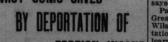


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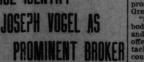
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n Ludon, Nov. 26.-Woman suffrage received a set back and the Union-lists gained a seat in the by-election held today in the Bow and Bromley division of Tower Hamlet. The Unionst candidate, Reginal Blair defeated Clansbury, laborite, 4,042:to 3,291. Mr. Lansbury resigned to

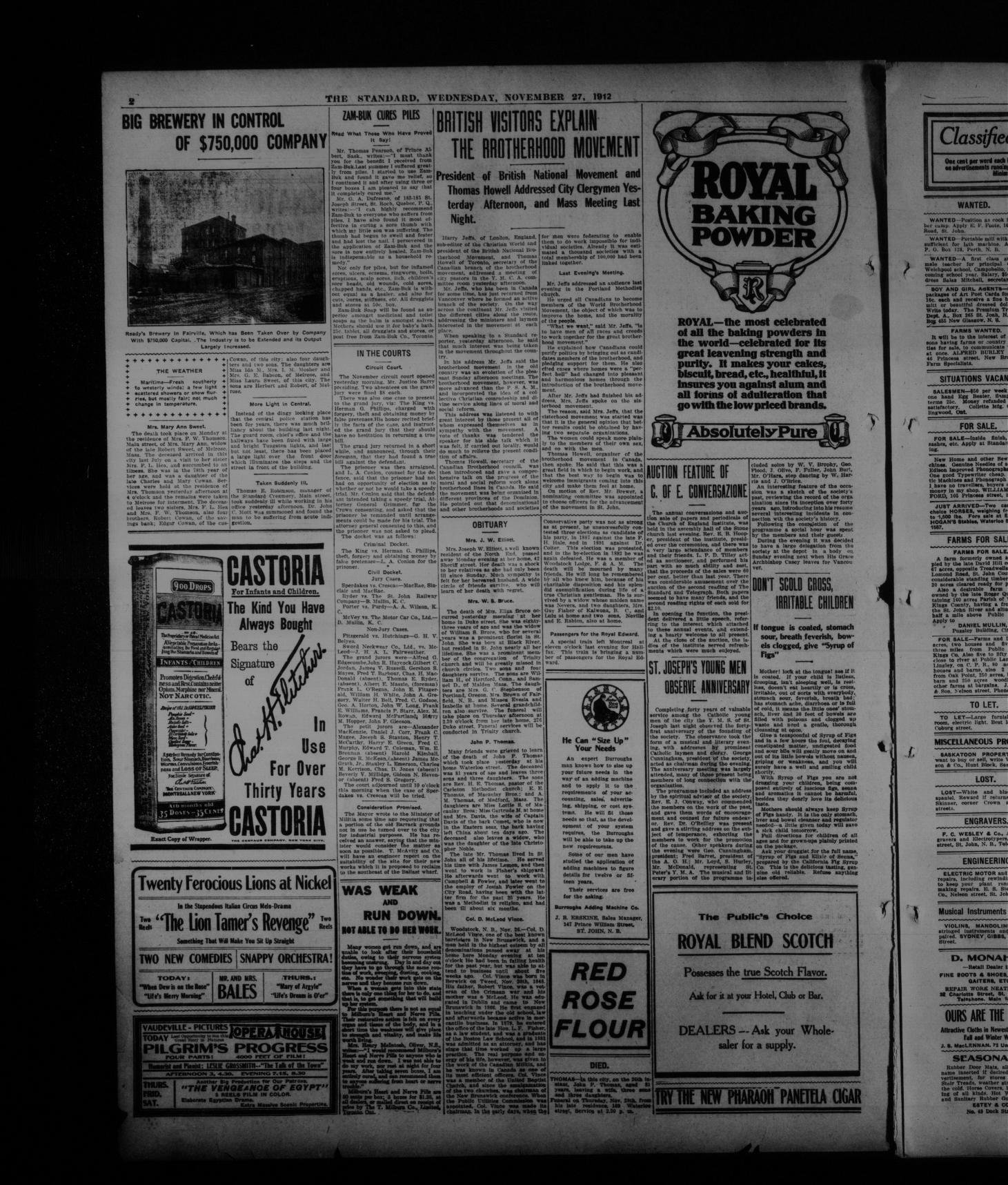
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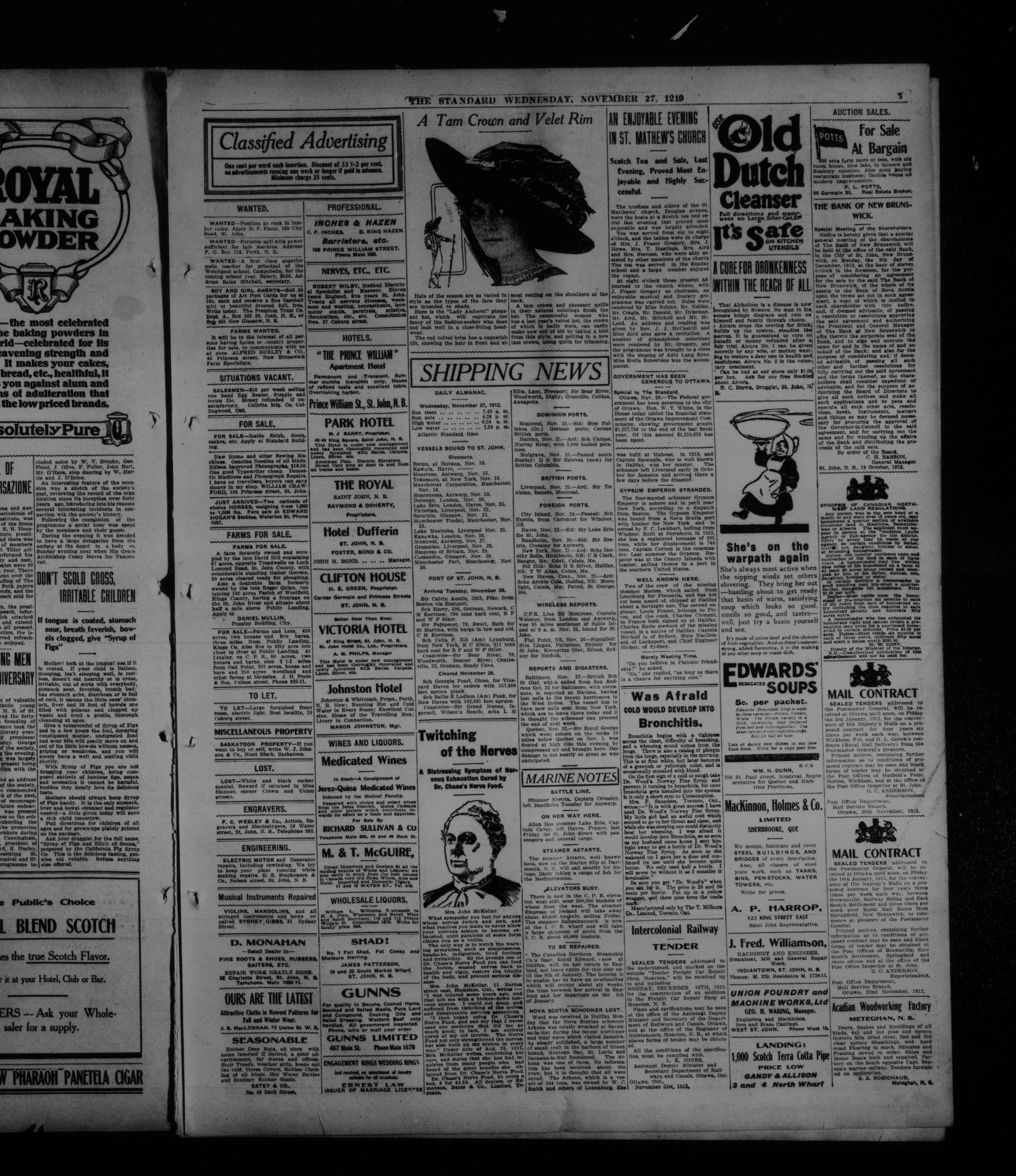
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Editorial and News..

THE REDUCTION IN THE CEMENT DUTY.

Replying to the charge made by Sir Wilfrid Laurie Replying to the charge made by Sir whirit Laurer that the Government reduced the cement duty as a mat-ter of "political expediency," or, in other words, to influ-ence the result of the Saskatchewan elections, Mr. White, the Finance Minister, made a statement in the House yesterday, which completely vindicates the Govnt's action.

White produced applications made to the Government, in June last, by the Boards of Trade in the principal Western cities, and by large construction comprincipal western cities, and by arge construction com-panles, strongly urging the reduction of the duty to avert a crisis which would the up the building trade owing to the shortage of cement. The Government decided to temporarily reduce the duty by half to meet the needs of

Wilfrid Laurier's insinuations regarding "political expediency," in the light of the evidence presented by Mr. White, are shown to be without foundation. The leader of the Opposition cannot go to the length of sug-gesting that the Western Boards of Trade were in a conacy to influence the Saskatchewan election

Senator Edwards and Sir Wilfrid's other friends in the cement merger will doubtless appreciate his attitude, but the people of Canada, who have confidence in the integrity of the Government, will understand that the

It is a common practice for Liberal organs to refer to the Borden Government as a friend of the "interests," the mergers, the combines. Yet this Government is the first to serve notice on the cement merger in unmistak-nble terms that if the market was wanted it must be taken care of or conditions would undergo a change.

CIVIC FINANCES.

For the first time since the change in the method of civic government there was a brief discussion of the state of city finances at the last meeting of the commissioners, and the drafts likely to be made on the treasury during the ensuing year. When the present commissioners took office they found the financial affairs of the city in good office they found the financial affairs of the city in good condition, and there is nothing in their present staje that is alarming. The commissioners have discovered, though, that they are not the only toads in the puddle and that they control only a percentage of the total ex-penditures of the city, while enjoying responsibility for all the expenditures. This is rather a peculiar state of affairs, but it is the one existing at City Hall. Out of a total assessment of \$637, \$10.53 in 1912, the Council only controlled a lowy of \$363, \$29, 79, and of this a considerable ed a levy of \$363,799.79, and of this a considerable controlled a levy of \$263,199,79, and of this a considerable part is for interest on debentures issued by former Coun-cils. The position occupied by the Common Council is therefore that should they improve the public service they must increase taxation, and no matter how economically hey conduct the affairs of the city taxation will continue to increase if the Municipal Council and the School Trus tees so desire, and a reference to the past shows that there has been such a desire on the part of these bodies. Here is a comparison of the taxes levied in St. John in 1900 and 1911:

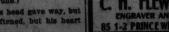
1900	1911
City *****************************	\$364,496
Schools 98,596	159,914
County 65,832	113,400
Totals \$413,248	\$637,810

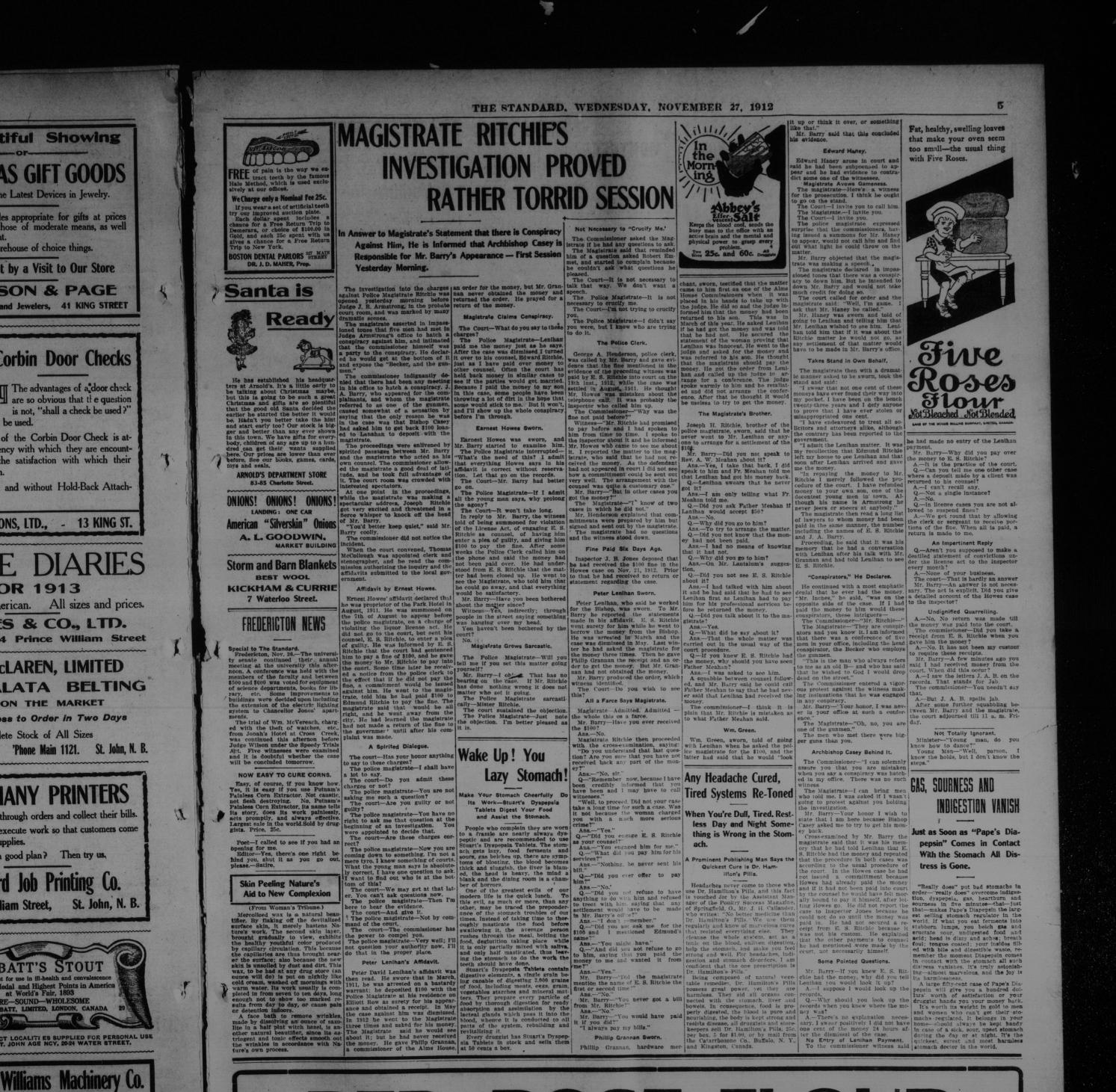
In twelve years there has been an incre in the total taxes levied on the citizens, a rather healthy increase when it is remembered that the area of the city is the same and the additions to the population have not been great. The levy for county purposes increased \$47,568, for schools \$61,318, for city purposes \$115,676. The ratio of increase is not materially different, but it must be borne in mind that the Council practically created the West Side terminal and made other large harbor expenditures during the period. Under good management these expenditures are a valuable asset and the works will eventually become self sustaining. The question of adding to the revenues of the city without increasing taxes is a troublesome one, and it is almost as difficult to add to the assessment without in-St. John has enjoyed more than usual creasing the rate. prosperity during the past three years and there has been prosperity during the past three years and there has been quite a respectable increase in the new buildings erected but the demands on the city treasury for greater expen ditures make it difficult for the commissioners to meet them without increasing the rate of taxation, and this they cannot do while the present legislation stands on the statute books. At the same time they are far from masters of the situation as they control only a compara-tively small portion of the expenditures.

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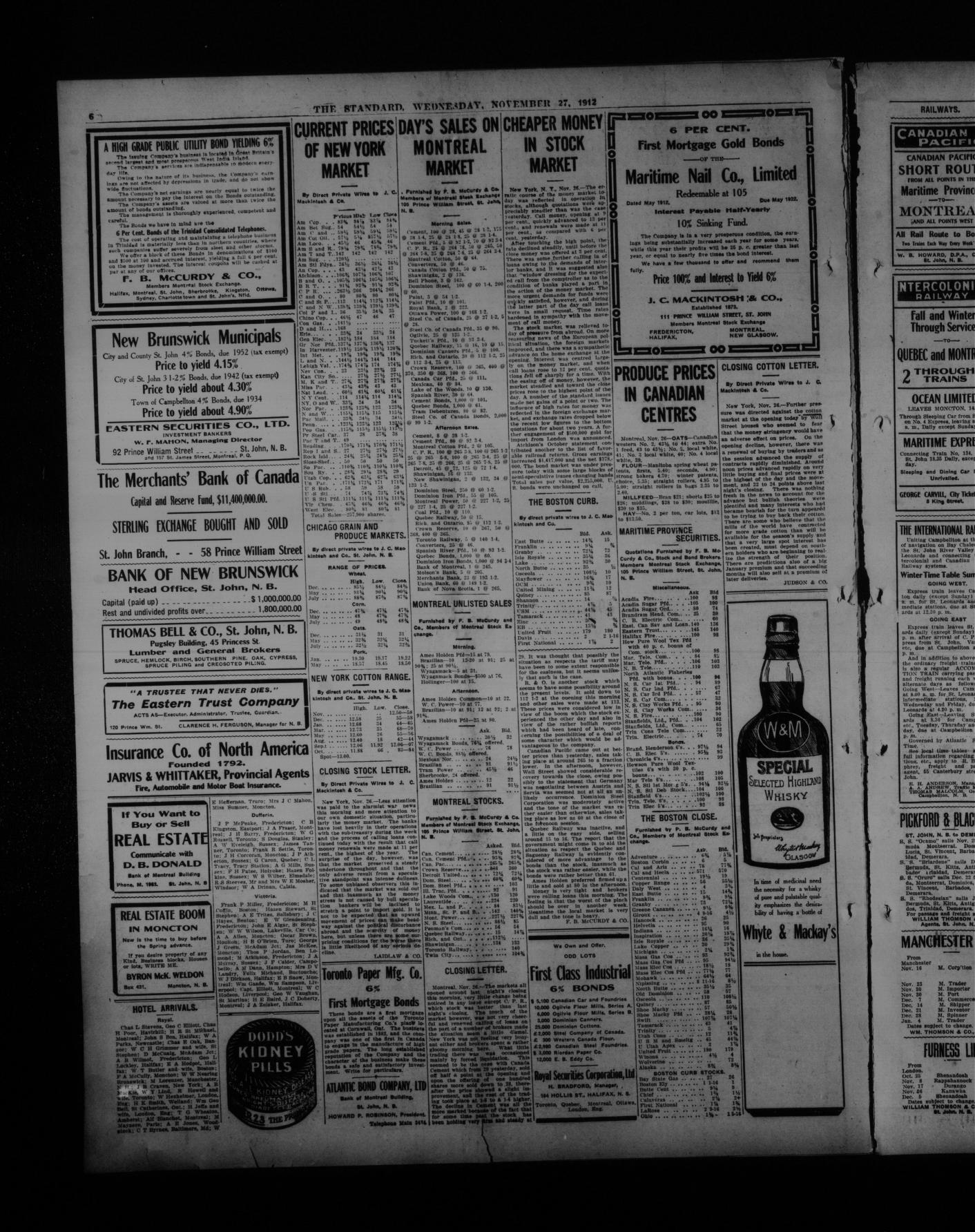
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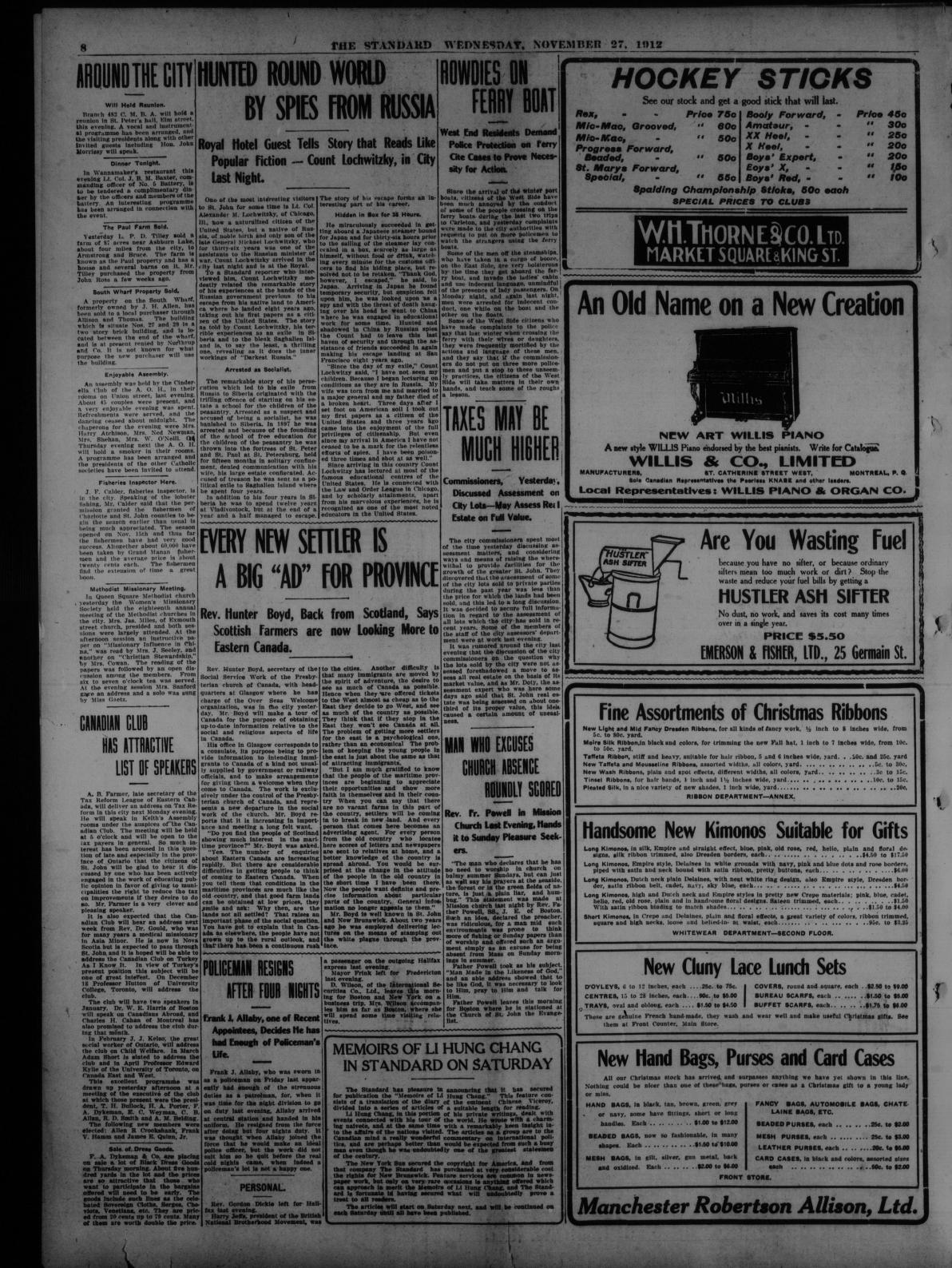
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