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ADDITIONAL AIDS TO NAVIGATION ON CHATHAM SHOALS

American Lighthouse Board Decides, After Inquiry, to Place Five More Guides Through Pollock Rip Slue—Some Changes Dec. 21.

Boston, Dec. 14—Additional safeguards will be immediately placed on Chatham Shoals as aids to navigation as a result of a hearing at the chamber of commerce today by a special government commission appointed to investigate improvements in navigation facilities in Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds and around Cape Cod. The commission that heard today's testimony was headed by Rear Admiral Adolf Marx, chairman of the lighthouse board of the government and at the conclusion of the evidence submitted by a number of masters of coastwise steamers, Admiral Marx announced five additional guides through Pollock Rip Slue. This narrow and tortuous channel is about fifteen miles long and covers the elbow end of Cape Cod. It is already marked by four lightships and a number of lighted buoys, and Admiral Marx stated that the changes would be as follows: First—That at Pollock Rip Shoal, No. 2 buoy is to be changed to a flashing red light.

COUNCIL TAKES FIRST STEP TOWARD REFORM AT CITY HALL

Peters Relires, Consolidation of Offices of All Directors is Decided On

Scheme to Re-Appoint Old Officers is Abandoned By Its Promoters—Committee Appointed with Recorder to Get New Plan in Shape by December 28—How the Aldermen Voted—Baxter was for Total Abolition of Directors But Kelley's Motion Carried.

"THAT in the opinion of members of this council the city demands better administration, and in the interest of good government it is expedient to once consolidate the offices of the several present directors and that one city engineer be appointed who shall have charge over all the services of the city now under the several directors and the city engineer."

Tuesday, Dec. 15. By passing the foregoing resolution by an almost unanimous vote, the council yesterday recognized that the time had come for a reorganization of the civic administration. In the course of a speech which lasted an hour and a half, Ald. McGoldrick read a letter from Hurr Peters, the director of the board of works, withdrawing his name as an applicant for reappointment.

Ald. McGoldrick made a long speech, in which he explained the reasons for his resignation. He stated that he had been consulted by the board of works regarding the possibility of his being reappointed, and that he had decided to decline the offer. He also mentioned the fact that he had been offered the position of city engineer, but that he had declined it as well.

BOLD ROBBERY AT AMERICAN "SOO"

Three Unknown Men Knock Deputy Postmaster Senseless and Escape With \$2,500.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 14.—Three unknown men entered the post office last night while Deputy Postmaster Frank Higgins was making out a payroll, knocked him senseless with a sand bag and escaped with \$2,500. They are supposed to have gone to Canada. Higgins recovered consciousness early today and crawled out of the building and gave the alarm.

BOSTON TO VOTE ON LICENSE

Boston, Dec. 14.—With elections tomorrow in Boston, Newburyport and North Adams, all but one of the thirty-three Massachusetts cities will have settled their municipal affairs for the coming year, Cambridge alone postponing action under its new city charter until March.

KING EDWARD'S HEALTH IMPROVED

London, Dec. 14.—King Edward arrived today in London, greatly improved in health. He held an investiture at Buckingham Palace during which he walked briskly about the rooms and conversed freely with those present.

850,000 LAWRESCO FIRE

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 14.—For four hours tonight the whole city department fought the fire which started in the basement of the Adams block at 286 and 288 Essex street, and working its way upward between the walls and by a central air shaft, eventually destroyed the entire interior, leaving only a shell of walls standing. No other buildings were burned. The total loss is \$850,000, fairly covered by insurance.

CASTRO ACCORDED GREAT WELCOME BY GERMAN PEOPLE

Wired His Homage to Kaiser on Reaching Frontier, and Every Deference is Extended to Him at Different Towns—Venezuela Protests Against Dutch Blockade.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—President Castro, of Venezuela, and the members of his party arrived here this evening. The train reached the Zoological Garden station on the edge of the city, somewhat later than expected but it was awaited by a dense crowd of people, who had gathered out of curiosity. No precautions had been taken to prevent the public from crowding the platform and, as the train steamed into the depot, the president was greeted with shouts of "long live Castro!" There was a general lifting of hats and much cheering.

HARRIMAN SCORES A BIG VICTORY

United States Supreme Court Sustains His Appeal from Order of New York Court—Three Judges Dissent.

Washington, Dec. 14.—In deciding the cases of Edward H. Harriman and Otta Kahn, vs. the Inter-State Commerce Commission today, the supreme court of the United States held that the commission cannot under the Inter-State Commerce law, press questions relative to private transactions, even though they involve dealings in the securities of Inter-State railroads when the investigation, of which such questions are a part, has been begun upon the commission's initiative.

SIX JURORS SECURED IN HAIN'S CASE

Judge Hopes by Night Sessions to Finish This Week—Prisoner Confident of Acquittal.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 14.—When court adjourned tonight, after two long sessions consumed in wearisome examination of witnesses, six jurors were selected, competent to try Thornton J. Hains, a short-story writer, on charges of being an accessory in the killing of William E. Annis, an editor, who was shot on the beach at the club house last summer, by Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., of the United States Army. Difficulty in obtaining a jury because of opinion formed by the crowd, was apparent in the examination of witnesses and tonight Justice Crane directed that a new panel of 100 names be drawn and that a night session be held. The court hopes to have the trial end by the last of the week.

BRITAIN TO ECLIPSE UNCLE SAM'S "ARMADA"

Has Ordered Three Separate Squadrons to Cruise in Waters of American Continent.

London, Dec. 14.—With a view to showing the British flag on both sides of the American continent, the admiralty has ordered the cruisers Cambrian and Plover dispatched from the Australian and China squadrons respectively for a visit to the southern ports of the Pacific coast of South America. This will make three separate squadrons cruising in the waters of the American continent.

DYING MOSCOW MILLIONAIRE BURNED HIS WEALTH

Set Fire to His Money and Let Relatives Have a Look at Pile of Ashes.

St. Petersburg today, the Daily Mail reports that a dying Moscow millionaire named Petroff had his whole fortune withdrawn from the banks and the bank notes brought to the sick room. They were then piled before him and set on fire. Petroff announced his relatives and showed them the ashes, congratulating them on having escaped from the evil of wealth.

TORONTO 'VARSITY' STUDENTS HAVE FREE FIGHT

"Meds" and "Science" Battle Furiously Till President Falconer is Brought to the Scene—Many Heads and Windows Want Repairs.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Those ancient enemies the "Meds" and "Science" at 'Varsity, had a royal time this afternoon, students to the number of about 600 being mixed up in it. The senior medical men lined in front of the medical building to get their pictures taken. From the school of science, opposite, the boys saw what was going on and all might have passed off well had there not been soft snow on the ground.

HUGHES NOW AFTER WALL STREET SHARKS

Appoints a Committee to Investigate Methods of Operations on Exchanges.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Governor Hughes tonight announced the appointment of a committee of nine consisting of bankers, business men and economists, to inquire into the facts surrounding the business of exchanges in New York and to suggest "what changes, if any, are advisable in the law of the state bearing upon speculation" in securities and commodities, or relating to the protection of investors; or with regard to the instrumentalities and organizations used in dealing in securities and commodities which are subject to speculation.

SIX MEN INJURED, FOUR SERIOUSLY, IN HULL EXPLOSION

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—As the result of an explosion in one of the Portland cement company quarries outside Hull yesterday afternoon, four men lie in the hospital, one of them in a serious condition, and two others are slightly injured.

STMR. TURRET BELL PULLED OFF ROCKS

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 14.—(Special)—The steamer Turret Bell has been pulled off the rocks at Cable Head and is now in seven feet of water at low tide. She has been pumped full of water and cannot move during the winter. One of Captain Reid's men will live on board all winter.

STMR. MINTO TOWS SCHOONER JAMMED IN ICE TO SAFETY

Summerside, Dec. 14.—(Special)—The Point Du Chene route is still closed. The Minto left Charlottetown for Pictou this morning with mails and passengers, but after going a short distance was obliged to return on account of the storm. Off Governor's Island she sighted the Schar Jensen with coal from Sydney for Charlottetown, jammed in the ice and took her in tow, reaching here at 1 o'clock.

ALBERTA WANTS MORE RAILWAYS

Provincial Ministers at Ottawa for Federal Aid, and Intimate That Lines Will Have to Be Built to Develop Resources.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The province of Alberta is credited with ambitious plans in the matter of railway extension and despatches have stated that failing federal assistance the province has determined upon a vigorous policy of railway building upon its own initiative and backed by its own credit.

INCREASED I. O. F. RATES BEFORE BUFFALO COURT

Charges of Mismanagement Among Other Things Alleged Against the Order.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Arguments on a motion of the Independent Order of Foresters to vacate an injunction restraining the order from enforcing its increased assessment rates were brought before Justice Marcus in special term of the supreme court today.

LONGBOAT AND BORANNO ON EDGE FOR TONIGHT'S RACE

New York, Dec. 14.—Dorando Pietri, the Marathon runner, and Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, today ended their training for the race in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night with short runs. Both men are in excellent condition.

EIGHT NIGHT RIDERS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 14.—With both the prosecution and the defense announcing themselves ready for trial, the latter, however, under protest, the trial on a charge of murder of eight men held as alleged leaders of the night rider band of the Reel Foot Lake region, which slew Captain Quentin Rankin, was begun today. It promises to be a vigorously contested case and on its outcome will depend the action to be taken against other indicted alleged night riders.

NOVA SCOTIA FRUIT GROWERS IN SESSION

Middleton, N. S., Dec. 14.—The 45th annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association opened today in Middleton, about 100 were present, including Prof. Macoun, Prof. Smith and Prof. Shaw.

OUT IN SUGAR PRICES

New York, Dec. 14.—All grades of refined sugar with the exception of contractors A were reduced five cents a hundred pounds today.

REV. J. J. RICE DEAD

Toronto, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Rev. J. J. Rice died in the hospital today from injuries received in a street car accident last Tuesday.











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**BETTER INVESTIGATE**  
As a result of a dispute between Mr. J. E. Kane and Messrs. Clark & Adams in connection with the construction of a wharf on the West Side, several questions of public interest are raised. As Mr. Kane and Messrs. Clark & Adams are going into court, the merits of the contentions of both parties may well be left to judge and jury. It is not the purpose here to question the honesty or good faith of either party to the projected suit.

But what of the Council, and, more particularly, of the board of public works and its officials? The aldermen have now under consideration the reappointment of the directors, and the manner in which the work of the departments is carried on is the subject of inquiry and criticism. The statements made by Mr. Kane in support of his contention that the wharf contractors owe him a certain sum of money are of a nature to court inquiry at City Hall. Until the aldermen satisfy themselves, and the public, as to the truth or falsity of Mr. Kane's allegations, the Council cannot with propriety proceed to reappoint the director of public works or postpone the long demanded reorganization of that department.

The aldermen cannot decide off hand whether or not enough stone was used to ballast the cribs at No. 6. They can, however, easily ascertain what the facts are, and they can tell the taxpayers whether the expenditure of dredged material in place of stone in the cribs was the result of the director's judgment and discretion alone, or whether the plan pursued was regularly endorsed by the members of the board of works and, in turn, by the Council. It will be necessary to inquire, also, why the amount of stone found necessary in one case was not insisted upon in another construction of the same kind close at hand.

It may well be that litigation between the contractors and sub-contractors may develop facts of interest to the people who pay the bills, but just now the Telegraph is interested less in the dispute between the contractors than in the light which may be shed upon the aldermen's methods of spending public money. The board of works must be reorganized, and before reorganization should come investigation, in order that the nature of the reforms required may be made clear. This is true not only of the board of works but of other departments of the city, directors must be appointed. It is time the more public spirited members of the Council made a stand. It is time that influential business men outside the Council made known their opinion that loose methods and incompetent or pliable officials should not longer be tolerated at City Hall.

**AS SEEN FROM AFAR**  
The troubles of Hon. Mr. Hazen and certain features of the Northumberland election by which his troubles have been accentuated, have aroused the concern of the Victoria Colonist, a Conservative journal whose editor formerly lived in New Brunswick. The exiled New Brunswick journalist says by way of introduction: "In that delightful province of the sun, the (nearly) first Canadian land a shames upon, to paraphrase Lalla Rookh, a poem that is not nearly often enough read nowadays, more's the pity, they have political methods of their own and the result of the recent by-elections there is an illustration of them. Two vacancies were caused by the retirement of members of the local legislature to take nominations for the federal campaign, in which they were defeated. This made it necessary to hold by-elections. The retiring men were Conservatives, and they have been replaced in the legislature by Liberals. In one of the constituencies, Carleton, the result was doubtless due to the prestige gained by the Liberals in carrying the

try for the House of Commons. Carleton is a county which has a habit of doing unexpected things, but it has as a rule been Liberal in its leanings."  
Proceeding, he takes up the confusion in Northumberland and the election of Mr. Burchill, adding:  
"But it so happens that in the Hazen cabinet, Mr. Morrissey, a representative from Northumberland, holds a seat. Now Mr. Morrissey is a Liberal, although all his colleagues in the government are Conservatives, and he favored the election of Mr. Burchill. He probably argued that as there was no objection to his being in the cabinet, there could be no possible objection to Mr. Burchill being in the legislature, and when you come to think of it, you will see that he had reason, as a Frenchman might say. But Mr. Hazen had other views, and he very naturally wanted to see the straight Conservative candidate elected. Hence he extended his sympathy in that direction. \* \* \* Mr. Hazen's position is a difficult one. Having lost two seats, he can hardly afford to ask for Mr. Morrissey's resignation, for that would add another vote to the opposition, and three votes off the government side will count six on a division. He could give Mr. Morrissey's portfolio to a candidate in Albert, which is likely to become vacant."

The Colonist is quite correct in saying Mr. Hazen's position is awkward. He could not give a portfolio to Mr. Dickson's successor in Albert, for the good reason that Mr. Dickson's successor will be a Liberal, and Mr. Hazen finds one Liberal in his cabinet too many, all his other ministers being rabid Conservatives. The Colonist is reminded that New Brunswick is a Liberal province:  
"One thing ought not to be lost sight of when considering the political situation in New Brunswick, and that is that the province is normally Liberal. It was the Liberal party under the leadership of Sir Leonard Tilley, Charles Fisher and Peter Mitchell, which carried Confederation. After the Union most of the Liberals followed Sir Leonard Tilley, who went into Sir John Macdonald's ministry, which was every one remembers, was a coalition. After the defeat of the government on the Pacific Scandal, there was a breaking up of party lines, some of the old Conservatives joining with the anti-Confederates to form a new party, which supported Alexander Mackenzie, but a sufficient number of the old Liberals stood by Sir Leonard Tilley to enable him to obtain control of the province after 1878. In 1883 the late A. G. Blair came to the front as provincial Premier. He was not a very pronounced Liberal at the time, but the Liberal leaders rallied to his support, and for thirteen years he carried on the government as he once said, on non-party grounds but with an eye to the ultimate triumph of the Liberal party. The opposition to him was made up chiefly of Conservatives. There had not been a straight Conservative government in New Brunswick for half a century, the Liberal element always having dominated, except during the regime of the King administration, which derived its support chiefly from those who had come to call themselves Liberal-Conservatives, although Mr. King had many pronounced Liberals among his political friends."

**CHEAPER CABLE TOLLS**  
Among those who strongly supported Hon. Mr. Lemieux's stand for cheaper cable tolls in London was Dr. George R. Parkin. Mr. Lemieux proposed, at the London meeting, that Britain and Canada join hands in laying and operating an Atlantic cable, and thus escape the present cable "duopoly," as it is termed, under which the rate is kept at a shilling a word for ordinary messages, while the press rate, though less, is still so high as to render the cost of an adequate service prohibitive. Mr. Lemieux had to meet the contention of the cable companies which now have complete control of the transatlantic business and which have been making a great deal out of the figures in regard to the British-Canadian-American cable, and are arguing that the cost of the undertaking is not a money-making enterprise for the governments concerned should deter the British government from entering upon an Atlantic cable undertaking. The Canadian minister said that while it is true that the taxpayers of Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand have been under the necessity of making good the deficiency of \$275,000 in connection with that cable last year, last year's receipts were \$395,000, while the expenditure allowed \$165,000 for renewals, were \$454,475, leaving \$110,525 to apply toward the interest and capital outlay of \$10,000,000. As a result, the deficiency of \$275,000 was met by the governments. In replying to the arguments based on this deficit in connection with an undertaking as vast in extent, Imperial in character, and not as yet in a position to demonstrate its full earning capacity, through the influence exerted by the monopolistic lines, Mr. Lemieux pointed out that the mere announcement of that cable undertaking "caused at once a drop in the rate of the Eastern cables from 9s. 4d. to 8s. 9d. (\$24 to \$13) a word, and when the cable was laid there was a further drop to 3s., thus practically saving to the consumer by the last reduction \$1,000,000 a year."

Dr. Parkin said as to the "much abused Pacific cable, by laying that cable we have saved \$8 a word, has it not paid this country to spend \$100,000 or even \$200,000? But we did not build the Pacific Cable to pay, but for National purposes. If we increase the means of communication we increase the general welfare."

The New York Times finds it "only natural that the proposal of Mr. Lemieux for a State-owned British-Canadian cable should call forth the opposition of the Anglo-American companies, for the two governments would certainly force a reduction in cable rates." It says:  
"When the first Atlantic Cable was brought into practical use in 1866, the rate was a minimum of \$100 a message. For that sum twenty words were allowed and additional words at \$5 for each word. As on new cable company after another was constructed across the Atlantic, the rate was gradually reduced until it was about \$1 a word in 1877, when the first pool was formed and the effort was made to control rates, and also to control the situation."

"The rate was 60 cents a word when the Commercial Cable Company entered the field. The result of competition forced the rate down to the present figure of 25 cents a word, at which it has continued ever since the aggressive cable rate war ceased and the peace agreement was signed twenty years ago."

"From her insular position and her vast and widely developed dependencies, the British government and British merchants are the most extensive of all users of cable communication. It is doubtless in consequence of their better understanding of the cable situation, and their knowledge of the urgent necessity for its correction, that the campaign for cable rate reform makes greater progress in England than elsewhere."

The British and Canadian governments, by laying a cable of their own, could lower the rate and still make the enterprise pay the cost of maintenance, in the opinion of good judges. The facts which the New York Times supplies support this view. A lower rate would assist business. More important, it would permit of a greatly increased interchange of news between this country and Great Britain, and that would be of inestimable value in promoting the better mutual knowledge desirable from the Imperial standpoint."

**THE ADVANCE OF THE FARMER**  
The steady and marked rise in the price of farm products is greater in the United States than in Canada, perhaps, but in Canada it is so great as to leave no doubt but that the farmers are rapidly coming into their own. The Dominion spends a great sum annually upon agriculture, but the outlay is not yet large enough, because this expenditure is the most profitable undertaken by the government in point of influence upon the prosperity of the whole country. Canadian farmers are whole encouraged by good prices and a buoyant market, and they will gradually, but still much more rapidly than hitherto, improve their methods and so increase the product of every acre they cultivate.

How encouraging the outlook is, is indicated by an article in the World's Work dealing with American agriculture, which contains many striking and significant paragraphs. It is noted, for example, that in spite of the tremendous production, the prices of farm products have been rapidly rising. A comparison of the average farm price of a number of crops in 1898 and in 1907 will show the advance that a decade has brought about. Wheat advanced from 82 cents a bushel to 87.4 cents; corn from 28.7 to 31.6; cotton from 57 cents a pound to 10.4—nearly doubling in value within ten years. The price of potatoes was from 41.4 cents a bushel to 61.7; hay advanced from \$8 to \$11.85 per bushel; oats from 25.5 to 44.3 cents per bushel; barley from 41.3 to 66.6 cents.

Nearly everything that grows on the American farm increased in selling value at similar ratios. A horse that was worth \$32.26 in 1898 sold for \$93.41 in 1907, an average; for a mule, the average prices nearly doubled from \$43.88 to \$107.76. A pig that brought \$1.93 in 1898 brought \$6.05 ten years later. The price received for eggs increased from 11.15 cents per dozen in 1899 up to an average of 18.2 cents in 1907—but the same eggs were selling for nearly twice as much in New York city. There was a similar advance in the market-price of dressed poultry. St. John people can readily testify that this advance of prices has been practically duplicated here, and exceeded in some instances. And there is no sign of diminished prices and production in the future. As to increased production, says the following possibilities are well within reach:  
(1) The cotton planter could easily double or treble his present crop of two-fifths of a bale per acre, and he has an available acreage of more than three times that now under cultivation.  
(2) The corn yield per acre can be increased by one-half within a quarter of a century, and without any pretense that the limit has been reached.  
(3) There is no sensible reason why half as much again of wheat may not be had

from an acre within less than a generation of time.  
(4) The same is true of oats, barley, rye and buckwheat.  
(5) Potatoes should double their present production of less than 100 bushels to the acre.  
(6) Wherever only 600 to 800 pounds of tobacco are had from an acre, three-fourths of a ton is the prospect.  
(7) With the canner and the refrigerator and the refrigeratorship at hand, the future of fruits, berries, and vegetables is too large to estimate.  
(8) The same is true of live stock, under scientific methods of breeding and testing.  
(9) If a present movement to induce the American hens to produce each one dozen more eggs yearly should be carried forward, the increased value of the country's product will be about \$50,000,000.

Making allowance for the fact that we grow no cotton and comparatively little tobacco, the foregoing may be applied to Canadian conditions. In Canada, as in the United States, the farmer is the man of the future.

**IS REDUCTION NEEDED?**  
In asking the government to readjust the tariff so that the consumer could not be squeezed by the combines, the Toronto Star (Lib.) has mentioned a long list of industries whose products, it asserts, are sold at an unjustifiably high price because the tariff prevents real competition. In a recent issue the Star deals with rubber goods, alleging that there is a combination of Canadian manufacturers and that real competition does not exist. As in the case of cotton, the Star says, the price of rubber goods, and particularly of rubbers and rubber boots, affects the poorer classes most seriously. It says further:  
"In still another respect rubbers and cottons have something in common. Both are largely controlled by a trade combination. Ask anyone with knowledge of the wholesale trade in rubbers and he will tell you that, as in the matter of cotton, there is only one door through which buyers can gain access to the factories manufacturing this class of goods. Prices in all lines are fixed in one office; price lists all carry the same figures. There is a difference in prices, of course, but this difference is accounted for by variation in grades. Where the brand or quality is the same the price is the same."  
"For example, in ladies' black lined gaiters there is a difference of possibly 25c. between the manufacturers' price for one line and the manufacturer's price in another. But the difference is represented by the finish and make, it is not accounted for by competition between two factories making the same class of goods. The same thing holds in those cloth topped, rubber bottomed boots which are so much in demand in winter on the farm. There is a difference in first cost here again of 70c, but this difference is also due to variation in grade, not to competition between makers."

The Star absolves the dealers. "Dealers," it says, "are not the offenders. Their hands are tied. A tariff of 25 per cent. on American rubbers, and it is from the United States practically all of the few imported rubbers come, renders effective competition from that source impossible. Merchants are, therefore, obliged to practically confine their buying to a combination of Canadian factories and to pay any price the combination may choose to demand. They are simply selling agencies; their prices are fixed for them by their principals. Household goods do not need to be told that the rubbers which they are buying now cost more than was paid for similar articles not long ago. The chief cause of this increase is found in the creation of a combination for the purpose of regulating the price at which rubber goods may be sold in Canada. A reduction in the protection accorded the combination under the tariff—a protection which has been grossly abused by the beneficiaries—would quickly bring about a strong demand for fair play to the general consumer."

**THE FIRST STEP**  
Confidence, it has been said, is a plant of slow growth. The taxpayers who have long observed conditions at City Hall will not jump to the conclusion that civic reform is here. They will wait and watch. Meantime they will agree that at least something has been effected. The Common Council Monday made a commendable step toward better civic government, both by what it did and by what it refrained from doing. The promoters of the scheme to re-appoint the present directors dropped that plan—for the present at least. The resignation of Director Peters was received. And this resolution was adopted by a solid majority:  
"That in the opinion of members of this Council the city demands better administration, and in the interest of good government it is expedient to at once consolidate the offices of the several present directors and that one city engineer be appointed who shall have charge over all the services of the city now under the several directors and the city engineer."

Following this resolution, moved by Ald. Kelley, the Mayor was instructed to appoint a committee to act with Recorder Skinner in carrying the resolution into effect, the committee to report on or before Dec. 28. The Mayor, we may be sure, will lose no time in appointing the committee, and so doubt he will show his good faith by placing on its such able men as will earnestly seek to do the work before them. If this work is done as well as the short time at the committee's disposal there will have to be frequent meetings and much hard work within the next two weeks. Here, then, is a chance for the committeemen to prove that they are resourceful, public spirited citizens, seeking to facilitate rather than retard the movement toward more effective reorganization. This point must be overlooked—that if the committee fails to do its work effectively in the time set for the proposal to reappoint the present officials and again postpone reorganization is bound to crop up, with the result that the matter will be deferred until February or March, at which time the approach of the civic elections will be an excuse for doing nothing. It will place these considerations squarely before the Mayor and the committeemen in order that they may see what is before them. Yesterday's action was but a step in the right direction. It was an important step; but the real work is to come, and it is not to be forgotten that there are aldermen in the Council who may be expected to retard rather than promote the movement for reform.

Ald. Kelley's motion, if we are to judge it in the light of the speech he made in support of it, in which he spoke of carrying along all of the present officials in one capacity or another—that is, as subordinates or pensioners—indicates somewhat of a tender-heartedness which does credit to his heart rather than his head. If the resolution is going to try to make an amicable rather than a breaking up, it will make no useful progress and reorganization will mean merely a shake-up without either economy or efficiency. The city has too many officials, and too many competent men, and if it gets them it should keep them free from aldermanic control. That is to say, having apparently decided that Ald. McGoldrick can no longer be director of public works, it would only be leaving the frying pan for the fire if he were made city engineer, or were allowed to dictate to the man who

may be selected to fill that office. That sort of nonsense ought to be dropped for good this time. The man who is to be made city engineer, if the plan now in making the good land working by industrialists of whom shall be working for themselves on their own land. It is felt that there are many people in the United Kingdom who, if they knew the facts, would prefer mixed farming in Ontario, or the Maritime Provinces, to life in the West where comfort is less and work is harder. It is a time of land-hunger in England, Scotland and Ireland. There are laborers there to whom New Brunswick, like Ontario, has advantages to offer. The Salvation Army is going to undertake a measure of colonization work, in which it will doubtless meet with success. The New Brunswick government, however, is the agency which should bring the land and the landless together for the benefit of the province.

The U. S. department of agriculture is wrestling even with the "third man" problem. An American contemporary has this to say of its plan:  
"One of the latest activities of the government is a practical plan for laying hands upon desirable immigrants just landed and placing them on the farms where they are needed and where their own future is brightest. An officer has already been located in New York, and the farmers of the entire country are being instructed in the use of this first-aid work in actual practice."  
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clear-cut decision between the parties. Seemingly the domestic problems must be subordinated presently to a battle between Free Trade and Protection.

For many years The Telegraph has been good to Alderman McGoldrick. What it has retained from saying about him has kept him in the Council. Even now this journal of the home would not seek to weaken the sounding eulogy which Ald. McGoldrick pronounced upon Ald. McGoldrick Monday. Naturally one hesitates to tamper with a classic. But before that noteworthy oration is relegated to the oratorical junk pile we are compelled, albeit reluctantly, to challenge one sentence in it. This one:  
"It had been urged in the onslaught on himself and Ald. Baxter that they were the whole brains of the council."

Mr. McGoldrick's eyesight has tricked him. He will search the columns of this journal in vain for any statement in any way intimating that his aldermanic activities were rendered formidable by the contents of that headline which the alderman himself neatly describes as his "nut." With this trifling exception the alderman's oration Monday was quite as fine a thing as he has done, and the fact that his associates sat for an hour and a half fascinated by his brilliant logic, awed by the majesty of his presence, and charmed by the music of his voice, speaks volumes for both him and them.

**FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS FROM JOHN MILTON**  
Milton, the poet, the three hundredth anniversary of whose birth was celebrated last week, coined many phrases which have become a familiar part of the English language. The following are only a few of these phrases:  
"Trip it as you go on the light fantastic toe."  
"The cynosure of neighboring eyes."  
"The busy hum of men."  
"Linked sweetness long drawn out."  
"The need of some melodious tear."  
"To scorn delights and live laborious days."  
"That last infirmity of noble minds."  
"Fresh woods and pastures new."  
"Better to reign in hell than serve in heaven."  
"The gorgeous East."  
"That bad enchanter."  
"His tongue dropped manna."  
"A pillar of state."  
"Sweet, reluctant, amorous delay."  
"The gay notes that people the subseams."  
"Long is the way and hard that out of hell leads up to light."  
"He for God only, the for God in him."  
"The cricket on the hearth."  
"The tale of Troy divine."  
"A dim religious light."  
"Where more is meant than meets the ear."  
"They also serve who only stand and wait."  
"License they mean when they cry liberty."  
"Make the worse appear the better reason."  
"Justly, it is, says, 'are not the offenders, their hands are tied.'"  
"Out of good still to find means of evil."  
"The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven."  
"Till at autumnal leaves that strew the brooks in Valambrosa."  
"Faithful found among the faithless, faithful only be."  
"Teach such as angels weep."  
"Who overcomes by force hath overcome but half his foe."  
"Evil be thou my good."  
"Impardoned in one another's arms."  
"Not to know me grieves your virtues unknown."  
"The universal frame."  
"Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war."

**NOTE AND COMMENT.**  
The Snowball and appears to have satisfied the local government that the assertions of some of its members and newspapers regarding stampage matters were not justified by the facts.

The taxpayers have now three or four months in which to consider what sort of aldermen they are going to place in the City Council. If they are going to empty any of the present seats there must be reorganization. \* \* \* \* \*

The school board passes the fire escape tenders along to consider what time and the school board. The things take time, and he would be a bold speculator who guesses when the school houses will be even officially pronounced safe. \* \* \* \* \*

Ex-Premier Robinson presided at a mass meeting in Moncton on Sunday night in favor of the Scott Act. Hon. Mr. Robinson expressed the view that Westmorland would be taking a backward step if it defeated the present law. The vote comes next Thursday. At present the temperance people seem likely to win handily. \* \* \* \* \*

Mr. Morrissey's North Shore Leader refers to Commodore Stewart, Mr. J. K. Pinder, Mr. Young, and other members of the Hazen party, with something resembling a tenderness which does credit to his heart rather than his head. If the resolution is going to try to make an amicable rather than a breaking up, it will make no useful progress and reorganization will mean merely a shake-up without either economy or efficiency. The city has too many officials, and too many competent men, and if it gets them it should keep them free from aldermanic control. That is to say, having apparently decided that Ald. McGoldrick can no longer be director of public works, it would only be leaving the frying pan for the fire if he were made city engineer, or were allowed to dictate to the man who

may be selected to fill that office. That sort of nonsense ought to be dropped for good this time. The man who is to be made city engineer, if the plan now in making the good land working by industrialists of whom shall be working for themselves on their own land. It is felt that there are many people in the United Kingdom who, if they knew the facts, would prefer mixed farming in Ontario, or the Maritime Provinces, to life in the West where comfort is less and work is harder. It is a time of land-hunger in England, Scotland and Ireland. There are laborers there to whom New Brunswick, like Ontario, has advantages to offer. The Salvation Army is going to undertake a measure of colonization work, in which it will doubtless meet with success. The New Brunswick government, however, is the agency which should bring the land and the landless together for the benefit of the province.

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**REISEBILDER**  
I have heard the swallows twittering in the dawn,  
Their sweet-voiced travel-talk beneath the eaves;  
September dew lay deep upon the new-fallen leaves,  
Strewn with gold and silver of new-fallen leaves.

I saw the valley shining through the mist  
With deep woods billowing to the distant  
The far horizon's tender amber  
Glimmered above the sea dim silver field.

The bird's soft gossip woke the thought of you  
In your enchanted palace overseas,  
And, as I dreamed, the longing rose anew  
For other lands, and days no more to be;

For the white road, the olive on the hill,  
The marble terrace high above the bay,  
The slender cypress torches, and the still  
Gold air of evening folding in the day.

Ah, when you watch aloft an eager wing  
Their tiny cross-bows chaper against the blue,  
Will you divine what dreams are following?  
How with the birds my heart goes southward too!

—Rosamund Marriott Watson in The Atheneum.

**Tom Johnson's Failure,**  
(Hamilton Spectator).

Tom Johnson, Cleveland's spectacular chief magistrate, has reached the testing time of his life rather unexpectedly. The courts and people have given his municipal street railway scheme a black eye and now he announces that his fortune has been wiped out of existence. Will his following remain loyal in the hour of adversity, or will it desert him?

People usually live longer in islands and small peninsulas than on continents. Barbadoes, Greece, Madeira and the Shetlands are all favorable to long life.

**Under a Pine Tree**  
Beneath the swaying pine tree  
That the fitful wind goes through,  
I gaze at the widening landscape,  
That fades in far-off blue.

And like low music playing  
Above in the organ loft,  
The wind in the pine tree moving  
Makes music strange and soft.

Soft is the voice, but solemn;  
And with a dream-like power  
It sweeps all thought and cares away,  
And hushes the brain-hour.

For the trees have all their voices  
Of light or earnest tone,  
The aspen-elfin laughter,  
The oak—a Titan's moan.

But the pine has caught the message  
Which training leaves the sea,  
And the voice is the voice of the ocean,  
And its talk of Eternity.

Francis W. Bourdillon.

**Tariff Making by Prayer.**  
(N. Y. Post).

The New York Tribune publishes a telegram from Joplin (Mo.), saying that miners of twenty-five towns in the Kansas-Missouri mining district will pray on Thanksgiving day for a tariff on zinc ore.

O Lord, we humbly ask Thine aid  
To tariff raise on zinc.  
Be-cause our infant trade now stands  
Close on to ruin's brink.  
We do not ask Thy 'mountains move  
And cast into the sea,  
Or that the blind may see,  
For things like these we have no use;  
We need substantial 'chink'.  
We must have help and have it now,  
Good Lord, remember zinc.

We know 'twill raise the price of paint,  
Of mat, and tub, and sink,  
But other people pay the bill;  
Good Lord, protect our zinc.

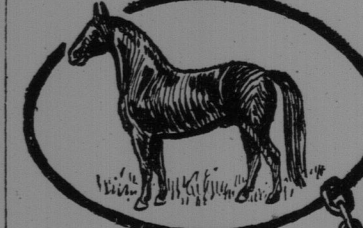
New York, Nov. 24. FITZ-NIGEL.

**Out in the Fir-Blue Hills**  
Out on the fir-blue hills, in the  
autumn weather,  
Heard the hills on the crown of the Earth  
rather rocking her children,  
Seeketh, in evening shades, the fragrant  
breath of her bloom,  
Feeth the placid repose of her being in  
ripples of motion,  
That, urged by her voice into waves of  
gliscent rejoicing,  
Go pulsing the shores of the ego in rhythm  
of magical spasm—her hills my heart  
return not, lest knowing,  
Once more the old discusset, thou hear not  
the Earth-Mother, crouching  
crouching in love ever faithful of joy on the  
hill-rim dreaming.

—Mary Brecher, in Lippincott's.

**Alrhipps**  
I hold it true, with him who sings, to  
one clear harp in divers tones, that men  
who'd fly, ere they have wings, are apt to  
break their blooming bones. The birds may  
think it fully worth their while to  
soar from tree to tree; but while I live  
this good earth is plenty smooth  
enough for me.—Empora Gazette.

Sugar-growing, next to mining, is the greatest industry in South Africa.



**THE CONNECTING LINK BETWEEN YOUR HORSE AND GOOD HEALTH**  
It's a cowardly act to work a sick, worn-out horse. Besides, you don't get as much work out of him as you would if he was strong and healthy.

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# MAXWELL ENEMES MAKING STUMPAGE CHARGES

### Misquoted in the Press, He Says

W. B. Snowball Gets Government's Promise to Refute the Libel, But Newspaper Refuses to Print Crown Lands Statement.

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 15.—The report of the recent meeting of the provincial government at Fredericton, as given out, presumably by members of the government, makes no mention of the protest made by W. B. Snowball, president of the J. B. Snowball Co., Limited, against the unfair attack on his company by members of the government and organs supporting the government.

On Wednesday afternoon last after speaking as a member of the delegation from the Chatham Exhibition Society, Mr. Snowball addressed the executive on the stumpage charges, as recently published in the Gleaner and Globe, and after stating the company's position, as outlined in the letter already given publicly, he charged that a member of the government was responsible for the attack.

Mr. Snowball was asked who that member was, and replied, "Mr. Maxwell."

The representative from St. John arose and said that he had been misquoted, and that he had not said "a lumber dealer," but referred only to incorrect scaling in his Woodstock speech.

Mr. Snowball remarked that it was very singular that Mr. Maxwell had not taken the trouble to correct the impression before, and asked the Crown Lands Department to prepare the correct statement and have it forwarded to the newspapers which had used Mr. Maxwell's speech.

Mr. Snowball left the matter in the hands of R. A. Lavelle, K. C., and on Friday afternoon received a telephone message from that gentleman, who was in Fredericton, giving the information that Surveyor General Grimmer had submitted the statement as requested to the newspapers in question, and that the Gleaner had failed to publish it.

Later developments are expected to be interesting.

# VALUATORS MAY HOLD SESSIONS IN THIS CITY

### Hon. Chas. E. Oak Here in Connection With the International Railway Matter—Says Lumber Outlook is Brightening.

Hon. Charles E. Oak, of Bangor (Me.), who arrived in the city yesterday and is at the Royal, was, with Henry Hilyard of the city and Hon. John Costigan appointed recently as arbitrator in valuing certain land properties through which the International Railway, now under construction, will run.

Mr. Oak yesterday called upon Colonel McLean, who is representing the N. B. Railway Co., one of the parties interested, to confer with him as to the time and place for holding the court of arbitration. No date has been fixed as yet, but it is understood the hearing will be held in Fredericton or St. John, probably in this city, as the most central point.

Regarding the matters to be arbitrated, Mr. Oak said he could only conjecture what they would be, so he would not care to make any statement in that regard.

Asked concerning lumber operations on the Miramichi, where he is largely interested, he said the cut during this winter would be about fifty per cent less than last season. The amount of saw logs cut would be about the same as last year, but the pulp wood cut would be very much less.

This was in consequence of all the pulp and paper mills having a large supply ahead, because of time lost through strikes etc. During the time of trouble, stocks of manufactured goods were pretty well cleaned up, while no new material was made, consequently the pulp wood contracted for had piled up so that all were well supplied.

Speaking of the lumber interests, Mr. Oak said the American price had advanced \$5, and he had recently been offered an advance of seventy-five cents for the English market, and he looked for the latter to steadily improve. The outlook was for a much better market from now on.

Mr. Oak was questioned about tariff changes on lumber and pulp wood, but he said he did not care to express an opinion in that regard.

# COUNCIL TAKES FIRST STEP TOWARD REFORM AT CITY HALL

(Continued from page 1)

the whole brains of the council. If they could control the council he thought they must be pretty smart men. The alderman then read a lengthy extract from the Telegraph of last Thursday headed "Questions for the Aldermen." He denied having anything to do with the dismissal of any official in the North End. Regarding new asphalt work, he said they had tried to get the work done. Tenders had been called for without success and the balance of the money had been appropriated to other departments. The board had endeavored to put the sidewalks in good shape.

With regard to Mr. Peters, after he was made consulting engineer, the director asked too high a salary and it was decided to get Mr. Peters out of the office. The moment he was given full control he carried out the work of the city in a way that was a credit to him. He had just finished the best work in the country.

In moving for Mr. Peters' reappointment it was to be at the will and pleasure of the council. There was no question in his part to burke anything, but there was no time before the new year to formulate a scheme. It was an unfair remark to say the alderman did not care what the council thought. He was not looking for the directorship himself. He was not looking for any job except the mayor's job. He would not mind taking the city.

At this point the alderman called attention to the word "Shamrock" in the editorial page of the Telegraph, and asked the council to consider the word as much as the Shamrock as the devil did about slates. Continuing, Ald. McGoldrick read the resolution passed by the council of the board of trade with the signatures attached, and remarked that all the members were respectable men. He was a member himself. By with the exception of Mr. Likely, none of them had been in the council. He then entered into a lengthy defence of the condition of the streets and expressed his opinion that they were in a first-class condition.

No. 6 Wharf Mud.

Turning to a report in the Telegraph regarding the mud dumped into No. 6 wharf, Ald. McGoldrick said he was in a hurry to get the mud dumped, but it was dumped except by his orders. If more stones had been put in, the wharf would have sunk. With regard to holding an inquiry into the mud, he said he would better settle his case with Clark & Adams first, then the council would inquire if Mr. Peters' statement was correct.

Referring to the report regarding what the alderman contended that J. K. Scamell, the government engineer, had stated in the Telegraph that no mud would be used, and quoted from the specification to the effect that 90,000 yards were to be dumped to a depth of two feet below low water, Mr. Peters, he said, might have erred in saying that it would be all mud.

After a passing reference to the street signs, the alderman remarked that he noticed the alderman was getting a little tired and he passed on to speak in terms of praise of the work done by Mr. Peters. He claimed that he had made a scapegoat, but the city had never been so well controlled as at the present time.

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# ELEVEN BIDS FOR THE SCHOOL FIRE-ESCAPES

Go to Buildings Committee and Architect for Award

OFFER OF LAND

Lot Next Newman Street School in Case of Erection of New School Building—St. Vincent's Alumnae Want Use of Cooking School—The Board's Overdraft.

At a meeting of the school trustees last night eleven tenders for the new fire escapes of the buildings were opened and were referred to the buildings committee, with the architect, for consideration and to make an award. A letter was read from Daniel Mullin, K. C., offering to lease a lot of land of eighty feet frontage, next the Newman street school, at \$80 a year. This was referred to a small committee.

The tenders were from Clark & Adams, William Lewis & Sons, G. R. Craig, J. E. Wilson Co., Ltd., Phoenix Foundry & Locomotive Works, the Page Wire Fence Manufacturing Co., William G. H. Hagan, J. P. McDonald, J. E. Burleigh and James H. Pullen. As some were for only parts of the work it was decided on motion of Mr. Russell to refer the matter to the committee named.

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Miss Emily S. Crisp's resignation was accepted. Applications from Charles Russell and Wm. J. Macaulay for the janitorship of the Dufferin school were referred to the buildings committee.

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# FOUR CHILDREN PERISH IN BURNING HOUSE

### Terrible Fatality Near Ottawa

Parents were at Barn When They Noticed Flames and Their Frantic Efforts to Save Tot's Were in Vain—Laurier's Auto Burned

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—In a fire which this morning destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Scharf at Hawthorne, about five miles from the city, their four children were burned to death.

Early in the morning Scharf and his wife, after lighting a fire in the kitchen, went out to feed the stock. While attending to the cattle Scharf saw the house on fire and ran to save his little ones, but the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to ascend the stairway, and the frantic parents were powerless to render assistance to the unfortunate children.

Once only when the father burst open an upper window, which he had reached by means of a ladder, was any outcry heard from within. It was the voice of the oldest child calling frantically for "Papa."

When the fire had burned down the house, the bodies of the children were found in the cellar. Their bodies were buried to a crypt.

The victims were:

Ruby, aged four and a half years.  
Ethel, three years.  
Willie, two years.  
Dorothy, a babe of three months.

Fire in the Canada Cycle & Motor Company's garage today caused considerable damage to the contents. Two fine automobiles were destroyed, one of them being Sir Wilfrid Laurier's English touring car. Ralph Smith, M. P.-elect, for Nanaimo (B. C.), is in the city and rumor naturally connects his visit with the British Columbia portfolio. Wm. Sloan, who was elected for the miller, by acclamation, will be here on Monday.

W. L. MacKenzie King will leave on Wednesday for China to take part, as Canadian delegate, in the international anti-opium convention which is to take place next month.

**CURES Inside Ills**

A sneeze—a sniffle—a cold in the head—a cough. Serious trouble may result unless you recognize the symptoms and eradicate them at once. There's a sure remedy for inside ills—take it in time and save doctor's bills. A few drops of

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# GOOD PROGRESS ON G. T. PACIFIC

### Every Mile Between Winnipeg and Moncton Under Contract, and Many Miles of Rails Laid.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The National Transcontinental Railway Commission reports that considerable progress is being made with the building of the line of the new national road between Moncton and Winnipeg. Every mile of the line is now under contract, and at the eastern and western ends, where the contracts have been able to get supplies without much difficulty, the construction work is well forward. The total miles of steel laid runs well over 150 miles, while a good amount of work has been done in road cutting, grading and bridging on other portions of the line. On the eastern end the most important work has been done from Moncton to the St. Lawrence, and from the St. Lawrence to Weymouth, 200 miles west, and to Superior Junction. A good deal of work has also been done in the central portion in the Athabasca region. Altogether the construction completed thus far represents an expenditure of some forty millions of dollars.

The statement of the condition of the various contracts is as follows:—From Moncton to the St. Lawrence, under contract to the Grand Trunk Pacific, much grading done, and some rails laid; next section west, John McManus, 8 miles, good progress; next section, G. T. P., 20 miles, good progress; next section, W. J. Davis, 20 miles, good progress; next section, M. P. & J. T. Davis, St. Lawrence, 30 miles west, good progress and some rails laid; McDonald & O'Brien, 100 miles, good progress and some rails laid; G. T. P., 45 miles to Weymouth, good progress; MacDonald & O'Brien, 221 miles, roads being cut and supplies taken in; G. T. P., 150 miles, to a point 8 miles west of the Athabasca River, preliminary and some grading work done; M. P. & J. T. Davis, 204 miles contract just awarded; M. P. & J. T. Davis, 204 miles contract just awarded; Superior Junction, contract just awarded; J. D. McArthur, 245 miles, from Superior Junction to Winnipeg, 80 per cent of the work completed.

# EXTEND CALL TO REV. J. B. CHAMPION

At a meeting of the quarterly board on the Fairview Methodist church a call was extended to Rev. J. B. Champion to the pastorate of the church. The Rev. J. B. Champion, who is at present on the Courtenay Bay circuit.

The term of the present pastor, Rev. T. J. Deinstadt, will expire next June, as he will have completed four years.

It is understood that Rev. Mr. Champion is likely to accept, subject to the approval of the conference. He is at present on the Courtenay Bay circuit.

There were 32,878 less births in France in 1907 than in the preceding year and 183 more deaths. There was actually an excess of 19,920 deaths over births.

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THE MISSIONER

BY E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

CHAPTER XIII.—(Continued.)

"I will do so," he said, "if I hear any thing about him. It scarcely seems likely."

Wilhelmina sat quite still. Her head resting slightly upon the long delicate fingers of her right hand, was turned away from the young man who was darning to watch her. She was apparently gazing across the park, down the magnificent avenue of elms which led to the village.

"You are not a word!" he exclaimed, "On the whole she could not but approve. And yet—and yet!"

"I read the account of the inquest on your father's death," she said, speaking very slowly, with her usual dazed, yet clear, eyes.

"Yes," he answered. "Yes, after all, I don't know. You see, the governor must have closed with the fellow and shown fight before he got that knock on the head."

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"Yes, it has occurred to you?" she asked. "Yes, I admitted."

"And have you come to any conclusion?" she asked. "None," he declared.

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letters, which she smoothed out with her fingers before beginning to read. Stephen Hurd stood with his back towards her, rearranging the bundles of documents in the safe.

"You have no idea then," she asked softly, "of the contents of this packet?"

He turned deliberately round. He was not in the least uncomfortable. It was almost as though she could see through his tweed shooting-jacket into that inner pocket.

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glazed black hat, and he speaks every language without an accent."

"I should know the best anywhere," he declared. "Find out if he is there still. Let him take you out. Don't lose sight of him—and your presence."

"Tomorrow night," he said, "I will renew my youth. I will search for him on the boulevards, and see the sights which make a gem of the travelling Briton."

"You're a good sort, Gilbert," she said simply. "Thanks!"

"(To be continued.)"

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THE KING, being aware of the great interest taken by the Nation in general in the "Letters of Queen Victoria," recently published, has commanded that a new and popular edition should be issued, in order that the book should be brought within reach of all His Majesty's subjects.

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ST. JOHN MAN, NOW FREE, WAS MODEL PRISONER Charles Hayes, 23 Years Behind Bars for Killing Woman, Had No Mark Against Him.

POULTRY SHOW WILL BE IN FEBRUARY Decided Not to Have Winter Fruit Exhibition in Connection With It.

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"Strout's Farm Buyers' Guide" Is the Title of a Circular Just Out copy mailed from Illustrations and descriptions of planting and growing crops in the valley of the Penobscot, Kennebec and Androscoggin.

The Boston Globe says of the meeting of the Massachusetts ex-convicts council at which Charles Hayes, formerly of Carleton, was pardoned: "The council took up the question of the pardon of Charles Hayes, formerly of Carleton, who was pardoned in 1885, for the murder of his wife, Mary Hayes, in 1885. Hayes was pardoned in 1885, for the murder of his wife, Mary Hayes, in 1885. Hayes was pardoned in 1885, for the murder of his wife, Mary Hayes, in 1885."

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ST. JOHN VALLEY SHOULD RIVAL THE ANNAPOLIS

Chief Fruit Inspector for Maritime Provinces Sees No Reason Against It

HERE ON BUSINESS

Nova Scotia Crop 630,000 Barrels, Five-sixths of It for Export—The Dumping of Poor Stock Here—St. John Valley as Fruit Growing Centre

G. H. Vroom, chief fruit inspector for the maritime provinces, who came to the city on business on Saturday and registered at the Dufferin, said to a Telegraph reporter that, according to the best estimates, the 1908 apple crop of Nova Scotia will be 630,000 barrels. Of this, 550,000 barrels will be exported, the rest being for the maritime province markets. There were more grave-stones than of any other variety and Baldwin, Stark and King followed in the order given.

The quality of the fruit was much better than for years, and prices realized were also good. The growers received for Gravensteins from \$1.25 to \$1.50, and for later varieties from \$1.25 to \$2.50. Prices in England were not encouraging at first, but as the season advanced they went up and the dealers made money on their shipments. In Glasgow apples brought twenty-two shillings a barrel, which would mean a good profit to the shipper.

In answer to a question, Mr. Vroom said he realized that the apple growers of the Annapolis valley were in the habit of dumping inferior apples on the home markets. This was apparent in Charlotte town and Halifax, but the worst apples of all were sent to St. John. The reason was that large apple shippers went through the valley ages ago, and they contended that it would eventually mean more to the orchardist if he would dump what remained over a bank than send them away. The result had been that Nova Scotia apples had got such a name for unreliability here that they were becoming a drug on the New Brunswick market.

Speaking of New Brunswick as an apple growing province, Mr. Vroom said he could think of no reason why the St. John valley could not grow as fine fruit as the Annapolis valley. He had been at Fredericton several times, at the "Growsers' Association" exhibit, and he was much impressed by the superior quality of the apples shown. He favored the co-operative plan and method, in which the apples were all taken to a central point, where they were packed under the supervision of an expert. There were four such concerns in the Annapolis valley, and there was talk of one in P. E. Island.

As to the keeping qualities of the apples grown in the maritime provinces, Mr. Vroom said he had never heard of any place where they were equalled. When the fruit department of the St. John exhibit of apples for a foreign exhibition they always sent to him and he shipped those grown in these provinces. As to the future of the apple market, he thought there was no fear of over-production. As the west and northwest opened up, the Ontario growers were shipping more and more in that direction, the trade increasing enormously every year.

WOODSTOCK COMMERCIAL CASE IN COURT HERE

Montreal Company Suing Sureties of Woodstock Concern—Matter of Extra Provincial Corporations Act at Issue.

Tuesday, Dec. 15.—The suit of the E. W. Henry company of Montreal vs. Frank B. Shaw and Holden Birmingham et al. of Woodstock, was begun yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice McLeod, at an adjourned sitting of the November circuit of the supreme court.

The defendants, Shaw, and Birmingham, in a letter to the Henry company, is set out, agreed to become responsible for goods supplied to a Woodstock company to the extent of \$1,000. The Henry company supplied the extent of \$2,000, and the latter company having failed to pay for the goods, the Henry company is suing Messrs. Shaw and Birmingham as sureties.

The defendants have put in a great number of pleas, among them being one that the plaintiff company is an extra provincial company and having failed to take out a license, as it is alleged they should have done under the Extra Provincial Corporations Act, they were doing business in this province illegally, and the whole transaction was therefore void.

On behalf of the plaintiff company, it is replied that the company does not come within the terms of the Extra Provincial Corporations Act at all, since it was incorporated by a dominion act and therefore can do business as it was done by the company, in any province; further that the company had no resident agent in New Brunswick for supplying goods, orders through its travelers, and is consequently not affected by the Extra Provincial Corporations Act.

M. G. Teed, K. C., opened yesterday for the plaintiff company, after which adjournment was taken until this morning. M. G. Teed, K. C., and J. N. W. Vasey, of Woodstock, are counsel for the plaintiff company, and W. P. Jones, K. C., and F. B. Carrell, K. C., for the defendants.

I. C. R. BROTHERHOODS TO RUN CANDIDATES IN MONCTON ELECTIONS

Moncton, Dec. 13.—(Special)—At a meeting of representatives of the I. C. R. brotherhoods last night it was definitely decided to place candidates in the field at the ensuing civic elections in January. The candidates have not been definitely decided upon, but further meetings will be held this week to settle this question.

OBITUARY

Jeremiah Mahony.

Jeremiah Mahony, a life-long resident of Strait Shore, died at his home in Chesley street on Thursday evening after a few days' illness of paralysis. Mr. Mahony, who was in his 68th year, is survived by his brother Patrick and his sister Hannah, with whom he lived.

Duncan Russell.

Salisbury, N. B., Dec. 11.—Duncan Russell, a former Salisbury man, and son of the late Convers Russell, of Scott Road, died at his home in Bangor (N.E.), this week. The body was brought to Salisbury for burial, and the funeral, which was largely attended, took place from the residence of Todd Russell, brother of deceased, at Scott Road, this afternoon; interment in the cemetery at Lewis Mountain. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. H. H. Ferguson.

Sargent S. Littlehale.

Sargent S. Littlehale, who was for the first half of his life a resident of this city, died this week in California. He was a surveyor of lumber, and afterwards in partnership with the late Joseph H. Scammond conducted a lumber and commission business at Sand Point. About forty years ago he went to Stockton (Cal.) where he was an active member of the Masonic fraternity, and was a vestryman of St. Jude's church. His wife, who predeceased him, was a daughter of the late B. Tilton, of Lancaster, a sister of C. E. Tilton. He leaves three sons and two daughters. Miss Olivia Littlehale and Mrs. T. Edwin Arnold, of Sussex, and Mrs. W. B. Aitken, of Boston, are sisters.

John D. McBriarty.

John D. McBriarty, son of the late John J. McBriarty, died Friday at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. M. Corkery, 32 Brussels street, aged eighteen years. He had been sick for about a year. He had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances among whom he will be greatly missed. He is survived by one brother, George P. McBriarty, of this city, and one half-sister, Miss B. McBriarty, of Baltimore. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Geo. S. Daley.

George S. Daley died on Saturday morning at the residence of Miss Cord, 84 Germain street, aged forty years. He had been in poor health for about a year. He is survived by one brother, John Daley, of this city. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

Frederick Reid.

Frederick Reid died on Dec. 7 in Peabody (Mass.), after a short illness of abscess in the head. Mr. Reid was married and lived at Armstrong's Corner (N. B.), but had gone to work with his brother in Peabody during the winter months. The sad news of his death reached the young wife, who is almost prostrated with grief. He was twenty-nine years of age and leaves wife and infant daughter. His father and mother, three brothers and two sisters. The body was accompanied home by Harry Donald, and interred in the Presbyterian cemetery at Headfield, near the residence of Mr. Wm. Reid, of this city, a brother of the deceased.

James O'Brien.

James O'Brien, brother of John O'Brien, of Rockland road, died at his home in East Cambridge (Mass.) on Friday. He formerly lived in the North End and did business as an undertaker, in which line he continued after settling in East Cambridge. He leaves his wife (formerly Miss Keenan, of Rockland road), and two sons and two daughters.

John Avery.

John Avery, a well known resident of Lancaster, who for years had conducted a fish business there, died in the hospital last evening. About a week ago he was stricken with paralysis when stepping from a street car and since then had lingered from a semi-conscious condition. Mr. Avery was about sixty years of age. He never married. He is survived by two sons—Mrs. R. H. Armstrong, of Paris, and Mrs. J. G. Gault, formerly of South Bay and now of Winnipeg. He numbered many friends and there will be general regret because of his death.

Mrs. Katherine Gaskin.

Moncton, Dec. 13.—(Special)—The death occurred this morning at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. E. O. Steeves, of Mrs. Katherine Gaskin, widow of the late John Gaskin, of Albert county. Deceased was seventy-four years of age and passed away quite suddenly. She had been in failing health, her condition was about as usual when she retired Saturday night. When breakfast was taken to her about 10 this morning it was found she had passed away while sleeping.

Mrs. Benjamin T. Carter.

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 14.—The death occurred at Hopewell Cape on Friday, of Mrs. Carter, wife of the late Benjamin T. Carter, after a short illness of paralysis. The deceased was the sister of the family of the late Nathan Bennett, one of the early residents of Hopewell Cape, and was about 70 years of age. Mrs. Carter was well known and very highly respected. Besides her husband she leaves a large circle of relatives and friends.

H. K. Hisecock.

Andover, N. B., Dec. 14.—The funeral of the late H. K. Hisecock, of Sisson Ridge, took place on Sunday afternoon in the Baptist burying ground at Andover. Rev. Mr. Westworth, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. The deceased was in the seventy-seventh year of his age. He was born at Hainesville, in this county, starting in life as a school teacher, in which calling he had great success. Subsequently he became one of the leading farmers in the county, and for many years resided at Carlington, near the boundary line. A few years ago he sold his Carlington farm and located in Sisson Ridge, where he lived with his wife and family. A good neighbor, and an intelligent and loyal citizen. He was much respected in the community where he resided, and his funeral was attended by a large number of his old neighbors to pay the last tribute of respect. He leaves a wife and one son to mourn their loss.

CHATHAM MAN MARRIED IN SOUTH AFRICA

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 13.—(Special)—Chatham, N. B., Dec. 13.—(Special)—Friends of J. A. Wadding, who went to South Africa with the Stratford horse, were interested to learn of his marriage at Johannesburg on November 2 to Miss Caroline Moyle, of Cape Town.

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Allan Reed.

In the parlour, at Fairville, on Thursday evening, Edna E. Allan, of Pleasant Point, and Edna Beatrice Reed, of Fairville, were married by Rev. Edna E. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Allan will live at Pleasant Point.

Hunt-McLean.

A wedding of interest to St. John friends took place in Holy Trinity church, Winnipeg, on Nov. 24, when Miss Daisy McLean, daughter of Mrs. Adelaide L. McLean, was married to Rev. Edna E. Foster, by Rev. Edna E. Foster.

ESTATE OF DAVID BRADY.

State of David Brady, block maker. Last will proved whereby testator gives to his sister, Annie J. Stewart, of Moncton, \$200 and the balance of the estate to the trustees of the Parish of Burton, St. John's; to each of the five children of the said sister, \$200. The rest of his estate to be divided equally among his five children, to his wife for the support of herself and her children, and to his son, Walter Leonard Brady, until he comes of age, then to be equally divided between his wife and his said son or the survivor. Lena Mildred Bradley, the widow, Walter S. Saunders, of Gonzola Point, and Stewart Fairweather, barrister, named in the will, are personal executors. Real estate, \$800; personal property, \$640, and some life insurance. Arthur C. Fairweather, K. C., executor.

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George R. Lingley, a well known lumberman, died yesterday at his residence, 214 Duke street, aged seventy-eight years. He was born in Indiana, and conducted his business for many years in Millford and lived most of his life in the West. He is survived by two brothers, Edward Lingley and James W. Lingley, both of whom reside in the North End. There are also two sons, W. S. Lingley and E. J. Lingley, of this city, and a daughter, Mrs. E. J. Lingley, of Woodstock (N. B.), and Miss Alice, at home.

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