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VOL. LI.

SAYS TRESS GRP THE UNITED STATES

La Follette Sounds Warning Note

res Government and People Are at Their Mercy

Can Fix Prices of Necessaries of Life and Give or Withhold Credit to Business Men Through Their Control of the Banks—Have Hand in Appointment of Judges and Select Candidates for President.

Cleveland, Dec. 29.—Senator Robert M. La Follette opened the speaking campaign for a platform, here last night with an assault on the supreme court, an attack on the Republican national committee, an arraignment of the trusts and an exposition of his ideas for the cure of evils resulting from the present system of government.

The criticism of the supreme court was the most bitter yet heard from the Wisconsin senator. It was predicated on the recent rulings of the court in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases. "The rule of reason," he denounced as a "profane revolution in the position of the courts."

"Surely the court does not expect the people to take it seriously," he said, concluding his criticism.

From this Mr. La Follette launched an arraignment of the Republican national committee, and then turned to the trusts. He went farther and said that the government would have to fix prices of labor, hours of employment and compensation of original producers in order to fix accurately the prices to be offered to the consumer.

Instead of the Gary plan or the Taft plan of a federal license, he incorporated Senator La Follette's proposed plan for a commission on restraints of trade to relieve the country of the condition in which he finds it. The senator was great eviler in the growth of the trusts and, describing it, said:

"A tremendous power has grown up in the country in recent years. Again and again it has proven strong enough to nominate the candidates of both political parties. It rules in the organization of legislative bodies, state and national, and of the committees which frame legislation. Its influence is felt in cabinets and in the policies of administrations. Its influence is seen in the appointment of presidential officers and the selection of judges upon the bench.

"In business it has crippled or destroyed competition. It has fixed limitations in the field of production. It makes prices and imposes its burdens upon the consuming public at will.

"Its financial power is unlimited. In large affairs it gives or withholds credit, and from time to time contracts or inflates the volume of the money required for the transaction of the business of the country, regardless of everything excepting its own profits.

"It has acquired large control of the public domain, monopolized the natural resources, timber, iron, coal, and oil.

MAN, HOPELESS, OFFERS TO QUIT

China's Premier Has Warm Conference With Manchu Rulers

MUST HAVE MONEY

Tells Dowager Empress and Imperial Princes That He Could Hold Part of the Empire if They Would Provide Funds to Pay the Soldiers, but They Decline to Contribute.

Peking, Dec. 29.—The assembly in the palace today to discuss affairs connected with a settlement of the revolution was productive of at least one dramatic incident. The Dowager Empress, the Premier, Yuan Shi Kai, and the princes of the imperial clan were present, and the debate waxed so warm that finally Yuan Shi Kai arose and offered his resignation. This, however, was refused.

Yuan Shi Kai explained to the princes that he could continue the government and retain the country north of the Yangtze only by having funds placed at his disposal. He asked the princes to empower him to secure money. He explained that \$10,000,000 would meet the payments for the soldiers for five months, after which the south would become demilitarized and provinces after provinces would return to their allegiance to the throne.

Yuan Shi Kai said that the action of the British government in sending a fleet to the coast of Persia was a violation of the Anglo-Russian agreement, in regard to Persia. The foreign office is not in the least likely to take any step that will embarrass Russia in the present crisis.

Rebels Tired of Promises

Shanghai, Dec. 28.—An imperial edict which was accepted by the revolutionaries, except in the most liberal form under which a republic can be established without delay, or unless it provides for the resignation of the provisional government, of which Dr. Sun Yat Sen will be elected president tomorrow at the regular convention of the National conference, at which eighteen delegates appointed by the government of the province or by the provincial assembly will act in behalf of China proper.

Reports that American bankers represented in Peking are willing to lend money to the imperialists are regarded here with very serious apprehension. If the southern revolutionaries were once convinced that Americans were supporting the imperialists either financially or diplomatically, the result, they say, would be disastrous to American trade and influence and endanger all Americans residing in the interior.

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PERSIAN SITUATION LOOKS MORE SERIOUS

Russia Will Take Charge

Britain is Not Likely to Interfere—Wounded English Consul Has Been Found and an Apology Has Been Tendered Him for Tribesmen's Attack.

Teheran, Dec. 28.—The British consul, W. A. Smart, who was wounded in an engagement between his Indian escort and 800 Khasi tribesmen, is safe, having been brought from a caravanserai, where he received medical attention, to Kazeroon. The Persian foreign minister today called on the British minister and expressed deep regret on behalf of the regiment and government for the incident.

The Persian government is extremely apprehensive lest Great Britain should see incident justification for a punitive expedition, which might lead to prolonged, possibly to permanent occupation of southern Persia.

Britain Will Not Interfere

London, Dec. 28.—The foreign office declares it to be absolutely without warrant and entirely incorrect the statement that the British government has sent an ultimatum to Russia demanding the immediate cessation of the ravages of the Caspian.

The attitude of the British government has not changed since Mr. Grey spoke in the House of Commons on Nov. 27 of last year, when he said that the action of Russia in Northern Persia was justified from the Russian point of view. On that occasion he also testified to Russian loyalty to the Anglo-Russian agreement, in regard to Persia.

Russia to Pacify Persia

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The appointment of a Russian governor and chief of police for the city of Tabriz in Persia and the assumption by the Russians of the financial control of municipal affairs there, together with the institution of exclusively Russian courts of law, is forehanded today in the semi-official Nova Vremya.

ACCIDENT DELAYS MARITIME EXPRESS

Slight Collision in Moncton Yard Damages Engine—Imported Hockey Stars Practice—Organist Farewelled.

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Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—William Witt, thirty-three years of age, was found dead in his home here early today from poison which had been prepared by his brother, John, one year older, who had intended to kill himself.

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RUSSIA LIKELY TO OCCUPY MONGOLIA

Calls on China to Restore Order, Which She is Unable to Do—Independence Has Been Proclaimed and Protection of Czar Has Been Asked—Britain and Japan Are Watching Events Sharply.

Peking, Dec. 28.—In response to a direct request of the Russian government, handed to the Chinese foreign office by the Russian chargé d'affaires today, that China should promptly resume control of Mongolia, the Chinese government declared its inability to comply at the present moment.

Refused to Establish Protectorate

Furthermore outer Mongolia is adjacent to Russian territory and its interests are more closely related to Russia than to China, the latter being across the Gobi desert. Russia does not intend to declare a protectorate and refused the Mongol appeal for the establishment of a protectorate last July. Such a declaration might cause objection on the part of the other powers, while in fact, something like a protectorate already exists in the association of Russian and Mongolian Buddhists.

Move Largely Religious

The independence move is largely religious. The disaffection of the Mongolian people has been long standing, the Russians say, owing to Chinese monopoly and corruption. The Chinese, and other governors have always plundered the Mongols and curbed themselves, while at the same time carrying on an unjust administration.

GERMANY RESENTS UNITED STATES FAVORS TO CANADA

Refuses to Accord American Exporters Reduced Duties on Steel and Rubber.

WANT SUPERANNUATION SYSTEM RESTORED

Ottawa Civil Service Employees Preparing Petition for Return to Old Order of Things.

MAIL CLERKS SAFE FROM GUILLOTINE, SAYS OFFICIAL

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—That no mail clerk in the post office service need have any fear of losing his job through political reasons, was a statement made by the post office authorities in regard to a story to the effect that some clerks from the T. & N. O. were down in Ottawa to see the department about the loss of their jobs.

HALIFAX TAX RATE BOOSTED

Halifax, Dec. 28.—(Special)—The rate of taxation for the city of Halifax in the coming year will be two per cent. on an assessment of \$555,832, an increase of \$13,000 over last year. The previous taxation rate was 1.90 per cent.

BEGINS STAGE CAREER

New York, Dec. 28.—Under the name of "Dorothy Coleman," Dorothy Gilder, of New York, daughter of the late Richard Watson Gilder, poet and editor of the Century Magazine, has begun a stage career. She made her debut Monday night in a small part in the production of "Kismet," in which Otis Skinner is the star.

TO BAR PUBLIC FROM RICHESON'S TRIAL

HOW THE PACKERS CONCEAL PROFITS

Form Subsidiary Companies to Handle By-Products of Plants

ENORMOUS EARNINGS

Two Concerns With Nominal Capital Made About \$4,000,000 Each Yearly—Counsel for Indicted Men Fight Hard to Keep This Testimony Out.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Objections by counsel for the defense to evidence which the government seeks to introduce regarding the operations of the Kenwood Company and the Aetna Trading Company halted the packers trial today, and caused Judge Carpenter to excuse the jury pending the hearing of legal arguments.

The government contends that the Kenwood Company, which was organized by the packers in 1909 and continued in business until 1908, was one of the alleged pools used to market the packers by-products.

The profits of the Aetna Trading Company also are alleged to have been proportionately large, by counsel for the government. By making an inadequate allowance for these by-products in figuring the cost of meat, the government contends, the packers were enabled to keep the profits of the parent concerns within reasonable limits, according to government counsel.

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Chief Justice Gives the Order

Press and Those Connected With Case Only Ones Admitted

Clergyman Affiliated to Miss Rose Edmonds Expected to Be Important Witness for the State—Rev. Mr. Kempton Not Called to Immanuel Church.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Arrangements for the trial of Rev. G. W. T. Richmond for the murder of Miss Avis Linnell were partly affected today by an order from Chief Justice Alden, of the superior court, that the greater portion of the fourth floor of the court house should be reserved for the proceedings and that only counsel, jury, witnesses and newspaper representatives should be admitted.

Word was received from the jail today that Richmond was making rapid recovery from his self-inflicted wounds.

The Rev. George H. Holt, pastor of the Baptist church at Jamestown (N. H.), for whom a writ of protection had been issued by Judge Pierce at the request of Assistant District Attorney Ralph H. Hallock, came to the office yesterday and told the district attorney what he knew of Richmond's actions.

He is the fiancé of Miss Rose Edmonds, of Brookline, sister of Miss Violet Edmonds, and met Richmond on many occasions at the Edmonds home. It is understood that District Attorney Pelletier will use him as a witness to bring out whether Richmond was at the Edmonds home in Boston on the afternoon of Oct. 14, the date of Miss Linnell's death. It has been stated that Richmond died with Miss Linnell, and that he was engaged to marry her. A very large family should have some practical training, and added:

"I dare say the story was started by some irresponsible person who had heard of Miss Edmonds' kindergarden training and that she was away from home."

The fact is that Miss Edmonds has been away most continually since that unfortunate affair occurred and nearly broke her heart. Her very family should have some practical training, and added:

WANT SUPERANNUATION SYSTEM RESTORED

Ottawa Civil Service Employees Preparing Petition for Return to Old Order of Things.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The members of the civil service at Ottawa are preparing a monster petition to the government favoring the removal of the superannuation system, applicable generally to all civil servants, which was abolished some years ago.

Mr. Borden, while in opposition, advocated a return to the superannuation system.

British Schooner Founders

Barry, Wales, Dec. 28.—The Italian steamer Cavi arrived here today with the crew of the British schooner Clara which foundered off Sagres, Portugal. The schooner, which was on a voyage from Gibraltar for Harbor Grace (Nfld.), was owned by J. McRae, of St. John's (Nfld.). She registered 170 tons.

SHORT COURSE IN AGRICULTURE

The provincial department of agriculture has issued the following: Every progressive farmer in New Brunswick should remember that the free short course of instruction at the Truro Agricultural College, opens on Tuesday, Jan. 2, continuing for two weeks, when experts conversant with farm conditions in all maritime provinces, will give the latest and best information on the selection, feeding, and care of different breeds of farm live stock, on fruit growing, on soil cultivation and seed selection.

The provincial department of agriculture wishes to refund the railway fares of all to take this course as a special inducement for New Brunswickers to attend. A two weeks' course for ladies, in domestic science including dairy work and poultry raising, is conducted in the same manner as the same arrangement in regard to refund of railway fares applies to the women as well as to the men.

ANDOVER NEWS

Andover, N. B., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Thomas Kelly, of St. John, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kelly, at Andover. Miss Davis, principal of the Andover annual school, left on Wednesday for Montreal to spend the Christmas vacation.

Miss Iva Baxter, of the Normal school at Fredericton, arrived home on Friday the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tibbitts have invited out for an at home on Saturday afternoon, it being the fortieth anniversary of their wedding.

On Thursday evening a lodge of the I. O. F. was organized by the Grand Master, Mr. West, Centreville. A number of members from sister lodges are also present.

The closing exercises of the Andover Normal school, intermediate department, was held on Thursday afternoon. The programme consisted of exercises, singing the work of the term, followed by a short programme of entertainment. A number of visitors were present, and expressed themselves well pleased with work done by the scholars. The maps on by the pupils during the term were highly admired.

Mr. Robertson was to leave today. Miss Robertson leaves on Friday for her home in Hampton. Although she has had a short, she was yesterday presented a superb with several beautiful Christmas gifts.

Miss Porter, Jr. student at the U. B. is home for his Christmas vacation.

William Ellis, of Indian Point, met with an accident on Wednesday, by falling a load of wood he was handling, and his leg was broken. He was badly bruised on his shoulders and face.

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Legislative Aid to Be Sought
Both Sides Now Ready to Try the Case
Jan. 15

Accused Clergyman Able to Walk—Head of Newton Theological Institution Has Two Hours' Session With District Attorney.

Boston, Dec. 29.—With the coming trial of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richey, charged with the murder of his former sweetheart, Miss Linn, the case has become a public interest in the case is increased by today's developments.

One of these developments was the appearance of Rev. George E. Horst, D. D., president of the Newton Theological Institution where the accused clergyman prepared for the pulpit, at the office of District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier. For two hours Dr. Horst was closed with the district attorney.

Richey is regaining his strength rapidly as was shown by the fact that what was a fair land far away, and child-like, a life of comfort on the farm in dainty quarters, and hard work with all pay in the industrial centers of the country just across the line? Or is it these young people (the fairest and brightest of our land) after years of experience in hard work and small returns, have learned that some one has sinned, that all cases are not equal, that the government of the country in protecting the manufacturer by various other means has not been equal to the task?

Richey will be well by Jan. 15," said Morse. On being asked himself what his defense would be made, Morse refused to answer.

Jury Summoned.
 Summons were issued today for 300 citizens of Suffolk county to serve on the special jury panel. For a day or two after Richey had passed himself, and numerous there were rumors that counsel for the defense would ask for a postponement of the day of trial and the summonses were withheld until just before the expiration of the legal time for service.

During the day a petition was filed for consideration by the incoming legislature, asking for a new law permitting private trial of cases involving the "decency and morals of the community," and pointing out the need of immediate action which would be taken by the legislature in private and the exclusion of the public and the press.

The petition was filed by Ralph Wardlaw and W. S. Tompkins, who is home for Christmas, met with a peculiar accident Saturday evening. He was driving down from Woodstock when opposite Frank Bell's house a runaway horse hitched to a sleigh rushed across the road and sprang over Mr. Tompkins's sleigh, upsetting both horse and sleigh. Mr. Tompkins was thrown twenty feet. He managed to secure his own home before it got to its feet. Both sleighs were demolished. Mr. Tompkins received a number of bruises and a nasty cut in the leg from a shoe calk as the horse crossed his leg. The runaway horse belonged to Riordan Bros. and the driver had been thrown out before the horse reached the highway.

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W. S. TOMPKINS
HAD A CLOSE CALL

Runaway Horse and Sleigh Sprang Over Him and His Rig, Causing a General Smashup—Valley Railway Causing Boom in Woodstock Property.

Medicine, N. B., Dec. 25.—The Subath school of Lower Woodstock held a very successful concert in the hall at Medicine Christmas night.

Several crews are already in the woods here getting ties, fence posts, and piling for the Valley road.

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A. C. FAWCETT.
 Sackville (N. B.), Dec. 26.

To clean a burned kettle, turn out the red contents, but do not fill with water. Set it aside to cool, and then place a handful of washing soda and water in the solution boil for an hour or two.

TO YOU AND EVERY SISTER SUFFERING FROM WOMEN'S AFFLICTIONS.
 A woman's sufferings.

Small free of any charge, my home treatment is a safe and sure cure for all women's ailments. I will send you my free literature, and will send you my free literature, and will send you my free literature.

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NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR HOLOCAUST

New York Manufacturers Acquitted of Causing Death of Employes

HOSTILE GREETING
Crowd Held Back from Discharged Men by Strong Police Force—One Man Grew Hysterical in His Denunciation of Verdict and Was Taken to Hospital.

New York, Dec. 27.—The state failed today in its efforts to fix the blame for the 147 young men, who were killed in the factory on the top floor of the Aechi Building were burned or driven to jump to their deaths on the pavements, nine floors below.

A verdict of "Not Guilty" was brought in late this afternoon by the jury in the case of Isaac Harris and Max Blank, proprietors of the factory known as the Triangle Waist Company, who are the only persons indicted in connection with the holocaust.

Unusual precautions were taken to prevent a repetition at the court house today of the demonstrations which have occurred in a long series of mass meetings, held in the city since the trial.

Mr. Opp's Statement.
 A. B. Copp, M. P. P., the newly chosen leader of the New Brunswick opposition, who arrived in the city yesterday, pointed out the actual situation of the province in the bonded indebtedness of the province of \$315,000.

The government admits a deficit of \$50,000 on the New Brunswick Coal & Railway Company. It is impossible that such an amount could have been spent on permanent equipment and a large part of this amount should have been charged to current expenditures, which would have increased the deficit by that much more.

Another important matter to be borne in mind is that the account does not include all the expenditures for the year. In accordance with its custom, the government has held over a large number of bills for the year.

The main argument of the prosecution and defense was directed against the door, the state introducing over a hundred witnesses in an attempt to prove that it was locked, and the defense admitting this contention by a mass of testimony.

The More Surprising.
 This tremendous deficit has been achieved in spite of the fact that the revenue of the province has increased largely. The territorial revenue has increased from \$30,000 to \$40,000, and the motor licenses brought in over \$4,000, and the taxes on incorporated companies and other sources of revenue have increased.

An effort is made to excuse the deficit on the grounds that it was caused by the heavy expenditure on public works. This expenditure might not be open to criticism if all the money had gone to improve the roads and bridges, but judging from the expenditures recorded in other years a large proportion of it went into the pockets of officials and others.

It is also common knowledge that much of the money spent on the purchase of additional Conservative candidates, a repetition of the tactics adopted by the new government in 1909.

The territorial revenue has been increased, but this has been at the expense of the natural resources of the country. The stumpage collections have grown because the government has allowed the sale of logs, which the operators are allowed to cut. Apparently it considers the loss of the collections more important than the preservation of the forest.

Starting Expenditures.
 "Although the expenditures have grown so rapidly what the department can show the benefits of the increase in the amount of money spent? None that I can see. It is to be regretted that the department of agriculture has been very largely in larger disbursements. While the amount spent in this department is somewhat larger it is not nearly so large as the increase in the revenue of the province would warrant."

"Although the showing made by the government is far from creditable, its greatest achievement has been to roll up a deficit of such tremendous proportions as to completely dwarf any deficit of any previous government."

The statement of receipts and expenditures, taken from the auditor general's report, follows:

Receipts.
 Balance from 1910 \$6,632.71
 Dominion subsidy 921,369.94
 Territorial revenue N. B. Railway settlement lands 1,221.50
 Fees Provincial Secretary's office 19,220.90
 Taxes, incorporated companies 48,778.03
 Private and local bills 2,270.00
 Succession duties 5,730.08
 King's printer 2,594.10
 School books 16,200.05
 Liquor licenses 46,631.07
 Probate fee fund 15,027.51
 Supreme court fee fund 1,885.15
 Provincial hospital 25,889.63
 Sales agricultural live stock 1,402.10
 Fatale warehouses 1,462.80
 Jordan Monoply 1,753.28
 Sale of furniture 4,018.90
 Motor vehicles 8,881.26
 Miscellaneous receipts 1,847.07
 Special loan from Bank of N. B. for St. John Valley survey 8,816.01
 Loan from Bank of Montreal 310,221.18
 Contractors' deposits 6,900.02

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S STATEMENT CONGRESSES DEFICIT OF \$56,000 BUT FIGURES SHOW IT IS NEARER \$300,000

A. B. Copp Makes Damaging Criticism of Provincial Administration—With an Unprecedented Revenue the Government Has Plunged the Province into Debt—The Figures in Detail.

HOPEWELL HILL SCHOOL CLOSING

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—A semi-official statement issued this evening by the Russian government, in view of the "acts of barbarous aggression committed against the Russian forces and institutions in Tabris, Reut and other places followed by brutal torture of the wounded and base outrages against the peaceful centres of Europe."

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ASSOCIATES HAD CLOSE CALL

Minister and Wife Attacked by Chinese Robbers and Left for Dead

REFUGEES TELL STORY

National Convention to Be Called to Decide on China's Future Form of Government—Rebels Say Republic is Now Assured.

Hankow, Dec. 26.—Eighty missionaries, a majority of whom are Scandinavian-Americans, have arrived here from the Lachow and Fanchow districts in the northwest of the province of Hu-Feh. A few more still remain at Lachow awaiting the arrival of others from outlying stations. The missionaries were escorted from their stations by revolutionary troops and, afterwards by imperial government troops. They report that the cities in the province are peaceful but that the country is infested with robbers.

The people, in spite of Mr. Landahl's efforts, mutilated the spy, after which men, women and children dipped their hands in the blood of the dead man with the idea that by doing so they would become brave. The revolutionaries sent out a small cavalry force and killed many of the robbers. The remainder of the band then submitted and Mr. Landahl departed for Hankow.

Constant reports from Cheng-Shi, capital of the province of Sha-Chueh, dated Dec. 5, says that complete anarchy prevails in the surrounding country. There has been much kidnapping and robbery, and most of the people have fled for their money.

Missionary and Wife Nearly Killed
 The British consul at Chang-chow, the province of Hu-Feh, writing on Dec. 21, says that there is serious danger to an anti-foreign outbreak there.

A letter from Sianfu, in the province of Sha-Chueh, dated Dec. 10, says that a missionary of the English Baptist Mission, and his wife attempted to take the Chinese school girls to their homes in the north of Sianfu. A band of robbers attacked them, seizing Mr. Smith, broke both his arms and stunned him. They then gashed his wife on the leg, and left them both for dead, but they revived and were conveyed back to Sianfu.

The letter continues that at Suite-Chow, in the same province, the heads of two other churches have been hanging over the city gates. Eighteen of their followers were also captured and beheaded and their bodies thrown into the river.

ATROCIOUS ACTS OF RUSSIANS
 Persian Committee Sends Appeal to English Society for Redress

London, Dec. 27.—The Persian committee composed of prominent Englishmen interested in Persian affairs has received the following telegram from the provincial assembly at Tabris, sent through the Persian society of Constantinople:

"On Dec. 21 Russian troops attacked and seized the administration buildings, they trampled school children under foot and killed many innocent men and women. They also looted the shops. The inhabitants after extraordinary forbearance began to defend themselves and the Russian forces to evacuate the government offices."

"On Dec. 22 the Russians bombarded the city until sunset; consternation increasing hourly. On Dec. 23, in consequence of orders from the central government, the ceaseless fighting, the inhabitants took no steps to defend themselves, but the Russians renewed the bombardment, firing in position and ten yards of fuses, wrapped in a case, evidently made for the purpose, and resembling an ordinary tramping bag were found in the yards of McDonald & Hartman, dealers in contractors' supplies, here today by Albert Wilhelm, a clerk in the firm's employ. The find was turned over to the police, who recognized the bag as one they had seen in the hands of a stranger in the streets several days ago.

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Ottawa, Dec. 27.—It is announced today that Sir Wilfrid Laurier does not intend to leave shortly for California, as stated in a Toronto newspaper. The leader of the opposition will be in his place when parliament resumes after the Christmas recess.

Sir Charles Tupper Improved.
 London, Dec. 27.—Sir Charles Tupper according to the daily bulletins is improving.

NATIONALIST NOW IN TORY GARB

STEAMER SUNK! THREE DROWNED

The Renwick Sent to Bottom by Mail Boat for St. Pierre, Miquelon

STRUCK AMIDSHIPS

Coal-Laden Craft Went to the Bottom Carrying Men Asleep in their Bunks—Survivors Had Barely Time to Escape—Collision Occured Before Daylight in Clear Weather.

North Sydney, N. S., Dec. 27.—The French mail steamer St. Pierre-Miquelon arrived here from Halifax tonight, having on board the crew of the British steamer Renwick, Capt. Chapman.

The two steamers were in collision off Green Island, about 100 miles east of Halifax, early this morning, the French boat striking the Renwick amidships, sending her to the bottom, head foremost, carrying down three of the crew, who were sleeping in the forward part of the Renwick. The accident happened about 3 o'clock. The weather was fine with very little sea running. The Renwick was under charter for the Inverness Co. Railway Company, and at the time of the accident was on her way from Port Hastings to Bridgewater, coal laden.

One of the drowned men was William Bridgewater, an Englishman, 35, unmarried. The names of the others are unobtainable. They were French.

The survivors lost all their belongings, as the steamer sank so quickly that they barely escaped with their lives.

The St. Pierre-Miquelon was uninjured, and will proceed tonight.

FIVE INDICTED FOR DEATH OF MARY BOLDOC

Boston Authorities Take Quick Action Against the Alleged Slayers of French Canadian Girl.

Boston, Dec. 27.—Indictments in seven counts were returned by the grand jury last night against five prisoners held on suspicion of having caused the death of Mary Boldoc, a French-Canadian girl of Manchester, N. H., whose decomposed body was found in a Forest Hill apartment house last Friday.

Mrs. Annie M. Reed, who conducted a Tremont street house, and Miss Mary McNeill in the employ of Dr. John Johnson, of Manchester, N. H., were indicted on call upon the minister of public works and principals in the performing of an illegal operation.

Doctor Ferguson, whose information furnished to the Manchester police resulted in the discovery of the body, Mrs. Jennie H. Shattuck, at whose home in Forest Hill the body was found, and Hattie McNeill, of Manchester, N. H., were indicted on counts as accessory before and after the fact.

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INTERESTING AGRICULTURAL FEATURES FOR OUR COUNTRY READERS

STOCK GRADING UP A HERD

Important Point in the Use of a Pure-bred Sire.

To many farmers the question of getting a herd of good dairy cows presents innumerable difficulties. The present demand for good dairy stock has made this difficulty greater and it seems almost impossible to get profit-producing cows whose stock give any promise of producing profit-producing progeny. Owing to the uncertainty of procuring such cows from among the best breeds, it would look as if the much desired progeny was likely to take a place on the farms of Canada. It is a fact that the present demand for improved strains of Holsteins, Jerseys, Guernseys, Ayrshires and other well-known dairy breeds was never so great as at the present moment. Such being the case, prices are somewhat advanced, hence the difficulty mentioned above.

Any thoughtful reader will readily see that the solution of the difficulty lies in a correct appreciation of the value of a pure-bred sire whose female ancestors have been heavy producers. The first cross of such a sire on stock commonly kept will result in progeny with one-half the blood of the sire. If he is of the right type he will have transmitted the desired qualities of his dam to his offspring, and instead of a cow producing two or four thousand pounds of milk yearly you should have a cow which will produce from four to six thousand pounds yearly when mature. Further breeding this stock will soon ensure you a high producing herd. If the individual cow record is increased one hundred pounds of fat per cow, and there are many records which readily return per cow will be increased in value about \$25. If forty cows are kept on the farm, the net increase will be \$1,000 or probably more than the money invested in a good sire.

But already I hear some readers say, "But what of the man who only keeps from eight to ten cows? Can he afford to pay a long price for a good sire? In reply to this query, the writer believes that he can better afford to pay a long price for a good sire than to pay a medium price for good females to be bred to a scrub sire. Remember that a sire is just as liable to decrease the milk producing capacity as he is to increase it. Breeding high producing females to scrub will result in a herd where it now stands on many farms, below the line where profits go into the pockets of the farmer. Show that he can breed the pure of one farmer to pay the price necessary to procure a sire of the right type, many farmers might join to purchase and buy one. There is no one who will be in the way, and while a sire worth \$500, or even \$200, is not within the reach of many, it is often possible to secure the service of a good sire by going to another extra trouble and slight expense to do so.

Two often find a good dairy sire being consigned to the butcher, not because he has outlived his usefulness, but because of in-breeding, which would result should he be retained in the district. An exchange of dairy sires would do much to break down the prejudice against such beef farmers, who have herds near where a dairy sire is kept, is to be found often.

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ing which may be procured at a reasonable rate. Remember, however, that it is only the female progeny of the right type of sire bred to sire of high producing dams that will in turn produce heifers which, when mature, are really worthy of being called a dairy cow. The sire is more than half the herd.—John Bower.

FATTENING SHEEP
All careful feeders avoid extreme changes of diet, and this should be strictly remembered when the housing season arrives. A fine preparation for winter fattening is the use of daily feeds of hay and grain for a few weeks before winter sets in. As the alfalfa or rape falls, roots may be very gradually substituted. The hay increased to all the lambs will nicely clean up two or three times daily, and the grain ration daily increased. The aim is to give the feeders gaining and thus pay for their diet as time goes by.

What Grains to Feed.—Upon market prices, supply, and the nature of the grown crops depends the kind of grain that will be used. It is always cheaper to raise your own grain if it can be comfortably done. The fattening lambs should be provided for as far as possible in planning the sowing of crops in the spring.

Oats are peculiarly suited to sheep fattening. The grain is nourishing and safe to feed, and goes well in conjunction with other grains, and is a crop easily sown. Two parts oats, one part peas, and one part corn will be found to be best as a general grain diet. Corn will substitute well for the peas. Towards the end of the fattening period the heavy part of the ration may be increased to fully three-quarters by weight. Oil cake may be used for bran if the proportion of the heavy grain be accordingly diminished. From one to one and a half pounds of grain per head daily, according to the ends to be attained, constitutes a fattening ration when the coarse fodder is used liberally and is of good quality. If the lambs and sheep which are to be fattened are bought in traps and grass are used as a summer feed, no grain is fed until housing, but after that clover hay and grass are fed and the look allowed on the rape one hour twice daily until Christmas or until snow hampers the feed. The sheep thrive on this diet and can be profitably sold as soon as the rape feeding is finished. The grain ration consists of a mixture of oats and peas or oats and corn, one pint per head each day in two feeds. Lambs weighing 99 pounds on October 1 should weigh 110 pounds at Christmas.

Feed no longer and no less than a finish! It requires some judgment to know when this time is at hand. In well bred sheep the back is a good guide, but inferior stock may be kept on the back and a fat tail. The hand should be laid firmly on the back, palm down, and moved from side to side. In a finished sheep the spine is well covered. In a finished animal the tail can be held up in a high position. A good animal is a high-class bull. By using an inferior sire on her, practically all is lost and no advancement is brought about. Improving the herd by means of a single cow is at best a very slow process. It is the hand of a good bull that is a noticeable improvement in all the resulting stock. In other words, he counts for half the herd.

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One of the best potash fertilizers is the muriate of potash—a salt mined in Germany. It contains almost fifty per cent. potash. It is a low grade potash salt. It is some times called "sulfate of potash" which varies much, but always contains potash and much lime. It is a valuable fertilizer and should be used in larger quantities.

The mixing of these materials is not difficult. Anyone may do the work, if a barn fork and shovel are available. If the farmer buys the materials, which he has large quantities of, he should mix them himself. He must know, however, what to mix and what to mix. Sulfate of potash is a low grade potash salt. It is some times called "sulfate of potash" which varies much, but always contains potash and much lime. It is a valuable fertilizer and should be used in larger quantities.

Do not expect too much from fertilizers. They are not magic. Remember that 100 pounds of complete fertilizer will contain only about as much plant food as one ton of well-rotted manure. Who could think of fertilizing a corn crop with one load of manure? Men try this with the commercial fertilizers, and then conclude that chemical fertilizers do not pay. E. M. S.

A Complete Fertilizer.
Barnyard manure is a complete fertilizer. It may not be well balanced. By that we mean the essential elements of plant food may not be present in the proportions best suited for the growth and normal development of the plant; but as complete and well balanced as any general fertilizer may be. Special fertilizers for special plants are obtained by analyzing the plant and mixing the fertilizers to meet the need.

Nitrogen is a necessity to all life, whether animal or vegetable, and exists in the air, but as such can be used by a plant only. For the great majority of plants, nitrogen to be of service must be combined with other elements. One of the commonest forms in which nitrogen is applied to soils is nitrate of soda, commonly called Chili saltpetre. It comes from South America. It is soluble, and should be applied to the growing plant, and then in small quantities, as it is readily washed out of the soil. It contains about fifteen per cent. nitrogen. Sulfate of Ammonia is a by-product of the gas works. It contains about twenty per cent. nitrogen. Dried blood is a by-product from the packing houses. It contains about thirteen per cent. nitrogen.

Concentrated ammonia gas is also a by-product of the packing houses. All waste material from the slaughter houses is used in tankage—bone, hair, skin, blood, etc. The merit of nitrogen depends upon the material from which it is used.

Ground bone is one of the chief sources of phosphoric acid. It is a very slow acting substance, however, so slow that for many purposes it is of little value. When acted upon by sulphuric acid it becomes immediately available for plant life. This material is known as super-phosphate. On account of the limited amount of bone, phosphoric rock has been used for the same purpose. In many cases this dissolved rock, or acid phosphate as it is commonly called, has given good results. In other cases results have not been striking. Basic slag is a by-product of Bessemer steel. The slag is ground to a fine

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DAIRY CAREFUL MILKING
Not Always Done on Our Dairy Farms, But Should Be.

Every milkster knows how to milk, but if the cows could speak they would probably intimate that a few lessons in the gentle art would not be out of order. It is not fair treatment to sit down to a cow and tug and haul on her until she steps around her udder and the milk comes out. Sometimes a cow will stop eating and wait until the udder is full before she will resume her meal. The cow that does that is not comfortable, and an uncomfortable cow will not do her best.

Some men have a way of milking that pleases the cow, that she clearly shows her satisfaction. These are the men whose methods should be studied. They never shout, strike or otherwise ill-treat their cows. They are gentle, and the milk comes out of the teats gently no matter how much of a hurry they may be in, and begin to tug the milk without pressing too hard. They do not tug and haul on the cow. The milking cow is almost always handled before she comes in so as to be comfortable. Her attendant, and has been kindly treated. There will probably be no milk, and the attendant will be in a bad mood. It is my opinion that in all cases of this kind, it serves the attendant right to get a good kicking. I think if all milk cows were milked in this way, the milk would be much better, and the attendant would be much better. I have found that a little, they would probably find some teats a common cause for a kicking cow. Instead of being so much talked to, or struck, or roped, I should advise them to use a good remedy. One which has proven effective before a single exception is twenty minutes before the cow is milked the first time, the lard should be applied to the teats and through milking wipe the teats perfectly dry with a soft dry cloth and apply the lard again. This was usually found necessary for about five or six milkings.

Many milkers have the bad habit of writing their fingers on the udder when the teats of young cows are left in this condition, especially in winter time, they get sore. On the other hand, lard is at best a very slow process. It is natural, caused by the action of rough hands upon the teats that are not accustomed to the milking process. I once visited a farm where they had a fine young Holstein cow which had just freshened the first time. The milked and the poor animal had gone through most everything. The milk was not good, and the cow had a bad time of it. The cow had a bad time of it. The milk was not good, and the cow had a bad time of it.

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ST. JOHN STUDENT CHOSEN M.T. ALISON RHODES SCHOLAR
Frank Smith Won Covered Prize Over Two Other Applicants.

Sackville, N. B., Dec. 26.—(Special)—At a meeting of the faculty of Mount Allison University this morning, Frank Smith, son of R. Morton Smith, St. John, was appointed Mount Allison Rhodes scholar for the year 1912. There were two other applicants, William Irving, Moncton and Albert M. Knight, Calgary, son of Rev. C. H. Knight, Calgary (N. B.), president of the N. B. and P. E. I. Methodist conference.

The claims of all three men were exceptionally strong and the contest between them was very close. They are men of exceptional ability and the faculty found great difficulty in deciding. What really gave the decision in favor of Smith was the opinion of the students, which were broken in the Mount Allison-Acadia football game here last November.

"Oh," says the Christmas guest, "how I wish I could sit down to a Christmas dinner with one of those turkeys we raised on the farm when I was a boy and the capital figure 'G.W.' says the turkey, 'I've never seen you. This may be one of them.'—Life.

BIG CATCH OF SARDEINES CAME AS SURPRISE TO FISHERMEN
Wednesday, Dec. 27.

M. F. Fisher, of Capoulet, Dominion of Quebec, who arrived in the city yesterday, reports that during the month of December there was a large catch of sardines in the vicinity of Grand Manan. The catch was a big surprise to the fishermen, thinking that the season was about done, and that the fish were moved their boats. The catch yielded good returns, and was the form of a fine Christmas present.

The primary work in connection with the building of the new sardine factory at Capoulet, he says, is at present being carried on, an engineer being on the scene. Building operations are to be commenced within the very near future. Miss Fisher is registered at the Victoria.

ABSORBINE
Removes Rheumatic Inflammations, Swellings, Sprains, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Bruises, Sprains, Swellings, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headaches, Toothaches, Stomach Pains, Backaches, Leg Pains, Arm Pains, Neck Pains, Shoulder Pains, Hip Pains, Knee Pains, Ankle Pains, Wrist Pains, Hand Pains, Foot Pains, Toe Pains, Nail Pains, Hair Pains, Skin Pains, All Sorts of Pains.

kind, intelligent person, could not think of other methods to apply except what he had used so often with other cows—trying her with straps or ropes. He decided then to let her keep the calf as it seemed an impossibility to milk her. It was then that I happened to have my attention called to it, so I told him of my method, which, at that time, we had tried only with three or four young cows. He laughed at me when I suggested that I would apply the lard myself. But the poor cow's teats were so sore she would not even let the calf touch her. With constant patting and rubbing and kind words, I had the satisfaction of getting the lard applied, and the still greater satisfaction of seeing the cow perfectly still, short time afterwards to the great astonishment of those present.

The cow is a creature of habit, and upon the attention she receives the formation of these habits. The more regular they are the better work she will do in the dairy. Teach the young boys to be kind to the cow, and the cow will be kind to them. In view of this fact it is ill advised economy for the dairyman to share with the farm dog the duty of caring for her, for it is a well known fact that a dog will nip at the cow's heels, and in so doing will cause her to be nervous and nervous cows will not do their best.

Some men have a way of milking that pleases the cow, that she clearly shows her satisfaction. These are the men whose methods should be studied. They never shout, strike or otherwise ill-treat their cows. They are gentle, and the milk comes out of the teats gently no matter how much of a hurry they may be in, and begin to tug the milk without pressing too hard. They do not tug and haul on the cow. The milking cow is almost always handled before she comes in so as to be comfortable. Her attendant, and has been kindly treated. There will probably be no milk, and the attendant will be in a bad mood. It is my opinion that in all cases of this kind, it serves the attendant right to get a good kicking. I think if all milk cows were milked in this way, the milk would be much better, and the attendant would be much better. I have found that a little, they would probably find some teats a common cause for a kicking cow. Instead of being so much talked to, or struck, or roped, I should advise them to use a good remedy. One which has proven effective before a single exception is twenty minutes before the cow is milked the first time, the lard should be applied to the teats and through milking wipe the teats perfectly dry with a soft dry cloth and apply the lard again. This was usually found necessary for about five or six milkings.

Many milkers have the bad habit of writing their fingers on the udder when the teats of young cows are left in this condition, especially in winter time, they get sore. On the other hand, lard is at best a very slow process. It is natural, caused by the action of rough hands upon the teats that are not accustomed to the milking process. I once visited a farm where they had a fine young Holstein cow which had just freshened the first time. The milked and the poor animal had gone through most everything. The milk was not good, and the cow had a bad time of it. The cow had a bad time of it. The milk was not good, and the cow had a bad time of it.

AFTER CHURNING
Many buttermakers seem to think that when the butter is made the churning is performed. But this is not so, unless the cold storage and marketing are entirely taken out of their hands. The butter should be allowed to cream for a few days before it is churned. It is more important that butter shall be sent once a week to a co-operative or private cold storage where a temperature under 32 degrees F. can be maintained until the butter is ready to go into consumption.

Under marketing, I would lay down this general principle—deal as directly as possible with the consumer. Where the history of the selling of farm and dairy products is concerned, it is my opinion that in all cases where it is possible to get a good sire, it is worth the cost. A good sire is a high-class bull. By using an inferior sire on her, practically all is lost and no advancement is brought about. Improving the herd by means of a single cow is at best a very slow process. It is the hand of a good bull that is a noticeable improvement in all the resulting stock. In other words, he counts for half the herd.

Just as soon as we realize the full-sized meaning of the value of good sires, will we experience the advancement desired in our herds. In some cases, however, a suitable sire, while it may seem a large sum and out of proportion to the merits

of the herd on which he is to be used, will soon be paid back many fold in the improvement wrought in the stock. It is a little bit of money well spent. A high priced sire to pay large returns for money invested. Reverses in breeding are common enough even when the best sires are used. One cannot afford to overlook the necessity of using only the best sires that are obtainable.

BLISSVILLE ENTERTAINMENT
Blissville, N. B., Dec. 26.—Christmas was thoroughly enjoyed here with perfect weather conditions and several entertainments added greatly to the attractions of the holiday season. On Friday evening the United Baptist Sunday school at a Corner gave Christmas tree entertainment and a picnic which proved a splendid success. The programme consisted of choruses, dialogues and recitations by the children, with Miss Beale Webb as organist and W. D. Smith, superintendent of the school, as chairman. Santa Claus appeared in historic garb at the close of the performance and distributed a generous supply of gifts and candies from a prettily trimmed tree. Then followed the sale of the pies, with A. L. DeWitt as auctioneer and this part of the evening's proceedings proved very profitable, as a good amount was realized.

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POULTRY PICK OUT THE LAYERS
Do Your Hens Pay?

It is always a satisfaction to know whether or not your poultry is on a paying basis. Many people find poultry-raising a profitable and pleasurable occupation. Keep a record, an exact record of your receipts and expenditures connected with your poultry, not at the end of the year, when it would be hard work to make poultry unprofitable, but all the year round. Keep continuous records. Charge up every cent of outlay on the fowls, and credit them with stock and eggs sold. The record, if kept, will show you the profit or loss. And if it should be found that the proposition is a losing one, it is time for a thorough investigation of all the causes which contribute to that end. The record, if kept, will show you the profit or loss. And if it should be found that the proposition is a losing one, it is time for a thorough investigation of all the causes which contribute to that end.

The beginner is advised to watch every detail of the business, closely. It may be that the females are not from good egg-laying strains and, therefore, the desired success may be impossible with them. It may be that the feed is too costly and not of the right kind to ensure either the proper development of the growing birds, or the greatest possible output of eggs. "The brood, if any, that the females are not from good egg-laying strains and, therefore, the desired success may be impossible with them. It may be that the feed is too costly and not of the right kind to ensure either the proper development of the growing birds, or the greatest possible output of eggs. "The brood, if any, that the females are not from good egg-laying strains and, therefore, the desired success may be impossible with them. It may be that the feed is too costly and not of the right kind to ensure either the proper development of the growing birds, or the greatest possible output of eggs. 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Resignation of Hon. C. W. Robinson Received With Regret, and His First Lieutenant, Who Has Long Been Foremost in Fighting the Party's Battles, is Selected to Succeed Him--Flattering Tributes of Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Hon. H. R. Emerson, F. B. Carvell, M. P., and Others--Convention Soon.

Thursday, Dec. 28. In response to a request from Hon. William Pugsley there was an enthusiastic gathering of prominent Liberals from all over the province yesterday afternoon and evening in Keith's assembly rooms. Liberal members of the federal house and Liberal senators who were unsuccessful in opposition and candidates, and a representative committee from the St. John local executive, were included in the invitation to discuss Liberal plans and prospects.

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The selection of his first lieutenant, A. B. Copp, M. P. P., to succeed him, and the announcement of a convention of Liberals and all those opposed to the present local government, in the near future, were the features of the conference which was most successful and harmonious.

Those Present. Those present included: Hon. William Pugsley, Hon. H. R. Emerson, F. B. Carvell, M. P.; W. S. Loggie, M. P.; Colonel H. H. McLean, M. P.; O. Turgeon, M. P.; W. F. Todd, August Lager, Hon. C. W. Robinson, A. B. Copp, M. P. P., Hon. C. H. LaBrosse, Hon. F. J. Swain, C. M. Legros, M. P.; P. A. Bentley, M. P.; Dr. James Lovell, James Burgess, M. P.; Senator Desrochers, Hon. George King, Senator McSweeney, D. J. Purdy, A. J. Skinner, W. E. Foster, John Keefe, F. G. Knowlton, Jas. L. McAviry, C. J. Osmun, S. R. Ryan, Henry Gilbert, Geo. Byron, N. Marks, Mills, W. J. Mahoney, E. W. McCreedy, E. S. Carter and Messrs. Emerson and Amidon.

HON. C. W. ROBINSON.

His future at a date to be named by the new leader Mr. Copp. During the day letters of regret from Senator Gilroy, Hon. O. J. LeBlanc and Isaac W. Carpenter were read and J. F. Tweedale, M. P. P., through his colleague Mr. Burgess explained how impossible it was for him to attend because of an important engagement.

A PROPHECY ABOUT FRUIT-GROWING HERE

A glowing prophecy concerning the future of fruit growing in the St. John valley appears, in the course of an article on fruit growing in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, written by Mr. Baird, proprietor of the Belfast Evening Telegraph, who was one of the British journalists visiting these provinces late in the summer. A portion of the article, referring to New Brunswick, is quoted here:

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

WEDDINGS

An interesting wedding ceremony was held at the residence of the bride's father, Raymond when he united in marriage Miss Annie Stephenson, daughter of James Stephenson, of the former square, to Percy Stephenson of Stratford Island, N. York. The bride was attractively dressed in white and was attended by Miss Clara, sister of the groom. After the wedding luncheon was served at the home of the bride and last evening Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson left on a honeymoon trip to New York. They will return later, passing through on their way to their future home in Winnipeg. They were the recipients of many handsome wedding remembrances.

WEDDINGS

Apohaqui, Dec. 26--The Apohaqui Methodist church was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday evening when Rev. A. C. Bell, pastor of the church, united in marriage Miss Eliza G. Bayley, widow of the late Rev. E. Bayley, of Apohaqui, and Robert Dayley, of Elm (N. B.). The wedding took place at 5 o'clock in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The bride entered the church on the arm of L. B. Humphrey. The bride was handsomely attired in grey silk and wore a handsome veil. She was escorted by William Jones, of Apohaqui. The wedding music was furnished by Miss Nettie Vergey, who played the organ. The ceremony was most impressive and was attended by a large number of friends. The bride and groom were immediately after lunch Mr. and Mrs. Bayley left on the evening train on a honeymoon trip to Toronto. The bride's travelling dress was navy blue broadcloth with hat to match. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Bayley will reside at Apohaqui, N. B.

WEDDINGS

A wedding of much interest was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edna Smith, Burpee avenue, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The bride, Miss Adeline, was united in marriage to Hurd C. Burpee, formerly of Woodstock. The home was prettily decorated for the occasion and the ceremony was performed by Rev. M. S. Trpton, in the presence of relatives and close friends of the principals in a happy event. Mr. Burpee is a well-to-do farmer, and the bride is a daughter of a well-to-do farmer. The bride and groom were immediately after lunch Mr. and Mrs. Burpee left on a honeymoon trip to Toronto. The bride's travelling dress was navy blue broadcloth with hat to match. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Burpee will reside at Woodstock, N. B.

WEDDINGS

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 29 (Special). At the residence of Mrs. Clifford Dalling this morning, George Borer, proprietor of the Borer Bros. store, was united in marriage to Miss Alberta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baird, Doctor and Mrs. Pitt of Boston, parents of the bride, and a few immediate friends were at the ceremony. The bride wore a white dress and was escorted by her brother-in-law, Mr. Baird. The ceremony was most impressive and was attended by a large number of friends. The bride and groom were immediately after lunch Mr. and Mrs. Borer left on a honeymoon trip to Toronto. The bride's travelling dress was navy blue broadcloth with hat to match. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Borer will reside at Woodstock, N. B.

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At the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. McLaughlin, Elliot Road, yesterday afternoon, the marriage took place of Miss Clara Kellier, daughter of Mrs. Kellier, of Springfield (N. B.), to John H. G. Crocker, son of Leonard Crocker, R.N.R., late divisional officer of Stornoway battery, Scotland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. I. Spooner, in the presence of relatives and friends. The bride and groom were immediately after lunch Mr. and Mrs. Crocker left on a honeymoon trip to Toronto. The bride's travelling dress was navy blue broadcloth with hat to match. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Crocker will reside at Woodstock, N. B.

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Hopewell Hill, Dec. 27--At the home of the bride's parents this evening Miss Martha Tingley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Tingley, was married to Harry Hawkes, son of Whitman Hawkes, of Woodville, N. B. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. S. Trpton, in the presence of relatives and friends. The bride and groom were immediately after lunch Mr. and Mrs. Tingley left on a honeymoon trip to Toronto. The bride's travelling dress was navy blue broadcloth with hat to match. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Tingley will reside at Woodville, N. B.

WEDDINGS

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 27--A very interesting event took place at Albert's this evening when Miss Evelyn E. Gowing, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Gowing, was united in marriage to Percy H. Russell, son of James H. Russell, of the village of Albert. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. W. McCreedy, pastor of the Methodist church, in the presence of relatives and friends. The bride and groom were immediately after lunch Mr. and Mrs. Gowing left on a honeymoon trip to Toronto. The bride's travelling dress was navy blue broadcloth with hat to match. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Gowing will reside at Albert during the winter.

TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FISH REDUCTION PLANT

Fishermen to Have Important Meeting at St. George Tomorrow -- J. A. Belyea and Others to Be Present. Thursday, Dec. 28. Matters of great importance to the fishermen of Charlotte and St. John counties will be discussed at the annual meeting of the Charlotte County Fishermen's Union, which will be held at St. George tomorrow. J. A. Belyea, president of the union, will be in the chair, and T. A. Hart, M. P. for Charlotte, the members for Charlotte in the provincial legislature, and other prominent men, will be in attendance. The meeting will begin in the morning at the arrival of the New Brunswick Southern train at St. George.

HORACE L. BRITAIN GETS BETTER JOB

Former New Brunswicker Resigns Principals of Boston School to Take Wisconsin Post. Boston, Dec. 28--Horace L. Britain, superintendent of schools in Hyde Park, will not accept of the position of principal of the new school district in St. John, New Brunswick, which he has resigned to take a position at a salary of \$3,000 a year. His resignation was accepted by the school board, and the position will be filled by Mr. J. A. Belyea, who has resigned his position as mayor of St. John to take a position at a salary of \$3,000 a year. His resignation was accepted by the school board, and the position will be filled by Mr. J. A. Belyea, who has resigned his position as mayor of St. John to take a position at a salary of \$3,000 a year.

LOCAL NEWS

Correspondents who send letters to the Semi-Weekly Telegraph and who wish to have them returned if they are not printed, must send stamps for return postage. Colonel H. H. McLean, M. P., last week tendered greetings and wishing all the full enjoyment of health, prosperity and every happiness in the new year.

LOCAL NEWS

There were ten deaths during the week from the following causes: Consumption, Mrs. Chestnut, formerly Miss Jessie K. Leatham, of Richmond. Two daughters, Misses Jean and Edie survive her. A couple of local real estate men are working on a plan for a new suburban subdivision. They hold a large area within the city limits and comparatively easy conditions for building. They are offering attractive lots for summer residences and which is in line with the direction of the city's growth. It is possible that the matter may be handled by local capital but several persons outside of the city are interested in the proposition and they may undertake the work of placing the lots on the market.

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JOHN MARKETS

This week's prices show very little change. Pork has advanced a half cent and spring lamb was selling yesterday for 10 and 12 cents, wholesale. The wholesale merchants are preparing for stocktaking and are sending out very small quantities of goods.

COUNTRY MARKET

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Beef, butter, eggs, etc.

FRUITS, ETC.

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GROCERIES

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SUGAR

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PROVISIONS

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FLOUR, ETC.

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CANNED GOODS

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Salmon, cohoes, etc.

GRAINS

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Middlings, car lots, etc.

FISH

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Small dry cod, etc.