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Satin lined, good curls. All coats guaranteed.

Prices, \$30, \$35, \$40 to \$45

## F. S. THOMAS,

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The late Dr. Thomas Hoyt, after  
preaching his last sermon as pastor of  
the Chambers-Wylie Church, was en-  
tertaining President Patton of Prince-  
don; Henry C. Minton, moderator of  
the general assembly, and other emi-  
nent men, at dinner. The guests were  
speaking in strong praise of the sermon  
the minister had just preached on the  
different religions, but those versed in  
theology were discussing the doctrinal  
point he had brought out. Dr. Hoyt's

St. John, N. B., Dec. 2, 1903.

## Christmas Clothing!

What would make a more suitable Xmas Gift than a Good Warm Over-  
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of them here in the proper style and specially low prices.

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Gloves, Underwear, Socks, Ties, Collars, Cuffs, Etc.

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299 and 301 Union St.

## A ROMANCE IN AN ALMSHOUSE

Paupers, Twice Felled, Elopéd  
at Last.

They Had Been Sweet-Hearts For  
Six Years, With Few Chances  
For Courtship.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Determined ef-  
forts of Frederick Sherry and Miss Lis-  
zette Decker, inmates of the Warren Co.  
almshouse, at Washington, N. J., to  
elope have been successful.  
Having lived in the institution for  
six years, they had often worked to-  
gether, planted corn side by side, pick-  
ed berries into the same pail and milked  
the same cow. These were the only  
opportunities for their courtship.  
One night early last summer, after  
the other inmates had retired, Sherry  
let himself down from the window of  
his room by means of a rope. Miss  
Decker descended from her room in the  
women's ward in the same manner.  
Nobody discovered their absence until  
the next morning.

The steward started after them at  
daylight and overtook them trudging  
along in the middle of the road, hand  
in hand, near the Delaware Water Gap.  
They said they intended to visit a min-  
ister and be married. Both were tak-  
en back to the institution.

Not many weeks later they planned  
another elopement and secreted a bun-  
dle of clothing in an old house near by.  
On the night the attempt was to be  
made one of the other inmates ex-  
posed their plans and the steward again  
prevented the elopement.

The steward, acting on the advice  
of the board of governors, decided to  
let them go at the next attempt. One  
morning last week he learned that they  
had gone during the night.  
While the storm was at its height  
Thursday night, the steward responded  
to a rap on the door. Outside stood  
Sherry and the girl. "We have been  
married and we want our clothes  
now," Sherry said. They were happy  
when they left the place, after their  
bundles had been delivered to them.

Notice of their marriage, which took  
place in the Baptist parsonage in Phil-  
lipsburg, was published yesterday.

## SULTAN SACRED.

Box of Face Powder for one of the  
Harem Inmates Mistaken  
for Dynamite.

ATHENS, Dec. 2.—A rather comical  
incident which has just taken place in-  
side the walls which surround the  
harem of Sultan Abdul Hamid shows  
how strong is his fear of Anarchists.  
One of the inmates of the harem, who  
was high in the favor of her master,  
had learned from a visitor the use of  
face powder and bribed one of the  
eunuchs to send to Vienna for a particu-  
lar brand.

In due time the box arrived at the  
Yildiz Kiosk, only to be seized imme-  
diately by the secret agents of the Sul-  
tan.

With all precautions the suspicious  
box was sent to the laboratory of the  
army, while the agents reported to the  
Sultan that they had found the con-  
tents of the box harmless.

The eunuch was then taken from his  
prison, but punished with banishment  
for life to Asia Minor for having caused  
the Sultan unnecessary worry.

## NAVAL PURCHASE ALARMS BRITON

The Acquisition of Chilean War  
Ships Regarded as Indicating  
Weakness in Defence.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Two deductions,  
and both pessimistic, are drawn from  
the news of the British government's  
purchase of the Chilean battle ships  
Libertad and Constitution. One is  
that the cabinet would hardly have  
sanctioned the buying of the ships if  
the foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne,  
had been quite confident that peace  
would continue until this year's naval  
construction programme is complete.  
The latest hopeful news from the Far  
East seems to minimize the value of  
this first inference.

The second inference, which is drawn  
in a usually well informed quarter, is  
that all is not as it should be with the  
British navy. Past deficiencies in ship-  
building have not been made good, it  
is asserted, and neither in regard to  
guns nor to armor protection is the  
British navy at this moment adequate  
to what will be required of it in case of  
emergency.

It is becoming more and more doubt-  
ful every day whether the principle of  
the Naval Defence Act of 1888, namely,  
that Great Britain must be equal on  
the sea to any two existing naval  
powers, has not been abandoned. In a  
leading article on this subject the  
Globe admits that the English navy can  
be counted on antiquated ships make  
a noble showing on paper, or even to  
the eye of the landman at a naval re-  
view, but when any one who knows  
the ins and outs of maritime warfare  
goes down the list there is a very differ-  
ent tale to tell.

"Comparison," says the article, "of  
effective fighting units cause very seri-  
ous apprehensions as to our first and  
only line of defence.

"The public," concludes the Globe,  
"must wake up to the fact that our  
navy is not adequate to the duties  
which will be called upon to dis-  
charge."

## U. S. CONSUL'S ARROGANCE.

Turkey's Explanation of the Al-  
leged Assault and Insult Upon  
Consul Davis.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 2.—The  
Turkish official report of the incidents  
at Alexandretta complained of by the  
United States Consul, W. R. Davis, has  
been telegraphed here by the govern-  
ment of Beirut, Syria, as follows: "Attar-  
ian, a native of Kharput, who has for  
some years been abroad, recently re-  
turned to the country secretly and had  
been travelling in the interior with a  
Turkish passport. On his arrival late-  
ly at Alexandretta, Attarian claimed  
the protection of the American consul  
and asked for his assistance to enable  
him to embark for Egypt. Mr. Davis  
accordingly, notified the authorities, but  
the latter insisted that the sanction of  
the governor must be obtained and that  
the usual formalities be carried out,  
such as photographing Attarian. Mr.  
Davis refused to tolerate the delay and  
attempted to embark Attarian by force.  
The police arrested Attarian at the  
quay, whereupon Mr. Davis aided by  
his military couriers, struck the police-  
men, who were wounded in the faces  
and afterwards attempted to force an  
entrance into the guard house, break-  
ing windows and doors, but failing in  
this. Thereupon Mr. Davis threatened  
that unless Attarian was released and  
allowed to embark within four hours he  
would himself leave. Not receiving  
satisfaction Mr. Davis embarked for  
Beirut on the same steamer Attarian  
tried to take."

## NEW GUNS FOR CANADA

Sir Frederick Borden's Mission to  
England—Every City Corps  
Will Have a Maxim.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—The visit of Sir  
Frederick Borden to England is for a  
double purpose. Not only, as already  
stated, will the minister of militia con-  
fer with the war office in regard to the  
provisions of the militia bill under  
which it is proposed to appoint a Cana-  
dian officer to command the Canadian  
militia, but Sir Frederick will also  
purchase field artillery and siege and  
Maxim guns. Of field artillery there  
will probably be ten or a dozen batte-  
ries. As to Maxims, enough will likely  
be bought to enable a Maxim company  
to be formed in connection with every  
city corps. At present the number of  
Maxim guns in the country would not  
exceed fifteen. Doubtless the minis-  
ter would prefer to make his purchases  
through the war office, but if that in-  
stitution cannot guarantee the deliv-  
ery of the guns within reasonable time  
the artillery will be got outside. Cana-  
dians want none but the best, and in  
order to ensure that the guns shall be  
up to requirements, Lieut.-Colonel Ru-  
therford, assistant adjutant-general of  
artillery, is accompanying the minis-  
ter.

## WEDDINGS TODAY

CHARLES-ON-SMITH.

A very pretty wedding, quietly cele-  
brated, was that of Miss Florence  
Almon Smith, second daughter of W.  
H. Smith, of 203 Douglas avenue, to  
Thomas Phillips Charleson, of Ottawa,  
well known in this city as one of M.  
Connolly's head men.

The ceremony was performed by Rev.  
R. P. McKim in St. Luke's church, at  
11:30 this morning, in the presence of  
a number of friends. The bride was  
handsomely gowned in royal navy  
brocade with chenille and carried a  
bouquet of pale pink chrysanthem-  
ums.

The groom was supported by H. G.  
Berestford.  
After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs.  
Charleson took luncheon at Mr. Smith's,  
after which they left for Ottawa via  
Halifax and Montreal.

The bride was the recipient of a great  
many gifts including a seal coat from  
the groom and a cabinet of silver from  
the groom's parents.

## HATWARD-NICKERSON.

Alonso H. Hayward, of Amherst, and  
Miss Ella May Nickerson, formerly of  
Amherst and now of St. John, were  
united in marriage this forenoon. The  
ceremony was performed by Rev. C. T.  
Phillips at the home of Geo. Erb, 61  
Bain street, at ten o'clock this morn-  
ing. The marriage was a quiet one,  
only a few friends being present, and  
after luncheon had been served Mr.  
and Mrs. Hayward left on the noon  
train for their new home in Amherst.

## POWERS-WILSON.

The marriage of Miss Ethelwynne  
Roberta Wilson, daughter of Rev. Dr.  
Wilson to Arthur C. Powers takes place  
at a quarter to five o'clock this after-  
noon in Zion's church. The ceremony  
will be performed by Rev. Dr. Wilson,  
assisted by Rev. W. J. Kirby.

Miss Wilson will be attended by Miss  
Alice Scott and Miss Alma Wilson,  
while Thomas E. Powers will support  
the groom. After the ceremony the  
young couple will leave on the C. P. R.  
for Montreal. Upon their return they  
will reside on Paradise Row.

There will be a band in Carleton  
rink tonight. Ice is in excellent con-  
dition.

J. G. Burke, of the C. P. R., accom-  
panied the last trainload of immigrants  
to Montreal.

It is reported that John A. Bowes,  
formerly of the St. John Gazette, has  
accepted a position on the Montreal  
Herald.

The regular monthly meeting of the  
board of health will be held this after-  
noon. At this meeting Dr. Morris will  
report on the condition of the patient  
at the isolation hospital.

## CIVIL WAR PREDICTED.

Wildest Scenes of Bloodshed  
in Illinois.

Prominent Manufacturer Says Re-  
volution Will be the Result if  
Union Methods Continue.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—"If the fight for  
the closed shop is allowed to continue,  
there will be scenes of bloodshed in  
the state of Illinois, resembling the  
days of the French revolution. The  
closed shop is un-American, unrighte-  
ous, a restriction of the liberties of the  
people and a death-blow to the indi-  
vidualism that makes for success." The  
foregoing sentiment, expressed by  
W. B. Brinton, president of the Peru  
Plow Co., has been cheered by 600  
men of the Illinois Manufacturers' As-  
sociation at their annual dinner.

"Our rights," declared Mr. Brinton,  
"are dependent on the settlement of  
the question once for all as to whether  
an employer can hire whom he pleases  
without being subject to the dictation  
of any organized body. The Chicago  
City Railway has won a great victory  
in establishing its rights to engage its  
own employees. Without this right,  
which is becoming recognized by the  
great mass of people, the commercial  
supremacy of the United States will be  
at an end."

W. B. Conkey spoke along the same  
lines. Still another speaker declared  
that after the abolition of the "closed  
shop" the removal of the union label  
was the most important thing that  
came under consideration of the Man-  
ufacturers' Association.

## STRIKERS MURDER

Innocent Man Mistaken for a Seab,  
Shot by Striking Tanners  
in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Mistaken for a  
strike-breaker, the police believe,  
John O. Suchowski, trunk-maker, has  
been shot and killed. The crime is at-  
tributed by the police to union pickets  
of the striking tanners of the American  
Hide and Leather Company. The dis-  
cussion of the removal of the union label  
was the subject of the strike since the  
tanners' strike began a month ago.  
One man was shot soon after the trouble  
began. Pickets have surrounded  
the plant at all hours and non-union  
men have been escorted to and from  
their work under heavy guard. The  
murdered man left a widow and three  
children.

## A NEW PIANIST.

Miss Lora Neuman's Recital in Nord-  
hemier's Hall.

At the Nordhemier Recital Hall last  
evening, Miss Lora Neuman, a recent  
arrival in Toronto, whose home is in  
Moncton, N. B., and who has just re-  
turned from studying in Vienna for  
some years with the celebrated Les-  
chetizsky, gave her first Toronto re-  
cital with marked success. In the fol-  
lowing numbers: Beethoven's Sonata  
Appassionata; Gluck-Brahms, Gavotte;  
Debussy, La Coccule; Brahms, Capric-  
cio; Chopin, Nocturn and Scherzo, B  
minor; Anton Rubenstein, Barcarolle;  
MacDowell, the Brook; Leschetizsky,  
Arabesque; Liszt, Rhapsody No. 8.  
Miss Neuman's execution, phrasing,  
and interpretation, were a revelation  
to the audience, who hardly anticipat-  
ed such a high level of performance.  
The recital which she gave of the vari-  
ous numbers.

## RUSSO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The foreign office  
has not been informed of the details of  
the Russo-Japanese negotiations, but it  
regards the basis of the understanding  
as based on the Associated Press from  
St. Petersburg yesterday as being with-  
in the probabilities and the officials  
here remain firmly convinced that a  
settlement will be reached.

## LABOR FORCES SPLIT.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 2.—The build-  
ing trades union, which with her sister ship  
in its fight with the Builders' Exchange  
League by the settlement of the dispute  
between the sheet metal workers and  
th master trimmers, and the withdraw-  
al of the holding companies from the  
council. In both trades work was re-  
sumed today. The lock-out against the  
building trades continues.

## EASTEST BATTLESHIP AFLOAT.

GLASGOW, Dec. 2.—Speed trials of  
the Liberator, which with her sister ship  
the Constitution, has been sold to  
Great Britain by the Chilean govern-  
ment, have resulted in an average of  
20.3 knots an hour, thus showing that  
she is the fastest battleship afloat.

## GETTING READY FOR 1904.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—James  
K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic  
National Committee, today issued a call  
for the committee to meet at the Shore-  
ham Hotel, in this city, Tuesday, Janu-  
ary 12th, to decide upon the time and  
place of holding the democratic national  
convention.

## AFTER MIDNIGHT.

(Buffalo Commercial).  
"Just think," said Mr. Styslate, "this  
is the first time I've seen you in nearly  
two months."  
"Yes," replied Miss Bord, suppressing  
a yawn.  
"Did—anyone call on you last  
night?"  
"Last night?" she repeated, ostenta-  
tiously glancing at the clock. "No one  
but you."

## TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

FOUND.—A pocket-book, containing a small  
amount of money. Apply to R. O. ELKIN,  
Prince Wm. street.

WANTED.—A girl. Apply at Boston Res-  
taurant, 20 and 22 Charlotte street.

## ITALY'S VENGEANCE.

Two War-Ships Sent to Somali-  
land to Avenge the Murder of  
an Italian Officer.

ROME, Dec. 2.—The Italian cruiser  
Lombardia, the gunboat Volturmo and  
the despatch vessel Gallo have arrived  
at Aden. They will soon be joined  
there by the cruiser Cristoforo Colombo,  
the flagship, and will proceed to  
Durbio to inflict punishment on the  
Somalland tribe who killed Lieut.  
Commander Grabau, after he had op-  
ened fire upon the fort there for re-  
fusing to hoist the Italian flag.

News received here that the British  
cruiser Mowhawk had landed a de-  
tachment of marines at Durbio and set  
the village on fire caused some sur-  
prise. Durbio being in the Italian pro-  
tectorate, it is contended that a British  
warship should not undertake belliger-  
ent operations.

## RACED WITH A BROKEN RIB.

Great Pluck Shown by One of the  
Riders in the Six Day Bicycle  
Race.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—All the riders  
in the six day race at Madison Square  
Garden show evidence of the strain  
when daylight came this morning. The  
sole topic of discussion in the camps of  
the riders was the pluck shown by C.  
D. Barclay, who, rather than break his  
contract with the management, con-  
tinued to ride while suffering from a  
broken rib and numberless bruises  
which he had received in a fall shortly  
before midnight. Barclay's pain was  
so great that he could not reach out  
his hand to take food from his train-  
ers while riding. His helpers announ-  
ced without any attempt at conceal-  
ment that they had given him large  
doses of what they termed "dope" be-  
fore he returned to the track.

Frank Krebs did all he could to re-  
lieve his partner Barclay by returning  
to the track frequently. This rapidly  
sapped his strength and he, too, was  
forced to lose some laps. At half-past  
six o'clock Barclay and Rettich retired  
from the race. Barclay had then rid-  
den nearly four hours while suffering  
from a broken rib and other injuries.  
He practically had to be carried to his  
quarters.

## PRINCESS ELIZABETH

SHOT NO ACTRESS.

Malice of Greenroom Originates  
Cruel Report About Austrian Em-  
peror's Granddaughter.

PRAGUE, Dec. 2.—There is absolute-  
ly no foundation for the report that  
the Princess Elizabeth of Windisch-  
Graetz wife of Prince Otto of Win-  
disch-Graetz and granddaughter of the  
Emperor of Austria and also grand-  
daughter of the King of the Belgians,  
shot and killed an actress whom she  
is alleged to have found in the apart-  
ments of the prince.

Prince Otto is now absent on a hunt-  
ing trip, and the accusation of the  
Princess Elizabeth is imminent. The  
actress alleged to have been con-  
cerned in the episode was a subreite at  
the Czech Suburban Theatre. She is  
the wife of a tailor and has long been  
bedridden as the result of injuries re-  
ceived while dancing in "The Belle of  
New York." It is said that the whole  
story originated in the jealousy of her  
theatrical colleagues.

## THE TRADE IN EARS.

Man Who Sold One Buys Another  
From a Miner.

IRONWOOD, Mich., Dec. 2.—That the  
man who sold his ear for \$5,000 to a  
western millionaire will make \$4,000 and  
have two ears when he gets through  
has developed from a visit to Dr. C. A.  
Stebbins, of this city, of a Hungarian  
miner from Hurley, Wis. The miner  
has a letter from the man who sold his  
ear, offering him \$1,000. The miner  
wanted to know if the operation would  
be dangerous and said he would under-  
go it when told it was safe.

## MOUNTAINS.

Primeval wardens of earth's loveliness,  
Fresh in the splendor of God's mould-  
ing hand

As when time's morning dawned o'er  
sea and land,  
And nature thrilled with beauty's first  
caress!

Calmly ye view the tumult and the  
stress  
Of human effort for the joys that  
stand

In phantom vales, and builded on the  
sand,  
Perchance I dream, but yet ye seem to  
bless

And cleanse me, as I gaze, from taint  
of sin;  
For naught of evil can behold the  
flame

Of purity upon your brows and live.  
Ah, mel such glory now I may not  
win—

Enough the while that heart and soul  
proclaim  
The consecration it is yours to give.

—Charles Morse.  
The Chalet, Lake Louise, A. I. A.

The Hon. A. T. Dunn returned from  
Fredericton this morning.

## Broad Cove Coal,

\$7.00 a Chaldron.

Delivered. Tel. 1622.

E. RILEY, — 254 City Road

## THE WEATHER.

Highest temperature, 24; lowest tem-  
perature, 16; barometer at noon, 30.08  
inches; wind, N.; velocity, 16 miles per  
hour.  
Forecast—Easterly winds increasing  
to gales; snow or sleet tonight and  
on Thursday.  
Synopsis—Weather continued cold  
and wintry from New Brunswick to  
Manitoba. A disturbance is develop-  
ing over the southern states and the  
general outlook is stormy. To Banks,  
moderate easterly until Thursday, then  
gales. To American ports, easterly  
gales.  
Storm signal No. 3 was hoisted at  
noon.

Stoles of velvet to match the cos-  
tume are either entirely plain or they  
are fur, for embroidery, or ruche  
bordered.



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and Empty Shells, Powder,  
Shot, Wads, Decoys, Calls,  
etc.

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## FERGUSON & PAGE

are ready to show a full stock of  
WATCHES and can give good value  
in Gentlemen's, Ladies', Misses' or Boys  
Gold, Gold Filled, Silver or Gun Metal  
Cases. Call early and make your  
choice.

At 41 King St.

## Stoves, Furniture, Sleigh Robes, Etc.,

BY AUCTION.  
At Sale Room, 20 Gorman street, on FRIDAY,  
the 11th inst., at 10 o'clock, a.m.  
One Charter Oak Range, 1 small range, 3  
Silver Moon feeders, and the following beat-  
ing stoves: 1 Burlington, 1 Maple, 1 Art  
Grand, 1 anti-splinter Globe and 1 Franklin  
1 Golden Oak bedroom set, 1 very nice Fold-  
ing Bed (almost new), 1 mahogany bagatelle  
table, walnut, ash and iron bedsteads, spring  
mattresses, bedding, easy and rocking chairs,  
pictures, carpets, clocks, 1 sewing machine,  
cabinet organ, 1 small upright piano; also  
2 ladies' fur jackets, 1 lady's marking collar,  
1 gent's beaver collar, 1 large black plush  
robe, etc., etc.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

## Apples.



## NEW AND TRUE

Hellotrope Sachet Powder.  
EXQUISITELY SWEET

Royal Pharmacy,  
S. McDIARMID  
KING ST.  
Tel. 403.

## TO LET.

Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

TO LET—A cottage containing eight rooms. Enquire of M. J. WILKINS, 321 Haymarket Square.

PURISHED ROOMS TO LET at 117 Elliot Row. Apply on premises.

## HELP WANTED, MALE.

Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

WANTED—A boy to drive a team for GIBSON & CO., coal and wood, Smythe Street.

WANTED—Lodger. One with experience. Apply MERCHANT, this office.

WANTED—A good sober man for night watchman. One who understands steam. Apply at PETER'S TANNERY.

WANTED—At once. A first-class machinist. Apply to P. O. Box 238.

## HELP WANTED FEMALE.

Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

WANTED—A girl for general housework, also a nurse girl. References required. Apply at 100 to 102 Princess Street.

WANTED—A competent girl for general housework. Apply 28 Garden Street.

WANTED—A capable girl for light housework. Good wages will be paid. Apply to MRS. F. G. SPENCER, 151 King Street, east.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. W. A. MACLAUGHLIN, 48 Cliff Street.

GIRLS WANTED—Apply to WM. J. PARKS, KNITTING FACTORY, Brown's Building, Canterbury Street.

WANTED—A cook, without washing or ironing. References required. Apply at 178 Gormain Street.

WANTED—A First Class Female Pastry Cook. Apply to White's Restaurant at once.

Brucella, Eczema, Eruptions on the face or body, Barber's Itch, Salt Rheum, Blood Poisoning of Wounds, Ring Worm, Hives, Redness or Bad Skin, and all inflammatory sores or swellings are quickly cured with

**BIDDY MARTIN'S EXTRACT.**

For sale by all druggists.

**FOR SALE.**

Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

FOR SALE LOW—A farm on the Old Westmorland road, containing 150 acres. About ten miles from St. John. One house and one barn in good condition. About thirty acres clear, remainder thickly wooded, with soft and hard wood. Apply to THOMAS R. McQUINN, on premises, at 177 Eden Street. One half purchase money can remain on mortgage if desired.

FOR SALE—Sleigh, Pump, Sled, Carriage, Light Harness and large Wolf Robe. All in good order. Apply at THOS. W. ROBINSON'S Warehouse, Smythe Street.

FOR SALE—Rotary mill in first class running order with Lath Machine attached, capacity twenty to twenty-five thousand sup. ft. lumber per day. Can be delivered at any time. Enquire at C. M. BOSTWICK & CO., St. John, N. B., or at Great Salmon River, St. John Co., N. B.

FOR SALE—That desirable situated two story and basement brick dwelling and freehold lot, known as the Sweden property. No. 10 Gormain Street, this city, and adjoining the residence of the subscriber. Can be inspected at any time. For further particulars apply to W. S. FISHER, 75 Prince Wm. Street.

FOR SALE—One 1 1/2 in. Pine Door, 8 ft. 6 in. by 3 ft. 3 in., with 3 glass panels. Apply Sun Printing Co., St. John.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—A quantity of rope or twine, also ammunition. No. 40 Gormain Street. Apply to CRACK SHOT, Star Office.

FOR SALE—An are lamp, complete, nearly new. Apply to Sun Printing Co.

FOR SALE—A quantity of steam pipe, from 8 to 12 inch diameters. Apply at Sun Office, St. John.

FOR SALE—Metal Furnace, capacity about 500 pounds. It has a fire brick lining, with smoke and ventilating pipes complete. Apply Sun Printing Company, St. John.

**LOST.**

Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 10c.

LOST—Sleigh or Sled—Yellow Collie Dog, with white face. Finder will be rewarded by returning it to C. KAIN, care of Hutchings Co.

LOST—On Wednesday, 25th inst., at York Theatre, a silver chain bracelet. Will the lady who picked it up kindly leave at the STAR office.

**BOARDING.**

BOARDING—Large front room, with good board. MRS. J. FREDERICKSON, 6 Gormain Street.

**BABY BORN ON TRAIN.**

Found Beside the Tracks in Orange and the Mother Discovered When Train Reaches Hoboken.

(New York Herald).

While she was passing through Orange, N. J., yesterday morning in the Eastern Express train, a girl baby was born to Mrs. Sarah Smith, of Stanhope. The woman was in the dressing room of the car in which she was riding, when the little stranger arrived.

After the train had moved out of the station the baby was found beside the track, and later removed to the Orange Memorial Hospital, where it was said it would probably live. No one in the train knew of the occurrence until a message from Station Agent Atno was received in Hoboken. Railroad Detective Battle met the train, the compartment in which the woman was seated half senseless was broken in to and she was taken to Christ Hospital, Jersey City.

To Detective Sergeant John Drabell, of Orange, Mrs. Smith said she was the way to find her husband, who had deserted her. She is only nineteen years old. She said that she had opened the window of the car for air to revive herself, and that while holding the baby she was thrown backward by the starting of the train. She declared the child slipped from her weakened grasp and fell out of the window.

**MARRIAGES.**

MAYNARD-NICKERSON—At the residence of Mr. G. B. Eli, 51 Brittain Street, on the 24th December, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Alonzo Maynard, of Amherst, N. S., and Miss Helen May Nickerson, of Amherst, N. S., formerly of Amherst, N. S.

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## ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 9, 1903.

## THE CONSERVATIVE POLICY AND ST. JOHN.

In no feature should the liberal conservative policy, as expounded by Mr. Borden, appeal more strongly to St. John than in its plan for a system of Canadian national ports.

This plan, applied to St. John, provides the only solution for the difficulties with which this port is confronted. The situation now is plain enough.

The citizens, with energy unparalleled in any city in this country, have, practically unaided, provided the splendid beginning of the equipment necessary for a great port. But already such equipment is inadequate for the trade which is clamoring to come here. This trade is bound to increase, as the country grows, at a very rapid rate. It is impossible for the city to go much further toward providing additional facilities and maintaining as much of the expense of them as is necessary to bring the port charges low enough to allow St. John to compete successfully with American ports. The government has been asked time and again for assistance without result. At present they are considering the idea of loaning the city a dredge to clear the space for wharves urgently needed before next winter, and which the city is willing to build since they are necessary if the port would not go back, and nobody else will build them.

And now comes the leader of the opposition, with a carefully elaborated policy which, if put into execution, would mean the acquiring by the government of this harbor—or at least such portions of it as are necessary for export traffic—the construction by the government of such wharves and buildings as are necessary for the conduct of the port's increasing business, and the maintenance of those facilities by the government as a national asset, as a part of a system of free national ports which, being placed in a better position to compete with American ports, would assure the passage of Canadian freight through Canadian ports, summer and winter.

Surely, even if the policy of protection for home industries and home labor, and the position of the conservatives with regard to imperial preference did not appeal to the people of St. John, this one plank alone should assure Mr. Borden support from a city for which, in common with other Canadian ports, he proposes to do so much.

**GET READY.**

Mr. Borden in his remarks to those of his supporters who met him in conference Monday afternoon impressed upon them the value of the work done among the electors during the quiet season between elections as compared with efforts made during the stress of a campaign. That is the work which has been done in Ontario, in Quebec, in Nova Scotia, in the west, and which will tell more than any other influence in the next election.

In New Brunswick, though the conservative members of parliament have kept themselves in thorough touch with their constituents and in some counties prospective candidates have been canvassing quietly, as a whole this work has been neglected by both sides.

But it is not too late yet for very effective effort. The election is, at the closest calculation, at least two months away and may be much longer. But that it is coming within the year is certain.

Every blow that the opposition can strike now when there are no opponents in the field; every argument which they advance while there are none to attempt with specious logic to refute them, will tell a hundred times more than the same blows and arguments given a few weeks later.

It has not been the custom in this constituency to nominate candidates before election day is in sight. But the precedent is not binding. It is moreover the advice and the request of the leader that the selection of men and the completion of party organization should be gone ahead with at once.

The liberals here are disorganized and torn by bitter dissension and every day during which the opposition neglects to seize the strategic advantage offered for easy grasping, is a day of opportunity lost.

The Messenger and Visitor, the organ of the Baptist denomination, comments upon the incorporation of Sir Frederick Berden, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. Clifford Sifton, Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick and other well known persons into a company to be known as "The Ottawa Racing Association, Limited," as follows:

The racing business which this company is formed to promote is so universally connected with gambling and other vices that we are sure there will be a very general regret throughout the country that a number of our most prominent public men have lent their names and their influence to encourage it. It seems to us that the people of Canada have a right to expect that their rulers and lawgivers shall discourage rather than promote in this country the racing customs which have had so demoralizing an effect in other countries—notably in England.

M. Saurail, editor of Le Canada, who accompanied Mr. Prefontaine on his trip through the lower provinces, thus records the opinion of himself and the minister of marine and fisheries regarding this port: "The progress of St. John is marvellous, the city is magnificently built, and everything there breathes progress. Especially after arriving from Halifax the contrast is striking."

Evidently Mr. Prefontaine does not sympathize with Mr. Fielding's campaign in Halifax.

A cable was received in Ottawa yesterday from London, stating that the Grand Trunk Pacific deposit of \$5,000,000 would be put up Friday or Saturday at the latest. The date for the elections will probably be announced within a few days.

## THE STOLEN HOUR.

When midnight comes  
And all is still; when the work is o'er  
And silent is the city's roar;  
I lightly step across the floor  
And softly close my study door,  
When midnight comes.

When midnight comes  
'Tis then I love to ponder o'er  
The ancient tomes of mystic lore,  
And dream away an hour or more  
With wise and wicked men of yore,  
When midnight comes.

—Will M. Clemens, in The Reader.

## WITH THE KICKERS.

Complaints Regarding the Sunday Violations and the Public Library by Star Correspondents

To the Editor of the Star:

Sir,—A few days ago, through the columns of your valuable little daily, you brought to the notice of the public the significant fact of a party on the Westmorland Road selling cigarettes to minors. Since then we have heard much verbal comment on the officer who honestly performed his duty in that case. The sale of cigarettes to children and the contamination that surrounds those little ones whilst frequenting such places, is, indeed, a most lamentable affair, and should not be tolerated, and much credit is due to the officer of officers who use their official authority to suppress such an evil.

The grave necessity of parents exercising greater caution and control of their children is too often demonstrated in this neighborhood to need much comment from my pen. The airing of the cigarette case in the police court merely emphasizes in our very midst the truth of this, and should bring every parent to a realization of the grave consequences often attendant upon parental neglect.

If the sale of cigarettes to children is a crime, punishable by law, may I be permitted to ask, is it not also a crime to wantonly desecrate the Sabbath by selling beer and other commodities to an undesirable class (who call themselves young men) on that sacred day? The police officers of those "young men" on last Saturday night does not recall pleasant recollections to those who were so unfortunate as to be within hearing distance of the scene. They closed their evening performance with a pugilistic encounter, blood flowing freely, adding much to the horror and disgust of the disreputable scene. Those who plead extenuating circumstances in such degrading cases, may be put down as occupying a seat in the same pew. A vigilant officer who desires to perform his duty for the benefit of the community can contribute much to the proper observance of the license law, which is continually violated with impunity by some so-called beer shops that are a menace to the neighborhood and a disgrace to the city.

**A CITIZEN.**

Westmorland Road, Dec. 7.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 8.

To the Editor of the Star:

Dear Sir,—I would like through the medium of your paper to call attention to the fact that the Free Public Library is not open until two o'clock in the afternoon. This, of course, is well known, but it may not be fully understood that for very many it would be a source of gratification were the library open during the forenoon as well as at least during noon hour. There are many workers in the city who are obliged to carry a lunch with them, and who have, from twelve to one, nothing to occupy by time profitably or pleasantly. To these it would be a boon if the reading room were open so that they could enjoy a quiet half hour of reading which otherwise they would not be able to accomplish. Numbers of boys would thus have some profitable occupation, instead of no place to go for amusement during noon hour. Some card-holders have no other opportunity, also, to change their books without great inconvenience. This opinion is often expressed among those who are in the habit of taking out books and using the reading room, and it seems as if some change in the present order of things should be made.

Yours sincerely,

**READER.**

Among the company, says The Essex Weekly News, at the West Essex Grays, to witness the distribution of prizes to the Shaftsbury boys were two brothers of the cloth, who, though differing in denomination, got on well together as clerics should. At length, as the scent of a fine Havana was wafted to his nostrils, one pulled out a well-seasoned pipe. "Ah, brother," said his friend, "when shall I cure you of that bad habit of smoking?" With a twinkle in his eye the other replied through a cloud of smoke, "There are two places to smoke you know. One is this world; the other is the next. I'm going to get mine done in this. You can do as you like."

"They say that after seven rehearsals, Charlie Swimmington actually stumped through the wedding ceremony."

"Overtrained, I suppose," Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## LOCAL NEWS.

In the hand-ball competition at the T. M. C. A. last night, Patterson and Chawson defeated Church and Emery in one game. Palmer and Titus defeated Wilson and Green two games out of three.

Yesterday the Canadian Drug Co. began moving into their new building on Hill Street, and, in about a week will be settled in the splendid new home which has been built for the business.

The Neptune Rowing Club has decided to manage hockey in St. John this season. There will probably be two senior teams, and the outlook is most encouraging. Queen's rink has been leased for two nights out of each week.

The Alumnae Society of the High School will hold their first literary evening of the season at the residence of Dr. Walker, Princess Street, on Thursday evening. Members are requested to accept this as a formal notice.

The first of a series of lectures to be given at the T. M. C. A. of the 2nd and 3rd floors, Palmer's chambers, will be given by Lt. Col. Sturdee this evening at 8 o'clock on The Organization of the British Army. All N. C. O.'s of the militia are invited to attend.

On Friday evening at St. David's school room representatives of many of the city Sunday schools will be heard in musical and literary selections. Among the many interesting features of the evening will be a chorus of forty voices. The concert is in aid of the Y. M. C. A. boys' branch.

A lecture was given in Portland Methodist church last night by the pastor, Rev. S. Howard, B. D., on Travels in Switzerland. Mr. Howard spent some time in Switzerland last summer while on his European tour. The lecture was highly interesting, and was well attended. Among those in the audience were several who had visited Switzerland.

Under general order number 178, November, 1903, the following New Brunswickers have been awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Force Long Service Medal: Sergeant William W. M. Pearson, 8th Hussars; Color Sergeant J. W. Barnes, 8th Hussars; Sergeant J. J. Sherwood, 8th Hussars; Sergeant H. H. Wiles, 8th Hussars, and Private J. Turner, 8th Hussars.

## BOER COLONY FOR MEXICO.

Gen. Ben. Viljoen Sails for the Purpose of Completing Arrangements.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—General Ben. Viljoen the former Boer commander, has sailed for New York on the steamship Umbria, for the purpose of completing arrangements for the establishment of a Boer colony in Mexico. He says that he has already secured 85,000 acres and expects to get 2,000,000 more later on in Northern Mexico, where the climate closely resembles that of the Transvaal. Gen. Viljoen gives a discouraging account of the situation of the Boers in South Africa at the present time. He said that it was the duty of every Boer to do his best to encourage the burghers to remain in the country in the hope of securing local self government, but the conditions render it impossible for them to remain longer. The country has been devastated, and cattle and horse diseases seem to make its immediate recovery impossible. Emigration has already begun and it was therefore thought best to find a general settlement. Instead of permitting the race to become extinct by scattering them in all parts of the globe.

## CAPTAIN AND TWO SAILORS LOST.

MADEIRA, Dec. 8.—The Portuguese barquentine Jose Esteves, Capt. Magano, which sailed from St. John, N. B., Oct. 21st, for this port, has arrived after a very hazardous voyage. On Oct. 24, when in latitude 42 N., longitude 58 W., a whole gale was encountered. The master, boatswain and a seaman were swept overboard and the vessel's deck and two boats were carried away by the high seas.

## ENGLAND MUST HAVE THIBET.

VIENNA, Dec. 8.—Professor Vambery, in an article in Die Zeit on the possibility that the British expedition to Thibet will lead to international complications, declares that Great Britain must acquire Thibet unless she wishes to lose India.

Amber and meerschaum cigar and cigarette holders at Louis Green's cigar store.

## Was Unable to do any Work for Four or Five Months.

Was Weak and Miserable.

Thought She Would Die.

Doctor Could Do No Good.

**Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills**

Effect of a Complete Cure in the Case of MRS. CAROLINE HUTT, Morrisburg, Ont.

She says: "It affords me great pleasure to speak about what your Heart and Nerve Pills have done for me. About a year ago I was taken ill with heart trouble and got so bad that I was unable to do any work for four or five months. I got so weak and miserable that my friends thought I was going to die. The doctor attended me for some time but I continued to grow worse. At last I decided to try Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and after taking two boxes they made me well and strong again. I cannot praise them too highly to those suffering from nervous weakness and heart troubles."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50 cents per box, or 3 for \$1.25 at all dealers.

**THE T. MILBURN CO., Limited, TORONTO, ONT.**

**MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON**  
KING ST GERMAIN ST AND MARKET SQ.  
**EVERYBODY**  
**SATISFIED!**

That is the verdict regarding the three big sales now on before the Christmas shoppers take charge of all departments. The original 7,000 yards of Printed Flannelette is diminishing in the Linen Room, at 90 yd the Walking Skirts are rapidly passing out at \$2.00 each, to say nothing of big sales in French Flannels.

## Smoking Jackets, Ladies?

Does not this suggestion strike you as the proper thing for your husband on the 25th? Possibly a Bath Robe, or Dressing Gown, if he does not smoke. We have all these garments in various cloths, styles and prices to suit every purse. Just see them!

## Tenneriffe Work, Lawns!

You may be sure you have reached the heart of the ladies if drawn-linen work is the gift. Big stock just opened, front counter, ground floor, main building. Also Apron Lawns in apron lengths; rear counter, same floor.

## Quarter Dollar Lines!

For 25c. you can get a good pair of Black Cashmere or Worsted Hose, or a pair of strong-ended, serviceable Braces. These are goods upon which we depend as trade-winners.

## A Common-Sense Gift!

A dress length of Flecked or Striped Zebeline Suiting, Matting, Boutonne or Heather Mixture would be just the thing for mother, sister or other relatives, especially country-folk who cannot get to town for shopping.

Of course there are a 1,000 and 1 things we could talk and write about, suitable for Christmas presents, but space forbids. or rather lack of it. Better call around and see for yourself.

ASK TO SEE—  
"DRIFTWOOD BLAZE,"  
GIFT HANDKERCHIEFS,  
GAITER GOODS,  
FANCY GOODS,  
CHRISTMAS ROOM,  
CELESTINE  
CHILDREN'S SLEDS,  
CARPET SWEEPERS,  
SOFA PILLOWS,  
---DON'T FORGET!

**MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON**  
KING ST GERMAIN ST AND MARKET SQ.  
**EVERYBODY**

The Attractions of Our Stores Are Their Low Prices.  
**D. A. KENNEDY,**  
(Successor to WALTER SCOTT.)  
32-36 King Square, St. John, N. B.  
**Going Out of Business**  
Everything to be Sold at Big Reductions!  
TREMENDOUS SALE OF HOSIERY FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN—The values you will find here are not to be had elsewhere in the city. HOSIERY, HOSIERY, HOSIERY of all kinds AT BIG REDUCTIONS.  
LADIES' WOOL GLOVES—Upwards of three hundred pairs of ladies' and children's Wool Gloves, the kind that will keep you warm at a small cost.  
GREAT DRESS GOODS SALE—All our Dress Goods to go at Big Reductions. Now is the time to buy for Christmas, when prices are so low.

**Our New Show Rooms Now Open!**  
**100 CASES NEW GOODS,**  
Comprising Books, Toys, Dolls, Fancy Goods, Games, Purses, Pocket Books, Bibles, Albums, and Leather Goods of all kinds, Extra good values in fine Kid Body and Dressed Dolls, Annals and Calendars, COME EARLY FOR CHOICE.  
**84 KING STREET,**  
**McArthur's Book Store.**

**Great Reduction**  
Trimmed and Untrimmed  
**HATS,**  
**TOQUES and BONNETS.**  
Call early and secure a bargain.  
**Chas. K. Gameron & Co**  
77 King St.  
**Charm RICHMOND**  
Its a good looker, perfect baker, easy on fuel. Removable nickel, latest oven Thermometer. Can give testimonials from all over the city.  
**PHILIP CRANNAN,**  
558 MAIN ST.  
**ADVERTISE IN THE STAR.**



## House Coats OR Smoking Jackets

For your own comfort—if you're a man.  
For best of Holiday Gifts—for a man.

The man who has nobody to think of but himself, and the man who has somebody to think of and for him, both enjoy the possession of house coats or smoking jackets.

The complete holiday stock is ready now. Fine choosing for a man himself—fine choosing, too, for somebody thinking for him.

For \$2.00, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.75 to \$8 and \$10 there is an assortment of patterns in plain or reversible cloth, very stylish, complete and varied.

All in the front part of store, and marked in plain figures—can look over them quickly and save time.

Also, a Good line of Fancy Vests, S. B. and D. B., \$3.50 and \$4.50.

REMEMBER—Custom made Overcoats at 20 per cent. reduction THIS WEEK—several patterns of cloth to select from.

## A. GILMOUR, Men's Tailoring and Clothing

68 KING STREET.  
"BEST PLACE TO BUY GOOD CLOTHES."

## Christmas Groceries!

14 lbs. Standard Granulated Sugar for \$1.00.  
Best Candied Citron Peel, 15c. per lb.  
Lemon and Orange Peel, 15c. per lb.  
Perfectly Cleaned Currants (one pound packages) 1-10c. per lb.  
Malaga Seedless Raisins (one pound packages) 8c. per lb.  
Best Valencia Layer Raisins, 7c. per lb.  
Good Valencia Layer Raisins, 5c. per lb.

Pure Leaf Lard (kettle rendered) \$1.80 per gall. 10 lb. pail \$1.00; 5 lb. pail 50c.; 3 lb. pail 30c.  
Festman's Pure Lard, in one pound cartons, 15c.  
Good Compound Lard, \$1.50 for 20 lb. pail.  
Choice Cooking Butter, 15c. per pound.  
Pure Cream of Tartar, 25c. per pound.  
Three (3) Quarts of Cranberries for 25c.  
Extra Choice Potatoes, 15c. per barrel.

## ROBERTSON & CO.

562 and 564 Main Street, St. John, N. B.

TELEPHONE 775 A.

### A CANADIAN GIANT.

The Montreal Witness has the following: "Edouard Beaupre, the Canadian giant, who, for the past two years, has been touring the principal cities of Canada and the United States, and had apparently settled for good in Montreal, suddenly got disgusted with city life, and has now left to join his mother and friends on his farm in Manitoba. Beaupre, who, when he arrived here measured 8 feet and 1-4 inch in height, gained one-half inch more during his stay in the east."

A correspondent writes to the Star "With reference to the above, I knew Beaupre quite well when he was a little bit of a fellow only 7 ft. 1-3 inch tall and wore tiny shoes, size 17. Since then he has, of course, grown and is getting to be quite a good sized boy now. He will be a big help to his mother when he grows up. Beaupre lived at a place called Willow Bunch, within easy reach of Regina, Assn., and his parents were not above the average size."

### BOYS' BRIGADE ENTERTAINMENT

No. 1 Co. Boys' Brigade of St. John's Presbyterian church enjoyed a drive to the Marsh last night. The boys and the mission band filled two large sleighs. They went out as far as Newcomb's and returning partook of a splendid supper in the school room of the church. The ladies who looked after the supper tables were Mrs. Fotheringham, Mrs. Geo. Smith, Mrs. John Richardson. Speeches were delivered by the chaplain, Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, Col. Buchanan and officers of the Scotch Co. Boys' Brigade. Among those present were Capt. Parsons, Lt. Cassidy, Lt. McFarlane, Quartermaster Thomson and Capt. Geo. D. Smith.

### BOOM FITTED UP

For Recreation of the City Workmen.

The Women's Council, acting in conjunction with the Fabian League, is fitting up a room in Berryman's hall, for the recreation in their leisure hours of the workmen. Books and papers will be kept on hand, and games may also be played. This is a move in the right direction and should be aided not only by those vitally interested but by every person in the city. An effort will be made to have all the local papers kept on file.

### PREPARE FOR ELECTIONS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—It is a confirmation of the fact that the federal election campaign is really in progress that it was reported today, Alex. Smith is back into harness as chief organizer of the Liberal party, and simultaneously with this announcement there appears from the press a pamphlet, embellished with a portrait of the prime minister, entitled "Political Pointers, No. 1-7 Years of Liberal Administration Contrasted with 18 Years of Conservative Rule. It is a unique document. Some one in each department has evidently contributed to this peculiar document, and the material thrown together higgledy, piggledy, with the result that an apologetic note has had to be inserted. There are lengthy references to trade and financial matters, to the development of the Northwest, preferential tariff, etc. Fisher's tooter gives two pages, for what he has done for the country, and before Mulock's advocate gets in his work the press is stopped to tell how many fog horns Prefontaine and his predecessors have put in operation. The establishment of the Labour Gazette, the fruitless arrangement with Marconi and a score of unimportant matters are featured in the book. Altogether it is a disappointing publication.

### L. O. L. ELECTIONS.

Havelock L. O. L., No. 27, elected the following officers last night, to be installed Dec. 22nd:  
John W. Currie, W. M.; Robt. Carson, D. M.; C. N. Skinner, Chap.; R. M. R. H. Rubin, R. S.; P. M.; John Kerr, F. S.; P. M.; Jas. Elliott, treas.; F. M.; Albert Winchester, D. of C.; J. A. Kane, Lect.; P. C.; Geo. Baxter, F. of C.; H. A. McKinnon, No. 1; P. M.; A. W. Macrae, No. 3; P. M.; Geo. Bourne, No. 4; Wm. Worden, No. 5.  
Eldon L. O. L., No. 2, held its regular meeting last evening at the Orange Hall, German street. Reports of the officers showed the lodge to be in good financial standing. The following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: W. H. Bull, W. M., re-elected; P. McKinnon, D. M., re-elected; Joseph Sproule, chap.; B. C. Waring, rec. sec.; R. F. Goodrich, fin. sec.; J. W. Rusk, treas.; R. C. Johnston, D. of C.; S. Maxwell, lect.; J. Weatherall, F. of C.; A. J. Armstrong, James Keys, J. C. Mowbray, A. O. Geldart, com. W. B. Wallace, W. D. M., conducted the election and installation of officers.

### SNODGRASS LEAVES MONEY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The will of John Snodgrass of Babylon has just been filed at Riverhead, L. I., and disposes of property valued at \$17,000, bequeathed as follows: First Presbyterian church of Babylon, for use of Sunday school, \$500; Methodist Episcopal church of Babylon, for use of Sunday school, \$200; Baptist church of Babylon, for Sunday school, \$100.  
Mrs. Mary A. Williams of Vernon, N. Y.; Mrs. Jennie Baird of St. John, N. B.; Miss Jane Ann Bradley of St. John, N. B.; Esther Miles of St. John, N. B., were each bequeathed \$1,000.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Baird of Grand Lake, Queens Co., N. B., Canada, and Mrs. Margaret McLeod of Grand Lake, N. B., each \$500.  
Mrs. Isaac Snodgrass and Mrs. John Snodgrass, wives of deceased, each \$300; Henry W. Buxton, nephew, \$250. The residue goes to his niece, Mary Ann Snodgrass, and his nephew, William Snodgrass.

### BORDEN AT MONCTON.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 8.—Moncton extended a welcome to Mr. Borden today of which any member of a government might be proud. He was met at the station by a number of leading conservatives and escorted to his hotel, where from 3 to 5 o'clock a large number of citizens called to pay their respects and be introduced to the distinguished visitor.  
The public meeting tonight was largely attended, the Opera House being filled to the doors, and the audience remaining almost to a man till the last word was spoken, something rather unusual in Moncton.  
To cure Headache in ten minutes use KUMFORT Headache Powder.

### A VOYAGE TO INDIA.

A fairly good audience assembled last night in St. John's church school-house to hear a lecture delivered by Rev. W. T. Langford, rector of St. Andrews, on his experiences in a voyage to India.

The bark Battistina Madre, which R. Lantulum & Co. have been dismantling on Hillyard's blocks, has been floated and towed to the West End shore and there beached.

DUFFERIN HOTEL, Dec. 8.—S. E. Hue, Montreal; Mrs. R. G. Jenkins, Springfield; R. Rankin, Boston; Francis Yale, New York; P. Doran, Montreal; Robt. Allan, Toronto; Miss McKinnon, Amherst.

### SUDDEN DEATH AT MONCTON.

MONCTON, Dec. 8.—The death occurred this evening of Mrs. C. D. Connelly (nee Miss Selma McKean), daughter of the late Samuel McKean, and sister of Mrs. Dr. Somers of this city. Her death was surrounded by particularly sad circumstances. Mrs. Connelly came here from Utica, N. Y., to pay a short visit to her mother and sisters. Shortly after her arrival she was stricken with typhoid fever, from which she was thought to be recovering, but later suffered a relapse. On Saturday last her husband was summoned and has been at her bedside since. The deceased had been married but a short time. She was about 22 years old and had a great many friends here, who will deeply mourn her demise. The funeral will take place on Thursday.

### CUT OFF DAUGHTER'S HEAD.

FLORENCE, Dec. 8.—At Eboli, near here, a peasant woman named Lucia Mirra decapitated her daughter. The motive was jealousy, and the girl did not display the least regret for her act when she was arrested by the police. The girl was sixteen years old.

The Canadian Pacific steamship Lake Manitoba sailed from Liverpool at 4 p. m. yesterday for St. John with 20 first cabin, 55 second cabin and 700 steerage passengers.

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Over 1000 Dozen at  
Special Xmas Prices

Children's Picture Handkerchiefs, 3 for 7c  
Colored Bordered Hk's, (School Children's), 3 for 15c  
Polk Dot Border, ass'td col., " 3 for 15c  
Fine Lawn Hk's, with lace edge, (every day wear) 3 for 18c  
Plain Hemmed Lawn Handkerchiefs, 6 for 18c  
Boys' White Lawn Handkerchiefs, 6 for 25c  
H. S. Handkerchiefs, with two tucks, 2 for 25c  
H. S. Embroidered, 12c, 15c, 18c, 25c, 40c, 50c, 60c  
Embroidered Edges, 15c, 20c, 25c, 28c, 30c, to 55c  
Lace Edges, 10c, 15c, 18c, 25c, 35c, 40c, to \$1.50  
Silk Handkerchiefs, Gents', 19 inch, Initial, 25c  
Silk Handkerchiefs, Gents', 21 inch, Initial, 50c  
Plain Silk H. S., medium size, 25c  
Twilled Silk Handkerchiefs 1/4 inch hem, 50c, 75c  
Silk Centre, with Silk Lace edge, 75c

## Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs.

Ladies' and Gents', with 1/4 inch, 1/2 inch, and one inch hem, direct from Belfast, Ireland.  
15c, 18c, 20c, 22c, 25c, 28c, 30c, 35c, 40c

## Heavy, Mannish Kid Gloves,

For Women; all sizes assorted to day, \$1.00 pair

## Swiss Applique.

Shams, Runners, and Comode Covers,  
\$1.00 to \$4.50 pr. 45c to \$2 each. 25c to 90c each

## New Idea Boxed Lengths for Waists.

Each Waist Length Boxed separate, and 1.0 extra charge either.

## A Large Display of Very Exclusive Neckwear,

25c. to \$4.00 a Bit.

## Flannelette Waists

At prices that make people eager to buy,  
Navy Polka Dot, Waists, 85c. quality, 55c  
Navy Stripe tucked Waist, \$1.00 quality, 69c  
Fancy Stripe, assorted patterns, \$1.45 quality, \$1.00

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NORWAY PINE  
SYRUP**  
Cures COUGHS, COLDS, BRONCHITIS, HOARSENESS and all THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES. Miss Florence E. Mallman, New Germany, N.S., writes:—  
"I had a cold which left me with a very bad cough. I was afraid I was going into consumption. I was advised to try Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. I had little faith in it, but before I had taken one bottle I began to feel better, and after the second I felt as well as ever. My cough has completely disappeared."  
PRICE 25 CENTS.

### TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

Passenger service to and from St. John, in effect Oct. 1st.

DEPARTURES.  
By Canadian Pacific.  
Express from Fredericton ..... 6.45 a.m.  
Express from Moncton ..... 6.05 p.m.  
Express from St. John ..... 6.10 p.m.  
Express from Halifax ..... 6.30 a.m.  
Express from Moncton and Point du Chene, Pictou and Halifax ..... 1.15 p.m.  
Express from Moncton ..... 1.15 p.m.  
Express from Sussex ..... 6.10 p.m.  
Express from Quebec and Montreal ..... 6.00 p.m.  
Express for Halifax and Sydney, N.S. by New Brunswick Southern ..... 7.50 a.m.  
Express for St. Stephen ..... 7.50 a.m.

### ARRIVALS.

By Canadian Pacific.  
Express from Fredericton ..... 8.55 a.m.  
Express from Boston ..... 11.35 a.m.  
Express from Montreal ..... 11.50 a.m.  
Boston Express ..... 11.15 p.m.  
Express from Halifax and Sydney, N.S. by New Brunswick Southern ..... 6.30 a.m.  
Express from Sussex ..... 9.00 a.m.  
Express from Moncton and Point du Chene, Pictou and Halifax ..... 1.15 p.m.  
Express from Moncton ..... 1.15 p.m.  
Express from Halifax, Pictou and Point du Chene ..... 4.50 p.m.  
Express from Moncton ..... 4.50 p.m.  
Express from Sydney, Halifax and Pictou (Sunday only) ..... 3.40 p.m.  
Express from St. Stephen ..... 3.35 a.m.  
Express from St. Stephen ..... 7.10 p.m.

### STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

S. S. Prince Rupert leaves St. John every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6 o'clock, arriving from Digby at 5 p.m.  
By Eastern S. S. Co.  
Steamer leaves St. John at 8.00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for Lunenburg, Port and Boston.  
By Grand Manan S. S. Co.  
Leaves St. John (Turnbull's Wharf) at 7.30 a.m. on Wednesdays for Grand Manan, Campbell and Eastport. Returning, leave for St. John on Mondays.

Chronic Constipation surely cured or money back. LAXA-L-CARA TABLETS never fail. Small, chocolate coated, easy to take. Price, 35 cents. At drug stores.

### P. O. ASYLUM RECEPTION.

The reception held last evening at the Protestant Orphan Asylum proved to be a most enjoyable affair and every particular. The object was to aid in bringing the institution before the notice of the public and not as making a pleasant time for the children. The ladies in charge were Mrs. T. A. Rankine, Mrs. David McLellan, Mrs. R. P. Starr, Mrs. Frank McLaren, Mrs. Jas. L. Dunn, Mrs. W. H. Tuck, Mrs. J. J. Kaye, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Gilbert Pugsley, Mrs. John Burgess, Mrs. Robert Thomson, Mrs. H. A. Austin, Mrs. Johnson. After a short address by T. A. Rankine, a short but entertaining programme was carried out by the children of the institution. The guests were then invited to pass through the building, inspecting the different rooms. All were very highly pleased with the order and cleanliness in the different departments and the neat and healthy appearance of the children. Refreshments were served at the close.

### THE STUMPAGE QUESTION.

From a gentleman who has recently been travelling on the North Shore the Sun learns that the increase of stumps as proposed, or rather decided upon by the local executive, does not meet with the approval of either the operating lumbermen or the small limit holders, or the general public. The Sun's informant, who says he had ample opportunity for getting at the inside feeling of parties interested, states that it is generally considered that this increased revenue is not at all necessary in the interest of the province, and that the extravagance of the government as at present practiced as well as that which marked their steel bridge contracts and other corrupt bargains of former years, are the causes which have given the government the indefensible plea of necessity for increasing the stumps.

### SUSSEX AGAINST INCORPORATION.

SUSSEX, Dec. 8.—The vote on town incorporation was taken today, and the ratepayers by a majority of 52 decided in the negative. The day was fine and the vote polled was large, the result being as follows: For incorporation, 172 against 224. The promoters worked hard. Sheriff Hatfield held the poll, with Councillor Parlee as clerk.

### LIBERALS SHOW THEIR COLORS.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—The Toronto Liberal Club last night voted down a resolution sympathizing with Chamberlain and declaring in favor of reciprocal preferential trade. Henry Dickenson, president of the club, moved the resolution and made a strong speech favoring it. He found a second, but when the motion was put to the meeting, those who were the only votes cast for it.

WANTED—A case of Headache that HUMPHREY Powders will not cure in from ten to twenty minutes.

## OPERA HOUSE

A GREAT HIT!

The W. S. Harkins Co

PRESENTING A NEW PLAY EACH NIGHT.

TONIGHT:

"THE SENATOR."

THURSDAY NIGHT:

"The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown."

MISS MAE KILGORE will sing "Marie Callie's 'Gone With the Wind'."

Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday. Prices, 10c, 25c, 35c, and 50c. Box Seats, 75c. Matinee, 25c. to all.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC

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ONE FIRST-CLASS FARE

FOR ROUND TRIP.

Between all Stations, Montreal and East. GENERAL PUBLIC—Going Dec. 22nd to Jan. 1st. Return January 4th, 1909. SCHOOLS, COLLEGES—Going Dec. 22nd to Jan. 1st. Return January 31st, 1909. On Surrender of Standard School Vacation Certificate.

### COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS—On sale

Dec. 12th to 21st. Return to January 4th, 1909.

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WORLD'S FAIR, St. Louis, April 30th, December 1st, 1904.

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WINTER SAILINGS 1908-1909.

ST. JOHN, N. B., to LIVERPOOL DIRECT.

From Liverpool, Steamer, From St. John, Sat. Nov. 24. Lake Erie, Sat. Dec. 13.

Tues. Dec. 8. Lake Manitoba, Sat. Jan. 2.

Tues. Dec. 22. Lake Champlain, Sat. Jan. 9.

ST. JOHN, N. B., to BRISTOL (Avonmouth).

From Bristol, Steamer, From St. John, Sat. Nov. 14. Montserrat, Sat. Dec. 5.

Sat. Nov. 28. Montreal, Sat. Dec. 19.

From London, Antwerp and St. John, N. B.

From London, Antwerp, Steamer, St. John, Sat. Nov. 28. Montreal, Sat. Dec. 19.

Sat. Dec. 12. Thurs. Dec. 17. Mt. Temple Jan. 7.

Sat. Dec. 23. Thurs. Dec. 31. Montserrat Jan. 2.

Sat. Jan. 9. Thurs. Jan. 14. L. Michigan Feb. 4.

The steamers of this service call at Halifax for cargo en route to London.

Steamers for Liverpool sail from West St. John, N. B., shortly after the arrival of the C. P. R. trains from the West.

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First Cabin \$50 and upwards. Round trip tickets at reduced rates.

Second Cabin, to Liverpool, \$27.50, to London, \$40.00. Round trip, \$71.25. London, 72.75.

Third Class to Liverpool, London, Glasgow, Belfast, Londonderry and Queenstown, \$25.00.

Call on nearest C. P. R. agent, or For Freight apply to

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A good lasting Coal, \$2.25 a load, \$5.50 a chal, delivered.

JOHNS, \$3.50 a load, 7.00 a chal, delivered.

Also PICTOU and OLD MINES SYDNEY at lowest prices.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have entered into a co-partnership for the purpose of carrying on the practice of the law at the City of Saint John.

Mr. Tread will to at his old home in Dorchester street, Halifax, N.S. Monday for the present.

Dated this 15th day of November: A. D. 1908.

A. E. HANINGTON,

M. G. TRED,

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If VIM TEA were not a whole lot better than the majority of teas, it would not have attained the success it has.



## DYKEMAN'S

## The Great Smoke Sale

.....OF.....

## DRY GOODS

Commences This Morning at Our Store.

Every article in the store will be sold at a reduced price. The smoke which entered our building on the night of the fire, having filtered through the walls and cracks of the windows, was not sufficiently strong to leave its traces in the discoloration of goods—simply left its smell, so you buy Dry Goods at tremendous bargains, simply because they smell smoky. After the goods leave the building and are given a slight airing the smoky smell will soon pass off. We want to make this a rush sale to make room for the new goods that are coming along for Christmas.

## F. A. DYKEMAN &amp; CO.

## Buy Your Presents Early

We have just added six cases of Toys and Novelties to our stock per S. S. Loyall, imported direct.  
50 Cents Child's Tote-a-tote Sets, to \$2.00 per set.  
50 Cents Rubber Dolls, to \$1.00.  
1 Case Fancy Baskets.  
1 Case Christmas Tree Ornaments.  
100 Cents China Cups and Saucers, to \$1 each.  
Toys and Games in good variety.  
Picture Books and Calendars.  
We have three special values in Kid Body Dolls at 50c, 75c and 90c. Also a large Dressed Doll, \$2.  
Hobby and Games.  
Our store will be open every evening until Christmas.

Arnold's Department Store,  
11 and 15 Charlotte St.

## DIAMONDS

In Diamond Rings  
I have a large assortment to select from, at prices ranging from

\$15.00 to \$125.00

Also, a large stock of WATCHES and JEWELRY in all the latest patterns.

A. POYAS, 545  
Main St.

## Yorkshire Bar.

English Silver not defaced worth its full value. Hot Ales a Specialty.

EUROPEAN PLAN.  
J. REHA, 20 Mill St.

## COAL

By the Barrel; Good Quality and Low Price.

HORACE HOYT, 195  
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134 Union Street. Telephone 11  
HORSES BOARDED—Clean and Warm Stables, best care and attention.  
DRIVING OUTFITS and COACHES for hire at any hour.

## NEBEDEGA

Will not make a new stomach for you, but will repair the one you have.  
Nebedega will cure Stomach, Kidney and Urinary disorders. 25 cents per quart bottle, \$1.25 per dozen. At drug stores and at the springs, Apolau, or address G. P. Simonson, St. John, and any quantity desired will be delivered.

## "THAT'S THE PLACE"

To get your Raisins and Currants; Orange, Lemon and Citron Peel "IF" you want the best fruit cake and plum pudding for Xmas.  
CHARLES A. CLARK, 40-Charlotte Street  
Tel. 88. Market Building.

This evening the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Philip's church will have a bean supper at Miss Hester Gray's residence, on Mecklenburg street. A literary and musical programme will be carried out.

## Fancy China, Dolls, Crockery Silverware.

Xmas Goods arriving daily.  
Auction sale every night. Come for bargains to the Central Auction Rooms, 14 Charlotte Street.

Walter S. Potts  
Auctioneer.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Gold and silver mounted pipes, for presentation purposes, at Louis Green's cigar store.

Celebrated Broad Cove coal, \$7.00 per chaldron delivered, at Watters', Walker's wharf. Tel. 612.

Mrs. J. G. Armstrong will continue her sale of art and fancy work at her house, 128 St. James street, until Christmas.

Christmas Novelties in Pyrography (burnt wood) for sale at Gorbell's Art Store, Union street.

A great sale of hosiery and men's suits and drawers at the Walker Scott store, King square. Everything to be sold at big reduction to clear.

Do you know that a large 8 x 10 photo is given away with every dozen of \$3.00 per dozen and up, at Isaac Erb & Son's, photographers, 13 Charlotte street.

Robert Purvis, who was injured yesterday morning on board the dredge New Dominion, lying in Carleton, died at a quarter to six o'clock last evening in the hospital. Mr. Purvis is a native of Kings county.

Preparations are being made for a cantata to be held in the Carleton city hall the 29th of December, at which some of the leading St. John singers will take part.

The government has promised Digby the privilege of building cars for the I. C. R. If works are created. A public meeting will be held soon to consider the subsidizing of a company.

The Lurcher lightship, which was fast in the ice, but was able to get clear a few days ago, left Quebec yesterday for the Bay of Fundy and should be heard from in a day or two.

A Brunswick man says that muskrats this year are building close to the water's edge, which indicates, according to his observations, a dry winter. Muskrat holes, as a rule, he says, are made at the point which the highest water during the winter will reach.

After suffering for a long time with heart trouble, Miss Helen S. Goddard died this morning at her home, No. 20 Douglas avenue. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. John P. Goddard, two brothers, John and Fred, and five sisters. Another brother, James M., died only a few weeks ago in Anaconda, Montana.

The death took place yesterday morning of William Gray, a well known resident of the North End. The deceased was upwards of seventy years of age, had spent the greater part of his life in this city and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He never married and of late years has resided with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Gray.

The I. C. R. pay car brought more than the usual monthly joy on its arrival here yesterday for the envelopes of many of the men had been fattened by recently granted increases, and as the "rales" dated from July the accumulation of what might be styled back pay made the sum for the fortunate ones so much the larger. Some of the conductors and engineers drew pay amounting to nearly \$300.

A correspondent in Clark's Harbor, N. S., writes: The exodus of the fishermen to the neighboring island has, during the last few weeks, been most appalling to those who are left behind. About a third of the people are absent, whole families in many instances going, thus depriving the children of all school and church privileges for six months.

The Chinese make Tea by hand, but in Ceylon the Tiger Teas are made by machinery.

The tea that looks so bright on outside of package. Try the tea and it will brighten you. It's Tiger.

## SATISFACTORILY EXPLAINED.

Maine Central Authority Explains Denial of Dr. Steeves' Story.

During the past week or two correspondence has been passing between C. P. R. and Maine Central officials with reference to the alleged unnecessary detention and rough handling of the body of the late Dr. Steeves. It is not probable that anything further will be done.

F. B. Boothby, general passenger agent of the Maine Central at Portland, has been looking into the affair and states that there was no just reason for complaint. The casket was examined and it was found that the glass had been broken. So far as could be learned this had happened previous to the arrival at Portland. The casket itself was a metal one, the glass resting on rubber cushions. This does not meet the requirements of the health regulations, which call for complete soldering, and such being the case the Portland people took what action they did for the purpose of preventing further inconvenience at Vanceboro or McAdam.

The explanation offered is considered satisfactory by the officials here.

## EAGER FOR BARGAINS.

Dowling Bros. and F. A. Dykeman & Co. held fire sales today. They advertised in the Star and the result was apparent this morning when King street was blocked by an excited crowd of would-be purchasers. From half-past eight o'clock all the cars from the North End were crowded with women coming over to the sale, and equally large numbers gathered from other sections of the city. All forenoon the entrances to the stores were surrounded by some hundreds of anxious, shivering women, unable to obtain trifles, but quite willing to endure the discomforts attendant upon this search for bargains. The doors of the stores had to be locked to prevent overcrowding, but in spite of this their turns and the crush at times was almost dangerous.

## MEDAL CONTEST.

At the Currie Business University, Limited.

After last night's test the score of leaders stood as follows:

Competitors.	Points.
Rubin Mayer	411
Jessie Long	391
Max Marcus	377
Emma Gray	367
D. J. Carr	357
Maude Cowan	352
A. J. Cumming	339
R. L. Colborne	315
E. Blakeney	309
F. J. Casey	302
Teresa Murphy	301
Pearl Blizard	298

Hurry up the fire with charcoal.

Pipes, cigars and smokers' articles, at reasonable prices, at Louis Green's.

The police today removed a large stone sign from the head of King street. It was blowing about on the street frightening horses.

The C. P. R. express from Montreal today brought from the west one hundred passengers for the Lake Erie. It is expected that both the Erie and Michigan will get away tomorrow.

The quarterly board of the Carleton Methodist church, have invited Rev. H. D. Marr to the pastorate of the church at the close of Rev. H. Panna's term in June.

A horse attached to a grocer's delivery sled, and driven by a young boy, fell three times at the corner of King and Charlotte streets this forenoon. No damage was done.

Mrs. C. T. Phillips, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is slowly improving and her daughter, a nurse at the public hospital, will be able to go back to her duties next week.

At a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade held today the following were elected additional members of the council, S. B. Hall, James Penner, R. O'Brien, H. H. McRobbie, W. H. Barnaby and John H. McRobbie.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of Robertson & Co., grocers, which appears on the third page of this issue. This enterprising firm have purchased the entire stock of the late Hiram Finley, and are in a position to give their customers some very attractive prices on their Xmas groceries.

## F. R. PATTERSON &amp; CO.



THE DAYLIGHT STORE.

## COLD SNAPS

And Snappy Bargains.

NATURE Furnishes One, WE FURNISH The other.

"UNDERWEAR."

Cor. Duke and Charlotte Sts.

Save Open Every Evening.

## TO RECAPTURE PANAMA

300,000 Colombians Pledged to

That End—No Compromise

With U. S.—Pres Elected

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Under date of Dec. 7th, the Herald's Bogota correspondent publishes the national electoral committee have proclaimed Gen. Reyes as the unanimous choice for the presidency of Colombia and Gen. Gonzalez Valencia as the choice for the vice-presidency.

President Marroquin today called Gen. Rafael Reyes at Washington that any negotiations proposed at Washington, not based on the return of Panama, will be useless and unacceptable to Colombia.

A national integrity society, on a large scale, has been organized with three hundred thousand active members with the object of recovering the isthmus.

The elections in Colombia were to have been held on Dec. 6th.

## SLEW CRAZED MAN

TO SAVE HER CHILD.

Lunatic Swore to Tear Nine-Year-Old Girl to Bits and Feed Her to the Dogs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Fighting for the life of her nine-year-old daughter, Mrs. Marie Muriano, of Bonton, N. J., slew a crazed man, and is now locked up in the Morris county jail on a charge of murder. Muglio was killed last Sunday and the woman fled and hid. She gave herself up yesterday and told her story of the killing.

She said it was late Saturday night when Muglio came to her house and demanded admittance. She told him she did not want him, but he insisted on entering and began hammering on the doors. He threatened to kill them all if not admitted, and then they fled.

Mrs. Muriano says she had gone a short distance when she remembered her child, which was asleep upstairs. She could not leave her little daughter to be slain by the madman, and so rushed upstairs to get her and carry her to safety.

In the meantime Muglio had got into the house and rushed up the stairs, shouting and screaming. He said he would take the babe and tear her limb from limb before her mother's eyes; that he would cut her up into strips and feed her to the dogs.

He so infuriated the mother that she attacked him with a hammer, determined that she would be killed before he could get at the little girl. Then ensued a long fight. She is a big, strong woman and he was a large man. They struggled for half an hour, she says, before she struck the blow on the head from which he died.

She is now locked up to await the action of the grand jury.

## SPENCER DIED OF OLD AGE.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The attending physician certifies that Herbert Spencer died of senile decay. The distinguished writer, having no near relatives living, was attended by nurses and his secretary. By his own wish the remains were brought to London and cremated at Hampstead.

Nothing is known of the extent of the autobiography of Herbert Spencer, which it is understood he has been writing during recent years.

Numberless telegrams have been received from all parts of the world, including one from the King of Italy, expressing his warm admiration and sympathy with the deceased. The newspapers this morning print many columns of sketches, reminiscences and anecdotes of Herbert Spencer.

## FOOTBALL WILL CONTINUE.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 9.—The athletic committee of Harvard University, which was asked by the faculty of arts and sciences to report whether the big college football contests should be discontinued, has reported that it is not advisable at present to stop football games between university elevens.

The committee ventures to express the opinion that the game of football is only one of many distractions in college life, and that there is no evidence that its abolition would necessarily turn the attention of students to more serious pursuits.

## REVOLUTION FEARED IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Moscow correspondent of the Times says, "The government is hurriedly preparing to meet the contingency of a general Armenian revolt in the Caucasus. Troops are being drafted and extraordinary precautions taken to safeguard the main railway line."

## FLORIDA FOR ROOSEVELT.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 9.—At a meeting of the prominent republicans of Florida in this city last night, it was unanimously decided to support President Roosevelt for the presidential nomination.

## BIG FIRE IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—The six story brick chair factory of John A. Dunn, 197 Portland street, was burned today. The loss is estimated at \$125,000.

## OPERA HOUSE.

The Harkins company presented Wedded and Parted before a large audience last evening. The piece itself contains a lot of clever dialogue, which was made the most of, although the cast did not permit of particularly strong work by any of the company. Miss Kilecne sang the Old Maid Shawl and was well received. This evening's bill is Bronson Howard's noted play "The Senator."

## EVIDENTLY KNEW.

(New York Times).

A married editor soliloquizes thus of the gentler sex:

"There is gladness in her gladness when she's glad, and there is sadness in her sadness when she's sad, but the gladness of her gladness and the sadness of her sadness are as nothing to her madness when she's mad."

## TWO DANGEROUS PROCEEDINGS.

(New York Weekly).

Winks—My gracious, old boy, you are all banged up!

Blake—I should say I was.

Winks—What did you do—dispute the right of way with a trolley car, or talk like a free-born American to a policeman?

## PERSONALS.

Mrs. Blennerhassett and two children arrived yesterday from Montreal to spend the winter here with Mr. Blennerhassett, who is in charge of the foreign freight business of the C. P. R.

Mrs. C. Jenkes of Springfield and Miss McKinnon of Amherst are at the Dufferin.

Mrs. Lendore Akery will receive at 157 Adelaide street Thursday afternoon and evening.

John E. Wilson's condition is improving greatly to the relief of his many friends, who have been very anxious about him.

## BANK FAILURE.

Blair & Co., Local Bankers, Suspend Payment—May Full Through.

Blair & Co., private bankers, were yesterday afternoon compelled to suspend payment. This has called forth expressions of regret from the many business men with whom the firm have had dealings, and there is a general hope that the difficulties which now beset the firm may be successfully passed over.

This banking institution started business shortly after the failure of the Maritime Bank, at which time Alfred C. Blair, who was then junior partner in MacLellan & Co., was compelled to dispose of private interest in the bank.

Since then, although Blair & Co. have been actively engaged, the business has been somewhat of an uphill struggle, which it is now found has been too much for the firm.

As yet Mr. Blair is not in a position to make any definite statement as to the relative assets and liabilities of the bank. Some good securities are held, which may be realized upon fairly provided they have not to be disposed of under pressure. The principal creditors are local depositors.

## BOYS GET TWO MONTHS.

Magistrate Sentences Snowball Throwers to Jail.

Capt. Mitchell of the Donaldson liner Salacia yesterday afternoon handed over to the police a coal trimmer named J. Glancing, who had refused to work. In court today, Capt. Mitchell said that Glancing had refused to do anything on the voyage out, and had not worked over six hours on the whole trip. He has been kept on bread and water for one day, but this did not seem to do him much good.

Glancing, who is a young man, did quite a lot of weeping in court, said he was sick and had been ill-treated. He was sent to jail for two months, but may be taken on the Salacia on her next trip here.

The snowball case preferred by James Montgomery against Frank Connelley and John Quigley was continued today, when Harry Alexander gave evidence. The magistrate was of the opinion that the stories told by the prisoners were not true, and found them guilty. The boys were sentenced to two months' jail each.

## CRIMINAL EXTRAVAGANCE.

There is trouble in the ferry department and wrath among some of the aldermen. Supt. Glasgow has gone and bought two drinking mugs, one for each of the West Side waiting rooms. These would cost at least thirty cents for the two and there is a feeling among some of the aldermen that an order in council should have been passed for this outlay. It is contrary to the principles of economy that the council, inasmuch as one mug might have been sufficient. If a long chain have been attached the mug might easily have been used for both waiting rooms and if necessary a hole could have been cut through the partition, through which the mug could have been passed from one room to the other.

To make matters worse, chains for the mugs are now being procured. The contractor's name is not made public.

## SMALL THIEVES.

For some time past, a number of youngsters have been stealing coke from cars standing in the I. C. R. yard and selling it to unsuspecting purchasers at a price much below that which cost retailers in the city. Mr. Collins, the vigilant depot policeman has been on the lookout for the deprecators and when this morning he detected three lads making away with their plunder, he gave chase. The boys were hauling sleds laden with coke, and when they saw the officer after them they dropped their sleds and took away at a run. The officer confiscated the sleds.

## THE OTHER SIDE.

With reference to a paragraph in yesterday's Star about members of the curling clubs not being able to obtain a satisfactory rate to Winnipeg, the passenger department of the C. P. R. gives the other side of the story. These officials say that the curlers did not guarantee any number, did not even seem to know how many would go, and were at the same time uncertain as to whether they wanted a first or second class rate for the railway. It was a fare and a third, which is the best that could be given, and is over twenty dollars lower than the regular fare.

## CRUELTY TO HORSES.

Secretary Wetmore of the S. P. C. A., has reported Levi Hayes and Leo McNamara for cruelly neglecting a horse owned by them. It is alleged that the horse has been used for driving and has been used so roughly in this work that it suffered from exhaustion and more recently developed colic. It was not properly treated, and was left in a barn off Forest street, where last evening it was seen by Mr. Wetmore. The horse died through the night.

## THIS EVENING.

J. Frank Owens lectures before the C. M. B. at St. Patrick's Hall, Chapman Festival Chorus rehearsal. Business meeting of Carleton W. C. T. U.

Meeting of electrical workers in Foresters' Hall.

Harkins company at the Opera House.

Lecture by Col. Sturdee to N. C. O.'s of 2nd in Palmer's Chambers.

Special meeting of the board of works.

## GOOD CAUSE.

(New Orleans Times-Democrat).

Van Quizz—Senator Merrihew makes an excellent after dinner speech.

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## PURCHASE THE ISLANDS.

Agitation in the Montreal Board of Trade.

MONTREAL, Dec. 5.—Some members of the Montreal Board of Trade seem to think that the United States would like very much to possess the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, and that a movement is on foot with that object in view. They have, therefore, started an agitation, which has not been given out officially to the press, with the object of passing a resolution and forwarding it to Ottawa, asking the government to try to induce England to reclaim these islands from France.

The president of the board, J. Hodgson, when seen today, did not speak officially of any resolution, but said: "We will imagine for a moment that the British Isles are dependent for the larger portion of their foodstuffs on Canada, and that hostilities should break out between the mother country and the owners of the islands in question, presuming, of course, that these bits of land had been strongly fortified and made a basis of operations. The result might likely be a crippling of Canadian sea-going trade, and the British people would thus be brought to the verge of actual suffering for the want of the necessities of life. Again, this would be the means of settling the ever-present fisheries dispute between France and Newfoundland."

## OUT OF HIS CLASS.

(Chicago News).

"And did you feel at home at your wife's 5 o'clock tea?" asked the horse reporter.

"Did I?" exclaimed the snake editor.

"Say, I felt like a bald-headed man at a football game."

## NOT A SMALL UNDERTAKING.

(Tribune).