

OUR BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

POLICE AND MERCURY PREVENTED DISORDER

Bluecoats and Falling Temperature Kept New Year's Eve Crowds Quiet.

T. JOHN USHERED 1914 IN WITH DECORUM. Chief Clark Had Good System Outlined and it Worked Well—One False Alarm and Some Broken Windows.

The prolonged waiting of steam whistles and the solemn tolling of bells marked the passing of the year 1913 in St. John, but hardly had the year run its course than the bells and whistles took on a more joyous tone and the young year was given a hearty reception by the citizens of Canada's winter port.

The usual crowd assembled in King square, but the presence of squads of police and the chill in the atmosphere seemed to have a dampening effect on the spirits of the crowd and the assembly broke up without causing any trouble, aside from breaking a few windows.

The police had arranged their plans well and the extra men placed in positions of advantage around King square, kept the crowd on the move from the time it started to collect. No clash between the police and members of the assembly occurred, but after the main gathering had dispersed, isolated gangs broke several windows, and the damage was slight.

One false fire alarm was rung in from box 152 by some of those celebrating the birth of another year.

WANT NORWAY POTATOES INTO STATES FREE

Norwegian Minister Argues that Tubers from His Country Should Not be Taxed Under New U. S. Tariff.

Washington, Dec. 31.—H. N. Bryan, Norwegian minister here, called today upon Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture and Assistant Secretary Hamlin of the treasury department, to urge that potatoes from Norway be placed on the free list.

HONOR FOR MEMBER FROM YORK COUNTY

Expected at Ottawa that Hon. H. F. McLeod will Move Address in Reply to Speech from the Throne.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.—It is expected that Hon. H. F. McLeod is elected to day by acclamation in York N. B., will be chosen to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of the coming parliament session.

CHAMPAGNE FLOWED FREELY IN CHICAGO

Horns, Confetti and Ticklers Tabooed, But People Found Other Ways of Celebrating Advent of New Year.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—With a "sane" New Year's celebration, the police, \$250,000 flood of champagne turned on by the big restaurants, and a watch night service in almost every church, Chicagoans had their choice of celebrations. Horns, confetti and ticklers were forbidden by Mayor Harrison, but the street crowds had plenty of noise producers and were not noticeably subdued by the regulations.

ITALIANS IN ARABS IN FIGHT.

Tripoli, Dec. 31.—Advices were received today of a battle in the neighborhood of Muzak, capital of Fezzan. A column of Italian and native troops completely routed the Arabs after five hours of fierce fighting. The Arab leader, Mohammed Ben Abdallah, the chief opponent of Italian rule, and several other notables were killed. The Italians lost eighteen killed and seventy-five wounded.

PREMIER AND MRS. FLEMING HOSTS AT BANQUET TO THE CIVIL SERVICE OFFICIALS

Delightful Function at Barker House—Attended by Over Sixty.

HOW DEPARTMENTS WORK HAS GROWN.

Past Few Years Have Shown Wonderful Increase in Volume of Work Necessitating Larger Staff.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 31.—One of the most pleasant observations of the holiday season in Fredericton was the dinner tonight in the Barker House when Premier and Mrs. J. K. Fleming were hosts to the members of the Civil Service.

There were about 60 guests in attendance including about 18 ladies. A full course dinner was served in the Barker House, best style, and the table was splendidly decorated in honor of the occasion. An orchestra was in attendance.

SOME THINGS THE OCCASION BRINGS TO OUR MEMORY

Gilpeas celebrate New Year on the first full moon after St. John's Day, which falls on December 27th.

The Russian New Year will be celebrated on Jan. 14th, which marks the beginning of the year 8023 A. M.

The "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street," the Bank of England, celebrates its birthday on New Year's Day, having been opened Jan. 1, 1695.

The Chinese, having adopted the modern calendar, will celebrate New Year's Day on the orthodox date, but they still cling to their primitive notion that all debts must be paid on or before New Year's Eve.

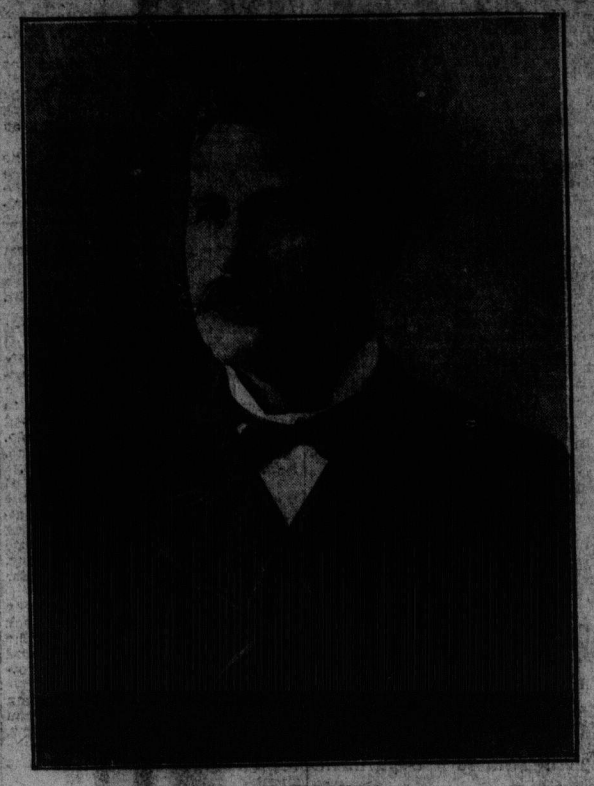
The ancient Egyptians, Persians, Chaldeans, Phoenicians, Syrians and Carthaginians each began their year at the Autumnal equinox, about September 22.

Among the ancient Greeks New Year's day was first celebrated on December 22, and later on June 22.

The Latin Christian nations had seven different New Year's days—January 1, March 1, March 25, Easter, and two variable dates.

In England, from the fourteenth century until the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1752, the legal and ecclesiastical year began on March 25.

The twenty-second of September was the New Year's day in the French revolutionary calendar.



HON. J. K. FLEMING.

BRITISH SCHOOER CHESLIE PICKED UP

Wrecked in Gulf of Mexico on Christmas Day—Revenue Cutter Towing Her to Key West.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The British schooner Cheslie, wrecked in the storm which swept the Gulf of Mexico, on Christmas day, was picked up late last night off the Tortugas by the revenue cutter Miami. Reports today to Capt. Eberhart at revenue cutter headquarters, say the Miami is towing the wreck to Key West. The Cheslie is

MOTHER AND SON DEAD IN SAME HOUSE

Mrs. Lavina Dickson Dies Within Few Hours After Her Son—An Old Resident of Hopewell Cape.

Hopewell Cape, Dec. 31.—While the body of her son lay dead in the house prepared for burial, Lavina Dickson, widow of the late James E. Dickson, died today at her home, Hopewell Cape. The deceased passed away at an early hour this morning. She was 88 years old and an old resident of Hopewell Cape.

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HON. GEO. WITMAN DEAD, NINETY YEARS OLD

Annapolis, N. S., Dec. 31.—Hon. George Whitman, one of the oldest and most respected residents of the community, died at his home at Round Hill early today, aged ninety years.

WALKING TRIP FROM WINNIPEG TO HALIFAX

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 31.—William C. Browne, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who recently walked on a wager from Providence, R. I., to Winnipeg, passed through the Soo today on another 2,000 mile walk from Winnipeg to Halifax. He carried with him a letter from the Mayor's office in the city of Winnipeg to the United States consul here, and also a letter of introduction to the Mayor of Halifax. He wears his regimental uniform and a fur cap, on the front of which is a silver crest of the Winnipeg coat of arms.

GETTING INTO TOUCH WITH THE TRADE

Minister of Commerce Appoints Travelling Commissioner—Will Visit West Indies—Canadian Manufacturers Will Be Visited.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 31.—To bring into closer touch consumers of outside countries with producers in Canada, the Minister of Trade and Commerce has appointed Mr. Watson Griffin, a Montreal journalist, as a special travelling trade commissioner.

Mr. Griffin leaves tomorrow on such a tour of the West Indies.

Since taking office, the Hon. G. E. Foster has been directing his efforts to the promotion of Canadian trade by his means. The reports of British consuls and trade commissioners bring into the department much information but the problem has to be solved of disseminating this information to the weekly report is very useful but its circulation is not large.

The aim of the minister is to make it a live publication which will have a large circulation and be extensively read by the newspaper press. He also sends trade commissioners will make tours of Canada to widen their knowledge of the country and come into close personal contact with Canadian manufacturers.

The appointment of Mr. Griffin who has had an extensive experience is designed to represent conditions abroad to Canadian business men to gather data and prepare regular reports and articles representing the possibilities of Canadian trade outside of Canada. It is intended to put additional energy to the publicity side of the department.

SITUATION IN MONTREAL IS STILL SERIOUS

Water Famine Likely to Last Until Friday—Citizens Up in Arms Against the Authorities.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—It was announced by Mayor Lavallee and Controller Lachapelle today at the conclusion of a conference with a delegation of Montreal business men representing the Board of Trade and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association that preparations were being made to let water into the old aqueduct in case there was further delay in getting water to the residents of the city by the present method of repairs.

While work on the conduit was pushed to its utmost throughout the day little hope was held out that the city water famine would end before Friday noon.

Citizens and business men are thoroughly aroused at the failure of the authorities to get a firm grip on the situation and drastic developments may be expected at any time.

In case the water is let into the old aqueduct the city will be supplied but the water will not be fit to drink, neither will it serve for cooking as it will be highly contaminated. Those who desire the opening of the old aqueduct argue, however, that it will be water anyway.

THE NEW YEAR

- A flower unblown; a book unread;
- A tree with fruit unharvested;
- A path untrod, a house whose rooms
- Lack yet the heart's divine perfume;
- A landscape whose wide border
- Is silent; a shadow 'neath silent skies;
- A wondrous fountain yet unsealed;
- A casket with its gift concealed;
- This is the year that for you waits
- Beyond the future's mystic gates.
- Horatio Nelson Packer

List This Year Lengthy and Includes Five Peers

COMMERCIAL LIFE WELL REPRESENTED.

Henry Kelly Egan, of Ottawa, a Knight Bachelor—Ex-Ambassador James Bryce Becomes a Viscount.

London, Dec. 31.—The New Year's honours list is an unusually long one. It comprises five peerages, fifty knighthoods, and an enormous number of decorations and promotions to the various orders in the home, Indian, colonial and civil services.

The single appointment to the Order of Merit goes to Sir Archibald Gelkie, ex-president of the Royal Society. Literature and the arts are rather conspicuously neglected, the only noticeable names being James Bryce, the former British ambassador at Washington, who becomes a Viscount, Sir Archibald Gelkie, Owen Seaman, editor of Punch, and Ernest Rutherford, director of the Physical Laboratories of the University of Manchester, and a writer on physical and philosophical subjects, who is knighted.

Commerce is largely represented, and there are rewards for political service, as well as numerous distinctions for naval and military men.

The following names of Canadians appear among the New Year's honours: The official list of which will be published tomorrow: Knights Commanders of St. Michael and St. George: His Honor, Sir Francis Charles Stanislaus Langelier, Lieutenant-governor of the Province of Quebec; His Honor Douglas Cameron, Lieutenant-governor of the Province of Manitoba.

Commanders of St. Michael and St. George: Chas. Jerome Jones, Esq., I. S. O., assistant secretary to the Governor-General of Canada; Aubrey White, Esq., Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, Ontario.

Knights Bachelors: Hon. Horace Archambault, Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, Quebec; Harry Kelly Egan, Esq., Ottawa.

In addition to the Canadian list, ex-Ambassador James Bryce is made a Viscount; Sir Rufus Isaacs, the new British Lord Chief Justice; Alexander Ure, Lord President of the Scotch Court of Session; Sir Charles Cripp, Unionist member of parliament for Buckinghamshire, and Sir Harold Harnsworth, a brother of Lord Northcliffe, are raised to the peerage.

Courtenay Walter Bennet, British consul general at New York, also was created a knight.

Sir Gerard Augustus Loewher, recently ambassador at Constantinople, is created a baronet, and Owen Seaman, editor of Punch, since 1906, is knighted.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Henry Kelly Egan, whose name appears in the list of New Year's honours, is one of the capital's most prominent and wealthy citizens and comes of an old Bytown family.

He is a son of the late John Egan, a native of Lisfahane, County Galway, Ireland, who represented Ottawa and Pontiac counties successively in the Canadian assembly 1848-57.

Born at Aylmer, Quebec, January 15, 1848, Sir Henry was educated at the Montreal High School. He is now managing director of the Hawkesbury Lumbar Company, a director of the Bank of Ottawa, British-Canadian Bank Note Company, and the Ottawa and Montreal Transmission Company. A Conservative in politics, Sir Henry has several times declined nomination for the house of commons. He is a member of the Ottawa Improvement Committee. Sir Henry has always taken a great interest in charitable and social work, and is a live member of the County of Carleton general hospital, a Governor of St. Luke's Hospital, a life director of the Old Men's Home, a director of the Country Club, member of executive committee, Royal Ottawa Golf Club, and a member of the Ottawa Hunt Club and Rideau Club.

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THE NEW YEAR.

Since The Standard last greeted its readers there has been another turning of the glass of time, and this morning we arise to face the duties and responsibilities, the privileges and opportunities of a new year. During the hours of the night the Regulator of the Universe has provided us with a new sheet on which to write the record of our lives. Let it be a fair record, so that when we next awaken upon a New Year's Day we shall not be ashamed of what has gone before.

Whatever the past year may have meant to us, in happiness, in sorrow, in achievement, in disappointment, or in sorrow, it is now made its dead history except insofar as we may profit from its lessons. But the New Year that dawns today is a living vital issue. Let us begin it right and with the sponge of forgiveness wipe clean the slate of our hearts of every unkind thought, of every petty grudge. Let us start with a good word and kind thought for everyone. It is not necessary to kiss the hand that smote us, but at least let us grasp that hand with cordial good feeling and let the vital current of our own resolves find its connection of fellowship which often exists where we think it not. Let us be strong; strong in the purpose to do something in the coming twelve months that will make us and our neighbors better and happier.

There is a beautiful custom in Germany, which might well be copied in every country under the sun. On New Year's morning, whatever may have been the quarrels or differences between friends or neighbors, visits are exchanged, kindly greetings given and old scores overlooked so the community may start anew. The German spirit is worthy of emulation in this year of grace 1914.

The year beginning today holds much for every one of us, much in friendship and love, much in service and opportunity. Let us promise ourselves on its first day that we will make it the very best year of our lives. Then in truth will we realize the full meaning of the wish which will be exchanged on every hand—A Happy New Year.

THE PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

It is a most acceptable New Year's gift that the government of New Brunswick present to the people to-day, in the form of the largest ordinary revenue in the history of the province. The statement of the year's accounts, published yesterday in The Royal Gazette, shows that in all departments of revenue the returns give tangible proof that New Brunswick is entering upon a period of prosperity, such as the most sanguine of twenty or even ten years ago would hardly have forecasted.

Since the accession of power, in 1908, of the government, headed by Hon. J. D. Hazen, and now successfully carried on by Hon. J. K. Flemming, the provincial revenues on ordinary account have grown steadily. The extent of this development can be realized from the following comparative statement of the current revenues from 1909 to date:

1909	\$1,259,826.89
1910	1,324,440.05
1911	1,347,072.95
1912	1,417,722.17
1913	1,459,122.22

From the foregoing it can be seen that the revenues on ordinary account have been increased to the extent of \$199,295.33 since the year 1909—surely a most commendable record of honest collection of the public monies on the part of the government led by Hon. Mr. Flemming.

Critics of the government, unacquainted with the facts, may be inclined to leap to the conclusion that the resources of the province, our great public domain, have been unduly exhausted to produce the larger revenue, and that the government, in order to make a good showing during their term of office, are improperly drawing upon the natural resources which should be held in trust for those who come after us.

The most effective reply to such critics is to point out that the territorial revenue collected during the last year was less in its total than either of the two preceding years. The comparative statement of revenue from this source is as follows:

1909	\$395,283.58
1910	494,491.64
1911	528,439.04
1912	522,399.66
1913	501,554.05

This statement shows that there has been no undue draft upon the public domain in an effort to make a record in revenue production.

The expenditures have kept pace with the revenues; there has been no attempt on the part of the government to make a favorable showing by stinting the great public services, all of which have been well looked after.

The record of ordinary expenditures is as follows:

1909	\$1,255,381.92
1910	1,317,876.42
1911	1,403,546.85
1912	1,409,049.38
1913	1,446,962.54

It will thus be seen that in no case was there any disposition to carry economical administration to the lengths of neglect of those services which the people have the right to demand should be maintained at the very best standard. Travellers through the Province of New Brunswick agree that the roads of the province have been in better condition since the advent of the Hazen-Flemming government than at any previous period in the history of New Brunswick. The bridges have been well cared for, ample grants have been made to education and agriculture, and, in fact, in every department the affairs of this province have been administered with due regard to our future development.

It is natural for people to judge the management either of a private, or public, business by its ability to make its income meet the necessities of its upkeep, and still maintain a surplus. In this test the government deserves much credit for the showing during the past year. The returns printed yesterday show a surplus of ordinary revenue over ordinary expenditure of \$12,159.68. Compared with the other years since the government has been in power this shows as follows:

1909	\$4,444.57
1910	6,563.63
1911	56,462.80
1912	\$8,727.30
1913	12,159.68

From this it will be seen that the surplus on ordinary account for the past year has been greater than in any year, with the exception of 1911, when it rose to extraordinary proportions.

Taken in all, the government have every reason to feel well satisfied with the showing of 1913. There has been complaint from many quarters in Canada of financial depression and a consequent curtailment of plans and reduction of expected surpluses, but this has not applied to New Brunswick. While the members of the government can today congratulate themselves on good work well done, the people of the province have no less reason to feel proud that they have in authority at Fredericton an administration which will conduct the affairs of the province in the future as in the year just closed—with honesty and business sagacity.

The Standard, on behalf of its readers and itself, cordially extends to Premier Flemming and his cabinet, the very best wishes for a Happy New Year.

THE CHALLENGE UNANSWERED

Members of the great Liberal party who have been fond of telling themselves and their friends of the direful things the electorate of Canada would do to the Borden naval policy when they had an opportunity to pronounce upon it, can not be greatly encouraged by the result of the bye-election in York county yesterday. Hon. H. F. McLeod was returned by acclamation as a supporter of the Borden government.

Coming so soon after the fiasco in South Lanark, the result in York must be disheartening to the Liberals. It was the first challenge of the government to test public opinion in this province and that challenge was allowed to pass. Liberal newspapers have been loud in their expressions of confidence that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would sweep the country at the next election and that, in every constituency the voters were but waiting the chance to hurl the "intoxicant Tories" from office. Yet when an opportunity to test their strength is given them, just after their leader has expounded what Liberal party papers declare will be the most popular policy of a decade, the followers of that leader cannot muster up sufficient courage to place a candidate in the field. Mr. Borden has no cause to worry.

Aside from a few broken windows there was no disorder in St. John last night and for this happy condition of affairs much credit is due to the police force. Guided by the unpleasant experiences of past New Year's Eves, Chief Clark had his men ready for any emergencies that might have arisen and the really excellent police protection was the subject of favorable comment. There is a general tendency to criticize the police of every city. It is a pleasure to be able to compliment the St. John police force today.

More than 1,500,000 Canadian cattle have been sent across the United States border since September 1. According to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's free food policy as soon as the Canadian tariff on food stuffs is lowered these cattle will all come trooping back again and thus help to lower the cost of living. Why certainly! In fact we have a vague suspicion they are only waiting for the word.

Don't forget to write it 1914.

Diary of Events

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

Sir Frederick Phillips Robinson, who was commander-in-chief of the troops of Upper Canada during the war of 1812, and Governor of the Upper Province in 1815-1816, died at Brighton, England, sixty-two years ago today.

Sir John Morgan Gibson was born in Peel County, Ont., seventy-one years ago today. He is the University of Toronto he won several medals. He was an expert shot, and won the Prince of Wales' prize in 1879, and was captain of the Wimbledon team in 1881. For fourteen years he was president of the Dominion Rifle Association, as well as an officer of several regiments. He became Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario in 1909, and was knighted a few years later.

January 1 is the birthday of Thomas Wilson Crothers, barrister and Minister of Labour in the Borden cabinet, 1850; Stephen Vincent Ryan, Catholic churchman and bishop of Buffalo, near Almonte, Upper Canada, 1825; Dr. J. D. Reid, Minister of Customs in the Borden government, 1858; John Christian Schultz, Manitoba pioneer and Lieutenant-governor, at Amherstburg, Ont., 1840; Philip Danken Ross, founder and editor of Ottawa Journal, 1858; and Arthur Deacon, actor, at Seaford, Ont., 1873.

TH HUMAN PROCESSION

BROTHER OF MOON 34 TODAY.
Mr. Cornelius McGillicuddy, of Philadelphia, is sometimes referred to as the High and Mighty Mahout of the White Elephants, but this is in fringement on a prior claim to that title. Chowfa Maha Valiravudh is the original and official Lord of the White Elephants, as well as being the Brother of Moon, Possessor of Four and Twenty Golden Umbrellas, and King of Siam. The young monarch of the Siam country, under which came the famous twins and Barnum's famous white elephant—for which, incidentally, Barnum paid the present King's father \$20,000, and was gloriously humbugged by the wily Oriental potentate—the young monarch, to resume, was born on the first day of January 1880, and will hence be thirty-four today. Valiravudh was crowned as just two years ago today, although he succeeded to the throne on October 23, 1910, when his father, Chulalongkorn I, was called to his reward.

The youthful monarch of Siam is a modernist in every sense of the word, although he clings to many ancient customs of his country for the purpose of outward show and regal pomp. He is one of the most popular rulers in Siam's long history. His greatest ambition, it is alleged, is to marry an American woman. While undergoing an educational process in England he met many English and American women, and while he admired the British ladies, he was fairly infatuated with the Americans. It is alleged that he has steadfastly refused to live up to family traditions by marrying his cousin, in the hope that he may win a Yankee bride. For the benefit of the applicant, it is stated that his address is His Royal Highness Chowfa Maha Valiravudh, The Palace Bangkok, Siam. The King has a countenance distinctly oriental, but is of handsome of his type, and he wears a most resplendent uniform. His bride won't have to ride about on elephants, unless she is as fond of the animal as the King maintains a large stable of blooded horses and a flock of automobiles of the very latest make. He is an enthusiastic motorist, and often drives his own car. He also writes poetry and prose, his first literary effort, published in England a decade ago, having been a historical work bearing the title "The White Elephant Succession." In religion he is a Buddhist, and Buddhism is the state religion of Siam. The King is very much interested in the drama, and is president of a dramatic association which produces Siamese versions of Siam. Some of the latter were written by the late Mr. H. G. Wells, and he acted as an actor. He is an earnest advocate of railway transportation, and during his reign many new lines have been opened in Siam. He speaks English and French fluently, as well as his native tongue. His Majesty was educated at Sandhurst Military Academy in England, and is a Lieutenant. For a time he was lieutenant of an English regiment.

Roy W. Howard, manager and chairman of that board of directors of the United Press Association, will celebrate his thirtieth birthday today. Despite his extreme youth, he is the head of what is, next to the Associated Press, the greatest news-gathering organization in America. He began his newspaper career as a reporter on the Indianapolis News, and later was prominent in the Indianapolis sporting editor of the Indianapolis News. In 1909 he went to New York as correspondent of the Scripps-McRae League, one of the predecessors of the United Press. By rapid successive promotions, he won his way to the head of the great amalgamated news concern. It is probably not too much to say that no man who has led his own way to make his name in American journalism in so brief a period.

FIRST THINGS

LONDON TIMES.

The first number of the London Times, considered by many of the world's most influential newspapers, was issued 126 years ago today, Jan. 1, 1788. The ancient "Thunderer" is now controlled by Baron Northcliffe, the proprietor of several other London newspapers, and under his management has lost little of its old conservatism. President Wilson said not long ago that he depended upon the London Times for his world news, and that it was one of the few papers he read regularly. The Times will celebrate this year the centenary of its adoption of steam power to open its presses. It was the first newspaper printed by steam, and the innovation was vigorously denounced by the pressmen of 1814, many of whom were thrown out of employment. The Times was the successor of a newspaper called the "Daily Universal Register," founded in 1785 by John Walter. Three years later the present name was adopted. In 1803, when Mr. Walter retired, the Times had a circulation of less than a thousand. Dr. Stoddard, called Dr. Stoddard (Moore), Thomas Barnes, J. T. Delane, and Edward Stirling were other early editors of the great London paper. It was the powerful influence of Stirling that gained for the Times the name of "The Thunderer."

IN LIGHTER VEIN

AND HE DID



Settled



Settled

Husband: You can put this down as settled, if I ever get out of it you will never catch me in matrimony again.
Wife: You won't if you depend on me for reference.

Unexpected Laurels

"This is the end of my social career," moaned Regy de Bacchus, sitting up in bed the morning after. "I drank too much last night at the ball and staggered into everybody."
"Ardy, sir, ardy," murmured his valet, apologetically. "Hevry one's praising you for inventing a new dance."

Needless Expense

Young Sandy returned home from the fair with a barometer which he had purchased and which he showed to his mother with much pride, explaining that it was "a machine for telling when it's gawn to rain."
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New York's Beauty

"Mandy, what did your husband say about the scenery of New York city and its environs?"
"Nothing; all he talked about was the awfulness of the styles of dress the women wore."

Do you think that the new motor delivery business will ever displace the postman?

"The postman" asked the conventional young man, when crossing the street, of his companion. "Certain to if it ever hits him."

Where James Scored

James, four years old, had been naughty to the point of evoking a whipping from his long-suffering mother, and all day long a desire for revenge ranked in his little bosom.

At length bedtime came, and kneeling before her, he implored a blessing for each member of the family individually, she alone being conspicuous by her absence. Then, rising from his devout posture, the little suppliant fixed a keenly triumphant look upon her face, saying, as he turned to climb into bed: "I s'pose you noticed you wasn't in it?"

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ASSOCIATION

Those in New York will Attempt to Interest American Capital in their Country.

New York, Dec. 31.—With a view to advancing the interests of their country, prominent Colombians in New York will next Saturday organize the Colombian Commercial Club. The objects of the organization will be outlined at a meeting in the Saville Hotel, Madison avenue and Twenty-ninth street, tomorrow evening.

According to F. O. Altinger, an importer, of No. 1133 Broadway, who issued the call for the meeting, the primary purpose of the organization will be to bring into closer touch the citizens of Colombia resident in New York with the American investing public so that attention may be directed to business opportunities in Colombia.

"We purpose to establish club headquarters," said Mr. Altinger, "for the double purpose of entertaining our fellow citizens and to provide a place where all persons who are looking for investment opportunities in Colombia may go for reliable information. To this end a well equipped library of books, magazines and current publications devoted to the advancement of Latin America will be provided. In addition to this it is designed to make a complete exhibition of Colombian products of every description."

Mr. Altinger further said that evenings each week would be devoted to the teaching of English and Spanish in the club, this instruction to be free for all. There will be illustrated lectures given from time to time by well informed travellers. These lectures will be largely devoted to the exploitation of Colombia, but other Latin American countries also will receive attention.

QUEEN MOTHER LEFT LARGE ESTATE

Dowager Sophie, of Sweden, an Invalid for Quarter of Century—Father Owned Gambling Tables.

Stockholm, Dec. 31.—Queen Mother Sophie of Sweden who died yesterday in her seventy-eighth year suffered acutely for several days and succumbed to an attack of inflammation of the lungs.

She was practically an invalid for more than a quarter of a century, and subject to melancholia, which necessitated a constant watch by her medical attendants. She was a great sympathizer with the Salvation Army, whose operations in Scandinavia she followed with intense interest. She was also a strong advocate of temperance.

She was a Princess of Nassau, and was married at Welsbaden to King Oscar of Sweden in 1857. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1907, six months before King Oscar's death.

She leaves a large fortune, most of which, it is understood, will go to her younger son, Oscar, known as Prince Bernadotte or Count Wisborg, who renounces his right to the throne in favor of his elder brother, King Oscar II, his mother's maid of honor. This marriage was the cause of the only difference between King Oscar and Queen Sophie, the latter encouraging the match. Oscar's wife was made Countess of Wisborg by his uncle, the Grand Duke of Luxembourg.

Queen Sophie was deeply imbued with liberal views on politics that rendered her all the more fitting to be the wife of Field Marshal Bernadotte's grandson, King Oscar II, the fourth sovereign of his line who ruled over Sweden and Norway, the latter nation obtaining its independence in his reign.

Princess Sophie was born on July 9, 1835. Her betrothal with Prince Oscar of Sweden took place when she was twenty years of age and the engagement was the result of pure affection and they were in sympathy in all their views of life. Prince Oscar, who was the second son of King Oscar I, had no thoughts of becoming King of Sweden and Norway, as his elder brother was living and was still a young man. The marriage took place at Biebrich on June 6, 1857.

In 1872, when the death of his brother called Prince Oscar to the throne he was crowned King of Sweden and Norway as Oscar II. Queen Sophie, sorry as she was to leave her quiet life, was able to perform the duties of Queen Consort, and the fact that she entirely gained the love and respect of her husband's people made her task comparatively easy.

As sovereigns go, Oscar II, was a poor man. His civil list of \$575,525 covered a very small portion of his expenses, and the balance had to come from his wife's pocket.

Queen Sophie was very rich. Her father and brother owned the gambling tables at Wiesbaden and amassed a vast fortune, most of which went to her.

Since her serious illness of 1887, although unable to take a conspicuous part in court affairs or public functions, she found strength to devote to philanthropy. She kept an unfailing interest in the last in the Sophie Home in Stockholm, endowed by her, a model hospital in all its departments. She aided the Warm Shelter, which is a club room for the poor in the same city. She contributed liberally to the funds of the Salvation Army in her country.

Premier and Mrs. Fleming Entertain Civil Servants

(Continued from page 1)

In the years that I have had to do with the work of the different departments I have always been met with unfailing courtesy and have always found each and every one ready to do their ordinary work and extra work when necessary. I know there are officials around this board tonight who have given for years to the work of their positions, much time beyond the regular office hours and I am very glad to have the opportunity of saying to you collectively that I appreciate the courtesy, the faithfulness and the ability of the staff we have in the service of the province.

We are at the close of 1913. The year has had some disappointments probably for all of us. It certainly has had its advantages, and looking back over the year we have great reason to be thankful for the many good things that have come to us with no sparing hand. We are in a growing time and the work in all the departments has increased very greatly in recent years. Had a gathering of this kind been held even a few years ago the number around the board would have been smaller than is assembled here tonight. Before making some reference to the important work of the various departments I want to say a word or two in regard to some older men in the service.

I wish to refer to the Deputy Provincial Treasurer, G. N. Babbitt. Mr. Babbitt's service in that position has been long and successful. It has been recognized by His Majesty the King, in his appointment as a companion of the Imperial Service Order. Mr. Babbitt first entered the service of the province in the year 1860, or 53 years ago, receiving an appointment in the Crown Land Department.

In November, 1861, he was transferred to the office of the Provincial Secretary, when the Honorable S. L. Tilley held that position. In 1868 Mr. Babbitt was practically appointed Deputy Receiver General, although the designation at that time was slightly different from the present, and during the 45 years since he has held the important and responsible position of deputy in the finance department of the province. Mr. Babbitt has served under the following provincial secretaries: Honorable S. L. Tilley, A. H. Gillmore, John A. Beckwith, George L. Hatheway, J. J. Fraser, William Woodburn, P. A. Landry, William Elder, David McLellan, James Mitchell, L. J. Tweedie, C. W. Robinson, E. H. Allen, J. K. Pennington and F. McLeod. If Mr. Babbitt is not the oldest, he is one of the oldest men in the public service in Canada, and I want to say tonight, in his presence, that I believe no more faithful officer can be found in this whole country.

Other men around this board have to their credit a long period of valuable service. The Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, Colonel Loggie, was appointed to the service in May, 1871, and is in his 43rd year of public service. He has passed through the various positions in the department and for several years has occupied the position of deputy minister. I venture to say tonight that no man in New Brunswick has a better knowledge of the Crown Lands of the province than Colonel Loggie. He has given and is giving valuable service in his position in the Crown Land Department.

R. W. L. Tibbits, the Deputy Provincial Secretary, will in a few months have completed thirty years as a public servant. He has served under eight Lieutenant Governors and eight different Provincial Secretaries.

C. Sterling Brunnen, in the office of the Deputy Provincial Secretary, has been almost 29 years in the service. That my friend Mr. Brunnen has performed valuable services will be readily admitted when I say to you that during the last 12 years Mr. Brunnen has been the issuer of marriage licenses and during that time has sent out 2,520 licenses. Where could you find a man who has thus contributed so much to the happiness of the people of the province?

Dr. Anglin has given me some facts in connection with the institution that I think would be of interest, not only to those present tonight, but to the public generally. At the present time we are caring for six hundred insane people in our provincial hospital. During recent years the buildings have been generally improved and made bright, cheerful and sanitary. The best food is provided and everything done for the comfort of the unfortunate who are confined there. This institution is both economically and efficiently managed. When I tell you that the cost per capita during the past year is less than any year since 1905, you will be convinced that great care must be exercised and careful management prevail, for we all know of the increased cost of food, clothing and labor, which we have to provide in caring for so large a number of people. The farm, which is operated in the province being several thousand acres, was made to produce almost \$14,000.00 worth of products, the cost of the province being several thousand dollars less than that amount. Just to give you an idea what it costs to take care of six hundred people and what it costs, let me say that in the past year our bread bill was over \$600,000, meat nearly \$7,000,000, butter almost \$5,000,000 and other items in proportion.

The chairman of the hospital commissioners, I would not be doing justice, if I did not extend the utmost regard and praise to the present superintendent, Dr. Anglin, who has under his both the position of medical superintendent and business manager, and who splendidly meets the requirements of his dual position.

these leaves our staff at the same time taking care of the ordinary work of the department. The efforts put forth by Colonel Loggie and his staff in order that the work might be done promptly and people get satisfactory service from our department was most commendable and I am only doing ordinary justice when I speak of it as being satisfactory.

Extending Agricultural Work.

And now a word or two in regard to our Agricultural Department where perhaps the greatest development and growth has taken place during the last five or six years. In 1903 there was in the Agricultural Department in this city a Deputy Commissioner and his stenographer and two dairy superintendents as an outside service. Today we have the secretary of the department, two dairy superintendents, two assistant superintendents, a horticultural, two assistant horticulturists, supervisors of Women's Institutes, two stenographers, poultry superintendent, one superintendent of Agricultural Societies and a large number of extra help found necessary in order to care for the work from month to month. I am told by the Secretary of the Department that sometimes as many as thirty people are employed by the department. I cannot imagine a gathering in New Brunswick where public matters are being considered at all that the great activity in our Agricultural Department ought not to be referred to and commented upon favorably. More and better exhibitions are being held throughout the province, poultry shows are held each year in different centres. Drainage of farm lands is being attended to in the province having purchased a ditching machine early this year which was busily engaged operating in different parts of the province during the summer. The development of alfalfa is being undertaken by the department a property having been purchased for that purpose recently.

If it were not for the likelihood of wearying you I could refer to these matters at greater length but I cannot close my remarks without making reference to the important work in connection with our school books being carried on by Mr. Thomas, who in carrying out the policy of the government is making it possible for the people of the province to secure their books for the school children at low prices as compared to former years.

I must also say a word about the Clerk of the Executive Council, who perhaps has the most onerous duties of any to perform, that of keeping the government straight.

Had a gathering of this kind been held say five or six years ago only two or three young ladies would have graced the board with their presence. This number has been greatly increased and I am glad to see that the statement of facts to say that the service we are receiving from the young women in the employment of the departments is satisfactory and valuable.

Before I resume my seat I want to thank each one of you for the faithfulness with which you have performed your work during the year that is now closing and to express my appreciation of that service. And now as we stand on the threshold of the new year I trust it may bring to each one of you the fullest measure of health, happiness and prosperity. That we may be spared in the coming year and may be permitted to labor for the good, for the betterment, and the advancement of the province in which we live is the best wish and the greatest favor that can be conferred on any of us.

PRESBYTERY IN SESSION

Rev. M. J. McPherson, of Harvey, Accepts Call to Ridgetown, Ontario — Transact Other Business.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of St. John held yesterday afternoon in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the call extended from Ridgetown, Ontario to Rev. M. J. McPherson was considered, and at the conclusion of the meeting it was decided that Rev. Mr. McPherson could accept the call.

There were present at the meeting Dr. James MacVicar, Rev. Gordon Dickie, Rev. J. A. MacKellan, Rev. F. W. Thompson, Rev. W. W. Malcolm, Rev. M. J. McPherson and J. W. Taylor, elder.

Rev. Mr. McPherson was appointed clerk pro tem.

A call was presented from Mount Zion Presbyterian Church, Ridgetown, Ontario, addressed to Rev. M. J. McPherson, of Harvey, N. B. Accompanying the call was a guarantee of \$1,150 stipend, use of manse, an annual vacation and \$50 towards moving expenses.

W. Taylor, representing the congregation of Harvey Station, stated on behalf of the congregation that Rev. Mr. McPherson's ministry at Harvey had been most highly appreciated, but that if he saw his way clear to accept the call, the congregation at Harvey would put up no obstacle in the way of his making the change.

Rev. Mr. McPherson said that he would accept the call extended, with the understanding that his term of ministry at Harvey would terminate after Sunday, January 4th.

Rev. Frank Baird, of Woodstock, was appointed interim moderator of the session with instructions to declare the pulpit vacant on the Sunday of January 11th.

To take vacancy on the augmentation committee, created by Rev. Mr. McPherson's removal, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson was appointed convenor until the close of the term.

A committee was appointed to draft a fitting resolution regarding the death of Rev. Colin G. Townsend, of Fort Kent, Maine, which occurred yesterday at the home of his wife, Mrs. Rev. W. M. Townsend, of Fairville.

CONVICTS FORM GOOD CONDUCT PRISON LEAGUE

Inmates of Auburn Penitentiary Take New Year Resolution to be Good During Next Year.

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The convicts of Auburn prison have adopted a New Year's resolution pledging themselves to good conduct.

To make the resolution effective, they have organized a Good Conduct League by means of which they will have a share in maintaining prison discipline. Convict public opinion is the weapon by which it is expected that good discipline will be enforced.

The organization of the league was perfected, it was announced tonight, by a committee of fifty convicts, elected by ballot, which met Sunday in the prison chapel and adopted the resolution. The scheme, which is an experimental one, was suggested by Thomas Mott Osborne, chairman of the state commission for prison reform, who was recently a voluntary inmate of Auburn, and instituted by John B. Riley, state superintendent of prisons.

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Peoria, Ill.—"I had such backaches that I could hardly stand on my feet. I would feel like crying out lots of times, and had such a heavy feeling in my right side. I had such terrible dull headaches every day and they would make me feel so drowsy and sleepy all the time, yet I could not sleep at night."

"After I had taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a week I began to improve. My backache was less and that heavy feeling in my side went away. I continued to take the Compound and am cured."

"You may publish this if you wish."—Miss CLARA L. GAUTWITZ, R.R. No. 4, Box 82, Peoria, Ill.

Such letters prove the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for woman's ills. Why don't you try it?

LATE SHIPPING

Boston, Mass., Dec. 31.—Arrd schr Governor Brooks, Passacon, La.

Boothbay Harbor, Me., Dec. 31.—Arrd schr Erie B Hall, New York.

Porsmouth, N. H., Dec. 31.—Sld schr Fannie Palmer, Hampton, Rhode.

New York, Dec. 31.—Arrd stmr Pennsylvania, Hamburg; Barbarossa, Bremen.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Arrd stmr Bavaria, Hamburg; Wellhead, Bremen.

Boston, Dec. 31.—Arrd stmr Sicilian, Glasgow.

Liverpool, Dec. 31.—Arrd stmr Cymric, New York.

NOVA SCOTIA HAD GOOD YEAR

Financial Depression Felt to Some Extent, but Mining Operations Show Good Business.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31.—Morning Chronicle, reviewing industrial and business conditions says:

Nova Scotia did not pass unscathed through the stress of financial stringency, and commercial depression, which settled over western and central Canada in the early part of the year, but it is the general testimony of financiers and business men that it stood the strain much better and suffered much less from it than any other section in the Dominion, and it emerges from the year with comparatively little halting in its commercial and industrial activity. The great coal mining industry, which bulks so largely in the development of Nova Scotia, set a new "high-water" mark, with an increase of half a million tons, and attaining an aggregate production of 2,500,000 tons. The development work in the steel industries, at the great plants at Sydney and New Glasgow, proceeded a pace, and the output of the Dominion, and its products is reported. In the minor industries there was some falling-off, due to the unfavorable trade conditions elsewhere, but on the whole the record of production was fairly well maintained. Although the fisheries catch in some branches was disappointing, the net results of the operations of the year brought an average return. The farming industry recorded many marked advances during the year. Agriculture is coming into its own in Nova Scotia, and farmers are beginning to avail themselves more and more of the hopes of scientific instruction and to realize that there is a great future for the agricultural industry in this province. The apple crop was to a large extent, a failure, but the loss in this department was more than compensated for by the general agriculture crop yield, the total production of the land rising to over 31,000,000 dollars, the highest yield in the history of the province.

The Chronicle gives production from all sources in 1913 as follows:

Coal	22,500,000
Coke	2,600,000
Gold and other metals	125,000
Gypsum, limestone, etc.	800,000
Building materials	410,000
Pig iron	2,500,000
Steel rails, rods, etc.	17,550,000
Fisheries	8,000,000
Manufactures, ships and	46,250,000
Freights	46,250,000
Products of the forest	31,100,000
Products of the forest	5,000,000
Game and furs	500,000
Total	\$137,335,000

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT AT CENTRAL GREENWICH

Central Greenwich, N. B., Dec. 29.—The Methodist Sunday school held their annual treat and concert on Saturday evening the 27th inst. A programme of choruses, recitations, readings, etc., was rendered by the school after which each child was presented with a bag of candy and a gift from the treat. Refreshments were then served and a social hour spent.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Willard V. Slipp wish to thank their friends for that many kindnesses shown them in their recent bereavement.

ACTRESS WHO WAS ARRESTED IN DRESSING ROOM FOR REPRODUCING IMMORAL PLAY

MISS CECIL SPOONER

The Auditor General's department one of the best audit acts on the Statute Book in any province in Canada is being successfully carried out by Mr. London and his assistants.

Going upstairs to the Deputy Provincial Secretary's Department and we find that he is looking after the formation of more joint stock companies, issuing more marriage licenses, and collecting more moneys than ever before.

At the rate the black fox companies are being turned out by the profits we are told are being made in the industry we should surely have millionaires in New Brunswick shortly.

In the Public Works Department there is the same story of increasing work and increasing expenditure. More permanent bridges are being built, more ordinary bridges constructed, more expenditure upon roads, and the result is that our Public Works Department in the engineering rooms and in the office of the secretary you always find a staff actively at work.

Half Million Revenue.

In the Crown Land Department the same is true, it might be of interest for me to give the figures of the total revenue of the Crown Land Department for some years back.

In 1890 the total was \$140,291.00; in 1895, \$151,283.00; in 1900, \$175,810.00; in 1905, \$243,291.00; in 1913, notwithstanding the bonuses on the new timber lots the total revenue was \$501,000.00. The past three years the revenue of the Crown Land Department has exceeded half a million dollars per year. The work in connection with the mining branch has increased very greatly, the receipts from mining leases have increased largely in the last five years.

The same is true of all the branches in our Department of Government.

We issue about 2,800 Crown timber leases and you will upon a moment's reflection see the amount of work which would be placed upon my department during the past year when we dealt with the new leases and the enormous amount of correspondence in connection with the issuing of



Miss Cecil Spooner, head of her own stock company, producing dramas more or less lurid in the Cecil Spooner Theatre, in New York, was arrested in her dressing room while the audience were in their seats and the curtain was about to rise for the first act of "The House of Bondage," a dramatization of a "White Slave" novel. The contention of the police who made the raid was that the play was immoral.

OBITUARY

Ellen Lawson

The death took place yesterday morning of Ellen, second daughter of the late John and Ellen Lawson, at her residence on Brussels street. She is survived by two brothers, David and Patrick, and two sisters, Mary S. and Hannah G., all of St. John.

Mae Martin

The death took place yesterday of Mae, second daughter of Arthur and the late Annie Martin, at her father's residence, High street. Miss Martin was employed in the telephone exchange. She is survived by two brothers, James and Simon, and three sisters, Ella, Katie C., and Anna, as well as her father.

Mrs. C. A. Olive

The death took place yesterday morning of Mrs. Charlotte A. Olive, at her residence, 121 Duke street, West End, after a lingering illness. She was the widow of W. G. Olive, and a daughter of the late James Hesler. The deceased is survived by two daughters, Misses Lottie and Catherine, both at home, and two brothers, Messrs. Stephen P. Hesler of Wolfville, N. S., and C. A. H. Hesler of this city.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS ON STOCKS AND BONDS

DAY'S SALES ON CURRENT PRICES OF NEW YORK EXCHANGE

Table with columns for 'Morning Sales' and 'Miscellaneous'. Lists various commodities like cement, cotton, and sugar with their respective prices.

QUOTATIONS FOR THE MARITIME SECURITIES

Table listing various maritime securities such as Acadia Fire, Acadia Sugar, and various bank stocks with their current market prices.

MONTREAL UNLISTED SALES

Table listing unlisted sales in Montreal, including items like Porcupine, Asbestos, and various power and cement products.

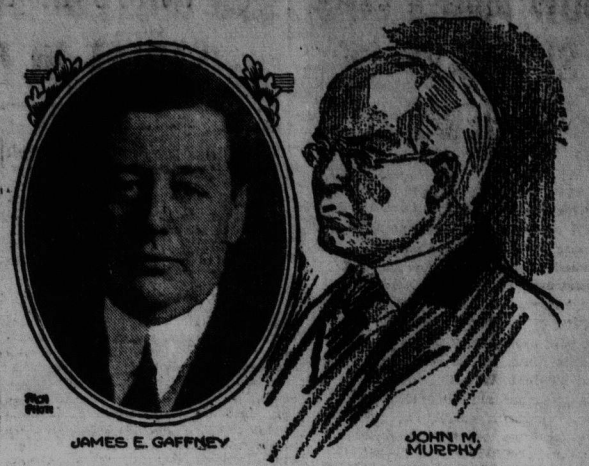
MONTREAL STOCKS

Table listing various Montreal stocks such as Canada Cement, Canadian Pacific, and Dominion Steel with their current prices.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Table listing cotton market prices for various grades and origins, including Dec, Jan, and Feb contracts.

TWO MEN NAMED IN BIG GRAFT-SCANDAL



James E. Gaffney, a contractor, struck a sensation in the John Doe hearing in New York before Chief Magistrate McCadoe...

YEAR CLOSES WITH MOST OF FAVORITE STOCK AT LOW MARK

New York, Dec. 31.—The year's trading on the stock exchange has to end with a quiet, colorless session. The day's news was unimportant...

LAIDLAW & CO'S STOCK NOTES OF NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Dec. 31.—The market has had a holiday and has fluctuated on the whole within narrow limits...

"STANFIELD'S EARNINGS"

Table showing Stanfield's earnings from 1908 to 1912, with columns for year and earnings amount.

PAUL F. BLANCHET

Noticed hereby given that dividend in respect of the current quarter payable on the second day of January, 1914...

CLOSING PRICES OF BOSTON STOCKS

Table listing closing prices for various Boston stocks including Adventure, Aloues, and various copper stocks.

BOSTON CURB STOCKS

Table listing curb stocks in Boston such as Bay State Gas, Boston Ely, and various oil stocks.

CLOSING COTTON LETTER FROM JUDSON & CO.

New York, Dec. 31.—Today's cotton market was irregular of movement, but for a semi-holiday was unusually active...

OIL CO. EARNINGS

Anglo-American Oil Company declares interim dividend of one shilling a share and extra interim dividend of one shilling a share.

LONDON MARKET

London 2 p. m.—Consols, 71 3/4; and 8 1/2; Acp, 78 1/2; Atch, 93 1/2; Bo, 92 1/2; Co, 60 1/2; C P R, 205 1/2; Den, 16 1/2.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE PRICES

Table listing prices for various grains and produce in Chicago, including wheat, corn, and oats.

NOON LETTER ON NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Dec. 31.—The market opened generally above last night's close and has maintained a fair showing of strength during the early dealing.

LIVERPOOL GRAIN

New York, Dec. 31.—Wheat opened quiet and unchanged; corn opened easy 1/4 off.

ONLY A FEW DAYS before we pass into a new year

Take advantage of 1913 investment conditions while you may. Town of Redcliffe, Alberta, six per cent. Debentures to yield six and one-fourth per cent.

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES PREVAIL

Large table listing various market prices for commodities like beef, pork, butter, and other goods.

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QUOTATIONS IN CLOSING LETTER ON MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE—REVIEW OF 1913

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)
Montreal, Dec. 31.—Probably no year since the panic year 1907, witnessed the same amount of anxiety in the stock markets as that which has just closed. Similar as were the years in some respects there was yet much that was unlike. In 1907 Wall Street was the centre of attraction and the movements of other markets followed, more or less, in its wake. In the end the breaks came thick and fast, culminating somewhere in November. Following this was the year of industrial curtailment and the readjustment of financial conditions. During the year closed Wall Street took a back seat, so to speak. For a long time it had been showing the results of adverse decisions of the House-Committee, and the House-Committee, and the growing opposition of the people to the big interests and the war. The world was disturbed, not through fear of war, but through the menace or uncertainty of war. This latter finally resulted in the complete victory of the low tariff policy of the Democratic party with President Wilson at its head. Then came the victory of the currency of the President in the closing days of the year. While all this was expected by the world, it was not because of the fear that the effect would be disastrous to prices of Wall Street stocks, the effect on the market was not what was expected. Wall Street had, in large place, discounted these influences previously by refusing to advance in 1913 to the levels the bulls predicted, so that the levels the bears predicted in 1913 were not forthcoming, either. Hence, while Wall Street had its declines there was an absence of the wild panics of 1907.

Country Market.
Beef—Country . . . \$0.08 @ 0.09
Butchers . . . 0.10 " 0.12
Western . . . 0.12 " 0.14
Beets, per bbl. . . 2.00 " 2.00
Butter—Tubs . . . 0.25 " 0.28
Roll . . . 0.28 " 0.30
Creamery . . . 0.30 " 0.30
Eggs, fresh . . . 0.30 " 0.40
Powell, per lb. . . 0.12 " 0.14
Green, each . . . 1.25 " 1.50
Lamb, per lb. . . 0.12 " 0.13
Mutton, per lb. . . 0.08 " 0.10
Pork, per lb. . . 0.10 " 0.12
Potatoes, per bbl. . . 0.00 " 0.10
Turkey, per lb. . . 0.22 " 0.25
Veal, per lb. . . 0.08 " 0.10

Fruits.
Apples, N. S. . . 2.50 " 5.50
Almonds . . . 0.17 " 0.19
Brazilia . . . 0.00 " 0.22
Bananas . . . 1.75 " 3.00
Coconuts, sacks . . . 0.00 " 0.50
Dates, new . . . 0.05 " 0.06
Pilberts . . . 0.12 " 0.13
Grapes, Malaga . . . 5.50 " 6.00
Lemons, Malaga . . . 0.00 " 4.00
Oranges—California . . . 3.00 " 3.25
Florida . . . 3.00 " 3.50
Onions . . . 2.00 " 2.25
Peanuts, shelled . . . 0.10 " 0.12
Prunes, (CAL) . . . 0.07 " 0.12
Walnuts . . . 0.15 " 0.18

Groceries.
Barley, pot . . . 6.50 " 6.75
Beans—Yellow eye . . . 0.00 " 3.50
Hand picked . . . 2.30 " 2.55
Common, gran. . . 2.00 " 2.25
Cream of Tartar . . . 0.25 " 0.27
Cheese . . . 0.00 " 0.15 1/2
Currants, cleaned . . . 0.08 " 0.08 1/2
Molasses . . . 0.24 1/2 " 0.24 1/2
Peas, split, bags . . . 3.50 " 3.65
Raisins—Choice seeded . . . 0.09 1/2 " 0.10
Panic seeded . . . 0.10 " 0.10
Malaga cluster . . . 2.25 " 3.00
Rice . . . 3.00 " 3.70
Salt, Liverpool, per sack, ex store . . . 0.75 " 0.80
Soda, bicarb. . . 2.10 " 2.20
Canned Goods.

Beef—Corned 2s . . . 4.90 " 4.90
Corned 1s . . . 2.35 " 2.80
Beans—Baked . . . 1.15 " 1.30
String . . . 0.80 " 0.95
Clams . . . 4.00 " 4.00
Corn, yellow . . . 0.97 1/2 " 1.00
Herring, kippered . . . 4.25 " 4.40
Mackerel, kippered . . . 4.75 " 4.80
Oysters—1s . . . 1.60 " 1.65
2s . . . 2.50 " 2.55
Pineapple—Sliced . . . 2.00 " 2.05
Grated . . . 1.80 " 1.85
Sisaleno . . . 1.55 " 1.80
Peas . . . 0.87 1/2 " 1.35
Peas, 2s . . . 2.95 " 3.00
Peanuts, 3s . . . 4.00 " 4.00
Plums, Lombard . . . 1.05 " 1.05
Pumpkins . . . 0.85 " 0.90
Raspberries . . . 2.00 " 2.05
Strawberries . . . 2.25 1/2 " 2.25
Salmon—Pinks . . . 3.85 " 4.00
Cohoos . . . 6.00 " 6.10
Red Spring . . . 7.35 " 7.75
Tomatoes . . . 1.07 1/2 " 1.10

Sugars.
Standard gran. . . 4.50 " 4.50
United Empire . . . 4.40 " 4.50
Bright yellow . . . 4.20 " 4.40
No. 1 yellow . . . 4.00 " 4.10
Paris lumps . . . 0.00 " 5.50
Flours.
Buckwheat (West) . . . 0.00 " 3.25
Larce dry . . . 0.00 " 6.00
Manitoba . . . 0.00 " 6.25
Ontario . . . 0.00 " 5.25
Oatmeal, rolled . . . 0.00 " 6.00
Oatmeal, star-dard . . . 0.00 " 5.95
Provisions.
Pork, choice, mess . . . 29.00 " 29.00
Pork, Am. clear . . . 27.00 " 28.00
Beef, Am. plate . . . 24.00 " 24.00
Lard, pure . . . 0.15 " 0.15 1/2
Lard, comp. tubs . . . 0.11 1/2 " 0.11 1/2
Hay, Oats and Feed.
Brain, ton lots, bags . . . \$5.00 " 35.00
Cornmeal, bags . . . 1.75 " 1.80
Hay, car lots, ton . . . 15.00 " 16.00
Hay, per ton . . . 15.50 " 16.50
Midlines, car lots . . . 35.00 " 38.00
Midg., small lots, bgs 27.00 " 38.00
Oats, car lots, bush . . . 0.45 " 0.46
Oats, per bushel . . . 0.47 " 0.50
Fish.
Bloaters, boxes . . . 0.75 " 0.85
Cod—Fresh . . . 0.68 1/2 " 0.94
Large dry . . . 0.00 " 6.00
Medium . . . 0.00 " 6.35
Small . . . 0.00 " 4.50
Finan haddies . . . 0.08 " 0.07
Herring—Fresh 100s . . . 1.00 " 1.25
Gr. Manan, bbls . . . 0.00 " 5.00
Gr. Manan, halves . . . 0.00 " 2.75
Kippered, boxes . . . 0.00 " 0.90
Haddock . . . 0.04 " 0.07 1/2
Halibut . . . 0.10 " 0.15
Swordfish . . . 0.13 " 0.15
Oils.
Royalite . . . 0.00 " 0.19
Palatine . . . 0.00 " 0.21 1/2
Turpentine . . . 0.00 " 0.82 1/2
Premier motor gaso- line . . . 0.60 " 0.27
Raw oil . . . 0.00 " 0.60
Bottled oil . . . 0.00 " 0.83
Extra lard comp. . . 0.00 " 0.91
Hides, Skins, Etc.
Beef hides, green . . . 0.11 1/2 " 0.12
Beef hides, salted . . . 0.00 " 0.12 1/2
Calveskins . . . 0.25 " 0.18
Sheep skins, (Dressed) . . . 0.75 " 0.80
Tallow, rendered . . . 0.09 " 0.05 1/2

DOW JONES CO'S SUMMARY OF NEWS

(J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO.)
New York, Dec. 31.—National Highway of Mexico will meet interest due January 1st on prior loan four and one-half per cent. bonds by offering three-year six per cent. notes. American Ice reports 11.12 per cent. earned on preferred stock in 1913 fiscal year against 2.47 per cent. in 1912. John Lind leaves Mexico to report to President Wilson. Ann. sheet and tin plate company's plant at Gary, employing 1,500 men reopens after ten days idleness. Price receivers and telegraphers reach agreement over wage dispute. Receivers of Selgei stores estimate liabilities at \$7,500,000. Twelve industrial declined .22 per cent. Twenty active railroads declined .07 per cent. Americans in London irregular. DOW JONES & CO.

1913 DULLEST YEAR IN WALL STREET IN PAST TEN YEARS

New York, Dec. 31.—The year 1913 will be long remembered in Wall Street as one of the dullest in almost a decade. Compared with 1912, when stock and bond sales on the Stock Exchange aggregated 130,755,700 shares and \$72,000,000 respectively, this year shows a decrease in stock sales of 44,700,000 shares, and in bonds of \$170,000,000. The recent spurt of activity at a high price level, together with an increased demand for bonds and other investment issues has, however, given rise to a hope among bankers and brokers that a recovery is under way. Of the 1,100 members of the Stock Exchange, it is estimated that less than half are now actively engaged in the market, and probably one-fifth of the whole may be classed as "traders"—brokers who buy or sell almost exclusively for their own account. The balance of the active membership consists of commission houses, many of which used to have extensive out-of-town connections, with which they kept in touch by private telegraph and telephone wires. These accessories, whose maintenance involved heavy financial outlay, have been quite generally abandoned. The December figures for the past three years were: December, 1912 . . . 43,576 \$ 75,600
December, 1911 . . . 68,665 72,000
December, 1910 . . . 64,272 186,500
Year 1913 . . . 914,914 901,800
Year 1912 . . . 1,176,508 1,716,320
Year 1911 . . . 914,553 1,598,330

A BAD YEAR ON THE TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The Montreal clearing house reports bank clearings for the year of \$2,879,118,000, compared with \$2,845,470,000 in 1912, an increase of \$33,648,000. For December they were \$261,501,932, an increase of \$14,710,000 over the same period in 1912. There were several monthly decreases in the latter part of the year, but these were overcome by the increases. The December figures for the past three years were: December 31, 1913 . . . \$261,501,932
December 31, 1912 . . . 246,791,121
December 31, 1911 . . . 214,763,205

BANK CLEARINGS IN CANADIAN CENTRES

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Clearings of banks in Toronto for the month of December and for the year made new high records. For the twelve months the clearings were \$11,000,000 more than for 1912, which was also a record year. The figures for December, 1913: \$201,817,959. The figures for 1912, with comparisons: 1913, \$2,181,281,571; 1912, \$2,170,230,376. Bank clearings for week ending today, \$1,282,799. Last year, \$1,320,040. Halifax, Dec. 31.—The Halifax bank clearings for the week ending today were \$1,628,553.34 and for the corresponding week last year, \$2,038,828.63. Decrease, \$410,275.29. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 31.—Bank clearings for the year ending today are \$1,534,973,237, an increase over 1912 of \$97,157,713 and over 1911 of \$462,215,095. For the month of December the clearings have amounted to \$173,904,888, an increase over the same period one and two years ago, respectively, of \$8,475,444 and \$26,520,140. For the week there is a decrease from the figures of 1912 and 1911 as they are \$26,593,719 as compared with \$34,066,650 and \$29,565,546.

PRODUCE PRICES IN CANADIAN CENTRES

Montreal, Dec. 31.—CORN—American No. 2 yellow, 71 to 72. OATS—Canadian Western No. 2, 41 1/2 to 42; No. 3, 40 1/2 to 41; extra No. 1 feed, 41 1/2 to 42. FLOUR—Man. spring wheat, patents, firsts, \$5.40; seconds, \$4.90; strong bakings, \$4.70; winter patents, choice, \$4.75 to \$5.00; straight rollers, \$4.50 to \$4.60; in bags, \$2 to \$2.10. MILLFEED—Bran \$20 to \$21; shorts, \$22 to \$23; middlings, \$25 to \$26; moullie, \$27 to \$31. HAY—No. 2, per ton car lots, \$13.50 to \$15. POTATOES—75 to 85. President Willard says B. & O. gross earnings will show falling off in December but not as severe as in November.

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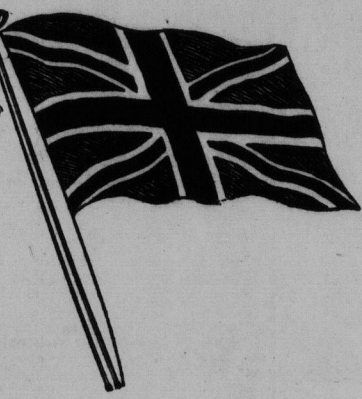
It is again our pleasure to thank our many patrons for their liberal patronage extended to our house during a period of years extending through four generations. Our appreciation is sincere and we hope by continued effort to still further merit their confidence and support. We take this method to extend to all our hearty wishes for a "PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR." T. Rankine & Sons, Limited BISCUIT MANUFACTURERS St. John, N. B., Canada, January 1st, 1914.

A New Year's Message

from THE GREAT WEST LIFE The directors of The Great-West Life announce to all policy-holders, present and future, and to all existing beneficiaries— That henceforward all settlements under instalment policies will, in addition to the interest rate of three and one-half per cent. guaranteed, share in the surplus interest-earnings of the company. Thus, among certain beneficiaries this year: One expecting . . . \$1,000 will receive . . . \$1,044.45
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(In determining the surplus, the number of instalments still to be paid is taken into consideration.) Those who wisely turn to life insurance for the eventual care of dependents or of their own declining years may in this way secure the added benefit of safe and profitable administration of their funds by a company enjoying exceptional interest-earning facilities. For further information, address THE GREAT-WEST LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY HEAD OFFICE — WINNIPEG, MAN. Applications for 1913 over \$27,000,000.

THE LEADING SPIRIT

In the Yuletide Festivities is Four Crown Scotch —The Indispensable. FOSTER & COMPANY, Local Agents, St. John



Start The New Year With THE STANDARD

The Bright, Breezy Budget of All the Latest Happenings the world over. THE STANDARD, through its organized corps of trained newspaper-gatherers, keeps its readers constantly in close touch with every question of hourly interest, at home and abroad, to within a moment of the time it goes to press. THE DAILY ISSUES Special attention is devoted to Commercial and Industrial Development, Market Quotations on Stocks and Bonds, Shipping News and Announcements, News of the Motherland, Europe, and Canada from coast to coast. Also Special Ottawa News Service, Maritime Province Happenings, Latest Items of Sporting Interest, and All the News About Town. THE SATURDAY ISSUE embraces many features of particular interest, including The Social Whirl, the Woman's Page, the Embroidery Page, Special Articles on Agriculture, News of the Churches, the Weekly Sermon, the Sunday School Lesson, Talk of the Theatre, and THE GREAT FOUR PAGE, FOUR COLOR SUPPLEMENT, the only feature of its kind printed by any newspaper in the Maritime Provinces. There are SPECIAL REASONS WHY YOU should begin the New Year by becoming a STANDARD READER. Watch for the first of The Standard's Short Talks to the People, which will appear shortly. THE STANDARD IS THE ONLY NEWSPAPER SUPPORTING THE PRESENT LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT. YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION Daily, by Carrier . . . \$5.00
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CHRISTMAS TREAT
Santa Claus, in His Sledge
Drawn by Reindeer, Visits
Sunday School at
Mace's Bay.

Mace's Bay, N. B., Dec. 30.—Our Christmas celebrations were of an exceptionally interesting character this year. Instead of the usual concert the members of the union W. A. gave a social evening in the County Lunatic Asylum, where the superintendent, Mrs. R. G. Mawhinney, received the guests in a very informal but most admirable manner made entertainment.

After Scripture reading and prayer everyone joined in singing "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem." Miss Beattie Mawhinney accompanied on the organ. A fire place and chimney had been built on the platform, and directly outside the chimney top popped a jolly old Santa, with a pretty little Christmas tree and disappeared again. Directly a commotion was heard outside the hall door, and in another minute in pranced Santa's four reindeers followed by the good old fellow himself, seated inside Mrs. Santa on a vehicle loaded with apples and oranges. Gay with flying ribbons and tinkling bells they pranced around the hall, and finally pulled up and greeted everybody in a friendly way. This was being enjoyed "Star of the East" and some other phonograph records were played. A solo by Miss Ida Brown followed, and then with their superintendent as grandma, some little children hung their stockings over the fire place and sat down to wait for Santa Claus. Grandma told them the story of the first Christmas stocking, and then while singing a little Christmas carol out of the fire place came Santa with a big bag of candy and distributed it among all the children in the hall. The gifts from the tree were now passed to the various recipients, and well received addresses were made by Messrs. Robt. and Herman Mawhinney.

Just as the guests were about to disperse, Mrs. Charles Brown came forward and presented Mrs. Mawhinney, on behalf of Trinity Sunday school with a beautiful gold mounted umbrella, upon which her monogram had been engraved and a large box of choice Christmas candy. Mrs. Mawhinney thanked her kind friends in terms of appreciation and gratitude.

THE TARIFF QUESTION

SHARWOOD,
Box 476, Fredericton,
Dec. 29th, 1913.

Dear Sir,—I have read in the Daily Telegraph of Dec 27 an article pleading for the removal of taxation on goods imported into this country. Would it not be well if the writer responsible for this effort had studied the effects of duties before he makes his attempt to pass judgment on fiscal matters?

Surely he must own to the fact that if an article costs \$1 he is unable to purchase that article if he does not possess a \$17. Again, if he is the happy possessor of several dollars he will not mind paying \$1 for the article in question. Now, if you open the markets of the country by removing protective duties the effect is for those markets to be flooded with the cheaper products of foreign markets, which can be sold cheaper than the home-made article. I have no doubt the Telegraph will answer that by saying it would be beneficial to the people and lower the cost of living. I entirely agree with you, if that were the one and only effect. There is, however, another effect that is bound to follow the first and no power on earth can stop it. It is this, as soon as your markets are flooded in this way by cheap foreign goods the home factories cannot compete, and at the same time, continue the same standard of wages as are possible under protection. Result, wages decrease and the worker has not the money to buy the necessities of life, no matter how cheap they are.

There is a form of cheapness that is in reality very, very expensive and it is when a country opens its markets for the sake of articles being bought cheap. Cobden, the greatest authority who ever tackled this perplexing question of tariff, said that free trade, to be a success, must essentially be universal the world over, and that is the one and only way for it to be a success. A further advantage to a duty on importations is the fact that firms who find the duty too high to enable them to enter a country's markets are forced to start to manufacture their articles in the protected country, if they wish to compete there. The result of this is increased employment and investment of money in the country and these are two things vitally essential to the development and well being of any country, and surely the Telegraph is as anxious as everybody else to see Canada force ahead and develop into the great country that we all believe her to be?

The clear and direct answer that the Telegraph desires is this: The duties, as at present fixed, do not make the articles produced in the home market rise in price. What makes for advancement in prices is the unbounded property of the country which causes a greater demand and people have got the money to pay. If you take away the duties you may cheapen the article, but at the same time you will reduce the wage of the worker and people will not have the money to buy, no matter how cheap the article is.

CHARLES G. CARTER.

For The Orphans
The following contributions are thankfully acknowledged by the treasurer of the Protestant Orphan Home: Mrs. L. MacLaren \$100; contribution \$50; James Myles \$5; United Presbyterian and Congregational Christmas Day services in St. Stephen's church, \$22.55; Fairville Methodist Church Christmas Day service \$10.50; the Misses MacLaren \$10; in memoriam (C.M.) \$25; J. W. Lawson (Montana) \$25.

A Calendar Flirtation.

WEVE known each other just a year—
Been sweethearts from the start—
But now the time is almost here
When we will have to part.
Her winning smile and jaunty style,
Her hair and eyes of jet,
Her snowy throat and crimson coat
I never will forget.

WE met on January first;
It seems but yesterday;
I found her waiting on my desk
And begged of her to stay.
When February rolled around
It found us confidential;
March and April came and went—
Her presence was essential.

HE smiled on me in merry May,
In June and in July;
I deserted her in August,
But she didn't pout and cry.
When I got back in September
She was waiting for me still—
The only one to greet me
Who didn't have a bill.

IN October and November,
The same good natured girl;
She warned me in December
To do my shopping early.
There never was a better pal;
I've always found her truthful;
It seems a shame to turn her out,
Because she's just as youthful.

THOUGH I feel like a heartless flirt,
My feelings I must smother;
I could not keep her if I would—
I've got to get another.

ST. GEORGE MASONS
ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

St. George, Dec. 29.—St. George Lodge No. 12, installed the following officers on December 27:
James Boyd, W. M.; J. B. Spear, S. W.; Arthur Stewart, J. W.; George Craig, P. M.; chap.; M. Magowan, P. M. treas.; C. Johnson, sec.; Chester A. Catherine, S. D.; Gabriel H. Craig, J. D.; Henry Meating, S. S.; G. W. McKay, J. S.; Robert Grey, D. of C.; E. J. Justason, I. G.; James Jack, Tyler.

OFFICERS OF HOPEWELL
SONS OF TEMPERANCE

Hopewell, Dec. 31.—The following officers of Golden Rule Division, S. of T., were elected last evening for the ensuing quarter: J. Clifford Stevens, W. P.; J. M. Tingley, W. A.; Eli Robinson, R. S.; Francis Rogers, A. R. S.; Henry Tingley, P. S.; Mrs. J. E. Rogers, treasurer; Miss Mary Archibald, chaplain; Guy Russell, C.; Charles P. Richardson, A. C.; Hilda Russell, I. S.; Josephine Payne, O. S.; Mrs. J. A. Stuart, P. W. P.

SOCIAL WAR IN WASHINGTON AVERTED.



MRS. LINDSAY M. GARRISON.

A pretty lively social war, which has been brewing in Washington as a result of the refusal of the wives of Cabinet members to socially recognize the wives of the members of the House of Representatives, though at the same time they would recognize the wives of the members of the upper branch of Congress, has been averted. Peace was declared when Mrs. Lindsay Garrison, wife of the Secretary of War, gave a luncheon to the wives of the New Jersey delegation in Congress. Mrs. Garrison's action is considered a backdown on the part of the wives of the Cabinet members, but it is believed the "unpleasantness" is now at an end.

LEAH KLESCHNA AT
IMPERIAL, 5TH, 6TH, 7TH

Broadway Success with
Carlotta Wilson in
Title Role.

Negotiations have been concluded with the Famous Player Feature Corporation of New York whereby the Imperial Theatre, this city, is entitled to show the great Broadway dramatic production staged under the direction of the Frohman, Shubert and Klaw & Erlanger interests. These Famous Player features will bring before the eyes of people in smaller cities not served by the big companies, the very best successes in the dramatic world, and the promoters of these important plays have joined forces to perpetuate them in film. Therefore, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week the Imperial will present its patrons with a four-reel reenactment of the powerful play, "Leah Kleschna." In which America's most beautiful actress, Carlotta Wilson, will assume the name-role. "Leah Kleschna" ascends far above the plain of the ordinary drama. It is a play with a message. Its directness, simplicity and power are irresistible. The situation is that of a woman burglar reformed by the kindness of the man whose house she attempts to rob. In a word, it proves that human nature is as sane in every breast, and if the right appeal is made to people who go astray there is always a chance to lead them back "into the light." Superbly cast with a cast of Broadway players, staged and invested to the extent of many thousands of dollars, and the story told fully in four reels, "Leah Kleschna" will mark an epoch in the history of motion pictures in the city of St. John. The Keith interests are here fulfilling a promise made at the opening of their new house in providing this advanced form of entertainment. Theatre parties may reserve box seats by communicating with the Imperial office.

SCHMIDT TO BE TRIED
AGAIN IN JANUARY

Decision Reached Yesterday between District Attorney and Chief Justice Davis.

New York, Dec. 31.—Hans Schmidt, in whose trial for the murder of Ann Amuller the jury disagreed yesterday, will be tried for the second time, beginning January 12, before the criminal branch of the State Supreme Court here. This decision was reached today at a conference between District Attorney Whitman and Supreme Court Justice Davis. A special panel of one hundred taxmen will be ordered.

Pat's Reason
An Irishman was fishing in a river when it began to rain heavily. APT to get soaked through, he sought shelter under a railway bridge spanning the river, and here he plied his rod with true Waltonic skill, uttering no word of complaint that incessantly thundered to and fro overhead. Presently another individual appeared on the scene and politely asked Pat whether he minded if he "fished" was the laconic retort. The stranger laughed. "Pray what is the use of fishing under the bridge while such an infernal noise continues?" "Oh shut up, man," replied Pat, indignantly. "Sure, you don't know these fish. They'll come under here to get out of the rain!"

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.
THE sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at the office of any Local Agent of Dominion Lands not sub-agents on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. Homesteads may live within at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required in every case, except when residence is performed in the vicinity. In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section in each of six months from date of homesteaded entry (including the time required to earn homesteaded patent) and so receive extra cultivation. The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough, scrubby or stony land after report by Homestead Inspector on application for patent. A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead rights and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price, \$5 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 80 acres and erect a house worth \$100.

Deputy Minister of the Interior, N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the St. John Opera House Company held at the office of the company, 199 Union Street, St. John, at eight p. m. on Thursday, January 8th, 1914, for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors and for the election of officers for the ensuing year.—R. H. Dockrell president, H. J. Anderson secretary.

Dandruff

Afraid to use anything? Don't know what to do? Then why not consult your doctor? Isn't your hair worth it? Ask him if he endorses Ayer's Hair Vigor. Does not color the hair.

LORD PERCY WANTS TO GO NORTH ON CUTTER

Asks Permission to Go to Behring Sea Aboard Cutter, "The Bear", to Shoot Ducks.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Lord William Percy, son of the Duke of Northumberland, has asked the government for permission to go on the revenue cutter "The Bear" when she leaves San Francisco for Behring Sea next spring, to hunt a species of ducks found only in Northern Alaska. He can get to Point Barrow where the species is found only by the revenue cutter. His request is backed by the good offices of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador and his brother, Lord Eustace Percy, an attaché of the British embassy here. Lord William is an ornithologist of note and his researches are to be purely scientific. Permission will probably be granted.

NEW PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK CENTRAL WILL ASSUME OFFICE TODAY

New York, Dec. 31.—With the coming of the New Year, Alfred H. Smith, formally assumed the office of president of the New York Central Railroad at the same time from this position. A few hours before stepping down Mr. Brown sent a New Year's greeting to the officers and employees, thanking them for their co-operation and support while he was in office and bespeaking the same aid for his successor.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL—Coal mining rights may be leased for twenty-one years, renewable at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,500 acres can be leased to one applicant. Royalty, five cents per ton, in unmined territory the tract must be staked out by the applicant in person, and personal application to the Agent or sub-Agent of Dominion Lands for the district, must in all cases be made by the applicant within thirty days after staking out.
QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age and over, having made a discovery may locate a claim 1,500 feet by 1,500 feet. Entry fee, \$5. Not less than \$100 must be expended in development work each year. The claim each year, or paid to the Mining Recorder. When \$500.00 has been expended or paid, and other requirements complied with the claim may be purchased for \$1 an acre.
PLACER MINING CLAIMS are 500 feet long and from 1,000 to 2,000 feet wide. Entry fee, \$5. Not less than \$100 must be expended in development work each year.
DREDGING.—Two leases of five miles each of a river may be issued to one applicant for a term of 30 years. Rental, \$15 a mile. Royalty, 2 1/2 per cent after the output exceeds \$10,000.

Deputy Minister of the Interior, N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

Classified Advertising

One cent per word each insertion. Discount of 33 1-3 per cent on advertisements running one week or longer if paid in advance. Minimum charge 25 cents.

WANTED. Second Class Female Teacher. Please at once apply to C. F. Black, District No. 2, Cherry Gate, Queens County.

WANTED—Second-class female teacher wanted for Dist. No. 16, Parish of St. George. Salary, \$135.00. Apply B. J. Collin, secretary, L'Etang, N. B.

WANTED—A second class female teacher for School District No. 11-2, Hampstead; duties to commence as soon as possible; recommendations from last inspector required; state salary and, if close to telephone, state office. Apply to E. B. Palmer, Centre Hampstead, Queens Co.

WANTED—A first or second class teacher for School District No. 2, Cambridge, Q. Co. Apply, stating salary and experience, to W. D. Dykeman, Sec., Jemseg, N. B.

WANTED—Agents to sell foxes for immediate delivery and 1914 delivery. Fundy Fox Co., 96 Princess street, St. John, N. B.

WANTED—Two first-class harness makers. Apply Edward Hogan, 47 Waterloo street.

FOR SALE. SEWING MACHINE NEEDLES. All kinds, half dozen 17C by mail; New Home machines twenty per cent discount during the holidays; Wilcox & Gibbs machine \$15; W. & W. manufacturing machine \$10; White machine \$7. Domestic and all machines repaired—William Crawford, 105 Princess street, St. John, N. B.

FOR SALE—2 mated pairs silver black foxes, showing no rust. Also one silver black male. They are all one stock. Portage Wild Animal Co., Box 223 Portage La Prairie, Manitoba.

FARMS! FARMS! Our fifth annual free illustrated catalogue now ready and contains the finest list of farms we have yet offered. Values the best ever. Alfred Burley & Co., 46 Princess street, farm specialists.

FOR SALE—Fifty ash sleighs for sale at Edgecombe's. Send for prices and catalogue. Edgecombe's, 115 City Road.

FOR SALE. Two splendid West Side properties at moderate prices. For application to Messrs. Fairweather and Porter, No. 67 Prince William street.

FOR SALE—Tugboat, 65 ft. over all, 14 ft. 3 in. beam, 8 ft. deep, fully equipped with winches, 10 and 20 compound engines, surface condenser and pumps. All connections and pipes brass and copper. Address T. N. McGrath, Tuquet, N. S.

TO LET. ROOMS TO LET—Nice pleasant rooms, newly furnished, heated, and electric light. Gentleman preferred. 163 King Street East. Can be seen forenoon or evening.

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SITUATIONS VACANT. LEARN BARBER TRADE.—Few weeks required; tools free; positions secured; Aolier System; twenty-two years established; modern method of teaching; write for particulars—MOLAR BARBER COLLEGE, 62F. St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal.

AGENTS WANTED.—Agents \$3 a day selling Mendets, which mends Graniteware, Hot Water Bags, Rubber Boots, Reservoirs, Boilers, Metal Tubs and Tinware without cement or solder. Sample ten cents. Collette Mfg. Company, Collingwood, Ontario.

BUSINESS CHANCES. I will give choice of six settlements for Canadian Home Investment Company contracts. Advise me the amount you have paid. S. T. Manard, Bank of Ottawa Building, Vancouver, B. C.

FOUND. FOUND—On Union street, a child's monogram lock. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this advertisement. Apply at the Standard office.

LANDING: 200 barrels Nova Scotia Bishop Pipers, United Fruit Companies' pack, 300 barrels Ontario Splis.

A. L. Goodwin, Market Building
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A complete assortment of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry suitable for XMAS GIFTS. ERNEST LAW
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81 Sydney street.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that the Captain and Agents of S.S. "Jeseric" will not be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew of said steam-er.
J. T. KNIGHT & CO., Agents.
St. John, N. B., Dec. 23.

DR STEWART'S
Guaranteed Veterinary Remedies
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Corner Waterford and Union Streets

THE WEATHER.

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Maritime-Northerly winds, Toronto, and various Canadian cities like Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, etc.

AROUND THE CITY

Season Ticket Found. A season's ticket for the Queen's rink found on Germain street, can be secured by the owner at central police station.

Not the Man. Simon Landry, the cook on the steamer Yarmouth, wishes to state he is not the person that is under arrest charged with holding up and stealing \$2 from a girl on Canterbury street a few nights ago.

AGED WOMAN UP IN THE POLICE COURT FOR SHOP LIFTING. Annie McQuade, Aged Seventy-four, Free by Force of Circumstances—Three Sign Pledge.

In the police court yesterday afternoon Annie McQuade, aged seventy-four years, was on trial for shop-lifting in Arnold's department store. The aged woman presented a pitiful appearance and seemed to be of the opinion that the whole affair was a mistake. The charge was proven, however, and she was sentenced to an indeterminate term, not to exceed six months, in the Home of the Good Shepherd.

A DEMENTED WOMAN HOLDS UP EXPRESS. Stood on Tracks at Mill Street Crossing Forcing the Boston Train to Stop.

It was a hold-up, nothing less, that caused a delay in the Boston noon train yesterday, when she pulled into the depot a few minutes behind time. While the purpose of the hold-up was not to rob the money or clear the train of all valuables, yet the obstructionist, a mere woman, stood on the track grinning and gazing at the approaching engine until the driver was obliged to bring the train to a complete stop within thirty yards of the train shed.

THE NOBLE PARTY OFF ON LONG ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY

O. E. White, James H. Pullen, Jr., and Harry Ervin Left for Halifax, along Snow-bound Roads, at Midnight—Well Guarded against Intense Cold, and Expect to Get Through.

Bearing New Year's greetings from Mayor Frink, of this city, to Mayor Bligh of Halifax, and from The St. John Standard to The Herald and Mail, O. E. White, James H. Pullen, Jr., and Harry Ervin left the City Hall on the stroke of twelve last evening, in the big "Maritime Six" motor car, on their way to the sister city over the snow-bound roads. Quite a number of people gathered to see the hardy automobilists off and a hearty cheer was raised as the big car shot down Prince William street, followed by the best wishes of all.

The trip, which is being conducted under the auspices of The Standard, will doubtless prove the efficiency of the Maritime Six. Those on board are confident of getting through and are armed with all the material necessary to overcome cold, snowdrifts, punctures, damaged tires, and injuries to the engine. The adventurers themselves are warmly clad in fur coats, with hats to match, and did not seem at all afraid of the intense cold.

Along the outside of the car and over the hood are banners telling of the car and of the trip. On the outside too, are tied shovels, axes and even kindling wood to prevent a cold death in case of accident in uninhabited sections. Strips of canvas and pieces of pine for rollers, were also taken along to further prevent a possible hold up.

Early last evening messages were received from several towns along the route to stop and receive New Year greetings for Mayor Bligh. At Sussex the party have been urged to stop, if only for a few minutes, at the Maplehurst Hotel, the proprietor and other motor enthusiasts volunteering to supply hot coffee and to replenish the thermos bottle with the same liquid.

But Few Stops. With the exceptions of the stops to receive greeting for Mayor Bligh and other prominent citizens of Halifax, it is planned to stop only at Moncton and Amherst. While the party have not guaranteed any definite hour for their arrival, they expect to make fair time considering the condition of the roads. Snow will prove their worst enemy, and their friends in both cities are seeing mental pictures of the party busily engaged with snow shovels, digging their way out of sundry drifts. Good wishes from St. John follow them and it is hoped to hear from them today. Mr. Ervin, The Standard's special correspondent on the trip, will keep this paper informed, and it will not be surprising if a despatch with a Halifax date comes to this office today.

As the party bears New Year's greetings from Mayor Frink to Mayor Bligh, and from The Standard to the Herald and Mail, it is hoped they will get through in safety.

Mayor Frink's Message. The Mayor's message to Mayor Bligh follows: Mayor's Office, St. John, N. B., Canada, 31st December, 1913. F. P. BLIGH, Mayor of Halifax, Your Worship—Sixty years ago, the

Marble Cove Club House Scene of Good Times Last Evening—Carry Out Enjoyable Programme.

The officers and members of the Saint John Power Boat Club welcomed the new year by a celebration at their club house, Marble Cove. Commodore S. P. Gerow presided, and at 9.30 on the arrival of the Temple Band, a smoking concert was held. During the evening the commodore presented the club with a handsome picture of the "Battle of Trafalgar," which was hung in the model room. At eleven o'clock dinner was served in the club dining hall. At twelve o'clock all assembled on the club house veranda to welcome the new year. At exactly midnight the commodore fired the first gun of the salute, and a large bonfire was lighter which illuminated the hills around the club house. After the festivities the club members, accompanied by the band, marched to the corner of Douglas avenue and disbanded.

The following programme was carried out:—Oh, Canada, orchestra; selection, band; comic song, Jas. Bond; piano solo, Horco Bond; mandolin duet, Waldron Brothers; selection, band; song, Robert Carson; baritone solo, Bandmaster McNichol; mandolin solo, Waldron Brothers; selection, band; bagpipe solo, Mr. Scott.

WATCH OUT SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES

Passing of 1913 Marked by Unusual Activities in the Churches and Societies.

The passing of 1913 was marked by unusual activities in the churches and societies of the city. Several entertainments were arranged for last evening, and in many of the churches watchlight services were held. In St. John's (Stone) church service was conducted, beginning at 11.30 last night and lasting till after midnight. This was presided by the organist, Rev. G. A. Kuhring conducted the service. Watchlight services were also conducted in Brussels street United Baptist church, Queen Street Methodist church, Zion's Methodist church, in Centenary Methodist church services were held, when the choir was in attendance and special musical numbers were given.

In the Wiggins' Orphanage the annual Christmas entertainment took place, and was attended by many prominent citizens. The entertainment provided by the children was particularly interesting and showed careful training on the part of their teachers. There are now twenty-four orphans in the home, and the general progress during the year just closed has been particularly satisfactory to the governors. The Christmas tree was provided and remembrances distributed to all the children. There are now twenty-four orphans in the home, and the general progress during the year just closed has been particularly satisfactory to the governors.

THE EDITOR AND STAFF OF THE ST. JOHN STANDARD.

Other Messages. Before leaving last evening the following messages to Mayor Bligh and Chief Broderick of the fire department were filed by Mr. Ervin as follows: Mayor Bligh, Halifax: Leave tonight for your city in automobile. Best wishes from St. John to sister city. (Signed) "DUTCH" ERVIN.

Function will be held this Afternoon from Four Until Six—Expect Hundreds.

A center of attraction for men, young and old, today, will be the headquarters of the R. L. Borden Club, on Charlotte street, over the Victoria Bowling alley, when from four till six o'clock this afternoon a reception and at home will add to the jollification of New Year's day. It is expected that the afternoon large numbers will find their way to the club's headquarters, and if the cordial welcome extended those who attend will be rewarded by similar receptions on previous occasions, then all are assured of a good time on the first day of the year 1914.

OBITUARY. Rev. Colin G. Townsend.

The death occurred yesterday at the Presbyterian manse, Fairville, of Rev. Colin G. Townsend, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Port Kent, Maine. The deceased who was born near Summerside, P. E. I., was a son of the late William Townsend. He received his early training in the Summerside public schools and later at Queen's University. He studied for the ministry at Pinehill, Halifax. He was ordained to the ministry at Lorneville about five years ago. He served in the Lorneville pastorate for three years when he accepted a call to Port Kent. Some months ago he was stricken with typhoid fever from which he had practically recovered, when he suffered a relapse and died.

The most important sale of sweaters ever held begins at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store today. Ladies' sweaters pure wool, fancy knit, \$2.25 quality on sale at \$1.39, \$2.95 quality on sale at \$2.50, \$3.39 quality on sale at \$2.50. The celebrated Beaver brand sweater double breasted with turn over collar, Regency price \$4.50, Sale price, \$2.75. Children's fancy knit sweaters from \$1.00 to \$2.50.

SATURDAY NIGHT CLOSING AT M. R. A. S. During the months of January, February and March all the stores of this firm will close Saturday nights at 6 p. m.

The Chafing Dish. The Chafing Dish, while making it possible to express the sincerest hospitality, also seems to the true symbol of good-fellowship. A quick, novel and practical way to prepare a warm luncheon. We have them in Copper and Nickel. Prices \$5.30, 5.40, 6.20, 6.30, 7.50, 8.00, 9.50, 11.00, 13.00. TRAYS for Chafing Dishes, \$1.50 to 5.00. SERVERS, \$2.50, 3.60, 4.00, 4.30 per pair.

W. H. THORNE & CO. LTD. MARKET SQUARE & KING ST.

Winter Weather Is Now With Us—Are You Prepared? Let us suggest that you get ready for it. We have a big selection of First Quality Rubber Footwear in Overshoes and Rubbers for Men, Women and Children. GET YOUR RUBBERS AND GAITERS NOW. Do your Christmas Shopping early. Our lines for this in Hockey Boots, Felts, etc., are now complete. Slater Shoe Shop - 81 King St.

The Hustler Ash Sifter. A Coal Saver—Therefore a Money Saver. Don't throw good coal into your ash barrels GET A HUSTLER, it saves the good coal. SIMPLE TO OPERATE NO DUST, NO DIRT. Price - \$5.50. The Hustler will save you its cost in a single season. It fits either wood or iron barrels. Galvanized Ash Barrels, \$2.50. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

A Happy New Year to All Our Friends and Patrons. Commencing January 3, M. R. A. Stores Will Close Each Saturday During January, February and March at 6 p. m.

Overcoats for Men and Boys. Fashionable New Models Extra Well Tailored and in Durable Cloths. The all around excellence of our Overcoats will appeal to men who try to make their overcoat expenditure buy as much style and wear as possible. Our showing now is especially attractive and includes practically all the new season's most striking models. Medium and full length Overcoats, single and double breasted styles, with convertible or storm collars, also several kinds of shawl collars. Plain backs, or with half, three-quarter and full belt effects. Most of the Overcoats are lined throughout, but there are many in plain and plaid backed cloths with shoulder and sleeve linings only—some with silk, others with poplin. Overcoats in chevrons, whittys, naps, montenas, chinchillas, meltons and tweeds. Fancy mixtures, checks, stripes, diagonal weaves; two tone and plain effects in almost every new shade of grey and brown. Prices from \$10.00 to \$27.00. Good Durable Overcoats for Boys. The majority of mothers know where to come when the boys require new Overcoats, for this department continues to supply a continually increasing number of little men with our superior kind of Overcoats which are to be depended upon to give a full measure of hard service. BOYS' REGULAR OVERCOATS—In extra strong tweeds, also the new soft finished cloths, in fancy mixtures, stripes, diagonal weaves, also plain weaves, in a variety of grey and brown shades. Prices from \$10.00 to \$12.50. BOYS' FANCY OVERCOATS—With self or velvet collars in Prussian style, also shawl and convertible collars; beavers, chinchillas, naps, chevrons and tweeds in fawns, browns, greys and blues; linings of tweeds, flannels and Italian serges. Prices \$12.50 to \$25.25. MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING DEPT. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited