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OTTAWA NEWS.

Sifton Desires to Weaken the Opposition Criticism.

The First Gin Distillery in the Dominion Opened in Quebec.

Tupper in Western Ontario—The Post Office Clerks Have an Increase in Work.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—Tarte returned today, and approving of the majority of his colleagues, the Canada Gazette tomorrow will contain a proclamation calling parliament for Thursday, March 16th.

Prominent scientists from Toronto, Queen's and McGill universities, met today in the office of Prof. Prince to report at the request of the government and the British Association on the advisability of establishing a marine biological station for the dominion for the purpose of studying all species of marine life. It was decided to recommend the government to establish such a station near St. Andrews, N. B.

Sharo Nishimura, a prominent Japanese merchant, here today, says that British Columbia may expect reprisals from her anti-Japanese legislation. The Queen's printer in his annual report complains of delay in procuring copy from the public departments.

The superintendent of insurance has issued an abstract of the life insurance in Canada for the year 1898. The total premiums in Canadian companies amounted to \$1,172,946, an increase of \$1,187,197, while the policies in force numbered 17,504, an increase of 7,651. The number of policies in force on December 31st was 23,214, an increase of 1,014.

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provinces officer will get the command of the Blythe team, and Capt. Heimer of the 4th Battalion is favorably spoken of for the adjutant.

OTTAWA, Feb. 27.—Hon. Mr. Sifton, desiring to weaken the opposition criticism at the coming session, has decided upon a policy which has been urged upon him for months past by the conservative speakers and newspapers. An order in council is to be passed prohibiting the government officials from acquiring an interest directly or indirectly in any mining claims, timber lands, or town sites, under penalty of speedy dismissal from the public service.

The department of inland revenue is advised of the opening in the province of Quebec of the first gin distillery in the dominion. The promoters have fitted up their establishment with the most modern machinery, and have brought from Holland a distiller of wide experience and great ability.

The high commissioner sent a communication to the department of trade and commerce today, pointing out that a good market exists in England for wood-meal or wood-flour, which is used as an absorbent for nitroglycerine in the manufacture of various explosives. A finer grade is also required for the manufacture of that kind of dynamite known as "mild."

Dr. Hinfrey, M. P., is here looking for a job. He wants the superintending of Grosse Ile quarantine.

Sir Charles Tupper will spend the greater portion of this week in western Ontario in organization work.

Capt. Nelson and men of the American schooner Hiram Lowell, which rescued 21 persons from the Nova Scotia vessel Narcissus on 20th of December last, will be rewarded by the dominion government.

Hon. Mr. Fleiding has gone to Halifax.

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ADAMS POISONING.

Roland Burnham Molineux Placed Under Arrest.

It Was Sent to Harry S. Cornish, it is Alleged, by Prisoner.

Molineux Was Committed to the Tombs for Hearing on Wednesday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The jury in the Adams case came in with its verdict at 8:40 p. m. It was as follows: We find that the said Catherine J. Adams came to her death on Dec. 28, 1898, in 61 West 86th street, by poison by mercuric cyanide, administered by Harry S. Cornish, to whom said poison had been sent in a bottle of Bromo-Seltzer by Roland B. Molineux.

The coroner immediately issued a warrant for the arrest of Molineux, and the latter was at once arraigned before him. Through his attorney, before him, he demanded an immediate hearing, but Assistant District Attorney Osborne objected, saying it was impossible to proceed with the hearing. The hearing was then set down for Wednesday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Molineux was committed to the Tombs without bail.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Roland Burnham Molineux, son of General Leslie Molineux of Brooklyn, was arrested tonight, charged with murdering Mrs. Katherine J. Adams in this city on Dec. 28, 1898. He was locked up in the Tombs. The arrest followed the verdict of the coroner's jury accusing him of the crime. The indictment was into the death of Mrs. Adams, it also went into the circumstances of the death of Henry C. Barnett of the Knickerbocker athletic club, who was poisoned by a powder received through the mails, as was Mrs. Adams. The verdicts of the final day of the inquest were sensational in the extreme. The case had dragged along monotonously, witnesses being examined for the sole purpose, as it seemed, of contradicting Harry Cornish's testimony in minor details or of eliciting suggestions as to a motive that might have led Cornish to commit the crime. The newspapers from the beginning had stuck to Molineux as the person most to be suspected, but the prosecuting officials apparently never harbored such a thought. The examination was kind and gentle when Molineux was on the stand; gruff and severe when dealing with Cornish.

This afternoon a shipkeeper who rented private letter boxes spoke positively that Molineux was his patron, using the name of H. C. Barnett. It was proved long ago that bottles of medicine had been sent to that letter box.

FREDERICTON. Jim Paul and Other Indians Off to New York Sportsmen's Show.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 26.—The tourist committee of this city are very much disappointed over the fact that New Brunswick sportsmen have exhibited at the sportsmen's show which will open in New York next Thursday. As was mentioned in the Sun on Saturday, the chairman of the committee was awaiting Mr. Emmerson's ultimatum. It came at a late hour, and was to the effect that the sportsmen should have anything to do with the exhibit. Since the scheme was projected the gentlemen who compose the tourist committee have devoted a great deal of time and labor to make it a success, and it is up to Friday so sure were they of the government's aid that all arrangements had been made for transportation and placing of exhibit.

Gilbert Mitchell, son of J. H. Mitchell of Lincoln, died at his father's residence this morning from heart failure. The deceased was forty-six years old, and was well and favorably known in this city.

The contract for window and door frames, sashes and doors for the shoe factory has been awarded to Taber & O'Brien of this city. The contract price is in the vicinity of \$1,000. There were other tenders received, one other from this city, one from St. John and one from Woodstock.

At St. Dunstan's church, Rev. Father Casey announced further donations during the week from two citizens of \$225 and \$40 towards improvements being made in this church.

James Carter of this city, who has been ill for nearly a year, died this evening. Deceased was seventy years old and a well known and highly respected resident. Three sons, William H. Carter, druggist, James and John Carter, survive. The funeral takes place on Tuesday morning at 8:30.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 27.—N. J. Grace of Boston arrived here this afternoon on business in connection with the New York Sportsmen's show. He left for New York on the 4:15 train, taking with him Jim Paul, the well known Indian guide, two other Indians and two squaws from the settlement in St. Marys. They will illustrate the mode of life of the New Brunswick Indians.

Donald Fraser left this afternoon for the upper provinces, where he will purchase the engines and machinery for his lumber mill, which is soon to be built on Temiscouata lake.

Mayor Whitehead will entertain the members of city officials at dinner at his residence on Saturday evening.

Premier Emmerson, Provincial Secretary, Tweedie, Surveyor General

Death of Mrs. A. G. Lindsay From Relapse of La Grippe.

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BIG LUMBER CUT.

Kennebec Log Driving Company Causes an Increase.

BINGHAM, Me., Feb. 27.—The exceptionally fine season for lumbering, the fair outlook for an advance of prices for manufactured lumber, and the improvements made by the Kennebec Log Driving Co. along the Kennebec river, have tended to cause each of the lumbering firms to increase their expected cut for this year. 1899 will see the largest cut of lumber ever made and rafted in the Kennebec region, it being nearly one-third larger than the estimate given by the Associated Press at the beginning of the season. There is every reason to believe that manufactured lumber will be 25 per cent more this year. Improvements along the Kennebec are such that driving will be practically easy compared with former years. A new boom will be utilized between Solon and Bingham, a sand bar south of Bingham which has caused much expense, is removed, also a part of the ledge opposite Shawmut and at Waterville. The dead river dam has been thoroughly repaired and a part of the ledge near Long Falls has been removed.

A conservative estimate of the cut to date is as follows: In the Kennebec section, 25,000,000; the cut in the Dead river regions: Berlin Mills, 1,000,000; Clark Bros., 1,000,000; Elias Thomas, 500,000; Ellis Thoreson & Co., on Bay Brook, 350,000; on the Cutts, 100,000; Lawrence Newhall & Co. on the North Branch, 5,000,000; Lawrence Newhall & Co. on Moose River, 4,000,000; Elias Thomas on South Branch, 1,500,000; on Supton Brook, 2,000,000; Viles and Thomas on Black Brook, 1,000,000; Viles & Co. on Carry Ford, 500,000; Lawrence Bros. and Hollingsworth and Whitney Co. on the Spencer, 6,000,000.

WINTER PORT MATTERS. (From Saturday's Daily Sun.)

The Donaldson boat Concordia, from this port, reached Glasgow yesterday. The Dominion mail steamer, Vancouver, from Liverpool for this port, left Moville yesterday.

The Donaldson liner Alcides will be due here on Friday next, and the Amarynthia will leave Glasgow for this port this evening.

The head steamer Bengore Head, from her way to the other side will return to St. John to load for Belfast. The mail ship, which is to be the head line during the season for the St. John route, will sail for Manchester via Halifax on Sunday. In addition to a very large general cargo, she will take away 400 head of cattle.

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Some stuff has come to hand on the other side of the harbor for shipment to Belfast and Dublin. The Glen Head is now due here.

Sir Twain Head, from St. John, reached Belfast via Dublin Saturday.

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THE RECENT WAR.

The Spanish Senate to Demand an Enquiry Into Same.

The Filipinos Not Yet Prepared to Surrender the Spanish Prisoners.

The Rebels Send Out a Flag of Truce—Gen. Wheaton Relieves Gen. King, Who is Sick.

MADRID, Feb. 27.—The senate today by a vote of 138 to 7 approved of the motion of Marshal Martinez Campos, signed by all the Spanish generals in the senate, demanding a parliamentary inquiry into the conduct of the recent wars. The government supported the motion, and Count D'Ancos strongly opposed it.

It has been reported here today, though there is no official confirmation of the rumor that Senor Don J. Brunetti, Duc D'Arcos, former Spanish minister to Mexico, will be designated minister to the United States and Count D'Ancos will be designated minister to the Philippines. The report that Senor Polo Y. Bernabe late Spanish minister at Washington, will go to Lisbon is officially confirmed.

MANILA, Feb. 27, 6:15 p. m.—Two Spanish commissioners, Senors Rosario and Abogada, who were permitted to pass through the lines and confer with Aguinaldo with reference to the Spanish prisoners at Malolos, returned through our lines this morning, near Calocan, with sealed despatches for the Spaniards. The commissioners said that Aguinaldo and Sordillo were both at Malolos and inclined to peace overtures. While the Filipinos are not yet prepared to surrender the Spanish prisoners, they will gladly release two Americans who have been held for six weeks, on the payment of \$30, the value of food and clothing furnished.

Shortly afterwards the rebels sent out a flag of truce, and several hundred of the enemy left the Filipino lines crying: "No quere," "Nas combat," "Americanos. Mucho. Bueno." The commandant said that fully eight hundred of his men had enough and were anxious to surrender.

Among the enemy in the jungle many women and children were visible. A woman laid down her rifle and attempted to cross with the rebels, but she was sent back.

Gen. Wheaton relieves Gen. King, who is sick at San Pedro.

After the party returned to the American lines the enemy on the right fired a volley, the bullets dropping in the water.

The casualties to date are as follows: Killed, 85; wounded, 347.

THE TREATY THAT FAILED. Canada Can Live Within Herself—Beg No More from the United States. (Montreal Gazette.)

The Toronto liberals propose to give Sir Wilfrid Laurier a banquet on April 3rd. The great treaty he did not make deserves recognition in some way.

THE DIFFERENCE. (Hamilton Herald.)

In all negotiations between Canada and the States, the functions of the negotiators are evenly divided. The Canadians are allowed to do the proffering of the terms, and the Americans themselves the right to do all the disposing.

UNCLE SAM'S DELUSION. (Victoria Globe.)

Uncle Sam has more to lose in this matter than either Canada or Great Britain, and it is to be hoped that at no distant day he will come to his senses and arrange that understanding with his neighbors which is so desirable.

NO LEGISLATION FOR SPITE. (Montreal Gazette.)

Liberal papers, from preaching that Canada cannot live without United States favors, are jumping to the other extreme. The Toronto Star demands that the country shall "clap on" export duties or otherwise stop the "export of nickel, pulp, and logs; put bars around our mineral districts; and go ahead on the line of Canada for Canadians." All of which is spirited, but not wise. Canada should not do anything because of the Laurier fallacy, she would not do it if the liberal commissioners had never come to Washington. Legislation for spite is too mean a business for a country with British traditions to resort to.

CANADA FOR CANADIANS. (Toronto Star.)

Sir Charles Tupper struck a ringing note last night, and one that will wake a responsive chord in the hearts of the people of Canada, who are thoroughly disgusted with the conduct of the United States, and especially with the check of the demands concerning the Alaskan boundary, which in the crowning insult of years of tariff hostility and unfriendly relations.

Self-respect demands that Canada mark its resentment in such a manner as to bring the republic to its senses, and at the same time promote Canadian trade, and keep our resources for the sole benefit of our own people. To keep our nickel for ourselves, our logs for our own mills, our fish for our own fishermen, and our silver, copper and gold for our own miners. We might even throw up the bonding privilege arrangement, and thus keep the trade for our own ports, and our own

railways, even at some little temporary expense ourselves. Canada can live within itself, and when once we adopt that principle, the United States will begin to realize that some other white people live on this continent.

NO RETALIATION. (Hamilton Spectator.)

Certain remarks made by Sir Charles Tupper on a speech delivered in Toronto last evening have been interpreted to mean that Sir Charles is in favor of going in for "retaliation" against the United States. We do not think Sir Charles meant anything of the sort; we think he simply meant that the business of Canada could be conducted on business principles.

Why should there be any retaliation? Canada has no grievance against the United States—nothing to retaliate for. If Uncle Sam covets our fish, our gold, our seals, his covetousness doesn't hurt us. If he desires to manage our railways and to take our mining regulations, we can afford to laugh at him. If he wants to use Canadian canals for his men-of-war, let him continue to want. If he wants our pine logs, nickel matter and pulp wood free, let him take it out of his own pocket. He need not concern us in the least degree. If he puts a duty on Canadian lumber and manufactures of Canadian pulp wood and nickel, he is only doing what he has a perfect right to do. He is simply shaping his tariff to suit his own people. We ought to do the same, and we have not the slightest regard to retaliation.

What Canada wants just now is that the government shall take up the business of Canada and transact it precisely as if the United States didn't exist. Everything should be done in the interests of this country without any reference whatever to our neighbor. Our government will find that making laws for one country at a time is very good business.

KIPLING'S CONDITION. NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The following bulletin was posted at 12:30 o'clock this morning:

"Mr. Kipling is, as at the last report, holding his own. The advent of a crisis may be delayed, as the inflammation has extended to the upper portion of the lungs, while the part originally affected had nearly resolved. The severity of the disease during the last few days has been due to the advance of the inflammation upward, while the parts originally affected were not yet available for respiration."

"THEO. DUNHAM." NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Kipling's condition has not changed since the 12:30 bulletin was issued.

SMALLPOX IN MAINE. LIVERMORE FALLS, Me., Feb. 27. Smallpox in a bad form has broken out at Ellery, a settlement in Franklin county, and fears are entertained that through tardy discovery an epidemic is threatened. Vaccination has been commenced, no one being excepted. Dr. Garcelon of Lewiston was called to Ellery today, and he found four cases among the British Canadian settlers. One case is likely to prove fatal. All the sufferers and a number of suspected cases have been quarantined. So many persons have been exposed to the contagion that many cases are expected.

THE CANADA MILITIA. TORONTO, Feb. 26.—The Evening Telegram's special cable says: The Broad Arrow says: "That if Major General Buller's command of the militia in Canada, proposed by the British government, is to be a convincing the Canadians that the administration of the militia must be governed by army interests of Canada and not by machinations, wire pullers, and in the interests of the political factions, he will have done great service to the empire."

POLY SUNDAY IN HALIFAX. A Police Crusade Against the Liquor Sellers That Worked Well. (Halifax Chronicle.)

The police crusade against Sunday liquor selling was opened yesterday, and the officers acting under the new instructions given them by the police commission were kept very busy. All the hotels and saloons where the drink is dispensed were closely watched by the guardians of the peace. The blue-coats were stationed at certain points, with instructions to take the names of persons whom they saw entering certain places for the purpose of quenching their thirst.

From early morning until late evening these men were kept standing in the one position of readiness for this specific purpose. They were so busy that they could not move their bodies, but still it was hard for them to be busy all day. Inspector Banks was also on the ground and made it a point to see that no one was allowed to enter a place where he saw a sign of liquor being sold. The movement no doubt had a good effect, as there were no arrests made by the police, and there was not one prisoner behind the bars at the station last night. Several places were "sounded out," however.

SHARP'S BALSAM OF HOREHOUND AND ANISEED FOR COUGHS AND WHOOPING COUGHS.

Over fifty years in use. Price 25 cents a bottle.

ARMSTRONG & CO. ST. JOHN N. B.

SIR CHAS. TUPPER

Discusses the Work of the Joint High Commission.

Amazed That the Canadian Ministers Had Submitted to the Gross Insults Showered on Their Country.

The Opposition Leader Urged the Government to Take a Manly Stand and Make the United States Understand What Even-handed Justice Means.

In the course of his address Wednesday evening at Toronto, Sir Charles Tupper discussed the work of the joint high commission. He said: The liberals had been retreating for many years that the conservatives were hostile to the United States, and had retarded a reciprocity treaty being arrived at between the two countries.

A HUMILIATING PROPOSITION. The liberal party had been put in power, and what was the result? Now, after some months' sifting at the feet of that great nation for ready play, they had been unable to accomplish anything.

What, asked the speaker, was the position today? These gentlemen, by their incapacity and their unwillingness to deal with those questions which they had exhibited, had not only failed, but had returned with all their efforts spurned.

TO START IN A CAMPAIGN with abundance of material to show that confidence in the liberals had been misplaced, that the conservative party had a higher duty to perform, and that when the interests of that party conflicted with the interests of the country the motto should be "Canada first." (Applause.)

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY. He had read in the Globe, the organ of the government, a statement given out by Mr. Patterson, the present American commissioner, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, giving the present position of affairs, and he had read it with deepest indignation.

THE WILL OF THE LATE GEORGE McBREARITY'S ESTATE. The will of the late George McBrearity was admitted to probate on Friday and letters testamentary granted to T. P. Beagan, Timothy Collins, the executors.

What did the action of the United States mean? It meant that they had taken possession of a strip along the international boundary, and said practically that if some responsible tribunal declared them in the wrong they would not give it up.

MANLY POLICY WANTED. There was only one course to pursue, and in saying so he spoke as a man who had not hesitated to stand in the light of his party when the interests of the country bade him hold his hands.

Interests of the country bade him hold his hands. In parliament he had advocated that the course was to pay the United States the compliment of copying their legislation.

That policy he proposed again, and would say to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as Lord Rosebery said to Lord Salisbury, "Adopt a manly course, and make the United States feel that they are treated as a country which is not as independent as they are and will resist on the same even-handed justice being meted out."

THE BEHRING SEA. Sir Charles then turned his attention to the Behring Sea question, and his remarks were punctuated with frequent and hearty applause.

AMERICANS WERE CLAMORING for a revision. It was stated, with what truth Sir Charles would not venture an opinion, that the liberal commission were able to make regulations showing Canada's right to participate in the seal fishing of the Behring Sea.

A PLEA FOR ISRAEL. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, there is neither bond nor free.

REYNOLDS DROPPED DEAD. Reynolds McCarthy, about 75 years of age, who lives at 237 Main street, died on Union street Friday afternoon.

PEKIN, Feb. 24.—The dowager empress is greatly incensed at the action of the Russians at Tientsin.

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SUSSEX, Feb. 24.—A complimentary concert to Messrs. Campbell, Fowler and Manning, the opposition candidates at the late provincial election, will be tendered them in the Queen Hotel by their many supporters, on Thursday, March 2nd, at 8.30 p. m.

It is very satisfactory to know that the increased standing of the Sussex Grammar school during the present year has received recognition from the board of education.

A powerful ballad by Rudyard Kipling, entitled The Truce of the King, created no little sensation in England and no less in America.

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to the house. The deceased leaves a mother and two sisters, Mrs. Harry Mowatt, whose husband is first officer of the C. P. R. steamer Empress of Japan, and Miss Berna, who lives at home.

What it once cost to swear. In 1823 it was enacted that any who cursed or swore should be fined 12 pence, or, on non-payment, to be set in the stocks for twelve hours; or, if under 12 years of age, should be whipped.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., MARCH 1, 1899. OUR VICIOUS BALLOT SYSTEM.

The first session of the legislature should not be allowed to pass without an attempt to amend the New Brunswick election law. The province should either return to open voting, with its acknowledged publicity, its responsibility, and its freedom from sham and fraud, or else adopt a secret ballot that is secret.

When H. A. McKeown, M. P. P., declared on election night that he had seen some dominion government employes voting against the local government, and when he mentioned the fact as one worthy of the consideration of the party management, he made a declaration which was as lawless as it was tyrannical and insolent.

It is true, however, as Mr. McKeown says, that he himself stood at the poll in Victoria ward, where most of the railway men vote. It is true that a government ballot was given to railway men as they went to the polls.

with the present provincial method is not that the voter can, if he likes, show how he votes, but that he must show how he votes whether he likes it or not.

ALASKA AND GREENLAND.

Tradition says that before the Dominion of Canada was established, Sir George Cartier frequently expressed the opinion that it ought to include Alaska. If the French-Canadian leader held this view he was in advance of his time, as indeed he was in many things.

There is no doubt that the Danish government manages the colony well and deals fairly with the natives. The Moravian missionaries have taught the inhabitants something, and they have been protected from the vices of civilization while receiving some of its benefits.

But at one time Denmark was willing to sell a possession of hers in the West Indies. It was not then and it may not now be a matter of pride for the little nation to hold what she has in America. If that is the position of Denmark in respect to Greenland we have beside us a nation which will be quick to establish herself in a position on the northeast of the continent as well as on the northwest.

ing us acquainted with the navy. Through him we have seen how British rules the east. When the Czar made his disarmament proposals to the nations, the governments made a perfunctory reply, but it was Rudyard Kipling who spoke for England and made a truce with the Bear impossible.

MR. BLAKE AGAIN.

The report that Mr. Blake is coming home, and that he is likely to re-enter public life in Canada is interesting and welcome. Mr. Blake has some deficiencies as a leader, and some defects as a follower, but as an individual in parliament he could not fail to be useful.

We may hope that Mr. Blake has come back with the courage to speak his mind at the right time. If he can be of great service to his country at this hour, his sympathies as a party man will be with the ministers now in power at Ottawa.

The Sussex Record ventures the opinion that the opposition press was an injury to its own cause in the late contest. The Record is welcome to its opinion, but perhaps it can account for the fact that in Sussex, which has the benefit of the Record's persuasion, the government ticket was beaten by a majority of nearly 100.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

A Movement Has Been Set on Foot for Reciprocity With United States.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Feb. 27.—A movement has been set on foot here looking towards an extensive reciprocity agreement between Newfoundland and the United States, including fish for the West India market, lumber, pulp, minerals and other valuable products.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderhill, jr., have been entertaining Miss Farncombe, the eldest daughter of the British ambassador, at Washington. The young Vanderhills and the Farncombes are great friends, the latter having entertained the former recently in Washington.

Some of Our Students. ARE ALREADY ENGAGED and will begin work as soon as their studies are completed. Address: S. KERR & SON, Oddfellows' Hall, Union Street.

BOSTON LETTER.

Trusts and Monopolies Bagging Everything That is in Sight.

Deaths of Former Provincialists—The Lumber Tariff Question—Narrowly Escaped an Egg Famine.

The Fish Market is Booming and Spruce Lumber is in Fair Demand for the Season.—General News Worth Reading.

(From our own correspondent.) BOSTON, Feb. 26.—The formation of trusts and monopolies on a wholesale scale continues in all sections of the country. About everything except the cotton, shoe and woolen factories is now controlled by one head, and prices of most commodities are rising.

It is stated that Speaker Reed has practically agreed to allow a resolution to come up in the house of representatives at Washington, to be reported by the ways and means committee, to the effect that any government, province or dependency which imposes differential duties on American citizens owning property in such dependency, should suffer an additional thirty per cent. in duty on the importation into this country of the goods of such dependency.

John McDonald Belyea, a highly respected farmer who lived about eight miles below the Narrows, was buried on Sunday at McDonald's Corner, the funeral being largely attended. The deceased complained of sickness on Saturday, the 18th, and pneumonia setting in caused his death on Thursday morning, the 23rd.

The Prince Edward Island club of Boston, at a meeting held at the residence of Mrs. Etha and Alice Stenott, Thursday night, decided to limit the membership, as applications were being received too rapidly. The quarterly meeting and dinner is to be held April 6, at the United States Hotel.

Charles Davis of Harvey, Albert county, a woodsman, was severely cut by an axe in the hands of another man at Nahmakanit, Me., on Monday last. As a result of the accident Davis was sent home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Noyes of Stoneham recently celebrated her 80th birthday. She was born in Pictou, N. S., in 1819. She married John Turnbull of New Glasgow. She married Mr. Noyes in 1861.

The following deaths of former provincialists in Boston and vicinity are announced: In Neponset district of Boston, Feb. 20, Mrs. Sarah D. Crafts, formerly of West side St. John; in East Boston, Feb. 24, Mrs. Annie M. Nichol, wife of James McNichol, formerly of St. John; in this city, Feb. 25, Mrs. Lena Power, wife of John W. Power, and daughter of Robert and N. S., aged 24 years; formerly of Windsor, N. S.; Mary A. Smith, nee Neilly, aged 44, formerly of North Kingston, N. S., where interment occurs.

The following from the provinces were in the city recently: J. M. Johnson, George A. Hamilton, St. John; John E. Murray, Fred Blount and Mrs. Blount, Fredericton; David W. St. Laurent, Edward D. King, W. St. Laurent, Edward Dumer, A. Jubas, Halifax; Thos. Killam, Mr. Stenart, Yarmouth; Feather Benoit, St. Anne's college, Digby.

Lumbermen report a fair demand for spruce in view of the season. Large dimensions are very firm, and difficult to get for orders, but smaller lumber is inclined to be easy. Hemlock is much firmer, with stocks limited. Clapboards are dull, with laths and shingles quiet. Prices are as follows:

Spruce—Planes, 9 inches and under, \$15; 10 and 12 in. frames, \$16; 10 inch random lengths, \$15; 2x4, 2x4, and 3x4, random lengths, \$13; 2x5, 2x5, and 2x7 random lengths, \$13.50; all other random, 9 inches and under, \$14.50; string and up merchantable boards, 10 feet and up, \$12.50; 5 in. and up, cut boards, \$10; bundled furrings, \$12.50 extra clapboards, \$28 to 29; clear, \$26 to 27; second clear, \$22 to 25; laths, 1.5-3 in., \$2 to 2.15; laths, 1-1.2 in., \$1.90 to 2.

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NOVA SCOTIA NEWS.

WOLFVILLE, Feb. 23.—On Wednesday afternoon the election of officers for the Fruit Growers' Association took place. While the nominating committee was out, a letter was read from a former member of the association, J. Edgar Higgins, now teaching in an agricultural school in Honolulu, who gave an interesting account of the Hawaiian Islands and the state of agriculture there.

The following officers were elected: President, J. W. Bigelow, Wolfville; vice-president, Peter Innis, Kentville; secretary, S. C. Parker, Berwick; treasurer, George B. Murray, Wolfville; assistant secretary, R. W. Starr, Wolfville; auditors, George Thomson and G. H. Wallace.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 24.—The basement of Millidge Buckler's residence was slightly damaged yesterday morning by fire from a furnace pipe. The Bear River Electric Light Co. are getting estimates preparatory to extending their plant in Digby.

HALIFAX, Feb. 25.—William Tobin was run over by an electric car Saturday and has his leg amputated. The steamer Scotsman, from Liverpool, arrived Sunday morning from Liverpool, and will sail at daylight for St. John. She had an uneventful passage. She landed her 15 cabin, 40 intermediate, 82 steerage passengers, 20 tons of cargo and mails. The mail train with which she broke down at Elmsdale and had to get a new engine from Truro.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., Feb. 27.—In a recent letter from Rev. Horatio Morrow, De Land, Florida, he reports the total loss by frost of the orange and pineapple crops; also the destruction of the early vegetables and strawberries designed for the northern market. Hundreds of young lambs had been killed by the severe cold.

Rev. Elmer Steeves, a native of Kings Co. and a former Acadia student, having completed an extended course at Madison and Chicago universities, was married this week and ordained pastor of the Baptist church, De Land, Florida.

Rev. Seldon McCurdy, Acadia, '95, will shortly be married and leave for Burma, where he is under appointment by the American foreign missionary board.

The friends of Mrs. J. E. Higgins and daughters will be glad to learn that they have safely reached their home in Astoria, Oregon, after an unusually long and stormy trip.

Rev. Judson Kempton, Acadia, '89, pastor elect of the influential Baptist church of Mr. Carroll, Ill., was united in marriage to Miss Annie Main, daughter of ex-Senator W. S. Main of Madison, Wisconsin. This brilliant affair took place in the church, which was decorated with Easter lilies and smilax. The bride, who was gowned in white satin with duchesse points lace, was attended by her sister. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Arthur Kempton, brother of the groom, who was attended by Hadden McLean, Acadia, '92, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Kempton will spend a short time in New Orleans, after which they will reside at Mount Carroll, Ill.

James Caldwell, an old resident of Wolfville, and for many years one of the principal merchants, has gone to Ottawa, where he has received a government appointment as inspector of milk in Ontario.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 27.—Nova Scotia possesses one and a half million acres of public domain. A part of this only is good timber land. Many millions of acres have been granted in fee simple, till the million and a half is all that is left. The attorney general yesterday introduced a bill in the legislature abolishing this system of granting timber lands in fee simple, and providing for the giving of leases for twenty years, for not less than \$75 cents per acre. Authority is also taken by the government to buy back crown timber lands granted in past years, for twenty-five cents per acre, which would be leased at fifty cents or fifty cents.

It seems that the professor of English in Dalhousie did something this session to make himself a hotel upon his own class. The boys took their revenge today. They reached college ahead of him, entered the class room, kicked the door and beat the key. The professor came along and knocked at the door, but it was not opened. He went for the president, who burst open the door. The class was temporarily suspended, and the faculty is now wrestling with the problem how great the punishment shall be.

Warm suppers will hereafter be provided for the German army. The change went into effect on New Year's day. The increase of cost for pork and mutton for the Berlin garrison alone will be \$200,000 a year.

Wales is the richest part of Great Britain in mineral wealth. England produces annually about £2 to each acre, Scotland a little less than £2, but the product of Wales amounts to over £4 per acre.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A despatch from Jibuth, on the west coast of the Gulf of Aden, announces that Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia has captured, without striking a blow, the Abyssinian chief, Ras Mangasha, governor of the province of Tigro, who for some time had maintained a rebellious attitude toward the Negus.

CHILDREN CRY FOR CASTORIA. DIED IN ENGLAND. News has been received of the death at London, England, on the 11th inst. of Mrs. Margaret Symonds, widow of Charles Symonds, formerly of this city. The deceased, who was 71 years of age, was a North Shore lady, and will be well remembered by the older generation of St. John people. For many years she has lived in London with her son, who enjoys distinction as a doctor. Another son is a post captain in the navy. Mrs. Symonds was an aunt of the Misses Symonds, who reside on Peters street.

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Extensive Improvements Made in the Church Avenue Baptist Church. SUSSEX, Feb. 27.—Within the last year the Church Avenue Baptist church has made a number of improvements on their church edifice. The church and vestry have been raised and a substantial stone wall built under them; a furnace has been placed in the basement; a tower has been built, and a beautiful bell put in it. Now a handsome and costly pipe organ has been purchased and is being placed this week in the church. On Tuesday evening of this week there is to be an organ recital given in the church. This will consist of anthems, solos and instrumental music. Mr. Landry is here placing the organ in the church, and will play several selections on it. The members of the church and congregation deserve a good deal of credit for their expenditures on their church. The entire cost of their improvements amounts to about \$2,500, and the church under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Camp is going remarkably well.

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DEVIL'S ISLAND,

Where Dreyfus Has Been Long Held a Close Prisoner.

The Innocent Man is Sinking to His Grave and His Justification May Come Too Late.

CAYENNE, Jan. 14, 1899.—The City of Tangiers, steaming at eight knots, took two hours and a half to go from the Ile du Salut to Cayenne. In passing Devil's Island, three miles off at least, according to the regulations, I was able to distinguish with my glass the residences of the wardens and the hut of Dreyfus. I was thinking of finding some comfort in the speak more, relaxations in discipline. There was nothing of the sort, for the double barrier of beams of timber is always there, and I could see five wardens on guard around the prison and cannon pointed at our vessel.

Cayenne the officials maintained the strictest silence about the Dreyfus affair. In the first days of my arrival I went to pay a visit to the director of the penal administration. He received me courteously but coldly. "My instructions are very simple," he said. "First and foremost, we have received from Paris the following order, 'Absolute silence about Dreyfus.' So long as a judgment has not been given by the Court of Cassation we shall not modify the regime under which the condemned man has to undergo, for the simple reason that there are no regulations which lay down that the treatment accorded to a prisoner should be altered because a revision of his trial is admitted.

I next went to see M. Roberteau, Governor of Guiana. The Governor was very much put out because he had been reported to have said that Dreyfus was subject to ocular confinement. "I never said anything of the kind," he remarked, "for the simple reason that Dreyfus was never under such a treatment. What I said and what I repeat now is that by the very fact of his imprisonment on Devil's Island he could be considered as condemned to a cell, because the measures of precaution taken by the administration caused the prisoner to be personally watched and guarded, and to be prevented from walking alone.

"Dreyfus," continued the Governor, "does what he likes in his enclosure. He eats, drinks and smokes as fancy impels him. Only he has not leave to communicate to Cayenne or go back to France."

I learn that for some time past Dreyfus has been ill. His moral courage appears to have decreased or have left him since he learned what has been taking place in France during the last three months. The chief medical officer of the administration has taken the trouble to go three times to Devil's Island in order to attend the prisoner. On the first and second occasions was due to weakness complicated by gastric attacks. The third time, January 2, it was dysentery. He has not yet got over this attack.

In a few days' time the wardens at Devil's Island are to be changed and new ones will be sent out from Cayenne.—London Daily Telegraph.

ENGLAND'S RIFLEMEN

Lord Wolsey on the Magnificent Firing at Omdurman.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Lord Wolsey presided last evening at the nineteenth annual dinner of the North London Rifle Club, held in the Venetian chamber of the Holburn restaurant.

Responding to the Navy and Army, the commander-in-chief assured the company that, in speaking of the army, he included not only the regular soldiers, but also all the auxiliary forces with which they were so intimately associated. He was glad to think that the English people were proud of the men in red coats, who served her Majesty all the world over. He called special attention to a point which was of very great interest to all those present—namely, the magnificent firing discipline which characterized the celebrated battle of Omdurman. (Cheers.) He took that opportunity of expressing his gratitude to Hiram Maxim, who was present with them, for placing in their hands a weapon which so materially assisted in destroying the hateful cover of the Khalifa. Proposing later on "The North London Rifle Club," Lord Wolsey said a man would be of very little use in these modern days unless he could shoot well, and he felt convinced that a soldier, who could not effectively use the weapon which was in his hands would be rather an embarrassment to any army than otherwise. Omdurman was won by volley or collective firing at distant ranges, and this was a point to which the attention of volunteer forces throughout the country was now being directed. He had been told by men at Omdurman that with the help of the Maxim guns, we regularly pumped lead—that was the only suitable expression—upon the enemy. But it should not be forgotten that this could not be done unless each individual man shot well. He deplored the fact that many employers would not give their men time for the purpose of practicing, and he hoped that public opinion would grow so strong that these employers would be placed upon a black list, so that the world might know why they were. (Cheers.) He was pleased to say that he hoped they should be able to grant "milleage" to enable volunteers to travel to and from the ranges. (Cheers.) It required very little indeed to move the authorities if the volunteers would only answer to the encouragement that might be held out to them in this respect. (Cheers.) He did not see why our men should not be the best shots in the world. (Cheers.)

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IRISH CAR DRIVERS.

Their Wit and Blarney and Aptness at Repartee.

A gentleman named Capt. Johnson, who lived in Dalkey, some years ago was driven one dark night from Kings-town to his residence. The carman, who was disconcerted with the sum paid him, said, "Sure, yer honner will give me a trifle, more than that?" "Not a rap more," replied the captain. "Faith you would if you had the news." "What news?" "Give me another shillin, now, and I'll tell you," said the driver. Captain Johnson gave him the shilling, saying, "Now, what has happened?" "Sorra the harm at all," said the driver, "only I thought you'd not begrudge a little extra for you to know that I drive you all the way without a lynch-pin."

The unforgetable sin on the part of a fare, in their eyes, is, needless to say, stinginess. A commercial traveler told a carman he engaged at his hotel to be quick to catch the train at Kingsbridge terminus. Pat, thinking he saw an extra shilling in store, hurried along at a tremendous speed and pulled up his panting horse at the terminus just in time for his fare to jump into the train, but the reward he got was an extra twopenny.

A few weeks after Pat, on being called from "the island" to the hotel, recognized in the fare his parsimonious patron. This time he had to go to the Broadstone terminus. On he went at a violent pace for a short distance, and then, pulling up slowly behind a big dray, pretended that he could not pass. Round he went by Henry street, Moore street, Britain street—all the narrowest and slowest thoroughfares—so that when the terminus was reached the train was gone and the fare was left lamenting, with all his luggage in a heap beside him, and five hours to wait for the next chance of transit to the west. Of course Pat was treated to all the blank blanks in the English language by the irate commercial traveler, but he coolly got up on his car, and as he was driving on exclaimed, "Arrah, did you think I was going to kill me bastid agin for twopenny?"

A strange request was once made by a car driver of a friend of mine, a journalist, as he was being driven from Loughrea to Ballynastoe during the land league agitation in the early eighties. As they approached a lonely part of the road, thickly wooded on each side, the driver pulled up and said to my friend, "Would you mind changin' places, sir?" "Why so?" asked my friend. "Well, sir, to tell you the truth," replied the driver, "there was a land agent fired at down there below a couple of months ago, and it was the driver they kill!"—London Telegraph.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY. Is a Total Abstainer from Strong Drink.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking on Friday, Feb. 10th, at a temperance demonstration at Gloucester, said there were two things that they ought to do in the way of helping those of their fellow men who were addicted to intemperance. The first was to diminish temptations to drinking which prevailed throughout society, and the second was to put a stop as far as possible to Sunday drinking. Other trades were not permitted on Sundays, and to allow the publican to open his house on that day was not at all reasonable. The archbishop urged the force of personal example, and said that he was himself a total abstainer because he felt that he could not teach a precept acceptably except by example.

GRANT REVOKED.

France Will Get No Coaling Station in Oman.

BOMBAY, Feb. 21.—The Sultan of Oman has revoked the grant of a coaling station to the French under the British admiral's threats of a bombardment, and the fact that the British warships Echipse, Sphinx, and Red Breast, are lying off the port of Muscat.

The Sultan has issued a proclamation to the foregoing effect, and he will make a similar announcement in open durbur. The French consul has entered a protest.

Oman is considered to be under British protection, and the Sultan has been receiving a subsidy from Great Britain.

EGYPT TODAY.

"I remember, one day going out from Luxor with a very intelligent young Egyptian, Hadji Ahmed Mohammed, whom we first met at Luxor. We went up the river to visit some sugar factories, and on our return walked through several villages where the tourists were not wont to tread. At the entrance of one of these villages we were met by a small party of natives by a fine, slender, slender man of their land, whom Hadji recognized as the village sheik. He asked us where we were going. Hadji said, 'To look around the country, as this gentleman wishes to see something of the life of the people.' "Oh, it is said Hadji," he makes nothing by it. On the contrary, it costs him a lot of money to come here and travel about."

"But why does he wish to see his place? We have no temples nor tombs here to show him."

"No," said Hadji, "he knows that, but he wishes to speak to the people, to see them at work in the fields, to know what crops they grow, and to understand whether they are satisfied with the existing state of things."

"Then you may tell your friend," said the sheik, "that we are more than pleased with the existing state of things. Formerly we had no encouragement to labor, for if we worked hard, and sold by ourselves, it was taken from us by the Pasha. We never knew what taxes were, or when we might be called upon to pay them. Then a rich man got to see justice, the poor man had no remedy. If the poor man carried his case to court, he would find the rich man there, and he would sit beside the judge, and directing the judgment. Tell your friend that we bless the Englishmen for coming here, for now we can enjoy the fruits of our labor, and we can rely upon justice. It is the truth that I have spoken."—International Magazine.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills BRING HOPE AND HEALTH TO THE SICK.

NERVOUS AND WORN OUT

Mrs. Peter Mahar, Seal Cove, Que., writes: "It gives me real pleasure to acknowledge the benefit I have derived from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, for I believe had it not been for their use I would now be in my grave. My health was broken down, and the least exertion would fatigue me. I was troubled with dizziness, shortness of breath, and palpitation of the heart; my appetite was feeble, and I was extremely pale. I gave the pills a fair trial, and they have restored me to perfect health, and I can do all my household work without experiencing the least fatigue. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the best tonic I know of for weak, tired and pale people."

A PREVENTIVE OF CONSUMPTION.

The Sisters of L'Assomption, Onion Lake, N. W. T., who are doing a noble work among the Indians of that section, write: "It affords us great pleasure to bear public testimony to the beneficial effects of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Several of the Indian children in our care being menaced with consumption, we gave them Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and in each case a cure resulted. We distribute a great many boxes to cure scrofula, consumption and anaemia, and always with the happiest results. We recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as the best preventive of consumption we know."

ERYSIPELAS CURED

Mrs. Charles Shannon, a lady well known in Wolverton, Ont., and vicinity, says: "A few years ago I received an injury to my knee, occasioned by a blow. Although it was very painful I paid but little attention to it at the time, expecting that it would soon be all right. But instead of getting better the knee remained swollen and became very much inflamed. I consulted a doctor, and he told me that the trouble had developed into a severe case of erysipelas, and further said that as my blood was in a disordered condition I would have to be very careful. He left me a liniment with which to bathe the limb, but it did not give me any relief. I had heard so much concerning Dr. Williams' Pink Pills that I determined to give them a trial. In about three weeks the swelling and inflammation in my knee subsided, and my general health much improved. The use of the pills a few weeks longer restored my health. I am now a firm believer in the efficacy of this medicine, as others in my family have been benefited by it."

BUILT THE ALABAMA.

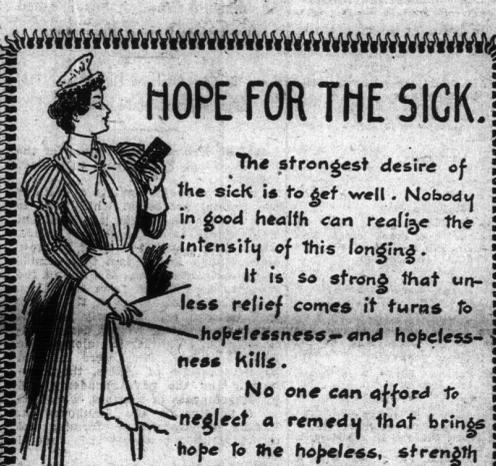
Death of William Laird, Head of the Famous Firm

That Constructed the Famous Confederate Privateer, Which Captured 70 Northern Vessels.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—William Laird of Birkenhead, the senior partner of the famous shipbuilding firm, died at a late hour last night in his sixty-eight year.

Mr. Laird, who was born in 1831, married in 1871, the eldest daughter of R. P. Richard, of Liverpool. He was the eldest son of J. Laird, and grandson of the founder of the firm. To the great majority of the British public Mr. Laird's was a familiar name by reason of the close association of the family with the work of shipbuilding. His grandfather was one of the earliest to turn his attention to the use of iron for the construction of ships, and the firm he established has ever since occupied a supreme position in the international world for its contribution to marine architecture. It was during the American civil war, perhaps, that the name of Laird leaped first into prominence. The firm built the famous privateer Alabama, which while bringing England and the United States to hostility, proved the means of establishing a new rule in the law of nations. While in process of construction she was called the "99," and it was not until she had put to sea and hoisted the confederate flag that she took the name of Alabama. During her career the Alabama captured nearly seventy northern vessels, and in the space of two years contrived to drive American commerce from the seas. The matter was brought under the notice of Lord Russell, who asked for the opinion of the Queen's advocate. Time was passing, the cruiser was nearly ready for departure, and there was another delay. At last he gave his opinion that the vessel ought to be detained. The opinion came too late. The Alabama had got to sea, and went on her destroying cruise, extending over two years. When Mr. Bright brought on the question in the House of Commons, the then principal of the firm was sitting as the first elected M. P. for Birkenhead. In the debate that took place Mr. Laird declared that he would rather be known as the builder of a dozen Alabamas than be a man who, like Mr. Bright, set class against class, and the majority of the house applauded him to the echo. Subsequently the United States set up a claim against the English government on account of the cruise of the Alabama, and at the Geneva arbitration received an award of three millions and a quarter sterling as compensation.

Mr. Laird had been in feeble health for some time past, and had withdrawn



HOPE FOR THE SICK. The strongest desire of the sick is to get well. Nobody in good health can realize the intensity of this longing. It is so strong that unless relief comes it turns to hopelessness—and hopelessness kills. No one can afford to neglect a remedy that brings hope to the hopeless, strength to the weak, health to the sick.

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS for PALE PEOPLE.

These pills have a larger sale than any other medicine in the world because it is proved they cure every form of disease they are advertised to cure. Millions throughout the world now use no other medicine.

Pink colored pills in glass jars, or in any loose form, or in boxes that do not bear the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," are NOT Dr. Williams'.

The genuine are put up in packages resembling the engraving on the right, with wrapper printed in red. Sold by all dealers or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.



BLAKE TO RE-ENTER CANADIAN POLITICS.

The erstwhile Liberal Leader of Canada, to Return to His Old Home.

(Special cable to Montreal Star.) LONDON, Feb. 28.—Hon. Edward Blake will return to Canada for good in May—possibly before. He will be tendered a farewell banquet under the auspices of all sections of the national party. Mr. Blake much appreciates just as much as Mr. Dillon and Sir Thomas Spence the immense personal sacrifices Mr. Blake has made for the cause of home rule, and the great honor he has done to Canada.

THE DEVIL IN THE HOGS.

So Young Fiddis and a Friend Killed the Porkers.

A Queer Religious Belief—A Sect Near Walkerton Who Bear Mortal Enmity to Pigs as One of Their Tenets.

WALKERTON, Ont., Feb. 22.—A case of remarkable public interest came up for trial in the Court Houses here yesterday, before Magistrate McNamara, in respect to a charge laid against a young man named Jas. Turner, a school teacher in the Township of Brant. A new religious sect calling themselves Zionites has lately arisen in the northern portion of the township, one of whose distinctive doctrines is that hogs are possessed by the devil and must be destroyed. They have gained quite a number of adherents in the neighborhood, those joining them being for the most part respectable farmers in good circumstances. Considerable excitement prevails in the neighborhood in respect to their proceedings, and this feeling was strongly manifested at the trial, the court house being crowded.

BOUND FOR DAWSON.

Capt. Douglas left Truro on Wednesday morning for British Columbia, en route to Dawson City. The captain came home from Dawson last fall, accompanied by Joseph Monteth, a well known shipbuilder of Matland. Mr. Monteth's ill health was the cause of their return to Nova Scotia.

A SEPTUAGENARIAN PUGILIST.

George Francis Train, to whom Sydney owes its first tram system, away back in the city history, is fast nearing the allotted term of three score and ten, but he has cheerfully gone into practice as a professional pugilist, in order to prove to the world that a man can be quite as vigorous an opponent as Bismarck without smoking strong cigars and imbibing brandy and champagne. —Sydney Australian Star.

THE PITFIELD CREDITORS.

(Despatch to Globe.) MONTREAL, Feb. 22.—The creditors of the estate of W. C. Pitfield & Co. of St. John met yesterday afternoon at the Windsor Hotel, a large number being present. The meeting was held in the room of the late Mr. Pitfield, who was given a few days wherein to make a satisfactory offer to the creditors along with Mr. Pitfield. This cannot be arranged, legal steps will at once be taken to close up the business. It seems that Mr. Pitfield admits that he is a general partner, whereas the consensus of legal opinion is that he is such. In the meantime Mr. Pitfield will have charge of the business. The stock on hand is in first class shape and appropriate for spring business.

SIR CHARLES' CONGRATULATIONS.

J. D. Haen, M. P. E., has received the following telegram from Sir Charles Tupper:

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—Delighted to hear of yourself and colleagues, and also that St. John has received one representative of their cause, notwithstanding the general corruption, public and personal. Have no doubt of our complete triumph at no distant day.

LEFT OVER \$7,900,000.

Baron Rothschild's Estate Found to be an Enormous One.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The estate of the late Ferdinand James de Rothschild is found to be valued at £1,488,000.

A VOICE LIKE A CUCKOO.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 22.—The Bangabasi, the leading daily paper published in the vernacular of Bengal, goes into rhapsodies over Lady Carson in the manner that collapses the efforts of personal paraphernalia in the West. After declaring that Rati Saraswati and the other goddesses in the Hindu pantheon must hide their heads in her presence, the paper deals with the charms of the new vicereine, declaring that among her other excellences she has a complexion like molten gold. It adds that her eyes are not tinged with red, but are rather handsomely purple, and that her voice resembles that of the cuckoo.

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GRATEFUL. COMFORTING. Distinguished every where for Purity of Flavor, Superior Quality, and Nutritive Properties. Specially grateful and comforting to the nervous and dyspeptic. Sold only in 4 lb tins, labelled JAMES EPSS & CO. Ltd., Homeopathic Chemists, London, England.

BREAKFAST. SUPPER. EPSS'S COCOA

SCIATIC RHEUMATISM CURED.

Mr. Samuel Francis, a young farmer living on the farm of his brother, near Northcote, in Renfrew county, says:—"About three weeks ago the cows got into a grain field at night, and I was called up to put them out. In doing so I got thoroughly wet, and when I awoke the next morning my limbs were so stiff that I could scarcely move them. I was thoroughly rubbed with liniment, but without any effect. Mustard plasters were then tried with equally poor results. By this time I was suffering great pain, and a doctor was called in. He said the trouble was sciatic rheumatism, and off and on for nearly two years he doctored me with no material improvement. Then I decided to discontinue the doctor and give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial. These I took, two after each meal, for nearly six months, at the expiration of which time every symptom of the trouble had left me. It is now nearly two years since I was cured, and I have in that interval done farm work in all kinds of weather, without feeling a twinge of the trouble, so that there can be no doubt the cure is permanent. Anyone who is suffering from this complaint will save money and hours of suffering by at once beginning the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

SICK ADACHE CURED.

Mr. William Morrow, St. Patrick, Ont., says:—"I suffered very much from biliousness and sick headaches. For months my stomach seemed to be in an unsettled condition and often I would vomit my food almost as soon as I had taken it. On one occasion a doctor remained with me all night before he could stop the vomiting, but beyond stopping it temporarily I received no other benefit. Through a little book which came into my possession telling of the cures effected through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, I was induced to give them a trial, and to my joy they have removed all the disagreeable symptoms and made me a well man again."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills CURE

Rheumatism, Sciatica, Locomotor Ataxia, Anaemia, Heart Troubles, Indigestion and Dyspepsia, St. Vitus' Dance, Paralysis, Insipient Consumption, All Female Weakness, Dizziness and Headache, and All Troubles Arising from Poor and Watery Blood.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived. Feb 24-Sch Ravala, 130, Foneyth, from New York, J. W. Smith, coal.

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CANADIAN PORTS.

Arrived. HALIFAX, Feb 24-Ard, str Oscar II, Olsen, from New York; str Bravo, Evans, from Ponce, P. R.

BRITISH PORTS.

Arrived. GLASGOW, Feb 24-Ard, str Concordia, from St. John.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived. At Pascagoula, Feb 22, sch J. W. Durand, Durand, for Vera Cruz.

DEATHS.

BOONE-At Hampton Village, Kings county, N. S., on Feb. 24th, in the 54th year of his age, of pneumonia, Edward Field Boone.

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IN FRANCE.

The Funeral Ceremonies of the Late President Faure.

An Immense Crowd of People Lined the Streets During Procession.

Some Rioting After the Funeral and Two Hundred Arrests Made as a Result.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—The funeral of the late President Felix Faure took place today.

MEMORANDA.

CITY ISLAND, Feb 24—Bound south, sch John M. Plummer, from Grand Manan, N.B.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

SANDY HOOK, Feb 23.—The Gettysburg Channel buoy lights are burning tonight.

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Chas. H. Fletcher APPEARS ON EVERY WRAPPER.

SPORTING MATTERS.

THE RING.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—At the Green-wood athletic club in Brooklyn last night, Dick O'Brien of Boston, Me., knocked out Jack Burke of Boston in the fourth round of what was to have been a 20-round bout.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The 16 game between Lapchur and DeViser for possession of the Martinez cup and the championship of the empire state, was played at the Manhattan chess club today and resulted in a draw after 55 moves.

ANNAPOLIS, N. S., Feb. 25.—The St. Andrew's school boys dined the visiting hockey team from St. John yesterday.

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Halifax does not appear to have benefited by the trade policy of the present government, judging by the record of the customs returns.

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