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HARRIMAN IN FAIR WAY TO OWN UNITED STATES

He Now Controls Three Billions of Railway Property and Reaching for More

Easy Way He Gets Them Revealed Before Interstate Commerce Commission--Gets Hold of One Road, and With the Funds of That Secures Another, and So On--Roosevelt Disappointed Over Failure of Taft Boom--British Admiralty to Reduce Size of Squadrons.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

New York, Jan. 7.—The inquiry by the Interstate Commerce Commission into the Harriman railroads, which was begun here last week and continued in Chicago today, will probably develop into tremendous importance. The brief hearings held here put Harriman into the limelight as the greatest railroad owner of the times. He is the absolute master of 25,000 miles of railroad, representing nearly \$3,000,000,000 of capital.

It is well understood in Washington and Wall Street that the inquiry threat-

the whole of the people and so compass the downfall of whatever edifice that people has built.

Taft Boom Falls.

The Times' Washington correspondent writes this morning that President Roosevelt is greatly disappointed with the reception given to Secretary Taft's recent statement concerning the presidency. This is followed this afternoon by a statement from the Evening Post's correspondent, evidently on the authority of Mr. Roosevelt himself, that Mr. Taft will go to the supreme court. He says: "If the chief justice of the supreme court or any associate justice of that court should die, resign, or retire for age, or any other reason whatsoever, while Theodore Roosevelt is president, the vacancy created would be filled by the proffer of the office to William H. Taft, secretary of war, and by his acceptance."

"In the not wholly improbable event of the retirement of Associate Justice John Marshall Harlan in the coming spring, or of Chief Justice Melville Weston Fuller, Secretary Taft would be designated to succeed the first one to die or retire."

Taft Not Ambitious.

"Mr. Taft would rather be chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States than president or have any other honor or office under our system of government. In the apparently remote event that no vacancy occurs in the membership of the supreme court while Mr. Roosevelt is president, then, I am not foolish enough to say that in the improbable event of the opportunity to run for the great office of president were to come to me I should decline it, for this would not be true. In fact, Secretary Taft will not think of the presidency so long as there remains the present possibility of his ascending the supreme court bench."

"These statements are separately and in their interdependent sequence accurate and authentic. The Times' analysis of the simplest outlines the future public career of that engaging personality and valuable public servant, the secretary of war. If more substantial confirmation be desired, it may be said that they are set forth on the authority of one close to the administration whose name I am not at liberty to mention."

The Times says: "Exactly why the president is discontented with the popular response to the Taft announcement may not be easy to see. It was received everywhere with approval, probably more approval than would have been given the candidacy of any other man in President Roosevelt's official family or closely connected with him."

"Apparently he expected a great wave of popular enthusiasm which would check at the outset the schemes of the old line politicians who are plotting to control the next national convention against him. Nothing of the sort happened, and the president was accordingly disappointed."

Meantime Governor Hughes is talked about more and more every day.

From Berlin comes the news that Dr. Posner, a well known professor of surgery at the Berlin University, says that surgery is making such progress that he quite looks forward to the time when surgeons will be able to attach an artificial arm or leg to the body. He even goes further and says that in the future surgeons will find no difficulty in attaching a beheaded head to the trunk, provided the operation is carried out expeditiously enough.

A cable from Melbourne says that France has ceded Tahiti to Great Britain in consideration of territorial concessions in Burma.

Reduction in British Squadrons.
A London cable says: "The London Mail states officially that there will be a reduction of the force in commission of the British navy after the February maneuvers. The channel fleet will be reduced from seventeen battleships to fourteen, with three small cruisers. The Atlantic fleet will be reduced from eight battleships to six, with three small cruisers. The Mediterranean fleet will be reduced from eight battleships to six, with four small cruisers."

"The first and second armored cruiser squadrons will be reduced from six to four vessels. Thus the main squadrons of the British fleet in active commission will be reduced from thirty-three to twenty-six battleships and from sixteen armored cruisers to twelve."

TENNYSON SMITH STIRS YARMOUTH

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 7.—Tennyson Smith's temperance crusade in Yarmouth has stirred the city. The Boston Marine Hall is packed nightly and on Sunday the aisles and platform were crowded and hundreds turned from the doors unable to secure standing room and 134 persons, principally young men, signed the temperance pledge.

There has been such a run on the tickets for the trial of alcohol that the committee today endeavored to secure a larger building but were unable to do so. It is expected the campaign will have a powerful influence upon the municipal elections in February and on the enforcement of the Scott Act.

CURRIE ELECTED BY 114 MAJORITY

Declaration Day Proceedings in Restigouche By-Election Lively

BROTHERLY LOVE

Successful Candidate and Mr. La-Billico Offer to Shake Hands With Opponents and Forget Hard Words of Campaign, But Find No Takers; Mr. Stewart Willing to Try Again.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Dalhousie, N. B., Jan. 7.—There was a large attendance of electors at the court house here today to witness the declaration proceedings. Returning Officer Robinson declared William Currie elected by a majority of 114, the vote standing Currie, 1070; Stewart, 956.

The newly elected member spoke well. He thanked the electors for the hearty support he had received in spite of the terrible combination he had to fight against as no party was ever so well organized as the opposition was in the campaign just ended. He referred to several canvasses that had been made against him, and said that he would forget and forgive all and do his utmost to promote the best interest of the county. James E. Stewart spoke briefly. He said that he stood before the people as a defeated candidate. He was proud of the vote he had taken. After thanking his friends, he said that if they required his services in the future he would be found ready.

La-Billico followed. He said that the victory was the greatest in his experience of elections in Restigouche. The government had been sustained in their first appeal, and since the new road law was passed. The majority was the highest ever obtained in Restigouche in a straight party fight.

The chief commissioner thanked the electors in the name of the government for having elected Mr. Currie and said that while many hard things had been said about him during the contest he was ready to shake hands with every man, and continue to do his best to serve the interests of all.

Mr. Mott, ex-M. P. P., spoke next. He referred to the Muskoka Land Deal and made some personal reference to Mr. Currie which brought that gentleman back to the platform.

Mr. Currie explained Mr. Mott's conduct in the Muskoka land matter to which the ex-M. P. P. was unable to reply.

AMPUTATED CONDUCTOR'S LEG TO FREE HIM FROM ENGINE WHEELS

Injured Man's Other Leg Taken Off at the Hospital, and He Will Likely Live.

New York, Jan. 7.—For four hours today Charles Fisher, aged 41, a freight conductor on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, lay pinned under an engine in the local yards.

Fisher attempted to swing on the side of a switch engine, but missed his footing and jammed his leg between two flanges of the drive wheel.

An ambulance surgeon crawled under the locomotive and there amputated Fisher's left leg. This, however, did not release the man, whose other leg was still held. Finally the engine was swung up and Fisher removed to a hospital, where his right leg was amputated. It is believed that Fisher will recover.

ONE FATALITY IN \$3,000 BOSTON FIRE

Boston, Jan. 7.—When firemen rushed into the William Tell's house, a small boarding house on Somerset street in the west end, this evening, they found George McDowell, the cook, unconscious and dying in his basement bedroom; Frank Davis, a cripple, helpless in his room, and half a dozen chorus girls shrieking for help, while a brisk fire on the lower floor was rapidly filling the house with dense smoke. McDowell died while being taken to the hospital, Davis was carried down six steps, the chorus girls conducted in safety to the street, and the fire extinguished with a damage to the building estimated at \$3,000.

When the firemen found McDowell he was lying on the floor in several inches of water, while about him were the bodies of all his pets, including cats, birds and mice.

Davis, who was nearly helpless, managed to crawl to the window in his room and was nearly insensible when the firemen reached him.

ONTARIO GOT OVER \$1,000,000 SUCCESSION DUTIES LAST YEAR

(Special to The Telegraph.)
Toronto, Jan. 7.—Ontario's revenue from succession dues soared to \$1,031,688 for the year 1906. Last year the receipts were \$684,000, which was the highest on record. The returns from the Goderich estate constituted a large item in the accounts of 1906.

WILL APPEAL TO WASHINGTON

Fredericton Delegation to Ask for Restoration of Consular Agency

SAY OFFICE PAYS

Alderman Scott Instances That His Concern Alone Sent 600 Cars of Lumber Across Border Last Year, and Paid \$1500 in Fees--A Hardship to Send to St. John for Papers.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 7.—The council of the Fredericton Board of Trade, at a meeting this afternoon, voted unanimously to send a delegation to Washington to urge the United States government to re-establish their consular agency here. Present included F. B. Edgcombe, C. Fred. Chestnut, George Y. Dobbles, J. M. Wiley, J. D. Phinney, W. McCready, William Lennart, Ald. Scott, Ald. Colter, J. D. Phinney and John Palmer.

Ald. Scott addressed the meeting at 8 o'clock and declared that the closing of the consular agency would result in a great loss and inconvenience to his concern. Last year they shipped to the United States 600 cars of lumber, on which had been paid in consular fees \$1,500. They hoped to do a larger export business next year, but if compelled to send to St. John for clearance papers they would not only suffer great inconvenience but would be put to extra expense because of the delay. He closed by moving a lengthy resolution, which set forth that the closing of the agency would greatly cripple the trade of the city and recommended that a delegation be sent to Washington to lay the matter before the state department and urge reconsideration.

The resolution was seconded by John Palmer and adopted after some discussion. Several of the speakers stated that it was quite well known that the agency here was more than paid for, and they were at arrangements with the government to have it decided to close it.

J. D. Phinney was named as the delegate from the board, and the city council will be asked to endorse the resolution.

The taking of evidence in the case of the South West Star Log period Company vs. Timothy Lynch was finished in the circuit court this afternoon and counsel made their arguments to the jury. The judge will render his verdict tomorrow.

Henry Chestnut, who has been in Montreal for medical treatment, returned home today considerably improved. He was accompanied by Mr. J. D. Phinney.

The January term of the York county court will open here tomorrow morning. The annual general meeting of the Fredericton Boom Company will be held in this city tomorrow afternoon. A. H. F. Randolph, the president, this morning said that the company had not come to any arrangements yet with the lumbermen relative to their taking over the business and plant.

The annual meeting of the People's Bank of New Brunswick will be held in this city next week. This morning President Randolph stated that if the shareholders gave their approval of the sale to the bank, the transfer would take place during the month of March.

Charles A. Simpson, of S. P. C. A., who has held office for the past several years or more, this morning stated that he intended placing his resignation before the annual meeting this month, as he felt that he had attended to the duties long enough.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Vindham, who were recently married in Vancouver, B. C., have arrived in Fredericton to visit the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Burpee.

The case of six men charged with performing service at the Arctic Rink on Sunday contrary to law, was this morning stood over by Col. Marsh until Wednesday at the request of A. J. Gregory, counsel for the accused, who is engaged at the circuit court.

The board of trade is meeting this afternoon to protest against the closing of the American consular agency here.

C. A. Miles, of the New Brunswick foundry, is quite ill at his home here.

The young bachelors of the city are to give a ball at the Queen Hotel on Friday evening, Jan. 18th.

TORONTO STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES DISSENT

(Special to The Telegraph.)
Toronto, Jan. 7.—The men employed by the Toronto Street Railway Company in the capacity of motormen and conductors are discontented with their present condition, and have only been prevented from deserting their cars and leaving them on the streets by restraining influence of officers of the union. The introduction of a new system of work is the cause of the trouble.

Business Agent James McDonald says the men are not being treated right, and points out that the officers recognized that the company should have time to work out their plans. Instead of improvement, however, the position of the men is getting worse.

HEAVY SHIPMENT OF ORE FROM COBALT

Toronto, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Nearly 1,000 tons of ore was shipped from Cobalt over the T. & N. O. Railway during the month of December.

OTHER LINES MAY FOLLOW SUIT

White Star Steamship Co.'s Change of Port Startles Cunard People

LIVERPOOL UNEASY

Strife to Capture Continental Business Away from American and German Liners May Lose Them Mail Subsidies --- Protest from Queenstown.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

London, Jan. 7.—The decision of the White Star Line to remove part of its service from Liverpool to Southampton, is considered to be a significant and far-reaching movement on the part of the British lines to regain control of the passenger traffic to and from the continent. The German and American lines have been gradually absorbing the cream of the passenger traffic at continental points, as their landings at Cherbourg and Southampton tapped all Europe, whereas Liverpool tapped only England and some of the Northern European traffic. The great side of American tourists desired flexibility of routes, permitting them to arrive and depart at or from the continent as well as from England, which increased the disadvantage of Liverpool. The White Star removal therefore challenges foreign control of the continental trade and it is generally considered to be preliminary to similar action on the part of other British lines, particularly the Cunard line.

In answer to an inquiry at the Cunard office this evening, a representative of the Associated Press was officially informed that the movement was also likely to be expected, it is simply a question of time when the line will avail itself of the facilities offered by channel ports. There was an unconfirmed rumor in Liverpool tonight that two other lines contemplated transferring some of their steamers to other ports.

The work of the diggers was extremely perilous as the walls in rear of the front of the building were sagging and the slightest gust of wind seemed likely to topple them down. For several hours it was necessary to stop the digging until shoring timbers were propped against the wobbling walls.

A Frantic Wife.
Two women rushed to the fire lines at dawn today. Both were sobbing, and one of them was nearly hysterical.

"I'm the wife of John Seifert," one of them cried. "They tell me he is here in these ruins. I want to get him and take him home."

The other was Seifert's sister. The hysterical young wife was controlled with difficulty. She wanted to rush into the

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN NEW YORK FLAT

One Woman Shot Dead, Another Will Die--Two Men Badly Wounded--Result of Quarrel.

New York, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Lena Wiedman, a manufacturer, with an establishment in the Hotel Endicott, at 81st street and Columbus avenue, was shot and killed at her apartments, 80 West 82nd street, tonight, during a quarrel in which three other persons were probably fatally wounded. Mrs. Wiedman, who was thirty-six years of age, was shot through the body and died at the hospital in a dying condition. George Fallon, a florist, with a place of business at 114th street, Columbus, was shot through the head and removed to the hospital to which he would die. He was placed under arrest.

An unidentified man, the fourth member of the party, was cut about the throat. While Fallon was technically charged with the shooting the police at a late hour had been unable to learn little of the origin of the trouble.

Pauline Radel, twenty-five years old, an assistant to Mrs. Wiedman in the manufacturing business, and who lived with her, was shot through the head and removed to a hospital in a dying condition. George Fallon, a florist, with a place of business at 114th street, Columbus, was shot through the head and removed to the hospital to which he would die. He was placed under arrest.

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SWIFT JUSTICE FOR TORONTO BURGLAR

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Toronto, Jan. 7.—Fred Marsh and John Warren were sentenced to four years in the penitentiary, and Joseph Warren was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary by Magistrate Denison this morning for burglary of the jewelry store of David Ward, Adelaide street, east, Saturday night before Christmas. All save Joseph Warren pleaded not guilty.

Hyman Still Ill in California.
Ottawa, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Hon. Chas. Hyman is in Southern California. His health has not improved very much and so far as can be learned the premier's letter asking him to reconsider his resignation has not been delivered to Mr. Hyman.

Canada Buys Valuable Pictures.
Ottawa, Jan. 7.—(Special)—The acting minister of public works, Hon. Sydney Fisher, has purchased for the Canadian National Art Gallery two valuable pictures. One is a Gainsborough, the portrait of an Ethiopian. The other is Al-hambra, a picture by Vanishing, a leading French artist of the modern school.

FIREMEN, THOUGHT TO BE DEAD, ALIVE IN THE RUINS

A Voice, Hours After They Were Buried, Startles Men Digging for Bodies

Rescuers Work Among Tottering Walls of New York Warehouse to Reach Companion--Tube Run Down and Stimulant Given--Priests Give Absolution and Perilous Work Goes On--Only One of Three Fire Laddies May Be Living.

New York, Jan. 7.—The search for the three firemen who went down with the ruins when Hill's paper warehouse was burned last night, was suddenly halted tonight as the sound of some one rapping on a timber from within the debris was distinctly heard. For nearly twenty-four hours, with brief respite, firemen had sought the men's bodies and at first they doubted their senses. As they stared at each other a voice from beneath the charred pile and recognized as that of John Seifert, was faintly heard. Seifert said:

A Voice From the Ruins.
"I am alive and so is Campbell. We can't see anything. The debris is all about us. Get us out as quickly as you can. It is cold here. I have to keep kicking my legs to keep warm."

The firemen redoubled their efforts until warned that over eagerness might defeat their purpose. They proceeded more cautiously, while Seifert's wife who had been on the scene since midnight, turning from despair to hope, encouraged them. The men were caught between the timbers about midway between the second and third floors when the three upper floors of the five story structure went down. The third man, Thomas Lenton, was apparently instantly killed. His body was found today after hours of digging. It was buried in a tangle of debris from which a shattered hand only slightly protruded, and the torso was caught in such a way that it could not be released until tons of timber and steel which held it down, were cleared away.

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Got Stimulant Through a Tube.
As quickly as possible after Seifert's voice was heard, an ambulance with Dr. Beuwaes was called from the Hudson street hospital. A rubber tube three feet long and half an inch in diameter, with a funnel arrangement at one end such as is used in the hospitals as a stomach pump, was introduced into a hole in the debris which the workers made, and lowered so that Seifert could apply his mouth to it. Through this stimulant was administered and afterward two cups of strong hot coffee.

After receiving the stimulant Seifert said he felt better.

Father Rafferty, of St. James' church, and Father Smith, the fire department chaplain, were called to the building soon after Seifert's voice was heard. Through the tube Father Smith heard the buried fireman make his act of contrition, according to the rites of the Catholic church, which Seifert is a member, and gave him absolution.

After the spiritual consolation by the priests, and the material aid from the stimulants had been administered, work on the debris was resumed. The two priests remained near, and in concluding their talk with the imprisoned man, counselled him to be brave and face whatever fate befell him.

SEIFERT RESCUED.
Seifert was taken out of the ruins at 1:45 o'clock. He will live, it is said. He was very weak and his right leg badly injured.

EARL GREY PLEADS FOR BRITISH JUSTICE

Says Untried Prisoners Should Be Heard With Convicted Ones

Declares Every Man Is Innocent Till Proved Guilty and Hopes for a Reform--One Italian to Hang and Another Gets Death Sentence Commuted.

(Special to The Telegraph.)
Ottawa, Jan. 7.—Judge Ben B. Lindsay of Denver, Colorado, addressed the Canadian Club tonight on the juvenile court. Among those present were Earl Grey, some of the ministers of the crown, and the leader of the opposition. Judge Lindsay spoke of the success which attended the working of the juvenile court in Denver.

Lord Grey, in proposing a vote of thanks to Judge Lindsay, said that he might be skating on thin ice if he gave his support to a proposition that might soon be debated in parliament, but he trusted to see that some of the principles which the judge advanced would soon ripple over the border.

There was, his excellency said, a great reform to be accomplished in some of the Canadian jails, where there was now to be seen that which should make every self-respecting Canadian hang his head in shame. Young men were confined among criminals waiting their trial and who, until they were convicted, ought to be treated as innocent. Such things ought not to be allowed in a land of liberty.

At today's cabinet meeting an order-in-council was passed allowing the law to take its course in the case of Salvatore Macki, who killed an Italian named Romavette, at Winnipeg. The murder was committed out of revenge. Macki will be hanged Jan. 15.

The death sentence passed upon Elovio, an Italian, who killed Franchette, an Italian, at Fort William, was changed to imprisonment for life.

ALL KINDS OF TIME ON B. & O. RAILWAY

Washington, Jan. 7.—It was disclosed at the corner's inquest today into the Terracotta wreck on the night of Dec. 30, that engineers and conductors have not heretofore generally observed the rules of the Baltimore & Ohio in regard to regulating their watches in accordance with the company's standard clocks at Baltimore, Cumberland and Washington. In his testimony Conductor Hoffman, of No. 219, the "sea" train, intimated that these clocks did not always keep correct time.

Supt. Galloway was apparently much surprised to hear of the latter's statement and said that an order was issued last October requiring operators to regulate their clocks according to standard time.

Financial Giants Subpoenaed.
New York, Jan. 7.—It was learned today that Jacob H. Schiff, James Stillman and D. O. Mills have been subpoenaed to give testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission when it resumes its investigation of the Harriman railroads in this city. E. H. Harriman and Wm. Rockefeller had previously been summoned to testify.

TORONTO YOUTH PLAYING "WILD WEST" KILLED

New York, Jan. 7.—William Gearin, a youth 17 years of age, who recently came here from Toronto, Canada, and Herbert Coburn, aged 15, played "Wild West" in a small room of a tenement house in 319 avenue today and the killer, boy was shot through the head and killed. Coburn was arrested.

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LORD STRATHCONA In the absence of a confirmation by himself of the report that Lord Strathcona desires to give up his post in London Canadians will be disposed to hope that he is, on the contrary, prepared to remain for some years yet in the position he has occupied with such distinction.

AN ARMY FROM EUROPE The United States immigration figures for 1906, compared with our own, are of unusual interest. There came to the Republic more foreigners than ever before—1,100,735.

THE GAS REPORT The aldermen are about to select an impartial expert to report upon the cost of making and distributing gas in St. John. Such a report was made for the Montreal City Council a year ago by Mr. E. W. Bemis, of Cleveland.

IMPERIAL CEMENT The Edinburgh Scotsman was distinctly annoyed with Canada some years ago by the city which delivered itself from the present situation.

NOTE AND COMMENT Hikes, the California man whose courage was admired the world around, was dunted by the spot light. He tackled the stage yesterday indicating that a start has been made in that direction.

NOTE AND COMMENT Lindsal, the Toronto Socialist majority candidate, was about as much surprised anybody by the size of the vote he received. Interviewed the day after election he said:

cord with the Edinburgh journal. These people cling stubbornly to their delusions, and many of them will not live long enough to be cured of this lopsided imperialism.

A FALSE FRIEND No doubt Lieut. Andral of the French army who engaged in a friendly duel with his dear friend Lieut. Spitzer, and who deliberately shot that amazed and outraged young gentleman in the region of his equator, will be drummed out of the army and the clubs.

IN THE LARGER SPHERE The election of Mr. Devlin for Nicolet draws from the Montreal Standard some reflections upon the status of Canadians who have entered politics in England.

NOTE AND COMMENT Mr. Hatheway, when he writes of demerol, throws logic and a kind of sense about it we may mention that the lack of reasoning in the Canadian Magazine article from which we have quoted is fairly matched by the wild, incoherent cries emitted in last night's Globe.

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NOTE AND COMMENT "Canada, in fact, whether she likes it or not, is becoming a world-power. She comes into touch with the interests of other world-powers at many points, and she cannot shirk the responsibility which this entails."

NOTE AND COMMENT "The Springfield Republican, on the other hand, strongly contends that the French will not turn back. It says: 'Agitation and rancor in the French government's anticlerical policy would seem to be as effective a massing against an eruption of Venustus. It has been truly said that the separation of church and state in France is an accomplished fact. It may not be so complete a separation as exists in America, and the church may have a grievance as to the terms of the settlement, but nothing could now be more certain than that France is not going back to the concordat and that the state is not going to appropriate its funds for the maintenance of religious worship.'"

NOTE AND COMMENT "What remains is the equipment of all our ports, instantly and efficiently. This is a matter quite too large for accomplishment by any single municipality. It is a government concern. It transcends the city or the province. It is vital to the country as a whole."

NOTE AND COMMENT "It is doubtful at present what powers can be conferred upon the new commission which will take over the affairs at the port of Montreal; but the whole country knows how the work of improvement has been retarded for years, to the serious detriment of business, producing a condition of chaos which moved Mr. Arthur Piers, the general manager of the C. P. R. steamship service, to denounce the present conditions in the strongest possible terms."

NOTE AND COMMENT "Not only should the present works at Montreal be finished without further delay, but shore derricks and other facilities should be furnished, while as for the ports of St. John, Halifax, and Quebec, large extensions and renovations are necessary, and these could be instantly undertaken by the Federal Government."

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The recent visit of Secretary Root to South America can be made highly beneficial if our manufacturers will nurse the friendly relations that have been created and improve the commercial advantages that must spring from it.

Mr. Root directed the attention of the people of the United States as a fraternal neighbor, whose desire is to assist in development of the varied and priceless natural resources of all countries and to open the American continent through enlightened policies and methods that will make for the common welfare and his admirable speeches in explaining this mission were received with a degree of popular cordiality that

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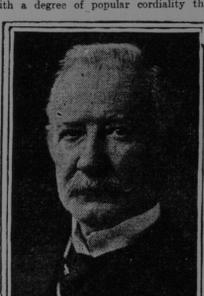
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agurs well for better understanding and closer relations in the future between the United States and all American countries. The value of the missionary work accomplished by Secretary Root should not be overlooked nor the opportunities it created neglected. European manufactured products that fill the markets of South America is knowledge of the needs of the people, the character of their desires, and an application of the sagacity, persistence and push that characterizes our business men in the prosecution of enterprises at home.

The commerce of South America is placed approximately at \$500,000,000 in imports and \$750,000,000 in exports. Of this trade the United States last year had \$75,000,000 of the former and \$140,000,000 of the latter; that is, we bought from nearly double the value of the merchandise sold to South America, while Great Britain sold to the value of \$151,000,000, of which \$85,000,000 went to Argentina alone. If the trade in cotton piece goods be considered it will be found that the entire value of such goods exported from the United States to South America last year was \$3,240,000, while the value of British goods of this description amounted to \$35,000,000, and including other manufactures of cotton, to \$40,000,000. For the six months ended June 30, 1906, Great Britain's shipments of this class of goods to South America aggregated \$18,000,000, and for the ten months ended October 31 nearly \$35,000,000. To Argentina alone, in the first six months of 1906 Great Britain sold \$7,000,000 worth of cotton piece goods, or twice the entire fiscal year to all the countries of South America.

Considering the advantage in possession of raw material, joined to the superior skill of operatives, abundance of capital and the characteristic push of our people, it is not creditable to American manufacturers that Great Britain should be permitted to sell, without serious opposition, in neighboring American countries cotton piece goods equal to the aggregate value of goods of this character sold by the United States in all the countries of the world.

It must be stated, however, that notwithstanding the difference exhibited by American manufacturers trade is increasing in volume and variety in South America, and in other countries in several lines of manufactured products.

Gems from the Boys (Harper's.) The next bit of history is so extraordinary that I must ask you to accept my word of honor regarding its genuineness. I copied it verbatim from a high school entrance paper, have nothing extenuated nor set down aught in malice. "Robert Clive was a brave man who went out to help France to fight. They were searching all around to get a man who was willing to come. So at last the King of France came upon Robert Clive who was clerking behind the counter in a country store; he was willing and came. But the King of France went away in business, and while he was away the King of Belgium came and drove about twenty-three thousand into a dark cave; they were packed close together that in the morning all that was living was twenty-three hundred. So when the King returned he was very much disappointed and threw all the blame upon Robert Clive who said it was not his fault and really he was not a bad man at all. This hole was called the Black Hole of Calcutta to this day."

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The child who wrote the following is evidently training for a clairvoyant's chair in a fore-telling bureau or a sub-editorship with Zerk's almanac. "If a woman goes without food and drink for any great length of time, say forty days and nights, she will die at the end of a month; or if her constitution is specially delicate she may live for a fortnight or less." It is so delightfully non-committal, but, query—is it so very different from the language of the regular practitioner?

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CAME HERE SATURDAY BY ARRANGEMENT
Met in Royal Hotel and Went to Rev. Dr. Campbell's, Where Marriage Was Performed, W. E. Raymond Giving the Bride Away.

George Whitfield Coffen, of Canning (N. S.), and Mrs. Lena Fresse, of Wolfville (N. S.), met in the Royal Hotel here on Saturday evening and were married that evening by Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell in the Queen square Methodist church parlour.

On Saturday noon Mrs. Fresse stepped off the Boston train and drove to the Royal. She had two trunks and registered at the hotel. She had been living in Boston. During the afternoon she asked the clerk for the address of a Methodist clergyman and was given that of Rev. Dr. Campbell. After sending a telegram to Nova Scotia she retired to her room.

Mr. Coffen arrived on the Digby boat and went to the Royal. He had once heard of Mrs. Fresse and they had an interview in the parlour and completed arrangements for their wedding which had been before agreed upon. No matter how late the room to be approached the hotel clerk asked him to accompany them to Rev. Dr. Campbell's house and "stand up" with them. The clerk, however, was too busy at the time and referred them to Mr. Raymond, who when the situation was explained to him, willingly consented to go. Mr. Coffen had said to the Royal proprietor that he wished Mr. Raymond to identify him. "Certainly," was the reply, "but the banks are all closed now." Mr. Coffen has intended to explain that it was identification before the clergyman he wished and Mr. Raymond as quickly agreed that all was well. The three then went together to the Queen square parlour, where Mr. Raymond proved a valuable ally and graciously gave the bride away.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffen gave a Telegraph reporter a very pleasant greeting in their room at the Royal last night. Both talked freely. They had known each other, they said, for thirteen years and had arranged the meeting and marriage here, though they did not explain. Mr. Coffen said he was engaged for four years in Dawson City. He was an officer in the Northwest Mounted Police and held the position of inspector of mines in Dawson. Two years ago he received word that his mother, Mrs. Canning was very sick and he hurried east to see her. She, he said, is a very aged woman and has since suffered two strokes of paralysis. He does not expect to go back to Dawson, at least while his mother lives.

Mrs. Coffen is a native of Wolfville. She has travelled much, has been in Europe, on one occasion for two years and again for two months. She said she has spent much time at some of the popular resorts in Switzerland. Besides her travels in Europe she has travelled considerably in different parts of the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffen will leave today for Wolfville.

WOULD HANG ALDERMEN BECAUSE OF NEGLIGENCE
Fort William Man Here Talks Strongly on Typhoid Epidemic in Western Towns.

"Capital punishment for aldermen who so neglect the public health as to allow a typhoid epidemic to break out in their town is a rather novel idea, but such is the state of affairs that Samuel Kerley, of Fort William (Ont.), now in St. John, says he would not object to."

Mr. Kerley, when asked concerning conditions in the west, passed over the great property of and increase in value of land in the Canadian west, but he was very emphatic regarding the prevalence of typhoid in western towns. He said that in every case the epidemic was caused by contaminated water. The city of Winnipeg, he said, he held criminally culpable. In 1910, when he held the position of mayor of Fort William, there were nearly 100 deaths, and from typhoid and diphtheria. He said that the water supply had been drawn from a reservoir and that a steamer had carried away the intake and the contents of a sewer had poured into the drinking water supply of the town.

There ought to be a law on the statute books of this country," he said, "that when lives are lost through the negligence of the council that its members should be hung." At another point in the conversation he said that the heads of the aldermen of Fort William ought to be chopped off.

Mr. Kerley is an old country man and it is likely he will take a trip to England before returning home.

Will Not Accept Peter's Pence.
Paris, Jan. 7.—It was announced today that the Pope will no longer accept Peter's pence from France. All donations from French Catholics will hereafter be for the support of the clergy in this country.

WHOLE FAMILY WIPED OUT BY GAS POISONING
Burlington, Vt., Jan. 6.—The entire family of George Devino, of Winooski, consisting of six persons—the father, mother and four children, were killed during the night by illuminating gas, which entered the house from a crack in the street main, through the sewer pipe.

HOME WITH WEALTH MADE IN ALASKA
L. E. and R. W. Shepard of P. E. Island in the City on Saturday.

Pointed out to a Telegraph reporter as millionaires, by a well informed official, Messrs. Shepard, two brothers, formerly of Fairbanks, Alaska, who were interviewed on the Boston train as it was leaving the city Saturday morning.

L. E. Shepard said they left their homes at Cardigan West (P. E. I.), twenty-six years ago and went to the United States to earn their living. At this time the younger was only seventeen years of age. For some years they worked at shipbuilding in Maine, then drifted west. When the first rush for the gold fields started they were in the thick of it, and in 1897 located near Dawson City on a paying creek. Luck favored them and in five years they had made a respectable amount.

They then moved across the border into Uncle Sam's dominions and became citizens of the newly founded town of Fairbanks. With capital to work on they established a large mining business near Fairbanks in the Tanana valley and at present have eighty men in their employ.

The Messrs. Shepard have been visiting their old home in the Island province and are now on their way back to Alaska. Before returning they will visit California. Both men are single and between forty and fifty years of age. A young lady friend of theirs was on the train and at least one of the men may not be able to claim the title bachelor for any great length of time.

Both men were bronzed and tanned by the great exposure of the Alaskan climate. Despite their wealth they made no great show, their dress being plain. Mr. Shepard, the younger brother, talked very interestingly of conditions in the mining district. He said that a great deal depended on luck. No matter how hard a man might work he might not succeed. Great hardships must be endured at first. There was a fine chance for any man in Alaska. They could obtain employment with large mining concerns, and when the chance offered could prospect and stake a claim for themselves.

"My brother," said Mr. Shepard, "and I bought a piece of land last March for \$5,000. We put in machinery worth \$4,000 and worked the claim and on Jan. 5 we were offered \$100,000 for it."

Fairbanks, he said, was a town of more than 5,000 population. It was only five years old. It had three banks and newspapers. There was only one school. Mr. Shepard said he preferred the Canadian criminal law. If a man needed hanging, he was always hung, and there was too long a wait. There was no much lawlessness in Alaska now. Mr. Shepard said that in Fairbanks flour was only \$20 a barrel, beef was \$27,000,000, but now is comparatively a poor man. Many young fellows who made \$15,000 or \$25,000 in a short time spent it in a week. Asked as to the temperature in Alaska, Mr. Shepard said that from December 12 till the middle of January last year, there was not a day that the temperature was higher than 47 below zero. Many days it was 67 degrees below.

"It is very hard on the horses," he said, "but men, of course, don't care. It is a mistake to think that some people had that they couldn't live without work. I would soon show them that I could live without work and could spend \$1,000 each day and not try half."

Asked as to the amount of his fortune, Mr. Shepard modestly said that it was well within half a million. He said fortunes were easily spent in Alaska. Alex. MacDonald, the famous king of the Klondike, was worth at one time \$27,000,000, but now is comparatively a poor man. Many young fellows who made \$15,000 or \$25,000 in a short time spent it in a week.

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Fort William, Ont., Jan. 6.—(Special)—C. P. R. train No. 2 was wrecked today one mile west of Kamistiquia station. It is stated here that the whole train is in the ditch or possibly in the river, which is very close to the tracks at that point.

Four persons are killed and thirty seriously injured. A wrecking train with all the doctors available has gone to Kamistiquia and another train with further aid and medical men from Fort Arthur will leave tonight. The names of the dead are not known here. Two of the first class coaches are said to be a total wreck.

CANADIAN RHODES RIERS DOING WELL
Dr. Parkin Here and Talks of the Scholarships--The Plans of the Future

Dr. George R. Parkin, managing trustee of the Rhodes scholarship trust, arrived in St. John Saturday morning, a passenger on the steamer Empress of Britain. He will remain in Canada on business connected with the scholarship until the end of February. In response to a request from a Telegraph reporter Mr. Parkin gave some interesting particulars of the plan and history of the scheme founded by the great South African millionaire.

There are now in residence at Oxford twenty-two Rhodes scholars, and twenty-nine from the United States and eleven from Germany. They are distributed among the colleges by their own choice and partly on their merits as judged by the college authorities. Dr. Parkin has as many as seventeen in residence and nineteen others are at the university doing their work in varying numbers. Corpus College, St. Edmund's Hall having only one at present.

As the Rhodes request is of comparatively recent date only few men have as yet reached the final stage of their work and any now already won distinction. During the past year five Canadians out of a total of twenty-four, have secured either honours or diplomas. Dr. J. G. Archibald (Quebec) won a first class in final honor class of Liberal Humanities. G. S. Stairs (Nova Scotia) appeared on the lists second class final honor class of Modern History and R. V. Bellamy (N. W. Territories), was given a diploma in Economics with distinction.

Speaking of the work of the Canadian scholars Dr. Parkin said they were without exception a hard working lot. He referred with evident pride to the work of Mr. Martin and Ralph Fresse, the two New Brunswick men. The latter went into residence only last October but had already secured a first class in the final examination. Dr. Parkin mentioned, would take place all across the United States and Canada on January 17 and 18. If had more particular reference to the States, however, as in Canada the universities made their own appointments. In New Brunswick this year the privilege of selecting a Rhodes scholar falls to Mount Allison University, Sackville, the final choice having to be made before April 15.

During his stay in Canada, Dr. Parkin said he would make his headquarters at McGill University. He explained that one of the pleasant duties on his visit was to bring his knowledge of selected Canadian affairs up to date, as since his last visit in 1904, much had changed in the dominion. He thought the people were coming to know all the more the importance of every kind regarding their great country was sought after in England. In the old country they looked upon Canada as a second hand possession and surpassed their own responsibilities and surpassed their own interests. In such a case it was necessary for a Canadian living on the other side to know all the more the importance of every kind regarding their great country was sought after in England.

Dr. Parkin will leave today on a visit to his old home and friends in Westchester. Passing through St. John again in the afternoon he will call on the west. His many friends in this city will have another opportunity of seeing him in four or six weeks time before he returns to his present home in England at the end of February.

SAD FATE OF SUSSEX GIRL
Etta May Cole, in Hospital, Becomes Insane—Course Followed by Authorities Objected To by Parents.

For any person to be afflicted with insanity is sad, but when the victim of the disease is a girl of nineteen the circumstances appear doubly so. Such a case is now reported. Miss Etta May Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cole, of Sussex, is at present a patient in the Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases. Miss Cole left her home in Sussex about five months ago and accepted a position in the General Public Hospital in St. John. Miss Cole continued in her position at the hospital until last Christmas day, when she was taken seriously ill. According to the story of Miss Cole's parents, the hospital officials wired them in Sussex to come to St. John and get their daughter. Accordingly her brother and sister arrived here on Dec. 27 and took the sick girl to Sussex. When her home was reached physicians pronounced her to be insane and advised that she be taken to the Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases on Monday last, her brother, Richard Cole, Jr., accompanying her to that institution.

It was at first reported that Miss Cole had been ill with diphtheria while at the General Public Hospital and that her present condition is largely due to the effects of an overdose of anti-toxin administered to her by one of the doctors. The physicians at Sussex, however, say this could not be.

For the reason that the Sussex doctor pronounced Miss Cole as seriously ill and in no condition to travel when she was brought home, Mr. Cole, father of the girl, feels very indignant. He thinks that she should have been kept at the hospital, when asked about the matter, said that Miss Cole had been working in the institution as a ward maid. She did her work all right until about a week before Christmas, when it was noticed that she was morose and acted strangely. Two days after Christmas she was taken to the hospital and showed such unmistakable signs of mental derangement that the hospital authorities sent word to her people asking them to come and get her home.

Dr. Malcolm said positively that the girl was physically in a fit condition to travel when she left the institution. She had never had diphtheria, nor at any time was anti-toxin administered.

The commissioners of the hospital met yesterday afternoon but took no action in the matter, not deeming it necessary. Albert N. Vincent and wife sold their handsome residence in Victoria street to Joseph McNeil, treasurer of the Massey Harris Co. Mr. Vincent and family are going to the West to try farming on the prairie.

RIGID INQUIRY INTO RECENT RAILWAY DISASTERS
Interstate Commerce Commission to See Where Fault Lies

Engineer on Train That Killed 53 People Near Washington, Declares on Stand He Didn't See Danger Signal--Was Short of Sleep.

Washington, Jan. 4.—What promises to be a most rigid investigation of the recent wrecks on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Terra-cotta (D. C.), in which more than two scores of passengers lost their lives, and on the Southern Railway at Lawyers (Va.), on Thanksgiving Day, when President Samuel Spencer and six others were killed, was begun today by the Interstate Commerce Commission acting under a general resolution passed by congress in the last session providing for an inquiry into the operation of the block system on the railways throughout the country. It is the purpose of the commission to determine whether or not responsibility for the two wrecks should be placed on the workings of the block system or on the carelessness of the railway employees stationed at the block signal stations.

A large number of witnesses have been summoned and the inquiry may last for several days. The result of the commission's findings will be submitted to congress, and, it is understood if the block system is found to be unreliable, some immediate legislative remedy may be urged upon congress by the commission.

The Terra-cotta wreck was first taken up today. Engineer Harry E. Hilderbrand, of the "dead" equipment train, which crashed into the Terra-cotta local at Terra-cotta, was the most important witness of the day. He testified that the "double green" light was displayed at Terra-cotta on the night of the accident, which indicated that there was a work train in the block between Silver Springs and University station. If there was any "double light" at Terra-cotta, the witness declared he did not see it.

He testified that between Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock and Sunday evening at 6:30, when the wreck occurred, a period of 48 hours, he had had only eight hours sleep. He said, however, that when he was called to the Terra-cotta signal he did not feel a lack of sleep, but was in good trim to make the run.

The witness testified that he had been suspended on three occasions for infraction of the rules of the company. Once he was suspended, he said, for failing to stop after the explosion of a torpedo which he ran over.

INTERCOLORED WILL CONSTRUCT ITS OWN MOTOR CARS
Moneton, N. B., Jan. 4.—It is announced that the I. C. W. will build in Moneton, N. B., a motor car for use in the district motor service on Intercolonial next summer. Tenders from leading firms of car and locomotive builders are invited to submit proposals. The exception of Rhodes-Curry Co., no company would enter into a contract to complete and deliver cars in time for next summer's use on the Intercolonial. Rhodes-Curry Co. agreed to build wood-work in time but would not contract for the motor portion, consequently the board has instructed the superintendent of motive power, G. R. Joughins, to build three motor rail cars in the Moneton shops. It is stated the cars will be sixty-five feet long, divided into three sections, the first section for the steam motor, the second for baggage and the third for passengers. The motor will be about 200 horse power.

SCHOONER FROM HARVEY HAD A HARD TIME
After a tedious passage of three weeks the schooner Silver Leaf, Captain Sailer, arrived Friday morning from Harvey (N. B.), bringing in 100 tons of lumber. The schooner had terrific weather the whole of the passage, and the crew were wind and sea until her captain was forced to seek shelter in the harbor. The schooner remained two weeks before there was an opportunity to sail again. The crew were about all eaten up.

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ELECTRIC CURRENT STARTED TWO FIRES
Richibucto, Jan. 3.—On New Year's night the Temperance hall took fire from the electric light, just where the power was being stored. Prompt efforts were made to save the building and to prevent the fire from spreading. They were successful, but the building was badly damaged. The fire was caused by a short circuit in the wiring, which had been neglected for some time. The fire was extinguished by the fire department, but the damage was considerable.

Harcourt Items.
Harcourt, Jan. 7.—Miss Nan Clarke was a guest of Miss Jessie P. Dunn on Saturday. Miss Ruth Tupper and Miss Wilton, who have been spending the Christmas holidays at their homes here, returned to Harcourt today to resume their studies at the Normal school.

Miss Ruth Tupper returned to Mount Allison today. Miss Wilton is seriously ill at her home here. Mr. Keith, who succeeds H. H. Stuart as principal of the Superior school here, arrived on Saturday. Mr. Price left to spend a few days at his sister's, Mrs. Ames, at Lower Ferry, N. B., before leaving for the Normal school.

TWO NOVA SCOTIA BROTHERS DROWN
Isaac and Thomas Burgoyne, of St. Margaret's Bay, the Victims

A TERRIBLE LIST
Thursday's Double Fatality Made the Seventh of Young Men Being Lost, While Lobster Fishing, During the Past Three Months.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 4.—Two brothers, Isaac and Thomas Burgoyne, of St. Margaret's Bay, were drowned yesterday morning, a short distance from their home. The young men set out early in the morning to fish for lobsters. They were on the shore during the day, where it had been cut up by the waves, told the sad story of how the occupants had found a watery grave.

The place where the lobster traps were set, was exposed and rocky and as a heavy sea was running, the waves were continually breaking where the young men were engaged in work. They were shut off from the view of any of the surrounding settlements.

Yesterday's sad affair makes a total of seven men who have been drowned in St. Margaret's Bay within three months. All of them were fishermen, and met their death by the capturing of their traps. The history of the Bay affords no parallel for such a dreadful harvest of the sea. In fact, for the past forty years the number of those drowned was not as many as have lost their lives within the past three months.

The occurrence of so many fatalities following so close upon one another has caused a gloom over the community, and a number of families mourn the loss of one or more bright young men.

DISTRICT MEETING OF BAPTISTS AT HOPEWELL HILL
Hopewell Hill, Jan. 3.—The United Baptist district meeting opened here on Tuesday afternoon and closed last evening. The number of delegates was not large, owing doubtless to the unfavorable condition of the weather. The ministers present were: Rev. Z. L. Faab, of Hillsboro; Rev. N. McIntyre, of Surrey; Rev. H. S. Erb, Dawson Settlement; Rev. Mr. Worden, of the Hopewell church; Rev. Mr. McLatchy, of Moncton, and Rev. Mr. G. H. Brown, of the Hopewell church.

At the first session Rev. Mr. Erb preached an interesting sermon, after which an old-fashioned conference meeting was held. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Mr. Worden, who delivered an able discourse on Conversion, a devotional being held at the close.

Yesterday morning's session was occupied with business matters, including a discussion as to the best way of giving pastoral care to the outlying sections and pastorless churches. The district last year and some eighteen churches, and it was thought that the pastors in the future should be allotted to the districts of the district not ministered to, in addition to their regular work.

During the past year the churches in the district raised \$8,072. The reports on the whole were encouraging. Afternoon session yesterday related to the Women's Missionary Aid Society, the speaker being Mrs. A. M. Brown, of the Hopewell church. Mrs. Brown, who delivered a fine address. Mrs. Brown, wife of Rev. A. F. Brown, of Harvey, was also present on Practical Christianity. At the close of the sermon Mr. Milton, of Coverdale, was given the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the newly organized women's society of Coverdale, which is senior deacon. Rev. Mr. Worden was also welcomed as the new pastor of the Hopewell church.

E. W. BOWMAN LEASES NORTH SYDNEY HOTEL
Sydney, N. S., Jan. 4.—E. W. Bowman, formerly of St. John (N. B.), and until recently read clerk at the Sydney Hotel, has leased the Albert Hotel at North Sydney, for five years.

FERRELL'S SEEDS
Have been selected for ornamental and are in the lead. They are certain to grow, they are large and beautiful, and are the most popular and reliable. They are sold by all dealers. 1907 Seed U. M. FERRY & CO., Windsor, Ont.

DISCUSSED NEW BRUNSWICK MATTERS WITH LAURIER
BOSTON "BLUE LAWS" UPHELD

Courts Decides Against Music in Hotels on Sundays
ICE CREAM CUT OFF
Caterers Prohibited From Delivering It--Theatrical Companies Cannot Move Scenery Either--Undertakers' Business Interfered With, Too.

Boston, Jan. 4.—The Sunday activities of the people of Boston will be checked in many important ways under decisions reached in the municipal court today, in connection with the cases brought under the enforcement of the Sunday laws, commonly known as the Massachusetts "Blue Laws."

Twelve hundred residents of Boston have been summoned into court as a result of the controversy between District Attorney John B. Moran and Police Commissioner Stephen O'Meara, on the question of violation of the Sunday statutes. The decisions of Special Justice Duff, who has been assigned to try the cases were many and varied, today, and if they are sustained by the higher courts will signalize cessation in many directions of work which has been carried on Sundays in the past without interruption.

The court found, for instance, that the transfer of scenery and other theatrical effects, from theatres after midnight of Saturday is not a work of necessity which is permitted under the statutes and that the moving of scenery which is carried out by every theatre in Boston must hereafter be done on some other day than Sunday. The playing of orchestras in the hotels of Boston on Sunday is likewise unlawful and it must be discontinued under the decision of the court. A fiddler, Gustav Fiedler, who played last Sunday at the Hotel Thordyke, with other musicians, was convicted and fined \$5 on the ground that his work was not a necessary work, or a charitable work, which is also permitted under the law.

Boston must do without ice cream that is delivered by caterers on Sundays and this was held by the court to be outside the law. Justice Duff held for the decision of the entire municipal bench the far-reaching question of whether or not the transfer of personal baggage by express provisionally that the transfer of a casket on the Sabbath was unlawful unless it was intended for the immediate use of the owner. Caskets prepared for deceased persons who were not to be buried until Tuesday should not be transported on the previous Sunday on the ground that it was not a necessary transfer.

The special committee on Sunday laws of the legislature, which has been sitting all summer, will, it is expected, make some drastic change in the present statute so that the present difficulties as to Sunday work will be eliminated.

Boston, Jan. 6.—Sunday laws were observed better in Boston today than for many years, and the police found that on occasions to administer a corrective in the nature of a summons into court. Nearly every one who formerly had found occasion to perform some kind of labor on the Lord's Day learned during the past week by the numerous court decisions just which was permissible with the result that the day was very quiet.

Work on the Washington street tunnel ceased entirely as well as that on the construction of a sewer in the Back Bay. Druggists throughout the city refused to sell anything except medicines, tobacco, candy and soda fountain refreshments. It was impossible to buy toilet articles, even toothbrushes being considered merchandise. Caterers refused to deliver ice cream. A number of bakers who were detained engaged in their vocations received summons from the police.

Presque Isle Livestock Stable Burned.
Presque Isle, Me., Jan. 4.—The Presque Isle House stable, conducted by E. B. Taylor, was burned tonight, together with 200 bushels of grain and ten tons of hay. The loss is about \$2,200, insured.

Rev. Mr. McRae Will Accept.
Sydney, N. S., Jan. 4.—(Special)—Rev. Mr. MacRae, formerly of St. John (N. B.), now of Manitoba, has intimated his acceptance of a call to become pastor of Knox Presbyterian church, Glace Bay.

FRENCH CLERGY ISSUE AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS
Cardinal Richard, in Letter Read in Churches Yesterday, Declares the Spoliation Will Soon Be Complete--Vatican Orders Bishop to Dissolve Association Formed Under the Law.

Tweedie, Pugsley and Emerson Present
Government Decides to Place Export Duty on Electric Power in the Interest of Canadian Consumers--Tenders Called for Some G. T. P. Sections in This Province.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Premier Tweedie, Dr. Pugsley and Hon. Mr. Emerson had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier this afternoon on New Brunswick matters. It is believed various appointments and kindred questions were discussed.

The dominion government has decided to put an export duty on electric power. When parliament re-assembles Hon. A. B. Aylesworth will introduce a bill providing that no company can export power out of Ontario without a license. These licenses will be granted under regulations by the governor-in-council.

The government will have the power to place an export duty on power, with a provision that any company that is supplying Canadian consumers with power at reasonable prices may be relieved from paying this export duty.

At present there are a couple of Niagara power companies that export all their products to Buffalo. In future they will have to supply a certain percentage to Canadian consumers or face an export duty which will be practically prohibitive.

Another Niagara company supplies Toronto with power and, of course, it will escape the export duty. This restriction will not only keep Canadian power to Canadians but will prevent the desecration of Niagara.

At today's meeting of the cabinet two county judges were appointed for British Columbia. John R. Brown takes the place of Judge Clements in Yale and Kootenay, and Fred Calder, of Ashcroft, succeeds Judge Cornwall in Cariboo.

The Transcontinental Railway commission is advertising for tenders to be received at Ottawa at noon 14th February for the following sections of the transcontinental:

(1)—From Moncton westward 50 miles.
(2)—From Grand Falls westward 62 miles.
(3)—From the Quebec bridge easterly 150 miles.
(4)—From a point 150 miles west of the Quebec bridge to Weymouth 43 miles.
(5)—From a point about eight miles west of Abitibi River Crossing easterly for a distance of 150 miles.

Each tender must have an accepted cheque as follows:
Section 1, \$75,000; section 2, \$90,000; section 3, \$225,000; section 4, \$75,000, and section 5, \$225,000.

BAD ACCIDENT TO FAMOUS AMHERST HOCKEY PLAYER
Frank Curran, Cover Point of the Ramblers, Has Four Fingers Almost Severed by Mill Saw.

Amherst, N. S., Jan. 4.—Frank Curran, son of Edward Curran, while working at a portable saw mill in his father's lumber woods, had four fingers of his right hand terribly mangled and almost severed at the first joint. He was brought to St. John and about fifty stitches were required to be taken. It is hoped that the fingers may be saved, although one of them only hung by a shred of skin.

Frank, or as he is better known as "Hoot" in hockey circles, is the celebrated coverpoint of the Ramblers' hockey team and has many friends in the province. Curran will regret to hear of his unfortunate accident, which will effectively ban him from playing this winter, if not permanently. He stood the operation with the same nerve that he always showed at trying times while defending the trophy for the Ramblers.

Ten representative members of the Amherst First Baptist church went to Truro today to attend the funeral of the late Wm. Cummings.

Newfoundland's Best Year.
St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 4.—The colonial revenue for the six months ended Dec. 31 is nearly \$50,000 in excess of the revenue for the corresponding period of 1905. Imports and exports are proportionately larger and the total volume of trade for the last six months of 1906 exceeded by \$1,500,000 the total for the same half year of 1905. This showing marks the best annual returns in the history of the colony. The total trade of Newfoundland amounts to \$23,000,000 annually, or \$100 per head population.

STRATHCONA WOULD SEE CANADA REPRESENTED AT WASHINGTON

High Commissioner Talks to Telegraph About National Affairs—Pleased with James Bryce as England's Ambassador to United States—Much Interest in St. John Port Business, and Predicts Bigger Steamers.

The development of the great northwest and the strengthening of the ties which bind Canada to the mother country are as dear as ever to the heart of Lord Strathcona...

Lord Strathcona was asked for his opinion on the suggestion of appointing a Canadian to the British legation at Washington. He intimated that in his view such a change would be an advantage on some questions but as it was a matter for the home and Canadian governments to settle...

Lord Strathcona listened closely, finally asking the length of the Empress of Britain, the steamer which brought him to Canada. He was told she measured 570 feet...

Mention of the Empress brought up the question of the recognition of St. John as the Atlantic mail port, and again Lord Strathcona was the questioner. The time taken by trains between Halifax and Montreal via the I. C. R., and between Montreal and St. John, and St. John and Montreal was asked for and supplied. His lordship appeared to appreciate the point that had been made...

The constant exodus of young men of the maritime provinces to the west was referred to and it was suggested that New Brunswick had some cause for complaint. The high commissioner would admit that Strathcona spoke of the coming colonial conference in London. It would not be possible, he said, to state before what matters would make up for discussion. Closer trade relations would undoubtedly be the result.

"Did you ever live there?" "Well, now, I can at least say I've slept there; you must make the most of that," was the ready answer.

DEATHS IN ST. JOHN; 90 FROM CONSUMPTION

Secretary T. M. Burns, of the board of health has prepared his annual statement of deaths occurring during the year ending December 31, 1906. The total number of deaths last year was 775, as compared with 702 in 1905, an increase of thirteen. As usual tuberculosis claimed the greater number, ninety deaths being caused by this disease. Diseases of the heart accounted for 64 and old age for 60, while infantile diseases took off 54.

Table with columns: Infectious Diseases for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1906. Rows include Diphtheria, Typhoid fever, Measles, Smallpox, etc.

THEIR SILVER WEDDING FOUND 582 CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL

Happy Remembrances of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rising. Friday was the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Rising, of 62 Queen street. Mr. Rising, who is a partner in the firm of Waterbury & Rising, was surprised on reaching his home last night to find set out on the table a number of massive and beautiful silver presents sent in by friends.

Among the others was a very handsome loving cup from the employees of the firm. The cup, which is very ornate and bears the following inscription: "1882-1907. Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Rising on their twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding from the employees of Waterbury & Rising."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rising are in excellent health and their hosts of friends will unite in wishing them many more years of happiness together. Says It is Correct. The Telegraph is asked to announce that the statement of Dr. Army of Fox has notified Bishop Richardson of his acceptance of the position of organist in Christ church cathedral, Fredericton, is premature, and is official. Mr. Fox has accepted the position, and there is nothing premature in the announcement—Fredericton Herald.

BOY NEAR TO DEATH IN LAKE

Roy Kelly, Son of Inspector of Lights, Went Through Ice at Opening—Saved by Deputy Jenkins—Other Lad Saved by Friends.

Just as he was going down for the third time, after breaking through the ice of Lily Lake on Saturday, ten-year-old Roy Kelly was caught by Deputy Chief Jenkins, who happened to be near, and pulled out of the water into safety.

The boys skated on the newly formed ice and went down. Malcolm McPhail, of the Imperial Life Assurance Company, went out much difficulty pulled out young Sullivan by means of a horse stick, which he held out for the boy to grasp. Others came to his rescue, a chain of sticks and boys was formed and Sullivan was saved. Kelly seemed to be harder to reach and he says he has a very vivid recollection of touching the bottom twice. Those standing by say he struggled bravely and that it had not been for the timely action of Deputy Jenkins the boy would undoubtedly have been drowned.

He was carried to the ice house and given dry clothing and later was taken home. It was 10 o'clock in the evening before he was able to move, and then it was feared that pneumonia would set in, but later evening he was reported to be doing well. The boy's father is John Kelly, inspector of lighthouses, 314 Rockland avenue. He feels there should be signs or fences at the openings made by the ice company.

GOOD MOVE BY SLAUGHTER HOUSE COMMISSION

Board Brings Those Who Convey Meat to Market More Under Control.

At a meeting of the slaughter house commissioners Friday afternoon the by-laws were amended so as to give after May 1, the board more complete control over the teamsters who haul meat from the slaughter houses to the city market. Complaints have been heard that meat is not covered by the license fee of \$1 a year, but that the license fee of \$1 a year will be charged in future to all teamsters and those men will be under obligation to keep their vehicles up to the satisfaction of the commissioners under pain of \$40 fine or cancellation of their license. Under the old regulation the license fee of the slaughter house or the party who did the actual hauling was supposed to furnish the vehicle.

The amended regulation reads as follows: "Any person desiring to convey meat from any public slaughter house by cart, wagon or other vehicle to the city market or elsewhere must file and file with the commissioners an application in the form or to the effect of B hereunto annexed, and in filling up and signing such form all blanks must be fully and truthfully filled up according to the true intent thereof. The license fee for vehicles shall be \$1 a year, beginning May 14 in each year. Licenses to keep such vehicles clean and orderly will result in cancellation of license if the vehicle is not kept clean and orderly to or from any slaughter house in the same vehicle with meat for consumption." The returns of killing for the past month are: Cattle, 21; sheep, 206; pigs, 206; calves, 7; M. J. Collins, cattle, 20; sheep, 8; calves, 4.

INCREASE IN I. C. R. EARNINGS AT ST. JOHN

Statement Comparing 1905 and 1906 Shows a Large Gain.

The following comparative statement shows the freight and passenger traffic earnings of the I. C. R. for 1905 and 1906. It will be seen that in the year just ended there has been a very large increase in the earnings of the company. Freight receipts, 1905, \$1,185,000; 1906, \$1,315,390.00. Total 1905, \$1,185,000.00; Total 1906, \$1,315,390.00. Total tonnage, 1905, 1,100,870.000; Total tonnage, 1906, 1,113,390.000. Increase, \$130,390.00. Ticket earnings, 1905, \$135,000.00; Ticket earnings, 1906, \$135,000.00. Increase, \$0.00. Grain passed through elevator, 1905, 347,229; Grain passed through elevator, 1906, 347,229. These figures are for I. C. R. business only and do not include all passenger and freight traffic inward and outward handled for the C. P. R.

After nineteen years spent in Colorado, William Jones, of Carnarvon, Wales, is in the city on route to his native land, where he will spend the winter. Mr. Jones, accompanied by his wife, will sail on the steamer Empress of Britain. He owns a cattle ranch at Walden, near Denver (Col.), and says it contains 1000 acres. He raises 5000 cattle each year. When he first went to Colorado he worked for another rancher, but soon went into business for himself.

Advertisement for Epps' Cocoa, describing it as a delicious drink and a sustaining food. Includes the text: 'You cannot possibly have a better Cocoa than Epps' Cocoa. A delicious drink and a sustaining food. Fragrant, nutritious and economical. The excellent Cocoa maintains the system in robust health, and enables it to resist winter's extreme cold. COCOA Sold by Grocers and Storekeepers in 1- and 2-lb Tins.'

LOCAL NEWS

J. A. Darrah has purchased the residence of W. E. Raymond, Dorchester street. Ten marriages and 14 births during last week are reported by Registrar Jones.

Rev. H. D. Raymond, of Kings county (N. B.), formerly teacher in Robesley College, was recently ordained in Toronto by Bishop Sweetman.

For the benefit of his creditors Thomas W. Foley, grocer, of Mill street, has assigned, with liabilities of several hundred dollars and assets reported less than \$100.

A Charlotte county boy, C. N. Hancy, B. A., will be a candidate for the office of school trustee in Vancouver at an election soon to take place.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kierstead were given a pleasant surprise at home 274 Main street Thursday evening. A W. Davidson, on behalf of friends presented to Mr. and Mrs. Kierstead a handsome music cabinet.

The sum of \$4,000 has already been pledged by members of the committee for the erection of a new Sunday school building with German street Baptist church. Building operations will be commenced in the spring.

John Hamilton, arrested several weeks ago for begging, and whose home is in Pughwash (N. S.), was released from jail on Thursday at the recommendation of Dr. Christie, who reported him a very sick man.

Dr. H. S. Bridges has been notified that the following party of English teachers left for Liverpool on Jan. 2. J. M. Chester of Crofton; W. B. Black, of Holywell; Miss G. Gilley, of Crookes, and J. R. Miller, of Hyslop Green.

Frank J. Clarke, of Calgary, but formerly of St. John, is taking action for \$5,000 damages each against the Daily News Publishing Company and the Columbia Company, both of New Westminster, on charge of libel.

F. A. Jones returned Friday from Boston, where he attended a meeting of the Gold King Mine Company. He reports all going satisfactorily. At the Gold Prince, he says, the mill and tramway have been completed at a cost of \$750,000.

Under the direction of Hon. L. P. Farris, commissioner for agriculture, the creamery course at the provincial dairy school, held on Tuesday, Feb. 26, and close March 8. The course will begin March 11 and close March 22.

Among the passengers on the Empress of Britain Saturday was Miss E. Hurlbutt, who has been appointed principal of the Royal Victoria College, Montreal, which was founded by Lord Strathcona. Miss Hurlbutt left on the special train Saturday morning.

The members of the Holy Name Society attended at the cathedral Sunday morning and received Holy Communion in a body. The society, as an expression of good will for the winter season, have presented to the chaplain, Rev. W. A. Meahan, and to the organist, Miss Julia Lawlor, each a purse of gold.

J. N. Harvey entertained the members of his staff and a few personal friends at a dinner at the Hotel Victoria, Friday night, and the evening was very enjoyably spent in games and music. The affair, which is held annually, as an evidence of good feeling between the staff and the employees, was thoroughly appreciated by his employees.

At the board of health office last week twenty deaths were reported. The causes were consumption, 3; pneumonia, 3; congenital lungs, 2; paralysis, brain hemorrhage, premature birth, heart failure, meningitis, pneumonia, pneumonia, diphtheria, meningitis, spinal tuberculosis and tremors of stomach and bowels, one each.

The Union Clothing Co., 26-28 Charlotte street, old Y. M. C. A. Bldg., will be closed all day Friday for their first great stock-taking sale, which will begin Saturday, Jan. 12. They also will start in form their many patrons and friends that a further notice their store will close evenings at 6 p. m. with exception of Saturdays.

St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., have installed C. D. Jones, W. M.; Reverdy Stevens, S. W.; W. H. Kennedy, J. W.; H. S. Bridges (P. M.), Chaplain; A. W. Sharp (P. M.), Treasurer; T. H. Belyea, Secretary; W. H. Clawson, S. D.; Clement Rutherford, J. D.; A. L. Haining, S. S.; C. T. Barry, J. S.; H. H. Bissett, D. C.; C. D. Arnold Fox, Organist; T. E. Powers, I. G.

The annual meeting of Queen square Methodist church Sunday school was held Friday, when the following officers were elected: R. D. Smith, superintendent; Josephine Betts, treasurer; N. A. Rogers, secretary; Mrs. Rogers, assistant; B. Gilmore, treasurer; A. T. B. Howard, assistant; Josephine Betts, superintendent; H. D. Miss N. Dunlap, organist.

Golden Rule Lodge, I. O. O. F., Carleton, has installed Fred Long, N. G.; H. H. McLeod, V. G.; Wm. Haslam, R. S.; W. J. Watson, F. S.; J. H. Johnston, treasurer; Harry Duke, W. Edward Lambert, C. G.; H. Moshier, R. S. N. G.; James Brittain, L. S. N. G.; Alfred Burley, R. S. S.; Richard Tufts, L. S. S.; I. M. Milton, chaplain; John Campbell, R. S. V. G.; W. Ewart, R. S. V. G.; S. Maxwell, I. G.; J. M. G. Campbell, O. G.; John Emerson, organist.

The following were elected officers at a meeting of Company A. Hibernian Knights, Friday night: Major, Thomas Kieckhafer; captain, E. J. McLaughlin; first lieutenant, James Murphy; second lieutenant, James Brady; first sergeant, John Daley; second sergeant, Wm. J. Sullivan; first standard bearer, Thomas Brittain; the civil officers were chosen as follows: President, L. Langley; librarian, Mistry; Joseph P. Dooley; treasurer, John T. Sheahan.

Capt. Ben Tufts has arrived from Great Salmon River and has laid up his vessel, the schooner Beulah, there for the winter. He says they are carrying on a large business there this winter. They will have one large large rig for launching early in the spring and also have out timber enough to build another during this year.

Mr. Connelly, the foreman, says the cut of sawn lumber will be about 2,500,000 without the pulp, which will be some where in the vicinity of two or three thousand cords. He thinks they are greatly in need of a small breakwater on the sandbar to complete the harbor, which would be the best harbor on the north shore of the Bay of Fundy. Small vessels could make a shelter in any storm in safety at half flood or half ebb.

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