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These are worthy of special consideration.
palatability without sacrifice of efficiency,
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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.

Associated Press
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 announcement 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.

Trusts Scored.

"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 labor, in the 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.

ANDOVER NEWS

Andover, N. B., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Thomas Kelly, of St. John, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edgett, of this city. Miss Davis, principal of the Andover annual school, left on Wednesday afternoon to spend the Christmas vacation at home.

Miss Iva Baxter, of the Normal school at Fredericton, arrived home on Friday the holidays.
Mrs. James Tibbitts has invited 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 drawn by the pupils during the term were highly admired.

Miss 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.

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 demoralized and province after province would return to their allegiance to the throne.

Yuan on "Sick Leave"

Paris, Dec. 29.—A Peking dispatch to the Paris edition of the New York Herald says: "Disgusted at the refusal of the imperial clan to contribute to the war chest, Yuan Shi Kai tonight took sick leave. It is believed that this presages his early retirement from the premiership."

Rebels Tired of Promises.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.—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 provinces or by the provincial assemblies will act in behalf of China proper.

CANADIAN PACIFIC CUTS CABLEGRAM RATES IN TWO

C. P. R. Press
Montreal, Dec. 29.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph announces that on and after Jan. 1 the company will accept and transmit via the Commercial Cable Company cablegrams written in plain language either French or English for points in the United Kingdom at half of the regular rate for an ordinary cablegram.

Philadelphia Man Mixed Whiskey and Carbolic for Himself But Another Got It and Died at Once.

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—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.

ACCIDENT DELAYS MARITIME EXPRESS

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

BROTHER DRANK THE FATAL DOSE

Special to The Telegram
Moncton, N. B., Dec. 29.—The Maritime Express was delayed here an hour and forty minutes tonight owing to a slight collision in the yard here. The engine waiting to take out the Maritime was standing just west of the depot as usual, but as she was enveloped in steam, the incoming driver failed to see her and bumped into her, slightly damaging both engines, but no one was injured. The train was delayed awaiting the arrival of another engine.

Moncton's imported hockey stars had a work-out on Sunday afternoon at rink this afternoon and the fans were greatly pleased with their work. It is expected there will be ice tomorrow night in Victoria rink for hockey practice.

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.

Canadian Press
Tehran, Dec. 29.—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 government and government for the incident.

Britain Will Not Interfere.

London, Dec. 29.—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 in Persia.

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.

CANADIAN NORTHERN TO SPEND \$25,000,000 AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 29.—What are termed the official plans of the Canadian Northern Railway are published here today by the Montreal press. The plan, as outlined, involves an expenditure of fully \$25,000,000. The details are as follows: Land to the extent of 4,800 acres has been acquired behind Mount Royal for a model city, car shops and freight yards. A big hotel will be built on the site of the present Bath Hotel and adjoining properties and from this point a strip of land extending right down to the waterfront has been bought by the company, and the company will build an elevated line which they will only have to cross three streets and permission for which will undoubtedly be granted without opposition by the board of council.

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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.

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 approval 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.

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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.

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Semi-Weekly Telegraph and The News

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 30, 1911.

LOOKING TOWARD NEW BRUNSWICK

Some of the advertising that New Brunswick has been getting of late is eliciting many enquiries from the West, and from points outside of Canada, which indicate that there is a large class of prospective settlers to whom the advantages of this province, appeal, and many of whom will come here when a really effective advertising campaign has been begun.

Some letters received recently by business men in the city will suffice to give an idea of the enquiries now being directed toward St. John. Thus a businesslike dairy farmer in Alberta writes in part: "I should be glad of any information that you can give me in regard to farming in the St. John river valley, especially as regards the price of land, market conditions, and climate."

"Each buffalo herd was hunted by a flock of small black birds—cow birds, or buffalo birds, as they were called. These birds are still fond of the buffalo. In the fall of 1910 one of the flock that had made its headquarters during the summer at Silver Heights just outside Winnipeg, where there were then several buffalo, was followed by a number of hunters in a motor car, and when it came to a more difficult point than usual the railway was compelled to tunnel at the strategic point of least elevation, and in two instances the buffalo trail runs exactly over the tunnel. The same thing occurs now in the building of new railways."

So rapidly has the buffalo disappeared that many interesting facts about it are too readily forgotten. The Free Press recalls many of these, including this one about the feathered protector of the herds: "Each buffalo herd was hunted by a flock of small black birds—cow birds, or buffalo birds, as they were called. These birds are still fond of the buffalo. In the fall of 1910 one of the flock that had made its headquarters during the summer at Silver Heights just outside Winnipeg, where there were then several buffalo, was followed by a number of hunters in a motor car, and when it came to a more difficult point than usual the railway was compelled to tunnel at the strategic point of least elevation, and in two instances the buffalo trail runs exactly over the tunnel. The same thing occurs now in the building of new railways."

EXEMPTING IMPROVEMENTS

A bill will be introduced in the Ontario legislature at the coming session giving permission to municipalities to exempt, entirely or in part, all forms of property, except land values, from taxation. Already there is a bill before the Alberta legislature, and it is a government bill, making exemption from taxation obligatory in the case of everything but land, in new municipalities. In municipalities already established the exemption will be gradual, but must be complete at the end of seven years.

A PIECE OF BUFFALO HIDE

In the matter of Christmas souvenirs the Manitoba Free Press leads all the publishers of Canada. Since 1901, when the Free Press sent out to its patrons small

each of No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat, down to last year when it distributed miniature rolls of news print, accompanied by an illustrated booklet containing an account of paper making from the papyrus of the Nile down to the modern paper made from Canadian pulp wood, the Free Press has each year produced a souvenir of some very striking character. This year the souvenir consists of several squares of buffalo hide, surrounded by a bronze buffalo, and making altogether a fine paper weight and pen-wiper. The gift is intended to commemorate "the action taken to save from extinction and preservation for future generations on a reservation in western Canada the largest and at one time the most important of all the big game of the continent."

The Free Press goes on to say: "Forming part of this souvenir is a piece of the hide of one of the buffalo of the famous Pablo herd which the Dominion government purchased in 1906. The rounding up of that herd into corrals at Ravalli, Montana, the loading of the animals into cars for their railway journey to the domain in Western Canada set apart for them and their descendants, and their unloading, formed a stirring chain of events which attracted wide attention at the time. It was a big undertaking, successfully carried through, with the loss of only a few animals, whose skins were secured by the Free Press. As it was at the time of the year when the fur of the buffalo is in the worst condition, these skins were stripped and tanned, and a piece of one of them is now yours."

Also there is given some account of the buffalo park at Wainwright, with which many Canadians may not be familiar: "The buffalo park at Wainwright is 107,000 acres in extent, entirely enclosed by a strong wire fence, which is 73 miles in length. The park is half a mile from Wainwright station, on the Grand Trunk Pacific on the north; and four miles from Amisk, on the C. P. R. Winnipeg-Edmonton line, on the south. It is partially wooded. The Battle River runs through the west end, and the Ribstone Creek through the south, and there are also several large sheets of water. On the hay meadows within the limits, some two thousand tons of hay can be cut yearly. On May 1 last, there was in the park 856 head of buffalo, and the estimated number of calves for this year is 200, while in the park at that time 16 elk, 27 moose, 20 deer and 13 antelope. At Elk Island Park, another government reservation, near Lamont station, on the C. P. R., there are 63 buffalo, 28 elk, 7 moose and 30 deer; and at Banff there are 27 buffalo, 19 moose, 15 elk and 12 deer. This makes a total of 1,182 head of buffalo. Under normal conditions the increase will be from 25 to 30 per cent annually, and the losses do not over two per cent judging from past records."

The pamphlet accompanying the souvenir quotes Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton as saying the primitive buffalo population was from sixty millions to seventy-five millions, and that after the Indians got firearms the number of buffalo killed each year, along about 1830, was two millions. Mr. A. B. Hulbert, in the Historic Highways of America, the Free Press notes, says that the buffalo first planned the route through the Alleghenies by which the white man entered and possessed the Mississippi valley. "The buffalo," he says, "also marked out the most direct paths between the heads of our rivers—paths that are followed closely today by the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio, the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Cleveland, Terminal & Valley, the Wabash, and other great railroads. A notable instance of this is that the Baltimore & Ohio (West Virginia) has followed the buffalo trail steadily through its course, and when it came to a more difficult point than usual the railway was compelled to tunnel at the strategic point of least elevation, and in two instances the buffalo trail runs exactly over the tunnel. The same thing occurs now in the building of new railways."

LOSS OF RURAL POPULATION

Seven of the best farming counties of Ontario show a combined loss of 30,990 in population since 1901, a decline of nearly ten per cent. The whole province lost almost 100,000 of its rural population, of which the cities gained a portion unknown. Something of the same sort took place in New Brunswick, though in most of our counties the loss was not so great as in Ontario. The Toronto Globe, in analyzing the census figures, seeks to account for the wasting away of population in the rural districts, and outlines its view as to the "remedy." The remedy would begin with a tree marked for the farmer's products, at home and abroad:

"If the farmer in the sacred name of patriotism is to give up all prospect of selling his products in the market of his choice, the manufacturer on his part must give up his excessive profits. An increase in the British tariff preference to fifty per cent. would be an excellent tonic for rural Ontario. The reduction in the tariff so obtained might result in a very great increase in the importation of British goods, but it would bring down the cost of Canadian goods now protected by excessive duties to a more moderate level." The Globe turns from the tariff to the improvement of rural conditions: "Another remedy is the improvement of the conditions of rural life. It is a most humiliating thing that in large portions of Ontario, settled for a century or more by forceful Anglo-Saxons, there are weeds in the spring and fall when the roads are impassable. In the days of grain-growing bad roads did not matter so much, because the grain could be held for shipping, but in these days of creameries and cheese factories and poultry farms, involving the marketing of products daily, bad roads are a tremendous disability. The Seven sleepers in Queen's Park have been bemoaning road-making for the greater part of the last decade. They must be proud of the results of their work as reflected in the census returns."

MR. COPP SUCCEEDS MR. ROBINSON

Mr. A. B. Copp, M. P. P., the eloquent and energetic representative for Westwood in the local House, succeeds his colleague, Hon. C. W. Robinson, as leader of the provincial opposition. This change was made Wednesday at a large and representative meeting of provincial Liberals held in St. John, at which Mr. Copp was the unanimous choice after Mr. Robinson had made it clear that he would insist upon the acceptance of the resignation which he tendered some time ago.

Hon. Mr. Robinson has given his party steering service, as a representative, as Premier, and as leader of the opposition, for some time past it has been known that he retained the leadership without reluctance, owing to the pressure of his private business, and that while he was willing to remain in active politics and would retain a seat in the Legislature, he very earnestly desired to be relieved of his duties as leader. This decision on the part of Mr. Robinson was accepted with great regret by the party, and in accepting it the meeting of last evening passed a very warm and unanimous resolution expressing its high appreciation of the services Mr. Robinson has rendered. In this unanimous resolution the Liberal party as a whole will concur most heartily. Mr. Robinson is recognized everywhere as a man whose record is unassailable, and now that he steps down from the position of leadership not even his bitterest political enemy will be able to say truthfully that his career has been anything but one of honor and straightforward activity in the public interest.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The coming session of the Legislature will be worth watching. The greatest Liberal campaign document ever issued in New Brunswick is the Provincial Secretary's recital of the receipts and expenditures for the last fiscal year. Nova Scotia's apple crop last year was worth \$2,250,000 to the producers, according to a recent estimate. The apples for export amounted to \$1,500,000 barrels, and it is expected that the trade will double within five years. New Brunswick, the experts say, has quite as much good apple-growing territory as the sister province.

Ontario seems in a fair way to follow the western example, and one of the reviewers who endorses the new movement, reminds his readers that when Mr. W. A. Douglas introduced the idea in Toronto, twenty-five years ago, he was regarded as an agitator whose cause was hopeless. One Toronto editor tells of a citizen who "improved his home by a veneer of brick and other additions and embellishments. His assessment was increased by \$800, with the result that he had to forgo the installing of modern conveniences and the making of further project improvements. Almost every voter can call such instances to mind," the writer continues, "and the coming discussion in the legislature will impress the public with the extent to which the arbitrary law regarding municipal taxation keeps men idle and retards development."

AN ALARMING FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The people of New Brunswick will read with surprise and alarm the financial statement of the Fleming government for the fiscal year ended October 31 last, which was published in the Royal Gazette yesterday, and which is reproduced in The Telegraph this morning. By its own showing the provincial government has a deficit of \$56,469 on its operations; but while it confesses to that much, the real deficit, as will be clear from an examination of the figures, is really in excess of a quarter of a million dollars, and probably nearer \$300,000.

The excess of expenditure over income, as confessed by the Provincial Secretary, is, as has been said, \$56,469, but to this must be added an alleged balance of \$96,622, brought over from 1910, which has gone with the rest. Also we find \$102,757 expended on New Brunswick Coal and Railway and charged to capital account. Whether this latter sum represents loss on operation, or whatever it does represent, it cannot possibly be accounted for by legitimate capital expenditure, and it must be added to the deficit, bringing the whole up to \$255,849.

Not is this all. The fiscal year closed on October 31 last, but judging by the experience of previous years under this administration, a great many outstanding bills are not included in the figures given, and there is probably \$100,000 more of expenditure which does not appear in the accounts published, but which nevertheless must be met with provincial monies. Thus it appears that the real deficit chargeable to the government will be somewhere between \$350,000 and \$500,000.

THE FARMER'S POSITION

On another page today there is published a letter from Mr. A. C. Fawcett, of Seckville, dealing with the needs of the farmer, and the duties of public men in connection therewith. Mr. Fawcett brings forward a question of which we heard a great deal before the recent elections, but of which we have not heard so much since, a question, however, that is bound to come up again and again for discussion until it has been settled, and settled right.

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Mr. Fawcett's letter will be regarded as high treason by the protectionists, and so accustomed have we become in this country to legislation in the interest of the Mother Country, that in an interview published elsewhere, devoted some criticism to the public accounts along these lines, and those who read what he has to say, with the government's official statement before them, will see that he makes a most damaging indictment of the administration, an indictment, indeed, that cannot be answered satisfactorily but which exposes most effectively the reckless extravagance and hypocrisy of an administration that went into office making the most sweeping promises with respect to retrenchment and economy in administration.

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Ontario has one insane person in every 367 of the population. Some of the Toronto newspapers speak of the proportion as alarming. So it is, doubtless, but not nearly so alarming as a great many people in the Maritime Provinces believed the Ontario proportion of insanity was, right after the elections.

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Nathan McLain, Former C. P. R. brakeman, Struck Down by Club, Uses Revolver on Assailant.

Bangor, Dec. 26—Eugene Lobley, 19 years old, of Mattawankeag, is at the Eastern Maine General Hospital here with a bullet wound just above his stomach; Gus Appleby, also 19, is at his home in the upper town with a shot through his thigh, and Nathan G. McLain, 48 years, is locked up in a cell at the county jail here as a result of a fight which occurred in the dock yard of McLain's home in Mattawankeag shortly after the close of Sunday night.

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Is the Unanimous Choice of Prominent Liberals from All Over the Province

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 unopposedly with opposition and candidates, and a representative committee from the St. John Liberal 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., 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.

These 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.; Hon. C. H. LaBrosse, Hon. F. J. Swain, M. P.; Mr. Legros, M. P.; F. A. Bentley, M. P.; Dr. James Lovell, James Burgess, M. P.; Senator Desrochers, Hon. J. King, Senator McSweeney, D. J. Purdy, A. 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 recent future as 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. P. Tweedale, M. 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

George H. Green. Wednesday, Dec. 27. George H. Green, for many years conductor on the N. B. Southern railway, died a little after noon yesterday, leaving his wife, two brothers, and five sisters. He was a popular and well known official, and his death was a great loss to his family. Mr. Green was married to a Miss Green, and had been a great sufferer. He was forty-five years of age, and a son of the New Brunswick Southern, and Herbert Lines married first to Mrs. Green, and then to Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Green, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Lines, all of Charlottetown, and Miss Green and Grace of Boston.

Thomas Wortman. Wednesday, Dec. 27. The funeral of Thomas Wortman, who died suddenly of paralysis at his home at Boundary Brook on Thursday last, took place on Sunday afternoon. The service was held at the Boundary Brook Baptist church. The services were conducted by Rev. F. G. Wright. Mr. Wortman, who was in his fifty-ninth year, was highly respected in the community. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two daughters.

Robert Phinney. Wednesday, Dec. 27. This community was shocked last evening on learning of the death of Robert Phinney, one of its most prominent citizens, which occurred about six p.m. He had been a week from heart trouble. He was thought to be rallying from a first attack, when a second one occurred, causing his death. He was one of the trustees of the Chalmers church, and took an active interest in its welfare. He had been three weeks married to Miss Katherine Minn, who leaves two children, Fred and Miss Anna of Vancouver. His second marriage was to Miss Loggie of Chatham, and by this union he has a son, Mr. Phinney, who died a few years ago to Miss Annie M. Brown of this town, who survives him. He also leaves two brothers, James D. Phinney, who lives in the office of the principal of the school, and a sister, Miss Phinney, who lives in the office of the principal of the school.

Mrs. George T. Blewett. Wednesday, Dec. 27. The death of Mrs. Ellen Blewett, wife of George T. Blewett, occurred at her home, 65 Harrison street, at an early hour this morning, aged fifty-eight years. She was a devoted wife and mother, and leaves two sons, Edward, of Vancouver, and William, of Montreal. She also leaves a daughter, Mrs. M. J. Melvill, who lives in the city, and a son, Mr. J. Melvill, who lives in the city. Her death was a great loss to her family.

Ernest L. Johnson. Wednesday, Dec. 27. The death of Ernest L. Johnson, of 24 Beaufort street, Dorchester, occurred at his home, 65 Harrison street, at an early hour this morning, aged fifty-eight years. He was a devoted husband and father, and leaves a wife and several children. His death was a great loss to his family.

George Tait. Wednesday, Dec. 27. (Special.) George Tait, died on Christmas morning, aged fifty-four years. He was a highly respected resident of the Miramichi. He followed the occupation of a pilot, a calling followed by his father, and he was a devoted husband and father. He leaves a wife and several children. His death was a great loss to his family.

Mrs. Matilda M. Lyon. Wednesday, Dec. 27. Mrs. Matilda M. Lyon, widow of William Lyon, died at her home at Armstrong's corner on Tuesday, December 26, aged eighty years. She leaves two sons, Leonard M. Lyon of Oakland, California, and Lewis M. Lyon of Post Falls, Idaho, and a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Lyon of the same place. The funeral was held at the residence of her son, George L. Lyon, on Wednesday afternoon, December 28, at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Margaret McKean. Monday, N. B. Dec. 27. (Special.) Word was received by Moncton friends today of the death in Toronto of Mrs. Margaret McKean, widow of James McKean. Mrs. McKean was a native of Moncton and spent the greater part of her life here. She was the daughter of the late Alexander McKean, a well known citizen. She was 74 years old and had been married to Mr. McKean for many years. She leaves a son, Mr. McKean, who lives in Toronto, and a daughter, Mrs. McKean, who lives in Moncton. Her death was a great loss to her family.

NEREPIS CHRISTMAS TREAT TUESDAY

The Christmas treat of the Nerepis Union school was conducted on Tuesday evening, December 26. The program consisted of songs and recitations. The proceeds of the treat were for the benefit of the school. The treat was a great success and was attended by a large number of people.

HON. R. J. RITCHIE ILL

Hon. R. J. Ritchie, who was taken severely ill while attending to his duties in the police court yesterday, was greatly improved last night. He collapsed suddenly in his chair in the court room at the Nerepis Union school, and was revived by Dr. W. W. White. He is now sufficiently improved to be taken to his home in Elliot Row, where he made a rapid recovery towards complete recovery.

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 J. A. Hart, M. P. for Charlotte, the members for Charlotte in the provincial legislature, and other prominent men, will be in attendance.

Wants More Democracy. The progressive movement, Mr. La Follette declared, has as its aim the restoration of the government to the people. The real cure for the ills of democracy is more democracy. This was one of his epigrams. "It is that which is the struggle in Wisconsin, in California, in Kansas, and in every other state in this Union, means that government shall be brought back to the hands of the people; that they are supreme over legislatures, over governments, over presidents, over constitutions, over courts," he said.

HORACE L. BRITAIN GETS BETTER JOB

Former New Brunswicker Resigns Principalship of Boston School to Take Wisconsin Post. Boston, Dec. 28. - Horace L. Britain, superintendent of schools in Hyde Park, will not accept the office of principal of one of the new school districts in the new territory, to which the school board has appointed him. Mayor Fitzgerald is going to Wisconsin to take a position at a salary of \$3,000 a year. His principal duty will consist of visiting schools in the town and state of Wisconsin, and making recommendations on any changes he may deem advisable. Mr. Britain, who was formerly principal of the school in St. John, N. B., will leave for Wisconsin on Sunday with his family. His term of office at Hyde Park will expire on Friday night. Mr. Britain is a New Brunswicker.

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 handsome cards to his many friends, wishing all the best wishes for the new year.

There were ten deaths during the week from the following causes: Consumption, Mrs. Chestnut, formerly Miss Jessie K. Leatham, of Richibucto, 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 access to the city. They believe provides 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 banks, several persons outside of the city are interested in the proposition and they may undertake the work of placing the lots on the market.

NEWCASTLE BRIDGE NOTES

Newcastle Bridge, Dec. 29. - On Christmas night the members of the United Baptist Sunday school here gave a Christmas treat entertainment in the church. Rev. H. A. Bonnell was chairman. An interesting program of choruses, drills, readings, etc., was very successfully carried out. Miss Lou Miller presided at the organ. At the close of the performance Santa Claus appeared and distributed a generous supply of gifts from a prettily trimmed tree. The church was filled to overflowing. All were highly delighted with the evening's entertainment.

MASONIC BANQUET AT ANDOVER

Andover, N. B., Dec. 28. - Unusual interest is being shown in the preparations for the annual banquet of the members of Benjamin Lodge, No. 31, P. and A. M., in their lodge room tomorrow evening. The Masonic social event of this section is the leading social event of this section. This year's affair, however, promises to eclipse anything of the kind ever held in the past. A special programme of music is being arranged. The banquet will be provided by Mason Johnson, of Hotel McLaughlin. The entertainment is in the hands of the following committee: Senator Baird, J. Wood, Mr. McPhail, J. W. Niles and N. J. Wood. The music is being arranged by the committee composed of Mr. Baird, H. H. Hopkins and Guy C. Porter.

PRESENTATION TO REV. C. G. PINCOMBE

Upper Jersey, Dec. 28. - On Tuesday evening last a large number of friends gathered at the Jersey Baptist parsonage for the annual Christmas party and dinner. About sixty packets of supplies, a large number coming in later and enjoying the evening in pleasant conversation. The music being sung by the church choir. The dinner was presented an address, as a quantity of other good things, to Rev. C. G. Pincombe, the pastor. Mr. Pincombe thanked the donors in a most speech.

Nothing makes a finer polish for tinware than good wood ashes. Verdigris can be removed from brass by the use of ammonia.

COUNTRY MARKET

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

FRUITS, ETC.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Apples, Bishop Pippins, etc.

GROCERIES

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Choice seeded raisins, Fancy do, etc.

SUGAR

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Standard granulated, etc.

PROVISIONS

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Pork, domestic meat, etc.

FLOUR, ETC.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Oatmeal, Standard oatmeal, etc.

CANNED GOODS

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes The following are the wholesale quotations per case: Salmon, etc.

GRAINS

FISH