (Six pounds a week) here in the West. He is not every week (Six pounds a week) here in the West.

DEATHS. MAGEE—In this city, on Dec. 20th, Roy Russell Magee, aged four months, son of Percy and Mattie Magee.

BROWN—At 40 Rock street, on Dec. 20, Mrs. M. M. Brown, wife of the late Thomas Brown, in the 24th year of her age, leaving her mother and two brothers to mourn.

IN MEMORIAM. McHARG—In loving memory of Maggie J. wife of G. C. McHarg, who died at Prince of Wales, Dec. 22, 1909, aged 33 years. Gone but not forgotten.

St. John Market Prices for the Christmas Week. Price of Turkey High—Fine Lot of Prize Beef—Fruit Abundant—The Quotations. Although everything is well stocked in the country markets, wholesale prices are practically the same as last week. There is an abundance of beef, fowl, eggs, vegetables and everything that goes to make up the Christmas dinner. Turkeys are offering at 28 cents per pound retail. Fresh haddock, 1/2 bbl., 8.00. Pickled haddock, 1/2 bbl., 8.00. Fresh cod, per lb., 0.02. Blotter, per box, 0.85. Halibut, 0.10. Finnan haddies, 0.06. Kipper herring, per doz., 0.30.

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WOODSTOCK MAN FATALY BURNED Lee Ryan, Discovered in Jail Cell, With Clothes and Bed Afire. Flames Beaten Out and Inmate Rescued Horribly Burned—Doctors Have Little Hope of His Recovery.

ST. MARTINS ITEMS. St. Martins, Dec. 21—The Rev. Harry Summers, of Fredericton, will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church on December 25.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS. St. Stephen, Dec. 21—W. F. Todd, M. P., Mrs. Todd and Miss Todd have returned from Ottawa and will spend the Christmas holidays at their home here.

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