







THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH. Published every Wednesday and Saturday...

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Neverslip Calks. are steel-centered, self-sharpening calks which can be easily inserted or removed from the shoe of the horse's hoof and keep him "always ready" and safe from falls in slippery weather.

COL. TUCKER'S MEDAL. DIPLOMATS DIFFER ABOUT FAR EAST SITUATION. French Foreign Office Still Thinks There Will Be No War.

MAINE FARMER HAS SOME RIGHTS. He May Kill Deer to Protect Crops, but He Mustn't Eat it or Sell it During Close Season.

TWO MEN ON WAY TO GET MARRIED BADLY HURT. Armpier, Ont., Dec. 30.—Alexander and George Drummond, brothers, both farmers, were driving over the Canada Atlantic track near here this morning...

SENTIMENT KNOCKS OUT BUSINESS. Toronto, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The Ontario government railway commission has awarded a contract for 6,000 tons of steel...

North Renfrew. The election in North Renfrew has resulted in a win for the Conservative candidate, as nearly everybody expected, including Mr. Ross himself.

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W. H. THORNE AS CITY CANDIDATE?

Rumor Revived on Return of Conservative Party Leaders from Montreal—Kings and Albert Convention at Hampton is Arranged for January 7.

J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., and W. H. Thorne, the St. John Conservative party leaders who went to Montreal to confer with R. W. Borden, the leader of the opposition, arrived home yesterday. Following their return the rumor was again revived on the streets last night that W. H. Thorne would be the Conservative candidate in St. John city in the coming elections.

JOHN O'BRIEN, EX-M. P. P., APPOINTED SHERIFF OF NORTHUMBERLAND

John O'Brien, ex-M. P. P. for Northumberland county, has been appointed sheriff of Northumberland to succeed the late R. R. Call, whose death at Newcastle last week was such a severe blow to his many friends. The appointment will be a popular one. Mr. O'Brien was for thirteen years a member for Northumberland in the local legislature, serving from 1890 until the last election. Among his fellow members Mr. O'Brien was very popular, and his defeat in the last election was generally regretted.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

Great indignation is expressed in the Charlottetown papers over taking the Minto off the Charlottetown route while a lot of freight was awaiting her there.

W. O. Raymond, jr., who lately experienced a severe attack of appendicitis while at the Montreal Diocesan College, has so far recovered to be able to take in all subjects so far as heard from in the recent Christmas examinations.

J. N. Harvey, the Union street clothier, entertained his staff at dinner at his residence Tuesday night as an evidence of good will in the holiday season. A very pleasant evening was afterward spent with games and music. The staff greatly appreciated the kindness of their employer, who also on Christmas eve remembered each one with a substantial gift.

The following election of officers took place Tuesday at the annual meeting of the High School Alumnae: Miss Purves, president; Mrs. Gilbert Jordan, 1st vice-president; J. D. P. Levin, 2nd vice-president; Miss Walker, secretary; Miss Leslie Murray, treasurer. The president will shortly appoint an executive committee.

A delegation consisting of Mrs. Robert Thomson, Mrs. James Dever and Mrs. David McLean called on Mayor White Tuesday morning to ask over him the master of civic aid to the Victorian Order of Nurses. They say if the city will grant \$10,000 they will put another nurse in the field, making three in all. An appeal will be made to the city council on Monday.

The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island at a meeting last week nominated Rev. J. W. Falconer, pastor of the Fort Mosey church of this city for the Chair of Practical Theology and Church History at the Presbyterian College, Halifax. There were two previous nominations that of Rev. Arthur Morton by the Sydney Presbytery, and Rev. Alfred Chandler by the Presbytery of Halifax.

Charles Vanwart, of Wright street, was on Monday evening visited upon by a party of friends who with speech and song and good fellowship made it abundantly clear that Mr. Vanwart enjoyed an extraordinary popularity. Among those contributing to the evening's enjoyment were Steve Matheson, Walter Bolding who sang, and H. T. Hingley, who gave a recitation.

Irvine E. Sproule, of Chicago, who spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Sproule, at Appalachi, was in town Tuesday and left at night for Foxe. Like his brother, Elliott W. Sproule, he is a building contractor in Chicago. His house is in Englewood, of which suburb of Chicago he has been one of the board of assessors. The two brothers have prospered in the west, but do not forget "the old folks at home."

Dr. G. F. Matthews has come to the conclusion that the work done up in Fernhill by J. P. Clayton the other day are from a mouse. The mice were of great antiquity and the shells grew with the country around St. John was submerged beneath the sea. An account of the finding of the Natural History Society next Tuesday. Dr. Matthews says the find is a most interesting one in local geology.

Rev. A. G. Prosser, of Harland, publishes an interesting monthly paper called the Brighton Chronicle. It contains much interesting religious reading and local news items. There is in the December issue a reference to a Free Baptist minister well known in the province: Rev. John Perry, though now quite a way past the four score mark yet retains good deal of his old time vigor. He preaches once and twice nearly every Sunday and occasionally three times, and with accuracy always.

NORTH SHORE POLITICS

O. Turgeon, M. P., of Bathurst, in Town; Talks of the Outlook.

O. Turgeon, of Bathurst, M. P. for Gloucester county, arrived in the city Saturday and is at the Royal. Mr. Turgeon came here on departmental business, including matters relative to lighthouses, and in this connection has been in consultation with Inspector of Lights John Kelly.

P. E. ISLAND ROUTE

Stanley Withdrawn and Travel via Sackville, is Discontinued.

The steamer Stanley has been withdrawn from the Cape Tormentine-Sackville (P. E. I.) route. The Minto is still plying between Pictou and Georgetown (P. E. I.), in fact the latter is the only route now available for those desiring to reach the island.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kings County Almshouse.

Sir,—Allow me through your columns in behalf of the inmates of the Kings County Almshouse to extend their thanks to Mr. Almon, of Rothesay, and the ladies and gentlemen of Sussex, Hampton and Norton, for their thoughtful gifts on this Christmas season.

VALUABLE RECORDS

The Late Leonard Allison's Papers Will Soon Be in Possession of the N. B. Historical Society.

The Historical Society met Tuesday night in their room, Market Building, the Rev. W. C. Gayton in the chair. There was a discussion of the proposed celebration of the 30th anniversary of the discovery of the River St. John on June 24 next.

CHARLES PALMER

Douglas Harbor, Dec. 26.—Daniel Palmer, one of our old landmarks, died at his residence near Douglas Harbor on the evening of Monday, the 21st inst. The deceased was nearly eighty-three years of age and was highly esteemed in the community where he lived.

S. S. Xmas Tree at Greer, St. John County

Greer Settlement, Dec. 28.—One of the most enjoyable occasions of the Christmas season in this little hamlet among the hills of St. John county, ever arranged was celebrated in the Methodist church on Christmas eve. Although the weather was very stormy the church was filled with those who had come to enjoy the programme to be rendered by the Sunday school scholars under the direction of the popular and efficient school teacher, Geo. F. Charlton.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTENT

Present Year One of Great Prosperity.

Will Demand Liberal Terms to Join the Confederation—In Five Years Colony's Trade Has Doubled—Revenue is Nearly \$2,500,000, the Largest on Record.

Canada will have to offer very generous terms to induce Newfoundland to join the confederation in view of the abundant prosperity of the island, is the tenor of a special from St. John's. Never in the history of the colony has such good fortune come to people of all classes as has come this year.

U. N. B. EXAMINATIONS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TOUR

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Advertisement for Sunlight Soap, featuring an illustration of a woman washing clothes and text describing the soap's benefits for cleaning and whitening.

Advertisement for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, featuring a large illustration of the product bottle and text describing its effectiveness for various ailments.

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THE TELEGRAPH'S PULPIT.

Rev. B. N. Nobles of Carleton Speaks on the Saviour's Words, "He That Findeth His Life Shall Lose It, and He That Loseth His Life for My Sake Shall Find It"—Lessons Drawn from the Text.

Mat. x—39: "He that findeth his life shall lose it and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it." The connection in which these words occur is this: Jesus was about to send forth the Twelve on a missionary tour throughout the cities of Israel. Before sending them away, however, He delivered unto them a brief address, in which He gave directions regarding methods of procedure and foretold experiences which would find fulfillment more or less complete in the case of the Twelve and in the life of subsequent disciples in general.

He speaks plainly of the opposition and persecution which would be met. Their going forth was as that of sheep into the midst of wolves, but they were to be protected. "Not a sparrow falls to the earth apart from the Father. Ye are of more value than many sparrows. Fear not them which kill the body but have not power to kill the soul." Still further particularizing as to the treatment they might expect, He tells them that this opposition and persecution will not come alone from the enemy and stranger. It will come in some cases from friends and even from one's own family. "Brother shall deliver up brother to death, and father the child, and children shall rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death." Then bethinking Himself that some might be tempted to yield and refrain from identifying themselves with His cause when adherence would subject them to such family troubles, Jesus proceeds to say: "He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of Me." It was at this juncture in this remarkable discourse that Jesus gave utterance to the words of the text: "He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it."

The thought is substantially the same as that expressed by Jesus on other occasions in slightly different verbal form: "Whoever will lose his life shall lose it and whoever will lose his life for My sake will save it." "Whoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it and whoever shall lose his life shall preserve it."

What is the thought Jesus had in mind? What did He mean to teach? Some have interpreted His thought to be this: The man who will risk his life and lose it in the service of the Lord, that is to say, in the service of right and truth, will find eternal life in the world to come; while he who, in the endeavor to protect and save himself from bodily harm or death, will sacrifice the cause of the Lord, will lose or fail of obtaining the eternal life beyond the grave. It was this view which the martyrs entertained—so assured that in losing their lives for Jesus' sake they would find eternal life in the paradise of God, they refused to deny the faith, but gave themselves up to be burned in martyr fires or torn by wild beasts in the public arena. It seems to me, however, that this interpretation falls short of the full meaning of the passage. Jesus meant this, and more too. This interpretation limits the fulfillment of the word to the future life. But in my judgment this word of Jesus finds fulfillment in this life and without the death of the individual, as well as in the world to come. Let us seek them for the larger meaning.

We look back over the centuries and wonder in Egypt we see Moses, a prince enjoying wealth and distinction. He beholds the oppression of his own people, and he yearns to relieve them. But what can he do? To speak or act will mean indictment and death in all probability. Prudence and self-interest say: "Hold your peace." One day he sees an Egyptian in an out of the way place, smiting a Hebrew and killing him. Prudence and self-interest whisper: "Don't interfere, you will get yourself in trouble." But Moses cannot be a silent partner to such injustice and sin. He takes the part of his countryman and the oppressor is slain. In a day or two we shall see Moses living into the wilderness. "Oh, Moses," what a mistake you made. Better to have let your countryman be killed. Yours was a thankless task. In Egypt, you might have spent your life in ease, enjoying the advantages of wealth, learning and royal friendship, but now the privilege is forfeited. It is all the same so far as Egypt and the cause of the Hebrews are concerned as if you were dead. You have done no good. You have lost your opportunity. You have forfeited your life. You might have saved it for the good of your countrymen in Egypt, but you have lost it." So speaks the voice of unbelief and compromise.

Forty years pass. And now in the same wilderness where we saw Moses a fugitive from Egypt we now see the great Hebrew host, with all their wealth of flock and herd. Onward they go, while signs and wonders declare God's care for them. One man their leader. And later upon Mount Sinai is mediated through this same man, a law for the Hebrews and for all the world of men. Who is he? This great man so favored of God and in such repute among the people? Who is he? Moses. In losing his life as an Egyptian prince he found it later as the deliverer and lawgiver of his own nation.

A few years ago, a Presbyterian clergyman in a provincial town gave himself to the cause of the poor and oppressed, working in the interests of moral, temperance and religion. The sloughs of the saloon set upon him. In course of time his years are numbered for that community. But God is on the scene and makes full provision. The seed is left to germinate and bring forth its harvest, and Geggie, losing his life in Truro, finds it in Toronto, where he is now spending the strength of it.

About thirty-five years ago there lived in a little country village not forty miles from this city, a goodly man, whose soul was distressed daily as he marked the fearful ravages liquor was making upon many residents of the village and surrounding country. So he set himself to work to banish the liquor tavern from the place. For years the agitation went on, but insufficient moral support was given him. Finally he removed from the village where, in his work of love, he had suffered so much, yet had not seen his desire realized. But God had been on the scene. The seed had found lodgement. Some years since the last was seen of a saloon in that community, whose residents are now temperate and law-abiding. But what of the man himself? He removed to this city. The hand of the Lord has been upon him for good in things temporal and things spiritual. Prosperity has attended him, and his influence as a citizen has been wholesome and good. He lost his life to Springfield, he found it in this city.

And there was Jesus. Before Him had risen the vision of a kingdom of heaven on earth and a world redeemed. With unwavering persistency He presses on toward the realization of the vision, ever moving at the instance of His Father's will. When His course was found to be awakening pronounced hostility from those in authority in church and state, men tried to dissuade Him. They urged compromise and entreated, but without avail. He will not do other than the right though it might save Him. He scorns to compromise with evil or falsehood in any form. As a result of His course He is crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem. "Misguided man, He meant well, but He was not wise. With His personal magnificence, His wonderful knowledge of men and withal His power to work miracles, His might have gathered under His banner all Israel and delivered the nation from her bondage to Rome. But alas, His unyieldingness has been His ruin. He might have saved Himself and been a blessing; as it is, His life has been a failure. It has been lost to us." So judged some when Jesus had died.

But was His life lost, even though He died on Calvary? Was His life a failure even though His ministry lasted but three short years? No, no. The world owns His sovereignty today. He lives the King in the lives of multitudes. He spared not himself; He did not seek to protect and save His life at the sacrifice of truth and right. He lost His life to Israel and saved it unto the world. In the losing of Himself He saved Himself—saved His name, saved His influence, saved His cause, saved His life.

Speaking of Jesus and His death recalls to our mind Pilate. I see him sitting on his judgment seat. Before him stands the faultless Christ, and on the street below the surging crowd, clamoring for His blood. Pilate hesitates to deliver Him into the hands of that merciless, bigoted rabble. Then some one cries out: "If thou let this man go thou art not Caesar's friend." It is enough.

To be true to himself may mean his removal from the proprietorship of Judah. So in order to save himself, he yields and delivers Jesus to be crucified. But in a few months we see Pilate deposed, and a

THE BEACON LIGHT IN ITS LONESOME WATCH AT CITY'S WATERY GATEWAY.



The "Beacon Light," St. John Harbor.

For eight and thirty years this isolated and fortress like looking building has kept its lonesome watch at the city's watery gateway.

In gales and calms—through the fair and foul of all seasons, its bright beacon, night after night, has been unfailing. Here's an eye that never winks nor wears. Its brightness is unaffected by biting wind or driving brine. It has watched the city of other days fall to pieces in a hurricane of fire, and beheld a new St. John take root and grow upon the embers of the old. It has seen the day of sailing ships dwindle and die, that other vessels—monstrous iron creations—might come and go in their stead.

There is that about the beacon which seems to hint of some subtle sympathy between it and the memory of the fleets of a generation ago. The same kinds that look in '98 built it strongly and well made also the clippers which on the other side of the world gave to this port a reputation as a place whose citizens understood sailing craft construction.

The brig and barque have made their final voyage, but the beacon remains. Like—

"The old, old sea, as one in tears,  
Come murmuring with foamy lips  
And knocking at the vacant pier,  
O'er his long lost multitude of ships."

The weather scarred house in the harbor, with its scarlet and immutable orb, will look vainly for a return of the multitude that is lost.

Partridge Island Light 113 Years Ago.

One hundred and thirteen years ago a light was established on Partridge Island, and for several decades following, it placed its lights around and about the harbor and elsewhere down the coast.

little later, consumed with remorse, he takes his life. What he sought to avoid comes to pass. He sought to save himself—to preserve his life as Roman governor of Judia, and compromised right and truth in doing it. But he signally failed, and his name comes down on the pages of history cursed by his sin. He sought to save himself, but lost himself—his name, his honor, his influence, his life. But why multiply illustrations interpretative of this word of Jesus? Already we see our Lord's meaning.

Whose in any moral issue—any conflict between truth and falsehood or right and wrong—seeks to protect himself from disaster or to save himself from sacrifice or disfavor or loss or whatsoever, at the expense of the right and the truth, is the person referred to in the former part of these passages; and such will find sooner or later that he has signally failed—passed; and such will find sooner or later that he has signally failed—passed; and such will find sooner or later that he has signally failed—passed.

Hear ye this and observe it, ye men and women called from time to time to take your place on the side of moral questions, and social, industrial and political reforms, and reforms in business and professional methods and in the administration of philanthropic and benevolent enterprises. "He that will find his life—whosoever seeketh to save his life, will lose it; and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it—shall save it."

Hear ye this and observe it, ye youth, ye young men and women, called of the Lord to His church and service, but who hesitate and dally. You say: "To obey means the losing of myself. I ought to enter untrammelled into the contest in the business life, the professional life, the social life, the industrial life to which I aspire. I owe it to myself to enter the arena of competition unimpeded. To obey the call of Jesus and His church means putting myself at a disadvantage among my fellow contestants. Under the circumstances and ideals that prevail in this world one cannot achieve success and attain eminence in his calling unless in some way he can outwit his competitors by the use of his wiles of warfare. To obey the call and enter the service of Jesus will mean to me the sacrifice of all—the ruin of my hopes, the blighting of my life, the loss of myself."

Hear ye the word of Jesus: "He that will find his life—whosoever seeketh to save his life will lose it; and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it—shall save it."

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The duties are not laborious. At sunset the beacon is lighted, and at sunrise the light is extinguished. During thick weather the fog bell is kept ringing. From this it will be seen that any person of average capabilities, can, upon earnest application, soon master the intricacies of the duties involved in the appointment.

In many respects, the occupant of the beacon enjoys advantages denied the town bred person. Whether rents are or desired is to him a matter of profound indifference. A policeman does not threaten him with extinction for neglecting to keep his portion of the sidewalk free from snow. He isn't haunted by drab reflections of what the annual May migration means. His premises are not liable to sudden invasion by tax collector, creditor or burglar. His view is not spoiled by the wall of a gossiping neighbor's home. He breathes air not polluted with the odor and smoke of the streets, and alighted with a hundred harsh clankers. He is three-quarters of a mile from it all.

The first keeper was Mr. Clark, but a few years ago he retired from the position, which is now held by Wilson Craig. If you feel disposed to drop in upon him in a social way, and pass the time of day, don't stake too large an amount upon the certainty of finding him at home.

It can hardly be denied that in time, even the great sense of restfulness that intimate communion with wind and water and hungry gulls bring must grow irksome. "How much to the beacon and back?" I lately asked a man who looked cold and severe, as he tied his boat by the steps of the international wharf. "Fifty cents."

Then, as I gingerly clambered on board, he cautioned me to sit squarely in the stern, and after breathing in a reproachful kind of way upon his hands, pulled seaward with mighty strokes. Apparently the beacon was deserted. We drew into the ice glazed steps and picked a way to the summit.

A dull red painted and austere looking door was gently rapped upon—then knocked upon—then pounded upon, but it didn't open.

"Try the knob," quoth my companion. I tried. It did not avail. We went to the other side, stepping over broad axes and saws and shouldering past neatly stacked fire wood; browsed along to the end and came to another door and a small window. The former was locked, and peering through the soiled panes of the latter, the beacon seemed a jumble of barrels, spades and baskets—were dimly seen. At least, they resembled stores. Five minutes more—I can't guarantee this, but I don't wear a watch—but it didn't seem any longer a watch—and the beacon was again left to solitude; to the eternal lap around its sloping sides, and the faintly smiling ring of the buoy beyond the island.

Oratory by Gladatorial Deceitry. Mr. Chamberlain is still shaking the nation as though he had been rejuvenated by the goat. People crowd to hear him. They listen, they shout, they deride, having made in their way through terrible seas. There were no fatalities and the serious injury was suffered by one sailor who had his leg broken and who is now in the hospital. The British consul at Ponce attended to the immediate wants of the shipwrecked mariners, who are expected to arrive here tomorrow.

There are no extravagant or eccentric gestures. There is no scraping of the ground with his knuckles like the great Grattan when the prophetic fit was on. He extends his talons in quiet reasonableness or ironical deprecation. He beats home a meaning with the restrained emphasis of a clinched hand that always seems somehow to mean business. There are no theatrical thunders, no stage whistles. When Mr. Chamberlain attacks an adversary, his most damaging passages are stated in a dulcet pianissimo. One of his admirers says that with the mere management of his voice, he could hold the prolonged attention of a public meeting by

NEW RUSSIAN RAILROAD. Iron Bands Now Connect St. Petersburg and Vitebsk, 300 Miles.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—A new railroad, 300 miles long, from St. Petersburg to Vitebsk has been opened to traffic. It will be extended to Kieff and Odessa.

Washington, Dec. 26.—According to a report received at the state department from United States Commercial Agent Greeney, at Vladivostok, Siberia, under date of July 25, 1903, Russian settlements have made their appearance at nearly all the larger railroad stations in Manchuria. The office railroad offices and houses for employes there are many private buildings. One impetus to the expansion of these settlements is that no regular sales of land have yet been arranged for. It is said that there will be an auction sale of lots next year. In the meantime private persons are allowed to occupy lots temporarily.

Regarding the affairs of Siberia, Mr. Greeney says there is a surveying party now engaged in defining the route of the second Siberian Railroad. The party will project the line in such a manner that instead of four daily trains of twenty cars each, nine trains of thirty cars each will run every 24 hours. An appropriation of \$5,150,000 has been made for

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Yarmouth Liberal Convention. Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 29.—(Special)—This afternoon the Liberals held their convention in Killam's Hall. The attendance was good, every section of the country being represented. President Robert S. MacKay presiding. Fifty-nine delegates attended.

Sudden Death of Halifax Mar. Halifax, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The death occurred here tonight suddenly of Franklin E. eldest son of W. C. Paver, of Moncton.

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