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MRS. CHADWICK WILL BE OUT
ON BAIL IN A FEW DAYS.
(CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 29.—The
Plain Dealer today reports the following:
It was reliably stated last night that
Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick will be re-
leased on bail within a few days. At
least, an effort will be made in that
direction. Mrs. Chadwick herself has
expressed her desire to terminate her
residence in the county's custody, and,
according to her attorney, J. P. Daw-
ley, on Wednesday she alone has the
deciding vote in the bail question.
"Bail can be given in ample quanti-
ty," declared Dawley, "we have it. It
is assured if she wants it. The minute
she wants to, she will be released.
Does she want to? I do not know, but
it is up to her."
Mrs. Chadwick has cast her vote in

Overcoats Now.

This is only the beginning of cold weather. Three long cold months yet,
and think of it, you can buy any good warm OVERCOAT this season's
make, in many instances less than factory prices now.
\$5 Overcoat, now \$3.95
6 Overcoat, now 6.98
10 Overcoat, 9.50
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199 and 201 Union St.

TOGO ROYALLY
WELCOMED HOME.

The Japanese Honor Him and
Admiral Kamimura.

Capture of Rihlung Fort Was a Bloody
Affair—Defenders Were Nearly
All Killed.

AN IMPORTANT CAPTURE.
TOKIO, Dec. 30, 10 a. m.—The head-
quarters of the army besieging Port
Arthur, telegraphs that on the night
of Dec. 29, after the occupation of Rih-
lung Fort, a small body of Russians
still offered resistance in the passage
between the siege gun line and the
gorge. At three o'clock the Russians
were dislodged entirely and the
occupation of the fort became secured.
According to the statement of three
prisoners, the defenders of Rihlung
numbered about 100 besides some sail-
ors. A majority of the defenders were
killed. The trophies captured with
Port Rihlung include four large calibre
guns, seven small calibre guns, thirty
seven-millimetre guns, two machine
guns and much property as yet un-
enumerated.

HEROES WELCOMED.
TOKIO, Dec. 30, 11 a. m.—Admiral
Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura, with
their staff, arrived at the Shinbashi
station at 8:30 o'clock today. Their
journey from Kure to Tokyo was a con-
tinuous ovation. At an early hour to-
day the streets were filled and the city
gaily decorated with flags, lanterns and
New Year's decorations. Representa-
tives of the emperor and empress,
Prince Fushimi, Jr., elder statesmen,
ministers, prominent Japanese and
thousands of school children greeted
the arrival of the naval heroes at the
station. The president of both houses
of the diet met them with the resolu-
tions of commendation passed by their
respective branches of parliament.
The quiet grey bearded admiral, Togo,
in a blue service uniform, seemed im-
barrassed at the noisy ovation. Rear-
Admiral Shimura, chief of staff, laugh-
ingly abused Vice-Admiral Kamimura.
The junior officers tried to clear the
way, but the crowd closed in on Ad-
miral Togo and they were frequently
forced to push the crowd backward in
an endeavor to clear the reaching
hands. Finally Admiral Togo, Vice-
Admiral Kamimura and their staff were
freed from their enthusiastic admirers and
surrounded by officers, they reached the
carriage sent by the emperor to the sta-
tion to convey the distinguished party
to the palace.
As Admiral Togo appeared a great
shout arose, hats were thrown in the
air, arms were raised and "Banzai" fol-
lowed. "Banzai" was repeated by gen-
eral arms the party drove under trium-
phant arches waving flags and dis-
charging their shotguns. The cheering
crowds to the navy department, where
a brief stop was made during which
the congratulatory notes of the minis-
ters were received and future victo-
ries were toasted. Admiral Togo and
Vice-Admiral Kamimura then proceeded
to the palace to report to the emperor.
They will probably remain in
Tokyo about one week for the purpose
of consulting with the general staff on
perfecting plans for future operations.

JAPS FIGHT EACH OTHER.
CHE FOO, Dec. 29.—The Japanese
line at Port Arthur is now, as a re-
sult of the general attack, beginning
Dec. 28, much closer to Liaotie Moun-
tain. Chinese who left Port Arthur
yesterday and arrived here today re-
port that a greatly inferior Russian
force defended the outermost of the
trenches for three days, retiring when
the Japanese artillery had secured an
enfilading position. The Japanese
was at a range of two-thirds of a mile,
the Japanese tearing mines. The Rus-
sians retired to Ching-shan, where
they arrived at Che Foo today from Port
Dalny, say the recent fighting also re-
sulted in the capture of a hill called by
the Japanese Yangtshuan (possibly
Keekwan mountain) enabling the Jap-
anese to seriously harass land com-
munications with the Liaotie forts and
with the forts on Etse and Antse moun-
tains. The capture of Yangtshuan
hill follows upon the capture of the
line of one of the Japanese became
confused, killed each other and retired
when the mistake was discovered by the
appearance of the moon.

TOWN HELD FOR RANSOM.

Morocco Bandits Demand Mercy or the
Surrender of European Residents of
Besieged Town.
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A Tangle,
Morocco, despatch to the Herald says:
"The town of Akkour is again menaced
by a large number of mountaineers,
belonging to the Kabyles. They are
the same tribesmen who recently be-
sieged the town, following a dispute
between a Moor and a Spaniard. They
were then induced to raise the siege
by the payment of a generous bribe.
The money then paid has merely ar-
ranged their greed. They have now re-
turned, demanding the payment of a
still larger sum. In the event that
this is not forthcoming, they demand
that certain of the European residents
be surrendered to them. It is generally
believed that the town will have
to accede to their demands, as it is
poorly prepared for defence."
There is not a solitary case where
intermittent advertising has brought
returns compared with that from con-
tinuous advertising — that over-
padding away at the public day in
and day out. — Nathl C. Fowler, Jr.,
Boston.

MAXWELL FOR CITY;
LOWELL FOR COUNTY.

Opposition Candidate Wins the
City by 89 Majority—Lowell
Easily Elected in County.

The result of the election has been
clearer than either side expected. Mr.
Maxwell's majority is 89, with a possi-
bility of a slight change in Duke's No.
2, where some trouble has occurred.
In the county Lowell's majority is 377,
with Pearson and Black River to hear
from, which will not greatly affect the
result.

ST. JOHN CITY.

Victoria, No. 1	191	94
Victoria, No. 2	150	72
Guy's, No. 1	139	72
Guy's, No. 2	142	72
Sydney, No. 1	89	90
Sydney, No. 2	74	87
Stanley	73	67
Landowne, No. 1	116	127
Landowne, No. 2	127	127
Dufferin, No. 1	123	124
Dufferin, No. 2	129	133
Lorne, No. 1	158	101
Lorne, No. 2	119	124
Kings, No. 1	76	125
Kings, No. 2	69	127
Queens, No. 1	143	124
Queens, No. 2	169	125
Brooks	172	89
Wellington, No. 1	157	172
Wellington, No. 2	173	157
Prince, No. 1	181	190
Prince, No. 2	180	238
Dukes, No. 1	107	114
Dukes, No. 2	107	128
Non Resident	47	12
Total	3098	3009
Majority for Maxwell, 89.		

ST. JOHN COUNTY.

Agar, Lowell.		
St. Martins	87	190
Simons No. 1 (Lt. Riv.)	71	48
Lancaster, 1 (Fairville)	202	452
Musquash	62	67
Simons, No. 2	59	57
(Lock Lomond)	59	67
Non Resident	99	122
Total	589	957

BIG FIRE ON SEWELL ST.;
TWO HOUSES GUTTED
FIRE BADLY HANDLED.

A bad fire broke out in the residence
of M. V. Paddock, the druggist, Sewell
street, shortly before one o'clock today.
The fire originated in the residence of
Geo. E. Fairweather, adjoining. An alarm
was sent in from box 4 and the depart-
ment promptly responded.
Owing to the poor water pressure,
the firemen found themselves somewhat
handicapped in attacking the fire. Two
engines, Nos. 3 and 4, were quickly
set to work and five streams of water
were turned on the burning buildings.
In Geo. E. Fairweather's residence the
fire was checked, but owing to the
great advance it had obtained in Mr.
Paddock's residence the flames reached
the third story and the building was
soon practically ruined.

The Salvage Corps succeeded in sav-
ing considerable of the furniture of
Mr. Paddock, removing it to George
McKeen's house, next door.
The fire originated in a low covered
alley-way or shed between the two
houses. Some suspect it was set, but
as yet there is no evidence to bear out
this suspicion. Both Mr. and Mrs.
Paddock were absent when the fire
broke out and returned to find their
home in flames.
Mr. Paddock's house is insured for
\$3,500 and his furniture was also cov-
ered.
When the Star went to press the fire-
men were still fighting the flames.

LATER
As a result of the fire which broke
out shortly before one o'clock in a small
shed adjoining the residence of M. V.
Paddock, 67 Sewell street, the residen-
ces of both Mr. Paddock and George
E. Fairweather, 63 Sewell street, ad-
joining each other, are badly gutted.
The residence of Mr. Fairweather was
damaged the worse, as the fire went
through the roof, but both buildings,
each three stories, will require exten-
sive repairs to make them again in-
habitable.

LIQUOR DEALERS
FIGHT MAXWELL.

A New Protective Association
Openly in the Field.

Local Liquor Men Have Organized a Close
Combine and Have Lots
of Money.

The Liquor Dealers Protective As-
sociation showed their hand today for
the first time since their organization,
some months ago. Many of the mem-
bers of the organization worked quietly,
but they were in evidence in all the
various districts, working hard and do-
ing the best they could to have Mr.
Skinner elected.
This organization was formed about
nine months ago, the object being to
protect the local dealers, to see that
the act governing the sale of liquor is
fairly carried out and to generally ele-
vate the business. Some years ago
there was an organization known as
the Licensed Victuallers Association, but
through poor management it went to
the wall. The doings of this association
were generally known and many of the
dealers who were members became dis-
gusted with what went on and dropped
out. What became of the funds is a
matter of speculation.

About a year ago some of the dealers
got together and suggested an organiza-
tion that had developed in the present
time. Their idea was that by so doing
they could overcome the complaint
made by many of the retail dealers that
the wholesale houses were selling small
packages to individuals as cheaply as
they were to the trade, and in the case
of a concerted effort on the part of any
temperance organization to ask from
the government the Scott Act or any
prohibitory measures they would be in
a position to present their side of the
case in a strong and proper manner.
The leading people in the movement
worked quietly and the result was that
about nine months ago the Protective
Association referred to was formed.
There are about sixty members. The
retailers paid in \$20 each, the wholesale
dealers \$40, and the brewers \$80. In ad-
dition all pay an annual fee of \$10. An
executive committee of five controls the
finances.

When the organization was formed it
was agreed that it should be non-politi-
cal, but that in any matter that could
in any way affect their business they
would stand together and fight the man
or men who was opposed to them.
And so it is that today an united ef-
fort is being made to defeat Mr. Max-
well. Their fear is that if Mr. Max-
well is elected it will be the voice of
popular opinion in favor of a Scott
Act of a stricter license law and will
add strength to the largely signed peti-
tion sent to Fredericton some time ago.

Bilbrow—Are you one of the stock-
holders in the Bunko Oil Company?
Jayamith—Well, I worked under the
delusion that I was for a time.
Bilbrow—How's that?
Jayamith—I discovered later that I
was merely one of the stockholders.

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furnished front room. Heated. Gas.
Large clothes closet. On bathroom
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for \$1.40; \$3.00 goods for \$2.00. A lot of
DOLLS to be sold from 50c. to 1.00.
worth from 25c. to 50c. A lot of \$2.00
Dolls from 75c. to \$1.25, a bargain.
Magic Lanterns; Steam Engines; and
a GREAT SNAP on Gent's Shaving
Sets and Ladies' Dressing Cases, and
other Fancy Celluloid Cases. These
goods we will sell from 50c. to \$6.00.

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SHARP & McMACKIN
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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts — Northwesterly winds,
fair. Saturday, moderate westerly
winds, fair and a little milder.
Synopsis — No important distur-
bances are indicated today. Winds are
moderate southwesterly near the Am-
erican coast, and extremely mild weath-
er prevails throughout the west.

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LADIES' COATS in Electric Seal,
Baltic Seal, Black Astrachan, Persian
Lamb.
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BOAS AND STOLERS in Mink, Sable,
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Hockey Sticks, 10c. up.
Skate Straps, 10c. up.
Snow Shovels, 21c. up.
Framers, 35c. up.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 30, 1904

The daily circulation of the Star for the number was 6,232; for the past six months, 6,188.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP. The following statistics concerning the extent and growth of publicly owned undertakings compiled by a noted authority in Scotland, may be of interest to the numerous students of municipal ownership here.

There are 256 public gas plants against 454 privately owned ones, but the number of the former is increasing, while that of the latter is stationary or decreasing.

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In the item of electric lighting and power plants there are in Great Britain either in operation or in course of construction 325 plants owned by local authorities against 214 owned by companies.

The former have invested a hundred and fifty million dollars against a hundred and thirty million dollars for the companies.

The net profits to the cities were eight million eight hundred thousand. These figures are official.

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interviewed Capt. Murray personally. What it said that "Capt. Murray said this morning," obtained from a high C. P. R. official to whom Capt. Murray made the statements quoted.

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LOCAL NEWS.

A meeting of the harbor fishery committee was held yesterday afternoon in the Council chambers. Aid. Bullock was in the chair, and arrangements were made for holding the annual sale of the fishery rights on Thursday, Jan. 5th.

Phillip Hamm, formerly of St. John, who has decided to erect a biscuit factory in Moncton, has his oven about completed. It is seventeen feet square. He has not started work on the building yet, but expects to very soon.

The annual concert and Christmas treat of the Fairville Methodist Sunday school was held in the church last night. There was a large attendance. Rev. G. M. Young presided. A splendid programme was rendered, after which came the distribution of the presents, and the visit of Santa Claus, who added to the pleasure of the children by giving them each a bag of confections. It was a most pleasant affair.

The members of the Portland street Methodist church have been busy collecting goods and cash for the relief of the poor of their parish, and last evening a report was made in the school room, which showed a large number of donations had been received.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahoney, widow of ex-Alderman Michael O'Mahoney, occurred yesterday at the home of her niece, Miss Mortuary, 45 Douglas avenue. One brother, John Perrier, this city, survives.

Millicent Encampment, I. O. O. F., has installed: H. E. Collins, C. P., E. E. Staples, H. P. M. D. Morrell, S. W. J. R. Saunders, I. W. J. T. Brown, W. L. Wilson, W. J. Long, T. F. A. Wright, J. S. I. A. Griffith, O. S. W. J. Watson, guide; W. McKee, 1st watch; C. J. Stammers, 2nd watch; Stephen, 3rd watch; R. McIntosh, 4th watch; Jas. Gorie, 1st G. of T. W. J. Seelye, 2nd G. of T.

The annual meeting of the Alumnæ of the High School was held last evening in the Church of England Institute. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Miss A. Winkler, president; Miss Ethel Hannah, vice-president; Hart Green, vice-president; Miss Walker, secretary; W. S. Smith, treasurer; Stanley Bridges, Miss Hetty Allen, Miss Sandall, committee of management.

The death of Mrs. Phiney, Brussels street, she died last evening at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Phiney, Brussels street. She was 83 years of age. Her husband died in 1887. She was a devoted mother and a kind neighbor.

At the Opera House last evening the Dalley Stock Company gave an admirable performance of a dramatization of Thomas Hardy's novel, "Tess of D'Urbervilles."

Charles Booth gave a careful rendering of the part of Angel Clare, and the other members of the company were all at home in their respective parts.

Tess of D'Urbervilles will be repeated tonight and tomorrow night and in the matinee on Saturday, next week, in Old Kentucky will be put on.

The newspaper that reaches the people in the quiet of their homes, where plain facts can best appeal to the intellect, is by far the most preferable medium of communication—Washington Star.

N. W. Brennan, FUNERAL DIRECTOR, 715 Foot of Main Street.

TELEPHONE: OFFICE—222 A. NIGHT CALLS—222 B. Embalming a Speciality.

DEATHS. O'MAHONEY—In this city, on Dec. 29th, Elizabeth, wife of the late Michael O'Mahoney. Funeral on Saturday at 9 a. m. from the residence of her niece, Miss Mortuary, 45 Douglas avenue, to St. Peter's church.

Useful Gifts For All.

The gifts that are useful, the kind that give everybody enjoyment, are the most appreciated. Everything we have answers this description. We can mention but a few.

- KID GLOVES in fancy boxes, \$1 to \$1.35. Silk Jabots in fancy boxes, 50c. to \$2. Rain Umbrellas, 75c. to \$4.25. Waist Silks, 25c. to \$1.50. Dress Goods, 25c. to \$2. Mantle Drapes, \$1.75 to \$2.50. Pillow Shams, 25c. to \$1 each. Runners, 25c. to \$1 each. Tray Cloths, 25c. to 50c. Cushion Tops, 25c. to 75c. Warm Wool Hose, 15c. to 50c.



- FOR LADIES: Silk Stock Collars, 25c. to \$1.10 each. Lace Collars, 15c. to \$3. Chiffon and Silk Neckwear, 55c. to \$2.75. Embroidered and Linen Handkerchiefs, 5c. to 50c. each. Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 15c. each. Kid Gloves, 50c. to \$1.25 pair. Wool Gloves, 25c. to 50c. Pretty Silk Belts, 25c. to \$1.75 each. Shell Hair Ornaments, 10c. to 30c. Wrist and Hand Bags, 50c. to \$2.75. Leather Purse, 25c. to \$1.40. Chiffon and Silk Jabots in fancy boxes, 15c. to \$2 each. Wrapper and Kimono Panels, 12c. to 50c. per yard.

FOR MEN: Pretty Neckties, 25c. to 50c. Wool and Buck Gloves, 25c. to \$1.50 pair. Rain Umbrellas, \$1 to \$2.50. Cambr. and Linen Handkerchiefs, 5c. to 20c. each. Ties in Fancy Boxes, 25c. to 50c. each. Satin Mufflers, lined, 50c. to \$1. Kid Gloves, \$1 to \$1.50 pair. Braces, 25c. to 75c. White Shirts, 75c. to \$1. Colored Shirts, 75c. to \$1.50. Collars and Cuffs, 10c. to 20c. Warm Wool Hose, 25c. to 40c. Night Shirts, white and fancy, 75c.

DOWLING BROTHERS, 95 and 101 King Street

The Attractions of Our Stores Are Their Low Prices. D. A. KENNEDY, (Successor to WALTER SCOTT) 32-36 King Square, St. John, N. B.

Clearing Prices on the Whole Stock. HURRY FOR BARGAINS. One Dollar Will Buy Two Dollars Worth Here.

MEN'S CARDIGAN JACKETS.—Five dozen Men's English Cardigan Jackets, at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 each. All reduced to clear at once. LADIES' FURS AT COST.—The balance of our Fur Collars and Muffs to be cleared out at half price. Muffs only 50c. each. MEN'S SHIRTS AND DRAWERS.—Some great bargains in Men's Scotch Shirts and Drawers. Just come in and see these goods. FILLED MUSLIN CURTAINS.—60 pairs of Homesteaded Muslin Curtains, 2 1/2 yards long, with 4 1/2 inch tucks, only 50c. pair. Call early and see them.

FOG COST \$60,000,000. London Will Long Remember the Week Which Closed Its Port to the World.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The fog of the last week will long be remembered in London shipping circles because of the enormous losses which it entailed upon shippers and merchants. It is impossible to calculate with any attempt at exactitude the loss which has been sustained by shipping and commerce during this disastrous week, but shipping men, who also can estimate it even approximately, put down the damage at from a million and a quarter to a million and a half a day, or something approximating to \$15,000,000 (\$30,000,000) for the week.

When on Christmas Day and Monday the weather cleared a little shipping collisions began, and there was an appalling list of disasters posted in London Tuesday morning. The cost of these disasters will fall upon the underwriters at Lloyd's. All the damaged vessels will have to be surveyed, the majority dry docked and the whole cost of the survey, fees, dock charges and repair account paid by the insurers. At a low estimate the bill for this will come to a couple of millions sterling for the week.

In one case a steamship lying at anchor was run into no fewer than five times, and several ships were in four separate collisions. It is estimated that on Saturday morning there were four hundred ocean going steamships in Gravesend Reach alone. Although ship owners can claim from the underwriters for damage to their vessels by collision and stranding, they have to pay all the expenses of detention, and this in itself is a very heavy bill.

The newspaper that reaches the people in the quiet of their homes, where plain facts can best appeal to the intellect, is by far the most preferable medium of communication—Washington Star.

N. W. Brennan, FUNERAL DIRECTOR, 715 Foot of Main Street. TELEPHONE: OFFICE—222 A. NIGHT CALLS—222 B. Embalming a Speciality.

DEATHS. O'MAHONEY—In this city, on Dec. 29th, Elizabeth, wife of the late Michael O'Mahoney. Funeral on Saturday at 9 a. m. from the residence of her niece, Miss Mortuary, 45 Douglas avenue, to St. Peter's church.

McGARRIGLE—Suddenly, in this city, on Dec. 26th, Jane, daughter of the late John and Bridget McGarrigle, in the 63rd year of her age. Funeral from the residence of M. J. Downey, 97 Brussels street, Saturday at 12.

Watches. DAVIS BROS. Jewelry. A 25 year 14 K. Ladies' Gold Filled WATCH, with beautiful Long Chain, complete, \$20.00. One-half down, balance 90 days.

Canada Life Bldg (up one flight), PRINCE WILLIAM STREET. Open Evenings. Special Prices On All Kinds.

"I will be dead and buried by that time, son." The fellow stopped a moment with his hand upon the door, and thinking of the Creed, he replied, "Never mind, mamma, you will roose again."

The lack of advertising judgment is often responsible for lack of business success—Advertising World.

New Year Gifts.

Special Advantages to Buyers

HOUSE COATS—All marked at extremely low prices to clear. \$2.50, \$3, \$5, \$7.50.

FANCY VESTS—Best tailoring—fully equal to fine custom made, smart patterns, were \$3.50 to \$4.50, now \$2.50 and \$3.50.

DRESS SUITS—(swallow tail coats)—Buyers of these indeed secure a bargain. We obtained them at a reduced price because they were not made exactly to the requirements of a clothier.

A. GILMOUR, Fine Tailoring and Clothing, 68 King Street.

SUPERIOR SAUSAGE.

Our Sausage pleases the most fastidious. It is not overloaded with herbs and spices. Made fresh every day. For sale at nearly all Grocers and Meat Dealers.

SAUSAGE MEAT.

After all there is nothing nicer than our fresh made righty seasoned Sausage Meat. You will find our home made HEAD CHEESE tastes well, too.

SLIPP & FLEWELLING, 240 MAIN STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B.

DO ALL MERCHANTS REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE SPACE FOR THEIR ANNOUNCEMENTS?

IN A BATTLE NOT MORE THAN ONE IN A HUNDRED RIFLE SHOTS IS EFFECTIVE. THE OTHER NINETY-NINE MISS BULLETS. FIND THEM. BILLY'S. OF COURSE; BUT THEY DO NOT BRACE HUMAN TARGETS. BUT WITH THE ARTILLERY—THAT IS A DIFFERENT STORY. THE BIG TWELVE-INCH GUNS DO NOT ALWAYS FIND THEIR MARKS; BUT IF THE GUNNERS HAVE FOUND THE RANGE OF THE MAJORITY OF SHELLS DO DREADLY WORK—EITHER IN WIPING OUT WHOLE COLUMNS OF MEN; IN DESTROYING OPPOSING ARTILLERY; OR IN DEMORALIZING THE BATTERY.

THE MORAL FORCE OF A "BIG ADVERTISEMENT" IS AS GREAT AS THAT OF A "BIG GUN."

A "Company" of soldiers may be adequately armed for ordinary service with rifles only—if the rifles are modern and of long range. A regiment, if operating independently in active service, must needs have at least a few "field guns," perhaps some 6 inch-loading, rapid-fire "three-pounders."

"BIG STORES" MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH "ADVERTISING ARTILLERY," OF LONG RANGE AND QUICK-FIRING.

The little store, like the company of soldiers, may get along with little else, if they are placed in "long range" positions. A "bigger store," like a regiment, must have some display space—some field guns, for offence and defence. A "still-bigger-store," like a Brigade, must carry "bigger guns," must expand its display advertising from inches into columns. A really "BIG" store, like an Army Division, must carry the "biggest guns," must use whole pages for "broadside," and must make its advertising its "manned battalions" for company, and its "gilded hand" for patrons.

ENFORCING THE LICENSE LAW.

Inspector J. B. Jones has been moving against several liquor establishments which lately have been infringing the license act, and has received promises of stricter compliance in the future. Robt. W. Carson, who keeps a saloon on Main street, was one of the offenders. Mr. Carson has had his license for selling spirituous liquors for some time, but about two months ago he erected a partition in the apartment, and on the side opposite the bar he conducts a shooting gallery and sells tobacco, pipes and similar supplies. Since the completion of this department Mr. Carson has been in the habit of keeping his shop open long after ten, the legal hour of closing. Inspector Jones notified Mr. Carson of his infringement of the law, which while it allows such a shop to be run along with the saloon, provides for its closing with the other. Mr. Carson promised to comply with the law. One or two other establishments on Union street were similarly visited, and the proprietor of each confessed ignorance of breaking the law, and agreed to act strictly in conformity with it.

MAY CALL IT OFF.

It is understood that word has been received by certain members of the liberal party in St. John that the proposed presentation of a house in Ottawa to Hon. H. H. Emmerson is not looked upon with favor by prominent party men at the capital. It is fur-

ther stated that when the members gather for the opening of the house, the project will be strongly opposed and efforts made to induce Mr. Emmerson to call the whole affair off. This has caused a feeling of relief among some of those contractors in St. John who were notified of the privilege accorded them to subscribe to the presentation fund.

LECTURE ON AFRICA.

Rev. L. M. Duval, who returned recently from Lagos, West Africa, gave a very entertaining and instructive lecture last evening in the Murray street mission church on his work among the Yorub. He described this tribe as being composed of men of good physique and of uncommon intelligence. He has been working for the past two years at Sakhi, a city of about 40,000. At the close of his lecture the speaker exhibited several curious specimens of handicraft in leather and cloth, which he brought from Africa.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 28.—After being imprisoned on the wrecked oil ste. Northeastern, nine miles off Cape Hatteras, for 36 hours, Captain Wilder and his crew of 21 men were taken ashore at noon today by the crews of Kinnakeet, Creeds Hill and Hatteras life-saving stations. The big steamer is pounding on Diamond Shoals under a terrible sea, and the crew say she will be a total loss.

A Cure for Toothache—Ask your druggist for Gibbons' Toothache Gum. Price 10c.

CREW OF STR. DRUMELZIER ALL TAKEN OFF IN SAFETY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—With her signals of distress and her half-masted ensign still flying, the steamer Drumelzier was abandoned tonight as a total wreck by her captain and a dozen officers and members of the crew, who were taken off the craft and landed on Oak Island by the crew of the Fire Island and Oak Island life-saving stations.

Early in the day eighteen men of the crew were taken off the stranded steamer by the surfboat of the Sandy Hook station, which was towed out to the scene. The men were brought here on a tug. Capt. Nicholson, Chief Engineer Wood and the remainder of the officers and crew decided to remain aboard until officially notified that the vessel had been placed in the hands of the wrecking company, in order to obviate any claims for salvage on the derelict.

When asked the cause of the disaster, Capt. Nicholson said: "All I can say is that in a blinding snow storm we got out of our reckoning, and the first thing I knew we hauled up on the bar while running 12 knots an hour."

Captain Nicholson said tonight that he and his men would remain at the station for the present, and if the weather moderated tomorrow he probably would return to the wreck.

LEFT \$40,000 TO THE HOLY GHOSTS.

Religious Society in Maine Benefits by the Death of a Texas Ranchman.

DURHAM, Me., Dec. 28.—To the Holy Ghost and his Society, of which the Rev. Frank W. Sanford, recently convicted of manslaughter as the result of the death of a boy inmate of the society's home at Shiloh, is the head, Franz M. Marsteller, of Texas, who recently died, left an estate valued at \$40,000. None of the legacy reached Mr. Sanford today.

Mr. Marsteller is survived by a widow and several children, and it is his intention to come to Shiloh to reside. It is reported, however, that steps may be taken to contest the will by interested parties acting in behalf of the children.

Mr. Sanford has sent William Marsteller to Texas to look after the interests of the "Kingdom" in the settlement of the estate. Mr. Marsteller is a Shiloh last spring, selling a twenty thousand dollar farm in the interests of the community. He is at present residing on one of the farms recently purchased by Mr. Sanford.

Death of Mr. Marsteller's death have reached here. When he found that he was critically ill he sent for a Shilohite, who ordered him to Shiloh, but he died. Mr. Marsteller was one of the best known ranchmen in Texas, and his name converted to Sanford's about 1902.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

Domestic Ports. HALIFAX, NS, Dec 29—Ard, strs Maryland, from London for Philadelphia (short of coal); Utunda, from Halifax, for St. John, NB, via Vera; from Banks, and old to return. Sid, str Gulf of Anceud, Foxworthy, for London. Cid, str Minia (cable), for sea. British Ports. LIVERPOOL, Dec 29—Sid, strs Corinthian, from Liverpool for St. John, NB; Englishman, for St. John, NB; KINLALE, Dec 29—Passed, str Sicily, from Halifax and St. Johns, NF, for Liverpool. MANCHESTER, Dec 28—Sid, str Manchester Trader, for Halifax. LONDON, Dec 29—Ard, str St. John City, from St. John, NB; SHARPNESS, Dec 28—Ard, str Tordenskjold, from Chatham, NB, via Sydney, CB.

Foreign Ports.

PORT PRINCE, Dec 29—Ard previously, ship Arctic Stream, from St. John, NB, via Adelaide. STOCKHOLM, Dec 29—Ard, str Sirius, from Chikoutini and Sydney, CB, via Byth. VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 28—Ard, schs Sallie E Ludlum, from Port Reading for Bar Harbor; Abbie C. Gray, from New York for St. John, NB. Sid, schs Lavinia, from New York for Port Greenville, NB; Elsie, from New London for Liverpool, NS. BOSTON, Dec 29—Sid, str Devonian, for Liverpool; ship Savona, for Buenos Ayres; schs Thomas W Lawson, for Newport News; Addie M Lawrence, for coal port; Lucinda Sutter, for do; Grace A. Martin, for do; George W Wells, for Baltimore; T Charlton Henry, for do; Samuel J Goucher, for do; Ellen M Mitchell, for St. John, NB. Sid from roads, schs Henry W Cramp, for Norfolk; James W Elwell, for do; San Juan. PORTSMOUTH, NH, Dec 29—Sid, schs Hunter, from Carteret, NJ, for St. John, NB; Prudent, from Elizabethport, NJ, for St. Stephen, NB; John S. Beacham, from Boston for Rockland. PORTLAND, Me, Dec 29—Ard, str North Star, from New York, and old to return; sch Hunter, from New York for St. John, NB. Sid, schs Ruth E Merrill, for coal port; Kennecott, and Inez, for eastern ports. BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Me, Dec 29—Ard, schs E. Merrill, from Boston for Port Greenville, NS. Ard, schs Dara, from New York for Port Greenville, Lisie Carr, from Boston for Calais. SALEM, Mass, Dec 29—Sid, schs Waccamaw, from St. John, NB, for New York; Perse, A. Colwell, from do for do; Abbie and Eva Hooper, from South Amboy for Bar Harbor; Carrie C Ware, from a Maine port for Bridgeport; Franconia, from Boston for Machias; Henrietta Simmons, from do for Portland; Lucia Porter, from Richmond, Va, for St. John, NB; George Pearl, from New York for do; Genevieve, from do for do; John G Walker, from do for Halifax.

EARLY CLOSING.

Commencing Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, the store of F. S. Thomas, the North End hatter and furrier, will close at 7 o'clock every evening Saturday excepted.

We wish to extend to our friends and patrons and the many readers of the "Star" Our Best Wishes For a Happy New Year.

We thank you for the very liberal patronage accorded us during the past year, and your help in making it a prosperous one. We promise better things for the year 1905, and shall endeavor with greater zeal to satisfy the wants of the public in our line of business than ever before. May the new year be kind, and when time shall harvest 1905, may all be here and able again to say

Happy New Year. HENDERSON & HUNT Fit-Reform Wardrobe, 40-42 KING ST. Opposite Royal Hotel.

FOR SATURDAY

Big reduction in all lines of fancy Furniture. Desks, Music Cabinets, Bookcases, Parlor Cabinets, Combination Desks and Bookcases, Fancy Chairs and Rockers. Everything reduced in price for Saturday. GEO. E. SMITH, 18 King St.

SITUATIONS VACANT. Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents. WANTED—An experienced kitchen girl, wages \$10.00 a month. Apply at once to CARVILL HALL, 71 Waterloo street. WANTED—A woman or a young girl to assist in general housework. Apply to MISS HANSON, Women's Exchange, 193 Charlotte street. GIRL WANTED—Wanted good girl for general work. Good wages. Apply MRS. D. P. FLANNERY, 39 Duke street. WANTED—A kitchen girl. Apply at once at GRAND UNION HOTEL. WANTED—A Bell Boy at DUFFERIN HOTEL. WANTED—Stenographer—Lady, capable in French and English. Address, with references, stating speed and salary required to X, care of this office. WANTED—An experienced man to canvass the city for a quick selling article. Large commission. Address C. E., care of Star office. WANTED—A traveller for the maritime provinces to carry a side line. No samples. One acquainted with the furniture trade preferred. Address C. E., care of Star office. WANTED—A housemaid. Apply to MRS. JAMES S. HARDING, 24 Germain street. WANTED—A cook and housemaid for the 4th of January. Apply to MRS. J. S. FROST, 49 Sydney street. WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. FAIRWEATHER, 69 Sewell street. WANTED—Two good lath sawyers and cook for mill and woods crew. Apply, stating wages required, to J. B. HETHERINGTON, Cods, N. B. WANTED—Respectable girl for general housework in small family. No washing. References required. Apply at 123 King street.

SITUATIONS WANTED. Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents. WANTED—By a young Bermudian, a situation as Bread Baker. Willing to do any inside work. Address J. W., care Star Office. WANTED—A situation by a young Bermudian, willing to do any indoors work. Carpenter by trade. Address R. G., care Star Office. WANTED—A situation by a first class practical baker in all lines. No objection to traveling. Apply to J. M., care Star Office. WANTED—Washing to be done at home, or go out by the day. Apply at MRS. B. DIMOCK, 66 Spring street, St. John.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE—At a bargain, a New Ash Pump. Apply to JOSEPH A. LIKELY, Timber Pond, Main street. FOR SALE—A pressure gauge, with fittings, for taking pressure on steam boilers or water pipes; also two steel squares. Apply at Star office. FOR SALE—One second-hand Gladstone sleigh, nearly new. Price & Shaw make, a snub. Also new ash pump. J. B. ANDREWS, Elm street North End.

ROOMS TO LET. Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents. ROOMS TO LET—With or without board, suitable for man and wife, or gentleman. Apply at 37 PETER ST. ROOMS TO LET—Large room in the McLean Building, 200 Union street, near Opera House, suitable for factory, meeting room, etc. Apply to H. A. ALDRON, 18 North Wharf. TO LET—Two large front rooms and one small room, with board. Apply at 30 Wellington Row.

TO LET. TO LET—Flat to let, unfurnished, 16 Exmouth street. New house, never occupied, eight rooms, bath room, hot and cold water, electric light. Apply ELOUIM & FERRIS, City Market. TO LET—A flat, 8 rooms, modern conveniences. Barn on premises which can always be sub-let. Apply on premises, No. 14 Castle street. TO LET—Flat to let, unfurnished, until next May, very cheap, at 48 Exmouth street. Self contained, hot and cold water. Apply ELOUIM & FERRIS, City Market. TO LET—A two story building, for work shop or warehouse, rear 175 Princess street. Apply to J. T. MCGOWAN, Princess street.

FOUND. FOUND—On Dec. 23rd, a pair of children's overshoes. Owner can have them by applying to W. F. TURNER, 66 Mill street. MILLINERY. COQUE FEATHERS, 15c, RIBBONS, all widths, 10c.; Wings and Birds in great variety. MISS FRYNE, 69 Broad street. MISCELLANEOUS. LADIES HAT FASTENERS does away with the use of hat pins. Will hold on firmly; always ready for use. Sample to any address on receipt of 25c. Lady canvassers. Wanted, MERCANTILE AGENCY, 74 Stanley street, St. John, N. B. CHILDREN OR INFANTS BOARD. Excellent care. Terms \$3 monthly. Address MRS. S., Star Office. BOYS, GIRLS—WE PAY CASH—We want boys and girls to sell our household specialties. Any bright boy or girl can earn \$6 weekly after school. We will furnish you permanent work. Address MERCANTILE AGENCY, 74 Stanley street, St. John, N. B. LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S Calling Cards, 100 for 75c. SUN OFFICE, 21 Canterbury street. SKATE SHARPENING—Satisfaction guaranteed. Tubular skates a specialty. JOHN ROBERTSON, 111 Princess street. SKATE SHARPENING—Fifty years' experience. R. WOTTRICH, 254 Union street. SKATE SHARPENING—Manufacturer of Tubular, Racing and Hockey Skates. R. D. COLES, 101 Charlotte street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Thomas J. Hart, thirty-seven years old, of No. 7 South Elliott place, Brooklyn, was arraigned in the Tombs Court yesterday on a charge of insanity, made by his brother, Edward Hart, of the same address. The brothers are coffee brokers, with offices in the Coffee Exchange Building. The complainant asked that his brother be committed to Bellevue for examination. He told the magistrate that the chief evidence that Thomas was mentally unbalanced was that whenever he heard a trolley car bell he would declare that the conductor and motorman were circulating stories about him. "I want to say," interrupted the defendant, "that I want to marry a certain girl and that my brother is in love with her. That's all the symptoms of insanity I have. I'd marry the girl in a minute if she'd have me. If that's insanity I'm probably insane. But that's all." "Why, Judge," declared the other brother, "she doesn't even know him, and he doesn't know her. He has only seen her from his office window, in another office, and is infatuated with her." "Well," remarked the court, "if falling in love is a sign of insanity I guess we're pretty much all insane. If you love the girl go ahead and do your best to win her. That's what you've got to do." Magistrate Breen then said he would not hold Hart on the insanity charge. He advised the complainant to take the case to the Supreme Court as the proper tribunal, and Edward Hart said he would do so. The defendant was then discharged. Edward Hart was seen last night at his home. "I will say nothing," he declared, "further than that the case was dismissed and everything is dropped. There is nothing more to it." "Is it true that your brother is insane?" "No, it is not. There is nothing more to be said about it."

AT THE BIG FIRE SALE!

The best bargains are now coming to the front. The goods we now offer are not damaged at all, the only visible damage is in the price.

The Whole Stock Must Go! The Prices Will Do the Trick!

Table listing various clothing items and their prices, such as Ladies' Wool Fleece Underclothing (35 Cents), Fleece Shirts and Drawers for men (35c), Men's Black and Striped Sateen Shirts (38c), etc.

Every lady should see our Costumes and Coats. All this season's work No one can afford to miss this great chance to save dollars. First come first served.

The Sale Will Continue for Ten Days More at Least.

WILCOX BROTHERS, 1 and 2 Market Square, 54 to 58 Dock Street.

Provincial Finances Statement of Receipts and Expenditure Appears in Royal Gazette Today. The following appears in today's issue of the Royal Gazette: EXPENDITURE. Administration of Justice \$19,123.39, Agriculture 27,216.24, Auditor general 2,500.00, Agent general (London) 1,800.00, Boys' Industrial Home 1,300.00, Champlain tenantry 2,900.00, Contingencies 18,298.75, Deaf and Dumb Institution 210.00, Education 204,748.25, Ex. University building 1,000.00, Elections 72.40, Executive government 21,022.80, Exhibitions (provincial) 1,005.14, Fisheries protection 2,382.84, Free grants 1,220.00, Forest protection 1,078.88, Factory commission 600.00, Game protection 11,807.38, Health, public 1,005.14, Health, hospitals 9,000.00, Health, smallpox 17,087.48, Historical Society 125.00, Immigration 1,461.89, Interest 151,986.30, Legislative assembly 9,779.80, Mining 200.00, Natural History societies 84,886.43, Provincial hospital 12,800.25, Public printing 218,255.00, Refund crown lands 1,017.00, Revision statutes 75,915.87, Revisors 1,747.48, Surveys and inspection 2,092.69, Stumpage collection 10,708.70, Succession duties collection 1903 and prior 1,512.41, do 1904 1,036.71, Superannuation 900.00, Tourists Associations 2,600.00, Unforeseen expenses 6,598.90, \$55,467.07, Beersville R. R. deposit paid, 4,000.00, Baker Brook property purchase 5,500.00, \$69,463.97.

BIG COTTON MERGER. Last Important Link Adjusted Yesterday. MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—The last important link in the big cotton merger was adjusted today, when the directors of the Merchants' Cotton Co. and their counsel met the representatives of the syndicate at the head of the merger project. Settlement had already been reached with three other companies concerned. The first action will be to send out circulars to the shareholders of the different companies notifying them of the basis on which their stock will be taken by the new syndicate. The basis it was officially stated, will be the receipts and expenditure of the company's shareholders getting 100 cents on the dollar; the Merchants' Cotton Co., which was regarded as the strongest cotton company, will receive 85 cents on the dollar, and the Dominion cotton and Montmorency cotton will get about 60 cents on the dollar. The entire big transaction is put through without there being a dollar in cash paid to any shareholders, payments being entirely in bonds and preferred stock of the new company.

OTTAWA MAYOR Has Entered Action Against Ex-Mayor Morris. OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 29.—The latest development in the matter of the majority campaign now in progress in this city took place this afternoon, when Mayor Ellis caused a writ to be issued against his opponent, ex-Mayor Morris, for \$10,000 damages for slander, being the outcome of the charge made by Morris that Mayor Ellis had projected the Chaudiere gambling club against police interference. Great excitement prevails in the city. A letter received in Ottawa today states that Tom James' Suberland is greatly improved in health. It is doubtful, however, whether he will return to Ottawa until late in the season. The militia council has approved of the formation of the new permanent corps for the territories to be known as the Strathcona Horse. Lt. Colonel George Cameron of Montreal, who visited Ireland recently, and learned there that Michael Condon of Melbourne, Australia, had died two years ago, leaving \$1,500,000 still unclaimed. Mrs. Madden of Ville Saint Paul, her cousin in Ireland and another in Philadelphia, are sole heirs to the estate. Nothing further has been heard by Mrs. Madden of her fortune since the announcement last week from her cousin, who is taking the necessary steps in the matter.

ADMIRAL KAZNAKOFF. Members of the International Commission Wondering Why He Has Been Called. PARIS, Dec. 29.—The members of the international commission on the North Sea incident were surprised today to hear that Admiral Kaznakoff, the Russian member, has been recalled. The despatch from St. Petersburg announcing his recall was laid before Admiral Kaznakoff tonight, but he said he must decline to discuss the matter. A member of the Russian delegation expressed surprise at Vice Admiral Doubasoff replacing Admiral Kaznakoff. He said he had been aware that Doubasoff was coming to Paris to confer with the French minister of marine, and therefore if the news of Kaznakoff's recall was true it probably was because Emperor Nicholas, having more important duties for Admiral Kaznakoff at St. Petersburg, had instructed Vice Admiral Doubasoff to combine the two missions, conferring with the minister and sitting on the North Sea commission. The retirement of Admiral Kaznakoff causes much comment here. It is conjectured that it is due to renewed naval activity in Russia in connection with the possible despatch of a third squadron to the Far East, as Kaznakoff ranks as a full admiral and therefore has seniority over Skrydloff and Rojstevskiy, commanders of the first and second Pacific squadrons. It is also suggested that Great Britain and the other governments having vice or rear admirals to sit on the commission, Russia deems it not necessary that she should be represented by an officer of the highest rank. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—Admiral Kaznakoff is returning because of ill-health. It seems not yet determined absolutely whether he will be permitted to continue as a member of the commission. At the admiralty the news of his breakdown did not cause surprise, it being feared when he was appointed that he could not support the strain.

RAISE SHOE PRICES. This Action Was Taken at Meeting of Manufacturers. BOSTON, Dec. 29.—One of the largest meetings of shoe manufacturers ever held here took place in the rooms of the New England Shoes and Leather Association. Nearly all of the leading manufacturers in New England were represented. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the recent advance in leather and other materials that go to make up the shoes. The following declaration was adopted and signed by those present: "In view of the extreme advance in the prices of practically all materials that are used in the manufacture of shoes and the present small margin of profit it is declared to be the sentiment of this meeting of shoe manufacturers of New England that a radical advance in the selling price of shoes is an absolute necessity to the welfare of the trade, and that such an advance is as necessary to the jobber and retailer as to the manufacturer."

MONCTON FIRE Destroyed Valuable Property Last Night. MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 29.—One of the most stubborn fires the Moncton department has had to fight in recent years broke out at eight o'clock tonight in B. C. Peters' music store, the building was occupied by Peters, Geo. Younger, dry goods; the Strathcona Coal Co.'s office, C. A. Steves as a law office and Alonzo Wilband as a dwelling. The building, which was owned by Mr. Steves, is a total loss, and the W. C. T. Union building attached, was also damaged to the extent of a thousand dollars or more. A stiff breeze was blowing and it was only by excellent water supply and two hours' hard work that the fire was got under control. When the first alarm was given great clouds of smoke were issuing from all parts of Peters' music store, which made it extremely difficult to get at the seat of the fire. All the buildings in this vicinity are of wood and many times during the progress of the fire it was thought the entire block would go. The losses and insurance are: C. A. Steves, on the building, \$3,000 to \$4,000 insurance; \$1,500 in Canadian Fire, Mr. Steves lost a thousand dollars' worth of office contents, no insurance. The W. C. T. Union building loss, a thousand to fifteen hundred, insured for \$1,500. Contents, including a piano, insured for \$500; loss covered. George Younger's dry goods stock was mostly saved in a damaged condition, and was insured for \$1,000 in the Equity; loss covered. B. C. Peters, music, loss \$1,000, was insured for \$600. Frank Thompson, jeweller, who occupied one of the stores in the W. C. T. Union building, had \$1,000 insurance, but only a slight loss in the removal of his stock. J. W. Whitehead, tailor, who occupied the other store in this building, also got his stock out safely. Alonzo Wilband, who occupied the upper part of the Steves' building, as a dwelling, lost nearly all the furniture, no insurance. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp in a dark room used by Mr. Peters for developing photographs. Mr. Peters was quite badly burned. While No. 1 hose cart was going to the fire it ran over a man named Rogers, who was quite seriously injured, though no bones were broken. For quick and tangible results my experience has taught me that the daily paper, considering its cost, is the best for advertising most valuable goods.—J. E. Sullivan, American Bicycle Co., N. Y.

INHERITS LARGE FORTUNE. Lady Believes Rich Uncle Dead in Australia. MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—By the death of an unmarried uncle in Australia, Mrs. James Madden, wife of a stomacher at Ville Saint Paul, expects to inherit a large fortune. A cousin of Mrs. Madden, living in Rutland, Vt., visited Ireland recently, and learned there that Michael Condon of Melbourne, Australia, had died two years ago, leaving \$1,500,000 still unclaimed. Mrs. Madden of Ville Saint Paul, her cousin in Ireland and another in Philadelphia, are sole heirs to the estate. Nothing further has been heard by Mrs. Madden of her fortune since the announcement last week from her cousin, who is taking the necessary steps in the matter.

THREE YEARS' CONTRACT Between Dominion Coal Co. and P. W. A. Concluded. HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 29.—The three years' contract between the Dominion Coal Company and the P. W. A. was finally agreed on tonight. The men from the mainland are opposed to the contract, because one of its clauses permits the Dominion Coal Co. to sell coal whenever and wherever it wishes, thus permitting it to fill the orders for the mainland companies in the case of a strike there and preventing a sympathetic strike, but the signing binds the P. W. A., irrespective of what the individual lodge may say. The company will now be in a position to make arrangements for the renewal of all their long term contracts and also for the extension of their output to the Ontario markets.

MRS. O'MAHONEY DEAD. Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahoney, widow of the late Michael O'Mahoney of this city, died yesterday at the home of her niece, Miss Moriarty, of Douglas avenue. Mrs. O'Mahoney was the youngest daughter of the late James Ferriter of north end. Her husband was Squire O'Mahoney of Sand Point, who for several terms represented the old city of Portland in the common council. He has been dead about four years. Since that time Mrs. O'Mahoney has lived with her niece on Douglas avenue. She leaves no family. To cure Headache in ten minutes use Kumfort Headache Powder, 10 cents.

MINERS SIGN LONG CONTRACT. SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 29.—It was officially announced tonight that the miners had given their assent to the terms of the three years contract proposed by the Dominion Coal Company a few weeks ago. The contract affects all the employees of the company in and about the mines. It is now expected that as a result of this understanding the company will be in a position to renew all its long term contracts and enter into negotiations with the Dominion government looking for an extension of their output to Ontario markets.

PARENT MAY RETURN. QUEBEC, Dec. 29.—The different opinions of Mr. Parent, who had interviewed with Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday, all express themselves as satisfied with their visit. It is now rumored here that under the present state of things and owing also to fatigue and weariness, the premier of Quebec will resign in a few days to take Mr. Brunet's place on the transcontinental railway commission. Mr. Brunet, in his turn, will accept Mr. Parent's position on the Grand Trunk Pacific directors.

GOING TO AFRICA. W. E. Mallory of St. Andrews is at the Dufferin. Mr. Mallory will leave this week for South Africa, where he hopes to find the climate conducive to his health, which has not been good for some time. He intends to locate in Pretoria, where he has a brother, who went with the Canadian troops during the Boer war, and has remained to engage in railroading, in which field of endeavor he has met with considerable success. Mr. Mallory expects to remain in South Africa permanently.

